

SELLINDGE VILLAGE NEWS

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INDOOR TABLETOP SALES – Sellindge Village Hall 9am to 1pm. Sat February 6th 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.

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

Sellindge FARMERS & ARTISAN MARKET
February Sunday 18th
Healthy & Locally Produced

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MEAT - BREAD - CHEESE - TEA &
MANY MORE...

Sellindge Village Hall
Main Road
TN25 6JX
from 10AM - 1pm
card or cash
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Coffee & Company
At Sellindge Village Hall
Every Tuesday 9-1pm

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

COFFEE & COMPANY

We are back on – **Tuesday February 6th 2024**
We are open to anyone every Tuesday morning in Sellindge Village Hall – 9am to 1pm.
Serving drinks and there will be cake !
Come and meet friends for a chat, make new friends.

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 Sellindge Village Hall on **Tuesday February 13th** from 10.15am to 11.15am.

Other dates for 2024 –

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

DON'T FORGET THIS IS A LEAP YEAR SO THERE IS A FEBRUARY 29th THIS YEAR !!

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



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



SELLINDGE PC www.sellindge-pc.gov.uk 01303 813 271 clerk@sellindge-pc.gov.uk

The next meeting of your Parish Council is on Tuesday February 13th 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 available from Dog Poo Bag dispenser located at the Village Green Entrance.

MOBILE LIBRARIES DATES and TIMES FOR FEBRUARY 2024

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 February 1st, 15th & 29th

Lay by in Swan Lane at the entrance to Greenfields.

Fridays – 2.50pm to 3.20pm on February 2nd & 16th March 1st



F&HDC NORTH DOWNS WEST WARD

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

Mobile 07887 918 458  @jennyhollingsbe

Sellindge Developments – The Head of Planning and Director of Resources and Strategy have been given a list of issues residents would like covered in a presentation to a Public Meeting. This is being scheduled for the end of February, but date is yet to be agreed.

Budget – Work has continued on the 24/25 budget which will be voted on by the full Council on February 18th 2024. Whilst the District Council was left in a good financial situation when the new administration took over in May, inflationary pressures have put all Councils under financial pressure which will require increases to Council tax and fees broadly in line with inflation plus some possible cuts to non-statutory services. Whilst I accept and support the need for some increases, I am personally opposed to proposals to cut back on street cleansing and reduction in waste bins around the District as I feel these will ultimately lead to additional costs in dealing with fly tipping and a general deterioration on the appearance of the District which was one of the top objectives of the previous administration. There is also a proposal to reduce the number of rural verge cuts from two to one during the year.

Constitution – The Leader of the Council put forward a motion to the full Council on 24 January 2024 to delay the implementation of the Committee system until May 2025. This was agreed and means that the Cabinet system of governance will continue for the next year.

Otterpool Park PLC – there has been no update on a strategic partner over the Christmas period.

Other – During January, I attended the Sports & Social Club Meeting, the Sellindge Primary School Governors' Meeting and the Parish Council Meeting.

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

Otterpool Park is progressing well. The new Managing Director, Gary Ridgwell, has restructured the team and is making good progress in remodelling and programming the development. FH&DC and Otterpool Park LLP have been encouraged by the interest taken in the scheme by Homes England. Regular talks are now taking place with this Government agency. Prior to Christmas we received the good news from SE Rail that Westinghanger Station would become a stop on the high-speed route.

At last week's Full Council meeting it was agreed to adopt amendments to the Council Tax on empty homes premiums from 2024/25 to apply to homes empty for 1 year now instead of 2 years.

The KCC consultation on the fate of the 8 Windmills in their ownership has closed and we await the result. The Davidson Mill at Stelling Minnis is one of these and I expressed my deep concern at the potential disposal of this heritage asset (Grade 1 listed).

Work is continuing to offer a balanced budget at the February Full Council meeting. Great credit is due to the Officers and members who have worked so hard to find savings. The savings have only been achieved through a number of redundancies, the majority of which were voluntary.

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

On 19 February Kent County Council has an all-day meeting to debate and vote on our budget for the financial year 2024/25. Your council tax bill includes payments for the services delivered not just by KCC but also your District Council, Kent Police, Kent Fire & Rescue Service and your Parish Council.

The KCC element is the largest proportion of your bill and covers over 300 services many of which you and your family may never need such as child adoption/fostering, the coroners' service, care for those with a Learning Disability, services to those escaping domestic abuse, mental health problems and those too poor to pay for care when they are elderly and frail. They also include services we all use such as recycling and disposal of the waste that the district councils collect from us, responsibility for roads (but not the motorways or private roads) and services that are age specific such as the bus passes for people of state pension age, nursery places, school places and school transport for those eligible. Some of the services are available to all but not everyone uses such as the 19 Household Waste Recycling Centres, 99 libraries and the Kent Archive Centre. Then there are the discretionary services which KCC is not required but has chosen to provide such as subsidies to some bus services and the Gravesend to Tilbury ferry, a 50% subsidy to the cost of the KCC Travel Saver for children in school years 7 to 11, the community warden service and the grants each KCC councillor is able to award to projects. This not a comprehensive list and even though I have been at KCC nearly 20 years, I still come across work that the council does that I didn't know about before. February often sees some of the worst winter weather and damage to our roads. Do please report potholes and other problems to Kent Highways on www.kent.gov.uk in the 'report a problem' section. The interactive map is especially useful for country roads as you can mark the exact spot on the map without needing a nearby house address. You can also see if the problem has already been reported. As well as reporting via the website you can phone 03000 41 81 81 in office hours or 03000 41 91 91 for emergencies outside these hours. The call centre staff use exactly the same website map to report problems so if you can use the online system, please do so. Please also use your judgement. If something is an immediate threat to life then contact Kent Police on 999. If it's a serious road problem such as a tree fallen across the road then use the 03000 41 91 91 number. Kent Highways aim to fix dangerous faults within two hours, safety hazards within seven days, routine faults such as streetlights and potholes within 28 days. Sometimes a temporary repair is made until the weather improves or a more permanent repair can be programmed. If you use the reporting system you will be given a reference number which makes chasing progress easier.

Thank you to those who reported the problems in Swan Lane and elsewhere.

I attended Sellindge Parish Council on 09 January to listen to local issues and answer questions on KCC.

I was pleased to hear that Speedwatch in Sellindge is restarting with local volunteers and I look forward to joining them as I do in other parishes in my division. Susan Carey, KCC Member for Elham Valley

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 – **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

SELLINDGE SPORTS & SOCIAL CLUB Under 16's Football Club

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

Saturday February 3rd – Away V Hythe Town U16 – KO **10am**

Saturday February 17th – Away V Mersham – KO **10am**

Saturday March 2nd – Home V Mersham - KO **10am** – Under 16 Cup.



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 February 2024.

Sunday February 4th – Away V Baypoint – KO **2pm**

Sunday February 11th – Home V Sheppy – KO **2pm**

Sunday February 25th – Home V Bettenshanger – KO **2pm**

Sunday March 3rd – Home V Deal Town – KO **2pm**



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

Fixture list February 2024

Sunday February 18th – Home V Ramsgate – KO **2pm**

Sunday February 25th – Home V Biddenden – KO **2pm**



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
TAEKWONDO	Various classes from 5.15pm	Main Hall 01303 814 635

FRIDAY

RUGBY TOTS	9.15am – 10.15am	Main Hall
1st SELLINDGE SCOUT GROUP	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.
Both Halls		

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	9 th and 23 rd February	10am	Durling Hall
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SATURDAY

TABLETOP 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 –

It feels like we have only just been celebrating Christmas and the story of Jesus' birth, and this month we turn rather early in the year to the start of Lent, which is 40 days away from Easter! It seems barely time to draw breath in the church calendar, although increasingly the supermarkets go from aisles of Christmas products straight into stocking Easter eggs.

For Christians, Lent is a time to get ready for Easter and it lasts for 40 days, beginning with Ash Wednesday – which is 14th February this year.

Jesus spent 40 days fasting (going without food) in the desert, thinking, and praying about what God had sent him to do. Some Christians believe that they should give up foods, as a way of showing that they are remembering Jesus' time in the desert, spending more time praying and fasting as Jesus did.

Before Lent begins, the day before Ash Wednesday is Shrove Tuesday – or Pancake Day. In order to clear out food from their store cupboards, people used to make pancakes. One of the best ways of using up a variety of foods is to make pancakes. Then, during the time of Lent, they wouldn't eat any rich foods. Shrove Tuesday, the day before Ash Wednesday, became a day for partying and emptying pantries of anything that would not be eaten during the time of fasting. So, Shrove Tuesday became Pancake Day.

We are having a Messy Church Pancake Party on Shrove Tuesday at Brabourne School (13th February from 10:30am-12pm) for families to come along to in the school holiday.

Please email office@stourdowns.org.uk to book a place.

Fasting for Lent can be very hard work.

For many Christians the focus is on choosing something to go without for Lent (or take up a new positive habit!). Giving things up – or trying to – is a real challenge to stick at. For me, it is a reminder as a disciple of Jesus I should be trying to lay down things that are not life-giving, healthy or the right way, and seeking to focus on God's way, which leads to what God wants for us: to live life like the pancake party, in abundance and joy!

Blessings

Chris

Services in the Stour Downs

February 2024

4th February	Mersham 9:30am Communion Live-Stream	Brabourne 10am Story & Praise	Monks Horton 4pm Evensong
11th February	Smeeth 9:30am Communion Live-Stream	Stowting 9:30 Family Service	
18th February	Brabourne 9:30am Communion	Mersham 9:30am Morning Praise	Smeeth 4pm Songs of Praise
25th February	Stowting 9.30am Communion	Smeeth 9:30am Morning Praise	

Midweek Communion

Wednesday 7 th , 14, 21 st , 28 th February (Ash Weds 14 th February)	Brabourne 9:30am
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