

# SELLINDGE VILLAGE NEWS

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**Sellindge Sports & Social Club - Firework Night**

Saturday 26th November 2022  
Gates open 5.30pm - Fireworks 7pm

Come and join us for our late firework party - fireworks, bonfire, food, bar, stalls and entertainment.

Family Tickets available in advance and on the night  
£12 (2 Adults & 2 Children)

£5 Adult - £3 Child (available on the night only)  
Advanced tickets available from the bar from the 1st Nov

Starting **Wednesday 12th October 5-7pm**  
at **Sellindge Sports & Social Club**  
(69 Swan Lane, Ashford TN25 6HB)

For ages 11-16

Come along to meet new friends  
and try new things!

Contact **Marla** for more information! 07977296960

**Youth Club**

FREE OF CHARGE

### INDOOR TABLE TOP SALES –

**At Sellindge Village Hall 9am to 1pm.**

Indoor table top sale **Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER** 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 NOVEMBER 20<sup>th</sup>** Open at 9am to 12 Noon.

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.



Evolution Power's proposal to construct, operate and maintain a renewable energy generating and energy storage facilities on land North of Aldington near Ashford.  
website: [www.stonestreetgreensolar.co.uk/Consultation](http://www.stonestreetgreensolar.co.uk/Consultation)

The Statutory Consultation runs from 9am October responses to be received by 29<sup>th</sup> November 11.5 Evolution Power has also confirmed its local information events which are as follows;

- Mersham Village Hall – Friday 4<sup>th</sup> Nov, 3pm – 7pm Aldington Village Hall – Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> Nov, 11am – 3pm
- **Sellindge Village Hall – Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> Nov, 1pm – 5pm** Bilsington Village Hall – Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> Nov, 1pm – 5pm



**REMEMBRANCE SERVICE AT  
St MARY'S SELLINDGE  
SUNDAY NOVEMBER 13<sup>th</sup> at 10.45am**  
with Art Exhibition reflecting on Remembrance



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## SELLINDGE PARISH COUNCIL

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The next meeting of your Parish Council is on Tuesday November 8<sup>th</sup> 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 or table 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.



**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 November 8<sup>th</sup> from 10.15am to 11.15am.

**KCC COUNCILLOR** Susan Carey, Elham Valley Ward. [susan.carey@kent.gov.uk](mailto:susan.carey@kent.gov.uk) 01303 670 561

You may have seen reports about the financial problems faced by Kent County Council. The problems are serious but amid our own woes there is still work under way to help Kent residents facing financial difficulties.

It's been confirmed that Kent families with children who receive free school meals will once again be provided with food vouchers by KCC to help them not just in the Autumn half-term break but also over Christmas, the Spring half-term and next Easter. The vouchers will be available through the youngsters' school or college.

A £50 energy voucher will also be available (details about distribution to be announced). The funding for this comes from the money allocated to KCC through the Government's Household Support Fund.

Here are some of the other ways KCC is working with partners to help.

KCC's Digital Kent [www.digitalkent.uk](http://www.digitalkent.uk) website has information on discounted broadband packages known as social tariffs for eligible households. Routers and laptops are also available. KentTogether (developed to help people during Covid) continues to be available at [03000 41 92 92](tel:03000419292) and will direct people to financial and other advisory services.

KCC has just launched ReferKent for organisations that provide help to use for making and tracking referrals. There's also our Kent Support and Assistance Service (KSAS) which provides help for those experiencing a short term crisis. It's intended to be there when all other possibilities have been exhausted.

Every 5 years KCC consults the public about our network of country parks and if you'd like to learn more and have your say then do go to [www.letstalkkent.gov.uk](http://www.letstalkkent.gov.uk) where the consultation is now open until 12 December. Four of Kent County Council's Country Parks were recently awarded Gold in the South & South East In Bloom awards including Brockhill Park near Hythe which also won the South & South East Country Park of the Year for the fifth year.

KCC will also soon be consulting on our Minerals and Waste Plan to make sure it reflects changes in legislation and ensure we have a sufficient supply of building materials and waste facilities to meet need until at least 2030. This consultation will be available on [www.letstalkkent.gov.uk](http://www.letstalkkent.gov.uk) It's a very long document but it's an area of the council's work that has great importance for our environment and it will be examined in detail by a Planning Inspector. The Minerals and Waste Plan is part of my special responsibility at KCC so I'd be very happy to talk about it with in more detail with anyone interested.



Free Tai Chi Qigong Tasters Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2pm Sellindge Village Hall  
Suitable for all ages & levels of fitness

Contact Emma [taichiforyou@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:taichiforyou@hotmail.co.uk) [www.taichiforyou.co.uk](http://www.taichiforyou.co.uk)

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The District Council's 'Cost of Living Summit' was held on 20 September with over 60 people attending from different organisations involved in helping those in need. A booklet will now be produced to bring together the details of who can help. In the meantime do look at the District and County Council websites which have many useful links. Residents may also be interested in the Hythe Pantry – for a £5 a week subscription, those in need can receive £20/£25 worth of food a week.

It's held at Our Lady of Good Counsel, 2 Lower Blackhouse Hill, Hythe.

We're pleased to report that the Benefits Team at the District Council has been named Team of the Year at the recent Institute of Revenues Rating and Valuation Performance Awards. The Council was also highly commended on the Excellence in Social Inclusion category. The work to engage with and help harder-to-reach groups such as armed forces veterans was singled out by the jury making the awards.

It's good to know the staff dealing with vulnerable people are considered so highly.

There's still time to respond to the consultation about the District Council's updated Statement of Community Involvement. This sets out how people can get involved in decisions about plan-making and planning applications in the district. You'll find it at [www.consult.folkestone-hythe.gov.uk](http://www.consult.folkestone-hythe.gov.uk) its open until 5pm on Monday 14 November.

The District Council has been awarded a grant from the Government's Rural England Prosperity Fund for the next two years and we'll share details of this scheme when they become available.

We too have grants to give. Every year each Ward Councillor in the district can allocate community grants totalling £3,000. In the past we've funded village halls, youth groups, sports clubs and more. There's a complete list on the District Council website of all our previous awards. If you have a project you think deserves funding please let us know.

Do watch out for events at Westenhanger Castle which is owned by the District Council and which will be the centrepiece of the new town planned at Otterpool Park. These events are normally free to attend and staged in the school holidays; some are for families and some are of general interest. You can find details on the Otterpool Park website [www.otterpool.org](http://www.otterpool.org) in the news section. We have asked for more notice so we can share the information in the village newsletters but they are usually advertised just a couple of weeks in advance which doesn't meet the production deadlines for monthly newsletters.

(You can of course follow @otterpool\_park on twitter for updates.)

We both attended Sellindge Parish Council on 11<sup>th</sup> October. Where we discussed much of the above.

We were also delighted to report that KCC has started (on 12 October) a Youth Club for secondary school age children at the Sports & Social Club. Anyone who'd like more information on this should contact Maria on 07977 296960. Jenny also attended the Sellindge Primary School Governors Meeting and the Sports Club regular meeting.

She would also like to offer condolences' to Vera Orsbourne's family. Vera lived in the Village for over 50 years running The Silver Spray (a café and small shop) as well as creating, maintaining and opening the rear gardens to the public. She was a Member of the Sellindge Surgery Patients Participation Group since its inception and other Village organisations. She will be sorely missed.



## **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.

Wednesday – Youth Club for ages 11 to 16 from 5pm to 7pm

Thursday night BINGO – 8pm

### **World Cup 2022 Qatar kicks off on Sunday November 20<sup>th</sup> 2022**

The Club will be showing all the England games, check the clubs Facebook or website or pop into the club for more details.

**Takeaways / Deliveries** – New Takeaway / Delivery leaflets are being prepared to post out in the Village, keep an eye out for these over the next few weeks.



### **SELLINDGE FC UNDER 15's – 2022/2023 – NOVEMBER FIXTURES**

November 5<sup>th</sup> – Away v Bromley Green Under 15

November 19<sup>th</sup> – Away v Headcorn Hurricanes Under 15

November 26<sup>th</sup> – Home v Cheriton United Under 15

## **VILLAGE HALL REGULAR EVENTS**

### **MONDAY**

**RAINBOWS** 4pm – 5pm Main Hall - 01303 812 297 (Term time)  
**BROWNIES** 5.15pm – 6.45pm Main Hall - 01303 812 297 (Term time)  
**LINE DANCING** 7.30pm – 9.00pm Main Hall – 07753 274 913

### **TUESDAY**

**COFFEE & COMPANY** 9am – 1pm Durling Hall  
**LINE DANCING** 6pm – 7pm, 7.15pm – 8.15pm Main Hall – 07989 210 449  
**PARISH COUNCIL** 2nd Tuesday of the month at 6.30pm Durling Hall –  
Chair 07710 260 751, Clerk 01303 813 271

### **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 370 055 (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 – 07989 210 449  
**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 597 710  
**CUBS** – 6pm -7.30pm, **BEAVERS** – 6pm – 7.15pm, **SCOUTS** - 7.30-9.00pm,  
**EXPLORERS** 7.30—9pm. 01303 813 250. [1stsellindgesg@gmail.com](mailto:1stsellindgesg@gmail.com)

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

As the clocks change, the nights draw in and the weather gets colder (well it is supposed to) it is easy for us to become insular. To stay in our homes where it is warm (hopefully) and to spend less time outside. It is a time when loneliness can become more and more difficult. Jesus told us to love our neighbour as ourselves. That means looking out for them, checking in on people and offering a helping hand to those in need.

This year with increasing prices and energy costs life has become difficult for many. Stour Downs Parish has a food bank and if you know someone who might need some help encouraging them to pick up the phone or send us a message via Facebook. No vouchers required. If you can help by donating food or money, please drop any food into the Mersham rectory porch (Bower Road, Mersham TN25 6NN).

We particularly need tins and packets. No fresh items please as we are unable to store them. The foodbank is based in the Church in Sellindge and we will be opening one morning a week from 10am-1pm offering tea and coffee, soup and a roll and company in a warm space. Watch out for more information about this coming soon.

This winter lets look out for each other and particularly those who might need a bit of help or company.

God Bless,

Rev Susan

### STOUR DOWNS PARISH – NOVEMBER SERVICES – Sundays

6 <sup>th</sup>	Mersham	9:30am	Communion <i>Live- FB</i>
	Brabourne	10.am	Story & Praise
13 <sup>th</sup>	Smeeth	10:45am	Remembrance Service
	Brabourne	10:45am	Remembrance Service
	Sellindge	10:45am	Remembrance Service
20 <sup>th</sup>	Brabourne	9.30am	Communion
	Mersham	9.30am	Morning Praise <i>Live -FB</i>
	Smeeth	4pm	Songs of Praise
27 <sup>th</sup>	Stowting	9.30am	Communion
	Smeeth	9.30am	Morning Praise
	Stowting	10.30am	Story, Song & Celebrate
	Monk Horton	4pm	Advent Carols
Wednesdays November 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 9 <sup>th</sup> , 16 <sup>th</sup> , 23 <sup>rd</sup> & 30 <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

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

All Saints Communion service: **30<sup>th</sup> October 9:30am**

with art exhibition reflecting on celebrating all the saints, including today's everyday "saints": from open **29<sup>th</sup> October – 4<sup>th</sup> November**

Remembrance Sunday: **13<sup>th</sup> November 10:45** with art exhibition reflecting on Remembrance

Carols on the Green: **23<sup>rd</sup> December 5pm**

Nativity: Christmas Eve **24<sup>th</sup> December 5pm**

Christmas Day Communion: **25<sup>th</sup> December 10am**