

SELLINDGE VILLAGE NEWS

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SELLINDGE FARMERS & CRAFT MARKET in SELLINDGE VILLAGE HALL

Next Sellindge Farmers & Craft Market is **SUNDAY October 15th** Open at 10am to 1pm.

Check out the Sellindge Farmers & Craft Market Face Book Page for more details.

WEIGH & PLAY!

Midwife Led Weigh and Play sessions. A chance for you to come and weigh your baby, grab a cuppa, and talk to other parents, including an NMC Registered Midwife. There will be age appropriate toys for the little ones, too. If there are any concerns, then I can help direct you to your GP and Local Health Visitor.

£5. Spaces are limited, so please message to book.

Coffee & Company

At Sellindge Village Hall

Every Tuesday 9-1pm

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

Weigh & Play – Starts **Friday October 6th** in the Durling Hall at, 10am, then every fortnight. 07543 440 753

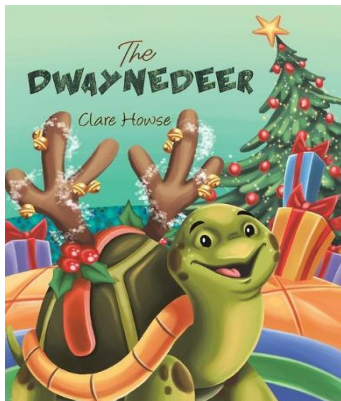
INDOOR TABLE TOP SALES – Sellindge Village Hall **9am to 1pm. Sat October 7th** 9am to 1pm

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.

DWAYNE THE TORTOISE – Childrens Books



The author lives in Sellindge with her husband. We rescued our tortoise five years ago and named him Dwayne. Dwayne gets up to lots of antics and inspired me to write stories about him.

Dwayne was given some antlers for his first Christmas present.

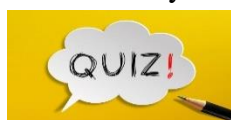
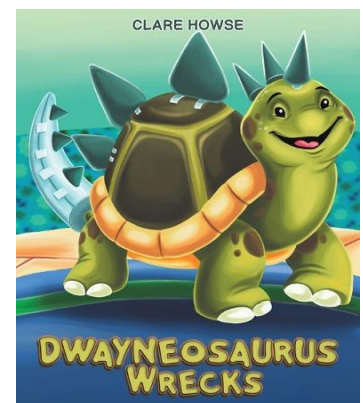
This influenced my first book "The Dwaynedeer". My second story is how I imagine Dwayne and other pets would have some fun through dressing up, "Dwaynosaurus Wrecks".

I have always loved reading and have thoroughly

enjoyed using my imagination for my story books.

I love spending time with Dwayne and he is loved by the entire family. He never fails to inspire me and I look forward to writing future stories about his adventures. I am also happy to do book readings.

The link to my books <https://www.waterstones.com/books/search/term/clare+howse>



Sellindge Tennis Club Quiz night on **Saturday October 7th** from 7.30 pm in the Sports and Social Clubhouse. Teams of up to 6 people. £5 per person.

Contact Caroline on 07816 062 205 to reserve a space.

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

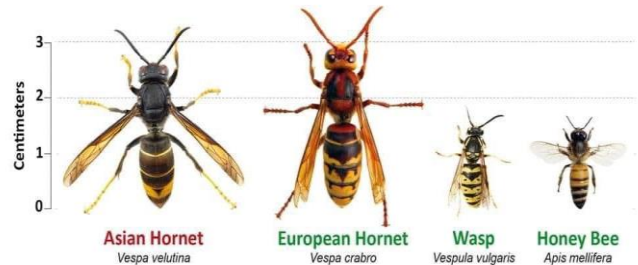
A lot of confirmed sightings and nests being found in the Folkestone and Dover districts the nests have been destroyed.

Also now sighting confirmed in Maidstone and also Whitstable districts.

VERY MUCH A URGENT MATTER !!



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

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 October 10th 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.

MOBILE LIBRARIES DATES and TIMES FOR OCTOBER 2023

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

Lay By on A20 at the bottom of Swan Lane.

Thursdays – 9.15am to 9.45am on October 12th & 26th.

Lay by in Swan Lane at the entrance to Greenfields.

Fridays – 2.50pm to 3.20pm on October 13th & 27th.



Kent Libraries

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 October 10th from 10.15am to 11.15am.**

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.

SELLINDGE GARDENERS ASSOCIATION

The Gardeners meet in the Durling Hall, Sellindge Village Hall on the 3rd Friday of the month, (October 20th) 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.

North Downs West District Councilors' Reports for Sellindge

Cllr Jenny Hollingsbee Contact: jenny.hollingsbee@folkestone-hythe.gov.uk (Conservative)

Mobile 07887918458 Twitter @jennyhollingsbe

I have received a number of emails over the last months over the speed of traffic through the Village, particularly from Barrow Hill residents which is, of course, an ongoing issue. I have been in touch with our local Police Officer, he is hoping to get the Speed Police Control Unit to undertake a few checks in the area.

Sellindge Surgery are now booking flu clinics & would appreciate your help in spreading the word:

Child Nasal Flue the afternoon of the 19th and 21st September

Under 65 with qualifying Health conditions 5th October, 7th October, 21st October

Over 65 now booking for 18th October, 21st October and 25th October .

Ward Budget – I have some funding available to support Community Groups, for the application form please see www.folkestone-hythe.gov.uk/community I have agreed a £500 grant to 1st Sellindge Scout Group towards a container for storage of equipment to be located at the Sports & Social Club.

Otterpool Park – the bore holing taking place on the A20 is to identify where there are utility channels or other underground services. The Green Star programme throughout the summer has been very successful and enjoyed by many young children. On 8 September, I joined the Design Team for Phase 1b (Barrow Hill) on a tour of the area adjacent and as well as part of the site and was able to point out some of the characteristics and issues for the Village. I also joined the Planning Day morning session last Saturday. The feedback session takes place on 21 September at Westenhanger Castle.

Waste service - A report by East Kent Audit Partnership has identified that some aspects of the District's street Waste service - A report by East Kent Audit Partnership has identified that some aspects of the cleansing service need to improve, particularly in relation to town centres and busier areas of the district. This has resulted in a number of improvements being recommended in a report being considered by the Audit & Governance Committee today.

Just a reminder to sign up to 'My Community Voice'. My Community Voice is a messaging service that helps Kent and Medway residents, businesses, and community groups to keep in touch with their local policing teams. The service sends updates about your local area directly from the police officers themselves. My Community Voice is more than just a messaging service; it allows you to reply to the alerts sent to you, share information and tell Officers about the issues affecting you.

I attended the September Parish Council Meeting and Chaired the Sellindge Sports & Social Club Meeting in the absence of the Chair. Advance warning that the Firework Display at the Sports & Social Club will take place on 11 November, bigger and better display of fireworks! Tickets can be purchased in advance.

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

Stagecoach has implemented a set of wide ranging and savage cuts to local bus services across the district. These cuts in services have caused a great deal of stress and disruption for people in the district. Please check the Stagecoach website (<https://www.stagecoachbus.com/timetables>) for up-to-date timetables.

In the next couple of weeks there will be an opportunity to apply for a grant from the Rural England Prosperity Fund. F&HDC were awarded £570k grant to be used between 2023 and 2025. When the details are confirmed, on what the grant can be used for and how to apply, they will be placed on the Folkestone Works website (<https://folkestone.works/>).

Folkestone and Hythe District Councillors who represent the North Downs wards recently held a meeting to discuss the issues facing those communities and how the District Council can best support them. A number of topics were discussed and we are hoping to arrange a forum to explore these important issues further.

The quarterly Joint Parish Council meetings held with the District Council take place online and the next meeting is on 16th November. The meeting can be viewed via the live stream on YouTube:

bit.ly/YouTubeMeetings

The review of the Otterpool Park project is continuing. The Governance report has been received and the recommendations are being implemented. The Financial report has been received and the recommendations are being discussed. The third element, Management Review, is ongoing.

F&HDC are predicting a £4.5million deficit for next year and there is likely to be a reduction in services to save money. Consultations are ongoing, all front-line services and statutory services will be fully protected. I'll provide further updates when available.

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

Recently we've seen councils becoming bankrupt and the Government sending in commissioners to make savings and increase Council Tax. Birmingham Council failed to pay equal pay and faces large liabilities; other councils are in trouble because of failed property deals. This is not the case with KCC which dealt with equal pay many years ago and which has not bought property for investment. However, all councils that have responsibility for social care have seen rising demand and rising costs. Here in Kent, we face a potential overspend this financial year in social care and in transport costs for children with Special Educational Needs. Work is already under way to bring the budget back into balance and there's a special meeting on 05 October to review progress and set out in more detail what needs to be done to make the necessary savings. Difficult as this will be, we are confident it can be done.

A unique challenge faced by KCC is the situation with Unaccompanied Asylum-Seeking Children (UASC) arriving in small boats from France. (UASC are under 18-year-olds travelling on their own). It's been ruled by the courts that KCC must accept responsibility for all UASC arriving in Kent and that these young people must receive that same care that a young person already in Kent would receive. The numbers involved are far beyond the resources of any single council and the National Transfer Scheme, which shares UASC to other councils, remains voluntary and slow. KCC's Children's Services were judged as 'Outstanding' by Ofsted but they can't cope with the scale of the problem we face. We expect the Government to meet the extra costs involved but KCC alone cannot deal with what is both a national and international problem.

KCC is also involved with schemes for refugees who arrive legally in this country. Homes for Ukraine has been one of the most successful of these and it's been good to see so many people in Kent open their homes this way. There are also schemes for Syrians, Afghans, and those fleeing Hong Kong. These schemes all receive Government funding, but add to our costs for services such as school places, school transport and social care. Despite all the above, there continues to be good work being done across KCC in social care, preparation for keeping roads open over winter, our award-winning country parks, a growing network of EV charging points and more. I was able to arrange a £500 Member Grant for Sellindge Scouts and KCC has also won funding from Government for more tree planting (if you know of suitable sites in our parish, do let me know). There's also a new round of Solar Together just started. Solar Together is a group buying scheme for solar panels and battery storage. Nearly 1,400 homeowners have accepted their offer from the most recent auction (lowest price wins) with installations now under way. Solar Together is open to Kent residents, small businesses, and community organisations. See www.kent.gov.uk search 'Solar Together'.

I attended Sellindge Parish Council on 12 September to report on KCC matters and listen to local views and the Community Planning Day for Otterpool Park Garden Town which was held in Sellindge Village Hall.

NOTICE OF REVIEW OF POLLING DISTRICTS, POLLING PLACES AND POLLING STATIONS

Notice is hereby given that Folkestone & Hythe District Council is conducting a review of the polling districts, polling places and polling stations that fall in the Folkestone & Hythe Parliamentary constituency. In accordance with The Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places (Parliamentary Elections) Regulations 2006, the Acting Returning Officer will be invited to make a statement on the existing arrangements and any proposals made. In addition, we are seeking feedback from electors, political representatives, town and parish councils, community organisations and political parties from within the District area. Representations should include views and opinions on:

- the proposals regarding the structure of our current polling districts;
- current polling places;
- the accessibility of our current polling stations;
- alternative venues to use as polling stations; and
- Acting Returning Officers comments and/or proposals.

Any representations must be received in writing by Friday, 17 November 2023. Comments are also welcomed on the Acting Returning Officer's statement and must be submitted by Friday, 17 November 2023. If you wish to make representation or comment, please send your correspondences as follows:

By post: Democratic Services and Elections Lead Specialist Folkestone & Hythe District Council Civic Centre, Castle Hill Avenue, Folkestone, CT20 2QY By email: elections@folkestone-hythe.gov.uk

We would also like to welcome the views of any person or body with expertise in access for persons with any type of disability. A timetable, and other documents relating to this review can be inspected at the Council offices at the below address, or online at <https://www.folkestone-hythe.gov.uk/elections/polling-review2023>.

Decisions relating to the review will be made in January 2024 and the review will conclude on 01 February 2024. Folkestone & Hythe District Council Civic Centre Castle Hill Avenue Folkestone CT20 2Q

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 – 1.30pm to 3.30pm.

Tuesday – Whist Drive – 7pm

Wednesday – Pilates — 9.30am

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

Thursday night BINGO – 8pm

CRAFTY CRAFTERS

The Crafty Crafters meet every Monday from 1.30 - 3.30 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.

THE 2023 LATE SUMMER FUN SHOW

The **2023 Late Summer Fun Show** held in August at Sellindge Sports and Social Club was a great success with 46 people entering which is a record number and also a record number of entries at 219 which is over 50 more than our previous record.

The overall winners in each category were,

Cooking – **Jan Holliday**, Junior – **Tess Milner**, Craft – **Heidi Millner** (who was also the overall winner with some amazing felt work) Flowers – **Marian McDonald**, Fruit – **Lizzy Gardner** and Vegetables – **Lizzy Gardner**.

Everyone taking part had a great time, my thanks to the judges Marian, Christina, Carol and Sue who as usual had a lot of hard decisions to make. So, keep crafting, cooking growing etc for next years competition, lets make it bigger and better than ever.

SELLINDGE SPORTS & SOCIAL CLUB Under 16's Football Club

The Under 16's Football team 'Kick Off' their 2023 / 2024 season

Fixture list Oct.

Saturday October 7 th	Home game Vs New Romney U16 Kick Off at 10am.
Saturday October 14 th	Away game Vs SC Pass Move U16 Kick Off at 10am.
Saturday October 21 st	Home game Vs Total Football Development U16 Kick Off at 10am.
Saturday October 28 th	Away game Vs Hythe Town U16.



SELLINDGE LADIES FOOTBALL CLUB

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

Fixture list Oct.

Sunday October 1 st	Away game Vs Castle Colts Kick Off at 2pm.
Sunday October 8 th	SECWFL League Cup Away game Vs Aylesford 2nds Kick Off at 3.30pm.
Sunday October 15 th	Kent Women's Plate Away game Vs Sheppy United Ladies Kick Off at 1pm
Sunday October 22 nd	Kent Women's Plate Away game Vs Faversham Strike Force Kick Off at 2pm.
Sunday October 29 th	Home game Vs Deal Town. Kick Off at 2pm.



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

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 – 7pm, 7.15 – 8.15pm	Main Hall – 07989 210 449

WEDNESDAY

BABY MASSAGE & TUMMY TIME	10am – 12.00 Noon	Durling Hall
BEES BODS	5.45pm – 6.45pm	Main Hall - 01303 813 274
AEROBIC BODY BLAST	7pm - 8pm	Main Hall - 01233 820 109
LANGUAGE CLASSES	6pm – 8pm	Durling Hall

THURSDAY

TINY TALK	10am – 11am	Durling Hall
PILATES	9.30 – 10.45am	Main Hall
LINE DANCING	11.30am - 1am	Main Hall – 07989210449
LANGUAGE CLASSES	6pm – 8pm	Durling Hall
TAEKWONDO	Various classes from 5.15pm	Main Hall 01303 814 635

FRIDAY

RUGBY TOTS	9.15am – 10.15am	Main Hall
1st SELLINDGE SCOUT GROUP Both Halls	CUBS - 6 -7.30pm, SCOUTS - 7.30-9.00pm, 01303 813 250. 1stsellindgesg@gmail.com (Term time)	BEAVERS - 6.00-7.15pm, EXPLORERS 7.30—9.00pm.

Village Hall Monthly Events

TUESDAY

PARISH COUNCIL	2nd Tuesday of the month at 6.30pm Parish Clerk 01303 813 271	Durling Hall –
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WEDNESDAY

GET TOGETHER CLUB	2 nd Wednesday of the month 2pm – 4pm	Durling Hall
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FRIDAY

GARDENERS	3 rd Friday of the month 2pm – 4pm	Durling Hall
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SATURDAY

TABLE FAIR	1 st Saturday of the month 9am – 1pm	Main Hall
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SUNDAY

FARMERS MARKET	3 rd Sunday of the month 10am – 1pm	Main Hall
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Sellindge Village Hall
Halls available for hire.
Meetings, Clubs, Parties,
Wedding receptions etc
01303 813250 sellindgevillagehall@gmail.com

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



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 –

As we head into the autumn, across the churches of the Stour Downs Parish we celebrate Harvest time in various ways. These are opportunities to join in the tradition that goes back over the generations in which we give thanks for the harvest. It is also a time when we gather generous donations to help those in need, such as long-life products for the Parish Foodbank.

Harvest time and the change of the seasons also marks for us a transition in the year. I wonder if you stop to pause and notice the changes around – the leaves changing colour and falling, the conkers, the fields harvested and prepared for the winter and next year's crop? For Christians, a change of season is one of the best times to wonder anew at God's creative genius.

This is also the time which as a church we have come to know as Creationtide, when the Christian family unites for the Season of Creation, a worldwide celebration of prayer and action to protect our common home. As followers of Christ from around the globe, we share a common call to care for creation.

Both Creationtide and Harvest, along with noticing the changes around us as the seasons change, give us opportunity to be mindful and thankful for the wonders of creation, what we can do to protect it, and for those who care for the land.

As the season changes, why not make time to go for a walk alone or with others and notice all the miracles of nature in transition.

The Canterbury Diocese Prayer for this season:

Creator God,

You have fashioned a universe of wonders and made it our home.

Forgive us when busyness blinds us to beauty,

When indifference dulls our delight.

Awaken us again to marvel at your works,

And to cherish the world you have given us.

Amen.

God bless – Reverend Chris

STOUR DOWNS PARISH – OCTOBER SERVICES

1st	Mersham	9:30am	Sunday Harvest Communion Service and Baptism <i>Live feed</i>
	Brabourne	10.am	Sunday Harvest Service
	Monk Horton	6pm	Sunday Harvest Evensong
8th	Smeeth	9.30am	Sunday Communion Service
	Stowting	9:30am	Sunday Harvest Family Service
	Mersham	4.pm	Sunday JAM (Jesus and Me)
15th	Brabourne	9.30am	Sunday Communion Service
	Mersham	9.30am	Sunday Morning Praise
	Smeeth	4pm	Sunday Songs of Praise
22nd	Stowting	9.30am	Sunday Communion Service
	Smeeth	9.30am	Sunday Morning Praise
29th	Sellindge	9.30am	Sunday Communion Service



1st Sellindge Scouts and
1st Sellindge Rainbows, Brownies & Guides

CHRISTMAS FAIR



CRAFT
STALLS

FESTIVE
GAMES

CHRISTMAS
CAROLS

HOT DRINKS
& CAKES

Sunday 26th November 10am to 2pm
Sellindge Village Hall

