

SELLINDGE VILLAGE NEWS

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E SEDGWICK & SARAH GODFREY CHARITIES - Reg Charity number 207078

One of the Trust Cottages in the village will soon be available to rent. It is a three bedroomed cottage.

If you would like to be considered for the tenancy and have strong connections to Sellindge, please apply in the first instance in writing only, briefly setting out your circumstances, and addressed to:-

The Secretary, E Sedgwick & Sarah Godfrey Charities, East View, Barrow Hill, Sellindge, Ashford TN25 6JH, to arrive no later than 31st August 2025.

A shortlist of qualifying candidates will be made and invited for interview. Interviews will take place in the village. All applications and information given will be treated as strictly private and confidential.

Sellindge Clubs

Late Summer Fun Show

Sellindge Sports and Social Club
69, Swan Lane, Sellindge

Bank Holiday Monday
25th Aug 2025

Bring entries from 11.30am to 1pm

Tombola, Food and Drink available during judging

3pm to 4pm to see show

This show is open to all villagers and club members so please come along and join in the fun, the emphasis is on fun and there will be at least one category that everyone can take part in

Entry form on back page

Coffee & Company

At Sellindge Village
Hall

Every Tuesday 9-1pm

All are Welcome to call
in for a friendly chat
and a cuppa



Sorry to let you know that the coffee morning will be closed on 5th and 12th August for refurbishment of village hall floor. Open again on 19th August at 8.30. Looking forward to seeing you all.

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 and Saltwood.

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 August 12th** 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 – **August 12th from 10.15am to 11.15am.**

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

MOBILE LIBRARIES DATES and TIMES FOR AUGUST 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 **August 14th & 28th**

St Kathrines Cresent TN25 6FU.

Fridays – 2.50pm to 3.20pm on. **August 1st, 15th & 29th**



Kent Libraries



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

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

Ward Budget – just a reminder that I have small amounts of money in my Ward Budget to help village organisations with resources.

Sellindge Surgery – missed doctors and nurses' appointments are running at approximately 47 per month. This equates to one doctor for a day.

Please make every effort to cancel your appointment if you are unable to make it.

Sellindge Sports & Social Club – there has recently been a spate of vandalism to the football goals and other equipment on the field. This is very costly for the football clubs who are always trying to raise funds to improve facilities. If anyone sees anything suspicious, please report it to the Police.

Rural Prosperity Fund – An allocation of just under £180,000 from central government via the Rural England Prosperity Fund (REPF) has been granted to Folkestone & Hythe District Council.

For Communities, ventures that will improve local facilities and amenities specifically aimed at enhancing physical, cultural and social ties will be considered.

Council Tax Reduction Scheme – A consultation on a change in rates from 2025/26 will open on 4 August. The consultation will specifically target a sample of approximately 5,500 Council Tax payers and will be web based and on social media. The consultation closes on the 26 October 2025.

Otterpool Park – The Administration remain in close contact with Homes England and we are waiting to have an update on the way forward.

Folca 1 and Folca 2 – (previously the Debenhams building). Unfortunately, Folca 1 which was to become a state-of-the-art Medical Centre has been deemed currently unviable. The District Council has therefore produced a report with a range of options but are recommending that Folca 1 be put up for sale on the Open Market. Folca 2 is intended to be retained by the District Council with some works carried out to bring it back to life. Talks are continuing to provide a Medical facility in Folca 2 for local GP practices. You can listen to the Cabinet debate on this issue webcast on the council's website at

<https://folkestone-hythe.public-i.tv/core/portal/home>

NORTH DOWNS WEST WARD – Cllr Elaine Martin Contact: (Green Party) Elaine.Martin@folkestone-hythe.gov.uk

The Rural Prosperity Fund has been given another £171,402 of central government funding to distribute.

Details of how to apply can be found on the Folkestone Works website - <https://folkestone.works/rural-england-prosperity-fund-2025/>. Sellindge Sports and Bowls Club benefitted in the last round of grants with funding for the installation of new solar panels.

The newly elected KCC councilors for our district visited key projects the district council is undertaking. They went to Otterpool Park and discussed the proposed new garden town and the collaboration work with Homes England. They stopped at Folca to discuss the future options being explored for the former store. They finished at the Folkestone Sports Centre talking to representatives of The Sports Trust.

On another matter, the swimming pool at The Sports Trust in Folkestone should be reopening some time next year.

Due to the Medical Centre developer confirming that a Medical Centre in Folca 1, (the Edwardian part of the development), was no longer a viable, the Cabinet agreed last week to sell the building.

Discussions are continuing with the Integrated Care Board to see if the proposed Medical Centre can be part of the Folca 2 building.

Roadworks continue in preparation for the Folkestone – A Brighter Future project. There are many changes happening and you can sign up for email updates and development progress by visiting

<https://www.folkestone-hythe.gov.uk/folkestone-place-plan/folkestone-brighter-future-project> and filling in your email address.

Please can I remind you to look out for Asian hornets. There have been several spotted in Hythe, Saltwood and Sandgate, so getting closer to where we live. They pose a threat to other pollinators including dragonflies, honey bees etc. A key feature is the orange head and the abdomen is entirely dark apart from the 4th segment which is yellow.

If you spot any, please try to take a picture and report it to alert_nonnative@ceh.co.uk

KCC CLLR Christopher Hespe – (Reform UK) – Elham Valley – christopher.hespe@kent.gov.uk

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.

THE SELLINDGE SPORTS & SOCIAL CLUB – 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 August 2nd 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	10am-12.00 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, 6.30pm Durling Hall – Parish Clerk 01303 813 271
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 – August 2025

Dear friends and neighbours,

August has arrived, bringing with it the mellow warmth of late summer. The days remain long and bright, but there is a golden hue to the fields and a gentle ripening in the hedgerows that tell us the seasons are slowly turning. The air carries the promise of harvest, and the hum of bees and the chatter of swallows remind us how alive our countryside is at this time of year. As we enjoy these sun-soaked weeks, I invite us all to pause and give thanks for the beauty and abundance that surrounds us.

For me, August is a time of gentle reflection and gratitude—a moment to savour both the joys of the season and the fruits of our labours. Perhaps it's the sound of children playing in the late afternoon sun, the scent of cut grass, or the cool respite of the church on a warm day. In these moments, let us remember: life is rich and full, and blessings are woven into even the most ordinary days.

As many of us take time for holidays or quiet afternoons in the garden, let us remember the wisdom of rest. The pace of life may slow a little in August, offering a gentle invitation to recharge our bodies and spirits. In Ecclesiastes we are reminded, "To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under heaven." August is a season for rest and renewal, not only for ourselves, but also for our community. I do realise that for those of you with children trying to juggle child care and work and keeping children occupied.

While summer brings much happiness, it can also be a period of solitude for some. As we celebrate and enjoy the season, let's remember to look out for those who may need a little extra kindness—a neighbour who would appreciate a visit, or someone who might like to join in with village activities. Our church family is always here to support, whether that's through a listening ear, a helping hand, or simply sharing in fellowship together.

Wherever your August days take you—on a stroll through the fields, to the coast with family, sharing a cup of tea under the shade of a favourite tree—may you find moments of peace and contentment.

Take joy in the simple things, and let gratitude fill your heart. Gracious God,

For the fullness of summer, for ripening fields and generous sunshine, we give you thanks. For the joy of shared laughter, the comfort of friends, and the constancy of your love, we are grateful. Bless our village and all who call it home. Grant us peace, renewal, and unity as we journey through these summer days. Amen.

With every blessing for a restful and joyful August,

Rev. Susan Vicar, Stour Downs (Brabourne, Mersham, Monks Horton, Sellindge, Smeeth and Stowting).

Services in the Stour Downs

August 2025

	Smeeth 9:30am	Mersham 9:30am	Brabourne	Stowting	Monks Horton	Sellindge
3rd August (7 th Sunday after Trinity)	Parish Communion	Morning Worship - Iona	10am Family Service		6pm Evensong	
10th August (8 th Sunday after Trinity)	Morning Praise	Parish Communion				11am Communion
17th August (9 th Sunday after Trinity)	Parish Communion	Morning Worship	11am Communion			
24th August (10 th Sunday after Trinity)	Morning Praise	Communion for all		11am Communion		
31st August (11 th Sunday after Trinity)					9:30 Parish Communion	
Wednesday 6/8, 13/8, 20/8, 27/8			9:30am Midweek Parish Communion			

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Entry Form

Rules and classification for our FUN late summer show

All entries should arrive between 11.30am and 1pm when judging will take place. At which time the room will be closed to the public and will reopen at about 3pm. All entries must remain in the show room until 4pm for viewing. The cost is only £1 for up to 5 entries or £2 if over 5 entries. You may only enter one item per category but can enter all categories. Please fill this form in and bring it with you on the day.

Name

	1	Victoria Sandwich (Jam only)		29	A Vase of Perennials
	2	3 Fruit Scones		30	1 Stem Dahlia
	3	3 Cheese Scones		31	A Vase of Annuals
	4	Lemon Drizzle Cake		32	A Flowering Pot Plant
	5	4 Cup Cakes		33	A Foliage Pot Plant
	6	Fruit Cake (no decorations)		34	An Orchid in a pot
	7	3 Cheese Scones		35	3 Dessert Apples
	8	Carrot Cake		36	5 Plums
	9	Short Bread		37	5 Blackberries
	10	Ginger Cake		38	A Plate of 3 mixed fruit
	11	5 Cheese Straws		39	3 Cooking Apples
	12	Jam Any Flavour		40	3 Runner Beans
	13	Child under 6 a. colouring b. craft		41	3 French Beans
	14	Child aged 6 to 8 a. drawing b. craft		42	5 Potatoes
	15	Child aged 9 to 11 a. painting b. craft		43	3 Carrots (tops trimmed)
	16	Child 11 and under 3 decorated Buns		44	1 Beetroot (")
	17	A Photograph of an Animal or Bird		45	3 Sticks of Rhubarb (")
	18	A Photograph of a Sunset/Sunrise		46	3 Onion Sets
	19	Any Other Craft		47	1 Cucumber
	20	A Painting (any Medium)		48	3 Shallots
	21	A Hand Made Greetings Card		49	8 Cherry Tomato's
	22	A Hand Knitted Item		50	5 Tomato's
	23	A Crocheted Item		51	3 Leeks
	24	An Item of Needlework		52	3 Courgettes
	25	1 Stem Large Flowered Rose		53	3 Different Vegetables
	26	3 Rose Stems		54	Heaviest Marrow
	27	3 Dahlia Stems		55	Longest Runner Bean
	28	A Vase of Mixed Flowers		56	Odd Shaped Fruit or Veg

32 to 33 - Must have been owned by the exhibitor for at least 10 weeks

35 to 56 - Must be home grown (or allotment) with the exception of 37 which may be gathered from the wild

Competitors should bring their own vases. **The judge's decision is final.**