

SELLINDGE VILLAGE NEWS

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A WONDERFUL CHRISTMAS 2022

WELCOME TO 2023!!

SELLINDGE SPORTS & SOCIAL CLUB

Join us for our New Years Eve Party
Book to guarantee a table
Tapas and Cocktails served all night
Dance the night away at our family friendly party night from
7.30pm.
Open from 3pm.

01303 812437
www.sellindgesportsclub.co.uk

NEW YEAR
INDOOR TABLE TOP
BOOTFAIR & STALLS

Saturday 7th January
9am - 1pm
Tables £6

Sellindge Village Hall, Main Road TN25 6JX
Call Jeanette 07753 283575



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From **10am-1pm**

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The bus stop is outside the church, parking available in the lay-by.

SELLINDGE PARISH COUNCIL *HAPPY NEW YEAR !*

www.sellindge-pc.gov.uk 01303 813 271

clerk@sellindge-pc.gov.uk

The next meeting of your Parish Council is on Tuesday January 10th 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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‘Your District Today’ was delivered to all households in the Folkestone & Hythe District in early December. The magazine is issued every six months and provides an update on various council projects – regeneration, housing, community safety and more. It’s also available online in the news archive section of the District Council website dated 28 November. The District Council website also has much more information on the District Council’s work and you can also see the papers that go to District Council meetings and watch webcasts of our meetings including the Planning Committee.

Jenny has been taking the lead on co-ordinating work across the district to provide ‘warm spaces’ for people to use in the daytime and so save heating costs. The added benefit is that people who might otherwise be alone get to meet others.

You can look for a warm space (and register a space) at <https://www.warmwelcome.uk/>

For those worried about meeting everyday costs there are a number of schemes both national and local which may be able to help. Details of these are at www.folkestone-hythe.gov.uk/cost-of-living-support There are also leaflets with this information for those without internet access and we’d be happy to send one to anyone who contacts us.

Another local initiative is a call for people to donate good quality coats (for adults and children) that can be given to those in need. Please take any such donations to the Folkestone Community Hub at Age UK South Kent Coast, 65 Shaftesbury Avenue, Folkestone, CT19 4NS.

We’re pleased to report that for the ninth year running, your District Council has been given a Customer Service Excellence award. This national accreditation looks at how the District Council deals with residents from consultations to call handling and initiatives such as ‘my account’ (if you haven’t signed up yet then do please take a look on the website). The external assessor said ‘The council has shown a great deal of commitment to continually developing its offer to customers.’ Our congratulations to the staff across the District Council for their hard work and commitment in their work on behalf of us all.

We were both pleased to attend the Art Fair held at St Mary’s Church over the weekend of 10/11 December. There were some beautiful handcrafted goods and works of art for sale and it was lovely to see the Church so full of people and music. Jenny also attended Christmas Fairs at Stowting and Sellindge schools as well as the Sellindge Brownies’ Fair and the Fireworks at the Sports & Leisure Club. Susan joined Sellindge Parish Council on 13 December for their regular meeting.

We wish you all a Happy New Year.

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.



Help our Jack Fight Cancer

In September 2021 Jack of 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

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.

KCC COUNCILLOR Susan Carey, Elham Valley Ward. susan.carey@kent.gov.uk 01303 670 561

There was considerable coverage of the joint letter sent by KCC and Hampshire County Council to the Government about our financial situation. Both Councils said they could not have a balanced budget in future years with present levels of finance. Since the letter was sent the Government's budget has raised the limit that Councils with responsibility for Social Services are allowed to raise Council Tax by 5% (around half the level of inflation we have had in the last year). Our financial situation remains grave but, together with a whole series of savings in our discretionary services, we should now be able to set a balanced budget for 2023/24. The demand for social care (and the increasing complexity of cases) is always an issue but it has been inflation that is causing the most pressure.

Despite our own financial challenges KCC still has a number of initiatives funded via Government grant to help individuals and families with the Cost of Living including access to cheaper broadband and computers to help in the school holidays for those entitled to Free School Meals.

Search for 'Kent Together' online or ring 03000 41 92 92 for those who need help.

Kent Highways will also be delivering the usual winter services such as emergency response when trees block a road and of course gritting to help prevent the formation of ice. The gritting trucks have all been given names suggested by schoolchildren including #TruGrit, #IceIceBaby, #Margrit and #SaltyMcGritFace. The names mean that people notice the vehicles and comment on social media which helps demonstrate that the vehicles have indeed been out (as they are mostly out at night this service is not always noticed).

There are 65 vehicles gritting 58 primary routes (a total of up to 1,300 miles of road) once the road surface temperature is predicted to go below 0°C.

Please keep reporting problems on the roads to Kent Highways. The best way to do this is on the interactive map which you'll find on the Kent Highways section of the website www.kent.gov.uk under Report a Problem. You can also ring 03000 41 81 81 in normal office hours or, in an emergency outside normal office hours, 03000 41 91 91. You should be given a reference number and it's useful to keep a note of this in case a problem needs follow up.

SELLINDGE FC UNDER 15's – 2022/2023 – JANUARY FIXTURES

ASHFORD and DISTRICT YOUTH FOOTBALL LEAGUE



| Pos | Team | P | W | D | L | PTS |
|-----|------------------------------------|---|---|---|---|-----|
| 1 | Sellindge Sports & Social Club U15 | 8 | 7 | 1 | 0 | 22 |
| 2 | Rising Stars Youth U15 (Blue) | 7 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 16 |
| 3 | Kennington Juniors U15 Youth | 9 | 5 | 0 | 4 | 15 |
| 4 | Headcorn Juniors U15 Hurricanes | 8 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 9 |

Sellindge Sports and Social Club under 15's comfortably start 2023 at the top of the league, a clear 6 points in the lead, there are 8 teams in the league.

January 14th – Home v Biddenden under 15 Youth

January 21st – Away v Wittersham Under 15

January 28th – Away v Bromley Green under 15

February 4th – Away v Cheriton Utd under 15

February 11th – Home v Headcorn Juniors under 15 Hurricanes

THE SELLINDGE SPORTS & SOCIAL CLUB –

Every Sunday – **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

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

2nd 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

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 – 07989 210 449

TAEKWONDO

Various classes from 5.15pm Main Hall 01303 814635

FRIDAY

GARDENERS

3rd 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. 1stsellindges@gmail.com

STOUR DOWNS PARISH Vicar's letter – December 2022

Winter is a time when we lack colour in our gardens, and as we pack away the festive lights and decorations, January can seem quite bleak. I look forward to the bright palette of spring to come. Over the Christmas period, the amaryllis in our kitchen suddenly burst forth into the most amazing crimson blossom. The Bible tells us of God as a gardener, in Luke 13:6-9 Jesus told the story of a fig tree that wasn't bearing fruit and was about to be cut down. The gardener said give it a chance.

Life at the moment is not easy. As we begin a new year, it is harder to look forward with a sense that the many issues we face will go away any time soon. In these times, when things can seem hopeless, it is God's patient way to "give it more time". In our frazzled society today we are often pressured into losing patience, into losing hope. The story of Christmas continues in January with the Wise Men who persevered and followed a star to Bethlehem, not giving up hope. When God came to earth he tried to show us how we should be in the divine person of Jesus, giving us the Good News that God is not the gardener who cuts down and throws away, but whose love is patient (Psalm 103:17). Perhaps we might begin with being more patient with each other, and with ourselves?

As we begin a new year and are drawn to reflect and perhaps make resolutions going forward, we might see brown leaves or withered blooms in our own lives, and perhaps our spirit droops as we journey from a season of celebration into the bleakness of winter. I pray you may feel the tender care of God who gently enters the soil, pouring the water of life around you, nurturing you back to life and to the fullness of life in God.

May God bless you all with peace, patience and love for 2023.

Rev Chris

STOUR DOWNS PARISH – JANUARY SERVICES

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| 1st | Mersham | 9:30am | Communion <i>Live- FB</i> |
| | Brabourne | 10.am | Story & Praise |
| 8th | Smeeth | 9:30am | Communion <i>and Live-FB</i> |
| | Stowting | 9.30am | Family service – all ages & stages of life and faith |
| | Mersham Church Room | 4pm | JAM (Jesus and Me) |
| 15th | Brabourne | 9.30am | Communion |
| | Mersham | 9.30am | Morning Praise |
| | Smeeth | 4pm | Songs of Praise |
| 22nd | Stowting | 9.30am | Communion |
| | Smeeth | 9.30am | Christingle |
| | Monk Horton | 4pm | Evensong |
| 29th | Sellindge | 9.30am | Parish Communion - Candlemas |

Wednesdays

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| 4th & 18th | Brabourne | 9.30am | Midweek Communion & Coffee |
| 11th & 25th | Mersham | 9.30am | Midweek Communion & Coffee |

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New Parish Contact details:

Reverend Chris Carnaby-Denyer, Vicar of the Stour Downs Parish

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