

SELLINDGE VILLAGE NEWS

June 2024

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INDOOR TABLETOP SALES – Sellindge Village Hall 9am to 1pm. **Sat June 1st** 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. **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 JUNE 16th Open at 10am to 1pm.

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

**SELLINDGE SPORTS & SOCIAL CLUB
OPEN DAY
9th JUNE**

OUR CLUB EVENTS STARTS AT 11am
FOOTBALL - KEEP UP CHALLENGE SELLINDGE SPORTS & SOCIAL CLUB
TENNIS COACHING 69 SWAN LANE
BOWLS TN25 6HB
PLUS MUCH MORE

TUG OF WAR COMPETITION
70ft INFLATABLE ASSAULT COURSE

BUNGEE RUN TOMBOLA FIRE ENGINE STALLS
FACE PAINTING TAEKWONDO COCONUT SHY
LIVE MUSIC - FROM THE HEROES
1pm till 3pm
FOOD AND DRINK AVAILABLE

Sellindge Sports and Social Club – Swan Lane

**ITS NEARLY THE
EUROS!! 8pm Kickoff
England v Serbia
Sunday 16th June
5-8pm we will have
a free bbq for all
members!!**

**Join us For a
Royal Tea!**

Come along and celebrate the King's Birthday
by joining us for a cuppa tea and cake.
Relax and Enjoy yourself with friends

Sellindge Village Hall
Saturday 15th June 2024
2pm-4pm

Admission by donation

All proceeds raised go to the Sellindge Scout and Guiding Groups

D-DAY 80TH ANNIVERSARY

COMMEMORATIVE AFTERNOON ON THE LEES

SUNDAY 9TH JUNE, 2.00-4.30PM

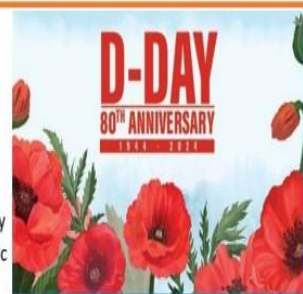
Sellindge Parish Council in recognition of the D-Day 80th Anniversary are inviting you to join them on the Lees with a bring your own picnic event.

There will be free facepainting from 2.30 for all those of a suitable age.

Doris Drake and Daria the Dragon from the Applause Touring group, will be also joining us for **three 20 minute performances over the afternoon**. Accompanied by Daria, her beautiful rescue dragon, Doris is on a mission to gather enough signatures on her petition to persuade the King and Council to protect the natural habitats of dragons and other mythical species. Join Doris' campaign, and make friends with Daria to encourage her to trust humans. And in exchange for signatures, Daria the Dream Dragon might breathe some of her magical dream dust and help all your wishes come true.



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SELLINDGE WAR MEMORIAL HALL (SELLINDGE VILLAGE – AGM (reg Charity 302822)

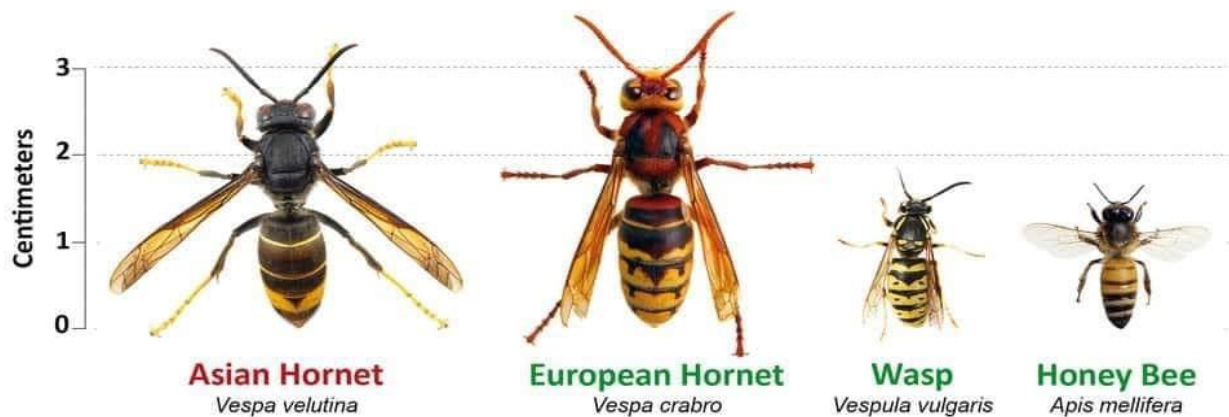
Sellindge Village Hall AGM will be held on **Tuesday June 4th at 7pm** in the Durling Hall – All welcome.

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

Saturday June 15th starting at 10am subject to weather on the day – Fun day grab a bargain.

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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



URGENT – Defra update 13.5.24

On 10th of May, a further Asian hornet was found near to Four Oaks, Kent by the NBU in traps set as part of the spring trapping work. In addition, an Asian hornet was located by a member of the public in **Lympne, Kent**, on 9th of May. The insect was killed, captured, and subsequently collected by an NBU inspector. Both of these specimens have been sent to the lab for analysis and official confirmation.

Genetic analysis has now been completed on the three other queens found at Four Oaks, Kent, and the single individuals at Romford, London, and Ash, Kent. The analysis has indicated that the hornets found at Four Oaks are overwintered offspring of the nest destroyed in Rye, Kent, in November 2023. **Asian Hornet – note the yellow legs →** However, there is no evidence to show that the hornets found in Romford and Ash are the offspring of any of the nests from last year. The NBU is continuing the spring trapping work, which includes **monitoring the areas around Lympne** and Four Oaks.

Please. Be vigilant. These are being described as over wintered queens. They have hidden away all winter. The one in Ash was apparently in a garden shed.

But there is a lot of European Hornets emerging now. They are harmless. Please do not hurt them.



MOBILE LIBRARIES DATES and TIMES FOR JUNE 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 June **6th & 20th** July **4th**

Lay by in Swan Lane at the entrance to Greenfields.

Fridays – 2.50pm to 3.20pm on June **7th & 21st** July **5th**



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 June 11th from 10.15am to 11.15am. Other dates for 2024

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

The next meeting of your Parish Council is on **Tuesday June 11th** 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.

Sellindge Parish Council Annual Report

The Parish Council has had a very busy year, with various changes taking place. Both the Lees open Space and the 999-year lease for the office, has been handed over, both of these documents took up a lot of time to read and digest to ensure that the Parish was getting a fair deal.

Moving forward on both these projects has been convoluted for a number of reasons, these include;

- the section 106 money will not be coming to the Parish Council until mid-June when the next Payment tranche from the District Council takes place,
- While the Parish Council has ordered a large enough sit on mower this has taken 2 months to be delivered and will not be here until the middle/late June
- Any work programmes that are being chased by members of the public are not yet available as until it's known how long different elements to managing it take a proper plan will be grown organically.
- There are also many requests for different things to be placed on The Lees, and until these have all been considered in detail will not take place, in addition there are other open spaces coming forward which may have an effect on what is put where.
- Finally the outstanding issues often highlighted at meetings, will sadly take some time as they are with other authorities and organisations to confirm/agree and manage; all of these are outside of the Parish Council and Taylor Wimpey remit and both of us are working together to get these resolved.

With regards to the office, this needs to be fully fitted out so quotes for all the elements will need to be arranged before the work can be completed, however you may see people in and out of the building now we have the keys. If you would like to have a look at any time and you see the Clerk or one of the Councillors in the building do pop your head in the door and say hello.

Your Parish Council has agreed in principle to review the Parish Plan, and it is hoped that some of you would be willing to volunteer to become involved. This work will be taken on by one of the Committees, but there is other work volunteers can get involved with.

For those who were not at the Annual Council Meeting in May, as there is now a full compliment of Councillors some of the work will be taking place within a Committee, so you may see a change in the items that are on the monthly Parish Council agendas.

Moving on, there is much more to complete and manage than just the above two projects, the Parish Council now wishes to look at replacing missing bus shelters, and putting in new ones if required, and as already mentioned there is the review of the Parish Plan: this will need a new housing survey, so do fill in the forms when they drop on your doormat or find their way to your in box.

The Ground staff are keeping the Parish looking clean and tidy, but it is very important, that all residents realise they also play an important part in this by not dumping rubbish just anywhere.

The Sellindge Snippets has recently been circulated, and you will have seen details of an event on The Lees, on 9th of June to Commemorate the D-Day landings 80 years ago.

Your Parish Council have arranged for some activities to be on the Lees so we hope that some of you will be bringing along a picnic, Face painting for the Children will be Free of Charge, Applause Actors will be introducing everyone to Daria the Dream Dragon, and it is hoped that there will be some other activities too.

While we will mourn those who did not return, we should also be celebrating those who survived and was able to tell their stories, some 80 years after the event. *From your Parish Council Clerk – Linda Hedley*

F&HDC NORTH DOWNS WEST WARD – Cllr Jenny Hollingsbee (Conservative)

jenny.hollingsbee@folkestone-hythe.gov.uk Mobile 07887 918 458  @jennyhollingsbee

Sellindge Developments – As agreed, the Head of Planning, Head of Policy & Resources and Senior Planner led the public meeting on 18 April to answer a number of questions raised by residents. The meeting was well attended and Planning team took on board the comments which they will consider.

Otterpool Park LLP is searching for an Independent Chair to lead the board. They are seeking an inspiring, driven individual with excellent leadership skills and experience in the realms of planning, design, finance, legal, business development or the delivery of housing and infrastructure.

Further details can be found at www.folkestone-hythe.gov.uk/jobs

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 we send you, share information and tell us about the issues affecting you. To register go to www.mycommunityvoicekent.co.uk

Kent & Medway Police & Crime Commissioner – At the recent Police & Crime Commissioner election, Matthew Scott, the Conservative Candidate was re-elected as the Kent Police & Crime Commissioner. I have served on the Police & Crime Panel as an appointed Conservative representative and I hope to continue in that role. One of the many initiatives promoted by Matthew has been the setting-up of Police Cadet Units which I have also actively supported.

Sellindge Sports & Social Club – a reminder that there is an Open Day on 9 June – an opportunity to try different sports, see what facilities are on offer, join as a member.

This Club belongs to the Members and is financed through membership and fundraising activities.

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

There have not been any more landslides in Folkestone but, for safety reasons, KCC has announced that Remembrance Road will remain closed until the end of the year. The good news is that the zig-zag path on the Leas Cliff has reopened.

A new shuttle bus service will be running from 20th July to 1st September from Folkestone West Station to the Harbour Arm with several stops including the Town Centre. The service will run every 30 mins and have a flat fare of £2.

Following recent changes and reorganisation, the Council are now looking for a new Independent Chair to lead the Otterpool Park LLP board. Details of the position can be found on the Council's website.

The District Council are delighted that Otterpool Park has been included within Homes England's business plan for next year. Working in partnership we hope to deliver the wastewater treatment plant and highways improvements before the first phase commences.

125 council owned properties have been refurbished as part of the Social Housing Decarbonisation project and the tenants are reporting lower energy bills. A further 300 properties are being assessed to be included in the next wave of funding.

Also, there are still funds available in the Rural England Prosperity Fund so if you are a small business that is thinking about making an investment or a community project, please check out the details on the Folkestone Works website and make an application for funds. We have had two successful grant applications approved in our ward already.

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.

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

One of KCC's responsibilities is Public Health for which we receive a 'ringfenced' grant from central Government (this means it has to be spent on Public Health and nothing else). Public Health is different from other health services as it is about improving the way we live so that we don't become ill. It's about encouraging us to take more exercise, reduce obesity, reduce drinking alcohol and stop the spread of disease including sexually transmitted diseases. Recent campaigns have been to encourage take up of Covid 19 vaccinations for the most vulnerable and for those who missed their MMR (Measles, Mumps & Rubella) jabs to be vaccinated. This year the Stop Smoking grant will be targeting committed smokers to recruit them to a quit programme and young (12 – 25-year-olds) smokers. There will also be a continuing campaign to promote local stop smoking services.

There are also initiatives under way to help people achieve the recommended 150 minutes of physical activity or more and the most recent survey has found that 63% of adults in Kent & Medway are achieving that. There's information on local activities to help more people (whatever their present level of fitness) become active at www.activekent.org. Related to this is a network of more than 130 Public Health Champions across Kent and Medway. These are volunteers who are trained to help others achieve both physical and mental wellbeing.

The environment we live in also contributes to our mental and physical well-being and this aspect of Nature is increasingly valued. It's certainly part of the 'Making Space for Nature' work that KCC is leading for Kent and Medway and which will create a Local Nature Recovery Strategy. (This is again a project funded by central Government). Workshops have been taking place across Kent and Medway and there are online surveys open to anyone with an interest. From some 800 suggested outcomes for nature a draft shortlist of 60 has been created. The next stage is to agree this and create the action plan to deliver it.

You can take part at www.makingspacefornaturekent.org.uk

I'm pleased to report that KCC has recently been successful in its 5 yearly re-evaluation for the Ministry of Defence Employer's Recognition Gold Award. KCC was an early signatory to the Armed Forces Covenant which is about supporting Armed Forces (including reservists) and their families. More information on this is on the KCC website.

I attended Sellindge Parish Council on 14 May to give my KCC report and to listen to local views.

SELLINDGE TENNIS CLUB



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.

Junior coaching - 4-8 year olds – Mondays: 4.30 pm - 6.30 pm – Saturdays: 9.00 am - 10am

Junior coaching - 9-12 years olds – Mondays: 5.30 pm - 6.30 pm – Saturdays: 10am – 11am

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.

Walking Tennis

Free beginners Walking Tennis sessions starts Tuesday 4 June from 2 pm.

Contact Mike Bruce for more information on 07743 341 299.

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 

Summer starts in June and the Sunday Roast is given a break.

There is now a full Summer Menu in place.

Menu details can be found on the Clubs Facebook Page and the Clubs website, details as above.

Or why not just pop into the club a see.

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 – 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



Come try something new!

Come and join us for a free trial session and find out what the "sport for all" has to offer you. Everyone is welcome what ever the age

We are a Family friendly club with qualified coach's just waiting to teach you how to play.

Offering both social and competitive bowls

Just bring along a pair of flat soled shoes, casual clothing for any sort of weather and some excitement to try something new



Sellindge bowls club, sellindge sports and social club, Swan Ln, Sellindge, Ashford TN25 6HB

For further information or questions please contact us

Phone -

Facebook - Sellindge & District Bowls Club

Or visit - www.sellindgebowls.uk



Sellindge Tennis Club



Sellindge Bowls

SELLINDGE BOOT FAIRS 2024 – Sat 15th June – All dates subject to weather.

Sat 13th July – Sat 17th August CAR - £7 – CAR AND TRAILER OR VAN - £10 STARTS AT 10 AM

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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

FRIDAY

WEIGH and PLAY	14 th & 28 th June	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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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 –

On June 6th this year it is the 80th anniversary of the D-Day landings, where Operation Overlord saw Allied Troops storm the Normandy beaches in France. This of course was the beginning of the Allied journey pushing through occupied Northern Europe and on towards Germany, finally bringing the six-year conflict to a close.

This was the largest seaborne invasion and probably one of the most famous actions of the Second World War. It brought together Allied Troops from across the globe working together on this operation, that had been a huge effort to keep as secret as possible for the element of surprise. The liberation of our European neighbours began at this point, and later the scale of the horror of the Holocaust began to be revealed as the Allies reached further West.

As the years roll by, we mark the passing of significant anniversaries of landmark events, such as D-Day. It is noticeable that few of those who took part at the time are still with us. Almost all of us today have a connection to those who served during the Second World War, through family or community heritage. Each year we remember the names of those who fell in conflict in our community gathering for Remembrance. More than 100 years on from the first global conflict, we still stop for an annual act of Remembrance as an opportunity to pause and reflect, to give thanks and honour the memory of those who gave their lives to defend our democratic freedoms. It is important to remember, to look back, and to learn from the past. We cannot change our future if we do not take heed of these lessons. Yet our news is dominated today by the continued devastation of conflict in both Ukraine and the Middle East.

It has been a privilege in my ministry here, which sadly comes to an end as I move in July to a new post in Herne, to have been Chaplain to a local Royal British Legion branch. There are about 2300 RBL branches in the UK and overseas, which are a focal point for social activity and support. The Royal British Legion, whose new patron is HM The King, describes membership as being “a messenger of remembrance”.

I hope that you might take a moment to pause on 6th June and in your own way be a “messenger of remembrance”. God bless, *Chris*

Services in the Stour Downs

June 2024

	Smeeth 9:30am	Mersham 9:30am	Brabourne	Stowting	Monks Horton	Sellindge
2nd June (1 st after Trinity)	Parish Communion	Iona Service	10am Family Service		6pm Evensong	
9th June (2 nd after Trinity)	Songs of Praise	Parish Communion		9:30am Family Service		
16th June (3 rd after Trinity)	Parish Communion	Morning Worship	11am Communion			
23rd June (4 th after Trinity)	Morning Worship	Parish Communion		11am Communion		
30th June (5 th After Trinity)						Parish Communion Sellindge 9:30am
Wednesday 5 th , 12 th , 26 th 19 th June			9:30am Midweek Parish Communion			