

# SELLINDGE VILLAGE NEWS

## AUGUST 2022

Edition 700



## Sellindge Clubs

### Late Summer Fun Show

Sellindge Sports and Social Club  
69, Swan Lane, Sellindge

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> August

Bring entries from 11.30am to 1pm

Tombola, Food and Drink available during judging

3pm to 4pm to see show

This show is open to all villagers and club members so please come along and join in the fun, the emphasis is on fun and there will be at least one category that everyone can take part in

Help our Jack Fight Cancer

In September 2021 Jack at just 15 yrs old was diagnosed with a rare aggressive soft cell sarcoma. We are raising money to fund treatment/surgery abroad. To read Jack's full story visit our Facebook or GoFundMe pages using the links or QR codes below. Do please consider making a donation at our GoFundMe page.

   
<https://gofund.me/6d34fbf1>

   
<https://facebook.com/helpourjackfightcancer>

Thank you for your donations, every single penny will help Jack

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

Indoor table top sale Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> August 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.

### SUMMER ART WORKSHOPS at St MARY's SELLINDGE

St Mary's Sellindge is hosting a series of art workshops this summer – please see the details in the newsletter. There's such a variety of new things to try with local artists in the peaceful environment of the church. It was great to talk recently to one of our workshop leaders who is leading three sessions on creative writing – for residents in Sellindge this might be particularly interesting as you get to inhabit the character of a Sellindge resident of old as you hear about and react to the news of what the Victorian era Vicar has been doing to the church!

### **\*\*NEW\*\* – SELLINDGE FARMERS & CRAFT MARKET in SELLINDGE VILLAGE HALL**

The first ever Sellindge Farmers & Craft Market is on Sunday **AUGUST 21<sup>st</sup>** Open at 9am to 12 Noon. Check out the Sellindge Farmers & Craft Market Face Book Page for more details.

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

Weather and ground conditions permitting. Saturdays **AUGUST 20<sup>th</sup>** Public at **11am** *more details inside*

## **SELLINDGE PARISH COUNCIL**

[www.sellindge-pc.gov.uk](http://www.sellindge-pc.gov.uk) 01303 813 271 [clerk@sellindge-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@sellindge-pc.gov.uk)

The next meeting of your Parish Council is on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> August 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.

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

[susan.carey@kent.gov.uk](mailto:susan.carey@kent.gov.uk) 01303 670 561

Like so many others I came down with Covid at the beginning of July and whilst I'm now testing negative I am not yet recovered. It will take a while to catch up with emails etc..

I do have some good news to share. On 05 July, Ofsted, the Office for Standards in Education, Children's Services and Skills, published its report on KCC's Children's Services rating them as 'outstanding' (the top mark). The breakdown of the scores was:

1. The impact of leaders on social work practice with children and families – Outstanding
2. The experiences and progress of children who need help and protection – Good
3. The experiences and progress of children in care and care leavers – Outstanding
4. Overall effectiveness – Outstanding

This makes KCC one of the best performing councils in the country.

This is important on so many levels not least in the difference it makes to some of the most vulnerable children in Kent. Ofsted are notoriously tough in their judgements and such high marks are rarely given. Several years ago KCC's Children's Services were judged to be failing and it cost £30m to put matters right. I'm really delighted to share with you this external validation of the progress we've made since then. Over the summer holidays KCC is funding bus passes for children and families as part of the Reconnect programme. There's a Young Person's Bus Pass for those in Years 6 to 13 for Stagecoach and Arriva buses and a Family Bus Pass for up to four family members. Both passes are available between 23 July and 31 August and can be arranged via school/college or online (see the KCC website).

Please continue to take precautions against avian flu. All bird keepers whether they have pet birds, a commercial or a backyard flock are legally required to take effective and precautionary biosecurity measures. This includes cleansing and disinfecting hard surfaces and fencing off ponds or standing water to reduce birds' contact with wild birds. If you find a sick or dead swan, goose, duck or other wild bird do not pick them up but report them to the Defra Helpline 03459 33 55 77.

For the latest bird flu situation, and guidance for both keepers and members of the public,

visit: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/avian-influenza-bird-flu>

## **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.

**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 August 9<sup>th</sup> from 10.15am to 11.15am.

## **Jenny Hollingsbee and Susan Carey, Ward Councillors for North Downs West, F&H D C**

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**Closure of Broad Street Lyminge** - KCC have planned to close Broadstreet Lyminge for 42 days from 25 July. Jenny is in contact with UKCC, Damian Collins MP and Officers' at the District Council to try to find an alternative solution to 42 days complete closure. This is a Kent Highways decision. Unfortunately, despite numerous emails and conversations, it seems as though KCC will go ahead with the closure, although efforts are continuing to push KCC to review complete closure. Updates, however, are coming through on a daily basis and Jenny was given this statement on 19 July "Unsuitable for HGVs" signage to be deployed in order to protect the shorter resident access diversion and will also be arranging "access to physical location" signs so that local residents can pinpoint more precisely the location of the works.

**Ukrainian Visitors** – the District Council have created a dedicated email address and phone number for enquiries relating to refugees and how you can help those caught up in the conflict in Ukraine.

Email [Ukraine@folkestone-hythe.gov.uk](mailto:Ukraine@folkestone-hythe.gov.uk) or call 01303 853600 for more information.

Details of events and further information is also available on the website

[www.folkestone-hythe.gov.uk/community/supportforUkraine](http://www.folkestone-hythe.gov.uk/community/supportforUkraine)

**Otterpool Park** - 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'.

**Annual Canvass** – Residents in Folkestone & Hythe are being urged to check their details on the electoral register are correct to ensure they do not lose their voice on decisions that affect them. The annual canvass of all households in the district gets underway this week as part of the council's legal requirement to make sure the register is accurate and up to date every year.

**Scams** – there have been numerous internet, telephone and cold calling scams recently. If you are at all suspicious please call the Police on 101 or report on line or if an emergency call 999. Please also report to [www.actionfraud.police.uk](http://www.actionfraud.police.uk) or call 0300 123 2040 – and/or [report@phishing.gov.uk](mailto:report@phishing.gov.uk)

**Consultation on taxi tariffs increase** – The public is to be asked about the first rise in licensed taxi fares in Folkestone & Hythe for 10 years. The maximum fare that hackney drivers can charge while they are working in the district is set by the council. Following 34 representations from local drivers, Planning & Licensing committee members agreed this week (28 June) to increase the baseline hackney tariff by 10% - the first rise since 2012. This will go out for a four-week public consultation and if no objections are received, the new fares will come into force.

**My Account – is so much easier to use. Residents are encouraged to sign-up or if registered already, to have a look at the new 'front page' as it has recently been updated.** Users are able to see council information relevant to them all in one place - including bin collections, benefits and council tax - as well as making payments and tracking the progress of reports made to officers.

Jenny visited the Tennis Schools' Festival at Sellindge Tennis Club, helped direct traffic at the Boot Fair and attended the Celebration Assembly and then the Graduation for Yr 6 at Sellindge Primary School.

## **ASHFORD STOMA SUPPORT GROUP**

Ashford Stoma Support Group will be meeting in Sellindge Village Hall, Thursday August 25<sup>th</sup>. From 2pm to 4pm. The Group meets on the last Thursday of the month.

## **WESTENHANGER CASTLE**

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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 – 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>**

Details are on the front page of this copy of the Village News

The Rules and the 55 categories is on the last page (page 8)



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

The last few weeks have been rather exciting. On Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> July I was ordained a priest in Canterbury Cathedral and on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> July I led my first communion service in Mersham church. Both days were amazing, and it was lovely to have so many friends and family around to celebrate with me. This has led me to think a lot about identity over the last few weeks as my identity changed when during the ordination Bishop Rose put her hands on my head and asked the Holy Spirit to come down. Someone asked me on Sunday if I feel any different and honestly, I am not sure I do but I am aware that something has changed. Not just in what I can now do but in something inexplicable, I will now be a priest for life. It isn't all I am, I am a daughter, a sister, a friend, a Christian, a curate in this parish and many other things. If you start trying to list your roles, you might find the list is longer than you think.

This had me thinking about some of the stories in the Bible and where we see ourselves in the story. Thing about a very well know story such as the Good Samaritan, who would you be in the story? The priest or

Levite who walks on by because they are sticking to the 'rules', perhaps you see yourself as the inn keeper who takes in the injured man and cares for him. Or maybe you are the person beaten up and left at the side of the road hoping someone will reach out the hand of friendship and help. Perhaps we see ourselves in the role of the good Samaritan the person who does the right thing reaching out to help someone in need. Regardless of what role we see ourselves in what might others say based on our words and actions? Which role do they make us look like?

It is not always easy or simple and 'the right thing to do' is sometimes far from obvious?

Jesus reframes the question to 'who showed himself to be a good neighbour?' So, in all our roles and identities are we showing ourselves to be a good neighbour to our community and those around us?

God Bless – Rev Susan Manner.



## STOUR DOWNS PARISH – AUGUST SERVICES

7 <sup>th</sup>	Mersham	9:30am	Communion <i>Live-Stream FB</i>
	Brabourne	10.am	Story & Praise
14 <sup>th</sup>	Smeeth	9:30am	Communion <i>and Live-Stream on Facebook</i>
21 <sup>st</sup>	Brabourne	9.30am	Communion
	Mersham	9.30am	Morning Praise <i>live stream on facebook</i>
	Smeeth	4pm	Songs of Praise
28 <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

Wednesdays August 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</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 Frida



## St Mary's the Virgin Church, Sellindge TN25 5EG **August 2022 Workshop**



**Stitch Mediation** / Deborah Woollard  
Wed, Aug 3, 2pm / £7.06



**Macramé** / Molly Newton /  
Thu, Aug 4, 10am & 2pm / £7.06



**Cyanotypes** / Jayne Simmonds /  
Sat, Aug 6, 10am & 2pm / £9.21



**Mono Printing** / Lorrain Mailer /  
10am / Tues, Aug 9, 10am  
& 2pm / £11.37\*



**Creative Writing** / Emma Batten /  
Thu, Aug 11, 10am & 2pm + Sat, Aug 13,  
2pm / £17.84

The morning after | water from the bathroom tap  
like slices of a broken window | Do not fear, a tin  
your body will wash off grief | without feeling its

In the park flowers bloom | others bend like melts  
like they always did | but you notice it more  
now you are sensitive | to dead things

**Poetry** / Jihao Xie / Sat, Aug 13,  
10am £11.37



**Needle Felting** / Sheba Pullar / Mon,  
Aug 15, 10am & 2pm / £9.21



**Rubbings & Painting** / Sue Hards /  
Thu, Aug 18, 10am / £9.21



**3D Recycling** / Lorrain Mailer /  
Fri, Aug 19, 10am & 2pm / £11.37\*

**Collage** / 2pm / £9.21 £4.00 refund if booking both

\* Proceeds towards making stands for the Christmas Art Fair 10-11 December.

Booking via:

**EVENTBRITE**

<https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/st-marys-2022-workshops-500229>

St Mary's is an inclusive and calm space that seeks to offer an environment to promote self-esteem, wellbeing and empowerment, through the arts.

## 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)



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



## ENTRY RULES AND CLASSIFICATION FOR OUR FUN FLOWER, VEGETABLE AND CAKE COMPETITION ARE AS FOLLOWS

All entries should arrive between 11.30am and 1pm when judging will take place. At which time the room will be closed to the public and will reopen for viewing between 2.45 and 3pm. All entries must remain in the show room until 4 pm for viewing. The cost is only £1 for every 5 entries you have or part there of. (up to 55 entries per person) Only one entry per category. Categories as follows:

1	1 Victoria Sandwich (filled with jam only, any variety between 7" and 8" round). Jam – can be bought	29	1 Specimen decorative or cactus Dahlia
2	3 Fruit scones (any fruit)	30	3 Stems of Chrysanthemum (any variety)
3	1 Apple pie (any size)	31	1 Orchid in a pot
4	1 Lemon drizzle cake (any size or shape)	32	1 Flowering pot plant
5	4 Cup Cakes	33	1 Foliage pot plant
6	1 Fruit cake (any size or shape but must not be decorated)	34	3 Cooking apples
7	3 Cheese scones	35	3 Dessert apples
8	Bread Pudding (any shape or size)	36	5 Plums
9	Short Bread (any shape or size)	37	5 Blackberries
10	Ginger cake (any shape or size)	38	5 Raspberries
11	5 Cheese straws	39	A plate of any fruit
12	Children's Section 3 decorated buns	40	3 Runner beans
13	Children's Section under 5 painting or colouring	41	3 French beans
14	Children's Section 6-11 painting or drawing	42	5 Potatoes
15	A photograph of an Animal or Bird	43	3 Parsnips
16	A photograph of a "nice view"	44	3 Carrots (tops trimmed)
17	Any other craft	45	1 Beetroot (top trimmed)
18	A painting (any medium)	46	3 sticks of Rhubarb (leaves trimmed)
19	A handmade greetings card	47	3 Onion sets
20	A hand knitted item	48	3 Shallots
21	A crocheted item	49	3 Leeks (tops trimmed)
22	An item of needlework	50	5 Tomatoes
23	1 Stem large flowered Rose	51	8 Cherry tomatoes
24	1 Vase of any variety of 5 Rose stems	52	3 Different specimen vegetables
25	3 Stems of Dahlia (any variety)	53	Heaviest Marrow
26	1 Vase mixed flowers (annuals and/or perennials)	54	Longest Runner bean
27	1 Vase Annuals	55	Odd shaped fruit or vegetable
28	1 Vase Perennials		

23 to 30 – Must be home grown (or allotment)

31 to 33 – Must have been owned by the exhibitor for at least 10 weeks

34 – 55 - Must be home grown (or allotment) with the exception of 37 which may be gathered from the wild

Competitors should supply their own vases - The judge's decision is final.