

# SELLINDGE VILLAGE NEWS

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### COFFEE & COMPANY

We are open to anyone every Tuesday morning in the Durling Hall.  
From 9am till 1pm.  
Serving drinks and there might be cake!  
Come and meet friends for a chat, make new friends

**HI KENT – Reg Charity 1052036** [www.hikent.org.uk](http://www.hikent.org.uk)

*The local charity for people with a hearing loss.*

HI Kent provides FREE NHS hearing aid aftercare, advice and battery supply.

The local hearing aid maintenance clinic will be in the Parish Council Office, behind the Village Hall on Tuesday March 8<sup>th</sup> from 10.15am to 11.15am.

You could pop into Coffee & Company either before or afterwards –

*Just a thought*

### INDOOR TABLE TOP SALES At Sellindge Village Hall 9am to 1pm.

Indoor table top sale Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> March 9am to 1pm many stalls already booked mix between household stalls and different crafts.

Tables are £6 for a 6 foot table.

Refreshments are available to purchase. Plenty of free parking and entry is free.

Following dates being Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> April then Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> May and the first Saturday of each month onwards.

To book for any or for more information contact Jeanette 07753 283 575.

### SELLINDGE SPORTS & SOCIAL CLUB AGM 2022

Sellindge Sports & Social Club will be holding their AGM 2022, in the Clubhouse, in Swan Lane on Tuesday March 29<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. Everyone is welcome to attend.

### 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, Thursday March 31<sup>st</sup> from 2pm to 4pm. The Group meets on the last Thursday of the month.

## CLOCKS SPRING FORWARD 1 HOUR ON MARCH 27<sup>th</sup>

## **SELLINDGE PARISH COUNCIL**

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The next meeting of your Parish Council is Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March starting 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.

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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A reminder that the District Council has been given a Government Grant to help households that are struggling to afford essential food and utility bills and have no other available support. This Household Support Fund is available until 31 March for families with or without children and (subject to fund availability) it is open to anyone living in the district aged 16 or over in a vulnerable household.

Full details can be found at <https://www.folkestone-hythe.gov.uk/household-support-fund>

The District Council has also been administering Government grants to help businesses and organisations impacted by Covid and there have been special grants for projects supporting vulnerable residents.

There are many schemes in place to help those in financial difficulty and a good place to ask for advice is Kent Together. Go to [www.kent.gov.uk/kenttogether](http://www.kent.gov.uk/kenttogether) or call 03000 41 92 92.

We're pleased to report that the District Council is taking part in two Environmental schemes led by Susan in her KCC role. Solar Together is a collective buying scheme for solar panels and batteries open to all Kent householders, businesses and community buildings.

For more information see <https://solartogether.co.uk/folkestone-and-hythe/home>

The other scheme is the EV600 network where KCC has partnered with *Connected Kerb* and councils across Kent to provide 600 Electric Vehicle Charging Points in council owned car parks.

The ones in our district should be in operation by the time this newsletter appears.

Thank you to those of you who gave their views on the District Council's budget. The consultation on this closed on 01 February and we set our budget on for 2022/23 at a meeting of the full council on 23 February. The District Council will then issue the council tax bill on behalf of all the bodies entitled to set council tax – these include your Parish Council, the District Council, Kent County Council, Kent Police and Kent Fire & Rescue Service.

The District Council will be holding a public consultation from 24 February to 04 May on its Dog Control Public Space Protection Orders. These set out where dogs must be on a lead or are banned completely. If you have views on this do take the opportunity to respond to the consultation.

Finally, a warm welcome to those who have recently moved to the village. We know that many of you have strong existing connections with Sellindge so are well placed to enter village life but wherever you came from we hope you now feel you belong in Sellindge. Please get involved – join the Sports and Social Club, support our local businesses, come to St Mary's church, join in the activities at the village hall, come to a parish council meeting or contact us if you think we can be of help.

## **THE SELLINDGE SPORTS & SOCIAL CLUB**

Food served from 3pm until close Wednesday to Friday.

Pizza nights Thursday, Fish and Chips, Fridays takeaway and local delivery available.

Open from 9am Saturdays and Sundays serving Breakfast Rolls and full menu, with Sunday Roast on Sundays.

The 2022 membership is now being signed up

## **RACE NIGHT – 23 March**

The Sellindge Tennis club is holding a Race Night on 23 March from 7 pm at the Club to raise funds for it's on going court refurbishment project.

Come and enjoy a night out with fellow village and you never know – you could take come some winnings too.

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

**FROM YOUR KCC COUNCILLOR** Susan Carey, Elham Valley Ward. [susan.carey@kent.gov.uk](mailto:susan.carey@kent.gov.uk)  
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Following a full day's debate on 10 February, KCC agreed its £1.2billion budget for 2022/23. £484 million of this is for adult social care and health services and £270m for young people with the balance for around 300 other services such as roads, library services, Household Waste Recycling Centres etc. The cost of providing services has risen by £84 million and this is being met by savings of £38 million and a rise in council tax of 2.99% (1% of this is earmarked for social care). The increase equates to 82p per week for a typical band D household and takes effect from this April. (Your Council Tax bill will also have separate charges for your Parish and District Councils, Kent Police and Kent Fire & Rescue Service.)

Whilst the debate focused on some of our discretionary services where we are having to make savings, it's important to remember the core services that are still being provided including discretionary ones such as our Community Wardens and the subsidy for the Kent Travel Saver bus pass which would otherwise cost between £300 and £400 more a year. We've also been able to save money and reduce carbon emissions with several major projects that are reducing our energy use.

If anyone is struggling to pay their Council Tax, then there are schemes to help those in financial difficulty and a good place to ask for advice is Kent Together.

Go to [www.kent.gov.uk/kenttogether](http://www.kent.gov.uk/kenttogether) or call 03000 41 92 92.

February saw National Apprentice Week which highlighted the benefits of both being an apprentice and taking on an apprentice. KCC provides advice to Kent employers from help in recruiting the right apprentice to getting professional development for existing staff. KCC may also be able to offer funding towards the costs of employing an apprentice from its own apprenticeship levy.

To find out more see [www.kent.gov.uk/business/grow-your-business/hire-an-apprentice](http://www.kent.gov.uk/business/grow-your-business/hire-an-apprentice)

On 11 February the annual Tryangle Awards for our area were held at the Three Hills Sports Centre in Folkestone with young people being recognised for their achievements and effort across a range of activities including sports, arts, community service and bravery. It's always good to be reminded just how many young people are doing so well and it would be great if you would all watch out for young people in our community who are trying their best and who could be nominated for the next awards. The categories are wide enough to cover most anything and it really encourages the young people to know that someone cares enough to nominate them.

Susan Carey



**Where in the Village ?**

**Whats here now ? The building in the picture is still standing.**



## STOUR DOWNS PARISH Vicar's letter – March 2022

Dear readers,

March sees the hope of lighter days and by the end of the month we will have moved to British Summer Time and lighter evenings. We might even have seen evidence of Spring (hopefully). This year the beginning of March also marks the beginning of Lent with Shrove Tuesday (pancake day) on the 1<sup>st</sup> and Lent beginning with Ash Wednesday on the 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Lent is a time to reflect and prepare for Easter and remembers the 40 days Jesus spent in the wilderness. Many people give things up for Lent. Chocolate, alcohol or other luxuries are typically the sort of things people choose to forego for the 40 days of Lent. Technically Sundays don't count, they are not included in the 40 days of Lent, so you can have a day off your Lenten fast. Another option is to consider taking up something rather than giving up something for lent. So, what could you take up this Lent?

You could help people out, give to charity, or perhaps get a box and add one item of food for the foodbank each day of Lent and then deliver your box to Rev. Chris in time for Easter.

You could consider 40 acts of kindness or generosity. You can come up with your own or you can have a look at the website which is called 40 acts and it has suggestions for adults, children and families.

<https://40acts.org.uk/resources/>

You could join our churches in receiving a reflection from the Church of England each day of Lent which this year looks at the area of Justice. If you would like to receive these do let us know by emailing

[revsusanmanners@gmail.com](mailto:revsusanmanners@gmail.com)

What will you do for Lent this year? Blessings, Susan

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

6 <sup>th</sup> March	Smeeth	9:30am	Communion <i>and Live-Stream on Facebook</i>
	Brabourne	10am	Story and Praise
13 <sup>th</sup> March	Smeeth	9:30am	Communion <i>and Live-Stream on Facebook</i>
	Mersham Church Room	4pm	JAM (Jesus and Me)
20 <sup>th</sup> March	Brabourne	9.30am	Communion recorded service on facebook
	Smeeth	4pm	Songs of Praise
27 <sup>th</sup> March	Stowting	9.30am	Communion
	Smeeth	9.30am	Morning Praise and live stream on facebook
	Stowting	10.30am	Story, Song & Celebrate
	Monk Horton	4pm	Evensong

