



Due to the current Covid-19 restrictions the Parish Council Office remains closed to the public, you can still contact the Parish Council using the contact information above.

There have been some cases of people not clearing up after their dogs in the Village. The Parish Council have installed some notices asking people to clear up after their dogs.

Dog poo bags are still available **FREE** from the Parish Council, however you are asked to phone the Chairman on 07710 260751 and he will arrange a time for these to be left on his garden wall in Swan Lane (near the Club) for you to collect. Also now you can pick up a bundle of Dog Poo Bags from a patio chair in the front garden of 3 Trust Cottages in Moorstock Lane.

No need to contact, just come and collect, but please just take one pack. Thank You.

### **BONFIRES**

Please avoid having bonfires while the coronavirus guidelines are in place. Smoke from bonfires contains chemicals which can harm health, irritate lungs and cause problems with breathing / asthma and cause problems for people that are already suffering from COPD. There may well be quite a few people in the Village who are very anxious about Covid-19.

Please be considerate of your neighbours. Bonfires can put people's health at risk.

### **FROM YOUR FOLKESTONE & HYTHE DISTRICT COUNCILLORS**

**Jenny Hollingsbee and Susan Carey, Ward Councillors for North Downs West, F&H D C**

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The District Council has been administering the Government grants to businesses to support them during the pandemic and we know that many local businesses, organisations and village halls have benefitted from this simple process and swift payment. However, not all traders were eligible and there is now a new fund designed to help those who missed out on the first tranche of the Government's Covid-19 financial support programme. The District Council approved 22 applications totalling £185,000 in June, with a further £1m of the funding available.

A further 50 applications are being assessed and we encourage any small business which has not yet applied to do so online now.

The Hythe Community Hub led by Age UK Hythe & Lyminge, continues to offer help, support and services to vulnerable residents in our villages. Please contact them on 01303 269 602. There are three Community hubs serving our district and, together with the District Council, they are considering how to adapt their services as demand decreases but we are all mindful of a possible further peak and the need to be able to scale up very quickly. We would like to thank the 637 volunteers who have supported the three hubs as well as all of you who have been good neighbours to those who've needed help during lockdown.

Every year the District Council conducts a canvass of all homes to make sure the electoral register is accurate.

One difference this year is that the information on the electoral register will be cross checked against records held by the Department for Work and Pensions. The District Council will start contacting people from 01 July by email (if they have these contact details) or by post if they do not. If anything is unclear then the Electoral Services Team can be contacted at 01303 853 497 or ask one of us.

We attended both the Postling and Lyminge Parish Council meetings held on Zoom on 27 May with the Postling meeting finishing just moments before the Lyminge meeting started.

We are continuing to attend council meetings both formal and the day to day business meetings online. Residents are welcome to contact us as normal by email or phone and we look forward to being able to take part in village events in person before long.

Susan Carey and Jenny Hollingsbee

### **HI KENT –**

Due to Corona virus I will not be doing the hearing aid batteries until further notice. If people ring me on 01303 813 271 only on clinic days between 1.45pm & 3.45pm (July 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



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**FROM YOUR KCC COUNCILLOR** Susan Carey, Elham Valley Ward. [susan.carey@kent.gov.uk](mailto:susan.carey@kent.gov.uk) 01303 670 561

Do please check on [www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk) and [www.kent.gov.uk](http://www.kent.gov.uk) for the latest information on Covid-19 and services.

Things can change very quickly but there are a sign of that life is beginning to return to normal for many of our services. One example of this is KCC's birth registration service which has now resumed. There's a backlog of around 3,000 births to register and Kent County Council is contacting and rebooking those who had to cancel their appointments at the start of lockdown.

All 18 of Kent's Household Waste Recycling Centres are now open 7 days a week but you need to book a slot. Demand for slots at the Folkestone Household Waste Recycling Centre remains high with 94% of slots booked by the day of use. I had a booking for 13 June and found the new system worked smoothly with enough space to keep at a safe distance. To keep both staff and visitors safe there are only four cars allowed on site at a time instead of the normal nine, the Ashford HWRC is a little less busy at 78%. Bookings can be made up to 9 days in advance but it's hoped to extend that window to 4 weeks and more slots will be added as social distancing measures are relaxed.

As I write there are 23,000 slots available every week across all 18 HWRCs in Kent.

Looking ahead, KCC will be holding an online council meeting on 16 July where we will be discussing our plans for achieving net zero carbon for our buildings and services. We have already cut our carbon emissions by 45% between 2010 and 2019 and there's a lot happening in this area which has been my responsibility at KCC since last October. I'll be reporting on this in my next update.

Last month I reported on the crisis KCC faces with the numbers of Unaccompanied Asylum-Seeking Children arriving in Kent. So far this year 252 have arrived bringing the total in our care to 509. I'm pleased to report that the Government has agreed to additional funding and that other local authorities have offered to take 90 of the newcomers. This is welcome but we continue to press the Government to deal with the people trafficking behind the increase and more help in placing the UASC who now need placements.

Finally, a reminder that KentTogether is still operating to pick up any requests from those in need of support during the lockdown. It's a 24/7 service and is on [www.kent.gov.uk/kenttogether](http://www.kent.gov.uk/kenttogether) or 03000 41 92 92.

You can contact it on your own behalf (no need for a referral) or on behalf of someone else. Susan Carey

### **SELLINDGE SPORTS and SOCIAL CLUB –**

Although the Club is completely closed with no clubs or groups meeting at the moment.

From July 4<sup>th</sup> the Bar and Kitchen are now open, with all the new Covid-19 guidelines in place, with Social Distances, so space is limited so please phone to book a table for food or drinks to be able to sit inside. We would hate to disappoint with the new opening times →

We have new Bar Menus for eating in

We are still offering the Delivery service on Friday's and Sunday's within Sellindge.

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 delivering between 1pm and 5pm

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Wednesday:	3pm - 7pm
Thursday:	12pm - 9pm
Friday:	12pm - 9pm
Saturday:	12pm - 9pm
Sunday:	12pm - 6pm

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**Sellindge FC Under 13's**



We are looking for boys and girls currently in year 6/7 (year 7 or 8 from Sept. 2020) to join our under 13's football team playing on a Saturday morning in the Ashford League

For more info please contact us via our FB page  
[fb.me/sellindgeFootballClub](https://fb.me/sellindgeFootballClub) or  
Graham on 07772037995

→ The

Sellindge FC

under 13's are also looking for sponsors for new goals, the kit and training kit for the new season.

### **SELLINDGE GARDENERS' ASSOCIATION**

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic there are still no monthly meeting taking place.

The Gardeners' holiday at the Royal Beacon Hotel, Exmouth, Devon is at present still going ahead and there are still some vacancies available.

Please contact Betty Warman – Tee on 01843 597 710 for further information, if no reply leave name and number for a return call.



## STOUR DOWNS PARISH CHURCHES – ST MARY'S CHURCH SELLINDGE

### Rev. Chris' Thoughts

As I write this month's letter, there is a slow emergence into a tentative return to activities we took for granted in life B.C. – *Before Corona*. In these months where life has changed in so many ways from the old normal, I wonder if the garden (for those lucky enough to have one) has been one of the ways of filling the time, a discovery of a new hobby or just finding the time to attend to it for a change. In the Rectory we have enjoyed planting and watching grow a crop of tomatoes, courgettes, a variety of root vegetables and flowers.

Tackling the garden opens our eyes to God's creativity. As we plan the work or what plants to grow, we might reflect on what plans there are for our lives: is there somewhere we are being encouraged to seek to grow in ourselves, perhaps in unexpected ways? Tilling the soil and labouring to plant and care for the garden teaches us responsibility and good stewardship. Weeding is a reminder of the battles we face. Waiting for the harvest brings about patience. Reaping the harvest encourages us to be thankful, and sharing the harvest brings blessing to others.

A well-tended garden can be a source of joy in troubling times. We might also be lucky enough to have an abundance of crops- fruit, veg or flowers. The Bible encourages giving to those in need from our own abundance. This does not have to be from an abundant garden: whether food or money, time or love, we can give what has been given to us- and done cheerfully and generously it can bring a rich reward.

May we be a community of cheerful and generous sharing! And of course, may your gardens grow well!

God bless,

*Chris*

*The churches of St Mary's Brabourne, St Peter's Monks Horton and St Mary's Smeeth are open in the daytime as a place for quiet individual reflection and prayer. Please observe social distancing and sanitise hands on entry and exit, and do not enter if you have Covid-19 symptoms.*

**Sunday services are on the Stour Downs Parish Facebook Page – live video from 9:30am and posted afterwards on the page to view**

<https://www.facebook.com/Stour-Downs-Parish-275026813134319>

**OR BY PHONE:** dial the number shown below and enter the Room number followed by the hash key and then PIN followed by hash key when prompted.

**Dial: 0333 0110 945**

**Room number: 15371271#**

**PIN: 1030#**

**Morning and Evening Prayer is posted each day at 9am and 6pm on our Stour Downs Parish Facebook page.**

If we can be of help in this difficult time, including providing a parcel of grocery essentials if you are struggling,

please contact Di Dawson on **01303 813398/cirrus.five@yahoo.co.uk** or The Rectory on **01303 470 791**

