

# SELLINDGE VILLAGE NEWS

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### **INDOOR TABLE TOP SALES**

Indoor table top sales **Saturday 8th January 2022** and then **Saturday 12th February 2022** at Sellindge Village Hall 9am to 1pm £6 per table.

To book a table contact Jeanette 07753 283 575.

Much to see and purchase from books, clothes, house hold items, toys, crafts, homemade preserves and cakes and pastries. With free entry and plenty of free parking come and have a browse.

Refreshments available to purchase.

### **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.

## **SELLINDGE PARISH COUNCIL**

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The next meeting of your Parish Council is Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> January starting at 6.30pm in the Durling Hall  
The Parish Council wish all the residents of Sellindge and Happy Christmas

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.

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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We'd like to remind people that the Hythe Community Hub, which is supported by the District Council, is there to help those who are in need. You can't visit the hub in person but you can email or phone.

Email: [covid-19@ageukhl.org.uk](mailto:covid-19@ageukhl.org.uk) Call 01303 269 602 (messages can be left outside opening hours).

On 2 December 2011 Folkestone & Hythe became the first District Council in the country to commit to the Armed Force Covenant, a promise that those who serve or served in the forces and their families are treated fairly and not disadvantaged in their daily lives. Ten years on (on 03 December to be precise), a refreshed pledge was signed by Folkestone & Hythe District Council Chairman Councillor Philip Martin and Major Peter Houlton-Hart MBE, of The 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion Royal Gurkha Rifles (RGR), at Westenhanger Castle. Last month, your District Council received the Employer Recognition Scheme Gold Award from the Ministry of Defence; this is the highest badge of honour for military support.

There's some good news about air quality in our District. The 2021 report on air quality in 2020 found no incidences of high levels of Nitrogen Dioxide Gas at monitoring sites which means the District Council does not need to declare any Air Quality Management Areas. The Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs has now formally accepted the report.

Most street lights in Kent are owned and maintained by KCC but there is still a significant number owned by Folkestone & Hythe District Council. The District Council has decided to upgrade all its 1,063 lights to LED and transfer ownership of 340 of them to KCC. The whole project will cost £815,034 but will reduce running and maintenance costs so will save money (an estimated £2 million over 20years). Importantly it will also reduce carbon emissions.

Fly-tipping is a criminal offence and, together with Kent Police, your District Council is responsible for taking enforcement action against those who blight our countryside and towns. We are therefore pleased to report that 9 people have recently been successfully prosecuted for separate fly-tips which included sofas, beds and a mattress. All such waste can be taken for recycling at KCC's Household Waste Recycling Centres without charge or collected and disposed of properly for a small charge by the District Council. If you have evidence of fly-tipping (CCTV or eye witness accounts) do please report this to Kent Police or the District Council.

Congratulations to Sellindge Tennis Club that has been raising funds in double quick time to resurface their tennis courts. The tennis courts were relaunched on 26 November by our MP, Damian Collins.

Jenny attended Sellindge Parish Council on 14 December and we both attended Stanford Parish Council on 08 December.

We wish everyone all the best for the year ahead. Keep safe and we look forward to seeing you in 2022.

### **ASHFORD STOMA SUPPORT GROUP**

Ashford Stoma Support Group will be meeting in Sellindge Village Hall, Thursday January 27<sup>th</sup> from 2pm to 4pm. The Group meets on the last Thursday of the month.

**FROM YOUR KCC COUNCILLOR** Susan Carey, Elham Valley Ward.  
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Thank you to those of you who responded to our consultations on the Budget and the Household Waste Recycling Centre booking system – we had over 2,000 responses to the first and over 10,000 to the second and the responses will help shape policy. You'll find current KCC consultations on <https://letstalk.kent.gov.uk/> including one on the library service and another on the Kent Waste and Minerals Local Plan which sets out where building materials such as sand and ragstone can be extracted.

I often report to you about financial challenges and this year is different only so far as we have very little room for manoeuvre as the numbers of people eligible for care from KCC continues to rise. This includes care of the elderly, child protection and both the schooling and transport to specialist provision of children with Special Educational Needs (SEN). As an example, the number of children needing transport to an SEN school has risen by 13% since September. Our budget for 2022/23 will be debated and set in February.

On a more positive note we continue to be successful in winning one-off Government grants and we are through to the final round for a project that would bring significant funding to support tree establishment across Kent. We have also been shortlisted for several awards and have recently won the 'people's vote' award at the European Regiostars Awards for one of our drainage projects (a new park created in Margate that can store water to reduce flooding).

Our mobile library fleet (fleet makes it sound vast but it's just five vehicles) won a National Award. Finally, KCC is working with the Kent Resilience Forum in readiness for any disruption at our borders in the year ahead. We are lobbying the Government for additional freight holding facilities outside Kent, streamlined (ideally digitalised) systems for border checks, funding for the safety checks Kent Trading Standards need to make on imported consumer goods and major road improvements to deal with pinch points on the key arterial routes to Dover port.

Susan Carey



Happy New Year to all of you!

If you fancy getting fit in 2022 and meeting some of our friendly members - do PM me and we can offer some free social play before you sign up to be part of our club.

In the meantime, we've registered Sellindge Tennis Club with [#easyfundraising](#), which - [#easyfundraising](#) to shop with them.

These donations will help SO MUCH, so please sign up to support us – it's completely FREE and doesn't take long. <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/.../sellindgetenni.../...> Caroline Crumley



**ST MARY'S CHURCH SELLINDGE – Part of the Stour Downs Parish.**

Sunday January 30<sup>th</sup> 9.30am Parish Communion ( Candlemas )



# Stour Downs Parish Churches

*"Love your neighbour—keep them safe"*



Please sanitize your hands on entry.



Face coverings are mandatory from 10th December 2021 unless you are exempt from wearing one\*.



Please use the space available to keep a distance where you can.



You may remove a face-covering to sing if you wish to do so. Please be mindful of others and use the space available to keep a distance.



Please stay at home if anyone in your household has symptoms or tests positive for Coronavirus

*Thank you for your co-operation in keeping everyone safe*

\*exemptions on wearing face coverings include: young children under the age of 11, not being able to put on, wear or remove a face covering because of a physical or mental illness or impairment, or disability, if putting on, wearing or removing a face covering will cause you severe distress, and for those leading a service or giving a reading.

