

# SELLINDGE VILLAGE NEWS

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### November's Remembrance



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

Indoor table top sale **Saturday DECEMBER 3<sup>rd</sup>** 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.



## SELLINDGE PARISH COUNCIL *Merry Christmas*

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The next meeting of your Parish Council is on Tuesday December 13<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.

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

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Inflation and the cost of living are very much on everyone's minds. Your District Council has been working with partners across the public and voluntary sectors to offer help to those most affected.

As well as information on the council website there's a leaflet of where to find financial and other help.

On 12 November a 'Cost of Living' event was held at FOLCA (the former Debenhams store in Folkestone) where statutory and voluntary services gave advice and help including providing winter coats.

(You can donate winter coats at the Folkestone Community Hub at Age UK South Kent Coast Shaftesbury Avenue Cheriton.) There's also a 'warm spaces' initiative to host people so they can be warm and in company during the day. Details of these schemes and more are on the Council website and there will be information in the next edition of *Your District Today* which is delivered to every home.

The District Council is also facing financial challenges from inflation and a desperate shortage of planning staff. These are problems we share with every District Council in the land and savings are being sought to maintain our statutory services (those we have a legal obligation to deliver). This may mean reducing some of our discretionary services and we are also re-evaluating projects. The new Leisure Centre at Princes Parade in Hythe is on hold but we hope a solution can be found so that the development at this location is not just houses.

[We sent reports to the Sellindge Parish Council meeting of 08 November which was unfortunately cancelled. We have also recently met the Head of Planning at the District Council to discuss concerns raised with us by Sellindge residents over particular planning applications and Jenny has asked that application no. 22/1290/FH \(the Piggeries\) be 'called in' to the Planning Committee for decision where it would be decided by Councillors after debate.](#)

We wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and extend a warm welcome to those who've recently moved to Sellindge. We hope you will be happy here and become involved (or start) local activities in the village. Thank you to those who serve on the Parish Council, run the Church, the Governors at Sellindge School, those who write for this newsletter, those who run our local shops, pub and businesses, the committee members of the Village Hall and the Sports and Social Club and everyone who keeps the village organisations going for the benefit of all.

*May you all enjoy a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.*

### **FREE CHRISTMAS PARKING**

You can park for free in the District Council Car Parks and on – street Pay and Display bays on – **Saturday's December 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>.**

### **Recycling & Household Waste Collections**

There will be no collections on Monday Dec 26<sup>th</sup>.

All collections that week will be made a day later from Tuesday Dec 27<sup>th</sup> until Saturday Dec 31<sup>st</sup>.

Collections will **return to normal on Monday Jan 2<sup>nd</sup> 2023** Bad weather may change or delay collections.

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



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

**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.

### 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.

**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 December 13<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  
The County Council’s financial situation has continued to worsen with inflation affecting services across the board. The most recent forecast is that we’ll be £61m over budget by the end of this financial year so we are likely to need our emergency reserves and we’re making extra savings in the current financial year. We must by law set a balanced budget for the financial year 23/24 including the replenishment of reserves. We have always had financial challenges as demand for services, especially social care, is high but I’ve never known a year like it. We are not alone in this and KCC has sent a joint letter with Hampshire County Council to the Government to say we will be unable to continue without more funding and / or a change in our statutory responsibilities.

Despite our own financial troubles the schemes I outlined in my last report to help individuals and families affected by the cost of living are still funded from earmarked Government grant. A good way to find out what’s available is to search for ‘Kent Together’ online or ring 03000 41 92 92.

Part of my area of special responsibility at KCC includes our network of 19 Household Waste Recycling Centres. Ideally we’d like to receive less waste at the HWRCs as it’s better for waste to be reduced or reused (better for the environment and less costly) rather than recycled so we’ve been trialling re-use initiatives for books, bikes and furniture. If these are successful we’ll extend the schemes. We’ve also been doing some analysis of what’s in the waste that’s collected kerbside by the districts which KCC then recycles or turns into energy at the Allington incinerator. There’s an astonishing amount of food still in its original packaging which is obviously wasteful in every sense. Please make sure that any food waste is separated and placed in the small caddies as we can then at least turn it into biogas or fertiliser at the anaerobic digester at Kings Hill.

I thought you would also like to know the latest situation with the Ukrainians in Kent as part of the Homes for Ukraine scheme. Many of the original hosts are now reaching the end of the 6 month agreement but the war in Ukraine continues and the Ukrainian Government has asked that refugees do not return until after winter. Up to 12 October there have been 4,000 matched applications with 1703 sponsors in Kent which is the highest number of any County (361 in the Folkestone & Hythe district). To encourage hosts to continue to offer accommodation over the winter, KCC is offering increased payments to March 2023. We do not want these people to become homeless – apart from humanitarian considerations it would cost more to find them emergency accommodation. Ukrainian refugees are arriving at the rate of one or two every day and we need more host families. If anyone is interested in becoming a host, or wishes to host again, please email [ukraine@kent.gov.uk](mailto:ukraine@kent.gov.uk) or call 03000 412 424.



## THE SELLINDGE SPORTS & SOCIAL CLUB – CHRISTMAS

Every Sunday in December

### Christmas Roast Dinners,

please call or text 07876 794 323 to book a table, collection or delivery (in Sellindge) we would hate you to miss out!! 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

**Christmas Breakfast** – Saturday December 17<sup>th</sup> at 10.30am our Annual Christmas Breakfast £7.50 must be booked in advance.

### Christmas Day opening –

opening 12 Noon to 2pm Christmas drinks only.

Other Christmas opening times TBC check the clubs Facebook or website or pop into the club for more details.

### New Year's Eve Party as usual

### World Cup 2022 Qatar

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



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

### ASHFORD and DISTRICT YOUTH FOOTBALL LEAGUE

#### U15 Pacific



#### League Table

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	PTS
1	Sellindge Sports & Social Club U15	7	6	1	0	19
2	Rising Stars Youth U15 (Blue)	7	5	1	1	16
3	Kennington Juniors U15 Youth	8	5	0	3	15
4	Headcorn Juniors U15 Hurricanes	7	2	3	2	9

Sellindge Sports and Social Club U15 start December as top of the league, there are 8 teams in the league.

December 3<sup>rd</sup> – Away v Kennington Juniors under 15 Youth

December 10<sup>th</sup> – Home v Rising Stars Youth Under 15 (Blue)



## 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 Main Hall  
**\*\* NEW\*\***  
**LITTLE SELLINDGE SWANS**  
**0 to 4 TODDLER GROUP** 1.30pm – 3pm Main 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  
**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 – December 2022

As I sit at my desk this warm November afternoon it doesn't feel like winter is fast approaching, let alone Christmas. It does make you wonder what is happening to our planet and what we should be doing about it. What small or large thing can you do this December or this Christmas, could you not use cards with glitter on that cannot be recycled or choose wrapping paper which is good for the planet? My brother's family wrap everything in tied tea-towels, which I thought was rather ingenious.

As December arrives and we start to look forward to what is to come, we, like the three kings follow a star in our Advent waiting for the coming Christ child. This year we issue the great invitation to all to join us at one of our services. We have a huge range of services from traditional midnight and carol services, to a carol service in the Five Bells, Christingles and Crib services which help children (and all ages) learn the real story of what Christmas is all about. We also have our annual 'Bringing Light to Loss at Christmas', for those who would like to remember someone who is missed at Christmas, as we acknowledge that Christmas is hard for some.

As we did in Lent, throughout Advent and through to Epiphany (6<sup>th</sup> January, 2023) we will be sending an email reflection everyday. If you are interested in receiving them do let me know via

[revsusanmanners@gmail.com](mailto:revsusanmanners@gmail.com)

Above all this Christmas take time out even if just for a while to ponder and reflect on what Christmas really means. God Bless, Rev Susan



### **Follow the Star to Christmas around the Stour Downs...**

3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> December: Christmas Tree Festival: 11am-3:30pm at Mersham

4<sup>th</sup> December: Christingle- 10am at St Mary's, Brabourne

10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> December- Christmas Art Fair at St Mary's, Sellindge

11<sup>th</sup> December: Carol Service- 4pm at St John the Baptist, Mersham

#### **18<sup>th</sup> December:**

Communion & Carols- 9:30am at St Mary's, Brabourne

Christingle- 9:30am at St John the Baptist, Mersham

Carols with Lees Court Music- 4pm at St Mary's, Smeeth

Carols at The Five Bells Pub, Brabourne, 6pm

#### **23<sup>rd</sup> December:**

Bringing Light to Loss: remembering someone special at Christmas-  
3pm at St John the Baptist, Mersham

Carols on the Green – 5pm at the Village Green in Sellindge

Christingle- 6pm at St Mary's, Stowting

#### **Christmas Eve:**

Crib Service – 3pm at Mersham & 4pm at Smeeth

Carols – 5pm at St Peter's, Monks Horton

Nativity – 5pm at St Mary's, Sellindge

Midnight at Bethlehem – 10:30pm at Mersham

Midnight Communion – 11:30pm at St Mary's, Smeeth

#### **Christmas Day:**

9am Brabourne

10am Stowting

10am Sellindge

[www.stourdowns.org.uk](http://www.stourdowns.org.uk)