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Littlebourne Parish Council Newsletter

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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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Village Diary

Up and coming events in Littlebourne to look out for;

Wednesday 13th September

LPC Meeting 7pm LWMH

Saturday 15th September

Rosie Duffield MP surgery LWMH 10-1pm

For appointments, please call Ryan Smith on 01227 467886

Saturday 30th September

Quiz LWMH 7.30pm start



Wimille Visit – Bastille Day

LPC and some of our residents visited Wimille for the Bastille Day celebrations on 14th July. A great time was had and our thanks to the organisers and people of Wimille who were, as always, extremely welcoming!



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Musical Memories

The weather was kind and our 'BBQ and Music in the Orchard' community event was enjoyed by the very young, the young and the young at heart! Songs were shared by the 4village sing and Littlebourne School choir and Beavers and Cubs sang campfire songs including 'Mighty, mighty Littlebourne!' Other musicians shared their talents- Meena, Pete, CJ and the event was rounded off by the wonderful Bauhaus Blues band.

Many thanks to all who supported with generous donations- £287 will be shared between Turner's Orchard and the village hall maintenance fund. There has been lots of positive feedback so we have set a date for a similar event next year - 'Music in the Orchard 2018' will be on June 30th - see you there!





Littlebourne Allotments – New Community Space

Quinn Estates has created a new community meeting space for the green fingered residents of Littlebourne, near Canterbury.

The village allotments produce a bumper crop of fruit, vegetables and flowers every year – weather permitting – but until now, there was nowhere for allotment owners to come together.

Quinn Estates answered the call, funding an all-weather cabin for members of the Littlebourne Horticultural Society that will provide the perfect space for meetings, storage and shelter. The new building, built using the manpower of some of the 60 communal gardeners, took four months to build.

Mark Quinn, Managing Director, Quinn Estates said: “We are delighted to support Littlebourne with the new community cabin in the allotment gardens. As a resident of the village myself, I am keen to see the local community come together with initiatives such as this. The Horticultural Society is a fantastic club and they regularly meet to hold social events. I am pleased that Quinn Estates has been able to contribute towards the future of the club and ensure its continuing success.”

Vivienne Spratt MBE, Chairman of the Littlebourne Ladybird Preschool and leading member of the community, said: “Previously, the Horticultural Society residents didn’t have anywhere to hold their community meetings or annual general meetings – they had to rent a room in the village hall. The cabin will have such a huge impact for the future; it is now serving so many purposes. Mark is a well-known figure within the village, thanks to the previous support of local projects which he has contributed through Quinn Estates. This has included his ongoing sponsorship of the Littlebourne junior cricket team, providing a gas boiler for the village hall and providing outbuildings for Littlebourne Ladybird Preschool.

“Quinn Estates has created a communal environment with the cabin that 60 people will now benefit from. The general allotment community spirit is soaring now that they have a gathering space, so we would just like to thank Mark and the team again for making this vision become a reality.”

Seeking mutual house exchange?

Are you currently living in a 2/3 bedroom Council/Housing Association property?

Are you looking to downsize to a one bedroom bungalow in Littlebourne?

You must meet the Littlebourne Local Connection Criteria (this can be seen on the website)

If you would be interested in a mutual exchange to a one bedroom bungalow please contact the clerk to discuss details further clerk@littlebournepc.org



Littlebourne Youth Group

We are asking the young people of the village if they have any interest in us re-opening the Youth Group. This would be on 1st and 3rd Monday's of each month from 6.30 to 8.30pm, term time only. The parental consent/ registration cost would be £1.50 with each evening costing £1.00. Ages 10 to 17. There would be Games, Crafts, Sports and Music with a tuck break halfway.

It could be run as a once a month activity if required. There would have to be a reasonable number of young people who want this facility to re-start it, as it cannot be run with just a handful of young people. We would also be looking for volunteers to commit to coming on a regular basis. Contact vivienne.spratt@btinternet.com to register an interest.

Grant Available For Local Groups

This is a reminder to local groups to apply for a grant from Littlebourne Parish Council for 2018-19

If you wish to apply for grant support for the financial year 2018-19, then you should request an application form from the clerk. The deadline for applications will be 13th October, after which budgets for the year will be considered.

This year we were pleased to be able to give funding towards;

- A trip to Wimille for Littlebourne CEP
- Upkeep of St Vincent's Churchyard
- A day trip for the Afternoon Club
- A bowling machine for Littlebourne Cricket Club Youth Section

Community Governance Review

Canterbury City Council announced in July that it had set up a Review into the working of local democracy and that it would decide whether any adjustments should be made to the current model.

The background to this is the removal of central government funding from local government leading to the full charge of all local services being passed directly to the users. Canterbury has been directed to find savings of £8.3mil by 2023.

The review will look at areas that currently have a parish council and consider things like boundaries, number of Cllrs and possible merging or grouping.

Littlebourne Parish Council, as well as most other existing Parish Councils, is concerned that the driving concerns for this work are purely management convenience and a desire to demonstrate the hitting of an arbitrary financial target. It is also concerned that three of the proposed options relies on an abundant supply of volunteer labour – this is non-existent now and will become even scarcer as people have to work longer before retirement. The timescale for decision and implementation is unrealistically short, May 2019.

There is a Consultation now taking place which invites public participation and there are printed copies available from the Parish Office as well as available on the City Council website at <https://www.canterbury.gov.uk/cgr>. The closing date is October 8th.

LPC and LWMH

Littlebourne Parish Council wish to make it clear that the Hall is a separate Trust under Charity law, and that the Trust is responsible under its lease for the full maintenance and care of the Hall building.

This arrangement is set out in a Lease dated 13 June 1966 which also covers the Constitution under which the Hall operates. The Lease runs for 99 years from that date, hence will terminate in 2065.

The Parish Council has no responsibility whatsoever for its operation or financial affairs and it cannot, and will not, get involved in the running of it.

The current Appeal for funds results from a decision taken by the Trustees, who have the sole responsibility for the Hall's financial affairs. The Parish Council is not involved in any part of this appeal

WAR MEMORIAL HALL NEWS

The Hall Trust has been getting quotations for the repairs needed to the roof; this is likely to be an expensive job! To assist with this our very pro-active group of volunteers have been organising events in the village to raise funds for this cause.

The first being a Boot Fair on the Rec resulting in £280 towards the roof. A huge thank you to all volunteers and those who supported us. The next event is a quiz to be held on 30th September in the main hall. We will also be seeking grant monies where possible. Cate Reid, Chairman LWMH



Boot Fair on the Rec



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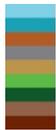
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Vacancy for new Councillor

We still have a vacancy for a Councillor, Nominations are welcomed from local residents – you do need a genuine interest in what happens in your community. If you would like to get involved or require more information please contact any of the Cllrs or the Clerk.

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