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Vacancy for new Councillor

We still have a vacancy for a Councillor, if you would like to get involved please contact any of the Cllrs or the Clerk.

Please try to contact within office hours unless it's an emergency.

Forthcoming Littlebourne Parish Council meetings:

2017 - 12th June, 12th July, 13th September, 11th October, 8th November, 13th December.

Space for Haywards ad – I don't have it on file



LPC NEWS JUNE 2017

Littlebourne Parish Council Newsletter

Issue 25, June 2017

Welcome

Welcome to the Littlebourne Parish Council's quarterly newsletter. The aim is to let you know what is going on in the village and make you aware of various initiatives that might be of interest. Please remember to visit our website:

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However, when on the following night of 10th May the white lining and anti-skid surfacing were being replaced, the situation was very different from the night before.

The KCC Engineer, Ben Hilden, had had to leave before 10pm to go to another job, but had left instructions that all engines and lights were to be turned off when not in use. However, stationary vehicles were left with noisy engines running and flashing lights on. Residents were then disturbed by and subjected to loud noise between 1 and 1.30am, and again at 4 until 4.30am when the road was reopened.

Next morning it was apparent that the road sweeper used, had, instead of picking up the excess anti-skid material, managed to distribute the fine grains all over the road, on the footways and the entrance to the Hall car park, forming a carpet of the fine grains which was like walking on a layer of sugar.

I met Ben Hilden again on 18th May to discuss this unacceptable disturbance and mess, which he agreed was not how he had planned the work. He will very soon be organising for the street, pavements and Hall car park to be swept and is awaiting a response from the contractor in respect to the unacceptable late night noise and disturbance. Thank goodness for someone who takes pride in his work!

Cllr Mick Giles.



Village Diary

Up and coming events in Littlebourne to look out for;

Saturday 3rd June

British Legion Cream tea afternoon in the village hall 2pm

Saturday 17th June

Littlebourne CEP summer fete from 12noon

Friday 14th July

Coach trip to Wimille for Bastille Day

Saturday 15th July

BBQ & music in Turner's Orchard 5pm onwards

Sunday 27th August

Howard Spratt Trophy charity cricket match 10am

High Street resurfacing works

We expressed our grateful thanks to the KCC Engineer, Ben Hilden, for the way in which he organised and managed the recent resurfacing of the A257 in the High Street, on the night of Tuesday the 9th May.

The work was carried out with respect and consideration to local residents, in particular the use of non-vibrating rollers which, unlike the vibrating type used on a previous occasion, caused no damage to our old and, in many cases listed, properties and contents. They caused the minimum disturbance to occupants, as all the noisy work was finished by 10pm, plus the job completed and the road opened at 1.30am.



Millennium Award 2017 Winner Laura Furr

This award was presented to Laura by the Chairman at the APM for her help over many years giving the youth of Littlebourne entertainment and guidance.

New Priest to be appointed to Littlebourne Benefice

The Bishop of Dover has agreed to start the process of appointing a successor to Rev Chris Wilkinson who retired at the end of July last year as Parish Priest to our Benefice of Littlebourne, Wickhambreaux, Ickham and Stodmarsh.

The advertisement of the vacancy will begin on the Diocesan website on 30 May and be followed by publication in the Church Times on 2nd and 9th of June. The closing date for applications will be 16th June and shortlisting will take place thereafter with the aim of conducting formal interviews in early July. Dependent on whether the new incumbent is already involved with another Parish or Benefice, the actual date of starting with us could be another three months after completion of interviews. The Benefice Committee is determined to complete the process as quickly as possible.

One of the reasons for the delay in re-appointment this time has been the need to review the operation of local Benefices following the departure of a number of clergy over a short time as well as declining congregations. When Rev Chris was appointed our Benefice was teamed up with Bridge, but following the departure of Bridge's Vicar it has been agreed that we shall now form part of a Group Ministry with Ash/Wingham. This move will ensure clergy support for our new incumbent alongside increased involvement from our Congregations in our Benefice operation.

Community Funds Available

The Four Villages Post Office and Village Shop Association Ltd. was formed in 2000.

The Association's surplus funds are used "to sustain, encourage, provide, facilitate or resuscitate organisations, facilities and any other functions to the benefit of the community of the four villages". Therefore the Association invites interested parties from the villages of Littlebourne, Ickham, Wickhambreaux or Stodmarsh to contact the Secretary of the Four Villages Association for an application form:- Mrs. Cate Reid, preferably by email:- cateatnickthevoice@btinternet.com or by calling 01227 721 831.

The deadline for the return of completed applications is 12th June 2017.

The War Memorial Hall News

As many of you will know, we had repairs to the roof carried out, followed by electrical works (updating emergency lighting and main hall lighting system). Then horror of all horrors, we had more problems with a different part of the roof leaking, yet more expense to fix.

We were also most grateful to the 4VPO as they gave us a grant towards redecorating, which we were about to move forward and do. But no such luck! The boiler in the lounge side of the hall broken down, being 17 years old it meant a replacement. No option, now but to replace the combi, for which work was carried out by Muddiman's.

Now we can again move forward and decorate, plus a few repairs like tiling and plastering. We had a small group of volunteers who did a wonderful job recently. But we are always looking for more volunteers to help out with a few hours; washing down, rubbing down and painting. The main hall will have to be done by professionals due to its height and complexity but there is quite a bit to be done in the toilets and kitchen. If anyone is willing to help our lovely village hall, then please email: littlebournehall@gmail.com or ring 07931 560313

Thank you,
Cate Reid, Chairman LWMH

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Littlebourne School



Curriculum Enrichment: As well as delivering the statutory National Curriculum to our pupils, we are always keen as a school to find ways to offer additional learning opportunities to the children.

In February, our choir performed three songs at the Village Show and received many compliments about their performance. A future performance by the choir is planned for 15th July in Turner's Orchard. Additional weekly music sessions in school are provided by a specialist teacher along with regular singing practice led by Miss Betts. One of teaching assistants also offers guitar lessons for individual children.

In March we hosted a live production of 'The Hobbit' by a professional theatre company. The children were engrossed by the experience, but it also provided an opportunity to study how the play had been staged; especially the scenery, costumes and special lighting effects. We regularly encourage all of the children to speak in front of an audience through our fortnightly 'Celebration Assembly' to which parents are invited as well as our Church Services and drama performances at Christmas and in July.

Every term members of staff and external coaches offer a wide range of after-school activities to children for an additional hour at the end of the school day, including; Gymnastics, Computer Coding, Basketball, Dance Fitness, Art, Chess and Board Games, Sewing, Lego construction, Story and Music, Football, Choir, Multiskills, Drama and Forest Schools.

Teams from different age-groups have participated in competitive events against other local primary schools in; Tag Rugby, Cross-Country, Football, Dodgeball, Speed Stacking and Athletics. Our year 5 and 6 children recently completed two days of Outdoor Adventure Activities as part of their three-day residential trip. We have been awarded the Silver School Games Award for the range of activities offered and the participation rates achieved with children.

Stella Byrne – Head of School

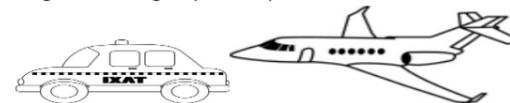
The List – four semi-detached properties - Application: CA/17/00137

LPC understand this application is likely to go to planning committee on June 20th. We have objected on the following grounds;

- The application includes land under LPC's ownership
- This is a Public Right of way, used already by potentially 400 plus people to access the village centre, this will hugely increase once the 87 houses are built.
- LPC are examining whether the access to this land granted in 1920 is still relevant today.
- LPC tarmacked this track and we have concerns over the maintenance of this going forward.

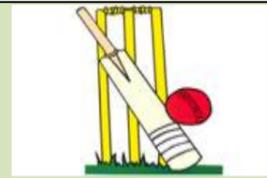
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