

SELLINDGE VILLAGE NEWS

SEPTEMBER 2025

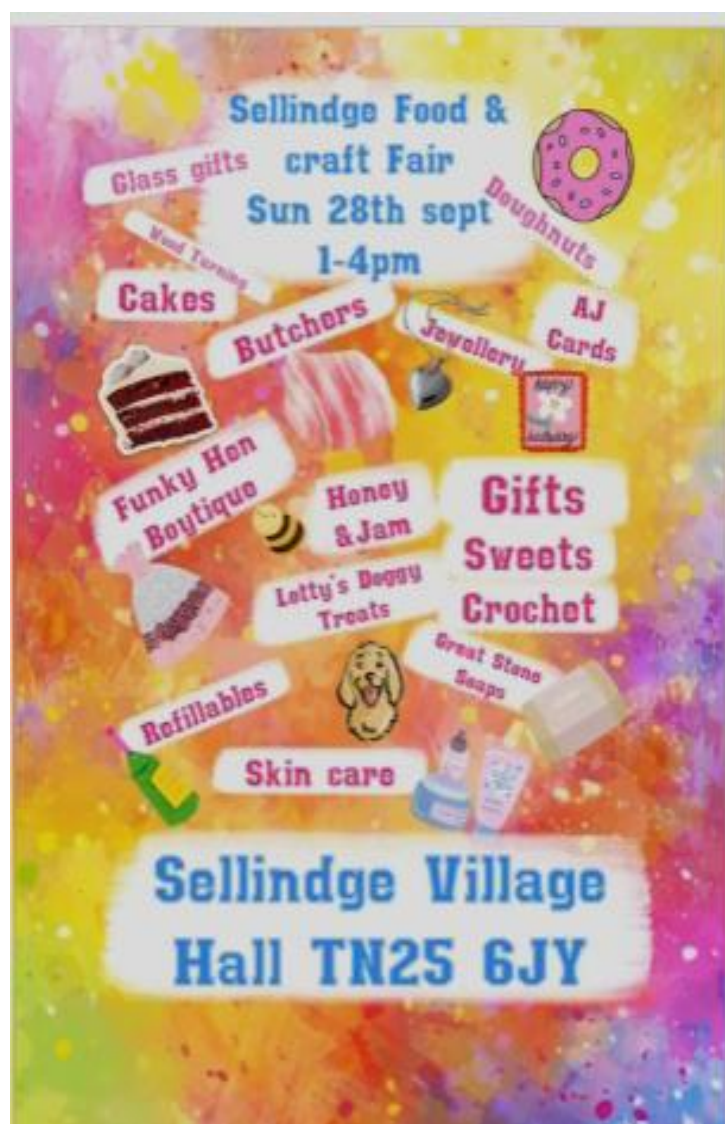
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HI KENT Reg Charity 1052036 www.hikent.org.uk

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 – **September 9th from 10.15am to 11.15am.**

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



QUIZ NIGHT



FRIDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER

7:30PM

ENTRY £10^{PP}

RAFFLE

RAISING MONEY FOR
CROHN'S & COLITIS UK
THE LONDON
MARATHON



SELLINDGE SOCIAL CLUB

FRIENDS AND FAMILY WELCOME!

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.

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



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



Asian Hornet – Although no sightings were reported in Sellindge last year. There were sighting in our close neighbour village Lympe.

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 on **Tuesday September 9th** 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.

MOBILE LIBRARIES DATES and TIMES FOR SEPTEMBER 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 **September 11th & 25th**

St Kathrines Crescent TN25 6FU.

Fridays – 2.50pm to 3.50pm on. **September 12th & 26th**



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

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

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

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

Green Grant Programme – I was pleased to support the applications in the North Downs West Ward as follows –

Postling Village Hall – £11,700 - Solar PV & battery storage systems

In the Sticks Childcare - £10,944 - Solar PV & battery storage systems for Lyminge nursery

Rebel Farmer - £1,000 - Conservation event Lyminge

Folkestone – A Brighter Future – Work is now fully underway on this £20m regeneration scheme initiated under the previous Administration. At the last full Council Meeting I raised the issue of traffic disruption all around the town. I understand KCC are directing the works and are working hard to resolve problems.

Princes Parade – The Leader of the Council has confirmed that the Princes Parade site will remain exactly as it is for the time being. It will be interesting to see how this changes under the Local Government Organisation.

Otterpool Park – a further collaboration agreement has been signed with Homes England and I await to hear further details.

Local Government Re-organisation – the 14 Districts of Kent and Medway continue to meet to try and come to a consensus as to how Kent & Medway should be divided into unitary bodies and how many. I attend the FHDC working group and from the information I have heard and read, if there is not a consensus by the 28 November 2025, then Government will direct. We do know that the timeline is for new shadow unitary bodies to be set-up in May 2027 and for the new structure to go live in May 2028.

Ward Budget – I still have some funding available to support local organisations – please email me with any request up to £500. I have recently supported Canterbury Beekeepers to the tune of £274 to provide an Asian hornet trap in North Downs West.

I was sorry to hear that ‘Jim’ Bryant has recently died and I send my sincere condolences to his wife and family. Jim has lived in Sellindge all of his life and most people would have come across him in one way or another either through the Parish Council, the Sports & Social Club, tending his allotment or walking around the Village. I have known him since Primary School days! May he rest in peace.

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

Reforming Kent’s Roads – The new Administration at Kent County Council pledged to address the problem of potholes in Kent, which was raised constantly during the May 2025 elections. So in response, KCC has agreed to invest £67 million to repair, renew and protect Kent’s 5,400-mile road network. Some 12,000 potholes have been repaired between April and the end of July 2025, and additional crews are on the roads dealing with repairs and improvements. Please report road defects and potholes to KCC on-line if possible, or by telephone if it is easier.

Budget Consultation – Closing date 29 September 2025 – Kent County Council has to set a balanced budget and therefore is consulting the public currently regarding the budget for 2026/27. Most of KCCs budget comes from Council Tax, business rates, government grants and income from service users. The cost of delivering services is expected to rise by £124 million and the funding is forecast to grow by only £74 million. So, the funding gap for the next financial year will be at least £50 million. KCC is keen to hear residents’ views on which services they would be happy to see cut or protected, and suggestions on how to make savings and increase income.

Member Community Grants – Each elected Member of KCC has a small amount of funding to allocate in grants to voluntary and not-for-profit organisations, primarily for events and activities. The grants are usually in the region of £250 or £500 and aim to enhance the wider community. If your organisation would like to be considered for a small grant, please contact me with a broad outline of your project/scheme on 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 September 6th 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



AFC Sellindge Play the Ashford & District Sunday League – Division 3 – KO 10.30am

Sept 7th – Home V Ashford Dynamo KO at 10.30am

21st – Away V Radnor Park Rovers KO at 10.30am

28th – Home V Burton Grove Reserves KO at 10.30am

Sellindge Ladies Football Club play on a Sunday afternoon at 2pm they compete in the Southeast Kent Women's League in Division 1

7th – Away V Folkestone Invicta KO at 2pm

14th – Home V Faversham KO at 2pm

21st – Home V Deal Town KO at 2pm

28th – Away V Faversham Town KO at 2pm



Sellindge Ladies Football Club Under 15 mixed play Sundays in the Kent Girls/Ladies League Division 2 KO 10am

7th – Away V Fots Cray Lions u15 Pearls

14th – Home V Petts Wood u15 Peregines

28th – Away V Punjab u15

The 11th Late Summer Fun Show held at the Club on Bank Holiday Monday was another great success with 39 people entering an amazing 205 entries with Heidi Milner taking best in show with her very clever model, other winners were

Victoria Sandwich – Jan Holliday, **Furit Scones** – Jan Holliday, **Cheese Scones** – Jane Gaskin,

Lemon Drizzle – Jan Holliday (also best in section), **Cup Cakes** – Carol Butcher, **Fruit Cake** – Angela Pumfleet,

Carrot Cake – Angela Pumfleet, **Short Bread** – Angela Pumfleet, **Ginger Cake** – Angela Pumfleet, **Cheese Straws**

– Heidi Milner, **Jam** – Nicky Beeching, **Junior** – Grace Birch (best in section), **Photo of animal** = Rowan Simmons,

Photo of Sunset – Suzy Bryant, **Any Craft** – Heidi Milner (also best in section) (and best in Show)

Painting – Mark Beeching, **Card** – Sharon Payne, **Kitted item** – Christina Sandy, **Crocheted item** – Jacky Antin,

Needlework – Irene Carbin, **Rose** – Suzy Clarke, **3 Roeses** – Julie Andrews, **3 Dahlias** – Robert Macmillan, **Mixed**

Flowers – Sharon Pumfleet, **Perennials** – Molly Richardson, **Dahlia Stem** – Robert MacMillan, **Annuals** – Sharon

Pumfleet, **Flowering Pot Plant** – Heidi Milner, **Foliage Pot Plant** – Carol Butcher, **Desert Apples** – The late Derek

Bryant (Jim), **Plums** – Heidi Milner, **Blackberries** – Angela Pumfleet, **Mixed Fruit** – Angela Pumfleet,

Cooking Apples – Tracy and Chris Smith (also best in section), **Runner Beans** – Ron Cleere, **French Beans** – Jane

Gaskin, **Potato's** – Malcolm Friend, **Carrots** – Heidi Milner, **Beetroot** – Heidi Milner, **Rhubarb** – Carol Bitcher,

Onion Sets – Tracy and Chris Smith, **Cucumber** – Heidi Milner, **Shallots** – Heidi Milner, **Cherry Tomato's** –

Tracy and Chris Smith, **Tomato's** – Suzy Clark, **Leeks** – Ron Cleere, **Courgettes** – Ron Cleere, **3 Different Veg** –

Ron Cleere, **Heaviest Marrow** – Heidi Milner, **Longest Runner Bean** – Angela Pumfleet

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 – September 2025

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

Dear all

Right now, in the church we are looking forward to harvest festivals which now support our foodbank. In Sellindge church it takes place on September 14th. We have boxes in all our church porches, and you can leave things there for the foodbank anytime, but we particularly make collections at harvest time. Harvest is an opportunity for us to thank God for his provision.

Rural life is deeply attuned to the rhythm of the seasons, and perhaps no one understands change better than those who live by the land. Each spring, the earth wakes from its slumber, fields blush with green, and lambs totter unsteadily in the dew. Summer brings abundance, autumn a slow, golden fading, and winter, a hush and a promise. Our church calendar, too, marks the year's passage with feasts and fasts—Easter's resurrection hope, The Harvest Festival where we thank God for his provision, Advent's anticipation, and Christmas's joy. Just as the hedgerows adapt to frost and sun, so too do we, learning to weather times of plenty and times of want, trusting in God's provision.

Our farmers remind us daily that change, while sometimes unsettling, is also renewal. A storm may flatten a crop, but from fallen trees and scattered seed, new life emerges. In this way, the land mirrors the Christian message of renewal and resurrection—reminding us of God's promise to make all things new.

Change is a constant companion, quietly weaving its way through the tapestry of our everyday lives. In our village, nestled amid winding lanes and ancient hedgerows, and in the churches, we find comfort and strength in our faith, gathering each Sunday to worship, pray, and reflect. Our sense of continuity is rooted not just in familiar faces and stories passed down, but also in the enduring presence of our church and the teachings that guide us. Even the most time-honoured traditions have grown and evolved, shaped by the gentle, persistent hand of change and the steadfastness of Christian hope.

Change will continue to arrive, sometimes quietly, sometimes with great fanfare. Our village will keep evolving because we are a living, breathing community. There will be debates, mistakes, and learning, but also moments of joy and pride as we remember all we have achieved. As we look forward to the coming school year, let us remain rooted in the values that have always defined us—kindness, resilience, neighbourliness, and compassion.

With every blessing, - Rev Susan

September 2025

	Smeeth 9:30am	Mersham 9:30am	Brabourne	Stowting	Monks Horton	Sellindge
7th September (12 th Sunday after Trinity)	Parish Communion	Morning Worship - Iona	11am Harvest Festival Service		6pm Evensong	
14th September (13 th Sunday after Trinity)	Morning Praise	Parish Communion				11am Harvest Communion
21st September (14 th Sunday after Trinity)	Parish Communion	Morning Worship	11am Communion			
28th September (15 th Sunday after Trinity)	Harvest Morning Praise	Communion for all		11am Harvest Communion		
Wednesday 3/9, 10/9, 17/9, 24/9			9:30am Midweek Parish Communion			