

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



QUEENS PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATION

A Platinum Jubilee picnic on the Lees on
Friday June 3rd 2022 (weather permitting)
Best dressed picnic area and best fancy dress costume

1.30pm – Meet on the Lees, bring your own
picnic, blanket and decorations.

2pm – Fun races.

3pm – Best Dressed Picnic area and Best
Fancy Dress Costume announcements

4pm – Afternoon Tea in the Village Hall
Bouncy Castle on the Village Hall rear lawn

6pm – 8.30pm Live Music in the Main Hall
(Bring your own drinks and supplies)

INDOOR TABLE TOP SALES

At Sellindge Village Hall 9am to 1pm.

Indoor table top sale and Craft Stalls Saturday
4th June 9am to 1pm Many varied stalls
household, various homemade gifts, cakes and
pastries books, gift cards and more. Refreshments are available to
purchase. Plenty of free parking and entry is free. Tables are £6.
To book 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.



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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 14th June 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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Around 40,000 households in the Folkestone & Hythe District were due to receive a £150 Energy Bill Rebate. Properties in council bands A to D are eligible and those who pay their council tax by direct debit should have received this payment automatically in April or early May. Those residents who do not pay by direct debit should have received a letter asking them to apply for the rebate. Those who do not reply within 28 days will receive a credit on their council tax account for £150 which will either reduce their present bill or, if the account is fully paid it will be held as a credit. The resident can ask for that sum to be paid to them. There's more information on the council website www.folkestone-hythe.gov.uk

We've written many times about Otterpool Park Garden Town which will provide the majority of the housing and employment sites required for the next decade and more in our district. The Otterpool Park site is between Westenhanger railway station and near Junction 11 of the M20 taking in Stanford and Westenhanger and extending towards Lympne and Sellindge but with buffer zones between. There's now a planning application submitted for the very first stage of the town.

You can see all the documents online here:

<https://www.folkestonehythe.gov.uk/otterpoolpark/planningapplication/updated/2022>

It's necessarily a large document but there's also a guide explaining the main changes proposed. For those without internet access, a paper copy of the updated application can be viewed by appointment at the Civic Centre in Folkestone. Please call customer services on 01303 853 000 for details. Stanford Parish Council also has a paper copy of the application, which can be viewed at Stanford Parish Room, Folkestone Racecourse. To make an appointment, please call the parish clerk on 01303 814 283. A public consultation now runs until Friday 24 June. Anyone wishing to comment can visit the planning portal or you can email your comments to: otterpool.applications@folkestone-hythe.gov.uk

All three performances of a play to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee at Westenhanger Castle over the June Bank Holiday have been booked. It's good to see the castle being used for community events and we expect to see more activities for families over the summer.

Jenny has been in the lead for the District Council in co-ordinating efforts to welcome the Ukrainian refugees and Parish Councils and local societies are invited to a Community Safety Event to discuss this. Do contact Jenny if you would like to be part of these efforts. Jenny acted as traffic marshal for the Boot Fair at the Sports & Leisure Club on 14 May. We both attended the Parish Council meeting on 10 May and the public exhibition on Otterpool Park held at Westenhanger Castle on 19 May.

ASHFORD STOMA SUPPORT GROUP

Ashford Stoma Support Group will be meeting in Sellindge Village Hall, Thursday June 30th. From 2pm to 4pm. The Group meets on the last Thursday of the month.

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.

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FROM YOUR KCC COUNCILLOR Susan Carey, Elham Valley Ward.

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Around 8,000 households in Kent have offered to be part of the Homes for Ukraine scheme and the Folkestone & Hythe District has the third highest number of participants in Kent. KCC is working with the District Councils (who are doing home checks) and Kent Fire & Rescue (who are installing fire and carbon monoxide alarms) whilst we've been doing the Disclosing and Barring checks to make sure any criminal records are discovered. The sort of accommodation that's been rejected has been sheds and buildings or caravans without water or cooking facilities but the vast majority of properties pass. As of 02 May, 2,476 Ukrainians had been matched with 982 sponsors in Kent. The Ukrainians are overwhelmingly women and children and it's been wonderful to see the way they've been welcomed. There's more information on www.kent.gov.uk/ukraine Queries about the Ukraine Families Scheme can be emailed to Ukraine@kent.gov.uk or calling dedicated helpline 03000 412424 (line also has a translation service).

KCC provides over 300 public services so my reports in the newsletter are only ever a glimpse of the work being done. There's lots of information on the website www.kent.gov.uk and the papers that are presented to councillors at our formal meetings are also available along with webcasts of the debates. One such paper is 'Framing Kent's Future: Our Council Strategy 2022 – 2026'. There's never enough money to do everything everyone wants so we need to be clear about our priorities.

There are four themes – Levelling Up Kent, Infrastructure for Communities, Environmental Step Change and New Models of Care and Support. Each priority comes with a set of commitments. It's impossible to summarise in the space I have here but I'll report on the progress of the debate at County Council as the strategy is debated and agreed. If you'd like to know more you can see the first public draft on the agenda for the KCC cabinet meeting on 16 May.

KCC also has a regular email newsletter for residents that you can sign up to <https://mailchi.mp/kent.gov.uk/subscribe> The latest issue has information on hiring or becoming an apprentice, becoming a foster carer, the new Household Waste Recycling Centre in Allington, the new cultural hub in Tunbridge Wells, Mental Health support and KentTogether which has advice and support on financial issues. There's also a website with all the consultations being held <https://letstalk.kent.gov.uk/consultation> and you can also sign up to be alerted to any new ones.

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 June 14th from 10.15am to 11.15am.



GARAGE SAFARI 10th JULY 2022

Turn out the attic and garage sort out the cupboards the garage safari is back again this year, Sellindge Garage Safari, organised by 1st Sellindge & Lympne Scout Group. Come along and grab some bargains from the lovely residents of Sellindge.

Food and refreshments available from the village hall, as well as paper maps.

Stalls available at the village hall for those living in the outlying areas of the village

Cost of stalls - £5 to be added to paper and electronic map, also shiny balloons to show off your house.

email 1stsellindgesg@gmail.com or phone 01303 813 250 to get your property on the list.



TAI CHI www.taichiforyou.co.uk

Starting Wednesday 8th June 2pm, a 4 week Taster in Tai Chi, Sellindge Village Hall £24.

For more details contact Emma 07587 167 756

or email taichiforyou@hotmail.co.uk or visit www.taichiforyou.co.uk

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.

Thursday night **BINGO** – 8pm

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

Saturdays – **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


**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 Tennis Club
Saturday 11 June 2022
from 7:30 pm

Quiz Night

Fundraiser
Teams of 2-6, £5pp



www.sellindgetennisclub.com
Sellindge Sports and Social Club, 69 Swan Lane, Sellindge

STOUR DOWNS PARISH Vicar's letter – June 2022

I haven't lived in a village since I was 4 years old. I've lived in cities big and small, in foreign countries, and most recently in Ashford. As I sit here this afternoon looking out at the new leaves and hear the birds I think about how lucky we are to live where we do. To have the peace and freedom we have. We should never take that for granted although I admit I often do.

This morning I met a lady who has been in the village less than a month. She arrived here with her son from Ukraine. She only has limited English and her world has been turned upside down but she was still smiling. She finds herself living in another country but she is overwhelmed by the help and support of complete strangers. It has reminded me that the Bible tells us we are the body of Christ, and we all have different roles and responsibilities in that. We can't all be an ear or an eye we need feet and knees too or the body doesn't work. We all have things we are good at and things we aren't so good at but if we work together, we can achieve great things.

The apostle Paul talks about giving generously to God through the people we meet which can be in money but is also about giving our time, our talents and a willingness to go an extra mile which starts with the people we meet every day. Together we have strength that we don't have alone. A snowflake is nothing on its own but when you put lots of them together... If each of us helps each other a little a whole community of imperfect people coming together can create a welcoming and supportive community.

Enjoy the Jubilee this month as we remember and celebrate our amazing Queen and all she has done in service God and of this country.

God Bless, Rev. Susan

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STOUR DOWNS PARISH – JUNE SERVICES

5 th	Mersham	9:30am	Communion and Thanks giving for the Queens Jubilee <i>Live-Stream FB</i>
	Brabourne	10am	Story and Praise
12 th	Smeeth	9:30am	Communion <i>and Live-Stream on Facebook</i>
	Mersham Church Room	4pm	JAM (Jesus and Me)
19 th	Brabourne	9.30am	Communion
	Mersham	9.30am	Morning Praise <i>live stream on facebook</i>
	Smeeth	4pm	Songs of Praise
26 th	Stowting	9.30am	Communion
	Smeeth	9.30am	Morning Praise and live stream on facebook
	Stowting	10.30am	Story, Song & Celebrate
	Monk Horton	4pm	Evensong
Wednesdays June 8 th , 15 th , 22 nd & 29 th			Brabourne 9.30am Midweek Communion & Coffee

St Mary's Church Sellindge will be open in the daytime each weekday from June onwards.
Please come in to explore the historical church building and find a space for quiet reflection or prayer.

VILLAGE HALL REGULAR EVENTS

MONDAY

RAINBOWS	4pm – 5pm Main Hall - 01303 812297 (Term time)
BROWNIES	5.15pm – 6.45pm Main Hall - 01303 812297 (Term time)
LINE DANCING	7.30pm – 9.00pm Main Hall – 07753274 913

TUESDAY

COFFEE & COMPANY	9am – 1pm Durling Hall
LINE DANCING	6pm – 7pm, 7.15pm – 8.15pm Main Hall – 07989210449
PARISH COUNCIL	2nd Tuesday of the month at 6.30pm Durling Hall – Chair 07710260751, Clerk 01303 813271

WEDNESDAY

GUIDE DOG TRAINING	10am – 12 Noon Main Hall
TAI CHI	2pm – 2.45pm Main Hall
GET TOGETHER CLUB	2 nd Wednesday of the month 2pm – 4pm Durling Hall
KARATE	4.30pm – 5.30pm Main Hall 01227 370055 (office hours)
BEES BODS	5.45pm – 6.45pm Main Hall - 01303 813 274
AEROBIC BODY BLAST	7pm – 8pm Main Hall - 01233 820 109
ANGEL CENTRE	4 th Wednesday of the month 7.30pm – 9.30pm Durling Hall

THURSDAY

PILATES	9.30am – 10.45am Main Hall
LINE DANCING	11.30am - 1.00am Main Hall – 07989210449
STOMA SUPPORT GROUP	Last Thursday of the month 2pm – 4pm Durling Hall
TAEKWONDO	Various classes from 5.15pm Main Hall 01303 814635

FRIDAY

GARDENERS	3 rd Friday of the month 2pm – 4pm Durling Hall 01843 597710
CUBS – 6pm -7.30pm, BEAVERS – 6pm – 7.15pm, SCOUTS – 7.30pm-9.00pm,	
EXPLORERS 7.30—9pm. 01303 813250. 1stsellindgesg@gmail.com	