

# SELLINDGE VILLAGE NEWS

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### 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 had been postponed. A new date for the election is below.

#### ELECTION OF A KENT COUNTY COUNCILLOR ELHAM VALLEY DIVISION

Candidates –	Carey Susan	Conservative Party
	Cowan Gordon	Labour Party
	Egerton Joe	Independent
	Wade Douglas	Green Party

**POLLING WILL TAKE PLACE ON THURSDAY JUNE 17<sup>th</sup> 2021 7am to 10pm**  
**POLLING STATION IS SELLINDGE VILLAGE HALL (DURLING HALL)**

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### SELLINDGE SPORTS and SOCIAL CLUB - OPEN DAY 11th JULY FROM 11am

Sellindge Sports and Social club will be holding an open day for all villages to come along and see what goes on at the club. We will be having fun events and demonstrations to join in from our sports teams, Tennis, Football and Bowls who are always looking for new village members. We are having some work done on the play area at the moment but that should be all open again for the day so it will be great if you could bring the family for some fun and a **FREE BBQ**.

### KCC HIGHWAYS – from Monday June 14<sup>th</sup> 2021

Are planning to ‘Micro – Asphalt’ the A20 between Bockham Lane (the Lane to Brook and Wye down near to junction 10a) and the 40mph signs at our

Village Gateway.

They are hoping to start on Monday June 14<sup>th</sup> and should take around 8 days.

**There will be traffic management in place and a 20 mph speed limit.**

**The hours of work – 9.30am to 3.30pm**

This type of work may be affected by bad weather.

#### THE FINAL STEP

What must be on most people’s minds, will the final step happen as planned, its wait and see.



**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 8<sup>th</sup> June 2021 between 2 and 4 pm on 01303 813 228 to arrange pickup.

## **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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**Waste Collection** – All the crews are doing rounds that are brand new to them, so there is a high probability that some of the particular nuances of any given location are not known / overlooked by the person visiting the place for the first time (and this includes new properties and some side roads) which unfortunately occurred in Sellindge. This familiarity is increased by repeatedly completing the rounds, and this will obviously increase over time. We also know that recycling tonnages from households are currently high (especially with cardboard packaging), and this has put additional pressure on the recycling collection crews' ability to complete the scheduled work. Also there was an issue at the Ashford food waste transfer centre which delayed turn round of lorries by 40 mins or more. I raised the problems experienced here with our Chief Executive and a Veolia Manager visited Sellindge and did knock on some doors and speak to residents. The Council and Veolia apologise for the inconvenience caused and if there are any further issues please let me know.

**Vaccination update** – vaccine is currently being given to people who are aged 33 or over – you need to book at <https://www.nhs.uk/.../book-coronavirus-vaccination> - you should book your second appointment at the same time as booking the first. Vulnerable persons and other cohorts continue to be called by the NHS for their vaccination.

**Specialist day care for those living with dementia** – AGE UK Hythe & Lyminge unit in Lyminge has been designed with dementia in mind. A day at the centre will include a variety of activities, specific to the needs of those living with dementia. Providing a supportive environment which focuses on enabling people to make the most of each day. Open 3 days a week on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, the flexible service offers full or half day sessions, please contact 01303 269 602 or email [sm@ageukhl.org.uk](mailto:sm@ageukhl.org.uk) for further information. A two course freshly prepared lunch will be provided with tea or coffee throughout the day. The charity shop is now open Mon-Fri 9-3 pm and Sat mornings.

**National Leisure Recovery Fund** – Following a successful bid by the District Council, the Marsh Academy Sports Centre in New Romney and Three Hills Sports Park in Folkestone were awarded financial support totalling £90,000.

**Beach Huts** – The regeneration project has seen 35 of the original structures retained and refurbished – together with the installation of 80 new wooden ones, in both large and smaller sizes. All previous tenants were given the opportunity to have a beach hut in the same location as the one previously leased to them. The remaining huts were then allocated – in date order – to those on the waiting list. As previously reported, the colourful Beach Huts will form part of the Folkestone Triennial.

**District Council Meetings** – All Official Council Meetings will now take place in the Council Chamber. Councillors are asked to wear face masks and to take a lateral flow test before meetings. Only six members of the public will be allowed in the public gallery so members of the public are urged to continue to watch meetings online.

**Scrap Metal Waste Carriers** – Anyone removing waste, including scrap metal, tyres and building materials from properties across the District must ensure they are licensed to do so. Forty-five drivers of waste carriers were stopped at road checks in Folkestone last month in a joint operation with the Police.

**Folkestone Town Centre** – On 10 June there is a further webinar to discuss the development of the ideas and actions for the draft Place Plan. The Place Plan will set clear 'missions' and propose specific actions to help shape the future of Folkestone's Town Centre. The virtual webinar will include a presentation and opportunities to feed back on the emerging proposals that have been informed by the research and engagement process so far

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/155969207097>

**Meetings** – I was pleased to join Sellindge Parish Council's first face to face Meeting since the lockdown.

**KCC Elham Valley Election** – Please note the KCC election for the Elham Valley Division, which was cancelled due to the death of a candidate, will now take place on 17 June 2021.

**PCC Election** – Matthew Scott was re-elected as the Police & Crime Commissioner as follows

Candidate	Description (if any)	Number of votes cast
COLLEY Graham David	Liberal Democrats	4795
OYEWUSI Lola	Labour and Co-operative Party	6559
<b>SCOTT Matthew Richard</b>	<b>The Conservative Party Candidate</b>	<b>15795</b>

Turnout: 32%

## **SELLINDGE PARISH COUNCIL**

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### **Office opening**

Due to the current Covid-19 restrictions 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 on 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.

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

We are now back to open 7 days a week, week days from 3pm and weekends from 9am

We serve food and drink daily and do still have the option to takeaway and delivery

Sunday roasts are continuing to be delivered.

Waiting to hear on Covid-19 restrictions being lifted, we have many exciting things coming up over the summer.

Our first Boot Fair is on Saturday July 17<sup>th</sup> with further dates on the Face Book page.

The function room is being hired out with dates being booked very quickly, so if you are planning a party etc.

Please get in touch soon with your dates.



#### **SELLINDGE FOOTBALL CLUB**

The U13 team have training every Wednesday evening from 5pm to 6.30pm

– **THE U13 TEAM NEEDS MORE PLAYERS.**



### **STOUR DOWNS PARISH**

I think I have mentioned the natural environment and enjoying the beauty of the countryside and the signs of the changing seasons around us on several occasions in the past year.

As many of us have sought to boost our wellbeing in walking or being outdoors a bit more, the beauty of creation has become something we may have taken more notice of.

As a Christian, when I enjoy the wonders of creation I am in awe of the Creator God who I believe is behind all these amazing things. Christians are also called to live our lives in a way that demonstrates responsibility for the care of creation. Here in the Stour Downs Parish, we are working towards becoming an Eco Church. Our churchyards are often places where people can enjoy a quiet moment contemplating or admiring the nature that grows in and inhabits them. It is often a place where artists find much inspiration and photographers capture wonderful images.

I feel very much that the creative God that Christians worship and the abundance of creativity and enjoyment inspired by the churchyards of our churches connect these, along with the ancient buildings (often adorned with wonderful images and artefacts in glass, wood and stone), with the visual arts.

The Stour Downs PCC are working on a long-term project to develop one of our church buildings as a centre for visual arts for the community (both locally and for visitors from further afield). St Mary's at Sellindge has been designated a Festival Church, where it is used for worship at times of festivals in the year. A first stage in this project is to host a series of art exhibitions, talks and workshops as part of South East Open Studios, organised for us by a local artist. These will take place in June. Look out for further details to via our parish Facebook page and website, and also flyers to be distributed. The work in the exhibition offers an opportunity to reflect on our impact on creation. Workshops will also take place outdoors in the churchyard environment.

If you have a quiet moment, do wander around the churches and churchyards of our local community and enjoy an opportunity to reflect, wonder and admire.

God bless

*Chris*

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## INTRODUCING SUSAN MANNERS

Hello, my name is Susan Manners, and I will be joining Stour Downs parish as your curate in July. I am really excited



to be joining you and joining in with what God is doing there. I'm not moving very far as I currently live in Ashford where I have lived for the last twelve years. I share my house with my flatmate Shareen who will be moving to Mersham with me.

I grew up in Wells in Somerset as part of the local church where I was involved in Sunday School, the choir, youth groups and as a server. I've been told I was the first female crucifer in the diocese, but I have no idea if that is really true. Even then I loved being involved in the eucharist. At school, in the sixth form I was a member of the 'God Squad' which was a combination of youth group and organising committee for the school chapel. It was there that I got the opportunity to lead for the first time.

Having been confirmed when I was thirteen it was when I went with my church youth group to see Billy Graham in Bristol that I really started to understand that faith was about my own personal relationship with God and that Jesus death on the cross was for me.

Unfortunately, when I went to University, I sort of drifted away from church. I found the Christian Union very alien to my faith and I think that put me off. So, for 10 years I went to church with grandparents and at Christmas and Easter but that was about it.

I had taken a year off before University and spent it in France teaching English to primary school children and I

then trained as a primary school teacher. However, the working abroad bug had well and truly bitten and after one year in teaching I went to Italy to teach English. I was only going for a year but came back four countries and fourteen years later. During that time, I worked as a freelancer and then for a variety of schools in Lithuania, Malaysia and ended up in Spain running the Barcelona Young Learner's Centre for the British Council.

While living in Malaysia a friend nagged me to go to church with him. Eventually I agreed on the understanding that if I didn't like it he would leave me alone! It was very different from my Church of England upbringing – I'd never met a forty-five-minute sermon before! I felt that the preacher was speaking specifically to me and into my life. While I was there, I joined in with every course I could and learnt as much as I could. I was hungry to get an adult perspective on my faith. I knew God was calling me to something then. At my church in Barcelona, I taught Sunday School.

When I returned to the UK, I worked at a language school and Learn Direct centre in Folkestone and then running English Language programmes for a number of outdoor education centres around the UK based in Ashford.

It took me a while to settle in a church but once I did, I found that I thrived and realised that I couldn't ignore God's call on my life any longer. I was church warden during an interregnum and while it was a very steep learning curve, I think that was what finally made me start the discernment process. It has taken me a while to get here but all the way I have found God gently nudging me and providing for me. I started my training and six months in I was made redundant. I was worried about how I would cope but I quickly realised what a blessing it was. The redundancy money gave me just enough to live on to complete my training and the diocese and college let me go full time. God has provided for me through this time in an amazing way.

I love going for walks and taking landscape photographs and during lockdown I started to learn to bake at a very basic level. I also enjoy cricket – watching rather than playing – I leave the playing to Shareen.

I am really excited to take the next step as I am ordained deacon on 3<sup>rd</sup> July and ask for your prayers.

I look forward to meeting and getting to know you all.

# Stour Downs Teddy Bears Picnic

**PLEASE  
BOOK BY  
WEDNESDAY  
16TH JUNE**

**Saturday 19th June  
£8**

**Book now via the Stour  
Downs Facebook Page**

includes a Picnic Box filled with  
delicious treats including  
sandwiches, scones and a  
selection of cakes plus an  
afternoon of entertainment you  
can enjoy from home via Zoom.

