

# SELLINDGE VILLAGE NEWS

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### **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 & Lympe 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](mailto:1stsellindgesg@gmail.com) or phone 01303 813 250 to get your property on the list.

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

Indoor table top sale Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 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. 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.

### **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 Coffee & Company in the Durling Hall, Sellindge Village Hall on Tuesday July 12<sup>th</sup> from 10.15am to 11.15am.

### **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.

### **ASHFORD STOMA SUPPORT GROUP**

Ashford Stoma Support Group will be meeting in Sellindge Village Hall, Thursday July 28<sup>th</sup>. From 2pm to 4pm. The Group meets on the last Thursday of the month.

### **LATE START BOOT FAIRS, SELINDGE SPORTS & SOCIAL CLUB, SWAN LANE –**

Weather and ground conditions permitting. Saturdays July 2<sup>nd</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> Public at 11am *more details inside.*

### **SELLINDGE VILLAGE HALL AGM 2022 – Wednesday July 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7.30pm in the Durling Hall**

## **SELLINDGE PARISH COUNCIL**

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The next meeting of your Parish Council is on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> July 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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We both greatly enjoyed the local events to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. The Tea Party arranged by the local Scouts and Brownies on 28 May in the village hall was a truly impressive event. It was sponsored by Alkaline, Laser, Nu-Steel and Taylor Wimpey. Well done to Maureen Stanley and team. The Sellindge Sports & Leisure Club had a well supported Open Day on 05 June which we attended. It was a great joy to see people coming together again. Thank you to everyone who made the day such a success. The Jubilee Weekend also included free to attend performances at Westenhanger Castle about the history of the area. Do watch out for future community events at the castle and we expect to see many more of these as part of the Otterpool Park development.

June also saw the annual Kent & Medway Civilian-Military Armed Forces Covenant Conference hosted by Folkestone & Hythe District Council at the Leas Cliff Hall in Folkestone. This was attended by the Lord-Lieutenant of Kent, Lady Colgrain who is the Queen's representative in our County as well as senior officers from local army units. Jenny is the Armed Forces Champion at the District Council and led the work that resulted in the Ministry of Defence awarding the Council the Employer Recognition Gold Award.

The Armed Forces Covenant also commits the Council to providing support for service families and veterans. You can see more information about this on the District Council website.

A reminder that those residents entitled to the energy rebate of £150 should now have received it. Those who do not pay their bill by direct debit need to apply online or ring 01303 853 555 and select option two. Your District Council has the unpleasant duty of clearing flytipping from public land as well as investigating and prosecuting those responsible. Do please report flytipping to the District Council and if you have evidence of who did it, such as the vehicle registration or CCTV footage, then report this as well. It's been evidence from residents that has led to successful prosecutions including a recent fine of £784 for a Folkestone man who was seen dumping a mattress, bed base and drawers. There's never any excuse for flytipping and all these items can be taken free of charge to a Household Waste Recycling Centre (open 7 days a week and no limits on the number of times you can visit) or collected for disposal for a small charge by the District Council. We both attended Sellindge Parish Council Meeting on 14 June and Jenny helped with the Sellindge Boot Fair on 11 June.

**FROM YOUR KCC COUNCILLOR** Susan Carey, Elham Valley Ward.

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There were some splendid celebrations both nationally and locally for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Here in Kent we had 129 official beacons, the highest number in the country for an individual county. We also had the highest number of street closures for parties at 575 and many more parties in village halls and private gardens. Her Majesty said during the pandemic 'We will meet again.' We certainly did over the Jubilee holiday.

A reminder of the contact details for help available for Ukrainian refugees here in Kent. You'll find information at [www.kent.gov.uk/ukraine](http://www.kent.gov.uk/ukraine) Queries about the Ukraine Families Scheme can be emailed to [Ukraine@kent.gov.uk](mailto:Ukraine@kent.gov.uk) or by calling the dedicated helpline 03000 412 424 (this line also has a translation service). The County Council is also there to help all our residents; our KentTogether helpline is 03000 41 92 92 or go online at [www.kent.gov.uk/KentTogether](http://www.kent.gov.uk/KentTogether) KentTogether was set up during lockdown but has evolved to offer wider help including financial. KCC has also been given a Government grant to help vulnerable families and individuals which we've used in part to fund Free

School Meals over the recent Half Term holiday. There's also help for those feeling lonely or even suicidal at any time of the day or night from trained counsellors.

Text the word Kent to 85258 or call 0800 107 0160 for free confidential support.

Another KCC initiative is a call for 'Digital Champions'. These volunteers help people learn the basics for smartphones and computers so that they don't miss out on the services available. You don't have to be an IT whizz to be a Digital Champion but support is given to develop your skills if you wish.

Go to [www.kent.gov.uk](http://www.kent.gov.uk) and search for 'Digital Champion' to find out more and register.

## **WESTENHANGER CASTLE**

### *New workshops to run every Tuesday at Westenhanger Castle during the summer holidays*

Otterpool Park LLP has teamed up with Strange Cargo to run some new free craft workshops at Westenhanger Castle throughout the school summer holidays.

Otterpool Green Stars (OGS) is a new initiative that encourages young people to think about their environment and the future. The events are the first of a series of OGS activities and will be held every Tuesday throughout the holidays, from 26 July, from 11am to 2pm. They are suitable for children aged 4 and over.

Everyone attending will receive a Otterpool Green Stars membership card with their photo on it. There will be range of fun craft activities, including:

- Create your own Otterpool Green Stars superhero and give them a superpower – reducing pollution and waste, protecting plants and creatures, saving water and energy or make up your own!
- Make a clay pot and plant a seed to take home.

The workshops are free to attend, but places must be booked in advance through Eventbrite – just search for 'Westenhanger Castle'.

Tamasin Jarrett, Otterpool Park's Community Services and Events Manager said, "We're excited about our first set of 'Otterpool Green Stars' events, which will be a great summer holiday activity for families and will enable children to learn more about the environment. Over time we are looking to create our own band of green superheroes who care about the environment and want to get involved in future positive activities through the Otterpool Green Stars events.

"It's part of what we stand for at Otterpool Park and recruiting younger generations to help us promote more sustainable lifestyles will hopefully have a positive impact."

Otterpool Park will promote a culture of sustainability and healthy lifestyles. The design of the new garden town has been led by the landscape of the area and 50% of the development will be made up of green spaces. Areas for wildlife will be protected and enhanced and new areas created to reach a 20% improvement to the biodiversity on the development.

Minimal travel distances within the new town will help to reduce car use and make it easy to reach facilities like schools, healthcare and shops by walking and cycling. Buildings are being designed to be low carbon and energy efficient.

Other sustainability commitments include carefully managing water use through water recycling and water-efficient fittings. Wastewater will be treated on-site and new reedbed wetlands areas created to help filter wastewater.

## **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 – July 2<sup>nd</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> – August 20<sup>th</sup> – September 3<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>.

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 CLUBS LATE SUMMER FUN SHOW – SUNDAY AUGUST 28<sup>th</sup>** Full details next month

When I was a primary school teacher, many colleagues and even some parents thought it was unusual that I lived across the playing field from the school. Often, I was asked what I did when people from school saw me in my garden, walking to work or at the shop, to which I replied, "I say hello!" It seemed odd to me that being at home meant one ought to be able to 'hide away' behind the net-curtains, and I wondered if it was a 'South-East thing' as I was not a native of Kent! Perhaps it was part of my DNA as one destined for a new vocation in ministry where it's all about being part of the fabric of the community and living close to 'work' is somewhat a prerequisite!

The Jubilee celebrations in the past month saw communities come together to celebrate in many ways, and in this celebrating together there were plenty of occasions for getting to know neighbours a bit better and building community through shared joyful experiences. This was echoed in the national events that brought us together in a moment of celebration whether we made it to the crowds in The Mall or watched on screen. It made me think of how there was a collective appetite as a nation to have something to celebrate – coming after the tough couple of Covid years and in challenging economic times, with the backdrop of the awful war in Ukraine.

July is a month for other nations to hold national celebrations, thinking particularly of France and the USA, with their respective Bastille and Independence Day as celebrations cementing national identity and a collective moment to celebrate together nationally and locally. For us in the UK, it seems this year the Jubilee has perhaps served a desire to come together and celebrate – and I wonder if this might be something we lack compared to other nations – an annual national celebration? Whilst Her Majesty's long reign has given us many occasions to celebrate as a nation over the years, including royal weddings and the like, there is not something of the same ilk as the fireworks of Bastille and Independence Day for the UK.

For those of faith, along with the festivals throughout the church year, there is a sense of coming together to celebrate each week in worship (as was missed during the lockdowns), and these gatherings to celebrate knowing the love of God as a church community are open to all to come and be part of.

The joy we get from being part of a community and coming together is a reminder of the call – particularly for those of faith and as modelled by Her Majesty- to serve the community we are a part of, showing our love and care for each other, and finding joy in being together.

Blessings

*Rev Chris*

### **STOUR DOWNS PARISH – JULY SERVICES**

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

Sellindge Church is open for prayer and reflection and to visit during the day from Monday to Friday.

Our next service is 31<sup>st</sup> July at 9:30am for the Stour Downs Parish Communion, with Rev Susan Manner.

## 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<sup>nd</sup> 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<sup>th</sup> 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<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the month 2pm – 4pm Durling Hall 01843 597710  
**CUBS** – 6pm -7.30pm, **BEAVERS** – 6pm – 7.15pm, **SCOUTS** - 7.30-9.00pm,  
**EXPLORERS** 7.30—9pm. 01303 813250. [1stsellindgesg@gmail.com](mailto:1stsellindgesg@gmail.com)