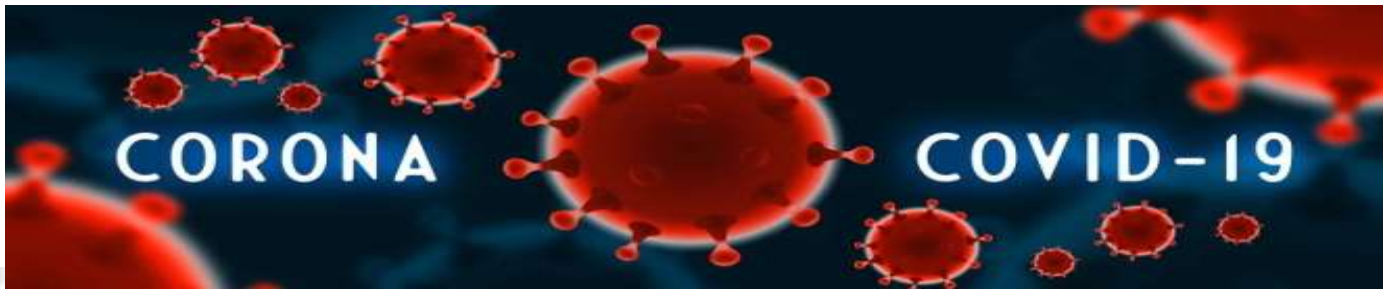


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HELLO! If you are self-isolating, I can help.

My name is

I live locally at

My phone number is

If you are self-isolating due to COVID-19 I can help with:

<input type="checkbox"/> Picking up shopping	<input type="checkbox"/> Posting mail
<input type="checkbox"/> A friendly phone call	<input type="checkbox"/> Urgent supplies

Just call or text me and I'll do my best to help you (for free!)

Coronavirus is contagious. Please take every precaution to ensure you are spreading only kindness. Avoid physical contact (2m distance). Wash your hands regularly. Items should be left on your doorstep. #ViralKindness

“CORONAVIRUS HELP”

Do you need help with shopping, a prescription collected, or a dog that needs to be taken to the vet or out for a walk?

There's people in the Village who are ready to help. We've set up a Facebook group called ***Sellindge Village Community Coronavirus Help*** and if you have access to Facebook, please join the group and ask for help. But if you don't have Facebook, or access to the internet, the Group's co-ordinator, Gwen Christie, can organise the help you need. Just call her on: **07827 229 898**.

Local businesses are also offering to deliver food and supplies free of charge. Here are a few of the local business contacts and what they're offering:

Gina – donated food and supplies available for those who need them;

Sellindge Sports and Social Club – 01303 812 437 Fish and chips, Cheeseburger and chips, Sunday roast and more

Johnsons Fruiterers – 01797 222 133, Fresh fruit and vegetables, Potatoes and Eggs.

SELLINDGE VILLAGE HALL

Following Government guidelines the Village hall will be closed for the foreseeable future.

All clubs, societies and services will resume at their usual times once the restrictions have been lifted.

Looking to the future if anyone wishes to provisionally book an event for later in the year please

email sellindgevillagehall@gmail.com

SELLINDGE SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB

Due to Covid-19 restrictions all groups and the bar are closed until further notice.


The kitchen will be open on Fridays doing a takeaway delivery free in the Village, Sundays delivering roast dinners.

1st SELLINDGE SCOUT GROUP

Due to Covid-19 restrictions Face to face Scouting has been suspended until further notice. The leadership team is working on ways to deliver remote Scouting to our members.

The scout Association has published “The Great Indoors” (www.scouts.org.uk/the-great-indoors/) which gives over 100 activities young people can do in their homes. All the activities state the target age range and suggested time required. You do not need to be a member to access this resource. All parents are welcome to use the site.

We can be contacted on 1stsellindgesg@gmail.com We will be back as soon as we are allowed.

SELLINDGE Co-Op -  Sellindge food store community forum

During the Covid-19 restrictions the shop opening hours are 7am to 8pm, we have Social Distancing within the shop for both customers and colleges. At times when the shop is busy, we will restrict access, and queue people at 2m apart at the front of the shop. Thank you for the support and understanding.

SELLINDGE PARISH COUNCIL - Due to Covid-19 restrictions the PC office is closed, and no PC Meeting.

STAGECOACH BUS 10 – Will be running a Sunday service Mon-Fri with enhanced service at Peak Times.

SELLINDGE PARISH COUNCIL www.sellindge-pc.gov.uk

So, the regular monthly meeting of your Parish Council took place on March 10th, with the regular headings.

Under planning

At the meeting an application for development was mentioned; I say 'mentioned' as this is by no means written in stone and was for information only. The application is for land West of the Taylor Wimpey Development that is already being built. The company is called Gladman Development Ltd and they wish to build 55 houses.

Originally there was to be a public consultation being held on 25th March, however, due to the current situation regarding the Coronavirus this will not now take place.

Your Parish Council is waiting for information to arrive that will be made available on the Parish Council Website.

If you do not have access to this, then you are welcome to contact the Chairman on 07710 260 751 and he will contact the Clerk on the matter, as due to the Covid-19 the Parish Council office is closed.

There had been an application for tree works to take place on a Tree with a preservation order on it and your Parish Council objected to the works being carried out; they felt that the reasons for wanting it removed had not been explained enough and wanted more details. However, it was also noted that this application had been refused. The Glebe Farm application had gone appeal, due to the District Council not coming to a decision, your Parish Council had strongly objected to the application. The Planning Inspector has now been, and refused the application. Parish Councillors requested three items for the future Parish Council meeting, but now that this is not taking place, most will have to be considered by email.

At the meeting your Parish Councillors decided that the Annual Assembly would be held on 25th May this year, but now due to the current situation it is not known if this will take place; your Parish Council will confirm this a later date depending on the advice of the Government.

With each and every one of us being encouraged to stay indoors, there will be no deliveries of the Village News.

It is available on line – for those who have the internet – copies are going to be left in the Co-op for those who don't. You can still contact Your Parish Council by email, or phone the Chairman 07710 260 751. I understand that he has agreed to supply dog poo bags. The correct procedure is to phone him and he will leave them on his wall at the bottom of his garden to maintain the 2 metres distance between people.

Due to Covid-19 restrictions there will be no Parish Council meeting until further notice.

Since starting this report, Covid-19 has changed this and there was no exhibition. I have been in touch with Gladman Ltd asking if they could either a) extend their consultation date, or b) stop the consultation altogether. Whether they accommodate the wishes of your Parish Council is yet to be seen, but the District Council is aware of the proposed development and so we are now working together to try and prevent things moving forward prior to the Planning Inspectorate's public inspection of the plan.

HI KENT

Due to Corona virus I will not be doing the hearing aid batteries until further notice.

If people ring me on 07925 059 205 only on clinic days (April 14th). This phone will only work on clinic days.

I will arrange a time for them or a neighbour to pick up batteries.

Mary Devine

SELLINDGE GARDENERS' ASSOCIATION

Due to Covid-19 restrictions the Gardeners meetings have been cancelled until further notice.

However the Gardeners holiday 2020 – Exmouth – Monday September 7th to Friday September 11th. Staying at the Royal Beacon Hotel, Exmouth is still on.

Unfortunately there are no single rooms left but why not get a friend to share a twin room with you - it's cheaper than a single room anyway!! For full details and to book ring Betty Warman-Tee on 01843 597 710 if no reply leave name and number for a return call.

SELLINDGE SPORTS and SOCIAL CLUB

Although the Club is completely closed, the kitchen can still be used.

We are offering a DELIVERY ONLY service on Friday's and Sunday's within Sellindge.

Friday will be from 5pm till 9pm and Sunday 1pm till 5pm.

Free delivery. We will be following all recent guidelines in regards to COVID 19.

Please call 07876 794 323 to make advance order or 01303 812 437 during delivery times, you can also PM us.

Please let any elderly neighbours who would be interested in hot food but may not be on facebook aware.

Sunday afternoon we will be delivering a Roast Dinner (advanced orders welcome to make sure we have enough!)

Friday Evening

Fish and Chips – Scampi and Chips – Sausage and Chips – Cheeseburger and Chips,
Chicken Bites and Chips – Halloumi Burger and Chips – Vegetarian Burger and Chips,
Chicken Tikka Pitta Bread and Chips – Chicken and chorizo Paella with Prawns

Bottles of Wine – Cans of Beer – Soft Drinks

DISTRICT and COUNTY COUNCILLORS' REPORT SELLINDGE APRIL 2020

The situation with coronavirus (Covid 19) has moved very rapidly and for the most up to date information it is best to look online (at official gov.uk and nhs.uk sites) or listen to local radio. Both your District and County Council have business continuity plans to ensure that key services are still delivered (particularly to the most vulnerable).

As a community we are sure that villagers will be looking out for their neighbours.

Many people do want to help with more than 500,000 signing up to the NHS volunteer scheme within the first 24 hours of it being announced. There are three ways the NHS volunteers are being asked to help and you can volunteer for one or all three. The first is to contact people by phone to check they are ok and chat with them. The second is delivering food and/or medications in the immediate vicinity (generally no more than a 20-mile radius in country areas and 5 miles in urban). The third is driving home those who have been discharged from hospital. Volunteers must be 18 or over and fit and well with no symptoms. Those in higher-risk groups (including those over 70, those who are pregnant or with underlying medical conditions) will be able to offer support by telephone.

You can sign up at www.goodsamapp.org/nhs

You can also volunteer locally through one of the three hubs your District Council has set up to cover the whole District. Sellindge and surrounding area is served from Hythe on 01303 269 602 and email Covid-19@ageukhl.org.uk

You can use these contact details to both ask for help and volunteer to help and they will be open 7 days a week from 9am to 4pm. Alternatively you can also contact the Folkestone & Hythe Covid-19 number 01303 761 116 or email Covid-19@folkestone-hythe.gov.uk and these will be staffed 7 days a week from 9am – 5pm.

Those receiving care arranged by KCC should continue to do so with contingency arrangements in place should care providers need help covering vacancies.

The District Council has been making special arrangements for rough sleepers or those at risk of rough sleeping. To help minimise the spread of Covid 19 many normal services have been closed. These include Hythe Swimming Pool, all libraries (but you can still borrow ebooks), all Household Waste Recycling Centres and all Council offices. Most schools closed from 20 March only staying open for vulnerable children and children of key workers.

Your waste and recycling collections should continue as usual. Those needing to self-isolate may wish to ask for an assisted collection where your bins are collected from and returned to your property.

Both Folkestone & Hythe District Council and Kent County Council have postponed formal Council meetings whilst we wait for the Government to allow meetings and voting to take place by video or telephone conferencing for Councillors. Lawful decisions can still be taken by cabinet members and officers under delegated powers and we were fortunate that our budgets for 2020/21 were agreed in February. There will be some delay to planning decisions that were due to go to the Planning Applications Committee but the vast majority of decisions are made by officers and only the small number of controversial applications go to Committee.

Those who can (both staff and Councillors) are working from home but many frontline staff have been redeployed from 'business as usual' to help support those in isolation and the three community hubs.

There is already a fund for council house tenants who face financial difficulties and a general scheme for those struggling to pay council tax. These are both discretionary arrangements but we may see the Government set up more formal arrangements. Keep an eye on the District Council website for news.

Director of Public Health for Kent Andrew Scott-Clark says: "I firmly believe that we should be calm and proportionate in our response. I am asking all Kent residents to keep washing their hands, be aware of personal hygiene and think carefully about the things you can do to minimise the spread, such as catching coughs and sneezes in tissues and then disposing of those tissues. **This is the best thing we can all do to slow the spread of the virus.**"

"We anticipate an increase in numbers which is why our services have planned for, and are ready, for this situation. I'd like to reassure people that the risk to the general public remains low and that we continue to work with health colleagues and partners to do everything we can to stop the virus spreading and ensure the people of Kent are protected."

We have news about the Core Strategy Review which is a legal duty of your District Council to produce and covers the development needs of our area till 2037. This review was submitted to the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government on 10 March and it will now be given an independent examination by two Planning Inspectors. This process will undoubtedly be delayed by the present health emergency. You can see the papers here.

<https://www.folkestone-hythe.gov.uk/Core-strategy-review-2020>

If you need to contact the Council then please look online for information. Use online reporting first and email rather than ring. Please be patient with staff as they are having to cope with the same sort of challenges as everyone else.

The election for Kent's Police & Crime Commissioner that was due to take place on 07 May will now be held in May 2021 so Matthew Scott will continue in post for an extra year.

Before the present advice to limit contact was introduced, we both attended a number of events in the village. Susan was at 'Coffee-N-Chat' on 18 February and we both attended Sellindge Parish Council on 10 March. Jenny undertook a Monitoring visit for Literacy at Sellindge Primary School and attended the monthly meeting of Sellindge Playing Fields.

Jenny adds, "I was sorry to hear about the death of Evelyn Rossiter who for a brief period was our District Councillor. Unfortunately, I was unable to attend her funeral but my thoughts are with her family at this time."

We may not be able to meet with people as easily as before but you are welcome to contact us by email or phone.

Susan.carey@folkestone-hythe.gov.uk 01303 670 561 Jenny.hollingsbee@folkestone-hythe.gov.uk 07887 918 458

STOUR DOWNS PARISH CHURCHES – ST MARY'S CHURCH SELLINDGE

As I set out to write this letter, thinking ahead to the joy of Easter that we will be celebrating in our Stour Downs churches in the coming month, it is hard to see an awful lot of joy around at the moment what with all the fear and uncertainty caused by the Coronavirus, and the effects of this on our freedoms, economy and indeed our health. But we do indeed look ahead to the coming celebration, the highlight of the Christian year, as we reach that joyous moment of proclaiming “He is Risen. He is Risen indeed, Alleluia!” on Easter Day. Christianity is an Easter faith, and Christians are Easter people.

The theme in the Ashford Deanery this Holy Week and Easter, is ‘*Living the Easter story*’. Having travelled with fear, uncertainty, alienation and hostility, we arrive at the moment of hope, victory and light that the Easter story culminates in. Holy week is the story of our history in microcosm failure, separation, struggle, darkness and death, matched by the faithful and loving Creator, the self-giving grace of his Son, and the final victory of light and love. Christ is risen indeed!

When the women who had followed Jesus came to the tomb to perform one last devotion to the man they had admired and followed, everything changed as they got the message that Jesus was not there, he had risen. The twist to the story was that it was not a tragedy after all, but the greatest triumph of history. This is the Easter story of triumph that, when heard and believed, we are to go and tell.

Whatever struggles or shadows that you or those you care for are travelling through, I pray that you might find the light and hope of the Easter story – and of the Risen Jesus who himself travelled a road of apparent failure, separation, struggle, darkness and death, that we might live in the light.

God bless, *Chris*

The Church of England’s prayer for the those affected by the spread of the Coronavirus:

Keep us, good Lord,
under the shadow of your mercy.
Sustain and support the anxious,
be with those who care for the sick,
and lift up all who are brought low;
that we may find comfort
knowing that nothing can separate us from your love
in Christ Jesus our Lord.

We are sorry that in accordance with the Government measures against the spread of Coronavirus, all church services are suspended and our churches closed until further notice.

However, we continue to be a church gathering “remotely” – please see our Stour Downs Parish Facebook page or www.stourdowns.org.uk for ways to engage remotely with “virtual” church, such as live streams of worship on Sunday and morning and evening prayer.

Funerals can go ahead (with restrictions on attendance) – please contact Rev Chris on 01303 470 791.

If you need some help or someone to speak to in this challenging time, please phone the Parish Office on 01303 470 791 or our Pastoral Team on 01303 213 398/ 07779 680 003

PERSONAL – Tony Orsbourne


I am very sorry to say that my husband, Tony, died in the early hours of Monday 23rd March after a long struggle with heart failure. Unfortunately due to the current constraints we are limited to 10 people (close family only) at the crematorium. Once this ‘apocalypse’ is over we hope to have a memorial celebration of his life. He was very much involved with this village over the years. He was on the Committee set up to build the Sports Club, also involved with the Steam Rally and was on the Parish Council and then became Chairman for a number of years and wrote the monthly weather news for the Newsletter.

Those who knew him will probably remember his interest in butterflies and moths, speedway and transport.

I would like to say a huge ‘thank you’ to the staff at the surgery, who in spite of the impossible conditions they are having to cope with were very helpful and a particular ‘thank you’ to Dr Swan and Dr George for their kindness and support. When I was waiting outside the surgery recently the person behind me was moaning and complaining at the ‘security measures and lack of organisation’. I hope I put him right about a few things. I find it hard to believe the ignorance of some people. I hope he reads this. Although I don’t suppose anyone heard me, but I was out on the veranda at 8pm on the 26th March banging on a saucepan with a metal spoon to show my support of the NHS workers.

If you wish to contact me my email address vera.silverspray@gmail.com some reason my other address doesn't work

ITEMS FOR THE MAY 2020 NEWSHEET Should be delivered to the Parish Council Office or e-mail

nnwfursdon@aol.com or Nigel Fursdon  by 2200 hours (10pm) on **MONDAY APRIL 20th 2020** with a ‘contact’ name, address and / or tel number (not for publication) phone 07437 948 509 and I will collect.