

SELLINDGE VILLAGE NEWS

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SELLINDGE SPORTS & SOCIAL CLUB PRESENTS
SELLINDGE FIREWORK NIGHT!

SATURDAY 11th
NOVEMBER 2023

GATES OPEN AT 5pm
FIREWORKS BEGIN AT 7pm

FAMILY TICKET - £12
2 ADULTS & 2 CHILDREN

ADULT - £5
CHILD - £3

BBQ, BAR,
SWEETS & MORE!

PLEASE NOTE - FAMILY TICKETS MUST BE
PURCHASED IN ADVANCE FROM THE CLUBHOUSE

**ACT OF
REMEMBRANCE**

Sunday 12th November
10:45am

Sellindge War Memorial Hall
Join us for a short
Act of Remembrance led by
1st Sellindge Scouts &
1st Sellindge Girl Guiding
Refreshments will be served
in the hall afterwards



SELLINDGE FARMERS & CRAFT MARKET in SELLINDGE VILLAGE HALL

Next Sellindge

Farmers & Craft Market is **SUN Nov 19th** Open at 10am to 1pm.
Check out the Sellindge Farmers & Craft Market Face Book Page
for more details.

INDOOR TABLE TOP SALES – Sellindge Village Hall 9am to 1pm. Sat November 4th 9am to 1pm
Many stalls already booked a mix between household stalls and different crafts. Tables are £6 a 6 foot table.
Refreshments available to purchase. Parking and entry are free. Book/info contact Jeanette 07753 283 575.

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

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.

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, Village Hall on **Tuesday November 14th from 10.15am to 11.15am.**

COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH EVENT

Sellindge Primary School Hall
Wednesday November 22nd
At 6.30 pm

More details on page 2



CONFIRMED SIGHTING OF AN ASIAN HORNET

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 !!

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 November 14th 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 NOVEMBER 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 November 9th & 23rd.

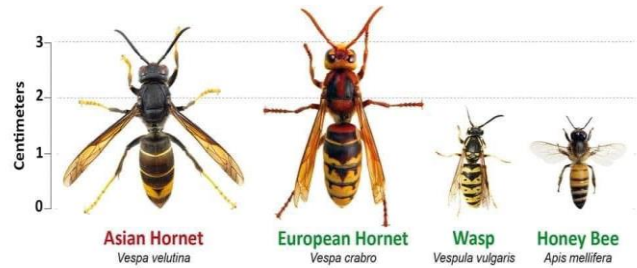
Lay by in Swan Lane at the entrance to Greenfields.

Fridays – 2.50pm to 3.20pm on November 10th & 24th.



Kent Libraries

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



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



SAVE THE DATE:

SPEEDWATCH COMMUNITY EVENT—22ND NOVEMBER AT 6.30PM



Speed through the village is a concern for many and in answer to residents' concerns, Sellindge Parish Council are looking to see whether we can re-establish the Speedwatch group back in Sellindge.

But to do this we will need members, so we need any one that can spare some time, the more members, the easier this will be and the more monitoring and the more success we will have in reducing the speed through our village?

This group would meet only in day light hours, monitor vehicle speeds in Sellindge and reports repeat offenders to the Police.

So how can you find out what would volunteering for Speedwatch look like?

Alan Watson the Community Speedwatch Manager from Kent Police is coming along to an information event we are holding on Wednesday **22nd November** at 6.30pm in the School.

There is no parking at the school, so please if you can park in the village car park next to the Village Hall opposite. Alan Watson will talk about exactly what would be involved and answer and concerns you may have and to help the group get going once again.

Meantime if you would like to read up a little more The Community Speedwatch website can be found here: <https://communityspeedwatch.org/>

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.

North Downs West District Councilors' Reports for Sellindge

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

Mobile 07887 918 458 X @jennyhollingsbee

Planning – The Elm Tree Farm application has been submitted by Quinn's to the District Council. This has been validated and is out for consultation. I have requested, and been granted, an extension to the 20 November for comments to be submitted. However, in reality, comments can be submitted right up to the date of decision which I understand will not be until Spring or possibly later next year.

Otterpool Park – the current Administration is seeking an external strategic partner to inject funds into the project which no doubt will delay the development for at least 18 months or more. This delay, together with the loss of 150 houses at Princes Parade and the slow delivery of the Folkestone Seafront site, will have a negative effect on the District's five year land supply. See [Agenda for Cabinet on Wednesday, 18th October, 2023, 5.00 pm | Folkestone & Hythe District Council \(moderngov.co.uk\)](#) for the Cabinet Report.

I was pleased to attend another project initiated by the previous administration with the launch of the mobile food van and the first anniversary of The Pantry in Hythe. The mobile food bank and pantry will initially visit Hawkinge, Lydd and two places in Folkestone but if there is a call for it in other areas, further stops can be added in the future. See [Hythe Pantry | Folkestone Rainbow Centre \(rainbow-centre.org\)](#)

Some householders in Kent will be eligible to receive the latest £300 cost of living payment directly from the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) between 31 October and 19 November. **You DO NOT** need to apply or do anything else to claim the payment. If you are eligible, you will automatically receive the money straight into your bank account. These types of events often provide an opportunity for criminals to contact you and state that you need to apply, and they will try to obtain your personal/financial data. If you get a phone call, email or text message like this, it is a SCAM.

A project to transform a brownfield site in Folkestone into a high-quality, housing-led development has received a £2.5m boost from central government. The successful application by the previous administration for Brownfield Land Release Fund money will go towards the remediation of the former Ship Street gasworks required to enable the construction of up to 150 homes. Having been derelict for more than 60 years, the project seeks to open up the site by providing energy-efficient and sustainable properties at a density consistent with its surroundings.

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

We have had some good news; Stagecoach have told us that, subject to the bus regulator's agreement, the number 10 route will be going to Lympe again!

From the 1st of November the new Parliamentary boundary lines, that have been drawn up by the Boundary Commission, will be implemented for the next General Election. This means that North Downs East and North Downs West wards of the F&HDC area will now form part of the Ashford Constituency at Parliamentary elections. The District Wards and the County Council Divisions will remain the same.

A review of the polling districts, polling places and stations is being conducted and runs from 2nd October 2023 to 17th November. The review, as well as the current electorate for each polling district and the current list of polling stations can be found on the F&HDC website under Elections –

<https://www.folkestone-hythe.gov.uk/elections/polling-review-2023>

I mentioned the Rural England Prosperity Fund grant in my last report and I am pleased to tell you that details of the fund and how to apply have now been published. All the information regarding this fund can be found on the Folkestone Works website (<https://folkestone.works/>).

It was agreed at the last Overview and Scrutiny meeting that F&HDC could seek to find a Joint Venture partner for Otterpool Park to inject funding into the development.

Finally – reminder, all District Councillors have a £3,000 Ward grant available to help fund local community projects. Please contact me or Jenny if you have any projects you would like help funding. We have jointly supported the Sellindge Under 16's Football Club to the tune of £400 to purchase training equipment.

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

Last month I reported that there was work under way at Kent County Council to bring expenditure in Social Care and transport for children with Special Educational Needs back in line with budget and this is continuing. We're also looking to sell the County Hall building at Sessions as we reduce the number of buildings we use. On the difficult issue of Unaccompanied Asylum-Seeking Children, interim court judgements make KCC responsible for the care of all the under 18-year-olds who arrive in Kent seeking asylum and, whilst the Government has allocated us extra funding, it's clearly impossible for one council to deal with this situation for any length of time.

I want to devote the rest of this month's report to the more cheerful news about KCC's work on environment issues. When I was appointed KCC's Cabinet Member for Environment in October 2019, I inherited a pledge to plant 1.5m trees in Kent (matching the number of people in Kent). But with natural attrition, disease, development pressures and vandalism it was proving difficult to replace trees which were lost and hard to measure overall. I'm pleased to report that in the winter of 2019/20 we planted 30,912 trees, the next year 25,868 and last winter 56,708. Looking ahead we have fully funded plans for the next three years for another 178,339 and that will be the minimum. We now have a tree officer who has greatly increased our success in winning grants both for the trees and for a small team to help do even more. Working with volunteers has been key to helping these trees established as for the first three years they need watering and weeding. Last year 92% of the trees we helped plant survived.

Looking more broadly at KCC's work on the natural environment, KCC has been given responsibility for leading the work in Kent and Medway to create a Local Nature Recovery Strategy. There's a special grant to cover the costs and the strategy will be one of 48 across England with no gaps and no overlaps. The completed strategies are intended to become part of the planning system. It's about identifying and mapping the areas that are already important for nature and identifying how to make them larger, more abundant in wildlife and how best to connect them. The project is called **Making Space for Nature** and you can find out more on the dedicated website. Landowners, farmers and the organisations that care for nature will all need to be involved and were well represented when we launched in Lenham on 05 October. There will also be opportunities for individuals to get involved throughout the process and there will be a consultation on the finalised strategy in 2025. It's been wonderful to see such enthusiasm from those who came to the launch and from the Making Space for Nature Board which I now chair.

Winter preparations have been made with KCC's salt bins replenished where it's been reported they are empty (please check your local ones). Kent Highways' gritters will cover the primary road network in Kent between now and 19 April 2024 whenever road surface temperatures are predicted to go below zero.

I attended Sellindge Parish Council meeting on 10 October which included an excellent presentation from Neighbourhood Watch. Whole streets in Sellindge have been signing up and the more people included the more effective it will be.



Kent Active Travel
HEALTHIER • SAFER • CLEANER

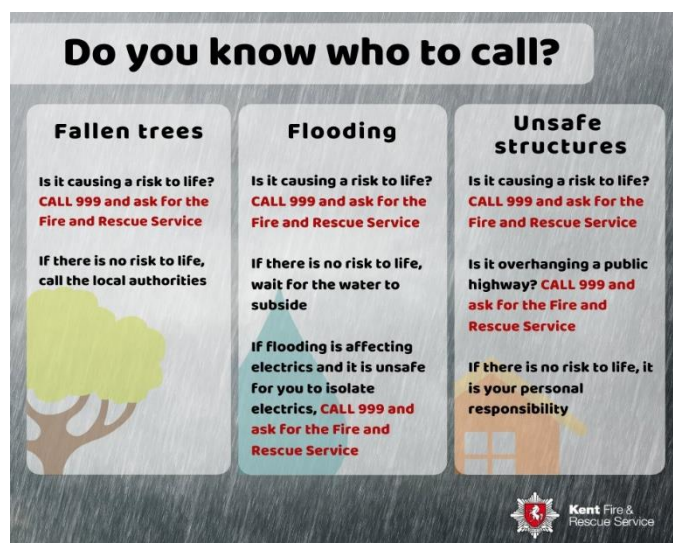
Closes 10 January 2024

Kent Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan
Public Consultation

Visit www.kent.gov.uk/KCWIP

Funded by UK Government

Kent County Council kent.gov.uk



Do you know who to call?

Fallen trees	Flooding	Unsafe structures
Is it causing a risk to life? CALL 999 and ask for the Fire and Rescue Service	Is it causing a risk to life? CALL 999 and ask for the Fire and Rescue Service	Is it causing a risk to life? CALL 999 and ask for the Fire and Rescue Service
If there is no risk to life, call the local authorities	If there is no risk to life, wait for the water to subside	Is it overhanging a public highway? CALL 999 and ask for the Fire and Rescue Service
	If flooding is affecting electrics and it is unsafe for you to isolate electrics, CALL 999 and ask for the Fire and Rescue Service	If there is no risk to life, it is your personal responsibility

Kent Fire & Rescue Service

THE SELLINDGE SPORTS & SOCIAL CLUB –

www.sellindgesportsclub.co.uk 

Every Sunday – Full Bar Menu

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

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



Full details on the Front Page

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.

SELLINDGE SPORTS & SOCIAL CLUB Under 16's Football Club

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

Fixture list November.

Saturday November 4th Home game V Park Farm Rangers U16 KO 10am

Saturday November 11th Away V Charing U16 – U16 Cup KO 10am

Saturday December 2nd Away V Mersham U16 KO 10am



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 November.

Sunday November 5th SECWFL League Cup Home game V Cray Wanderers KO 1.30pm

Sunday November 12th Away V Baypoint KO 2pm

Sunday November 26th Away V Kings Hill KO 2pm

Sunday December 3rd Away V Sheppy UTD KO 3.30pm



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
1 st 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

WEIGH and PLAY	3 rd , 17 th Nov – 1 st Dec 10am	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



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 I walked up a church path today, I picked up the first conker that lay there – a sign of autumn's arrival. Watching the leaves fall and the nights draw in is a sign of the onward march of the seasons, and we know winter is not too far around the corner. For me, autumn is a time of amazing colours of autumn leaves, chilly mornings with bright autumn sunshine, chestnut brown conkers... it is a season of change.

That kind of echoes a bit of life's journey. As we draw towards the winter of life, there are autumn years of changes, a new shape of life. Perhaps you or someone you know has moved into the autumn part of life, retiring from work and with time for new things. Perhaps there is a sense of moving from the autumn of life into the winter and towards the end of an earthly journey. This might evoke questions of life and also death. Autumn in the church calendar brings a time for Christians to ponder the big questions about life and death, with remembering those we have lost in special ways. This happens at the start of November, at All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day, to remember Saints of the church and all those we know who have died. A week later, at Remembrance Sunday, we remember those who died in wars, and pray for peace. Our parish has a special service each year - this year **5th November at 4pm in Smeeth**- where people are invited to add any names they would like to have read out and to light a candle to remember them.

Please email office@stourdowns.org.uk in advance to add a name to be read in the service.

This might feel a sad sort of time, but like the autumn leaves in the wonderful array of colours, there is joy and celebration in remembering those who we have loved and what made them special to us. Like the passing of autumn and the coming of winter, things will change and pass, but God has promised that we will see a new creation.

Blessings *Chris*

November Services

5th	Mersham	9:30am	Sunday	Communion Service
	Brabourne	10.am	Sunday	Story and Praise
	Smeeth	3pm	Sunday	All Saints – Remembering lost loved ones.
12th	Smeeth	8am	Sunday	Communion Service
	Smeeth	10:45am	Sunday	Remembrance Service
	Mersham	10:45am	Sunday	Remembrance Service
	Mersham	4pm	Sunday	JAM (Jesus and Me)
19th	Brabourne	9.30am	Sunday	Communion Service
	Mersham	9.30am	Sunday	Morning Praise
	Smeeth	4pm	Sunday	Songs of Praise
26th	Stowting	9.30am	Sunday	Communion Service
	Smeeth	9.30am	Sunday	Morning Praise
	Monks Horton	4pm	Sunday	Evensong

Remembrance Sunday at St Mary's Sellindge

St Mary's usually holds a Remembrance Sunday service each year, however this year a gathering has been planned by the Scouts and Guides to mark remembrance at the village hall for 10:45am.

St Mary's Church will be open on Remembrance Sunday for reflection or to visit the village war memorial. If you wish to pay your respect there, you are most welcome. The roll of honour will be read at the church at 11am.

A formal service will be held at our sister churches at Smeeth and Mersham at 10:45am.



Art @ St Mary's

Any local groups or artists who would be interested in using St Mary's Sellindge as a space for exhibitions or talks, please contact Rev Chris on 07526 688826/ vicar@stourdowns.org.uk

Saturday 2nd - Sunday 3rd December

Christmas Tree Festival: at St John the Baptist, Mersham



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