

# SELLINDGE VILLAGE NEWS

## JANUARY 2024

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# WELCOME TO 2024

**INDOOR TABLETOP SALES – Sellindge Village Hall 9am to 1pm. Sat January 6<sup>th</sup> 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.  
Saturdays – Sellindge Village Hall 9am to 1pm. Other dates for Indoor Tabletop Sales in 2024 Saturdays –

February 3<sup>rd</sup> – March 2<sup>nd</sup> – April 6<sup>th</sup> – May 4<sup>th</sup> – June 1<sup>st</sup> – July 6<sup>th</sup>  
– August 3<sup>rd</sup> – September 7<sup>th</sup> – October 5<sup>th</sup> – November 2<sup>nd</sup> – December 7<sup>th</sup>

**SELLINDGE FARMERS & CRAFT MARKET**  
**UPCOMING Dates**  
**2024**

<b>Jan</b>	<b>21st</b>	Sellindge Village Hall, Main Road TN25 6JX
<b>Feb</b>	<b>18th</b>	Sellindge Village Hall, Main Road TN25 6JX
<b>March</b>	<b>17th</b>	Sellindge Village Hall, & Carpark Main Road TN25 6JX
<b>April</b>	<b>21st</b>	Sellindge Village Hall & Carpark, Main Road TN25 6JX

Open from 10am to 1pm.  
Farmers Markets gives you the consumer a chance to know the person from whom you are buying and to talk about their produce.

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### COFFEE & COMPANY

We will not be opening in January but will be back on – **Tuesday February 6<sup>th</sup> 2024**  
We are open to anyone every Tuesday morning in Durling Hall, Sellindge Village Hall – 9am to 1pm.  
Serving drinks and there will be cake !  
Come and meet friends for a chat, make new friends.

### 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](http://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.  
There will not be a Clinic in January.  
The local hearing aid maintenance clinic will be in Coffee & Company in the Durling Hall, Sellindge Village Hall on **Tuesday February 13<sup>th</sup>** from 10.15am to 11.15am.  
Other dates for Hi Kent in 2024 Tuesdays –

March 12<sup>th</sup> – April 9<sup>th</sup> – May 14<sup>th</sup> – June 11<sup>th</sup> – July 9<sup>th</sup> – August 13<sup>th</sup> –  
September 10<sup>th</sup> – October 8<sup>th</sup> – November 12<sup>th</sup> – December 10<sup>th</sup>

## SELLINDGE PARISH COUNCIL

[www.sellindge-pc.gov.uk](http://www.sellindge-pc.gov.uk) 01303 813 271 [clerk@sellindge-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@sellindge-pc.gov.uk)

The next meeting of your Parish Council is on Tuesday January 9<sup>th</sup> 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 JANUARY 2024

[www.kent.gov.uk/leisure-and-community/libraries/visiting-a-library/mobile-libraries](http://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 January 18<sup>th</sup> & Feb 1<sup>st</sup>

Lay by in Swan Lane at the entrance to Greenfields.

Fridays – 2.50pm to 3.20pm on January 9<sup>th</sup> & Feb 2<sup>nd</sup>



**Kent Libraries**

## F&HDC NORTH DOWNS WEST WARD

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

Mobile 07887 918 458  @jennyhollingsbe

Where has 2023 gone? It certainly has been a challenging year for many residents. And perhaps it is good to be reminded that there are a number of ‘Cost of Living’ Schemes run by the Council to support people who are struggling – see [Help and support with the cost of living – Folkestone & Hythe District Council](http://www.folkestone-hythe.gov.uk) ([www.folkestone-hythe.gov.uk](http://www.folkestone-hythe.gov.uk))

**Sellindge Development** – as agreed at the last Parish Council I have discussed with the Head of Planning arrangements for a public meeting on Planning Matters to take place in the New Year. The Planning Team have asked for a list of topics that residents would like covered so that they can be prepared for the meeting. I await possible dates for the meeting from the team.

**Rural England Prosperity Fund** – just a reminder that this fund is now open and expression of interests can be made via the website [Rural England Prosperity Fund - Folkestone Works](http://www.folkestone-hythe.gov.uk) I have been encouraging Village Halls and Community Centre’s in North Downs West to consider applying to this fund for energy efficiency improvements, ie solar panels.

**Dungeness Nuclear Industry** – I put forward a motion to Full Council on 29 November to support the Nuclear Industry at Dungeness. As well as providing around 1,000 current jobs at the Nuclear sites there’s a real prospect of securing more employment and carbon free energy from Small Modular Reactors at Dungeness. The Greens, Labour and LibDems amended the motion to obliterate any reference to Dungeness or Nuclear. See Minutes of the Meeting [Agenda for Council on Wednesday, 29th November, 2023, 7.00 pm | Folkestone & Hythe District Council](http://www.folkestone-hythe.gov.uk) ([modern.gov.co.uk](http://modern.gov.co.uk))

**Otterpool Park LLP**– There has been no further update on seeking a strategic partner to bring in additional finance to the project. However, the leader in answering a question at full Council, said that the original charter and planning terms of reference would be adhered to. He also said that the intention was to keep control of the project! Last week, the appointment of Gary Ridgewell was announced as the new Managing Director to replace Andy Jarrett. I welcome this appointment and wish him every success in taking the project forward. I would like to record thanks to Andy for his commitment and leadership since the inception of the project and wish him well for the future.

I wish you all a Peaceful 2024.

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

F&HDC have made a successful bid and have been awarded a Safer Streets government grant of £335,546.64. The fund will be used to invest in crime prevention initiatives that focus on reducing levels of crime in the district, anti-social behavior and violence against women and girls.

There has been a very poor take up of the Folkestone and Hythe Green Business Grant Scheme. The grant is to help small businesses to save carbon, become more energy efficient and, in turn, to save the business money. All the information regarding the scheme can be found on the Folkestone Works website (<https://folkestone.works/>).

F&HDC are continuing their progress in looking for a strategic partner for Otterpool Park. Without this extra funding the development of the project would be in jeopardy. They are only looking to enter into agreements with those partners who have a track record of facilitating development at scale, and a commitment to delivering the Council's vision for Otterpool Park.

Just a reminder, all District Councilors 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.

Wishing you all a happy and peaceful New Year.

**KCC COUNCILLOR** Susan Carey, Elham Valley Ward. [susan.carey@kent.gov.uk](mailto:susan.carey@kent.gov.uk) 01303 670 561

If one of your New Year's resolutions was to have a clear out then do take advantage of a new KCC scheme to recycle IT equipment – PCs, laptops, printers and mobile phones. The scheme is open to residents, businesses and organisations and is free to use. You can book a collection slot and your equipment will be wiped of data and reused where possible or recycled when not. See

<https://www.kent.gov.uk/environment-waste-and-planning/rubbish-and-recycling/device-recycling-scheme>

If you are taking waste to one of our Household Waste Recycling Centres do, please sort what you take. Around 50% of what people bring to the HWRCs in black sacks could be recycled but this can only be done if it's put in the right bins on site. There are separate containers for metal, wood, textiles, garden waste, batteries and more. What can't be recycled is turned into energy at the Energy from Waste plant at Allington. Only asbestos is sent to landfill as it is required by law to be deep buried.

There's a new name for the Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty and National Parks. They are both now known as National Landscapes which is an acknowledgement that both have equal status. KCC hosts the Kent Downs National Landscapes and the small team does exceptional work in helping protect the natural environment whilst supporting the rural economy. One of the projects they launched (well over a year ago) was a bid for Geopark status with UNESCO. This is a joint bid with the Parc Naturel Regional des Caps et Marais d'Opale in Northern France and is about the chalk that creates our landscape. Geopark status would raise the profile of these two areas connected by chalk and would help promote tourism in our area. You can find out more about the Geopark bid and the other work of the Kent Down National Landscape team on their website [www.kentdowns.org.uk](http://www.kentdowns.org.uk)

There has been good news for Kent following our action against the Home Secretary in the High Court. The court has found the Home Secretary has acted unlawfully in not having proper arrangements in place for dealing with Unaccompanied Asylum-Seeking Children arriving in Kent. We now expect the Government to properly fund reception centres and make sure other councils take their share of the arrivals. This news is especially welcome as our overall financial situation is very challenging. We debate our budget for 2024/25 at the County Council meeting on 19 February.

A reminder that there is help available for Kent residents who are struggling to cope financially or mentally. The best place to start looking for help for yourself or someone you know is Kent Together. There's a link on the home page of Kent County Council at [www.kent.gov.uk](http://www.kent.gov.uk). You'll find advice about funding available, benefits, reducing energy costs, budgeting and how to either get a referral or self-refer for help. For those who prefer the phone to the web the number is 03000 41 92 92. There's also a link to *Release the Pressure* a KCC helpline for those with mental health problems. It's available 24/7 at 0800 107 0160.

I wish you all a happy and peaceful 2024.

## THE SELLINDGE SPORTS & SOCIAL CLUB –

[www.sellindgesportsclub.co.uk](http://www.sellindgesportsclub.co.uk) 

Every Sunday – **The Sunday Roast is back !!!**

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)

**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**

## SELLINDGE SPORTS & SOCIAL CLUB Under 16's Football Club

The Under 16's Football team 2023 / 2024 season Fixture list January 2024.

Saturday January 6<sup>th</sup> – Home V SC Passmove U16 Black – KO 10am

Saturday January 13<sup>th</sup> – Away V Total Football U16 – KO 10am

Saturday January 20<sup>th</sup> – Home V Hythe Town U16 – KO 10am

Saturday January 27<sup>th</sup> – Away V Park Farm Rangers U16 – KO 10am

Saturday February 3<sup>rd</sup> – Away V Hythe Town U16 – KO 10am



## SELLINDGE LADIES FOOTBALL CLUB

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

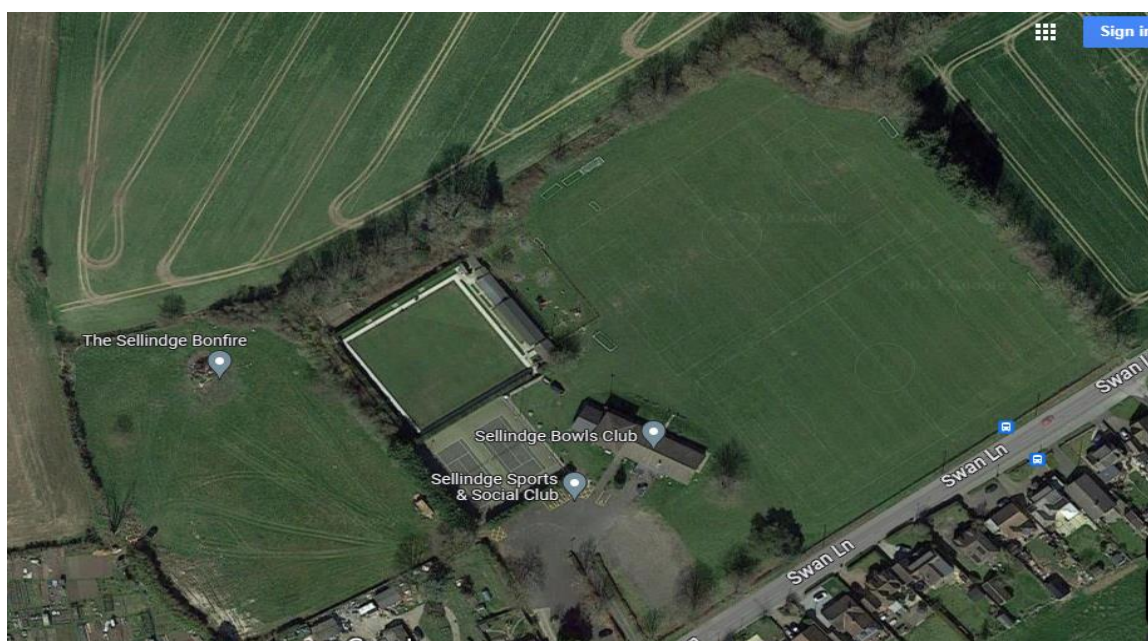
Fixture list January 2024.

Sunday January 14<sup>th</sup> – Home V Castle Colts – KO 2pm

Sunday January 21<sup>st</sup> – Away V Deal Town – KO 2pm

Sunday January 28<sup>th</sup> – Home V Baypoint – KO 2pm

Sunday February 4<sup>th</sup> – Away V Baypoint – KO 2pm



## Village Hall Weekly Events

### MONDAY

<b>SUPERSTRIKERS</b>	9.30am -10.30am	<b>Main Hall</b> <a href="http://www.superstrikers.co.uk">www.superstrikers.co.uk</a>
<b>RAINBOWS</b>	4pm – 5pm	<b>Main Hall</b> - 01303 812 297 (Term time)
<b>BROWNIES</b>	5.15pm - 6.45pm	<b>Main Hall</b> - 01303 812 297 (Term time)
<b>LINE DANCING</b>	7.30pm – 9pm	<b>Main Hall</b> – 07753 274 913

### TUESDAY

<b>COFFEE &amp; COMPANY</b>	9am – 12.30pm	<b>Main Hall</b>
<b>MOTHER &amp; BABY GROUP</b>	1.30pm – 3pm	<b>Main Hall</b>
<b>LINE DANCING</b>	6pm – 7pm, 7.15 – 8.15pm	<b>Main Hall</b> – 07989 210 449

### WEDNESDAY

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

### THURSDAY

<b>TINY TALK</b>	10am – 11am	<b>Durling Hall</b>
<b>PILATES</b>	9.30 – 10.45am	<b>Main Hall</b>
<b>LINE DANCING</b>	11.30am - 1am	<b>Main Hall</b> – 07989210449
<b>TAEKWONDO</b>	Various classes from 5.15pm	<b>Main Hall</b> 01303 814 635

### FRIDAY

<b>RUGBY TOTS</b>	9.15am – 10.15am	<b>Main Hall</b>
<b>1<sup>st</sup> SELLINDGE SCOUT GROUP</b>	<b>CUBS</b> - 6 -7.30pm, <b>SCOUTS</b> - 7.30-9.00pm, 01303 813 250. <a href="mailto:1stsellindgesg@gmail.com">1stsellindgesg@gmail.com</a> (Term time)	<b>BEAVERS</b> - 6.00-7.15pm, <b>EXPLORERS</b> 7.30—9.00pm.
<b>Both Halls</b>		

## Village Hall Monthly Events

### TUESDAY

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

<b>GET TOGETHER CLUB</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month 2pm – 4pm	<b>Durling Hall</b>
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### FRIDAY

<b>WEIGH and PLAY</b>	12 <sup>th</sup> and 26 <sup>th</sup>	10am	<b>Durling Hall</b>
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### SATURDAY

<b>TABLE TOP FAIR</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month 9am – 1pm	<b>Main Hall</b>
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### SUNDAY

<b>FARMERS MARKET</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month 10am – 1pm	<b>Main Hall</b>
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## Sellindge Village Hall

Halls available for hire.  
Meetings, Clubs, Parties,  
Wedding receptions etc

01303 813250 [sellindgevillagehall@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:vicar@stourdowns.org.uk)

Rev Susan Manners (Curate) 01233 500 414

[www.stourdowns.org.uk](http://www.stourdowns.org.uk) also on Facebook

**STOUR DOWNS PARISH** Vicar’s letter –

The Christmas crackers in our house this year had inside a challenge to complete along with the usual terrible jokes. With the challenge came a “nailed it” or “failed it” card to hold up. I wonder as we begin 2024, whether we might take a moment to stop and look back, reflecting on the year past to see where we might have “nailed it” or “failed it”? What were the bits that went well, and what were the things that were not so good? As we call to mind the highlights, joys and things to celebrate of 2023, we also acknowledge things that were challenges and perhaps rather be forgotten. These things might help us shape our approach to the coming year – whether we make changes in our lifestyle or priorities or learn from past experiences.

I have really enjoyed the Christmas celebrations at St Mary’s Sellindge. It was a joy to see so many different people from the village come to join in sharing the story at the heart of Christmas, which for me felt a “nailed it” moment.

There was a wonderful Carols in the Dukes Head, with a pub full of people enjoying singing the Christmas story as captured in traditional carols.

Carols on the village green again saw a crowd of people singing carols gathered together in the community and enjoying mince pies and a hot drink afterwards. On Christmas Eve the church was beautifully lit by candlelight and a lovely backdrop for those who came to share in placing the nativity characters in the crib as we shared the story of the first Christmas.

A particular highlight was not just the sharing of carols and Christmas story with so many people from the village this year. It was a great joy to be able to serve a Christmas lunch for those who come along each Thursday morning to the church for our usual coffee and cake and winter soup lunches. The turkey and trimmings went down very well, and we were able to provide some Christmas hampers and homemade Christmas cakes to all our guests.

All are invited to pop into join in the friendly chat over a something warm on a Thursday morning in the church from 10am-12pm.

Every blessing for 2024 – Rev Chris

Services in the Stour Downs

**January 2024**

<b>7<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Mersham 9:30am Communion <i>Live-Stream</i>	Brabourne 10am Story & Praise	Monks Horton 4pm Evensong
<b>14<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Smeeth 9:30am Communion <i>Live-Stream</i>	Stowting 9:30 Family Service	
<b>21<sup>st</sup> January</b>	Brabourne 9:30am Communion	Mersham 9:30am Morning Praise	Smeeth 4pm Songs of Praise
<b>28<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Stowting 9:30am Communion	Smeeth 9:30am Christingle	

Midweek Communion

Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 10 <sup>th</sup> , 17 <sup>th</sup> , 24 <sup>th</sup> , 31 <sup>st</sup> January	Brabourne 9:30am
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