

SELLINDGE VILLAGE NEWS

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SELLINDGE CO-OP PLANNING APPLICATION IS APPROVED



Great News ! The Refit is going ahead.

We will provisionally close on January 17th 2021, for 17 weeks.

The relaunch planned for May 14th 2021.

A temporary pop up shop will be installed in front of the Village Hall, with just the essentials.

Unfortunately at present no Post Office Services or Lottery will be available from the Pop Up.

Further details as things are confirmed.

We will keep you updated as we hear. Graham and the team.



Poppies

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the village poppy display this year and of course last year.

I hope you all enjoy the results

Margaret & Maureen



QUEENS SILVER JUBILEE GARDEN – Beginning to get really colourful !



CORONAVIRUS

NATIONAL RESTRICTIONS

5 November to 2 December
National restrictions apply to England:

<p>Meeting Indoors </p> <p>You cannot meet anybody socially indoors unless they are in your household or support bubble.</p>	<p>Meeting Outdoors </p> <p>You can meet with 1 person from another household in outdoor public spaces, following social distancing. Children under 5 and anyone dependent on continuous care do not count towards the 2 person limit.</p>	<p>Weddings and Funerals </p> <p>Weddings and civil partnership ceremonies can only take place where one of those getting married is seriously ill and not expected to recover. Funerals can take place with up to 30 people in attendance.</p>	<p>Working from home </p> <p>You must work from home if you can. If you cannot work from home you should continue to go to work (unless you are clinically extremely vulnerable).</p>
<p>Essential Shops </p> <p>Open. Essential shops should follow COVID-secure guidelines.</p>	<p>Non-essential Retail </p> <p>Closed. Can only open for click-and-collect and delivery services.</p>	<p>Exercise </p> <p>You can exercise outside on your own or with your household; your support bubble; or one person from another household.</p>	<p>Leisure and Gyms </p> <p>Closed. Except for allotments and outdoor playgrounds.</p>
<p>Hospitality </p> <p>Closed except for takeaway, click-and-collect, drive through and delivery services. Takeaway not permitted after 22:00.</p>	<p>Education </p> <p>Early years, schools and FE colleges open. Universities must reflect wider restrictions.</p>	<p>Healthcare Services </p> <p>You can leave home for any medical reason.</p>	<p>Residential Care </p> <p>Care homes are encouraged to provide safe, COVID-secure visiting opportunities. See the guidance for details on how to keep visits safe.</p>
<p>Travel </p> <p>You must not travel in the UK or overseas other than for permitted reasons, including work, education, medical reasons, caring responsibilities or for essential retail.</p>	<p>Public Transport </p> <p>You may still use public transport, but should only travel for permitted reasons and should look to reduce the number of journeys you make, avoid travelling at peak times, and walk or cycle where you can.</p>	<p>Overnight Stays </p> <p>Overnight stays and holidays away from primary residences are not allowed, except for work and other exempt purposes.</p>	<p>Entertainment and tourism </p> <p>Entertainment venues are closed. Public gardens at visitor attractions are open.</p>
<p>Vulnerable People </p> <p>If you are 60+ or clinically vulnerable, be especially careful to follow the rules and minimise contacts with others. If you are clinically extremely vulnerable you are advised to stay at home as much as possible, except to go outdoors for exercise or to attend essential health appointments.</p>	<p>Worship </p> <p>Closed. Except for: funerals, broadcasting acts of worship, and individual prayer.</p>	<p>Childcare </p> <p>Registered childcare and childcare activities open to enable parents to work, or for respite care. Parents can form a childcare bubble with another household for informal childcare, where the child is 13 or under.</p>	<p>Youth Clubs and Activities </p> <p>Some youth services are able to continue, such as 1-1 youth work and support groups, but most youth clubs and groups will need to cease for this period.</p>

For more information and detailed guidance visit:
gov.uk/coronavirus



Office opening

Due to the new Lock Down the Parish Council office is closed.

The Parish Council phone will be monitored for messages, and so will the email, which is the best form of contact.

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.

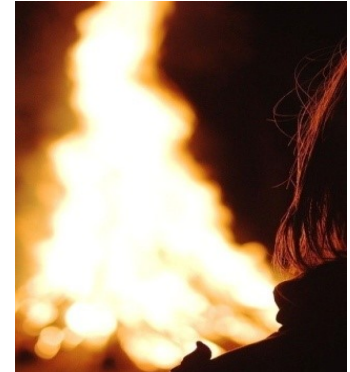
From your Parish Council Clerk Linda Hedley

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.



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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Congratulations to Cleo Smith of Age UK Hythe and Lyminge (which also serves Sellindge) who has been awarded a BEM in the Queen's Birthday Honours list for her work during the recent pandemic. It's good to see one of the local 'heroes' honoured in this way.

On 01 October, your District Council took back direct control of its housing services. These had been run by East Kent Housing which brought together housing services for Canterbury City Council, Dover District Council, Folkestone & Hythe District Council and Thanet District Council. A series of health and safety failings led to the decision. A consultation last year found an overwhelming majority of tenants and leaseholders in favour of this move. The District Council is committed to rectifying the problems and improving both the standard of existing District Council homes as well as continuing its programme of building new Council homes.

We both attended a briefing on the Council's 'my account' service which offers all residents a personalised service on the website. It's still in its early stages but new facilities will be added to what's already on offer which includes details of waste and recycling services and planning applications.

Our meetings at the District Council continue to be online and are likely to continue that way for the foreseeable future. Many more residents now also look to contact the District Council online rather than come to a building. We are also keen to reduce the amount of money the District Council pays to run our buildings and reduce our carbon footprint. We have therefore asked our officers to look at options for disposing of the Civic Centre building in Folkestone. We are likely to keep a much smaller public office in Folkestone (possibly in the old Debenhams building now renamed 'Folca') with back office staff based at Otterpool Park. There's a lot of work to do before a decision can be taken and we will keep you informed of progress.

Folca? It was the winning entry from over 200 suggestions to rename the old Debenham's building which was bought by the District Council in May. 'Folca's stone' is said to mark a meeting place for local people and is thought to be the origin of the name Folkestone. Options for the building are still being developed. Suggestions have included a medical centre, workspaces, shop units. There is plenty of space for all these uses and more.

Jenny joined the remote Patients Participation Group for Sellindge Surgery on 19 October where an update was given on staffing and the appointment system during the pandemic. Members thanked Dr George and staff for maintaining services, albeit in a different format. See

www.sellindgesurgery.nhs.uk to access services and for information.

A reminder that the NHS Track and Trace app is available to download here

<https://www.nhs.uk/apps-library/nhs-covid-19/> There is no charge for this. Our District has a lower rate of Covid cases than most of the country and measures such as Track and Trace can help keep it that way.

Please go to <https://www.folkestone-hythe.gov.uk/coronavirus> for more and latest detailed information

Susan Carey and Jenny Hollingsbee

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COVID-19 LOCKDOWN

The community hubs will be operating again for the most vulnerable.
The contact details are –

AGEUK HYTHE & LYMINGE

Email covid-19@ageukhl.org.uk
Call 01303 269602 (messages can be left outside opening hours)
Open Monday - Friday 8.45am - 3.45pm

KCC continues to offer **KentTogether** both online at www.kent.gov.uk/kenttogether or 03000 41 92 92 (this is a 24/7 service) where you can ask for help for yourself or someone who you are concerned about.

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

Last month I wrote about KCC's SolarTogether project to use collective buying power for Kent householders to install solar panels or buy extra storage capacity. It attracted 3,856 expressions of interest. The next stage is for individual price quotes which, if accepted, will see the work carried out over the next few months.

Also proving popular is a conference on 16 November about Kent's Plan Bee, KCC's pollinator action plan. Pollinators are vital to much agriculture and our gardens and we want to do more to reverse their decline. It was intended to hold the conference at a venue but the need for social distancing means we will be online. The advantage of this is we can now accommodate everyone who wants to attend and several hundred people have already signed up. If you are interested do please contact me for details.

As well as pollinators KCC is also trying to encourage our young people through our annual Tryangle Awards. If you know of any young people (11 – 18 years or 11 to 25 if they have special educational needs) who deserve an award for achievement or effort, please nominate them before 30 November. The categories are Arts, Community Action, Courage, Good Friends and Young Carers, Music, Personal Development, Positive Intervention, Sport or Outdoor Activities. This should enable all efforts to be recognised. Just being nominated can encourage a young person.

See <https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/young-people/try-angle-awards>

Please continue to report any potholes and particularly any drains you see that are blocked by silt or leaves in advance of the winter rains. You can do so via the KCC website or on 03000 41 81 81 in normal office hours or 03000 41 91 91 for anything urgent out of office hours.

The transition period for the UK leaving the EU ends at the end of this year. KCC has a particular responsibility together with Highways England and Kent Police for managing traffic and there are plans in place to limit the number of HGVs that can enter Kent should there be major disruption. I will keep my facebook page (see below) updated on this. I've started a facebook page called The Elham Valley, Kent where I'm posting some of the information that I have on roadworks, events and local businesses which are too time sensitive or I've no room to include in my monthly reports. Do feel free to add to the posts with news from Sellindge Parish.

Finally, you may have seen that the recent Honours List included a knighthood for Paul Carter for services to local government. Paul led KCC for fourteen years and chaired the County Council Network for four. He received a CBE in 2014 after his work to

rescue jobs in East Kent when Pfizer withdrew from their Sandwich site. He really has been indefatigable in his work for Kent, its people and businesses as I've witnessed at first hand. It's good to see his dedication recognised this way.

Susan Carey, Member for Elham Valley, Kent County Council

For latest information on Covid – 19 go to www.kent.gov.uk Covid-19 is top of the page with links to all the latest Covid-19 information available.

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

Even before Covid-19 there was no clinic planned for November, the next clinic date is December 15th Mary Devine

SELLINDGE SPORTS and SOCIAL CLUB

Due to the current Covid-19 Lockdown restrictions brought out on November 5th to December 2nd, the Sports and Social Club are completely closed, with no clubs or groups being held.

We will however run our hot food delivery service on Fridays 4pm to 8pm 07876 794 323 – 01303 812 437

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

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THE STOUR DOWNS PARISH – SELLINDGE

November brings times when we traditionally pause to ‘remember’ at various points in the month: we “remember, remember the fifth of November...”, hold an Act of Remembrance for the 11th November, and in the Christian calendar on All Souls Day we remember those we have lost. Of course, the pandemic and the current challenges in gathering together will make the marking of these moments this year different to how they usually are shaped. We will also be remembering those tens of thousands lost to this virus, and for many it has meant that saying goodbye has been all the more difficult, even denied.

Much of these key moments of remembering in November seem to focus on rather less-than-cheery events: the attempted assassination of the King and the torture and public execution of the perpetrator; the dreadful loss of brave men and women in global conflicts; the loss of loved ones. Whilst we continue to face the onslaught of bad news, changed plans and uncertainty, we might be lost in a sense of despair that echoes the less- than-optimistic theme of this time of the year.

However, the traditions of remembering in November also have their symbols of hope and light that dispel the darkness and shadows: bright fireworks and sizzling bonfires; the poppy as a symbol of new life growing in the battlefields and a badge of remembering the lost who forever live on in our collective consciousness over a century later; the lighting of a candle and recalling the names of those who have touched and shaped our lives.

We might also reflect that in fireworks, Remembrance and remembering lost loved ones, we continue to strive for the things about these events that we hope to change in making our world a better place: an end to intolerance and acts of violence against those of different beliefs; peace in the world and end to conflict; the research in understanding and seeking to prevent or cure the diseases that take loved ones from us before their time, such as cancer and dementia. The act of pausing and remembering at the more sombre occasions this month, in whatever shape that has to take this year because of the pandemic, might very well rightly cause us to feel further sorrow. Yet as we do so, let us take heart in the symbols of hope and find strength in the reminders of the collective efforts we are reminded of in continuing to make this world a better place for us all. God bless *Chris*

Sellindge War Memorial

1914 - 1918

Lewis Bean - 4th Battalion Grenadier Guards died 1 December 1917, aged 22
Frank Fuller - Royal Air Force, died 11th November 1918 from Spanish flu
Archibald Gammon - 23rd Australian Infantry, died 2nd October 1917
George Hawkes - Stoker 1st Class, HMS Cyclops II, died 20th March 1915, aged 24
Albert Hawkes - Stoker 1st Class, HMS Gaillard, died 22nd March 1918, aged 24
Charles Marsh - 1st Battalion The Buffs, died 22nd June 1915
Percy Marsh - 6th Battalion The Buffs, died 2nd August 1915
Henry Marsh - 3rd Battalion Grenadier Guards, died 27th March 1918
Henry Southern - Boy 1st Class HMS Hawke, died 15th October 1914, aged 16
Henry George Shrubsole - 4th Battalion The Buffs, died 26th April 1918, aged 19
Sidney James Smith - Lancashire Fusiliers, died 29th August 1917, aged 20
James Staples - Royal Engineers, died 2nd November 1917
Douglas White - 4th Battalion Queen's Own, died 8th October 1918
Stewart Blythe - Royal West Kent Regiment, died 13th November 1915
Reginald Leslie Chapman - 2nd Battalion Royal Munster Fusiliers, died 22nd March 1918
John Kennedy Gaunt
William Norrington - 2nd Battalion Durham Light Infantry, died 23rd March 1918
Arthur Ware - 1st Battalion The Buffs, died 8th October 1918, aged 20

1939 - 1945

Arthur Herbert Ames - died aged 17, 18th June 1943, bomb hit HMS Collingwood, Fareham
Bramwell Bull - 53rd Heavy Anti Aircraft Regiment, died 22nd May 1942, in India
James Garman - 11th Battalion, The Buffs, died 10th September 1944 aged 26
Walter James Kennett - Aircraftman 2nd Class, died 1st March 1941, by bomb blast, aged 32
Sidney John Luckhurst - Royal Horse Guards, died 2nd July 1945 aged 36
Ernest Southern - Royal Navy Petty Officer, HMS Barham, died 25th November 1941,
Arthur Sparkes - Royal Air Force volunteer reserve, died 15th February 1942, Singapore
Ronald Ward - Royal Air Force volunteer reserve, died 22nd June 1945, aged 28





LEON BEAN
FRANK FULLER
ARCHBALD GATTON
GEORGE HAWKES
ALBERT HUGHES
CHARLES MARSH
PERCY MARSH
HENRY MARSH
HENRY SOUTHERN



EDWARD BENTLEY
SIDNEY BENTLEY
JAMES BENTLEY
FOLKES BENTLEY
STEWART BENTLEY
FRANK BENTLEY
EDWARD BENTLEY
WILLIAM BENTLEY
ARTHUR WARE

TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN HONOUR OF ALL THOSE FROM THIS PARISH WHO FOUGHT AND DIED FOR GOD AND KING AND COUNTRY IN THE GREAT WAR 1914-1918

IN
MEMORIAM
1939
TO
1945

ARTHUR WILKINSON
BRADFELL DILL
JAMES GARMAN
WALTER JAMES KENNETT
SIDNEY JOHN LUCKHURST
ERNEST SOUTHERN
ARTHUR SPARKES
RONALD WARD



OUR WALLS CANNOT CONTAIN 24,000 WORSHIPPERS!

Lockdown Launches a New Chapter for Stour Downs

The Stour Downs Parish Facebook page shows that *over 24,000* people have joined our online worship since March – and it's still growing.

It all began in the time just before lockdown when church buildings were still open, and Rev Chris began to live-stream morning and evening prayer by pressing the “Live” button from our Facebook Page in church and seeing who (virtually) turned up. So, when services were not able to take place, the next step was to stream a service live from an empty Church and our virtual Church was born. Having streamed a service live from the Church, when Boris subsequently declared our Church doors were to be locked it was a natural next step to go “Live from the Rectory”. The Rectory garden in the spring sunshine and birdsong was a peaceful backdrop – well usually... there was much amusement at the video-bombing pheasant (nick-named Bert by the online congregation). Bert was particularly good at timing responses to the liturgy!

During lockdown, the Stour Downs congregations met virtually for coffee and chat over Zoom when the service ended. Those who could not access online worship could follow Sunday services by phoning in to a conference call. We continue to offer the Parish Communion service online and by phone as part of our new worship pattern, and in this time when not everyone is able, or feels comfortable, to meet with others in the building it continues to offer a variety of ways for our Parish to come together in worship.

Our brilliant team also continues to offer family friendly and creative worship online with Party Church continuing on our Facebook Page on the first Sunday of each month.

When we surveyed our congregation to find out the impact of online worship, we found that 83% of respondents had joined a service online and 82% of people felt that being able to gather with others online made a difference to their faith and spiritual life during lockdown. Nearly half of those who responded that joined in online worship had previously either not attended or only occasionally attended Church services. I think one of the comments from the survey gave us a good reminder: “The Church is people, not buildings”.

82% of people felt that being able to gather with others online made a difference to their faith and spiritual life during lockdown.

It has helped me to feel connected to others.

It has helped to give me a sense of God being with me during an unsettling time.

Over 45% were occasional or non-attenders at a church.

“Live-streaming of prayers through “lockdown” has been extremely valuable to me and my husband. A wonderful use of technology.”

“...the morning and evening services have been a great comfort to me during a very difficult time.”

Stour Downs Parish Online Services: November 2020

Date	Time	Service	
November 8 th Remembrance Sunday	9:30am	Online Parish Communion	<i>Live on Stour Downs Facebook page</i>
	10:30am	Remembrance Service	<i>Video Posted on Stour Downs Facebook page and Parish YouTube</i>
	10:50am	Act of Remembrance from Smeeth War Memorial	<i>Short Act of Remembrance with wreath laying & National Anthem</i>
	11am	Reading of Names at Sellindge Churchyard	<i>Wreaths can be laid in churchyard</i>
	6pm	Evening Prayer	<i>Live on Stour Downs Facebook page</i>
November 15 th	9:30am	Online Parish Communion	<i>Live on Stour Downs Facebook page</i>
	6pm	Evening Prayer	<i>Live on Stour Downs Facebook page</i>
November 22 nd	9:30am	Online Parish Communion	<i>Live on Stour Downs Facebook page</i>
	3pm	Stir Up Sunday Online	<i>Video Posted on Stour Downs Facebook page</i>
	6pm	Evening Prayer	<i>Live on Stour Downs Facebook page</i>
November 29 th	9:30am	Advent Parish Online Communion	<i>Live on Stour Downs Facebook page</i>
	6pm	Advent Evening Prayer	<i>Live on Stour Downs Facebook page</i>

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**