

SELLINDGE VILLAGE NEWS

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SELLINDGE FARMERS & CRAFT MARKET in SELLINDGE VILLAGE HALL

Next Sellindge Farmers & Craft Market is **SUNDAY August 13th** Open at 10am to 1pm.
Check out the Sellindge Farmers & Craft Market Face Book Page for more details.

SELLINDGE SPORTS & SOCIAL CLUB

Late start boot fairs 2023 – details inside. **Saturdays August 12th starting at 10am**

Weather and ground conditions permitting. Car £7, Car & trailer or Van £10

Refreshments and toilets – Free Parking

Sellindge Clubs

Late Summer Fun Show

Sellindge Sports and Social Club
69, Swan Lane, Sellindge

Sunday 27th August 23

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

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.

INDOOR TABLE TOP SALES – At Sellindge Village

Hall 9am to 1pm. – Indoor table top sale

Saturday 5th August 9am to 1pm

Many stalls already booked a mix between household stalls and different crafts. Tables are £6 for a 6 foot table.

Refreshments are available to purchase.

Plenty of free parking and entry is free.

To book or for more info contact Jeanette 07753 283 575.

Your official Late Summer Show entry form is on the last page of this News

Community Planning Day

Saturday 9th September
Sellindge Village Hall
11am - 4pm

OTTERPOOL PARK
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Thursdays @ St Mary's Sellindge

10am-1pm

Coffee, Tea & Cakes

Parish Foodbank Open

There is a bus stop outside the church or parking available in the lay-by parking area.



Asian Hornet more info inside
With new confirmed sighting in the Dover area during July, still a **very urgent matter!**

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

New confirmed sighting have been reported in the Dover area during July !

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 8th 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.



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

MOBILE LIBRARIES DATES and TIMES FOR AUGUST / SEPTEMBER 2023

Lay By on A20 at the bottom of Swan Lane.

Thursdays – 9.15am to 9.45am on August 3rd, 17th & 31st. September 14th & 28th.

Lay by in Swan Lane at the entrance to Greenfields.

Fridays – 2.50pm to 3.20pm on August 4th & 18th. September 1st, 15th & 29th.

North Downs West District Councillors' Reports for Sellindge

CLLR JENNY HOLLINGSBEE Contact: jenny.hollingsbee@folkestone-hythe.gov.uk (Conservative)

As Leader of the Conservative Opposition Group, I have regular monthly meetings with the Chief Executive and the Leader. At the full Council Meeting on 21 June I asked the Leader to confirm the Administration's position on Otterpool Park. He confirmed the project would go ahead and 'at pace'.

On Nuclear Energy, I attended a presentation by EDF at Dungeness where they outlined the current position and talked about the future of Dungeness. At the moment they employ 945 people. They talked about the Small Modular Re-actors that are being developed and the discussions that were taking place with Government and a Ministerial visit has taken place. We await further news.

I was pleased to be co-opted to the Kent & Medway Police & Crime Panel – a panel I served on for quite a few years when I was the representative of the District Council.

Please do register with www.mycommunityvoicekent.co.uk to keep in touch with local policing teams.

The service sends updates about your local area directly from the police officers themselves.

Ward Grant Application forms and guidance can be found at www.folkestone-hythe.gov.uk/community

The Otterpool Park Zest Festival and Otterpool Gallops were very successful and other events are planned.

To find out more and to see the Learning Programme do check the website regularly www.otterpoolpark.org

A consultation on Phase 1b 'Creating a Vision for Hill Top and Woodland Ridge' will take place on 9 September 11am-4pm at Sellindge Village Hall. This is open to anyone who would like to get involved or have an influence.

JTP Architects Masterplanners Placemakers have been appointed to undertake this work.

Elaine and I separately visited the Grove Park development, initially to discuss the issues raised by local residents which Quinn addressed very quickly. Quinn then delivered letters to 90 properties surrounding the site giving contact details should other issues arise. Grove Park is the first development in Kent to achieve

an 'A' EPC rating and on 20 July we were given a tour of the Show House and a presentation on how this rating had been achieved. We also heard from Richard Taylor-Jones, a BBC wildlife camera man who has been advising on biodiversity on the site. We saw owl boxes and the 'wild life box' allocated to purchasers. On completion of the site the wild life and biodiversity will be significantly better than the original.

We also attended the consultation on a development proposal for Elm Tree Park of 105 homes to include a new Doctors Surgery. Over 150 people attended the event and they received 80 comments. We understand that all comments will be considered and taken on board, where appropriate.

No planning application has yet been submitted to the District Council.

It's good to see so much of the work of the previous administration come to fruition including the new toilets (complete with solar panels) at the Lower Leas Park in Folkestone, the Tall Ships project for our young people, the Red Arrows at the Air Show in Folkestone on 20 August and more EV electric charging points (in partnership with KCC and with Government funding) across the district.

Cllr Elaine Martin Contact: Elaine.Martin@folkestone-hythe.gov.uk (Green Party)

In the last few weeks Stagecoach has announced several changes to the bus routes in this area. The bus service is the responsibility of KCC and we are unable to change anything. The only thing we can do, and are doing, is lobbying KCC and talking to Stagecoach. FHDC were very upset that they were not informed of the cuts before they were announced, because Stagecoach are our partners on the levelling up fund works in Folkestone and also at Otterpool Park. The change that is going to have most effect on this area is the change to number 10 route. It is being withdrawn from Eureka Park, Lympne and Port Lympne which means it will go through Sellindge, Newingreen and Sandling and on to Hythe, but there will be no service to Lympne at all. Also the Sunday service is being withdrawn. There is a rumour that the number 17 route will be affected but it isn't on Stagecoach's list of routes that are being considered for changes. In a meeting with Cllr Jim Martin, the Leader of FHDC, Stagecoach explained that they need to give 70 days notice to have the routes deregistered and have announced these route changes to comply with that requirement. Stagecoach are currently in negotiations with KCC to see what subsidies are available and will report back when these are complete. I will update you when I know the outcome of these negotiations.

When the Green Party were elected, we pledged that we would review the development at Otterpool Park. We have set in motion three reviews - governance, financial and management. All of these reviews are well advanced and will report back to Cabinet in September. It is vital for FHDC's finances that the Otterpool Park development goes ahead. The development will be net-zero and have as little impact on the landscape as possible. Of all the new Garden Villages, Otterpool Park is the most advanced in the development process and, as such, it should be an exemplar.

The Quinn Homes development at Grove Park, Sellindge is about to open their show home.

The Councilors will be having a presentation there on Thursday 20th July.

The planning permission at Princes Parade has been extended to allow for contamination reports to be completed and to allow time for community consultations as to what they would like to see on the site.

The Council will look at extending public access and improving the facilities at the Canoe Centre.

FHDC remain committed to a replacement for Hythe Pool. We will bring forward proposals for a new pool and facilities at Martello Lakes, which both serve the Hythe and Romney Marsh, and which we will make accessible by bus and bike.

FHDC are backing the levelling up fund regeneration of Folkestone Town Centre, and especially those parts which make the town a better experience for pedestrians, cyclists, and bus users.

The Council will back the bus station reconfiguration as long as it delivers a better service for bus users.

FHDC now have a dedicated phone number to report missed bin collection for those people who don't have access to a computer with internet connection, the number is 01303 853 660. This number is only for missed bin collections, other issues cannot be reported on it. I would still encourage you to sign up for the My Account service if you are able to. Just to let you know, Operation Brock is being put in place from the 14th July for the summer holiday period.

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 August 8th from 10.15am to 11.15am.**

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

KCC is holding several public consultations from topics as diverse as the Minerals & Waste Local Plan, the Local Transport Plan for Kent, the Community Warden Service, Family Hubs, the Household Waste Recycling network and (perhaps the most important of all) our 2024/25 budget which is about what level of Council Tax increase people would support and which services should take priority when we make savings. The best way to take part is to register via www.letstalkkent.gov.uk you can get a hard copy from a library.

KCC does not run bus services in Kent but KCC does administer the issuing of the Older Person's Bus Pass, arranges school transport for eligible pupils and we also subsidise the Kent Travel Saver for young people (this is something we choose to do but are not required to do). Our Public Transport Team works with the bus companies but we do not control them. Sadly, the number of people using the buses has not returned to pre-Covid levels despite initiatives such as the Government's £2 cap on bus fares and Stagecoach is now proposing to consolidate its services so that it has a more sustainable network. In other words it intends to only run buses where the number of people travelling covers the cost of running the service.

KCC put in a bid to Government for a Bus Service Improvement Plan (BSIP) and have won £16.1m which can be used for initiatives to boost bus travel. A large part of this funding is being used to freeze the cost of the Kent Travel Saver bus pass for young people. (Currently £450 for standard pass and £120 for low-income households.) The 16+ Travel Saver Pass is also frozen at £500. BSIP funding was also used for the free travel weekend (24/25 June) and this led to an increase of around 34% in the number of people travelling. Other initiatives include free bus travel for families on low income during the school holidays (eligible families will automatically receive a voucher) and extending the hours that Concessionary bus passes can be used in August. Whilst we can't use the BSIP money to subsidise bus services that have no realistic prospect of ever becoming viable, our Public Transport Team is working to secure some of the threatened services as part of our tendering process for school bus services. There is a summary of changes proposed by the bus companies on the KCC website

<https://www.kent.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/travelling-around-kent/bus-travel/bus-services-in-kent> and the bus companies themselves should be communicating any proposed changes.

You may have seen reports in the media that KCC is currently involved in legal action against the Government. The Government's National Transfer Scheme, which is supposed to share the burden of dealing with Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children (UASC) between all local authorities, is not working effectively. The rate of arrivals of UASC in Kent is greater than our capacity to care for them. It's a very serious problem and it is regrettable that we have had to go to the High Court for resolution.

I'd like to end this report with some good news. KCC will be taking the lead for Kent and Medway in creating a Local Nature Recovery Strategy. This is a requirement of the 2021 Environment Act and the purpose of the strategy is to 'identify locations to create or provide habitat most likely to provide the greatest benefit for nature and provide other environmental benefits, such as carbon sequestration, flood and water management and nature-rich places that support improved health and wellbeing.' The Government is providing funding for this work which will involve consultation with farmers, landowners and the wider public and we expect to have strategy tailored for Kent and Medway by May 2025.

It's a real recognition of the importance of nature and an opportunity I hope we can all welcome.

SELLINDGE WALKING GROUP

We meet at the Village Hall on a Tuesday morning at approximately 10.20am and set off at 10.30am. 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

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

Thurs Pizza nights, **Fri** Fish and Chips, takeaway & local delivery available.

Open 9am Saturdays and Sundays serving Breakfast Rolls & full menu.

Monday – Crafty Crafters – 1pm to 3pm.

Tuesday – Whist Drive – 7.30pm

Wednesday – Pilates – 9.30am

Wednesday – Youth Club for ages 11 to 16 from 5pm to 7pm – (Term time only)

Thursday night BINGO – 8pm

Late start Boot Fairs 2023 Weather and ground conditions permitting. **Saturday August 12th.**

Car £7, Car & trailer or Van £10

Refreshments and toilets – Free Parking.

All Boot Fairs start at 10.am **Please do not arrive early**

Next month's Boot fair – September 2nd.

CRAFTY CRAFTERS

The Crafty Crafters meet every Monday from 1.00 - 3.00 members bring their own projects, such as knitting, crochet, sewing and paper craft.

You will be assured of a warm welcome with help and advice if required.

A cup of tea and of course a biscuit or two is all part of the session.

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	



SELLINDGE SPORTS & SOCIAL CLUB Under 16's Football Club

The Under 16's Football team 'Kick Off' their 2023 / 2024 season on Saturday September 9th with an away game against Rising Stars U16.

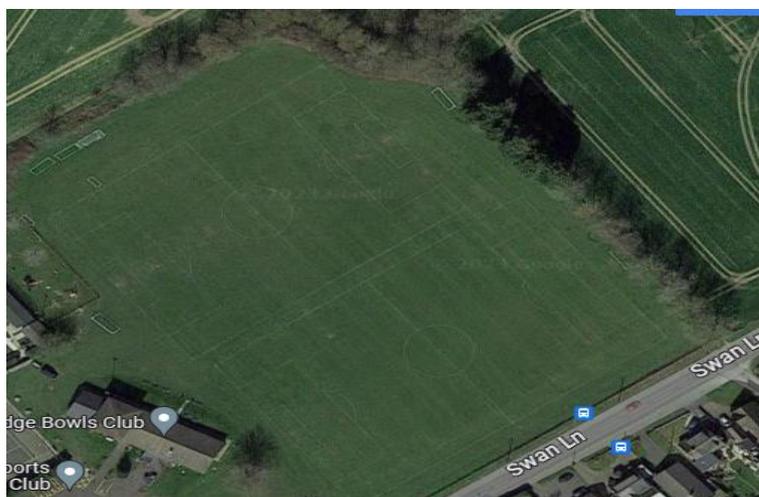
The first home game is on September 16th against Mersham Sports Club U16.

This Years opponents are –

Hythe Town Youth U16 Colts – Mersham Sports Club U16 – New Romney U16 – SC Pass Move U16,

Rising Stars Youth U16 (Yellow) – Wye Juniors U16 Spitfires – Park Farm Rangers U16 Colts,

Total Football Development Youth FC U16



SELLINDGE GARDENERS ASSOCIATION

The Gardeners meet in the Durling Hall, Sellindge Village Hall on the 3rd Friday of the month (August 18th) 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.

VILLAGE HALL REGULAR EVENTS

MONDAY

RAINBOWS 4pm – 5pm Main Hall - 01303 812 297 (Term time only)
BROWNIES 5.15pm – 6.45pm Main Hall - 01303 812 297 (Term time only)
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, Durling Hall.
AEROBIC BODY BLAST 7pm – 8pm Main Hall - 01233 820 109
SPANISH LANGUAGE COURSES FOR ADULTS – 7.30pm to 8.30pm, Durling Hall.

THURSDAY

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 814 635

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 (Term time only)



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 Chris Denyer 07526 688 826 / 01303 761 972 / vicar@stourdowns.org.uk

Rev Susan Manners (Curate) 01233 500 414

www.stourdowns.org.uk also on Facebook

STOUR DOWNS PARISH Vicar's letter –

This is a time of year when many are looking forward to holidays, perhaps travelling to new or familiar places, enjoying some sunshine, sitting by a pool, or something more adventurous. Perhaps you might be away with family over the school holidays, or plan to enjoy a quieter break when the children are back in school. Those contemplating holidays at this time of the year may be thinking about how great it will be to get away from the stresses of everyday life, to go to a place where we can unwind, chill out, kick back and do what we like for a couple of weeks.

Life is full of pressures – work, family, running a home, and there is so much unsettling news and financial worries around at the moment. Recently, amongst all the busyness of a summer of weddings, baptisms and being a part of our school communities at the end of the academic year, I've held on to the promise of rest to come, been reminded of the promise of Jesus to be the one who carries burdens, in whom we can find rest.

The Message version of Matthew 11 says 'Get away with me and you'll recover your life. I'll show you how to take a real rest. Walk with me and work with me — watch how I do it. Learn the unforced rhythms of grace.' (Matthew 11:28-29, *The Message*)

Taking time to be in the presence of God and to find quiet, peace and reflection, is something for me - like many other Christians- that is something precious and life-giving. I try to keep one day a month as a "quiet day" to be with God. When Jesus says in Matthew 11 'walk with me' – I try actually doing that and going for a reflective walk, feeling close to God in the outdoors and in creation around. It increases my sense of knowing and being in relationship with Jesus. It stills my soul.

Holidays are great, unwinding and chilling out are important. How does that compare with what Jesus offers in terms of rest, recovery, and a relationship that might offer some of what we try to get away for, all year round? *God Bless, Blessings Chris*

STOUR DOWNS PARISH – AUGUST SERVICES

6th	Mersham	9:30am	Sunday Communion Service <i>Live feed</i>
	Brabourne	10.am	Sunday Service Story and Praise
	Monk Horton	6pm	Evensong
13th	Smeeth	9.30am	Sunday Communion Service <i>Live feed</i>
	Stowting	9:30am	Sunday Family Service
	Mersham	4.pm	JAM (Jesus and Me)
20th	Brabourne	9.30am	Sunday Communion
	Mersham	9.30am	Morning Praise
	Smeeth	4pm	Songs of Praise
27th	Stowting	9.30am	Sunday Communion
	Smeeth	9.30am	Sunday Morning Praise

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 every 5 entries or part thereof.

You may only enter one item per category but can enter all categories.

Name

Please tick each category you wish to enter

24 to 30 - Must be home grown (or allotment)

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

34 to 55 - Must be home grown (or allotment) with the exception of 37 which may be gathered from the wild

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

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