

SELLINDGE VILLAGE NEWS

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SAVE THE DATE
5 June 2022 from 11 am
Sellindge Sports & Social Club
Jubilee Open Day

 FREE Tennis Tasters – sessions from 11-4 pm

 FREE Football fun tournament – kids vs adults – kick off 12.30 pm

 FREE Bowls – coaching from 11- 4 pm

Live music from 3 pm – FREE to all!

- Bouncy castle – FREE for all!
 - Tombola
 - Coconut shy
- Wheel barrow of booze raffle
 - Plate smash
 - Football Golf
 - BBQ

SELLINDGE PARISH COUNCIL – ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The Annual Parish Meeting will be in the Durling Hall on Tuesday 24th May starting at 6.30.pm

There will be light refreshments of tea/coffee or a glass of wine and some nibbles etc.

You will be able to meet your Parish Councillors; other groups and organisations are being offered the chance to have a table with a representative available.

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

Indoor table top sale Saturday 7th May 9am to 1pm many stalls already booked a 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. Then the first Saturday of each month onwards.

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

COFFEE & COMPANY

We are open to anyone every Tuesday morning in the Durling Hall, Sellindge Village Hall – 9am to 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 *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 Coffee & Company in the Durling Hall, Sellindge Village Hall on Tuesday May 10th from 10.15am to 11.15am.

SELLINDGE SPORTS & SOCIAL CLUB – BOOT FAIRS 2022 weather & ground conditions permitting

The Boot Fairs are back on Saturday May 14th and 28th from 10am to 1pm 10am for Boots to set up. Public are asked not to attend until 11am (further details page).

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SELLINDGE PARISH COUNCIL

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The next meeting of your Parish Council is the Annual Parish Council Meeting on Tuesday 10th May starting at 6.30pm in the Durling Hall.

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Tuesday 24th May 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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Folkestone & Hythe District has one of the highest number of households in Kent volunteering to take part in the Homes for Ukraine programme. As of 11 April 197 Ukrainians had been matched to 77 sponsors / properties across the district, with 41 property checks completed. The remaining checks should be completed by the end of April. More sponsors are expected to come forward and will be checked as promptly as possible. Information those taking part in the programme is available at

www.folkestone-hythe.gov.uk/community/support-for-Ukraine

Welcome packs with advice/guidance for hosts and families is being translated into Ukrainian and Russian. There's also a dedicated telephone number (01303 853600) and email (Ukraine@folkestone-hythe.gov.uk) (This is in addition to KCC's dedicated contact number 03000 412 424.)

The three Community Hubs in Hythe, Folkestone and New Romney (which we used during lockdown) have been re-established as local contact points to support both hosts and guests. We are working closely with KCC and the Hubs will be a base for KCC Support Workers to provide local support for each household. A Folkestone & Hythe Ukraine Community Support Network has also been started including voluntary groups, charities, the Council to ensure that help across the district is co-ordinated and good practice shared. On 30 March the Full Council debated the final version of our Core Strategy which sets out where development (homes, employment sites, retail and leisure) should be sited. We're pleased to report that it was agreed and our district now has significant protection from speculative development.

The Council has recently issued a District Wide Carbon Plan which is intended to involve the whole district in carbon reduction. Full details are on the website; it is hoped individuals and communities from across the district will get involved.

On 19 April the retrospective application for the overnight parking of 15 HGVs at the rear of the Airport Cafe came to the Planning Committee. We both spoke against permission being granted (as did the parish clerk on behalf of Sellindge Parish Council) but the application was passed. It is a temporary permission ending in 2023 as it falls within the area allocated for Otterpool Park so there should be the opportunity for this use to end at this point. We were at least able to get the condition strengthened about the HGVs only being able to use the site with pre-booking.

The new indoor Skatepark, boxing club, BMX and bouldering venue at F51 in Folkestone was officially opened on 25 March and it's a truly remarkable building and great facility for our district. You can book at www.F51.co.uk (Why the name? F stands for Folkestone and 51 is our latitude.)

We both attended the service of music, reflection and art arranged at St Mary's Church in Sellindge on 13 April attended by Justin Welby the Archbishop of Canterbury. Local artist Lorrain Mailer created most of the installations and the music was composed by Brian George Hanson.

Susan attended the Parish Council meeting on 12 April and Jenny attended the Governors' Monitoring Day at Sellindge Primary School on 30 March followed by a full Governors' Meeting.

ASHFORD STOMA SUPPORT GROUP

Ashford Stoma Support Group will be meeting in Sellindge Village Hall, Thursday May 26th. From 2pm to 4pm. The Group meets on the last Thursday of the month.

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LINE DANCING

NEW BEGINNERS LINEDANCE CLASS STARTING IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON TUESDAY 24th MAY AT 7.15pm until 8.15pm... To book your place ring, Maureen on 07989 210 449

SELLINDGE WALKING GROUP

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.

FROM YOUR KCC COUNCILLOR Susan Carey, Elham Valley Ward.

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Local government has been given the responsibility for co-ordinating the arrangements for the Ukrainian refugees coming to households in Kent. The situation can change rapidly so the best place to look for information for both residents and Ukrainian refugees is www.kent.gov.uk/ukraine Queries about the Ukraine Families Scheme can be emailed to Ukraine@kent.gov.uk or by calling the dedicated helpline 03000 412 424 (this line also has a translation service). KCC's Leader Roger Gough said, "We continue to do everything possible to ensure that Ukrainians arriving in Kent can do so swiftly and safely. DBS checks [checks on criminal records] and home visits are now underway in the county with those kind and generous residents who have been able to provide a safe haven to Ukrainians fleeing the conflict."

As of 13 April 2,064 Ukrainian refugees have been matched with 824 sponsor households in Kent.

The KCC led EV600 network of Electric Vehicle charging points now looks set to be EV800 by the end of the year. Around 100 of these charging points are in car parks belonging to Folkestone & Hythe District Council with the rest across Kent and Medway. You can see more details at www.connectedkerb.com/kent It is estimated there are around 30,000 public charging points in the UK but there are over 400,000 private ones and there's a website – www.co-charger.com – which matches people who want to charge with people who have a charger. People sometimes think you need a special charger to refuel an Electric Vehicle whereas they have two cables, one for fast chargers and one with a normal 3 pin plug which can be used from a normal socket. Most people will be able to recharge their cars at home overnight but there's a growing network of public and commercial charging points to support the switch to electric vehicles.

Another of the environment projects I've been leading at KCC is the purchase of a large solar park in Somerset (mostly funded by a Government grant we won last year). The electricity from this will be used to power Kent's streetlights and the use of solar power will reduce KCC's carbon emissions by around 30% and save around £760,000 a year for the next 40 years. We are also building a smaller solar park at Kings Hill in Kent which will reduce our carbon emissions by around 4%. We hope to build at least three more sites of this size in Kent on closed landfill sites here in Kent.

Storms, road traffic crashes, damage to ships, the P&O problems and a train stuck in the Channel Tunnel have all contributed to the recent delays to cross Channel traffic. KCC does not control the ports or the motorways but we are part of the Kent Resilience Forum which brings together Kent Police, National Highways (formerly called Highways England and responsible for the motorways), Kent Highways and other public agencies to deal with emergencies such as these. We had a very comprehensive presentation on this at our KCC cabinet meeting of 21 April; you can watch it and the subsequent discussion at <https://kent.public-i.tv/core/portal/webcasts> KCC can't resolve these problems on our own and there's more going on than can be squeezed into these monthly reports as you'll see on the website.

Susan Carey

THE SELLINDGE SPORTS & SOCIAL CLUB

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.

Late start Boot Fairs are back – weather and ground conditions permitting.

Saturdays – May 14th & 28th – June 11th – July 2nd & 18th – August 20th – September 3rd & 24th.

Car £7 – Car & Trailer or Van £10 set up from 10am – **Public please do not attend until after 11am**

Please do not turn up early as there maybe football on the field.

RFRESHMENTS – FREE PARKING – An queries please call 01303 812 437

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SELLINDGE & DISTRICT BOWLS CLUB

is hoping to establish a Junior Team.

The club is hoping to start a junior team this season if there is enough interest. Last September the club had a fun day where the green was opened for all comers. There was a continuous stream of children enjoying themselves on the green and several of the parents asked if a Junior Team was a possibility. The feedback was that many children are not good at football/ netball etc. so bowls, as a game of skill would be a great alternative. The club plans to run this on a Tuesday afternoon from 4pm onwards. The aim is to ensure that those who come along will have fun in a safe environment and make friends whilst developing bowls skills and improve mental wellbeing.

If you are interested, please contact Malcolm Cage on 01233 635307 or 07966709783 for more details.

If you want to know more about Sellindge & District Bowls club, you can find it at www.sellindgebowls.uk

OUR NEXT FUN DAY IS ON THE 5TH JUNE 2022, COME AND HAVE A GO...



Sellindge FC U14's (15's)

NEW PLAYERS NEEDED for 22/23 SEASON

Are you a current year 9 and either looking for a team or in a team but not getting enough playing time - then we need you (we are also desperate for a goalkeeper)!

Our home ground is at Sellindge Sports and Social Club, we play in the Ashford League on a Saturday and training is on a Wednesday.

For more info please phone Simon on 07795196184 or message us via our Facebook page: Sellindge FC Under 14's

STOUR DOWNS PARISH Vicar's letter – May 2022

As I write this month's letter for the month ahead, I am blessed to be with the Archbishop of Canterbury for a week exploring the theme of sharing our story.

I wonder what your story is ?

Where would you begin ? Often we might talk about where we come from, our background, perhaps our parents and family, and how that has shaped us or led us to be in a certain place. My story is one that begins in Bedfordshire, but through my father's job and relocation to Sevenoaks and then Herne Bay, has become rooted in Kent. Some people find their story in their family life, relationships, or journeys to new places, or through work and vocation.

How would you share your story ?

Perhaps we do it without realising, as we meet someone new, or as we journey through life with friends and companions ?

For Christians, sharing our story is a powerful testimony to tell others what it is to know Jesus in our life, and how God has been at work in our story.

I wonder who you might tell your story to, perhaps over a cup of coffee ? If we meet around the parish at a coffee morning, event, after a service or in the randomness of life in the shop, pub or walking the dog, I hope we can find the time to stop and let you share the uniqueness of your own story.

With blessings *Chris*

1 st May	Smeeth	9:30am	Communion and Live-Stream on Facebook
	Brabourne	10am	Story and Praise
8 th May	Smeeth	9:30am	Communion and Live-Stream on Facebook
	Mersham Church Room	4pm	JAM (Jesus and Me)
15 th May	Brabourne	9.30am	Communion recorded service on facebook
	Mersham	9.30am	Morning Praise live stream on facebook
	Smeeth	4pm	Songs of Praise
22 nd May	Stowting	9.30am	Communion
	Smeeth	9.30am	Morning Praise and live stream on facebook
	Stowting	10.30am	Story, Song & Celebrate
	Monk Horton	4pm	Evensong
29 th May	Sellindge	9,30am	Communion

Wednesdays May 4th, 11th, 18th & 25th Brabourne 9.30am Midweek Communion & Coffee

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