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Welcome to the Littlebourne Parish Council's quarterly newsletter. The aim is to let you know what your council is doing on your behalf to make the village a great place to live, work and relax.

Twinning Signs – Cllrs are very pleased to unveil the Twinned with Wimille signs at the entrances to the village. This was carried out on The Recreation Ground on our St Georges Day event.

Millennium Award Winner 2013

Congratulations to Mrs Barbara Hunt who has won the award this year for her role as Secretary and founder member of the Afternoon Club, for all her work with the Royal British Legion, and poppy organiser for many years in Littlebourne.

St Georges Day event on Saturday 20th April 2013

This event was very successful and well supported by the villager and Wimille our twin town in France who brought two coaches full of their residents including the Majorette Group who gave two performances for us. The Parish Council would like to thank everyone who took part and supported this event.

The St Georges Charge!



The Wimille Majorettes



Wimille Twinning Group are seeking committee members with suggestions and help to promote this wonderful opportunity that we have created with these very friendly people. We are also seeking accommodation on an exchange basis for young people to experience each other's culture any family interested in their children doing an exchange with one of our twinning groups family please contact **vivienne.spratt@btinternet.com** or Tel. 01227 722088.

Application for Village Green Status

As many people will know the Parish Council has made an application to the KCC to register 'The List' open space area as a Village Green in order to protect it from enclosure or built development. The initial application with completed witness questionnaires was lodged with the KCC on 16.04.13. Duncan Milne, a Solicitor, is acting for the PC on a voluntary basis and is keen to obtain further evidence to add to the application.

Use of the land for twenty or more years is the gold standard, but evidence from people with less years of use is also encouraged. If you wish to help please contact the Parish Council to obtain a witness questionnaire or Duncan Milne on 722392 who can also answer any questions. Any written or photographic evidence of use would also be useful.

Please note the New Benefice Website for the four villages churches of Littlebourne, Ickham, Wickhambreaux and Stodmarsh is now in position, the address www.littlebournebenefice.org.uk where you can find out more about what is going on in your church.

Littlebourne Cricket Club Kwik Cricket and Junior Cricket 2013 To be held on Littlebourne Recreation Ground on Friday Evenings From 6pm to 7.30pm Between 3rd May and 30th August 2013 Anyone interested please e-mail for a registration form paul.spratt@sjpp.co.uk or your parent/guardian can complete one at your first session. Clothing and Equipment: - Shorts or track suit/jog bottoms, Polo or T shirt , Sweatshirt or jumper, Baseball/Cricket Cap or wide brimmed sun hat, Good pair of training shoes. Cricket equipment such as Kwik Cricket bats, stumps and balls will be supplied by Littlebourne CC. Please also bring a drink (or money to buy one) and remember to apply sun cream on hot days

Community Funds For Littlebourne Projects

The Parish council has set up a Community Fund and would invite applications for funding to facilitate the distribution of the rent received from the Parish Council funded extension to the 4 Villages Store. By providing finance for events and projects in the Parish, where funding from any other source is not available. These will be considered by a sub-committee of parish councillors. Email Cllr Mick Giles. mickandwendy1@btinternet.com for further information.

Hanging Baskets and Tubs Competition a reminder that these will be judged on weekend of 13th and 14th July, so start planting up! Presentation of prizes and social evening for the short listed exhibits will be on Friday 13th September. All roads will be visited and photos taken by one of last years winners. Any enquiries to Cllr Viv Spratt vivienne.spratt@btinternet.com

Littlebourne Parish Council Traffic Sub-Committee reminder.....We are looking for Volunteers to participate in **Speedwatch** through our Village. This would entail training to be a member of one of our teams of 3 using our Speed Monitor at various points in the Village to record speeds and car details. This information is then passed on to the Police and warning letters are issued to repeat offenders and those driving at excessive speeds. If you could potentially help out

early morning, late morning, afternoon or early evening, please contact Cate Reid on 721831 or by email to cateatnickthevoice@btinternet.com. Thank you for any assistance you can give to make our Village safer from speeding traffic.

Reporting problems on Public Rights of Way

The Countryside Access Service has introduced a web based reporting tool to add to the dedicated phone line, to report PROW problems. Access the online fault reporting tool at http://kent.gov.uk/leisure_and_culture/countryside_and_coast/report_a_problem.aspx It is quick and easy to use, you can request e-mail updates, so that KCC PROW officers may keep you informed at various stages as your issue is dealt with. If you do not have web access please use the dedicated report line (0845 3450210)

'RECYCLING- A RESOURCE NOT WASTE'

The new Waste Collection scheme for the district

The new scheme that is being rolled out at the end of May has been trialled successfully elsewhere will give residents:

- A full size blue lidded bin for glass, cans, fruit juice cartons and all types of plastic (except not clingfilm or carrier bags) – to be collected alternative weeks.
- A red handled 'insert' bin for paper and card (this slots inside the blue bin above)
- A small silver kitchen top caddy for food waste
- A larger silver lockable lidded food waste bin – which will be collected weekly.
- Existing black bin stays as a landfill bin – collected alternate weeks as present
- Garden waste bin – collected alternate weeks, as present with no plans to introduce a charge for collection.

It will take up to 10 weeks to deliver out the new bins throughout the district, but as soon as they are delivered you can begin to use them, they will arrive with instructions attached. The bins are free of charge, but replacements would be chargeable, residents are therefore urged to put their house number on or label their bins.

New split bodied vehicles will deal with the increased variety of bins to collect. Collection days will remain the same but timings may differ, so please ensure your bins are out by 7am.

Canterbury City Council will work with any problem properties that don't have room for all the bins (about 20% of all households), such as communal properties and those with no rear

access for bins. Some problem areas will have a weekly collection. Glass recycling banks will remain at present but will be reviewed in the future.

Fly-tipping reporting line 0800 031 90 91

This is the telephone number of the Canterbury City Council contractor Serco.

Please give as much information as you can, including:

- Exact location and post code
- Date/time incident was noticed
- The quantity and description of what has been fly-tipped
- Details of the offender if known, and their routine if it is a repeated problem.
- Registration plate, make and colour of any vehicle involved.

Did you know that Canterbury City Council provides a bulk waste collection service?

Bulky waste, including furniture, white goods and electrical appliances can be collected by Serco.

There is a charge of £13 (under review) per item for collection. Fridges and freezers cost £25.

LITTLEBOURNE EMERGENCY PLAN

The Emergency Plan Sub-Committee would like to ask for Volunteers to Trial a Minor Emergency in Littlebourne on Saturday 6th July at 2 pm. We need a cross-section of Villagers, please, possibly including a family with children and a dog? Older folk? If you could spare a couple of hours for us to run through a Trial, it would be a great help, although the only reward you would get is a cup of tea and a biscuit, and of course the satisfaction of helping!

Please contact Cllr Cate Reid by email: cateatnickthevoice@btinternet.com or call 721 831.

THE NAILBOURNE – Southern Water Update

Southern Water released the following statement; although groundwater levels have remained high, we have been able to undertake fieldwork on manholes and CCTV surveillance of parts of the network, both on public and private infrastructures, to identify sources of infiltration.

The preliminary findings of the survey to date are:

- 93 strategic public manholes surveyed plus further private manholes.
- Three public manholes are leaking through their structure in the Bridge area.
- Over 1500 metres of CCTV surveillance carried out.

- Six points of significant infiltration have been identified from lateral sewers.
- Six points of significant infiltration have been identified on the spine sewers
- One sewer length 80% found to be obstructed by tree roots.

We have also identified two sewer blockages, one by roots as mentioned above and the other by solidified cooking fat, oil and grease poured down the drain and by items such as nappies and sanitary wear which should be bagged and binned instead of flushed down the toilet. As a result we are running a full-page newspaper advertisement and radio campaign, advising customers how they can play their part to help prevent sewer blockages.

Meanwhile, overpumping and tankering continue to protect homes from sewer flooding. At present it is not planned to commence any major repair work until the levels in the network drop over the coming weeks. However, we shall continue the survey work and to maintain our 24 hour presence in the area to monitor sewer levels. Once the survey work has been completed and the data report collated, checked and submitted, we will be able to evaluate the survey information to ascertain the most appropriate method of repair. As reported earlier, we are committed not only to sealing our sewers but also, at our expense, to repairing major leaks on customers' drains.

Keep up to date with Parish business

Visit the website; Minutes are published every month there and on the Council's notice board. An Agenda on the noticeboard details meetings and discussions items. A recess allows any member of the public to speak. All meetings are open to the public and all are welcomed. Contact the Clerk or the Chairman, or any members of the council at any reasonable time, during office hours except for emergencies contact clerk@littlebournepc.org or 01227 721500 (answer machine).

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Chairman, Cllr Viv Spratt
 Alexandra House, 17 Jubilee Road 01227 722088
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Responsibilities: Chairman, Allotments, Children &
 Youth, Seniors, Community & well-being, Finance, Media
 and website, Planning, Recreation Club, Ground and
 gardens, Twinning, 4VPO Assoc.

Vice-Chairman, Cllr Mick Giles, 40 High Street,
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Responsibilities: Vice-Chair, Littlebourne Charities,
 Community Fund, Emergency Plan, Neighbourhood
 Watch, Flooding, Highways, Recreation Club, Ground
 and Gardens.

Cllr Geoffrey Barrett, Elmstead House, 3 Cherry
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Responsibilities: Finance, Planning, Twinning

Cllr Pamela Evans, Willowbank, 30A Nargate Street
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 Environment, Littlebourne nature reserves, Planning

Cllr Mike Gallagher, 50 The Hill CT3 1TA 01227
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Responsibilities: Finance, Highways, KALC rep,
 website, Twinning, War Memorial hall trust

Cllr Betty Jeffries, 19 Jubilee Road, 01227 721436
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Responsibilities: The Barn & heritage, Planning,
 Environment, nature reserves,

Cllr Ken Shaw, 36 Nargate Street 01227 721560,
Ken.shaw@virgin.net **Responsibilities:** Littlebourne
 Charities, Environment, footpaths, Flooding, Highways,
 Street Monitor, Police

Cllr Geof Welch, Riverbank, 32 Nargate Street, 01227
 728507, Ducks.riverbank@tiscali.co.uk
Responsibilities: Seniors, Community & well-being,
 Emergency Plan, Neighbourhood Watch, Flooding, KALC
 rep, Street Monitor, Police.

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Responsibilities: Emergency Plan, Highways,
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Contact the Clerk for this in **Large Print.**