

# SELLINDGE VILLAGE NEWS



## MAY 2023

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### LOCAL ELECTIONS 2023

The Local Elections 2023 takes place on Thursday May 4<sup>th</sup> 2023.

The Polling Station will be in the Durling Hall (Sellindge Village Hall) from 7am to 10pm

### ELECTION - DISTRICT COUNCILLORS TO SHEPWAY DISTRICT COUNCIL NORTH DOWNS WEST

You may vote for two candidates.

Braine Gavin  
Dudas Laszio Tibor  
Hollingsbee Jennifer Diane  
Martin Elaine  
Sanger Chani  
Yohannes Senet

Reform UK  
Conservative Party  
Conservative Party  
Green Party  
Liberal Democrats  
Labour

### ELECTION – PARISH COUNCILLORS TO SELLINDGE PARISH COUNCIL

This election was uncontested and the following candidates were duly elected. –

Stan (Pip) Bull – Laura Cronin – Nigel Fursdon – David Haining – Stephen Parish – Lorrain Rhodes – Gerry Worthy



**CORONATION OF KING CHARLES III**  
come along and celebrate on the Lees together with  
**SELLINDGE PARISH COUNCIL - MAY 7<sup>TH</sup>**  
from 2.30 until 5.30pm.



**WHATS ON:**

- ♦ Face Painting from 2.30pm.
- ♦ Inflatable Obstacle course from 2.30pm.
- ♦ Performances by the Allotment Project from 3pm.
- ♦ Scone, Jam and Cream from 3.30pm.



**SCONE, JAM AND CREAM**  
Let us know if you are coming and how many of you there will be joining you, so we can have a scone ready for you. (Those that have not let us know unfortunately will not be able to claim one). Contact Linda on 01303 813 271 or email [clerk@sellindge-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@sellindge-pc.gov.uk)



**PERFORMANCE BY THE ALLOTMENT PROJECT**  
A Documentary Dance Theatre by Casson & Friends that explores allotments and the communities around them!  
The Allotment Project is a unique performance that reveals our relationship to the land, the seasons and each other.  
We will have 3 performances, the first at 3pm.



**FACE PAINTING**  
FACEPAINTING for those of age will be available from 2.30pm until 5.30pm.



**INFLATABLE OBSTACLE COURSE**  
Will be available from 2.30pm until 5.30pm.



For more information or any enquiries please contact the Clerk on  
Tel: 01303 813 271 or Email: [clerk@sellindge-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@sellindge-pc.gov.uk)

**BIG HELP OUT:**  
**ST MARY'S CHURCHYARD CHALLENGE**  
**Coronation Bank Holiday**  
**Monday 8th May 10am-2pm**



Land a hand. Make a change.

**Do you enjoy gardening and being outdoors?**  
Make a difference to your churchyard as we clear the southern aspect to create a new wildlife area for the community to enjoy.  
**Doughnuts, tea & coffee provided!**  
Please contact Rev Chris- 07526688826/ [revchrisdenyer@gmail.com](mailto:revchrisdenyer@gmail.com)

### CORONATION DAY AT THE CLUB

The Club will be open as usual on Coronation Day, and we will have the Coronation on the Clubs TV. So why not come and watch the Coronation with friends and family.



Asian Hornet more info inside.

## CONFIRMED SIGHTING OF AN ASIAN HORNET

Around mid-April there was a confirmed sighting of an Asian Hornet, somewhere in the Folkestone area. Asian Hornets are an invasive species, which pose a threat to Honeybees and other native wildlife.

The British Beekeepers Association are urging the public to be vigilant, and report any sightings the easiest way is to download the Asian Hornet App which is available for Android and iOS phones or online at [www.rise.brc.ac.uk/alert.php?species=asian\\_hornet](http://www.rise.brc.ac.uk/alert.php?species=asian_hornet)



## SELLINDGE FARMERS & CRAFT MARKET in SELLINDGE VILLAGE HALL

Next Sellindge Farmers & Craft Market is **SUNDAY May 21<sup>st</sup>** Open at 10am to 1pm. Check out the Sellindge Farmers & Craft Market Face Book Page for more details.

**INDOOR TABLE TOP SALES – At  
Sellindge Village Hall 9am to 1pm. –  
Indoor table top sale**

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May 9am to 1pm**

**PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE**  
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 SPORTS & SOCIAL CLUB

**Late start boot fairs 2023 – details inside.**

**Saturday May 13<sup>th</sup> starting at 10am**

Weather and ground conditions permitting.

Car £7, Car & trailer or Van £10

Refreshments and toilets – Free Parking.

## 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 Main Hall, Sellindge Village Hall on **Tuesday May 9<sup>th</sup>**

**from 10.15am to 11.15am.**

## COFFEE & COMPANY

We are open to anyone every Tuesday morning in Sellindge Village Hall – 9am to 1pm. Serving drinks and there might be cake ! Come and meet friends for a chat, make new friends.



## Sellindge

# Primary School

Welcome you!

**to St Mary's Church**

Opposite Stone Hill



Celebrate with them their portraits of the Kings & Queens of Britain in recognition of Charles III's Coronation.

**Until Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2023 / 10.00am – 4.00pm**

The exhibition promises to be colourful, and I hear all the ↑ children at the school are very excited to share their creations with family, friends and the community.

Visitors can also see all the beautiful tapestry kneelers laid out in the church along with the compact disc installation on the main alter floor.

Something for everyone at the Arts Festival Church,  
St Mary's!

## SELLINDGE PARISH COUNCIL

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The next meeting of your Parish Council will be the Annual Parish Council Meeting, and in this case the first meeting of the New Parish Council is on Tuesday **May 23<sup>rd</sup> tbc** starting at 6.30pm in the Durling Hall.

On Tuesday **May 30<sup>th</sup> tbc** The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> May at 6.30pm 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.

### **Susan Carey Folkestone & Hythe District Cllr – Final Report**

This is my final report as a District Councillor for Folkestone and Hythe representing North Downs West as I am not standing for election on 04 May. (I shall be continuing as your Kent County Councillor so you'll still be hearing from me about KCC.) Jenny Hollingsbee is standing again and her running mate is Laszlo Dudas who lives in Stelling Minnis and whose son is a Sellindge resident.

It's your District Council that is responsible for running elections and Susan Priest who is the Chief Executive of Folkestone & Hythe District Council is also the Chief Returning Officer for the area.

There's an Election Team responsible for registration of all those eligible to vote, arranging the polling stations, issuing polling cards, postal and proxy votes, issuing notices of elections, overseeing the counting of votes and checking election expenses of candidates. As you would expect there's information about this and more at [www.folkestone-hythe.gov.uk](http://www.folkestone-hythe.gov.uk). The Elections Team can also be contacted on 01303 853 497.

You don't need to bring your polling card with you to vote in person but from 04 May you do need to have photo ID with you. A passport, driving licence or an Older Person's Bus Pass are all fine for this purpose and you'll find a full list of acceptable documents on the council website. Those without photo ID can apply for a free of charge Voter Authority Certificate on the [www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk) website or through the District Council. (The deadline to do this in time for the 04 May election was the 25 April so if you are someone without photo ID do please apply in good time for future elections.)

Most European countries require some form of identification to vote and international election observers and the Electoral Commission have long called for this to be introduced. Impersonation of voters has taken place most notably in Tower Hamlets and it used to be a problem in Northern Ireland. A requirement for voter ID was introduced to Northern Ireland in 2003 which led to names disappearing from the electoral register but turnout has not been affected.

Do please use your vote. According to a recent report by the House of Commons Library the average turnout for a local election in England is just 35.9%. Yet local government can have a big impact on our lives and you are more likely to know your local councillor than your MP.

My thanks to all those who have elected and re-elected me over the years to represent you at the District Council and my best wishes to those who will be responsible to you in the future.

### **SELLINDGE GARDENERS ASSOCIATION**

The Gardeners meet in the Durling Hall in Sellindge Village Hall on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the month (May 19<sup>th</sup>) meetings commence at 1.45pm for a 2pm start and end at 4pm. New members are most welcome.

Teas Coffee & Refreshment, Plant Displays, Competitions, Occasional Talks and Discussions, Quizzes, Coach Outing to Famous Gardens and Raffles.

For more information contact Valerie Wilton on 01303 814 331.



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.



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https://gofund.me/6d34fbf1](https://gofund.me/6d34fbf1)



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https://facebook.com/helpourjackfightcancer](https://facebook.com/helpourjackfightcancer)

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

**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 that KCC will be overspent for the financial year of 2022/23 and wondered why the council doesn't simply stop spending, to stay within its budget as any normal household would. Unfortunately (or fortunately if you are one of the people relying on support) KCC must provide services to those who are eligible and can't put a limit on this. The worst impact has been the increased cost of residential care for older people, higher costs for school transport and the increased costs of foster placements for vulnerable children. The overspend will be met from reserves but reserves can only be used once and our auditors expect us to replenish reserves to meet emergencies not regular expenditure. The high inflation caused by the invasion of Ukraine could be classed as an emergency but for this financial year (2023/24) we will have to make savings across all areas of the council's services to avoid bankruptcy. As KCC Leader, Roger Gough says, 'we have a narrow path to tread. There are some very tough choices this year and some very big challenges for the years ahead.'

Whilst priority is given to the most vulnerable for KCC's services we are still providing services that are open to all residents. The universal service that affects us all is our 5,000 mile road network and its condition is a matter of concern to us all. Last month I reported that the Government had allocated Kent an extra £6m for pothole repair and this will be used for a programme of patching. Do keep reporting damage to the roads so that this Parish gets the right share of the repair programme. It's best to report on [www.kent.gov.uk](http://www.kent.gov.uk) in the highways section as you can pinpoint the position on a map but you can also ring 03000 41 81 81 (remember to note the reference number in case the problem needs follow up).

The Mayor of London is pressing ahead with his proposal to expand the Ultra Low Emission Zone (ULEZ) to the outer London border, with implementation planned for August. During last year's consultation on ULEZ, KCC argued that the scheme would not be acceptable without an extension of the scrappage scheme to areas bordering London. This has not been accepted, nor has the proposal taken account of our concern about the nature of the evidence base for taking the ULEZ beyond existing Air Quality Management Areas in London. We therefore shan't be co-operating on installing warning signage on our road network until our concerns for Kent residents are addressed.

We do want drivers to move to less polluting cars and to encourage this we have been growing the network of Electric Vehicle charge points across Kent. The Government is allocating KCC more funding to accelerate this programme and I know lack of confidence about recharging can be a barrier to more people making the switch.

A reminder that there is help available for individuals and families struggling to pay bills (including council tax) and a useful place to look is on the KCC website under 'Kent Together' banner or ring 03000 41 92 92. There's also help for those who need someone to talk to. 'Release the Pressure' has trained counsellors on 0800 107 0160 or text the word KENT to 85258.

This service is available 24 hours a day seven days a week.

Congratulations to those re-elected to Sellindge Parish Council (there isn't a contested election as there were seven nominations for nine places). I thank them for the work they do for our community and wish them and their clerk all the best for their four-year term of office.

### **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 Thurs, Fish and Chips, Fri takeaway & local delivery available.

Open 9am Saturdays and Sundays serving Breakfast Rolls & full menu.

Tuesday – Whist Drive – 7.30pm

Wednesday – Youth Club for ages 11 to 16 from 5pm to 7pm – Thursday night BINGO – 8pm

**Late start boot fairs 2023** Weather and ground conditions permitting. Car £7, Car & trailer or Van £10

Refreshments and toilets – Free Parking. All Boot Fairs start at 10.am Please do not arrive early

**May 13<sup>th</sup>, June 24<sup>th</sup>, July 15<sup>th</sup>, August 5<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>, September 2<sup>nd</sup>.**

#### **OPENING TIMES**

Monday	3pm – 7pm
Tuesday	3pm – 9pm
Wednesday	3pm – 9pm
Thursday	3pm – 10pm
Friday	3pm – 11pm
Saturday	9am – 11pm
Sunday	9am – 6pm

**Closing times subject to change**

## VILLAGE HALL REGULAR EVENTS

### MONDAY

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

### TUESDAY

<b>COFFEE &amp; COMPANY</b>	9am – 1pm Main Hall
<b>LITTLE SELLINDGE SWANS</b>	
<b>0 to 4 TODDLER GROUP</b>	1.30pm – 3pm Main Hall
<b>LINE DANCING</b>	6pm – 7pm, 7.15pm – 8.15pm Main Hall – 07989 210 449
<b>PARISH COUNCIL</b>	2nd Tuesday of the month at 6.30pm Durling Hall – Chair 07710 260 751, Clerk 01303 813 271

### WEDNESDAY

<b>GUIDE DOG TRAINING</b>	10am – 12 Noon Main Hall
<b>GET TOGETHER CLUB</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month 2pm – 4pm Durling Hall
<b>KARATE</b>	4.30pm – 5.30pm Main Hall 01227 370 055 (office hours)
<b>BEES BODS</b>	5.45pm – 6.45pm Main Hall - 01303 813 274
<b>***NEW*** FRENCH LANGUAGE COURSES FOR ADULTS</b>	– 6.30pm to 7.30pm
<b>AEROBIC BODY BLAST</b>	7pm – 8pm Main Hall - 01233 820 109
<b>***NEW*** SPANISH LANGUAGE COURSES FOR ADULTS</b>	– 7.30pm to 8.30pm
<b>PILATES</b>	9.30am – 10.45am Main Hall
<b>LINE DANCING</b>	11.30am - 1.00am Main Hall – 07989 210 449
<b>TAEKWONDO</b>	Various classes from 5.15pm Main Hall 01303 814635

### FRIDAY

<b>GARDENERS</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Friday of the month 2pm – 4pm Durling Hall 01843 597 710
<b>CUBS</b> – 6pm -7.30pm, <b>BEAVERS</b> – 6pm – 7.15pm, <b>SCOUTS</b> - 7.30-9.00pm,	
<b>EXPLORERS</b> 7.30—9pm. 01303 813 250. <a href="mailto:1stsellindgesg@gmail.com">1stsellindgesg@gmail.com</a>	

### STOUR DOWNS PARISH Vicar's letter –

As May approaches and hopefully the weather warms up there is a lot going on between local elections, the coronation and three bank holidays - and that is before we get to the church festivals of Rogation, Ascension and Pentecost... it's going to be busy!

The Coronation is a great time for us to join in as a community. There will be a special communion service in the Stour Downs Parish on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May at Mersham church which you are all welcome to.

The Coronation will be a historic moment in the love of our nation, a time to reflect on our history, celebrate who we are and look to our future. During the service His Majesty will be anointed as King. The service is full of Christian symbolism and history.

Living in a village, we particularly see events like this bring community together. There are so many things going on that it will be a great community event for the village. On **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May** we can all join in the '**Big Help Out**' and we would love you to come and help in the church yard anytime between 10am and 2pm- with doughnuts and drinks provided!

All help will be gratefully received in creating a wildlife area for the community (and nature!) to enjoy.

God Bless, *Blessings Chris*



## STOUR DOWNS PARISH – MAY SERVICES

7 <sup>th</sup>	Mersham	9:30am	Sunday Communion Service <i>Live feed</i>
	Brabourne	10.am	Sunday Service Story and Praise
14 <sup>th</sup>	Smeeth	9.30am	Sunday Communion Service <i>Live feed</i>
	Stowting	9:30am	Sunday Family Service
	Mersham	4.pm	JAM (Jesus and Me)
21 <sup>st</sup>	Brabourne	9.30am	Sunday Communion
	Mersham	9.30am	Morning Praise
	Smeeth	4pm	Songs of Praise
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Stowting	9.30am	Sunday Communion
	Smeeth	9.30am	Sunday Morning Praise
	Monk Horton	6pm	Evensong

# Thursdays @ St Mary's Sellindge



**Coffee, Tea & Cakes**



**Parish Foodbank Open**

There is a bus stop outside the church or parking available in the lay-by parking area.