

SELLINDGE VILLAGE NEWS

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QUEENS SILVER JUBILEE GARDEN

I am glad the Queens Silver Jubilee Garden (JG) has now been completed, Jason has made a lovely job of the planting; it is hoped that the area behind this will also be revamped in due course; Your Parish Council did purchase a Jubilee plaque for the Queens Diamond Jubilee in 2012, however, this was never erected due to various issues, and it is now hoped that this can be placed somewhere nearby.

Linda Headley

POPPIES



We are hoping to add more of your homemade poppies to the Poppy Display, we started last year, if you would like to contribute Crocheted / Knitted poppies to the display. Please leave in box in the Village Hall foyer on a Tues & Fri. Thank you to everyone who contributed last year and also to those who have already contributed to this year's display. We are hoping to add to the display year on year. The cut-off date for the poppies will be the 15th of October.

Thank you for your support.

Homeless Appeal 2020

Because of Covid 19 we will NOT be collecting clothing or food for the Homeless this year or the foreseeable future.

If you wish to donate to the Homeless charity you can find them on Facebook @ Action on Homelessness in Folkestone.

Or ring 07340 763955

Thank you for all your donations in previous years.

Emma & Margaret.

Disclaimer – The views are the views of those making the submissions and is not necessarily the views of the Editor or Parish Council

Village Green

The playground area on the village green is yet to be completed – although things may have moved on by the time this is printed, or put on the website – once this has been happened ROSPA has to come and carry out a Risk assessment. Tom from Taylor Wimpey informed me that and once this has taken place the playground should be opened. But I am sure that this event will be advertised as soon as it is possible for children to use the equipment.



Talking of the village green, can I ask / remind people, that dogs should be kept on a lead and owners of all dogs are asked to ensure that they clean up after their dog.

With children playing in the open spaces, as I have put in previous Newsletters, dog faeces carry a micro-organism that can cause blindness in the worse cases and pain and discomfort at the least; I have been in touch with Tom and asked him about getting the bins emptied, so hopefully this should take place soon.

Newsletter

So, how would you feel about having an online version of the Newsletter. This is asked as over the last few months your Parish Council has saved money on not having the newsletters printed, so I have been asked to find out what residents would feel about this. If you had to register for a paper copy would you be happy to do this?

Meetings

Your Parish Council had its first virtual meeting on 28th September; this was the Finance & General Purposes. As there were only 4 councillors in attendance, my first hosting went well. It is hoped that your Parish Council will be holding virtual Parish Council Meetings starting in November. These will be advertised on the noticeboards as normal.

Office opening

Please be aware that in practice, advice from the National Association of Local Councils states we should not open to the public, but if you need to come and speak to me, call and make an appointment, I can then make sure that I have covid-19 safety measures in place for your visit.

Dog Poo Bags

Dog poo bags are still available from Nigel Trust Cottages in Moostock Lane, he puts them a patio chair outside his house, as does the Chairman. He places on the front garden wall if you phone him on his mobile 07710 260751.

These can also be collected from the office.

From your Parish Council Clerk Linda Hedley

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.





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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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We're delighted this month to have several good news items to report. Folkestone & Hythe District Council has retained its award for Customer Service Excellence which it's held since 2013. This accreditation is externally audited by iESE and covers 57 standards. The council was found to be compliant across all these and achieved a score of Compliance Plus for 15 areas which is the highest score and means service goes '*above and beyond*' what's expected. Compliance plus is awarded when practice is innovative and something that could be shared and replicated in other organisations. The assessor also commented on how well the council has risen to the challenges of COVID-19. We're proud of our staff and know they are keen to do even better in future.

We are also pleased to report that a new 8-year contract from January 2021 has been agreed with Veolia to continue the kerbside waste and recycling collections. Our District was one of the few that kept the full range of waste and recycling collections operating without interruption during lockdown including accepting new enrolments for the garden waste service. The new contract will include a new 'green' fleet of vehicles and a number of initiatives to help us achieve the council's ambition of Net Zero for its services by 2030. Services to your property will continue to be alternating fortnightly waste and recycling collections and a weekly food waste collection.

Last month we reported that the full council (all 30 councillors) at Folkestone & Hythe District Council would be debating the *Places and Policies Local Plan* on 16 September. After years of work and an examination in public by an independent Planning Inspector who found the plan to be 'sound' we can report that a clear majority of councillors voted to adopt the plan. This means the council is in a strong position to resist any speculative housing developments whilst meeting our legal obligation to provide sufficient land for future homes and jobs.

We'd like to urge any residents who are facing difficulties paying their council tax as a result of the Covid-19 situation to contact the District Council. The council has a welfare team to advise and there's also a list of financial support available to residents at folkestone-hythe.gov.uk/financial-support

If you can't go online then ring 01303 853555. The council has suspended all court and bailiff actions for any unpaid council tax from late March and legal action to pursue 2020 – 21 arrears is also suspended but it's important that people ask for help and don't ignore the problem.

There has been much media coverage of the Home Office plans to place asylum seekers at Napier Barracks in Folkestone. We have of course raised our concerns about the impact on the local community. It's a fast-changing situation so please look to the council website for the latest news.

We were sorry to learn of the death of Joan Chislett a long-standing resident of Sellindge and our thoughts are with the family at this time. Joan was very active in the village throughout her life and could be found helping at many village events up to a few years ago.

Susan Carey and Jenny Hollingsbee

SELLINDGE SPORTS and SOCIAL CLUB –

With all the new Covid-19 guidelines in place, with Social Distances, we are now operating a table service so space is limited so please phone to book a table for food or drinks to be able to sit inside.

On entering the Clubhouse you now must wear a face Mask (unless you are officially exempt), you may remove your mask once seated.

If you have the NHS Covid-19 Track and Trace App downloaded to your smartphone, please scan the QR done when entering the building, once you are seated, if you do not have the App, when the bar staff come to take your order, please inform them, then they will enter your details in the Covid-19 Track and Trace folder.

We would hate to disappoint with the new opening times →

We have new Bar Menus for eating in or outside in our new outside eating area.

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 Friday Evening delivering between 4pm and 8pm



Sellindge
SPORTS & SOCIAL CLUB

OPENING HOURS

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

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FROM YOUR KCC COUNCILLOR Susan Carey, Elham Valley Ward. susan.carey@kent.gov.uk 01303 670 561

On 10 September KCC held a special meeting to agree in-year budget savings. Thank you to everyone who took the trouble to respond to the public consultation on the difficult decisions we have to make. At the same meeting we adopted the Kent Mineral Sites Plan which identifies where materials such as sand and gravel can be extracted in Kent. Many sites were considered including one for sand extraction at Postling. The Postling site was withdrawn at an early stage and none of the sites in the plan are near Sellindge. It's always a difficult process to identify sufficient sites for now and for future generations but the process is very thorough and reviewed by an external Planning Inspector. All council papers are available on the website www.kent.gov.uk and the meetings themselves now take place online but are still webcast live.

Turning to some good news, despite the financial challenges there's still much we can do to reach our environment goal of Net Zero by 2030 for KCC's own services and estate and for Kent as a whole by 2050. We've been installing solar panels on our own buildings as well as over 100 schools including most recently Wyvern school in Ashford where on 02 September I joined the staff for the official switch-on. The price of solar panels has been falling but the upfront cost can still be a barrier so to help Kent householders and community buildings also take advantage of solar, KCC has launched Solar Together which aims to get the best possible price for householders by using our collective buying power. There's more information at www.solartogether.co.uk/Kent or call 0800 014 8721. The reverse auction with pre-vetted installers takes place on 06 October so be quick.

I am pleased to report that we have been working with our contractors to increase the number of slots available at our busiest Household Waste Recycling Centres and the limit on the number of visits per household has been increased from two per month to four. Bookings up to a month in advance online at www.kent.gov.uk/hwrcbook or by phone 03000 41 73 73.

Finally some news of grants. I was pleased to join Jenny Hollingsbee at the Sports and Leisure Club on 11 September to see the new patio doors funded through one of my KCC Member grants for £3,000. The new doors provide far better insulation and look very smart. I was also able to help Sellindge Parish Council obtain a £3,000 rural bus shelter grant from KCC towards the replacement of the damaged bus shelter near St Mary's Church.

Susan Carey – Member for Elham Valley Ward, Kent County Council

SELLINDGE FOOTBALL CLUB



Sellindge Football Club, complying with the latest rules set by the FA regarding Covid -19 track and trace.

All clubs must have a QR code poster on display for players, officials and supporters to scan on their smartphones. To all our supporters that are watching today download the NHS covid-19 app and please remember to scan the QR code which is in the window of the clubhouse. When entering the clubhouse please remember to wear a face mask. Please sit at a table and wait to be served by the friendly bar staff.

The face mask can be removed once seated. When walking around the clubhouse you will need to wear a face mask. We must adhere to the rules for Football to continue, the clubhouse to remain open for business and avoid being penalised. The most important reason is to protect yourself and others from catching the virus.

It's getting cold so wrap up warm. Thank you for your continued support and apologies for the long winded post.

Adult (Sat) <https://ashfordanddistrictsaturdayleague.pitchero.com/>

Sat Oct 3rd – Vs Lydd Town 3rds. Home game Kick Off 14.45 (2.45pm).

Sat Oct 10th – Vs Lenham Wanderers. Home game Kick Off 14.45 (2.45pm).

Adult (Sun) https://ashfordsundayleague.leaguerepublic.com/l/matches/292868060/1_486202464/-1/-1/-1.html

Sun Oct 4th – Vs South Willesborough. Home game Kick Off 10am.

Sun Oct 11th – Vs Folkestone United. Home game Kick Off 10am.

Sun Oct 18th – Vs Horsebox Bars. Home game Kick Off 10am.

Under 13's Team October fixtures

Sat Oct 3rd – Vs Grasshopper Juniors. Home game Kick off at 10am.

Sat Oct 10th – Vs Bromley Green U13. Away game at Waterside, South Willesborough TN24 0PQ Kick off 10am.

Sat Oct 17th – Vs D&S Hastings Youth U13 Boys. Away game at

Sat Oct 24th – Vs Hythe Town Youth U13 Colts. Away game at Hythe CT21 6AR Kick Off 10am.

🦶 NEW PLAYERS WANTED 🦶 Under 13's Team

🦶 In year 8 and either looking for a team or are currently in a team not getting enough playing time - then we need you!

🦶 Are you a Manager of a U13 team and have too many fringe players who need more, regular game time or if you are a parent with a child in year 8 and want them to get off their console - then send them our way.

🦶 Our current team is very small and with players having to self-isolate, generally unwell or not available, we are struggling to field the 11 players needed on a Saturday.

🦶 A bit about us - we are a newly established mixed team with current year 7 and 8 players from Sellindge, Folkestone, Ashford, Romney Marsh and Smeeth (apologises if I've missed any of you out team). Our home ground is at Sellindge Sports and Social Club, we have the coaches, we have the kit (sponsored by Taylor Wimpey), we have the ground (with the best bacon rolls on a Saturday morning), we have new goals and all the equipment - we just need more players!

🦶 Training is on Wednesday's at the Sellindge Sports & Social Club in Swan Lane 6-7pm - if you want to find out more then please either pop along or message us via our FB page.

Up the Swans

HI KENT – Due to Corona virus I will not be doing the hearing aid batteries until further notice.
If people ring me on 01303 813 228 only on clinic days between 1.45pm & 3.45pm (October 13th).
Phone will only work on clinic days.
I will arrange a time for them or a neighbour to pick up batteries
Mary Devine



THE STOUR DOWNS PARISH – St MARY’S SELLINDGE

I once had a fridge magnet that said, “I used to be indecisive, but now I’m not sure.” Making decisions, plans and generally knowing which way is up at the moment seems quite a challenge. It is hard not being able to look too far ahead and arrange things without knowing whether those plans will be possible. That is all very unsettling.

There is a well-known Bible story of Jesus and his followers on a boat in a storm: Jesus sleeps whilst the storm threatens to overturn the boat and the disciples are terrified. He wakes up and commands the wind and waves to be still. The prayer below, which comes from an evening compline in Celtic Daily Prayer, reflects this story. I think it also speaks into these unsettling times.

*Calm me, O Lord
As You stilled the storm.
Still me O Lord,
Keep me from my harm.
Let all the tumult within me cease,
Enfold me, Lord,
In Your peace.*

There is a sung version of this that I recommend searching for online. Listening to or joining in (within COVID guidelines!) with this simple chant is quite soothing in unsettling times.

Within the Stour Parish are six historic churches that can offer a place of quiet, to be stilled and seek a moment to let the tumult cease, to feel enfolded in the peace of God, as they have done for many centuries. You may find our daily morning or evening prayer on the Stour Downs Parish Facebook page, or perhaps the new Evening Communion at the end of a busy weekend, a time to be stilled and enfolded in God.

May you and your loved ones be enfolded in peace and love, kept safe from harm, and able to find a place to feel stilled and calm amidst these unsettling times.

God bless, *Chris*

Services for August in the Stour Downs Parish

In these uncertain times, the PCC of the Stour Downs Parish has planned for a phased return to worship within our buildings alongside live-streaming services. The planned services may be subject to change in line with updated risk assessments and further guidance.

October 4th - 9:30am Parish Communion at St Mary’s, Smeeth also available online

3pm Party Church Posted on Parish Facebook Page

October 11th - 9:30am Parish Communion at St John the Baptist, Mersham also available online

October 18th - 9.30am Parish Communion at St Mary’s, Smeeth also available online

October 25th - 9:30am Parish Communion at St John the Baptist, Mersham also available online

11am Pumpkin Party Sellindge Posted on Parish Facebook Page

Online live (and recorded for viewing later) at <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 813 398** cirrus.five@yahoo.co.uk or The Rectory on **01303 470 791**

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

nnwfursdon@aol.com or Nigel Fursdon  by 2200 hours (10pm) on **TUESDAY OCTOBER 20th 2020**

with a ‘contact’ name, address and / or tel number (not for publication) phone 07437 948 509 and I will collect.