

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 Jacks 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

JUMBLE SALE
Sunday 9th October
2-4pm

Sellindge Village Hall
Main Road
Ashford, TN25 6JY

50p entry
In aid of
Help our Jack Fight Cancer

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 ❤️

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.

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

The next Sellindge Farmers & Craft Market is on **Sunday OCTOBER 16th** 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.

SELLINDGE PARISH COUNCIL

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Due to the sad death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth 11 the September meetings were cancelled. The next meeting of your Parish Council is on Tuesday October 11th 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 were saddened by the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth 11 and in common with other public bodies and Sellindge Parish Council your District Council postponed meetings in public and all but our emergency services were paused for the day of her funeral. In the midst of the mourning, your District Council also took part in the proclamation of Charles III with the Council's Chairman being given a copy of the proclamation in Maidstone by the High Sheriff of Kent on 11 September at 1pm which he then read at a 3pm ceremony at the Civic Centre in Folkestone. Susan was at the ceremony which covered the whole of Kent at 1pm and Jenny attended the local proclamation for our District at 3pm. We know there have been many local events to mark the Queen's passing including Church services and we've also been able to attend some of these as well.

By the time this newsletter appears, the District Council will have held a summit on the rising cost of living. The aim is to ensure the Council is working effectively in partnership with local organisations and the voluntary sector to assist those residents who face challenges around food, warmth and energy during the winter months. Voluntary organisations across Folkestone & Hythe have been invited including Kent Police, Citizens Advice and representatives from the health and education sectors.

If you or someone you know is struggling financially then do please ask for help. There are multiple schemes to help the most vulnerable and both the District Council and County Council websites have very helpful pages with information on benefits, possible financial support and advice.

We've been writing about the District Council's plans for a new Garden Town at Otterpool Park (next to Westenhanger station and between Stanford, Lympne and Sellindge) since it was first proposed in 2016. The new town is intended to take the majority of the new homes needed in our District over the next 20 years (and more). One of the advantages of creating a new town is that new facilities such as health, schools, recreation etc. can be created at the same time. The location has good existing transport connections to both the M20 and the rail network and roads, footpaths, bridleways and cycleways will be improved as part of the development. The first phase of Otterpool Park is at last at outline planning stage with further amendments and information now available to view on the council website. The statutory public consultation runs till 5pm on Monday 10 October. Comments can be sent via the Planning Portal or by email to otterpool.applications@folkestone-hythe.gov.uk. We are also happy to talk about the Otterpool Park plans with residents particularly those who have moved into the village recently and may not be aware of the background.

We also extend a warm welcome to those who have come to live in Sellindge and hope you will become involved in village life. Do contact us if you have an issue where you believe we can help you.

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 October 11th from 10.15am to 11.15am.

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

TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE –

Stone Hill, Sellindge - 17th October 2022 for 3 Days, between 09:00 hours and 16:00 hours

It will be necessary to close part of Stone Hill, Sellindge from 17th October 2022 with estimated completion by 19th October 2022. Stone Hill, Sellindge will be closed between A20 Main Road and Coopers Lane, to the extent indicated by signs and barriers on site.

The alternative route is A20 Main Road/Hythe Road, Church Road, Woolpack Hill, Plain Road, Stone Hill and vice versa.

The closure is required for the safety of the public and workforce while arboricultural works are undertaken by ETMS Highways Ltd. The Kent County Council Highways Helpline phone number is: 03000 418 181.

For the most up to date information on these works please visit: <https://one.network/?tm=130657777>

For information regarding this closure please contact ETMS Highways Ltd on 01322 558699, who will be able to assist with the scope of these works.

FROM YOUR KCC COUNCILLOR Susan Carey, Elham Valley Ward.

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It has been moving to see so many people round the world as well as locally mark their respect and affection for Queen Elizabeth II. Kent County Council postponed its Council meeting due to take place on 15 September replacing it with a gathering to pay tribute to share tributes to Her Majesty and her extraordinary life of public service.

Together with KCC's Leader, Roger Gough and Chairman, Lesley Game, I attended a gathering at County Hall in Maidstone on 11 September to lay a floral tribute and sign the book of condolence. We then joined the Lord Lieutenant of Kent, Lady Colgrain and the High Sheriff of Kent, Russell Race and Civic representatives from across Kent for the proclamation of Charles III as our new monarch. After reading the proclamation the High Sheriff then gave copies of the proclamation to each of the Chairmen of Kent's Districts and Boroughs to proclaim locally.

Some of you may have seen me interviewed on Meridian TV on 07 September about Cranbrook Windmill which had had extensive renovation. As well as the Union Mill at Cranbrook, KCC owns seven other windmills including one at nearby Stelling Minnis. In my interview I wanted to make the point about how important volunteers are in the work to keep these historic buildings in good repair and open to the public. We have a great team at Stelling Minnis. If you'd like to help at one of the windmills go to www.kent.gov.uk and search for 'volunteering'; you'll also find information on how to help keep the Heritage Environment Record up to date as well as countryside and sport activities.

KCC faces many challenges financially but we're often successful in winning grants for specific projects and I'm pleased to report we've won a grant of £98,500 from the Local Authority Treescapes Fund. This will see 15,824 trees established at 22 school sites and two NHS sites in Kent over the next two years. Since 2019 KCC has enabled or been directly responsible for the delivery of 111,921 trees and 6.032m2 of natural regeneration and we have a further 76,493 new trees already in the pipeline with more to come including 350 for my own division of Elham Valley. I am looking for suitable sites so do please contact me if you know of any in this Parish or the wider Elham Valley (as well as Sellindge my division covers Hawkinge, Lyminge, Elham, Elmsted, Stelling Minnis, Stowting, Postling, Newington, Acrise, Densole and all points between).

THE SELLINDGE SPORTS & SOCIAL CLUB

Sunday Roasts are back !!!

Sunday Roasts booking up fast, please call or text 07876 794 323 to book a table, collection or delivery (in Sellindge) we would hate you to miss out!! £9 takeaway £10 to eat in, served 1pm till 5pm

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



SELLINDGE FC UNDER 15's – 2022/2023



October 1st 10am
Home V South Ashford

October 15th 10am
Away V Biddenden

October 29th 10am
Home V Wittersham

November 5th 10am
Away V Bromley Green



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

2nd 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

4th 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

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

STOUR DOWNS PARISH Vicar's letter – October 2022

Imagine what it must have been like for a 25-year-old woman with a husband and two toddlers to be told of her father's sudden death. And now imagine that that death brings with it a lifetime's responsibility not only for herself and her family, but for the nation, the Church and the Commonwealth. A responsibility she could never lay down or forget, not for a moment, for 70 years. No gap year for her, No sabbatical or midlife crisis. She continued working until 3 days before her death. Her majesty the Queen lived a life that was truly remarkable.

On her 21st birthday, four years before she became queen, she had made that extraordinary promise which the new King reflected upon in his first address to the nation after his beloved mother's death:

I declare before you all that my whole life whether it be long or short shall be devoted to your service and the service of our great imperial family to which we all belong.

She took that call to be our Queen very seriously. It was her primary focus, a vow she kept unswervingly for the whole of her life. But how did she find the strength to keep the promises she had made? Through all those years? There must have been times when it was not easy.

Although in many ways, of course, her life was one of great privilege, she also lived a life of constant service, under constant scrutiny, and subject, like the rest of us, to the difficulties of life – the loss of her parents, her sister and her husband, the divorces of three of her four children, the death of Diana Princess of Wales, the murder of her cousin, Lord Mountbatten. I could go on. How did she remain so steady, purposeful, devoted and joyful? How was it that, after 70 years of all this she was smiling?

When Elizabeth was born there was no expectation that she would become Queen and growing up I'm sure she had plans and hopes of her own, but she accepted a colossal responsibility – a lifelong call to what at times must have been a lonely role. In this we may truly say that she followed in the steps of Jesus.

Her unshakeable Christian faith, public and yet unostentatious, was perhaps as remarkable as her devotion to her civic duty. After all she was a human being, like us, who found solace in the company of her dogs when life seemed trying. She was not above laughing at herself – as we witnessed most recently in her appearance with Paddington Bear, with that marmalade sandwich tucked into the royal handbag.

As we witness today leaders all around us failing and falling, with notions of duty and promise-keeping appearing disposable, Queen Elizabeth's lifelong example of consistency in private faith and integrity in public service is inspiring. Whatever challenges we face, would we not do well to do as she did- to promise to devote our lives to the service of others and to seek the prayers of others to help us maintain our resolve to do so?

None of us are likely to be called to lead a nation, but make no mistake, God has a call on your life and on mine, on the life of each one of us. That may be a call to something public and high profile or it may be a vocation to teach, to farm, to nurture a family, to comfort those who mourn, to be alongside those in prison, to work as a midwife, a speech therapist, a judge, a priest. We may not have the public profile of the Queen but we are all called, with her, to act without selfish ambition or conceit, in humility, looking not only to our own interests but to those of others.

As we reflect on her life, and give thanks to God for her life of duty, service, love and witness, let us honour her memory by doing what she did.

God Bless – Rev Chris

STOUR DOWNS PARISH – OCTOBER SERVICES

2 nd	Mersham	9:30am	Harvest Communion <i>Live- FB</i>
	Brabourne	10.am	Story & Praise
	Sellindge	4,pm	Pet Blessing Service
9 th	Smeeth	9:30am	Communion <i>and Live-FB</i>
	Mersham Church Room	4pm	JAM (Jesus and Me)
16 th	Brabourne	9.30am	Communion
	Mersham	9.30am	Morning Praise <i>Live -FB</i>
	Smeeth	4pm	Harvest Songs of Praise
23 rd	Stowting	9.30am	Communion
	Smeeth	9.30am	Morning Praise <i>and live</i>
	Stowting	10.30am	Story, Song & Celebrate
	Monk Horton	4pm	Evensong
30 th	Sellindge	9.30am	All Saints Service
	Smeeth	4pm	<i>Service of Light</i> Remembering Departed Loved Ones

Wednesdays October 6th, 12th, 19th & 26th 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...

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**

STOP PRESS

F&HDC press release:

FLAMING HELL – DARK SMOKE COSTS BUSINESS IN COURT

A property development company has been fined after one of its contractors polluted the Folkestone air with dark smoke.

Earls Avenue Limited has pleaded guilty to omitting dark smoke from industrial or trade premises, contrary to the Clean Air Act 1993, at a property in Radnor Park Crescent.

Folkestone & Hythe District Council was made aware of the burning waste by a member of the public on 3 February 2022.

Officers attended and witnessed a lightbulb exploding on the flaming bonfire – which also contained metal and wood – in the back garden.

It was being marshalled by contractors working on behalf of the defendant.

The colour of the smoke being emitted was categorised as level four out of five on the Ringelmann chart – a scale used to define dark smoke. Anything darker than two is an offence.

Appearing before Folkestone Magistrates' Court on Monday 12 September, Earls Avenue Limited was ordered to pay a fine and costs totalling £780.

Cllr Stuart Peall – Cabinet Member for Enforcement, Regulatory Services, Waste & Building Control – said: "All of the waste was produced from the renovation of a property and should have been disposed of in a safe and considerate way.

"This successful prosecution is a warning to businesses that believe they can get away with damaging our local environment without having to face the consequences."

Council leader Cllr David Monk added: "Here we have yet another example of residents and the council working together for the benefit of our district.

"Reporting matters like this to the council means we can investigate and take appropriate action, so we're grateful to the resident for getting in touch about this incident."

Visit www.folkestone-hythe.gov.uk/report-a-problem to report issues including environmental complaints, fly-tipping and noisy neighbours.

