

SELLINDGE VILLAGE NEWS

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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.



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



<https://facebook.com/helpourjackfightcancer>

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



We are holding a Jumble sale at Sellindge Village Hall on the **8th October** and are in need of Jumble sale items - Clothing - Toys - Bric-a Brac - Books etc

So if you're having a clear out and have any unwanted items that you would like to donate to our Jumble then please get in contact via the page and we will arrange collection or drop off.

Thank you ❤️

KENT TENNIS OPEN DAY

SATURDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER
1-5PM

HOSTED BY SELLINDGE TENNIS CLUB
Kent Club of the Year

Time	Event
All Day	Family Cup (Adult + 10U)
1PM	Cardio Tennis
2PM	Juniors and Adults
3PM	Minis and Adults
4PM	Exhibition Match
5.30PM	Kent LTA Presentation

BBQ Drinks
Bouncy Castle
Tombola
Cake stall
Plate Smash
Coconut Shy
Face Painting

Open to Members & Non Members. Register your interest or book your specific coaching slot via link below:

<https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/SellindgeTennisClub/Events>

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

The next Sellindge Farmers & Craft Market is on Sunday **SEPTEMBER 18th** Open at 9am to 12. Check out the Sellindge Farmers & Craft Market Face Book Page for more details.

COFFEE & COMPANY

We are open to anyone every Tuesday morning in 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.

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

Weather and ground conditions permitting. Saturday SEPTEMBER 24th Public at 11am more details inside

SELLINDGE PARISH COUNCIL

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The next meeting of your Parish Council is on Tuesday 13th September 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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As some of you know I fell ill with Covid at the beginning of July and was out of action for several weeks. I am still not completely recovered but have started to resume normal life. Last month's newsletter entry was written by Jenny but she's now on holiday so this month is a solo effort from me.

Sellindge suffers more than most when Cross Channel Traffic is disrupted so I'm pleased to report that council leaders from across Kent (including Folkestone & Hythe) have written to Grant Shapps MP the Secretary of State for Transport to call for a long term solution to the problems caused to residents and businesses by gridlocked traffic. Congestion at the Port of Dover and the Eurotunnel terminal at Folkestone increasingly impacts on local road network and is well beyond the resources of local government to resolve.

The District Council has received funding from the Government to help low income pensioners and families with children. The priority will be help with energy bills, food and water bills but there is some discretion to meet other essential costs in exceptional cases. There's also advice for low income home owners on energy efficiency measures. Third element of this funding is being used to boost skills in the local green economy.

Further help will be available through the Government's Shared Prosperity Fund as your District Council has made a successful bid for £1 million to be used over the next three years to support vulnerable residents cope with the cost of living. This involves funding for the Community Hubs that were so successful during the Covid lockdowns, food banks, skills training such as how to cook on a low budget, reducing food waste, healthy eating etc. and direct financial help where appropriate.

On 10 August Jenny took Susan Priest the Chief Executive of Folkestone & Hythe District Council on a tour of our North Downs West ward including Sellindge. Susan is following up on various problems they saw but it was also good to be able to show her just what an attractive place Sellindge and its surroundings are.

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 *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 September 13th from 10.15am to 11.15am.

INDOOR TABLE TOP SALES –

At Sellindge Village Hall 9am to 1pm.

Indoor table top sale Saturday 1st October, 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.

FROM YOUR KCC COUNCILLOR Susan Carey, Elham Valley Ward.

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It seems that every year I say it's going to be our most difficult budget ever but our 2023/24 budget looks set to be the most challenging yet. KCC provides a wide range of services such as roads, streetlights, libraries, nurseries, school places, waste disposal, child protection, social care, coroners' service etc. We are very aware that these services, whether they are statutory (the services we must provide) or discretionary (the ones we can choose to provide) are highly valued by our communities. However, as in recent years, we know we will have to make some difficult decisions during the setting of the 2023-24 budget to ensure resources continue to be prioritised and money is directed to where it is needed most.

We totally understand that everyone in Kent is currently dealing with a very concerning rise in the cost of living. But the deep-felt impacts of rising inflation, followed swiftly off the back of the punishing pandemic, are presenting us with significant financial challenges. Setting our annual budget is a complex and challenging process involving not just detailed financial analysis but, crucially, conversations with Kent's communities. As we plan our spending for the year ahead we need to hear your views on our Council Tax proposals and your ideas for how we might make further savings. It's an incredibly difficult time for all of Kent's residents and we face exactly the same amount of pressure. We see inflation and the cost of living rising and the fuel price increasing, higher than they have ever been. All of this impacts on our budget just as much as it does our own personal expenditure. The budget consultation was launched on 19 July and closes 05 September. You'll find it online at www.letstalk.kent.gov.uk

We're still doing all we can to win grants for Kent and get the resources we need to make our county a better place to live and work. We are supporting the Government's plans for the Lower Thames Crossing which National Highways believe they can deliver by 2030. This is one part of the jigsaw needed to help reduce the congestion we face with Cross Channel traffic. We have also been successful in winning funding for tree schemes (the recent free tree offer was fully subscribed within days) and flood alleviation projects.

Hundreds of households have signed up for the Solar Together scheme which uses collective buying power to get the best deal on solar panels, batteries and EV charging points. We're also expanding the network of public EV charging points across Kent in a partnership with District Councils and Connected Kerb.

I have only been making a slow recovery from Covid so please be patient as I resume duties and catch up on the backlog. If I've missed your email then please resend.

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 – 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

Summer Show

Another great year for the Summer show at the Sports and Social Club held on Sunday 28th August, 36 entrance with a record 160 items entered.

Best in class for Flowers was Amanda Street

Best in Fruit was Derek Bryant

Best in Veg was David Holliday

Best in Junior was Joel Hall

Best if Cooking was Angela Pumfleet

Best in Craft Rachel Becket, an amazing painting of a Turtle.

Thanks for everyone who helped including the judges, Carol, Debbie, Christina, Marian, Diane and

Malcolm, Lyn for running the very popular tombola and Nick and Kerry for supplying sustenance all day.



SELLINDGE FC UNDER 15's – 2022/2023 Season starts

September 3 rd 10am Home V Headcorn	-	match cancelled on request of the opponent
10 th 10am Away V Cheriton	-	17 th 10am Home V Kennington
24 th 10am Away V Rising Stars	-	Oct 1 st 10am Home V South Ashford

Sellindge Farmers & Craft Market
UPCOMING Dates
2022

Sept	18th	Sellindge Village Hall Main Rd, Sellindge, TN25 6JX
Oct	16th	Sellindge Village Hall Main Rd, Sellindge, TN25 6JX
Nov	20th	Sellindge Village Hall Main Rd, Sellindge, TN25 6JX
Dec	18th	Sellindge Village Hall Main Rd, Sellindge, TN25 6JX

Open from 9.00am to 12noon.
 Farmers Markets gives you the consumer a chance to know the person from whom you are buying and to talk about their produce.

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VILLAGE HALL REGULAR EVENTS

MONDAY

RAINBOWS
BROWNIES
LINE DANCING

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

TUESDAY

COFFEE & COMPANY
LINE DANCING
PARISH COUNCIL

9am – 1pm Durling Hall
 6pm – 7pm, 7.15pm – 8.15pm Main Hall – 07989210449
 2nd Tuesday of the month at 6.30pm Durling Hall –
 Chair 07710260751, Clerk 01303 813271

WEDNESDAY

GUIDE DOG TRAINING
TAI CHI
GET TOGETHER CLUB
KARATE
BEES BODS
AEROBIC BODY BLAST
ANGEL CENTRE

10am – 12 Noon Main Hall
 2pm – 2.45pm Main Hall
 2nd Wednesday of the month 2pm – 4pm Durling Hall
 4.30pm – 5.30pm Main Hall 01227 370055 (office hours)
 5.45pm – 6.45pm Main Hall - 01303 813 274
 7pm – 8pm Main Hall - 01233 820 109
 4th Wednesday of the month 7.30pm – 9.30pm Durling Hall

THURSDAY

PILATES
LINE DANCING
STOMA SUPPORT GROUP
TAEKWONDO

9.30am – 10.45am Main Hall
 11.30am - 1.00am Main Hall – 07989210449
 Last Thursday of the month 2pm – 4pm Durling Hall
 Various classes from 5.15pm Main Hall 01303 814635

FRIDAY

GARDENERS 3rd 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

September is traditionally the time we mark harvest in churches and school assemblies, although here in our villages we have been watching the combines and tractors busy in our fields and on our roads this summer, already gathering in before the hot weather finally gave way to some rain.

Over two hundred years ago, in the days long before there were large seed drills and combine harvesters, a song was written to celebrate the harvest. It is still well-known today; it starts with the words: *'We plough the fields and scatter the good seed on the land'*. It's probably the one you would think of if asked to name a harvest hymn, if that was ever a round on BBC's *Pointless*!

What can we tell from those words? How was the seed sown? The words suggest the seed – or at least some of it – was sown by throwing it by hand after the field had been prepared with a horse-drawn plough. When it came to harvest time, the same horses would pull the reaper or cutter ready for the crop to be gathered in.

But what happens in the next line of the song hasn't changed. *'But it is fed and watered by God's almighty hand'*. Once the seed is sown, we rely on the sun and the rain and the nutrients in the soil – everything that comes from creation. In fact, we rely on these things for all of our food – even that which comes in tins and bags and bottles.

The story of creation shows us what an incredible, complicated and beautiful place the earth is. We are asked to care for it, to make sure that natural balance is maintained, but climate change is a result of our failure to do this: affecting the make-up of our atmosphere, the temperature of our waters, the ecosystems and demand for certain foods putting pressure on the natural world. We need to nurture this fragile balance, rather than upset its equilibrium with the way we live our lives.

Perhaps at this harvest time we might be really appreciative not only of those who grow our food and tend livestock, but also the rain we rely on. We might reflect also more deeply in light of recent unprecedented temperatures on the reality of climate change, its impact on our daily lives, and what we might do lessen our own impact on the world around us.

God Bless – Rev Chris

STOUR DOWNS PARISH – SEPTEMBER SERVICES

4 th	Mersham	9:30am	Communion <i>Live-Stream FB</i>
	Brabourne	10.am	Story & Praise Harvest followed by Harvest Lunch
11 th	Smeeth	9:30am	Communion <i>and Live-Stream on Facebook</i>
18 th	Brabourne	9.30am	Communion
	Mersham	9.30am	Morning Praise <i>live stream on facebook</i>
	Smeeth	4pm	Harvest Songs of Praise
25 th	Stowting	9.30am	Harvest Communion
	Smeeth	9.30am	Morning Praise and live stream on facebook
	Stowting	10.30am	Story, Song & Celebrate
	Monk Horton	4pm	Harvest Evensong

Wednesdays September 7th, 14th, 21st & 28th 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

Upcoming events and services at St Mary's Sellindge for 2022...

“Ride and Stride” – Church open as people walk or ride to churches around Kent: **10th September**

Pet Service: **2nd October 4pm** – bring your pet along for a blessing!

All Saints Communion service: **30th October 9:30am**

with art exhibition reflecting on celebrating all the saints, including today's everyday “saints”: from open

29th October – 4th November

Remembrance Sunday: **13th November 10:45** with art exhibition reflecting on Remembrance

Carols on the Green: **23rd December 5pm**

Nativity: Christmas Eve **24th December 5pm**

Christmas Day Communion: **25th December 10am**