

SELLINDGE VILLAGE NEWS



JUNE 2023

Edition 710

ELECTION RESULTS – DISTRICT COUNCILLORS TO SHEPWAY DISTRICT COUNCIL NORTH DOWNS WEST

Braine Gavin	Reform UK	202	
Dudas Laszlo Tibor	Conservative Party	704	
Hollingsbee Jennifer Diane	Conservative Party	882	Elected
Martin Elaine	Green Party	932	Elected
Sanger Chani	Liberal Democrats	510	
Yohannes Senet	Labour	521	



**This June's Art Exhibition at
St Mary's Sellindge**
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SEOS ARTISTS MAKERS



MOLLY NEWTON



MARIE-HÉLÈNE HUNTER



LORRAIN MAILER



LAURA HOLLIS

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THURSDAY 1 - SUNDAY 4
THURSDAY 8 - SUNDAY 11
THURSDAY 15 - SUNDAY 18

BETWEEN 11AM - 4PM - WITH ARTIST'S DEMONSTRATIONS

SELLINDGE FARMERS & CRAFT MARKET in SELLINDGE VILLAGE HALL

Next Sellindge Farmers & Craft Market is
SUNDAY JUNE 18th 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 June 3rd 9am to 1pm

SELLINDGE SPORTS & SOCIAL CLUB

Late start boot fairs 2023 – details inside.
Saturday JUNE 24th starting at 10am
Weather and ground conditions permitting.
Car £7, Car & trailer or Van £10
Refreshments and toilets – Free Parking



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

Jenny Hollingsbee, Ward Councillor for North Downs West, F&H D C, (Conservative).

Jenny.hollingsbee@folkestone-hythe.gov.uk 01303 812 066 First of all, I would like to thank the Parish Councillors for

their support over many years and congratulate you on continuing in your roles. Many thanks to Stan (Pip) Bull, for all his work in the Village as Chairman. He has stood down as Chairman but will remain a Parish Councillor.

Thank you for re-electing me as your District Councillor. I am grateful for the support of those who have voted for me and especially those who have helped with the campaign. North Downs West covers many villages and many houses are tucked away in the countryside which makes reaching every house a challenge but it's one I always think worth the effort. I would also like to thank my colleague Susan Carey for her support, friendship and help over the last 24 years which has covered many changes in parish boundaries. Susan did not stand again for election to District Council but as she is our KCC Councillor we will continue to work together for the benefit of our residents.

Elaine Martin from the Green Party was the other candidate returned in our ward. Overall the results were Green 11, Labour 8, Labour & Co-operative 2, Conservative 5, Liberal Democrats 2, Independent 2. The Annual Meeting of the council is on 24 May at which a Leader will be elected and appointments made to committees. I wish the new council all the best in delivering our local services and balancing our finances at what is a challenging time for everyone in local government.

I am likely to continue to serve on the Planning Committee and be Leader of the Conservative Group. However you voted you should feel free to contact me for help with District Council matters and I will continue to help. Over the last month I have attended the Sports & Social Club Committee, the Patients Participation Group, helped at the Boot Fair and as a Sellindge Primary School Governor, carried out a monitoring visit. I'm sure you'll be as pleased as I was to learn that enforcement action by district councils was up and flytipping was down across Kent in 2020/21. The figures are in the annual report of the Kent Resource Partnership. As well as the flytipping information, the report includes data on the amount of waste collected, how much is recycled and where it goes to. You'll find it here:

https://www.kent.gov.uk/_data/assets/pdf_file/0006/130596/Kent-resource-partnership-annual-report-2020-21.pdf

A recent example of enforcement action in our district was against Lee Nelson from Folkestone who sold waste disposal services on Facebook and then fly-tipped the rubbish. The fly-tipping was found on 15 March and Nelson was quickly identified as being responsible. He pleaded guilty in court on 12 April and his penalty was £950. (Anyone using a private contractor should check they hold a trade waste licence and ask to be given a trade waste notice for the waste collected or they too could find themselves fined.) The District Council offers a bulky waste collection service from just £35 (Lee Nelson charged £90!) or you can take the waste to a Household Waste Recycling Centre yourself at no charge.

It was heart-warming to see so many people come together to celebrate the coronation of King Charles. Let's hope this joyful occasion will set the tone for the rest of his reign.

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

SELLINDGE PARISH COUNCIL

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

The next meeting of your Parish Council is on Tuesday June 13th 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.

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

The Kings Coronation was both a solemn and joyful event so I thought I'd continue the optimism of the occasion and use this month's report to highlight some good news.

I've written before about KCC's 'No Use Empty' initiative. It started in 2005 and lends money to developers to renovate buildings that have become derelict and are hard to finance. It's been a great success in providing new homes which start paying council tax and stop being a blight on their neighbourhoods. Defaults have been very low and as the loans are repaid the money is loaned again so that in total £55m has been lent by KCC and partner district councils which together with £42m of private investment have seen nearly 8,000 empty homes restored to use. It's the equivalent of building a new town.

Another scheme co-ordinated by KCC is Solar Together which uses group buying to get a good deal for Kent households, small businesses and community buildings to install solar panels and/or battery storage. There's no commitment at the registration stage but once it's known how many people are interested, a reverse auction is held with reputable businesses. Whoever makes the lowest bid wins the contract and those registered receive a quote which they can accept or not. It's a great way to use collective buying power and the winning contractor benefits from a significant number of installations. We've seen increasing interest in Solar Together as energy costs have risen and Round Two of the scheme is just about to complete 1,550 installations. Round Three has attracted over 5,000 registrations and we intend to launch a further round this autumn.

In 2019 KCC pledged to plant 1.5 million extra trees in the county (our Plan Tree). So far we've established 160,004 trees with 48,073 trees planted between December 2022 and March 2023. KCC has been successful in winning grants not just for tree planting but also to increase our Plan Tree team which means we can make more bids and run more projects. The team tells me we could see around 300,000 extra trees planted in Kent in the next winter planting season and they'll be co-ordinating efforts to water, mulch and weed around the trees already planted.

KCC has also been successful in winning further Government funding to install public Electric Vehicle Charging points across the county. We are already well advanced in our EV 600 scheme to put a coherent network of 600+ EV charging points in council owned car parks across Kent and this funding should enable us to do even more. At the end of April 2023 there were 42,566 public EV charging points in the UK across 24,909 locations and many more at people's private homes and business premises. (For comparison there are just over 8,365 petrol stations in the UK – 2022 figures) It's also perfectly possible to charge an electric vehicle from a normal domestic socket in your garage or from a drive. I've had an electric car for over four years now and recharge overnight using a lead that has a normal three point plug. It doesn't matter that it takes several hours to recharge as it does so whilst I sleep and I start each day with a full battery. KCC has also helped set up fast chargers for taxi drivers and installed chargers at village halls in rural locations (Elham Village Hall is one example of this). We'll be doing more to help people make the switch to electric which will reduce carbon emissions, improve air quality and reduce noise on our roads.

There is of course still the prospect of £55m of savings needing to be delivered as part of KCC's budget for this financial year. Every part of the organisation will be expected to contribute. Council tax went up by 5% but costs for all sorts of services (residential care, building schools, waste disposal) have risen considerably more. The savings must be made but there will be consultations on how they are made and one way to make sure you are alerted to them all is to register at <https://letstalk.kent.gov.uk/>

I was with Sellindge Parish Council for their meeting on 16 May and wish the new chairman and the newly elected councillors all the best for their four year term of office.

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 Main Hall, Sellindge Village Hall on **Tuesday June 13th from 10.15am to 11.15am.**

THE SELLINDGE SPORTS & SOCIAL CLUB –

Every Sunday – **NEW SUMMER MENU COMING SOON**

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

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



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

June 24th, July 15th, August 5th & 12th, September 2nd.

SELLINDGE GARDENERS ASSOCIATION

The Gardeners meet in the Durling Hall in Sellindge Village Hall on the 3rd Friday of the month (**June 16th**) 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.

More information contact Valerie Wilton on 01303 814 331.

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.

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

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 – Clerk 01303 813 271

WEDNESDAY

GUIDE DOG TRAINING

10am – 12 Noon 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

FRENCH LANGUAGE COURSES FOR ADULTS – 6.30pm to 7.30pm

AEROBIC BODY BLAST

7pm – 8pm Main Hall - 01233 820 109

SPANISH LANGUAGE COURSES FOR ADULTS – 7.30pm to 8.30pm

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. 1stsellindgesg@gmail.com

STOUR DOWNS PARISH Vicar's letter –

Last month was a month with an unusual trio of bank holiday Mondays, and the first Coronation in this country for 70 years. It also squeezed in local elections to Parish and Borough Councils.

As a part of the Coronation, many people gathered together to celebrate in parties and picnics and enjoy the service and concert on TV, as well as mark the occasion in church services. Moreover, the Bank Holiday for the Coronation was marked as a day for service and giving to the community in The Big Help Out, which saw people in Sellindge kindly give up their time to tidy and care for their local church building and churchyard.

King Charles' Coronation included clear reminders of service and serving others, as had been the mark of the long reign of his late mother Queen Elizabeth II. As Prince of Wales, his work in establishing the Prince's Trust echoes this bent towards being one who helps others. I was particularly moved by the opening words of greeting in the Coronation service by the young person, "Your Majesty, as children of the Kingdom of God we welcome you in the name of the King of Kings," to whom the King responded, "In his name, and after his example, I come not to be served but to serve."

With local elections of people committed to serve their communities at parish or borough level, the Big Help Out, and a King pointing to Jesus as his model for serving not being served, there is a reminder for us of the value of being willing to serve others and make commitments to serve our local community. There are many who, often unseen, enable much to happen in our community that would not be there to enjoy if it were not for them: those who care for and manage community spaces like the Village Hall, Sports Club and the Church; those who care for the green spaces and the sports facilities; who serve as governors and PFA members and volunteers at the school; those who run clubs and societies...

Let us not forget to spot where we see the service of others making our lives and community a better place, to say thank you, to also think about where we might be able to do our bit as well.

Like our new King, can you say, "In his name, and after his example, I come not to be served but to serve"...?

God Bless, *Blessings Chris*

STOUR DOWNS PARISH – JUNE SERVICES

4 th	Mersham	9:30am	Sunday Communion Service <i>Live feed</i>
	Brabourne	10.am	Sunday Service Story and Praise
	Monk Horton	6pm	Evensong (now moved from 4 th Sunday)
11 th	Smeeth	9.30am	Sunday Communion Service <i>Live feed</i>
	Stowting	9:30am	Sunday Family Service
	Mersham	4.pm	JAM (Jesus and Me)
18 th	Brabourne	9.30am	Sunday Communion
	Mersham	9.30am	Morning Praise
	Smeeth	4pm	Songs of Praise
25 th	Stowting	9.30am	Sunday Communion
	Smeeth	9.30am	Sunday Morning Praise

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.