

SELLINDGE VILLAGE NEWS

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Help Keep Sellindge Safe!

Could you spare just 1 hour to join your Community Speedwatch team?

Speedwatch is a proactive solution to improve the safety and quality of life for everyone in Sellindge.

Our Community Speedwatch team of volunteers play a crucial role in keeping our village roads safe. Over the past year, the team has identified over 100 repeat offenders driving at excessive speeds, all of whom have been contacted by the Kent police.

However, we need more hands, so we can be out more frequently to advise as many as we can of their speed as they drive in our village.

If you can spare just one hour a week or even a month, this small commitment will make a big difference. To get involved, please contact E:admin@sellindge-pc.gov.uk or call T:01303 813271.



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.

Sellindge War Memorial Hall

Registered Charity No. 302822

AGM – Tuesday July 2nd 2025

At 7pm in the Durling Hall

Everyone is most welcome



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



Report through the Asian Hornet Watch app or www.bit.ly/asianhornetreport



Animal & Plant Health Agency

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.

2025 - **Asian Hornets have been found in the Romney Marsh area and now in Hythe.**

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 July 8th** 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 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.

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 Durling Hall, Sellindge Village Hall on – **July 8th from 10.15am to 11.15am.**

Hi Kent at Coffee & Company every 2nd Tuesday
2025 dates – August 12th – Sept 9th – Oct 14th – Nov 11th – Dec 9th

MOBILE LIBRARIES DATES and TIMES FOR JULY 2025

www.kent.gov.uk/leisure-and-community/libraries/visiting-a-library/mobile-libraries

Email 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 **July 3rd, 17th & 31st**

St Kathrines Cresent TN25 6FU.

Fridays – 2.50pm to 3.20pm on **July 4th & 18th & August 1st**



Kent Libraries

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)

Elaine.Martin@folkestone-hythe.gov.uk

Asian Hornets have been found in the Romney Marsh area and now in Hythe. They pose a threat to honeybees and other pollinators. A key feature is the abdomen is almost entirely dark apart from the 4th segment which is yellow. Please look out for these highly aggressive non-native predatory insects and report any sightings to alert_nonnative@ceh.co.uk

F&HDC will be contacting voters that are currently registered for a postal vote from the 18th June to reapply for their postal vote. If you do not reapply for your postal vote by the existing expiry date your voting preference will be cancelled and will have to go to a polling station to vote. If you receive an email or letter about this over the coming months, please respond to it as quickly as possible to ensure your postal vote is in place. Don't worry if you have a postal vote in place and don't receive an email or letter from F&HDC, you are not part of this phase of renewal. Since 2022 you must reapply for your postal vote every three years.

Every Monday from from 10am until Midday the Kent Enablement Service will be at F&HDC, Civic Centre. The Help Desk is available for information and advice with letters, bills, activities, college, and education courses, paid and voluntary employment, keeping safe, housing, health and wellbeing, benefits forms, etc. The Service is free, and no appointment is needed.

You can also telephone 03000 411345 or email KentEnablementService@kent.gov.uk for advice.

Upcoming work during June for the Folkestone – A Brighter Future project will start the installation of traffic management at these new locations; Radnor Park roundabout, for the completion of the new cycle ways at Middelburg Square West, Middelburg Square East, Shellons Street Westbound, and Middelburg Square South for the concrete infill to the pedestrian subways.

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

Jenny.hollingsbee@folkestone-hythe.gov.uk Mobile 07887 918 458

Princes Parade Seabrook –

Residents have an opportunity to talk all things Princes Parade at two drop-in sessions next week at Hythe Town Hall on Friday 4 July (4-7 pm) and Saturday 5 July (10 am – 1 pm).

The site does have planning permission for a new swimming pool and some housing as well as public open space and retention of the Canoe Club. However, the current Administration want to reclassify the site as amenity land at a much-reduced value to the taxpayer.

Farthing Common –

An information panel has (or will be installed) at Farthing Common as part of the Kent Downs Geodiversity project. This is funded by the National Lottery Heritage Fund and the Department for Environment Farming and Rural Affairs, to improve access and interpretation.

Road of Remembrance Folkestone –

A further update is that work will start on the 26th August 2025 with an estimated completion by 22nd July 2026.

Corporate Plan –

the new Corporate Plan was presented to the full Council on Wednesday 25 June. Unfortunately, my group were unable to support the plan as no mention of nuclear at Dungeness was mentioned despite many requests to include a reference to nuclear.

Personal –

Thank you to all those who attended my husband Roy's funeral on 16 June. It was a very large turnout and your attendance was very much appreciated.

KCC CLLR Christopher Hespe – (Reform UK) – Elham Valley – christopher.hespe@kent.gov.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 July 5th at 9am Tables available to book/info contact Jane on 07850 722 319

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	

See Facebook for what's going on.



Village Hall Weekly Events

Registered Charity No. 302822

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

Village Hall Monthly Events

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



Sellindge Village Hall

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

01303 813250 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 also on Facebook

STOUR DOWNS PARISH Vicar's letter – July 2025

Dear all

Although I have been here for four years, this month is going to be really special for me. It is the month in which I become your Vicar. Now many of you may think I am already the Vicar here, but up until now I have been the interim curate in charge which meant I was only here for a while but now I will be the Vicar for six villages - Brabourne, Mersham, Monks Horton, Sellindge, Smeeth and Stowting.

On 29th July Bishop Rose will come and licence and install me as the Vicar of the Stour Downs in a service at Smeeth. That makes me your Vicar whether you have never set foot in the church, whether I see your children at school, whether you turn up for Christmas or are a regular. You see the vicar has what is called the 'Cure of Souls' which we share with the bishop. This means that we should be available to anyone in the village (although I do get days off). Just by virtue of living here you are entitled to a church funeral, a church wedding or a church christening if you would like one.

The church has always been a cornerstone of the village, a place where individuals can gather not only to worship but also to share their lives, their joys, and their struggles. It is my hope that this sacred space remains a beacon of light and hope for all, regardless of where you are on your journey of faith. And for those who may feel distant or uncertain, know that you are always warmly welcome here.

This season invites us to reflect on themes of renewal and growth, both in nature and in our spiritual lives. Just as the flowers bloom and the fields ripen, we are reminded of the cycles of life and the promise of renewal that faith brings. For those of you who walk through the churchyard, I encourage you to pause and take in the quiet reminder of the abiding presence of God in our lives.

Faith is not always easy; it is a journey filled with questions as much as answers, doubt as much as belief. Yet, it is in the moments of uncertainty that faith has the power to anchor us, to remind us of the greater purpose that threads through our lives. Whether you find solace in prayer, scripture, or simply the companionship of others, I hope this season offers you an opportunity to nourish your soul.

As I write this letter, I would like to offer a prayer for our village—a prayer of gratitude for the beauty that surrounds us and the kindness that fills our hearts. May we continue to grow in understanding, compassion, and love. May each member of this community find peace in their hearts and purpose in their days. And may we always remember to care for one another, as we are all part of a greater family. **God Bless – Susan**

Services in the Stour Downs July 2025

	Smeeth 9:30am	Mersham 9:30am	Brabourne	Stowting	Monks Horton	Sellindge
6th July (3 rd Sunday after Trinity)	Parish Communion	Morning Worship - Iona	10am Family Service		6pm Evensong	
13th July (4 th Sunday after Trinity)	Morning Praise	Parish Communion				11am Communion
20th July (5 th Sunday after Trinity)	Parish Communion	Morning Worship	11am Communion			
27th July (6 th Sunday after Trinity)	Morning Praise	Communion for all		11am Communion		
Wednesday 2/7, 9/7, 23/7, 30/7 16/7 at 10:30 (school Service)			9:30am Midweek Parish Communion			

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