

SELLINDGE VILLAGE NEWS

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Election of Police and Crime Commissioner for Kent police area STATEMENT OF PERSONS NOMINATED AND NOTICE OF POLL

A poll for the above election will be held on Thursday 2 May 2024 between the hours of 7:00am and 10:00pm.

The number to be elected is one.

The following people have been or stand nominated for election as a Police and Crime Commissioner for the above police area. Those who no longer stand nominated are listed, but will have a comment in the right hand column.

Candidate name	Address of candidate ¹	Description of candidate	If candidate no longer nominated the reason why**
COLLEY, Graham David	address in the Kent Police Area	Liberal Democrats	
ROLLES, Lenny	address in the Kent Police Area	Labour and Co-operative Party	
SCOTT, Matthew Richard	address in the Kent Police Area	The Conservative Party Candidate	

The Polling Station is the Durling Hall, Sellindge Village Hall from 7am to 10pm.

DON'T FORGET THAT PHOTO ID IS REQUIRED TO VOTE !

INDOOR TABLETOP SALES – Sellindge Village Hall 9am to 1pm. Sat May 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.

Saturdays – Sellindge Village Hall 9am to 1pm.

June 1st – July 6th – August 3rd – Sept 7th – Oct 5th – Nov 2nd – Dec 7th

SELLINDGE FARMERS & CRAFT MARKET in SELLINDGE VILLAGE HALL

Next Sellindge Farmers & Craft Market is

SUNDAY MAY 19th Open at 10am to 1pm.

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



Sellindge Sports & Social Club



Join us for our Charity quiz night

Friday 17th May

7.30pm ish start! £5 pp teams up to 8, food/drink available all evening

and more importantly great FUN!!

Tables need to be booked in advance,

call or text 07565 373367 or pm us to book 😊😊.

Golden bucket and prize for best team night on evening!!

SELLINDGE BOOT FAIR – At the Sports and Social Club in Swan Lane.

Saturday May 25th starting at 10am subject to weather on the day – Fun day grab a bargain.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on **Tuesday 28th May** at 6.30pm in the Durling Hall.

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Coffee & Company

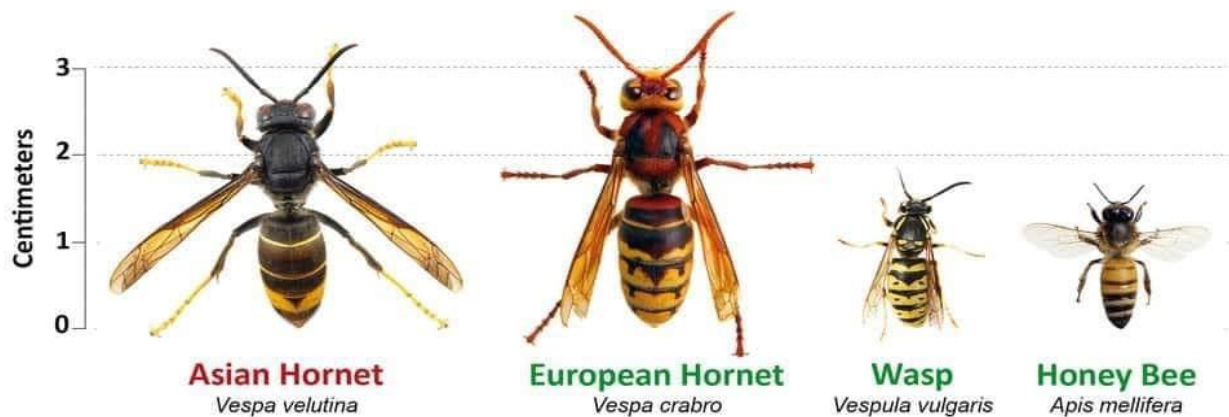
*At Sellindge Village
Hall*

Every Tuesday 9-1pm

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



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



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



So far there has been one sighting this year at Ash, near Canterbury – so please keep a look out !

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 May 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 Cllr Bull who places on the front garden wall, in Swan Lane if you phone him on his mobile 07710 260 751.

Also available from Dog Poo Bag dispenser located at the Village Green Entrance.

Annual Parish Meeting – The Annual Parish Meeting will take place on Tuesday 28th. It will start at 6.30pm in the Durling Hall and is an informal gathering, there will be some light refreshments and a chance to meet your Parish Councillors.

MOBILE LIBRARIES DATES and TIMES FOR MAY 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 May **9th & 23rd**

Lay by in Swan Lane at the entrance to Greenfields.

Fridays – 2.50pm to 3.20pm on May **10th & 24th**



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 Durling Hall, Sellindge Village Hall on **Tuesday May 14th** from 10.15am to 11.15am. Other dates for 2024

June 11th – July 9th – August 13th – Sept 10th – Oct 8th – Nov 12th – Dec 10th

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.

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

Sellindge Planning Meeting – held on 18 April 6 30 pm in the Village Hall. The FHDC Planning Team covered many questions that had been raised by residents, particularly relating to the Core Strategy, Infrastructure, Housing numbers, Elm Tree Farm and other developments in the Village as well as Otterpool Park. Many thanks to the Officers for attending.

Government Rural Prosperity Fund – Under the previous Administration, £350,000 was received under this fund. Local Village Halls and Community Centres in the North Downs Ward were encouraged to make an application and I am pleased to report that Sellindge & District Playing Fields Benevolent Society (£25,000) and Stowting Peace Room (£9,450) have both been successful in receiving funding towards installing Solar Panels.

Stonestreet Green Solar CLP Update – April 2024 - EPL 001 Limited (the "Applicant") continues to finalise its Development Consent Order application and now expects to submit this in mid May 2024.

Crosskeys Coaches are planning to run a regular summer bus service from Folkestone West to Folkestone Harbour calling at Folkestone Central, Town Centre/Shellons Street, F51, Harbour Arm. The Operational Period proposed is 20 July – 1 September 2024 Time : 10 am – 8pm. Other dates are being considered 14th June to 14th July (Euros) 1-14 July Wimbledon. Please watch this space.

Changing Places toilets - The first of three new Changing Places toilets in the district has been officially opened at the Coastal Park. Similar facilities will soon follow at Radnor Park and Dymchurch. Changing Places toilets are designed to meet the needs of disabled children and adults with complex needs who rely on carer support. Specialist equipment inside includes ceiling hoists and changing tables. The District Council secured £205,000 for the project from the Department of Levelling Up, Housing and Communities' Changing Places Fund under the previous Administration.

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

The EES (Electronic Entrance System) is due to be introduced on the 6th October this year. Eurotunnel are well advanced in their preparations and they anticipate only minimal delays. The problem is the Port of Dover who have no room to introduce the electronic checking system and will have to manage the process using handheld tablets. Delays are anticipated and if the traffic jam extends back to the Roundhill Tunnel the M20 will close with the consequential gridlock in the district.

Work has finally begun on removing the hoarding panels surrounding the Princes Parade site in Hythe. A 1.2m perimeter fence, necessary to restrict access to an area where there is known contamination, will be installed in its place during the works. Ecologists are on site to ensure badger setts and other wildlife habitats are safeguarded. A public consultation on what people want to happen to the site will take place later in the year.

Otterpool Park is making progress. Homes England are back on board and discussions continue. The team feel that the work with Homes England seems very likely to finally unlock the site. Property consultants Savills have been instructed to remodel the site in terms of finance, viability and phasing.

Recently, there have been several Rural Prosperity and Green Business grants awarded. Two of which have been given in this Ward; one in Stowting and one in Sellindge. The Green Business grant is now closed but there are still some funds available for the Rural Prosperity grant.

A very successful School Sustainability Project Day was recently held at the Council Chambers. It is a trial initiative, initially with three primary schools involved: Elham Church of England Primary, Churchill Primary in Hawkinge and Sellindge Primary schools.

All three schools presented their excellent plans for a sustainable garden at their school.

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

KCC has launched another round of SolarTogether which is a collective buying scheme for solar panels and battery storage open to Kent homeowners, small businesses and community owned buildings. A reverse price auction is held with pre-vetted installers and individual quotes then sent to those who have registered. Individuals benefit from the 'bulk buying' price and the installers have a guaranteed pipeline of work which benefits them. Over 3,000 SolarTogether installations have gone ahead in earlier rounds. There's a link for registration via the KCC website and the district councils in Kent are promoting the scheme.

Consultations are currently being held on Early Years Education in Kent (universal, targeted and specialist) and on the school term dates for the next three years. You'll find these at www.letstalk.kent.gov.uk and if you register to take part, you'll be alerted to future KCC consultations. There are also continuing opportunities to get involved in 'Making Space for Nature' which is creating a Local Nature Recovery Strategy for Kent and Medway. This is part of a nationwide effort to identify land that is important for biodiversity and how best to create wildlife corridors as well as reward landowners for their role in making space for nature.

KCC is currently very close to safe limits for the number of young people we have in our care. There is still only a voluntary system for transferring Unaccompanied Asylum-Seeking Children arriving in Kent to other local authorities to share the burden. The courts have ruled that the Government needs to put in place a better system, but they have also ruled that KCC must accept responsibility for the UASC that arrive in Kent and we cannot differentiate between care offered to them and our own citizen children. Eight homes are being set up around Kent to house the UASC and recruitment is taking place for more social workers. However, as I've reported before, the numbers involved are more than any one council can reasonably accommodate.

The UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) has declared a national incident following recent outbreaks of measles in the West Midlands and London. Measles is highly infectious and can make both children and adults seriously unwell. Two doses of the Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR) vaccine provides lifelong protection and people (whatever their age) are being urged to catch up on missed doses. The current UK vaccination rate is 83.3% - well below the 95% level that the World Health Organisation says is needed to prevent outbreaks of the disease. Information on symptoms is on the NHS website and anyone who thinks they may have measles should telephone their GP Surgery or the NHS 111.

I attended Sellindge Parish Council on 09 April and was pleased to see, for the first time in many years, a full complement of Parish Councillors. I was unable to go to the public meeting held on 18 April about planning but I've had good feedback about how useful it was. Well done to Jenny Hollingsbee for both suggesting the meeting and persuading the District Council officers to attend and well done to the Parish Council for hosting the meeting.



We've some fantastic coaching opportunities for adults and juniors on offer
Sellindge Tennis Club - Kent LTA Club of the Year 2021 at the moment. Please do feel free to spread the word by sharing with your friends and family:

Junior coaching - 4-8 year olds – Mondays: 4.30 pm - 6.30 pm – Saturdays: 9.00 am - 10.00 am

Junior coaching - 9-12 years olds – Mondays: 5.30 pm - 6.30 pm – Saturdays: 10.00 am – 11.00 am

Adult coaching – beginners or rusty rackets welcome – Fridays: 10.00 am – 11.00 am

More details on how to book the above sessions are available at www.adtennis.co.uk or by texting Nick Skelton on 07545 871 087.

Adult coaching – Tuesdays: 6.30 pm to 7.30 pm. Contact Mike Bruce on 07743 341 299.

Club social tennis is a regular feature at Sellindge Tennis club. New adult players are able to mix in with the regulars and enjoy doubles play in a relaxed and welcoming environment.

If you would like to find out more about our Club socials and trial a session for free contact Caroline,

Club Secretary 07816 062 205.

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.

***** NEW MENUS OUT SOON *check website for details*****

Monday – Crafty Crafters – 1.30pm to 3.30pm.

Tuesday – Whist Drive – 7pm

Wednesday – Pilates — 9.30am – 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 LADIES YOUTH FC OPEN TRAINING SESSION

**AGE 11,12,13
YEAR 7 and 8**

LOCATION
SELLINDGE SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB
SELLINDGE/ASHFORD
TN25 6HB

WHAT WE CAN OFFER YOU

- - PATHWAY TO OUR WOMENS TEAMS
- - TRAIN NEXT TO OUR WOMENS 1st TEAM
- - INDIVIDUAL PLAYER DEVELOPMENT PLANNING.
- - UEFA C COACHING.
- - FANTASTIC FACILITIES.
- - AMAZING GROUP OF GIRLS.

DATES -MAY
THURSDAYS 18:15 till 19:30
2nd/16th/23rd/30th
SUNDAYS 10:30 till 12
12th/19th/26th

PLEASE GET IN CONTACT IF YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW IS INTERESTED



EMAIL US ON
SELLINDGELADIESFC@OUTLOOK.COM
or PM OUR INSTAGRAM OR FACEBOOK





SELLINDGE LADIES FC OPEN TRAINING SESSION

**AGE 16+
WE OFFER TRAINING ONLY TO AGED 15 UNTIL 16**

LOCATION
SELLINDGE SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB
SELLINDGE/ASHFORD
TN25 6HB

WHAT WE CAN OFFER YOU

- - PLAY OUR MATCHES IN SOUTH EAST COUNTIES WOMENS LEAGUE.
- - INDIVIDUAL PLAYER DEVELOPMENT PLANNING.
- - UEFA C COACHING.
- - FANTASTIC FACILITIES.
- - AMAZING GROUP OF WOMEN.

DATES -MAY
THURSDAYS 18:15 till 19:30
2nd/16th/23rd/30th
SUNDAYS 12 till 13:30
12th/19th/26th

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SELLINDGE BOOT FAIRS 2024

Sat 25th May – Sat 15th June

Sat 13th July – Satt 17th August

**CAR -£7 CAR AND TRAILER OR VAN
-£10**

STARTS AT 10 AM

All dates subject to weather.

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 – 7.30pm,	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	12 Noon – 1.30pm	Main Hall – 07989 210 449
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	3 rd , 17 th and 31 st May	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 –

Dear all

I love May, it is finally warming up (hopefully), Spring is in full swing and it has not one but two bank holidays! As I write, I am sitting looking out of my office window at lots of blossom and the occasional bluebell beginning to show itself. I love bluebells and May is a great time to find carpets of them all around us. There is something about the colour and beauty in the countryside that fills me with awe and wonder at God's creation and makes me want to try and help to protect it. As part of this our churches have been trying to become more eco-friendly and two of our churches have been awarded an Eco-church Silver award which is great news. The others are beginning the process which is why we have a couple of bug hotels in the churchyard in Sellindge. We will continue to work on this as a church both around the building and in our lives, homes and gardens.

It has been great to bring the church room back in to use for our weekly coffee drop in. It is now in a warm and comfortable space. All are welcome to join us between 10 and 12 on a Thursday morning. There will be cake even if it isn't on the scale of a Tuesday morning in the village hall.

Speaking of gardens, I love looking at the gardens around the village and in the other villages I go to within the wider parish. It reminds me of the gifts God has given so many people around us to be great gardeners. Unfortunately, this is not a gift I seem to have been given but I have at least got to the stage where I can keep a houseplant alive and believe me that is progress!

So, as you make your way around the village and the countryside, marvel at the world around you and the work that has gone into it both by God and those he has chosen to look after his creation.

Rev Susan

Services in the Stour Downs

May 2024

	Smeeth 9:30am	Mersham 9:30am	Brabourne	Stowting	Monks Horton	Sellindge
5th May (6 th Sunday of Easter)	Parish Communion	Iona Service	10am Family Service		6pm Evensong	
12th May (Sunday after Ascension)	Songs of Praise	Parish Communion		9:30am Family Service		
19th May (Pentecost)	Parish Communion	Morning Worship	11am Communion			
26th May (Trinity Sunday)	Morning Worship	Parish Communion		11am Communion		
Wednesday 1st, 8th 15th 22nd 29th			9:30am Midweek Parish Communion Brabourne			