

# SELLINDGE VILLAGE NEWS

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### COFFEE & COMPANY

Coffee & Company (formally Coffee n Chat), are reopening the doors on Tuesday's 9-1pm. The first one will be held on 28th September in the Village Hall.

We shall be combining our opening with a Coffee Morning for Macmillan Cancer Support. Please come along for a coffee or tea and a slice of cake, but most of all a chat with friends and neighbours of the local community.

Thank you all for supporting our Macmillan coffee morning on Tuesday. We raised an amazing amount of £217.53 for this brilliant charity for a few slices of cake and over 70 teas and coffees. Wonderful. Please visit us again, its so good to meet new and old friends.

We shall be open again on Tuesday at Sellindge village hall. 9am till 1pm.

Not a charity event this time but if you're lucky I might make a cake or two

### WRITING CLASS AT SELLINDGE VILLAGE HALL

I am hoping to start a Creative Writing Class in the village hall on Wednesday 6th of October. This will be over two hours and cost £5. It will begin at 2pm.

Having taught English for many years, I decided to develop my own writing when I retired and joined various groups. Reading or listening to other writers pieces and testing out my own on them, I found very enjoyable and stimulating.

We all have a story to tell, whether it is fact or fiction.

The classes will be in no way competitive; the aim is to develop your own style and build confidence.

All levels of experience welcome. All you will need is a pen and some paper.

If you are interested please contact me at [janetmwood@outlook.com](mailto:janetmwood@outlook.com)



### AUTUMN PLANTING AT THE JUBILEE GARDENS



### FOLKESTONE & HYTHE DISTRICT CORE STRATEGY REVIEW – FINAL CONSULTATION

**Consultation period** The consultation on the Main Modifications, Sustainability Appraisal and Habitats Regulations Assessment runs for a period of six weeks between 1<sup>st</sup> October 2021 until 5.00pm on 15<sup>th</sup> November 2021.

#### Availability of documents

Above documents are available to view online at <https://www.folkestone-hythe.gov.uk/Core-strategy-review-2020>

Alternatively, hard copies of the consultation documents are available to view at all local libraries within the district and at the Council offices in Folkestone during normal opening hours.

#### How to comment *Please note you can only vote on the modifications*

Please use one representation form for each Main Modification you wish to comment on.

Representations can be made online by following the link to the council's website or by completing the representation form which is available to download at <https://www.folkestone-hythe.gov.uk/Core-strategy-review-2020>

Representation forms should be returned to the Strategy, Policy and Performance Team by emailing [planning.policy@folkestone-hythe.gov.uk](mailto:planning.policy@folkestone-hythe.gov.uk) ; or by post to Strategy, Policy and Performance, Folkestone & Hythe District Council, Castle Hill Avenue, Folkestone, Kent, CT20 2QY

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## **SELLINDGE PARISH COUNCIL**

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The next meeting will be on 12<sup>th</sup> October at 6.30pm in the Durling Hall.

**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 them 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.



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

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The garden waste subscription service was due to start at the end of September. The District Council has been assured by Veolia that they have enough staff to deliver a reliable service but should there be problems please report them both to the District Council and us.

The District Council is finding homes in the private rented sector for five families from Afghanistan. The District Council and its partners will also provide support for families to begin their new lives in the UK. This won't affect our social housing waiting list, work to help local people to find housing also continues.

The Government has announced that Napier Barracks will continue to house adults seeking asylum in the UK until September 2025. The District Council has not had any role in this decision as the Government used special planning regulations to extend the use on a temporary basis for another four years. We have not changed our initial view that Napier Barracks is not the right place either for the men placed here or the nearby community.

Residents and businesses are being asked for their views on a new licensing policy for the district. The Government requires that we update the policy every 5 years so the new policy will be in place till 2026. Whilst every application is determined on its own merits, the overall policy provides the framework for evaluating the applications and guidelines for opening hours. The consultation is on the District Council website and runs until 27 October.

We're pleased to report that the breach of Consumer Standards notice, issued by the Government's Regulator of Social Housing in September 2019 has been lifted. This reflects the considerable progress made in our service to our social housing tenants since the service was brought back in-house in October 2020 from the joint arrangement we had with East Kent housing (an arms-length management organisation with the social housing of Folkestone & Hythe, Canterbury, Dover and Thanet Councils).

The very final stage of the Core Strategy consultation process for the policy that lays out where homes, businesses and leisure facilities may be built is about to be reached. Once the District Council cabinet agree the changes made by the Independent Planning Inspector, the document will go out for a final round of public consultation. (At this stage it is only the changes that are open for consultation, not the whole document.) The Core Strategy will guide development in our district until 2036/37 (unless the Government makes major changes to the planning system). As well as being a legal obligation, the Core Strategy provides clarity for everyone on where development may take place and where not. Districts without such protection have found developers able to win appeals to the Planning Inspectorate for building wherever they choose.

Several people contacted us about the application (20/2024FH) for a Truck wash in Lympe industrial park to become a lorry park instead. Your Parish Council objected and the application went before the Planning Committee on 24 August where Susan was substituting for Jenny. Susan spoke against approval but was the only Councillor on this cross party committee who voted against approval. All bookings at the lorry park must be made in advance and drivers told to access Lympe Park via Junction 11 not via Sellindge.

We both attended Sellindge Parish Council meeting on 14 September and Jenny visited the Tennis Fundraising 24 hour marathon on 12 September, had a tour of the new Primary School building on 17 September and helped direct traffic at the Boot Fair on 18 September.

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

KCC is holding public consultation on KCC's Adult Social Care Strategy. Adult Social Care takes the largest share of your council tax payment so even if you or a family member do not receive care you are still affected by the way this service is delivered so do take a moment to read the consultation and respond by 24 October at [www.letstalk.kent.gov.uk/adult-social-care-strategy](http://www.letstalk.kent.gov.uk/adult-social-care-strategy)

It's not yet clear how the Government's proposed changes to how social care is funded will affect KCC although like all other employers we will be paying extra National Insurance contributions. Adult Social Care has always been a fraught issue with many regarding the present system as unfair but any change creates its own unfairness. Rising demand for social care has also put enormous strain on KCC's budgets. When I was first elected to KCC in 2005, adult social care was around 30% of our expenditure but today it is over 50%.

At the other end of the age range, KCC also has legal responsibilities for Children's Social Care which includes Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children (under 18 year olds). We have now twice had to stop accepting UASC as the numbers arriving in Kent overwhelmed our resources and took us above the level of numbers the Government itself deemed safe to receive. Frustratingly the Government still will not introduce a mandatory dispersal scheme for UASC to share the arrivals across all councils in the UK as is done for adult asylum seekers and families. We have recently begun accepting UASCs again but this problem will inevitably keep happening until such a change happens.

On a more positive note, I'm pleased to report that KCC's work on the Environment has been shortlisted for a national award and KCC will be taking part in the Queen's Green Canopy initiative which will mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in 2022. Watch out as well for changes to the way we manage the grass verges so that we provide a better habitat for our pollinators – Kent's Plan Bee. There's a facebook page for Plan Bee and a regular newsletter if you'd like to learn more.

I'm pleased to report that I've agreed to arrange a £1,000 KCC Member Grant towards the cost of the tennis court resurfacing in Sellindge. If you have a good local project that would benefit from a grant then do please contact me.

### **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 10.20am and set off at 10.30am.

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 October 28<sup>th</sup> from 2pm to 4pm. The Group meets on the last Thursday of the month.

### **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 12<sup>th</sup> October 2021 between 2 and 3 pm on 01303 813 228 or 07902 914 610 to arrange pickup.

There is a new group for people with hearing loss in Ashford run by HiKent.

Next meeting is at Ashford picture house in Elwick Road on October 14<sup>th</sup> from 11am to 1 pm. Everyone welcome.

### **INDOOR TABLE TOP SALE**

Indoor table top sale at Sellindge sports club in Swan Lane, Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> October 9am to 1pm.

Various stalls from craft to household, books, refreshments, and more. Plenty of free parking.

To book a £6 table or for more information please contact Jeanette on 07753 283 575.

Come and visit and have a look in with free entry on the day.

November date is November 13<sup>th</sup>.



## SELLINDGE SPORTS & SOCIAL CLUB

The Sports & Social Club is getting really busy, and is open 7 days.

Certain groups are now re-starting, which is really nice to see with **Pilates** back on Wednesdays at 9.30am.

**Bingo** has now re-started on Thursday at 8pm arrive at 7.30pm to get your ticket.

The next **Boot Fair** is Saturday October 2<sup>nd</sup> 10am for Boots £7 per Car and £10 per Van. Open to public at 11am.

The next **Table Top Sale** is on Saturday October 9<sup>th</sup> from 9am.

**FOOD** – Sunday Roasts are available on Sundays. Bar Snacks available throughout the week.

Wednesdays and Thursdays are Pizza nights. Fridays is Fish & Chips night.



Children inspired by Emma's recent success?

**Sellindge Tennis Club** is running another 'LTA Youth START' course starting Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> October.

Aimed at children between 4-11 who haven't played tennis before, it includes 6 top quality lessons with our LTA qualified coaches, a

tennis racquet, tennis balls and a t-shirt for just £34.99! Email [www.adtennis.co.uk](mailto:www.adtennis.co.uk)

You can book now at [www.adtennis.co.uk](http://www.adtennis.co.uk)

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**24 HOUR TENNISATHON CHALLENGE** – On 11 and 12 September, the Sellindge Tennis Club held a 24 hour



tennisathon challenge – the first of its kind seen at the Club. The challenge involved playing tennis from 3 pm on Saturday 11 through to 4 pm on Sunday 12 September.

Each participant signed up to play a minimum of a 2 hour slot ensuring the courts were covered for the full 24 hour

period. Caroline Crumley, Club Secretary comments:

"The event was a great success, with players as young as 8 through to our eldest member joining forces to get

involved. Everyone was asked to pay £10 to take part and gather as much sponsorship as possible. Our coach David

Weller, gained over £300 from sponsorship alone and many managed similar amounts – it was a fantastic team effort and

great to see everyone coming together to help our club".

Special thanks goes to Ellie Cruikshank, Mixed Doubles

Captain, her husband Aaron, Nick Skelton and David Weller,

our coaches as well as Gina Kendall, villager – who all helped to make this event such a success and even stayed up for a whole 36 hours to help the event's smooth running. The total amount raised from our wonderful fundraiser earned the club over £5000. A huge thank you to all our wonderful villagers and members who sponsored this event to help us fund for the resurfacing of our courts which we truly hope to realise this year.

**SELLINDGE Under 14 FOOTBALL CLUB** – The Sellindge under 14's Football Club had a



good start to the season on

Saturday

September 11<sup>th</sup>

with a home win of 4-1 against Cheriton United U14's.

This was followed by an away win of 2-0 against Biddenden U14's on

Saturday September 18<sup>th</sup>.

On Saturday September 25<sup>th</sup> the team suffered their first loss of the season, a 3-6 loss against Bromley Green U14.

Oct 2<sup>nd</sup> another away win!



02/10/21 10:00	Headcorn Juniors U14 Hurricanes	VS	Sellindge Sports & Social Club U14	Grigg Lane, TN27 9LU #1
16/10/21 10:00	Sellindge Sports & Social Club U14	VS	Charing U14	Sellindge Sports & Social Club, TN25 6HB
23/10/21 10:00	D&S Hastings Youth U14 Boys	VS	Sellindge Sports & Social Club U14	D&S Hastings Youth U13 Boys
30/10/21 10:00	Sellindge Sports & Social Club U14	VS	Kennington Juniors U14 Youth	Sellindge Sports & Social Club, TN25 6HB

## STOUR DOWNS PARISH

Curate's letter – October 2021

When I left my previous church to come and be the curate in the Parish of Stour Downs, they gave me two stoles (the scarf that deacons and priests wear for services).

It was specially designed for me by a lady called Michelle who makes stoles by hand after discussing your ideas and then coming up with a design. My stole (pictured below) was only finished recently, and I wore it for the first time at a wedding in Mersham Church in September.

I love it because of what it means to me and what it tells us all. The stole is made of scraps of coloured cloth to show that although we are all different and come in many colours, shapes, sizes and ages, God can use us in some way or another in ways we can't begin to imagine and sometimes are not even aware of. God can use whatever we offer him and what seems like scraps to us God can turn into something beautiful. The scraps of cloth are held together by gold thread. This represents the Holy Spirit weaving it all together into something beautiful. This is similar to Kintsukuroi the Japanese art of repairing pottery with gold and the whole becomes more beautiful and valuable for having been broken.

How many of us can feel like scrap or are broken and can't see our worth? Or do we look at others and miss their worth too? Fortunately for us God sees things differently and my prayer today is that he opens our eyes to see what he sees and helps us to become something of value to those around us and our world.

Will you let the Holy Spirit weave through your life?



*Rev Susan*

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# Service of Light



Remembering  
Departed Loved Ones



Sunday 31st October

3pm at Smeeth Church

**To include a name to be remembered in  
the service email [office@stourdowns.org.uk](mailto:office@stourdowns.org.uk)  
by 12pm on 29th October**

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