

# LPC NEWS DECEMBER 2013

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## Littlebourne Parish Council Newsletter

<http://www.littlebournepc.kentparishes.gov.uk/>

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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 and make you aware of various initiatives that might be of interest. We are currently developing a new, improved website that we hope to have fully running in the New Year. So watch this space for the new address.....

### Millennium Award 2014

Nominate now for the Millennium Award 2014

Since 2000 the parish council has sought to select that special someone who goes the extra mile, or who cares for the people and the environment, or who has made a difference to the community through a project or work undertaken, for the benefit of the residents of the village. It doesn't have to be a person it could be a club or project which could receive the prize of £100. Please write to the Clerk by 31 January 2014, with reasons for your nomination.

### Twining with Wimille, in France

Our French Twin village are actively seeking families who would do an exchange with their children for a week or so, in the Summer holidays. If anyone would be interested in this do contact us immediately, there will always be French speaking support for you in Littlebourne should you need it. We are also looking for members of the community to help with planning events here and visits to Wimille.



On 21<sup>st</sup> September 2013 LPC and Ickham hosted a petanque/boules event for Wimille guests, which was enjoyed by all. Ladybirds Pre-School are to visit Wimille Pre-School on March 11<sup>th</sup> 2014. Any enquiries regarding this visit should be directed to Carol Childs at Ladybirds. The Pre-School from Wimille will be returning the visit on May 6<sup>th</sup>. Their Christmas Party is on 18<sup>th</sup> December when Father Christmas will make an appearance.



### Village Diary

Up and coming events in Littlebourne to look out for;

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December - Littlebourne Barn Christmas Market 11am-3pm

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December - Ladybirds Christmas Church event at 11.00am do attend and support the committee in their efforts to raise funds for this charitable non-profit making group.

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> December – Wimille Twining Group Christmas tea in the WMH Lounge 3.30pm. There are some free tickets available to join us for tea, for both children and adults. Please contact Viv 722088

### FREE Dog Micro chipping

Is coming to Littlebourne, through the Dogs Trust, this will be arranged by our PCSO Elaine Cannadine. Please contact the PC for further details.

## The Community Fund

The LPC Community Fund was formed to facilitate the distribution of the rent received from the Parish Council funded extension to the 4 Villages Shop. By providing finance for events and projects to improve the quality of life in the Parish of Littlebourne through the village organisations and/or others and where funding from any other source is not available, or is incomplete. For further details please contact Cllr Mick Giles on 728228 or [mickandwendy1@btinternet.com](mailto:mickandwendy1@btinternet.com)

*Littlebourne Youth Group are looking for new members and volunteers held on 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays of each Month in WMT from 7-9pm in term time only. Regular special nights, such as Boxing Ftt, Crafts, Sport items, Cup cake making, Dance, Archery and other entertainment plus table tennis, football and air hockey tables, tuck break half way. £1.50 to register and 50p per evening, parental registration required on first visit. If we cannot increase our numbers and interest, the Group may have to close. Anyone who could offer to share their expertise, entertain or knowledge with the youngsters even if it be a one-off would be most welcome. More information from KKC Trained Leader Viv [vivienne.spratt@btinternet.com](mailto:vivienne.spratt@btinternet.com) Tel. 01227 722088*

## Department of Health “Winter Warmth program”

In Touch are partnered with the NHS in Kent to deliver this scheme for 2013. The scheme aims to help people over the age of 70 who suffer from an underlying heart or lung condition that is exacerbated by cold weather.

In Touch can complete a home visit and assess how to help, it may be something as simple as advice on best use of heating, assistance with energy efficiency measures, benefit checks or provide much needed **FREE** equipment such as; oil filled heaters, thermostats, blankets, renewal of electric blankets, gas fire and boiler checks, night lights, draught excluders, warm packs etc to help combat the cold weather.

If you know anyone who fits the eligibility criteria and needs assistance, then with their permission, forward their details to In Touch at 0800 028 3172

## Little Bees Children’s Centre

The centre is open Mon-Fri 9am-3pm and plays host to a range of groups and courses such as Baby Massage, The Solihull Approach Parenting Course and Bumps to 18 Months with activities and support from messy play to weaning and employment advice for parents.

We also have a fantastic parent and toddler group called ‘Fun & Play’ running on **Thursdays** 10am-11.30am at the Littlebourne War Memorial Hall. Activities include art and crafts, role play, messy play, singing and story time.

Parent’s comments from Fun and Play -“*Fabulous group*”, “*The activities are excellent, my daughter loves coming*” “*This group must continue, it brightens up our Thursday morning*”.

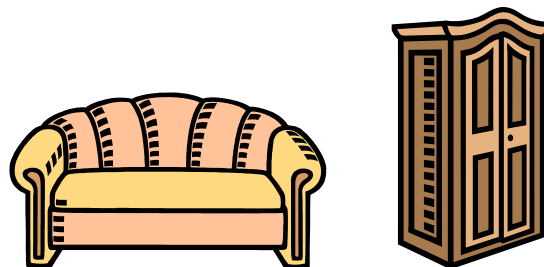
The Children’s centre can offer you advice and support on the following:

- Childcare options in the area
- Child-minder’s in the area
- Benefit and Careers Advice
- Jobs opportunities
- Healthy Options
- Handling Children’s Behaviour
- Information on Child development
- Families living with disabilities
- Information on the Early Years Foundation Stage
- And much more.....

Our current weekly activities include:

- Bumps to 18 Months (Tuesdays 10am-11.15am for session 1 and 11.30am-12.45pm for session 2)
- Fun and Play (Thursdays 10am-11.30am at Littlebourne War Memorial Hall)

The Children’s Centre is open every day until 3pm until we receive the decision from KCC as to the intended closure. The Parish Council and Hall Trust are pulling out all the stops to enable the KCC to provide as many services as possible if the decision to close the building is made. Please contact Cllr Viv Spratt MBE [vivienne.spratt@btinternet.com](mailto:vivienne.spratt@btinternet.com) Tel. 01227 722088 for information.



## BULKY, UNWANTED FURNITURE DON'T JUST TAKE IT TO THE LANDFILL

Several charities will now collect your unwanted furniture and electrical items **FREE** from your door and recycle them out to another home (either by selling them in one of their shops or helping those less fortunate set up a new home).

Pilgrims Hospices. Call 01227 640000 to arrange collection or for more details.

[www.Pilgrimshospices.org](http://www.Pilgrimshospices.org)

British Heart Foundation. To book a free collection call 0844 412 5000 to speak to your local store. Or check online to see what items they will accept [www.bhf.org](http://www.bhf.org)

Necessary Furniture. Call 01227 712680 to arrange a collection  
[www.necessaryfurniture.org.uk](http://www.necessaryfurniture.org.uk)

These initiatives save tonnes of reusable items becoming landfill each year.



A FREE service is now available for all Kent residents to help them find which health and social care services are available for them. The service is part of Healthwatch Kent, a new independent consumer champion for people who use Kent's many health and social care services.

Healthwatch's Information and Signposting dedicated service is available to everyone and will help people to find the services that they require within the complex NHS system in Kent.

You can call them anytime on Freephone 0808 801 0102, alternatively email your enquiry to [info@healthwatchkent.co.uk](mailto:info@healthwatchkent.co.uk)

### 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](mailto:clerk@littlebournepc.org) or 01227 721500 (answer machine).

### LPC Meeting dates for 2014

Meetings are held on a Wednesday evening each month, except August when there is no meeting. The meetings are held in Littlebourne War

Memorial Hall in the upstairs meeting room from 7.00pm. All members of the public are welcome to attend. There is an adjournment early on in the meeting for members of the public to speak to the Councillors. An Agenda showing the business to be conducted is posted on the noticeboard 5 days prior to the meeting date.

15<sup>th</sup> January, 12<sup>th</sup> February, 5<sup>th</sup> March – Annual Parish Meeting, 12<sup>th</sup> March, 9<sup>th</sup> April, 14<sup>th</sup> May, 11<sup>th</sup> June, 16<sup>th</sup> July, (No meeting in August), 10<sup>th</sup> September, 15<sup>th</sup> October, 12<sup>th</sup> November, 10<sup>th</sup> December.

### Advertising in this publication

This newsletter goes to over 700 households quarterly. The advertiser would be expected to supply their own artwork or text electronically in Microsoft Word format, and to sign up in advance for up to 4 editions, with the option to renew on an annual basis, space permitting. **A 1/8 page advert in a text box this size costs £20 for 4 editions or single edition one off for £15.**

**Christmas Family Fun Day**  
in aid of The Pilgrims Hospice Sunday 15th Dec 12 noon - 4pm  
**Community Carol Singing 2pm**  
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**Wednesdays at the Littlebourne War Memorial Hall**  
**Ages 4-6 3.40-4.10pm - Age 6+ 4.15-5.10pm**  
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**More info: call Bo 0782 4884 602**  
[WWW.CANTERBURYKARATE.CO.UK](http://WWW.CANTERBURYKARATE.CO.UK)  
**First lesson free!!**



### Computer help and advice

Post-graduate computer science student, can fix most software/hardware problems for your computer or mobile device. Well trained in the fields of computer programming, web development, databases, computer security and much more.

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### Your nine Cllrs are as follows:

#### Chairman, Cllr Viv Spratt

Alexandra House, 17 Jubilee Road 01227 722088

[Vivienne.spratt@btinternet.com](mailto:Vivienne.spratt@btinternet.com)

**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,

01227 728228 [Mickandwendy1@btinternet.com](mailto:Mickandwendy1@btinternet.com)

**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 Orchard 01227 720779,

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**Responsibilities:** Finance, Planning, Twinning

#### Cllr Pamela Evans, Willowbank, 30A Nargate Street

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**Responsibilities:** The Barn & heritage, foot-paths, 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,

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**Responsibilities:** Littlebourne Charities, Environment, footpaths, Flooding, Highways, Street Monitor, Police

#### Cllr Geof Welch, Riverbank, 32 Nargate Street, 01227

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**Responsibilities:** Seniors, Community & well-being, Emergency Plan, Neighbourhood Watch, Flooding, KALC rep, Street Monitor, Police.

#### Cllr Cate Reid, 70 The Hill, Littlebourne 01227 721831

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**Responsibilities:** Emergency Plan, Highways, Twinning, Planning, Recreation Club and Ground

Contact the Clerk for this in **Large Print.**