

# SELLINDGE VILLAGE NEWS

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### SELLINDGE under 14 FOOTBALL TEAM

The team kick off the 2021/2022 season with a new sponsor.

They start the season with a home game against Cheriton United U14, with the kick off at 10am, so do come down to the Sellindge Sports and Social Club and cheer them on.

The U14 team have training every Wednesday evening from 5pm to 6.30pm



11/09/21 10:00	Sellindge Sports & Social Club U14		VS		Cheriton United U14	Sellindge Sports & Social Club, TN25 6HB
18/09/21 10:00	Biddenden U14		VS		Sellindge Sports & Social Club U14	The Gordon Jones Playing Fields, TN27 8BB
25/09/21 10:00	Sellindge Sports & Social Club U14		VS		Bromley Green Sports Club U14 UTILITAS	Sellindge Sports & Social Club, TN25 6HB
02/10/21 10:00	Headcorn Juniors U14 Hurricanes		VS		Sellindge Sports & Social Club U14	Grigg Lane, TN27 9LU #1

### SELLINDGE VILLAGE HALL – Registered Charity 302 833

Have you recently moved into the village? Would you like to join in and met people?

Then we may have just the job for you.

Unfortunately, there is no pay, but Sellindge Village Hall is the Sellindge War Memorial Hall and we are need of new people with new ideas to help us run it for the benefit of the residents of Sellindge, as a Trustee of the Sellindge War Memorial Hall.

If you feel that you can contribute to this venture then please contact the Chairman, Maureen Stanley on 01303 813 250, for more information.



# Sellindge Village Hall Regular Events

## **MONDAY**

**YOUNG AT HEART** (Over 50's exercise) 11.15 – 12.00 07565 182 259.

[Janice.klemer@gmail.com](mailto:Janice.klemer@gmail.com)

**RAINBOWS** – 4.00pm – 5.00pm Main Hall - 01303 812 297 (Term time)

**BROWNIES** - 5.15 - 6.45pm Main Hall - 01303 812 297 (Term time)

**LINE DANCING** – 7.30pm – 9.00pm Main Hall – 07753 274 913

## **TUESDAY**

**LINE DANCING** 6pm – 7pm Main Hall – 07989 210 449

**PARISH COUNCIL** 2nd Tuesday of the month at 6.30pm Durling Hall –  
Chair 07710 260 751, Clerk 01303 813 271

## **WEDNESDAY**

**KARATE** 4.30 – 5.30pm Main Hall

**BEES BODS** (Dance exercise) – 5.45pm – 6.45pm Main Hall - 01303 813 274

**AEROBIC BODY BLAST** - 7.00 - 8.00pm Main Hall - 01233 820 109

**ANGEL CENTRE** - 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month 7.30 – 9.30pm Durling Hall

## **THURSDAY**

**STOMA SUPPORT GROUP** Last Thursday of the month 2 – 4pm

**TAEKWONDO** - Various classes from 5.15pm Main Hall 01303 814 635

**LINE DANCING** –10.30am to 11.30am Main Hall – 01303 813 098

**LINE DANCING** –12.00pm to 1.00pm Main Hall – 01303 813 161

## **FRIDAY**

**GARDENERS** - 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the month 2pm Durling Hall

**CUBS** - 6 -7.30pm, **BEAVERS** - 6.00-7.00pm,**SCOUTS** - 7.30-9.00pm,

**EXPLORERS** 7.30—9.00pm. 01303 813 250. [1stsellindgesg@gmail.com](mailto:1stsellindgesg@gmail.com)

## **SUNDAY**

**BLOOMING YOGA** 6.30pm Main Hall

## SELLINDGE PARISH COUNCIL

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Your Parish Council met in August where it was agreed that a dog poo bag dispenser would be purchased and placed on the village Green, to try and improve the collection rate of dog mess.

Please ensure that if you walk your dog on the Green, do collect their deposits.

It was agreed that the Newsletter will to remain on line, as an electronic edition; however, if you know people that do not have access to a computer and would like to receive a paper copy please, ask them to send their name and address to the Parish Council office so that we can arrange to have one delivered to them.

### Village Green

It is expected that the hand over to the Parish Council will be later this month, but there are still some legal issues that need to be completed before this takes place. As your Clerk, I have inspected various items on the green so that any items are repaired, and any trees that have died, are replanted; once this has all be completed, then the handover will take place.

Although this does depend on the speed of solicitors signing off the forms. So watch this space.



The end of year accounts has been sent to the External Auditors, however we still await their reply and report, this will be posted on the website once received.

The next meeting will be on 14<sup>th</sup> September at 6.30pm in the Durling Hall.

From your Parish Council Clerk

Linda Hedley

### 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 260 751.

These can also be collected from the office.

**Also now available from the Dog Poo Bag dispenser which is located at the entrance to the Village Green.**



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## **SELLINDGE WALKING GROUP**

Sellindge Walking Group is now back up and running again. We meet at the Village Hall on a Tuesday morning at approximately 10.20 and set off at 10.30. We walk for 1 and 1/2 hours around the village using local footpaths. This does involve crossing fields and climbing over stiles so appropriate footwear is advisable. We are no longer part of the NHS Walking for Health Scheme just a group of locals who enjoy walking. Everyone walks at their own risk.

## **ASHFORD STOMA SUPPORT GROUP**

Ashford Stoma Support Group will be meeting in Sellindge Village Hall on Thursday September 30<sup>th</sup> from 2pm to 4pm.

The Group will then be meeting on the last Thursday of the month.

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

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## **Kerbside Waste Collection –**

We are sorry the problems with the kerbside waste collections have continued across the district.

The number of staff needing to self-isolate (the ‘pingdemic’) as well as the continued shortage of HGV drivers have been the latest issues. The District Council has therefore (reluctantly) agreed with its contractor Veolia that the garden waste service (brown top bin) is suspended and all resources are concentrated on the core services – food waste, recycling (purple top bin and black box for paper/card) and the residual waste (green top bin). You can either report a missed bin to Veolia from 10am - 4pm Monday to Friday on 0203 567 2468 or on [www.folkestone-hythe.gov.uk/](http://www.folkestone-hythe.gov.uk/)

We are also taking up any problems reported to us with the senior managers at the District Council.

## **Climate Change focus –**

Work has been ongoing with a series of measures to help protect the environment both now and in the future - including a commitment to hit a net-zero carbon emissions target by 2030. See [Climate Change and Ecological Emergency briefing note - Folkestone & Hythe District Council \(folkestone-hythe.gov.uk\)](#)

## **Employer Recognition Scheme (ERS) Gold Award –**

We’re pleased to report that the District Council has received a Gold Award in recognition of its work with the Armed Forces community. This is the highest standard of award from the Ministry of Defence to organisations and covers work done with veterans, military families, reservists and serving personnel. Jenny has particular responsibility for this area of the council’s work and says: “We’re very proud of our military heritage and this gold award represents the work we do to honour the sacrifices made by those who serve the country.”

## **New Leisure Centre at Princes Parade –**

There will now be a Public Enquiry into the proposed changes to the road at Princes Parade in Hythe which forms part of the plans for the new Leisure Centre, homes and public spaces for our district. Meanwhile the ITT (Invitation to Tender) document was issued for the running of the Leisure Centre so the tender process for this part of the project is not delayed.

Locally Jenny attended the Parish Council meeting on 10 August and has taken up concerns from residents about speeding traffic with Kent Police who have responded by sending out PCSOs. The District Council has been restoring the parking restriction signs for HGVs and sending out staff to issue penalty tickets.

## **Susan Carey and Jenny Hollingsbee**

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

In response to requests from the village, I requested Kent Highways increase the number of signs for the Inland Border Facility and asked them to have Highways England do the same on the motorway. I hope by the time the newsletter appears these will be in place. I'm following up on some other Highways issues as well. In the first instance it's always best to contact Kent Highways either online at [www.kent.gov.uk](http://www.kent.gov.uk) or on 03000 41 81 81 in normal office hours or 03000 41 91 91 for emergencies outside office hours. They should always give you a reference number which makes following (and chasing) progress much easier.

There are two KCC consultations under way right now.

The first is the annual consultation on the budget. The effects of Covid have reduced council tax revenue whilst costs of supporting residents, especially the most vulnerable, increased significantly. The Government provided generous funding during the pandemic but we cannot rely on emergency funding as a long-term plan. We want to set a 5-year plan for the council's finances and are asking for Kent's residents to give us their views on spending priorities.

To take part, visit [www.kent.gov.uk/budget](http://www.kent.gov.uk/budget) by 19 September.

The other consultation is whether to keep the booking system for the Household Waste Recycling Centres. You'll find this at [www.kent.gov.uk/wasteconsultation](http://www.kent.gov.uk/wasteconsultation) till 30 September.

KCC introduced a booking system for our Household Waste Recycling Centres in May 2020 so that the numbers visiting at any one time could be limited to ensure social distancing. Over the last year the system has been enhanced and our surveys have found support for keeping the booking system permanently. Bookings for all 18 of KCC's HWRCs can be made online (24/7) or by phone at 03000 41 73 73 (in normal office hours). Slots are available every half hour which ensures queues are minimal. Bookings can be made for the next day and up to a month in advance (we're working towards same day bookings) and can be cancelled or amended. There are no limits on the number of bookings that can be made.

The current problems with kerbside waste collections and the suspension of the garden waste service by Folkestone & Hythe District Council have increased demand at the HWRCs but the booking system has ensured there is never a long queue and you can be sure of getting access within your chosen half hour slot. The UK is hosting the UN Climate Change Conference between 31 October and 12 November so there's more in the news than ever on the environment. KCC has been involved in projects to reduce our carbon emissions for many years with projects such as switching all 124,000 of our streetlights to LED (Light Emitting Diodes). Since 2010 we've cut our carbon emissions by 57% and reduced our energy costs. Projects that are currently under way will reduce our energy use by another 40% by March 2022 so we're making rapid progress towards our target of Net Zero by 2030.

Our projects include more solar panels on roofs, better insulation, replacing boilers with air source or ground source heat pumps and more LED lights (lit bollards and illuminated signs on our roads). They're the sort of thing that other organisations, businesses and individuals can do.

Our 'Kent Green Action' campaign has advice on sustainable living and grants. See [www.kent.gov.uk](http://www.kent.gov.uk)

Susan Carey Member for Elham Valley Kent County Council

## **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.

Our Next Boot Fair is on Saturday September 18<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.

## STOUR DOWNS PARISH

Vicar's letter – September 2021

When I sit down to write a letter for the parish each month, often I look back to see my pondering in the same month of the previous year. The theme for September 2020 was finding peace in the “deserted places” and holding on to that peace as we journeyed ahead in to – what we thought- might be a new season ahead. Little did we know the further lockdowns that lay ahead. This September, thankfully, is somewhat different, and we are in a different place.

A new season lies ahead, and I have always enjoyed the change from the height of summer into September and the gentle move towards autumn. For many, this is a season of change in itself: for young people there is transition to new schools, year groups or into further education (and we mark this in our Blessing of the Backpacks on 5<sup>th</sup> September – look out for details); around us the fields have been harvested and look very different (and we celebrate that too in many ways across the parish- look out for details); perhaps there is the opportunity to grab a late summer getaway once the children are back to school for those not tied to school holidays.

One of the prayers used often in our daily prayers since the pandemic began has been:

*‘Be present, O merciful God, and protect us...*

*so that we who are wearied by the changes and chances of this fleeting world,*

*may rest upon your eternal changelessness.’*

There has been certainly a plethora of changes we have had to journey through in recent times, adjusting to life that has been wearying to say the least, with so many changes to how we live our life. Faith for many has been an anchor in these storms. Worshippers may have had to adapt how we worship and connect together, but we have been able to find ways to be present with God.

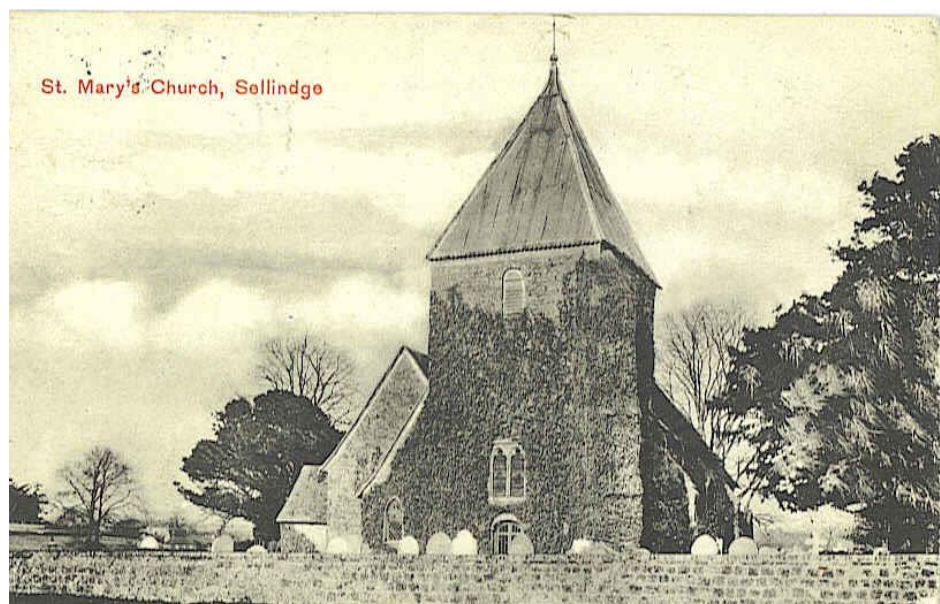
When I go into a church building, I am struck by what I feel is the embodiment of resting upon God's eternal changeless, knowing that this building has been a place of prayer, hope and praise for centuries, a place that reaches out to know God more and to know his protection, peace and help in times of distress and uncertainty. For me, it is as if the peaceful and historic building captures this very prayer, a place to rest in God. Similarly, it might be the outdoors that does this for you- a harvested field bathed in the golden hues of a late summer sunset perhaps?

A place that speaks of a creator behind the wonders of the natural world and its rhythms.

As we journey into a new season and take a new breath in the rhythm of the year, with whatever changes come at this time and in the times ahead, we may rest and find our anchor in this ‘eternal changelessness’ of God – a place to rest.

God Bless

*Chris*



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