

SELLINDGE VILLAGE NEWS

JUNE 2026

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SELLINDGE VILLAGE HALL
TN25 6JY
FREE ENTRY
SUNDAY 28TH JUNE
MIDDAY UNTIL 3PM (NEW TIME)

**SELLINDGE SUMMER
FOOD & CRAFT FAIR**

**CHARITY
DARTS NIGHT**
Raising money for
**British Heart
Foundation**
In memory of
NEIL BROOKS

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*Let's Play, Have Fun
and Make a Difference!*

SSA
**SUMMER
FAIR**
AT SELLINDGE PRIMARY SCHOOL

**SATURDAY,
27TH JUNE** 1:00PM TILL 4:00PM

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS
BOUNCY CASTLE - GAMES - FACE PAINTING -
FOOD & DRINK - RAFFLE PRIZES & MANY
MORE...

All proceeds will go towards
raising funds for the WILD area

**FREE
ENTRY**

SELLINDGE WALKING GROUP –

We meet at the Village Hall on a Tuesday morning at approximately 10am and set off at 10.15am.

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.

MOBILE LIBRARIES DATES and TIMES FOR JUNE 2026

www.kent.gov.uk/leisure-and-community/libraries/visiting-a-library/mobile-libraries

Email ashfordlibrary@kent.gov.uk

Tel 03000 413 131

Lay By on A20 at the bottom of Swan Lane.

Thursdays – 9.15am to 9.45am on **JUNE 4th & 18th**

St Kathrines Crescent TN25 6FU.

Fridays – 2.50pm to 3.50pm on. **JUNE 5th & 19th**

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



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



Asian Hornet – Spring is now here, time to look out for Queen Asian Hornets, who will be coming out of hibernation from sheds and other outbuildings, so keep an eye open. Although no sightings were reported in Sellindge last year. There were sighting in our close neighbour village Lympe.

SELLINDGE PARISH COUNCIL

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

The next meeting of your Parish Council on **Tuesday June 9th** starting at 6.30pm in the Durling Hall.

Dog Poo Bags – Dog poo bags are still available from the Parish Council Office on Tuesdays, Wednesdays or Fridays during office hours.

Dog poo bags are also still available from Nigel at Trust Cottages in Moorstock Lane, he puts them on a table outside his house.

Dog Poo Bag dispenser is located at the entrance to the Village Green.

Please be aware – that due to the misuse of the dog poo bag dispenser.

The Parish Council have decided to suspend its use until further notice.

Parish Councillor Vacancies – There is presently two Parish Councillor Vacancies so we can Co-Op these vacancies. So, if you would like to become a **Parish Councillor**.

Please contact the Proper Officer / Clerk for more details – clerk@sellindge-pc.gov.uk phone 01303 813271 (please leave a message) Come to the office when it is open or phone to arrange an appointment.

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

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

Annual District Councillor Report for the year 2025/2026

As one of the North Downs District Councillors, I represent the Communities of Bodsham, Elmsted, Etchinghill, Lyminge, Monks Horton, Postling, part of Rhodes Minnis, Sellindge, Stelling Minnis, Stanford, Stowting and all points in between. This year has been a bit of a "annus horribilis," – losing my husband last May, falling over and “smashing” my hip as the Consultant said. Then, I had a planned operation, followed by being diagnosed with Parkinson’s disease!!

I am very grateful to the staff at William Harvey Hospital for their kindness and support over the year and to the Parkinson’s team that I am now under. I am also grateful to my colleagues and friends who have been a great help to me; also to you the Parish Councillors and local residents for your understanding.

I have managed to address and deal with most of the issues that have been brought to my attention and to continue attending as many meetings as possible in the Ward and for the District. I have also managed to write monthly reports for Parish Council Meetings and the Village Newsletters. It is unfortunate that quite a few meetings clash ie Stelling Minnis and Stanford, Lyminge & Sellindge (which also clash with Planning & Licensing which takes priority for me). I am on the Planning & Licensing and Personnel Committees and I lead the Conservative Group at the District Council. I am a Governor at Sellindge Primary School, on the Patients Participation Group at Sellindge Surgery and President of The Sellindge Sports & Social Club.

Disclaimer – The views are the views of those making the submissions and is not necessarily the views of the Editor or Parish Council

SELLINDGE PARISH COUNCIL

Office Opening Hours

Tuesday 11am to 4pm

Wednesday 11am to 4pm

Friday 11am to 4pm

I have continued to question the Leader on Otterpool Park and Hythe Swimming Pool, both of which seem to be making little progress. I have dealt with a number of planning issues and have been concerned by the closure of Lyminge Age Concern. The District Council plan to convert the Age Concern building to five one bedroom flats.

Local Government Re-organisation has been one of the major issues for the District Council over the last year and I have been a member of the Working Group. We do know that in May 2028 FHDC will disappear. We are waiting for a decision from Government as to which districts we will be partnered with – the decision is expected in July. However, in the current political climate, things may change!

The closure of Folkestone Sports Centre caused a lot of concern but the takeover of the Sports Centre by The Sports Trust and the refurbishment that is taking place, particularly of the Swimming Pool is welcome. The District Council have agreed a grant of £2.4m to support the work on the Swimming Pool and we look forward to the re-opening later this year.

There have been a number of strategic planning applications submitted and likely to be submitted and the Head of Planning has published the first edition of a new Planning leaflet which can be accessed here [Planning newsletter | Folkestone & Hythe District Council](#) This newsletter highlights major planning applications, progress on strategic development sites, updates on planning policy, enforcement, Community Infrastructure Levy funding, and wider place making initiatives.

Ward Grants – our Ward Grant Budget has been increased this year with funding moved from other sources. This gives us the opportunity to support more local organisations across the Ward. If you are looking for a small grant please do get in touch. See below the organisations that I have supported this year

Organisation	Amount Awarded
Canterbury Beekeepers for elimination of the Asian Hornet in the North Downs West	£274
Monks Horton Community Group	£500
Lyminge Primary Stage Stars (operating out of Lyminge Primary School)	£250
Postling Village Hall – Contribution towards solar panels	£250
Folkestone Rugby Club – contribution towards a lift (inclusive access)	£250
Sellindge War Memorial Hall – replace fencing	£355
1 st Sellindge Scout Group – First Aid Training	£140
Sellindge Football Club – pitch improvements	£500
Sellindge Sports & Social Club – Disable access front door	£481
Total	£3000

I am happy to be contacted by email or on my mobile and if there are any issues that I can help you with please let me know. Contact jennyhollingsbee@folkestone-hythe.gov.uk Mobile 07887918458

NORTH DOWNS WEST WARD – Cllr Elaine Martin Contact: (Green Party) Elaine.Martin@folkestone-hythe.gov.uk

On The 28th of April F&HDC heard that KCC had granted permission for the Waste Water Treatment plant construction to take place at Otterpool Park. This is a very positive step along the way. The wastewater treatment plant an essential part of future of Otterpool, and is the key that unlocks the door for development. The planning department has prepared a newsletter to communicate progress on a number of schemes, draw attention to changes in planning policy and highlight how CIL is being used and can be used to improve our district. The Council has now finalised and published a copy of the first edition and placed it on the Councils website under Planning and Planning Newsletter. The newsletter will be produced every 6 months and will hopefully help with communicating the progress/updates on key sites and policy.

Renting is changing in the private sector after the introduction of the Renters Rights Act, the first phase of which came into force on 1 May. The council's private sector housing team has been working to get the message out to tenants, landlords and letting agents living and working in the private rented sector.

Work has now begun on installing new play area equipment in the Lower Leas Coastal Park in Folkestone. The project is due to complete before the start of the school summer holidays and the area will once again become the largest, free to use adventure playground in the south east.

Liquid cartons, including those made by Tetra Pak, are now part of F&HDC's recycling programme and can go in with other household recycling. All that is needed is for the carton to be rinsed and the cap left on.

There is some good news, the amount of the Ward Member grants is increasing to £5,000.

Please contact me if you know of any community projects that need supporting.

KCC CLLR Christopher Hespe – (Reform UK) – Elham Valley – christopher.hespe@kent.gov.uk

THE SELLINDGE SPORTS & SOCIAL CLUB – www.sellindgesportsclub.co.uk



Sundays – Carvery Day – 12 Noon to 5pm – Booking advisable
Takeaway and local delivery available.

Wednesday **Noodle Night** takeaway and local delivery available.

Thursday **Pizza** nights, takeaway and local delivery available.

Fridays **Fish and Chips**, takeaway and local delivery available.

Open from 9am Saturdays and Sundays

serving Breakfast Rolls and full menu.

Mondays **Crafty Crafters** – 1.30pm to 3.30pm

Junior Darts – 6pm to 7.30pm

Tuesdays **Whist Drive** – 7pm

Wednesdays **Pilates** – 9.30am

Thursdays **Bingo** – 8pm

Tabletop Sale – Saturday June 6th at 9am Tables available book/info contact Jane on 07850 722 319

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	

SPORT AT THE SOCIAL
WORLD CUP IS COMING
ALL ENGLAND GAMES LIVE

WED 17TH JUNE
9PM KICK OFF

TUESDAY 23RD JUNE
9PM KICK OFF

SAT 27TH JUNE
10PM KICK OFF

ENGLAND

FOOD, DRINK AND SUPPORT ALL AVAILABLE

The poster features a large image of the World Cup trophy, the England national football team crest, and a burger with fries. The background is dark with confetti and stadium lights.

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Village Hall Weekly Events

Registered Charity No. 302822

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	
	PLAY GYM 0 – 6 mths	1pm - 2pm	Durling Hall	
	L+S TABLE TENNIS - afternoons		Main Hall	
	BEES BODS	5.45pm – 6.45pm	Main Hall	
	AEROBIC BODY BLAST	7pm - 8pm	Main Hall	
THURSDAY	TINY TALK	10am – 11am	Durling Hall	
	PILATES	9.30 – 10.45am	Main Hall	
	PLAY GYM 6 – 12 months	Noon – 1pm	Main Hall	
	PLAY GYM 12 months +	1.30pm – 2.30pm	Main Hall	
	TAEKWONDO Various classes	5.15pm	Main Hall	
FRIDAY	RUGBY TOTS	9.15am – 10.15am	Main Hall	
	1st SELLINDGE SCOUT GROUP CUBS - 6	-7.30pm, BEAVERS - 6.00-7.15pm,		
	Both Halls SCOUTS - 7.30-9.00pm,			
	EXPLORERS 7.30—9.00pm.	01303 813 250. 1stsellindgesg@gmail.com		(Term time)

Village Hall Monthly Events

TUESDAY	PARISH COUNCIL 2nd Tuesday of the month, 6.30pm	Durling Hall	– Parish Clerk 01303 813 271
WEDNESDAY	GET TOGETHER		



Sellindge Village Hall

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

01303 813250 sellindgevillagehall@gmail.com



STOUR DOWNS PARISH – 01233 500 414 – www.stourdowns.org.uk – also on Facebook

Rev. Susan Vicar, Stour Downs (Brabourne, Mersham, Monks Horton, Sellindge, Smeeth and Stowting).

Vicar’s letter – June 2026

Dear all

As I write this, I along with most of you, am gently melting in the heat. Not that I am complaining it is better than a week ago when the weather was wet and cold! It is also lovely that the school holidays have nice weather. It is so much easier to find things to do when you can be outside.

As you may know St Mary the Virgin church in Sellindge became a festival church a few years ago. Last year I decided to try restarting a monthly service in Sellindge on a six-month trial basis with the agreement of the PCC (Parochial Church Council). After six months we extended it to a year and in March this year the PCC voted to ask the Bishop to take Sellindge church out of Festival Church status.

What does this mean for you? It means you have got your church back and that there will be regular services there at least once a month. We are also looking at extending the family friendly offering and having done highly successful Stir Up Sunday in November and Crib service in December alongside the carols on the green (The Lees). It does rely on numbers remaining at least as they are and hopefully growing. You can still have christenings, weddings and funerals in the church too.

It does mean we need your support both to help look after the church building and to be part of a team which amongst other things will help keep the church open during the week and will help me set up services. If this sounds up your street or you would like to suggest something for the church, I would love to hear from you.

Please do get in touch.

If church isn’t your thing, can you help practically. Our churches get no funding from the government, so we are self-supporting across the six churches I am responsible for. If you have never been to church but are interested to know more do get in touch.

With every blessing, Susan revsusanmanners@gmail.com

Services in the Stour Downs – June 2026

	Smeeth 9:30	Mersham 9:30	Brabourne	Stowting	Monks Horton	Sellindge
7th June 1 st Sunday after Trinity	Parish Communion	Morning Worship Iona	10am Family Service		6pm Evensong	
14th June 2 nd Sunday after Trinity	Morning Praise	Parish Communion				11am Communion
21st June 3 rd Sunday after Trinity	Parish Communion	Morning Worship	11am Communion			
28th June 4 th Sunday after Trinity	Morning Praise	Communion for all		11am Communion	6pm St Peter’s Day Service	
Mid-week communion 9:30am 2/6,9/6,16/6,23/6, 30/6			9:30am Midweek Parish Communion			