

The tanker drivers appreciated the tea, coffee, soup & cakes . Another way in which people supported.

The daily patrol of the river levels & pinch points will continue. Ickham Mill is being closely watched. We will continue to work with all the agencies who, as usual, give valuable advice. Littlebourne Parish Council have hired a pump & should surface water at the Church Road & Nargate Street junction be a problem the pump will be used. Flood Councillor Mick Giles had an operation yesterday & I know everyone who knows how hard he has worked during this flood crisis will wish him a speedy recovery."

Millennium Award 2014 – Since 2000 the council has sought to recognise 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. Congratulations to the following who have been nominated by residents and parish Cllrs to receive the Millennium Award for 2014. They would all be worthy recipients, and are in no particular order:

Mrs Evelyn Clayson – she is always cheerful in all weathers and works with pride to keep Littlebourne tidy.

David and Jean Smith – for a shared award for their commitment to the village and support for elderly neighbours & friends

Michael Lonergan – for his support to village organisations, especially the Littlebourne Giant, The Barn & Turners Orchard.

Duncan Milne – for all his help & advice trying to secure Village Green status for The List.

Geraldine Wyant & Benedict Preece –for a shared award for their commitment and passion for the Eastbridge Chorale, which they founded in 2009.

Anne Perkins – for all her efforts at The Cherry Orchard, including the children's activities and uniformed organisations events held there.

Paul Spratt – for what he does for the cricket club, both seniors & juniors. Membership has increased greatly. The winner will be announced at our APM on 5th March.

The Littlebourne Open Garden event is to be held on Saturday 14th June. Various private gardens will be open along with the allotments, Cherry Orchard and Turner Orchard. Tickets will be available nearer the time from the clerk at a cost of £5 which will include tea and cake at the WMH.

Fancy coming on a trip to Nausicaa on Saturday 30 August?

The Parish Council Twinning Committee are organising a day trip by coach on Saturday 30 August to visit Nausicaa the world famous sea life centre just outside Boulogne. You will come face to face with some of the giants of the deep as well as friendlier sealions, penguins and many more of the thousands of sea creatures in over fifty separate aquariums. Nausicaa is a wonderful experience for children and adults alike.

After the visit we will go to a French supermarket so that you can top up with all those wonderful foods and drinks that the French excel in.

We will round off the day by dropping in to meet our friends in Wimille for some light refreshments, before returning home.

The coach will leave Littlebourne at about 8.00am and we aim to return by 8.00pm. The cross channel trip will be through the Tunnel both ways. The cost (including entry to Nausicaa) will be around £30 to £35 per seat although the final price will depend on how many people want to come.

If you fancy coming along on Saturday 30 August for an enjoyable day out please let Gail, our Parish Clerk, know by telephone (**01227 721500**), email clerk@littlebournepc.org or **a note in the wall box outside the Parish Office**. Don't forget to include your contact details and how many adults and children would be in your party. When we have some firm numbers we will be able to confirm the whole trip and further details will then be distributed.

Social housing in the village

Whilst property rarely becomes available, the housing developments of **List Meadows and Court Meadows** are subject to extra requirements to make sure you are eligible to bid for a property here. Strict local connection criteria is set out in agreements between Littlebourne Parish Council and either Southern Housing Group or Sanctuary Housing Group. An applicant must meet *one* or more of the criteria. You must complete a Housing Need application form with CCC, as for any social housing; if you qualify they will then provide you with a choice based lettings registration number. If you wish to apply for one of the above developments you must also complete a

Local Connection form. The Parish Council hold a list of those eligible for Littlebourne housing if you would like to join this list and have not yet contacted the Clerk, please do so, for an application form or download one from our website.

Transfers between the two housing associations

properties - This process is managed through the city council's mutual exchange scheme and on the Kent Home Choice mutual exchange website pages also. Therefore any residents wanting to exchange:

- must register on the Kent Home Choice mutual exchange website pages
- may contact the Clerk so that their details may be advertised locally on the parish council noticeboard and that they want an exchange

This would be subject to the new tenant meeting the local connection criteria.

Active Ageing Survey 2014

Canterbury City Council is carrying out a survey to understand what people need from their local community in order to live fulfilled, active lives as they grow older. The survey is aimed at residents aged 55 plus and has been developed in partnership with a number of statutory and voluntary organisations- including the school of psychology at UKC, Canterbury and district pensioner's forum, Age UK, Kent Fire and Rescue , KCC and others.

This is the link to the online Survey www.canterbury.gov.uk/active-ageing
Respondents have the chance to win £100 of M&S vouchers donated by Kent Fire and Rescue. The closing date for the survey is Friday 7 March 2014. Hard copies are also available at council offices, libraries and can be requested on 01227 862166 or via neighbourhooddevelopment@canterbury.gov.uk

Littlebourne Emergency Plan

Littlebourne Parish Council already have an Emergency Plan, in case of a terrible emergency, particularly if we were cut off from Canterbury, when the City Council back-up services would be unable to get to us.

We need more Volunteers who have a variety of skills, such as Doctors, Nurses, Electricians, Plumbers, Handymen as well as offers to help with supply/driving equipment such as fork lifts, tractors, 4

x 4 vehicles (with or without tow-bar), as well as strong and healthy people to help. We also need Volunteers who have spare accommodation for a few days, for people who have to vacate their property, or if their property is uninhabitable; also whether they could take in their pets.

Fortunately, we already have a number of people who have registered with us, but since then, some people have moved away from the Village and we would really appreciate some more community-minded folk to come forward. We hope we will never have to call on you, but it is good to have this information to hand in case of a dire situation. Please contact Cllr Cate Reid, by email:

cateatnickthevoice@btinternet.com or by telephone: 721831 (during office hours preferred)

IDEAS SOUGHT FOR RENEWABLE/GREEN SCHEMES FOR LITTLEBOURNE

Although the start date is not known yet for the construction of the Swanton Lane Solar Farm, Vogt Solar will be offering a community benefit fund for green, and/or renewable projects within the parish. The value of the fund is based on the size of the proposed solar farm: £500 per Mega Watt per year for 3 years - so in this case a total of £21,000. This fund would be made available upon successful completion of the build and connection to the national grid, and must be used within 3 years of the completion date. If you have any suggestions please let the clerk or any Cllrs know.

Keep up to date with Parish business

Visit the website; Minutes are published every month there and on the Council's notice board. A recess allows members of the public to speak at the Chairman's discretion. 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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