

# SELLINDGE VILLAGE NEWS

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### NOTICE OF POLL – MAY 6<sup>th</sup> 2021

#### **Police and Crime Commissioner for Kent Police Area Election.**

The Election will take place on Thursday May 6<sup>th</sup> 2021, polling between 7am and 10pm

The Polling Station is the Durling Hall (Sellindge Village Hall)

Candidates -	Graham Colley	Liberal Democrats
	Lola Oyewusi	Labour and Co-Operative
	Matthew Scott	Conservative

#### **Kent County Council Election for Elham Valley Division**

Sadly following the death of a candidate, the Election of a County Councillor for the Elham Valley Division has been postponed.

The Election will take place within 35 working days of the original poll date (which is May 6<sup>th</sup> 2021) – as set out by Electoral Law.



<b>MAR 8 STEP ONE A</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Schools re-open, childcare allowed</li> <li>One plus one social meetings outdoors</li> <li>One visitor to care home residents</li> <li>Stay at home stays in place</li> </ul>	<b>APR 12 STEP TWO</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Non-essential retail, personal care premises, hairdressers and nail salons, libraries, gyms, zoos and theme parks can reopen</li> <li>Pubs and restaurants can reopen outdoors. No need for substantial meal, no curfews</li> <li>Wider social distancing rules continue</li> <li>One household can stay at a cottage or holiday let</li> </ul>	<b>MAY 17 STEP THREE</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rule of Six will be dropped outdoors</li> <li>Two households can meet indoors</li> <li>Hotels, cinemas, soft play areas re-open</li> <li>1,000 people or half full permitted at indoor sports venues. Outdoor venues 4,000 people or half full. 10,000 allowed at Wembley</li> <li>International travel possible</li> <li>Review of social distancing</li> <li>Review of certificates for jabs, tests</li> </ul>	<b>JUN 21 STEP FOUR</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All legal limits on social contact to go</li> <li>Remaining hospitality re-open</li> <li>Restrictions on large events lifted</li> <li>Restrictions for weddings may still be in effect</li> </ul>
<b>MAR 29 STEP ONE B</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rule of Six</li> <li>Outdoor sports</li> <li>Stay Local</li> <li>Work from home where possible</li> <li>Still no overseas travel</li> </ul>			

## HI KENT

Due to Covid 19 the battery service for hearing aid users is not due to start yet. In the meantime if anyone needs batteries they can ring Mary Devine on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2021 between 2 and 4 pm on 01303 813 228 to arrange pickup.

## SELLINDGE PARISH COUNCIL

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### Office opening

Due to the new National 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 at Trust Cottages in Moorstock Lane, he puts them a patio chair outside his house, as does the Chairman who 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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Hi hope everyone is well and enjoying slightly more freedom. Things have been returning to normal at the shop. However you will still need to wear a face covering, and social distance.

You may have noticed that the barriers have now been moved back towards the road. We have been asked to do this by Kent Highways due to the danger of parking there and the Zebra Crossing. They have marked out points for barriers to be installed over the next couple of weeks.

Unfortunately we still have no news on the re-fit yet.

Thank you for your continued support with wearing face masks and social distancing.

We appreciate the thanks and understanding at these busy times.

Team Sellindge Co – Op

## **DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT – NORTH DOWNS WEST**

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

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### **Message of condolence from the Chairman of Folkestone & Hythe District Council on the death of His Royal Highness Prince Philip, the Duke of Edinburgh**

Chairman of Folkestone & Hythe District Council, Cllr Ann Berry said, “On behalf of the councillors and staff of Folkestone & Hythe District Council I would like to express our great sadness on hearing of the death of His Royal Highness Prince Philip, the Duke of Edinburgh. “Prince Philip influenced the lives of so many through his Duke of Edinburgh Awards scheme. We extend our deepest sympathies to Her Majesty The Queen and the Royal Family at this time.”

**Vaccination** - The vaccination programme continues to advance and over 87% of the top nine priority groups have been vaccinated with at least one dose. Our large vaccination centres will have limited appointments for first dose vaccinations this month: second doses will go ahead as planned. This is linked to national vaccine supply. It is a temporary position and appointments at all sites will increase again as soon as supply allows.

**Otterpool Park** – Please keep looking at the [www.otterpoolpark.org](http://www.otterpoolpark.org) website for up to date information.

The recent Webinar on Phase One with presentations by the project team and its consultants can be viewed now on the Website. The consultation period for phase one has been extended until 7 May and there is still the opportunity to complete the survey on the website.

**Community Hubs** - The way the district's three community hubs quickly swung into action to support Folkestone & Hythe residents during the COVID-19 pandemic has gained national recognition. The District Council, set up the Folkestone, Romney Marsh and Hythe hubs with three local organisations within hours of the first national lockdown being announced, and we were presented with a certificate of excellence in the [iESE Public Sector Transformation awards](#).

**Folkestone town centre** - Residents are being encouraged to get involved and have their say about the future of Folkestone town centre as part of Folkestone & Hythe District Council's Place Plan project.

A virtual webinar - the first public Place Plan event – was held on 19 April. The event was run by urbanism consultants ‘We Made That’ who have been appointed by the council to run the project. The webinar was recorded and is available to view on the Place Plan section of the council website

**Rough sleepers** – nine new privately rented accommodation units are about to open in central Folkestone. The privately rented accommodation in central Folkestone will have an on-site manager and also a support network to help the people living there to move to a more settled way of life. This is a project following collaboration between the District Council, Porchlight and the Rainbow Centre.

**Ship Street** – the District Council has bought the Ship Street site in Folkestone (former gas works site) and it will be developed for housing in a joint project with the Creative Quarter. The Council’s housing stock is due to be carbon neutral by 2030.

**M20 Moveable Barrier** - Highways England are de-activating the Brock contraflow – which includes the moveable barrier between junctions 8 (for Maidstone) and 9 (at Ashford) – on Saturday 24 April. The moveable barrier will remain along the side of the M20 for when the contraflow is needed again to help with any future cross-channel disruption. Once the contraflow has been deactivated the M20 will return to three full width lanes at the national speed limit in both directions.

**KCC and PCC elections 6 May** - Please note the KCC election for the Elham Valley Division has been cancelled due to the death of a candidate in accordance with electoral law. A new election will take place within 35 days of 6 May. **The PCC election will take place as planned on 6 May.**





## SELLINDGE FOOTBALL CLUB

Home ground, Sellindge Sports & Social Club, Swan Lane.

### Sellindge under 13's team (Saturday's).

May 8<sup>th</sup> Home game against Biddenden Juniors U13's – Kick off at 10am.

The U13 team have training every Wednesday evening from 5pm to 6.30pm – **THE U13 TEAM NEEDS MORE PLAYERS.**



**Sellindge FC U13's**  
**NEW PLAYERS NEEDED**

Are you currently in year 7 or 8 and either looking for a team or in a team but not getting enough playing time - then we need you!

Our current team is very small and struggling to field the 11 players needed on a Saturday.

A bit about us - we are a newly established mixed team  
Our home ground is at Sellindge Sports and Social Club, we have the coaches, we have the kit, we have the ground, we have all the equipment - we just need the players to make what is a fantastic little team even greater!

For more info please phone Graeme on 07772037995 or message us via our Facebook page: [Sellindge FC Under 13's](#)

Thanks for your on-going support / promotion of the Sellindge Tennis Club. With all your help we've gone from 38 members last year to 98, 15 days into our new membership year. We think we can go to 120/130 before we reach capacity which is super news and easily achievable since we've got a whole year to ensure we are able to realise this.

We've tripled our kids coaching intake in the last month with more days on offer for children's coaching and now have a new, exciting opportunity with the support of Nick Skelton + our LTA partners.

Our focus now is in further improving the customer experience at our club with more socials, events and improved standards of facilities which will I'm sure help to retain our members into next year too.

### FANTASTIC NEW YOUTH START OFFER:

Who's ready to Level Up at [Sellindge Tennis Club](#)

LTA Youth Start is for kids aged 4-11 years who are new to tennis. Advantage Tennis will help teach kids new life skills, developing them as both players and people:

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### SELLINDGE SPORTS and SOCIAL CLUB

WE are currently open Wed to Sun. opening hours vary, please check FB or call the club for times

Thursday night is Pizza Night

Friday night is Fish and Chips

Our Club Roast Dinner is back on Sunday which is also available for delivery £8 or £5 for child

Hoping to reopen indoors from May 17th



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## THE STOUR DOWNS PARISH – SELLINDGE

Writing a letter for the month ahead can often be quite a task as one considers where we will be in the year when it is published and read – and none the more so in these times when it is incredibly hard to know what the immediate future holds, and whether by then we will be continuing to “unlock” or battening the hatches against the “third wave” that is appearing on the continent when setting pen to paper (or fingers to keys). Added to this, in order to meet the copy deadline which falls during some post-Easter leave, I am having to look *very* far ahead!

I am one of those people who likes to plan ahead, even if these plans need to be adapted by the reality of life when we get there. The realities of 2020-2021 have been quite a challenge in this respect. It is often said, you can make God laugh by telling him your plans. The Bible has many stories of people discovering their plans, and God’s for them, were often on very different trajectories. If you remember Jonah (of whale fame), he tried to run as far in the opposite direction as to where God planned for him to be. A reality of this past year or so has been to learn to adapt to life being turned on its head and having little control over many things. In all the waves we have had to ride, it might often be asked, where is God in all this? This poem by Daphne Kitching called “life” I feel is a good reminder and reflection of God being present with us in the very different stuff of life as we journey through these strange times.

### *Life*

Life is not always fair, or kind.  
Life batters,  
People betray us, let us down,  
Even those we trusted with our hearts and health,  
Landscapes change,  
Things we knew and understood  
Are tossed in the air  
To come down damaged and different.  
It all seems too hard,  
Too hard to bear.  
And it isn’t fair.

What then?  
Give up, turn back,  
Collapse and concentrate on the disintegration?  
Or with Peter, look up and say,  
“Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of eternal life.  
We believe and know that  
You are the Holy One of God”

Life is not always fair, or kind.  
That’s why Jesus came.

God bless,

*Chris*

## Stour Downs Parish Services: May 2021

Date	Time	Church	Service	Available on Facebook Page and by Phone
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> May</b>	9:30am	Smeeth	Parish Communion	✓
	10am	Brabourne	Story, Praise, Celebrate	
	11am	Mersham	Story, Song & Celebrate	
	From 3pm	Online	Party Church	✓ (video posted to Facebook)
<b>9<sup>th</sup> May</b>	9:30am	Mersham	Parish Communion	✓
	11am	Brabourne	Holy Communion	
	11am	Smeeth	Story, Song & Celebrate	
<b>16<sup>th</sup> May</b>	9:30am	Smeeth	Parish Communion	✓
	11am	Stowting	Story, Song & Celebrate	
<b>23<sup>rd</sup> May</b>	9:30am	Mersham	Parish Communion	✓
<b>30<sup>th</sup> May</b>	8am	Stowting	BCP Communion	
	9:30am	Sellindge	Trinity Sunday Parish Communion	✓

*Please note, services may have to be revised in light of any changes in Government Covid-19 restrictions.*



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

## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM FOR **2021**

<b>MEMBER 1</b> (must be 16 or over) Surname: First Name: D.O.B.:	<b>MEMBER 2</b> (must be 16 or over) Surname: First Name: D.O.B.:
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*Note: Only persons aged 16 and above may be admitted to Membership. Under 16s may attend the Club at the sole discretion of the Committee, provided that a parent / guardian is a Club Member.  
 Please provide the name/s of any Under 16s in the section below and their team / club (e.g. junior football / youth club etc):*

<i>Under 16 Name 1:</i> <i>U16 Team / Club Name:</i>	<i>Under 16 Name 2:</i> <i>U16 Team / Club Name:</i>
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Member 1 and 2 Address:

Tel. No.	Tel. No.
Mobile No.	Mobile No.

**E-Mail Address: MEMBER 1:**

**E-Mail Address: MEMBER 2:**

*Note – We would like to use your email address and contact numbers to provide you with information on forthcoming Club events. If you prefer not to then opt-out by ticking this box.....* ☐

Please tick all the Club(s) you wish to join:		
	MEMBER 1	MEMBER 2
Social		
Bowls		
Cricket		
Football – Youth		
Football – Sunday <sup>1</sup>		
<i>1. Please provide Sunday Football Team Name here:</i>		
Tennis		
Bingo		
Whist		
Crafts		

Please tick the type of membership applied for:		
Single	£5	
Joint	£10	
Junior (16 – 17)	£5	
Under 16 (Please provide any name/s above)	Need parent / guardian to be Club member	
Life Member	£250	

I/We hereby apply for membership of the Club. I/We agree to abide by the Rules of the Club. I/We acknowledge the charge of 50 pence per guest per visit per non-member who accompany me/us, and will ensure to sign in any such guest in the Club's guest book. I/We understand the details supplied on this form will be stored in a data retrieval system and used solely for Club administration. The information will not be used for any other purpose or divulged to any other organisation or unauthorised persons. I/We will notify the Club of any change to my/our name or address. Please note information about all forthcoming events are on the Club's website: [www.sellindgeclub.co.uk](http://www.sellindgeclub.co.uk) or [facebook.com/sellindgeclub](https://facebook.com/sellindgeclub)

Signed by <b>MEMBER 1</b>	Date:
Signed by <b>MEMBER 2</b>	Date:

Once your application is approved a Membership Card will be issued and left for you to collect at the Club bar.

<b>FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY</b>		<i>Membership Approved</i>		<i>List Updated</i>	
<i>Card Prepared</i>		<i>Membership No.</i>		<i>Left at bar</i>	
				<i>Given to personally</i>	