

# SELLINDGE VILLAGE NEWS JUNE 2025

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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 – **June 10<sup>th</sup> from 10.15am to 11.15am.**

Hi Kent at Coffee & Company every 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday  
2025 dates – July 8<sup>th</sup> – August 12<sup>th</sup> – Sept 9<sup>th</sup> –  
Oct 14<sup>th</sup> – Nov 11<sup>th</sup> – Dec 9<sup>th</sup>



## **YOUR Village Hall needs you!**

Remember it's your Hall.

Please please please come and help,  
more hands make light work.

We need people with tools to join us and help  
repair things, general "handyman" skills.  
Cleaning, painting, organising, weeding etc.....  
Refreshments are being provided.  
Even if you can join us for an hour.

# Think you've seen an Asian Hornet? Report it!



Report through the Asian Hornet Watch app or [www.bit.ly/asianhornetreport](http://www.bit.ly/asianhornetreport)



**Asian Hornet** – Spring is now here, time to look out for Queen Asian Hornets, who will be coming out of hibernation from sheds and other outbuildings, so keep an eye open. Although no sightings were reported in Sellindge last year. There were sighting in our close neighbour village Lympne.

## SELLINDGE PARISH COUNCIL

[www.sellindge-pc.gov.uk](http://www.sellindge-pc.gov.uk) 01303 813 271 [clerk@sellindge-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@sellindge-pc.gov.uk)

### Thrive Through Menopause

An 8 week programme to guide you through your menopause transition

4<sup>th</sup> June - 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2025

6.30pm - 8pm

St Stephen's Church, Lympne  
CT21 4LQ

For further information contact  
Claire Grant 07766 833245  
[clairegrant64@gmail.com](mailto:clairegrant64@gmail.com)

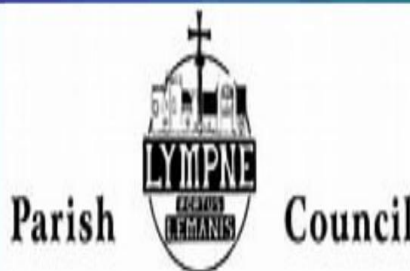
Part-funded by Lympne Parish Council  
Fee is £32 for the 8 weeks



The next meeting of your Parish Council is on Tuesday June 10<sup>th</sup> starting at 6.30pm in the Durling Hall.

**Dog Poo Bags** – Dog poo bags are still available from the Parish Council Office on Tuesday mornings or Friday afternoon. Dog poo bags are also still available from Nigel at Trust Cottages in Moorstock Lane, he puts them on a patio chair or table outside his house. Also now available from the Dog Poo Bag dispenser which is located at the entrance to the Village Green.

**Parish Councillor Vacancy** – There have been no requests for an election to fill the recently advertised vacancy. So, if you would like to become a **Parish Councillor**. Please contact the Proper Officer / Clerk for more details – [clerk@sellindge-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@sellindge-pc.gov.uk) phone 01303 813271 (please leave a message) Come to the office when it is open (Tues morning Fri afternoon) or phone to arrange an appointment.





## MOBILE LIBRARIES DATES and TIMES FOR JUNE 2025

[www.kent.gov.uk/leisure-and-community/libraries/visiting-a-library/mobile-libraries](http://www.kent.gov.uk/leisure-and-community/libraries/visiting-a-library/mobile-libraries)

Email [ashfordlibrary@kent.gov.uk](mailto:ashfordlibrary@kent.gov.uk) Tel 03000 41 31 31

Lay By on A20 at the bottom of Swan Lane.

Thursdays – 9.15am to 9.45am on **June 5<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>**

St Kathrines Cresent TN25 6FU.

Fridays – 2.50pm to 3.20pm on **June 6<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>**



## SELLINDGE WALKING GROUP – **Please note new meet up time and set off time.**

We meet at the Village Hall on a Tuesday morning at approximately 10am and set off at 10.15am.

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.

## NORTH DOWNS WEST WARD – Cllr Elaine Martin Contact: (Green Party)

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## F&HDC NORTH DOWNS WEST WARD – Cllr Jenny Hollingsbee: (Conservative Party)

[Jenny.hollingsbee@folkestone-hythe.gov.uk](mailto:Jenny.hollingsbee@folkestone-hythe.gov.uk) Mobile 07887 918 458

**ENTERTAINMENT INCLUDES**

- ★ Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment Band
- ★ Queens Regimental Corps of Drums
- ★ Britains No.1 Tribute to Tom Jones
- ★ The Jive Aces (Sunday only)
- ★ Swingtime Sweethearts
- ★ Heroes ★ Scott Elvis
- ★ Jason Allen ★ Lloyd Ellery

**Remembrance Service**  
on Sunday at 11:00hrs to mark 80th Anniversary of V.E. DAY

**MILITARY SHOW & COUNTRY FAIR**

**Over 100 Military Vehicles**

Auto Jumble ★ Collectors Fair ★ Steam Engines & Tractors  
★ Classic Cars ★ Rifle Range ★ Mini Truck Fest ★  
★ Kids Rides ★ Side Stalls ★  
★ Beer Tent ★ NAFFI Wagon ★

★★★ **Battle Re-enactments by Spearfish Creek** ★★★

Use Your B-CARD Discount Card

**HEROES**

**80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**  
Ending WWII

**SELLINDGE SHOWGROUND**

SAT 7<sup>th</sup> & SUN 8<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2025

Swan Lane Sellindge TN25 6EP - Off Junction 11, M20

10am-5pm

ADULTS £8 • CHILDREN UNDER 5 FREE • WEEKEND TICKETS £12 EACH

**TO BOOK TICKETS & INFORMATION**  
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**Folkestone Sports Centre** – It is great news that the Sports Trust has announced that it has purchased Folkestone Sports Centre and intend to re-open facilities as soon as possible. Once again, Roger De Haan has come to the rescue of Folkestone and instead of being considered for housing it is once again going to provide sporting facilities, including swimming for the Community. The Sports Trust will run Folkestone Sports Centre alongside the

Three Hills Sports Centre and F51 Skate Park. This is very welcome news for the District.

**Local Government Reorganisation** – initial feedback has been received from the Secretary of State. This feedback will need to be considered by all Kent & Medway Councils before any decisions are made on the next steps. It will be interesting to hear the views of the new administration at Kent County Council and to understand how the Local Government Re-organisation will affect local residents. Final proposals have to be submitted by the end of November 2025.

**Road of Remembrance** – We have recently been given an update on the landslip works above the Road of Remembrance undertaken by KCC. It is a very complicated scope of work that is required and the design has been agreed in principle. Once contract is awarded, work is expected to take approximately six months.

**Personal** – I have been overwhelmed by the flowers, messages and cards on the death of my husband Roy on 11 May. Please accept my thanks for such support which has been hugely welcome and has given me some comfort. After over 60 years together, I am finding it a very challenging time and appreciate enormously the kindness of friends, family and residents. Thank you.

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

## **KCC CLLR Christopher Hespe – (Reform UK) – Elham Valley – [christopher.hespe@kent.gov.uk](mailto:christopher.hespe@kent.gov.uk)**

Following the County Council elections on 1 May 2025, I now have the great honour of representing the Elham Valley division on the County Council. It is a large area of some 20,000 people and 8,000 homes, that includes Sellindge, with some of the loveliest countryside and villages in the Southeast. The Elham Valley division includes the larger settlements of Hawkinge, Densole, Elham and Lyminge, with smaller villages in the South such as Postling, Newington and Peene, Elmsted and Bodsham in the North.

Firstly, may I offer my thanks to outgoing County Councillor Susan Carey, who many readers will recognise as a hard-working champion of our beautiful area.

I will write again about my priorities as a Councillor, but rest assured, I will endeavour at all times to preserve all that is best about the area, whilst seeking to ensure any development is sensitive and fits with your neighbourhood plans.

The challenges for the new Reform UK administration in KCC are enormous. We have inherited a Council debt from the outgoing Conservative administration of more than £700 million and there are significant **‘in-year’ savings to be made** totalling tens of millions of pounds. But there is real determination to get the best for Kent’s residents and businesses, achieve value for money, and ‘do things differently’ if it makes sense financially and in terms of service delivery. We have pledged to make savings, so there will be wide consultation on proposals in due course, in which I hope residents of Sellindge will participate. We have a number of proposals to make life a little better in Kent, and these will be announced over time, but we will of course prioritise the continued delivery of our statutory core services of Adult Social Care, Special Educational Needs, Highways and Education.

The other ‘big issue’ on the horizon is **local government review**, with the prospect of the government potentially merging KCC and the district councils and dividing the County into three or four Unitary authorities. I would be keen to keep you in touch as proposals develop, but I can state that my view would always be to devolve power and responsibilities, where feasible and practicable, to localities.

**Over time**, Kent County Council, under the new leadership of Linden Kemkaran, will outline its position on a number of matters that will be of interest to residents of Sellindge Parish, including on the proliferation of proposals for excessively **large solar farms**; achieving good **community benefits** on the back of housing developments; the opportunities that should be presented through **disposal of KCC owned properties**, and the opportunities for **procurement** to benefit local small businesses rather than the large, multi-nationals.

**Although** I have worked for public agencies at national, county, regional and national levels and was a local government Director, I’ve never been an elected representative. But I am determined to do my best for you.

Here are a few matters that will be of interest to the Parish:

**Small Member Grants** – Let me know if you have a project, event or group activity which you would like to be considered for a small grant from KCC. This is for voluntary organisations with a bank account; usually constituted. Recipients could be clubs, societies, voluntary groups, church groups and not-for-profit organisations. Usual size of a grant is £250 to £500. It could even fund small highways projects, such as lowering kerbs for wheelchairs or installing a new road sign. Should take 12 weeks maximum from you contacting me to us getting the money out of the door.

**Waste Transfer Station Proposal, Westenhanger** – The planning application for the proposed development of a waste transfer station, which would provide facilities to sort household waste, is continuing to go through the motions. There has been extensive consultation involving the Parishes of Aldington and Bonnington, Smeeth, Lympne and Sellindge (including from the Residents’ Association).

Comments have been fed back to the applicant organisation (WW Martin and KCC).

**Potential Port Delays** – The EU Entry/Exit System is likely to come in to force at the Port of Dover in October or November 2025. This new scheme will require travellers to have biometric data eg face scanning and fingerprints, taken at the Port of Dover before French customs officials will allow travellers to cross the Channel. Although much of the information that will be required will be able to be uploaded from home electronically prior to departure, the Kent and Medway Resilience Forum fears that there may be significant delays at Dover. This may therefore necessitate Operation Brock being put in place, possibly for a lengthy period, as the Roundhill Tunnels can not be allowed to hold stationary traffic. Sometime in 2026, the EU will introduce a further requirement known as ETIAS, which is effectively a visa costing approx. £7, which will be required for each trip to the EU.

**Let’s Talk Kent** – KCC has a portal through which all major consultations will be posted to seek the public’s views and comments. The public can sign up to be a consultee. Currently, 60,000 people have signed up to ‘Let’s Talk Kent’, which now covers consultations on local schemes, county-wide budgetary proposals, priorities and savings proposals, public rights of way changes and highways matters.

**Christopher Hespe LLM, MA, BSc Hons**

Kent County Council Member for Elham Valley and Deputy Cabinet Member for Finance and Cross-Cabinet Activity





**THE SELLINDGE SPORTS & SOCIAL CLUB** – [www.sellindgesportsclub.co.uk](http://www.sellindgesportsclub.co.uk)

**Saturdays and Sundays** – Our special Summer Menu is now being served plenty of choice, see website for the menus.

**Wednesday Noodle Night** takeaway and local delivery available.

**Thursday Pizza** nights, takeaway and local delivery available.

**Fridays Fish and Chips**, takeaway and local delivery available.

Open from 9am **Saturdays and Sundays**

serving **Breakfast Rolls** and **full menu**.

**Mondays Crafty Crafters** – 1.30pm to 3.30pm

**Tuesdays Whist Drive** – 7pm

**Wednesdays Pilates** – 9.30am

**Thursdays Bingo** – 8pm

**Tabletop Sale** – **Saturday June 7<sup>th</sup> at 9am** Tables available to book/info contact Jane on 07850 722 319

Further Tabletop Sale dates for 2025

**Saturdays** – **July 5<sup>th</sup> – August 2<sup>nd</sup> – September 6<sup>th</sup> – October 4<sup>th</sup> – November 1<sup>st</sup> – December 6<sup>th</sup>**

**See Facebook for what's going on.**

#### 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 Weekly Events

<b>MONDAY</b>	SUPERSTRIKERS	9.30am -10.30am	<b>Main Hall</b>	<a href="http://www.superstrikers.co.uk">www.superstrikers.co.uk</a>
	RAINBOWS	4pm – 5pm	<b>Main Hall</b>	01303 812 297 (Term time)
	BROWNIES	5.15pm - 6.45pm	<b>Main Hall</b>	01303 812 297 (Term time)
	LINE DANCING	7.30pm – 9pm	<b>Main Hall</b>	07753 274 913
<b>TUESDAY</b>	COFFEE & COMPANY	9am – 12.30pm	<b>Main Hall</b>	
	MOTHER & BABY GROUP	1.30pm – 3pm	<b>Main Hall</b>	
	LINE DANCING	6pm – 7.30pm,	<b>Main Hall</b>	07989 210 449
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	BABY MASSAGE/TUMMY TIME			
	10am12.00 Noon		<b>Durling Hall</b>	
	PLAY GYM 0 – 6 mths 1pm - 2pm		<b>Durling Hall</b>	
	L+S TABLE TENNIS		<b>Main Hall</b>	
	BEES BODS 5.45pm – 6.45pm		<b>Main Hall</b>	
	AEROBIC BODY BLAST 7pm - 8pm		<b>Main Hall</b>	
<b>THURSDAY</b>	TINY TALK 10am – 11am		<b>Durling Hall</b>	
	PILATES 9.30 – 10.45am		<b>Main Hall</b>	
	PLAY GYM 6 – 12 months Noon – 1pm		<b>Main Hall</b>	
	PLAY GYM 12 months +			
	1.30pm – 2.30pm		<b>Main Hall</b>	
	TAEKWONDO Various classes 5.15pm		<b>Main Hall</b>	
<b>FRIDAY</b>	RUGBY TOTS 9.15am – 10.15am		<b>Main Hall</b>	
	1st SELLINDGE SCOUT GROUP CUBS - 6 -7.30pm,			
	BEAVERS - 6.00-7.15pm,			
	<b>Both Halls</b> SCOUTS - 7.30-9.00pm,			
	EXPLORERS 7.30—9.00pm. 01303 813 250.			
	<a href="mailto:1stsellindgesg@gmail.com">1stsellindgesg@gmail.com</a> (Term time)			

## Village Hall Monthly Events

<b>TUESDAY</b>	PARISH COUNCIL 2nd Tuesday of the month, 6.30pm <b>Durling Hall</b> – Parish Clerk 01303 813 271
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	GET TOGETHER CLUB 2nd Wednesday of the month 2pm – 4pm <b>Durling Hall</b>



SELLINDGE VILLAGE HALL

# LADIES' NIGHT OUT

£15

SATURDAY 7TH JUNE  
DOORS OPEN 7.30PM  
Bingo starts at 8pm with a short break afterwards and then finishing up with a Cabaret.  
Bring your own Drink & Snacks

**Welcoming Back**

**The Kent Drag Queens**



# Sellindge Village Hall

Halls available for hire.  
Meetings, Clubs, Parties,  
Wedding receptions etc

01303 813250 [sellindgevillagehall@gmail.com](mailto:sellindgevillagehall@gmail.com)





**Stour Downs Parish Brabourne, Mersham, Monks Horton, Sellindge, Smeeth & Stowting Churches**  
 Rev Susan Manners (Interim Curate in Charge) 01233 500 414 [www.stourdowns.org.uk](http://www.stourdowns.org.uk) also on Facebook

## **STOUR DOWNS PARISH** Vicar's letter – June 2025

Dear all

June is a busy month for the church as we have Pentecost on 8<sup>th</sup> June when we remember the gift of the Holy Spirit and the week after is Trinity Sunday. This year on Trinity Sunday we are celebrating the 1700<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Council of Nicaea which was the first time that the church got together to try and agree what we believe. The Council met in May and stayed talking until the end of the July. What came out of the Council was the Nicene Creed which is a statement of faith shared by the majority of Christian churches. It's considered the most widely accepted creed in Christianity, serving as a shared statement of fundamental belief. It says what we believe and is said regularly as part of worship in our churches. It really helps to have such a statement, but it is a bit tricky in places to unpick so from Trinity Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> June onwards the Church of England will have lots of things on its social media explaining it, if you would like to know more.

We have decided to extend the communion service at Sellindge church to the end of the year. I think we have a viable church community which we would like to see grow. It will be on the second Sunday at 11am. This month it will be on 8<sup>th</sup> June. Do come along, you will be very welcome.

There are lots of things going on in our churches too. Have a look on Facebook or on our website [www.stourdowns.org.uk](http://www.stourdowns.org.uk) God Bless, Susan.

### Services in the Stour Downs

#### June 2025

	Smeeth 9:30am	Mersham 9:30am	Brabourne	Stowting	Monks Horton	Sellindge
<b>1<sup>st</sup> June</b> (7 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter) No Susan	<b>Parish Communion</b>	<b>Morning Worship - Iona</b>	<b>10am Family Service</b>		<b>6pm Evensong</b>	
<b>8<sup>th</sup> June</b> (Pentecost)	<b>Morning Praise</b>	<b>Parish Communion</b>				<b>11am Communion</b>
<b>15<sup>th</sup> June</b> (Trinity Sunday)	<b>Parish Communion</b>	<b>Morning Worship</b>	<b>11am Communion</b>			
<b>22<sup>nd</sup> June</b> (1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday after Trinity)	<b>Morning Praise</b>	<b>Communion for all</b>		<b>11am Communion</b>		
<b>29<sup>th</sup> June</b> (2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Trinity)						<b>9:30am Communion</b>
<b>Wednesday</b> 4/6, 11/6, 18/6, 25/6			<b>9:30am Midweek Parish Communion</b>			