



DOG FOULING

Littlebourne has been experiencing problems with persistent dog fouling on the path alongside the school and around the recreation ground.

With the exception of agricultural and forestry land, you must clear up after your dog. This includes footpaths, highways, parks, public gardens and council land. If a red dog waste bin is unavailable, litter bins may be used if the mess is bagged and sealed. Plastic supermarket carrier bags will also do the job. Dogs' mess is a breeding ground for bacteria and germs. A single dog mess can contain over a million worms. The eggs from these worms can cause incurable blindness. Children are particularly at risk when careless owners allow their dogs to foul play areas.

Fixed penalty notices of £80 can be issued by council inspectors for anyone who does not comply with the regulations. You can report incidents of dog fouling online at www.canterbury.gov.uk, especially if you are aware of a regular offender at the same time and place.

CONGRATULATIONS to this year's Millennium Award winner Michael Lonergan.

Who was nominated for all his work in the village including help with The Littlebourne Giant, help at the Art events at the Barn and his involvement with Turners Orchard.

Well done to all those who were nominated this year.

Fancy coming on a trip to Nausicaa on Saturday 30 August? LAST CALL for those interested.....

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. After the visit we will go to a French supermarket then 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 for an enjoyable day out please let our Parish Clerk, know by telephone (01227 721500)

clerk@littlebournepc.org When we have some firm numbers we will be able to confirm the whole trip and further details will then be distributed.

The Littlebourne War Memorial

Situated in the Churchyard of St Vincent's, just by the entrance Porch to the Church. It was unveiled in 1922 by Rev Joy and was erected by public subscription to commemorate those killed during the Great War. It was moved forward after the Second World War when the names of both soldiers and civilians from the Village who had been killed were added to the left side. Although the memorial itself is sturdy enough, some of the names and other details carved in the Great War panel are difficult to read now. The Church would like to repaint the names so that the Villagers who died can be properly recognised once again. Whilst this is being done we also plan to restore the Second World War panel as well.

The cost of this restoration will be about £800 and it will be carried out professionally by monumental masons. It is aimed to complete the work by August 3rd this year in time for the Centenary Commemorations. This memorial is rightly the property of the Village, commemorating the sacrifice of Village people. There will be public collections taken throughout the Village starting soon and if there are any volunteers to help with this task would they please contact either Churchwarden (Mike Gallagher on 722476 or Betty Holman on 721580) as soon as possible.

PC ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Littlebourne Parish Council's Annual Parish meeting was held on Wednesday 5th March in the WMH. There was a good turnout of parishioners who heard an update from various groups within the village and a report from the Chairman on the Councils activities over the last 12 months. We also welcomed guest speakers from the Environment Agency who talked about a modelling project that was started a couple of years ago to map the Greater and Little Stour Rivers. Mapping outputs were shown on an animation of Littlebourne, in flood, this is used to identify the low points, such as scoutands.

The map can also be used to look at different flood defence options, Structures (bridges & culverts), storage (holding water back) and operations (in terms of EA channel modification, usage of alleviation channel) and the overall effect these would have on the flooded areas.

The exempted camping committee has decided not to proceed with the application for a caravan and camping site, situated at The Brambles, Littlebourne. KCC and LPC had opposed it on behalf of many residents; residents had also contacted the caravan club direct with their objections.

FLY TIPPING

A number of fly tipping incidents have been reported in Littlebourne, especially at the top of the List footpath. Thanks should be given to a local volunteer who has cleared away this rubbish and has put up posters to try and discourage further dumping.



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
- Registration plate, make and colour of any vehicle involved.



SWARMING BEES

If you experience problems with swarming bees in the village please call Colin on 720487 who will collect them.

Keep up to date with Parish business

Visit the website; Minutes are published every month there and on the Council's notice board. 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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