

SELLINDGE VILLAGE NEWS

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Sellindge Clubs

Late Summer Fun Show

Sellindge Sports and Social Club
69, Swan Lane, Sellindge

Bank Holiday Monday

31st August 2026

Bring entries from 11.30am to 1pm

Tombola, Food and Drink available during judging

3pm to 4pm to see show

This show is open to all villagers and club members so please come along and join in the fun, the emphasis is on fun and there will be at least one category that everyone can take part in

Entry form on back page

You can also get a copy from the Clubhouse in Swan Lane

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 AUGUST 2026

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AUGUST 13th & 27th

St Kathrines Cresent TN25 6FU.

Fridays – 2.50pm to 3.50pm on.

AUGUST 14th & 28th

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



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



Animal & Plant Health Agency

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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 August 11th** 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.

Report From Your Parish Council

New Office – Residents of Sellindge will have noticed that work has begun on the New Office for the Parish Council. The estimated date for completion is October/November.

The work that is required to be carried out has, for some long time, been from a Port-a-Cabin parked behind the Village Hall, so it will be a great step forward.

It will take some time to settle in, so information will be made available as to opening hours and times and of anything else that will be taking place.

Vacancies on the Council – There remains three vacancies on the Council, which have not been filled, so if you believe you can support your Council, do contact one of the Councillors or myself at the old office to find out more.

Training is available, there are three committees including the Full council that meet every month in The Durling Hall.

The Lees Area – I am also including the car park, issues such as broken glass on The Lees itself and large amounts of litter in the car park are being reported to your Council.

While your council is responsible for the general maintenance of these areas, it would greatly appreciated if everyone would be considerate of and take care of the environment. There are bins around the village, so there is no excuse for just throwing it on the ground, alternately you could always take it home and place it in your own household waste.

From Your Local Council Clerk – Linda Hedley

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

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

I have to start with the tragic death of Ann Widecome believed to have been murdered in her own home in Devon. No words can describe the absolute horror that is felt by her friends and family as well as the wider community. My condolences are with her friends and family at this difficult time.

I recently took part in a cross party video to demonstrate that although our political beliefs are very different we can, and do respect our differences. This was to mark the 10th anniversary of the murder of Jo ttCox and five years since the murder of Sir David Amiss in his surgery.

LGA Conference - I recently attended this Conference in Bournemouth where there were many sessions on Local Government Re-organisation. We were told that imminently we would have an announcement as to who FHDC would be partnering with and by the time you read this we may know. I attended a session on Town & Parish Councils after LGR where Catherine Needham, co-author of “The 21st Century Parish and Town Councillor and Clerk” Report, discussed and debated many of the challenges faced.

See <https://21stcenturypublicservant.wordpress.com/the-21st-century-parish-and-town-councillor-and-clerk/>

The Government announcement on LGR came just as I was finishing this report. Kent will be divided into four Unitary Councils, North, West, Mid and East and FHDC will be part of the Mid Kent Unitary with Ashford and Swale. We are awaiting more details but a working group will be set-up with representation from all three Councils and shadow elections to the new Unitary will take place I May 2027. The number of Councillors representing FHDC will reduce from 36 currently to 18 next year.

National Planning Reform - as from 31 October 2026 there are likely to be major changes in how decisions on planning applications are dealt with. Councillors’ will no longer have the opportunity to ‘call-in’ an application. Applications will be considered under two criteria with only major applications being considered by the Planning Committee. More on this next month.

Lydon Field Lyminge - I attended Exhibition on proposed development, have noted many issues raised by residents.

Solar Farms - My group are putting forward a motion on Solar Farms to the next full Council Meeting due to be held on 22 July - details are published on the Council website.

Folkestone Racecourse – at a late stage I heard that Folkestone Race Course is going to be used as an emergency parking area for cars travelling to the Eurotunnel when there is disruption or the backup of cars on the M20 is causing

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Wednesday 11am to 4pm

Friday 11am to 4pm

traffic disruption. I have visited the site and spoke to site security who assure me that the site is being manned 24/7, it will only be used in an emergency, facilities are provided on site and traffic will be directed from J11 via Newingreen to the site entrance on the A20. Traffic management is being carried out by KCC and I am told that there will be no cost to FHDC.

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

The Secretary of State has decided that a new Unitary Council will be formed called Mid Kent and will comprise of F&HDC, Ashford Borough Council and Swale District Council.

This brand new council will not come into being until 1 April 2028 – known as Vesting Day. Elections will still take place in May 2027 to appoint a Shadow Council. This will run alongside the District Council until Vesting Day when the new Mid Kent Unitary Council will take full control of all functions. There is no indication, as yet, that Town and Parish Councils will be affected by this change. We will get what is known as a Structural Order in the autumn.

This Structural Order will set out how the Unitary will be organised: Wards, Divisions or whatever they decide to call them, and how many elected representatives each will have. We have a good relationship with both Ashford and Swale's councils, We will do our utmost to work through this together for the best outcome for all our residents.

Otterpool Park LLP held a Public exhibition in Sellindge Village Hall on Wednesday 24 June.

The Exhibition was to update the public on the next steps for Otterpool Park. The council resolved to grant planning permission for Otterpool Park in 2023 and several elements have progressed. The exhibition covered the changes at Otterpool Park. Homes England have purchased Hillcrest Farm which is close to Westenhanger station. They are planning to develop the southern end of the site for the delivery of the first homes there with an access road coming off the A20.

F&HDC has bought a block of new flats in Folkestone to help residents facing homelessness. The flats will provide short-term housing for families facing the crisis of having nowhere to live. The eight two-bedroomed flats, have been designed to offer safe, modern and energy efficient accommodation. Each flat is fully self-contained, giving residents privacy and stability while they wait to move into permanent housing. This is part of the council's pledge to invest £5 million in reducing costs by expanding its supply of council owned flats to be used for temporary accommodation.

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

Local Government Reorganisation – The government has pledged to announce the future for local government in Kent by mid-July 2026. It is possible that devolution through the establishment of regional reorganisation were submitted from the County, however there was no consensus on the best option amongst the local authorities.

KCC has prepared extensively (including submitting a detailed proposal and assessing 165 of its services for disaggregation), although matters of resilience of services is a great concern for elected Members.

KCC Budget Consultation – KCC's consultation on its budget for 2027/28 is open to 7 September 2026. The public's views are being sought on which services matter most to them, where savings should be made and Council Tax. In 2025/26, the Council made £100 million of savings, reduced long-term debt by 20%, set a balanced budget with no additional borrowings and a net increase to reserves, and increased spend in Adult Social Care, Children's Services and Growth, Environment and Transport. KCC set a percentage Council Tax rise lower than 89% of County, Unitary and Metropolitan Authorities in England. Your views are welcome www.kent.gov.uk/budget

Solar Generation – KCC has produced a position statement outlining its view on solar farm developments in the County. There are numerous proposals under consideration currently and in the position statement KCC states its objection to excessively large proposals, developments on our best countryside, and concerns with battery storage developments. KCC believes that solar development can be positioned best on rooftops and old industrial sites.

Summer Reading Challenge – The theme for this year's Summer Reading Challenge for 4 – 11 year olds is 'Read to the Beat' and will involve music, rhythm and storytelling. There will be free events and workshops took part in Kent. See www.kent.gov.uk/summerreadingchallenge

Water Resilience Partnership – In the past 12 months, Kent has experienced significant and disruptive water supply issues. KCC believes that this situation is not acceptable and has pledged to establish a Water Resilience Partnership for Kent. In order to do this, KCC is calling all major players (government, local authorities, water providers, developers, farming and businesses, water management, and campaign and interest groups) to gather for the inaugural meeting and workshop on 8 October 2026. KCC's view is that a framework for collaborative action is required, and that will be the outcome from this inaugural meeting.

Member Community Grants – Small grants in the region of £250 to £500 are available for community events and activities. Applicant organisations must have a bank account and be non-profit-making.

To get the ball rolling, please send short details of your project to Christopher.Hespe@kent.gov.uk

Short Film on First Year – If you would like to watch a short film on the first year of the Reform UK administration at KCC, search following on Youtube: Reform UK Kent: 1 year in Control of KCC/What We've Achieved for Kent.

Kent County Councillor, Elham Valley, Cabinet Member for Local Government Efficiency and Reorganisation

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 Night 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

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

Tabletop Sale – Saturday August 1st at 9am Tables available book/info contact Jane on 07850 722 319

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SELLINDGE VILLAGE HALL

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	
	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	– 2pm – 4pm	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	
	NEW CHAIR BASED PILATES	– 11.30am	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



Sellindge Village Hall

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

01303 813250 sellindgevillagehall@gmail.com

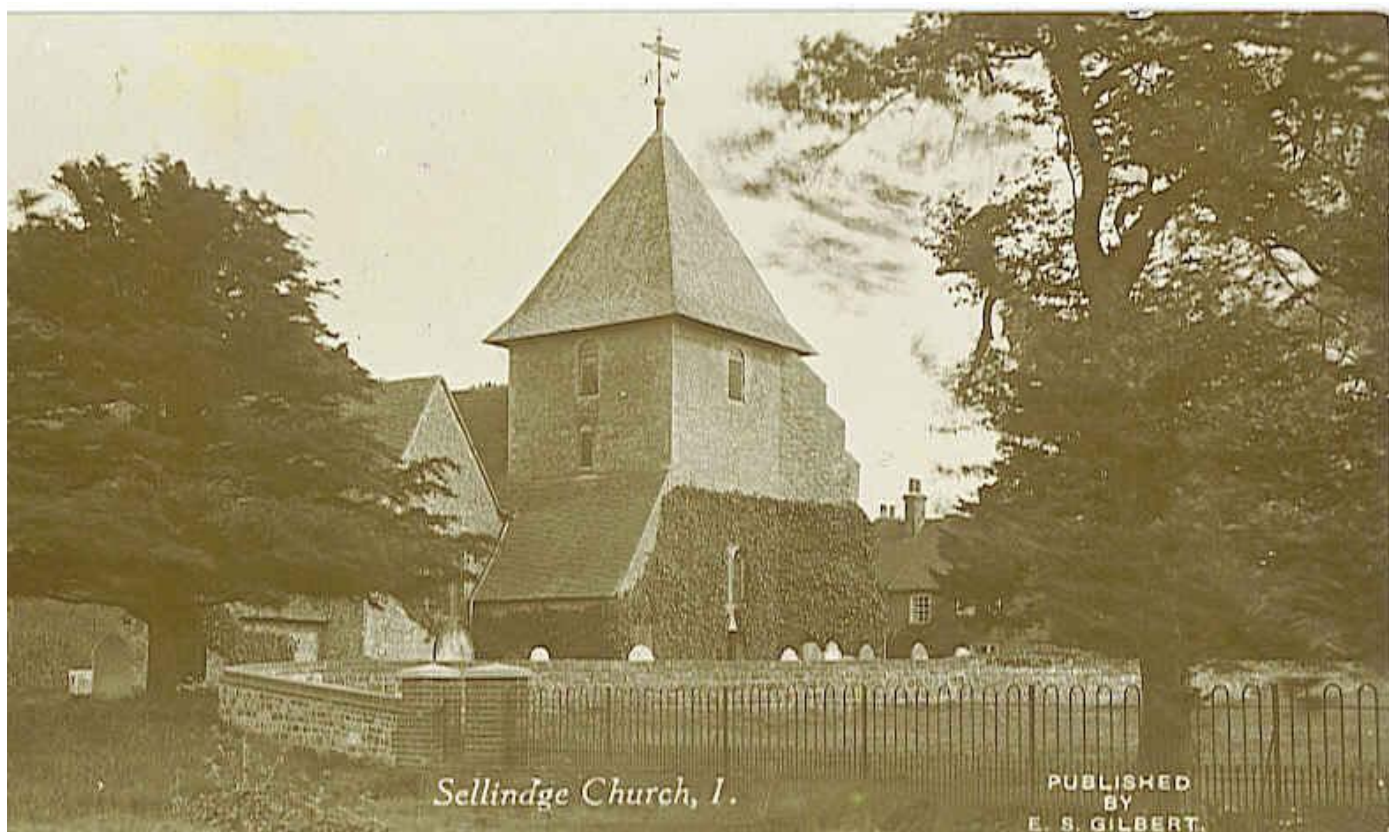
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Rev. Susan Vicar, Stour Downs (Brabourne, Mersham, Monks Horton, Sellindge, Smeeth and Stowting).

Services in the Stour Downs – August 2026

	Smeeth 9:30	Mersham 9:30	Brabourne	Stowting	Monks Horton	Sellindge
2nd August 9 th Sunday after Trinity	Parish Communion	Morning Worship Iona	10am Family Service		6pm Evensong	
9th August 10 th Sunday after Trinity	Morning Praise	Parish Communion				11am Communion
16th August 11 th Sunday after Trinity	Parish Communion	Morning Worship	11am Communion			
23rd August 12 th Sunday after Trinity	Morning Praise	Communion for all		11am Communion		
30th August 13 th Sunday after Trinity	9:30am Communion Celebrating Creation					
Mid-week communion 9:30am 5/8, 12/8, 19/8, 26/8			9:30am Midweek Parish Communion			



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Entry Form

Rules and classification for our FUN late summer show

All entries should arrive between 11.30am and 1pm when judging will take place. At which time the room will be closed to the public and will reopen at about 3pm. All entries must remain in the show room until 4pm for viewing. The cost is only £1 for up to 5 entries or £2 if over 5 entries. You may only enter one item per category but can enter all categories. Please fill this form in and bring it with you on the day.

Name

Please tick each category you wish to enter

25 to 31 - Must be home grown (or allotment)

32 to 33 - Must have been owned by the exhibitor for at least 10 weeks

35 to 56 - Must be home grown (or allotment) with the exception of 37 which may be gathered from the wild

Competitors should bring their own vases. **The judge's decision is final.**

	1	Victoria Sandwich (Jam only)		29	A Vase of Perennials
	2	3 Fruit Scones		30	1 Stem Dahlia
	3	3 Cheese Scones		31	A Vase of Annuals
	4	Lemon Drizzle Cake		32	A Flowering Pot Plant
	5	4 Cup Cakes		33	A Foliage Pot Plant
	6	Fruit Cake (no decorations)		34	An Orchid in a pot
	7	3 Cookies or Biscuits		35	3 Dessert Apples
	8	Carrot Cake		36	5 Plums
	9	Short Bread		37	5 Blackberries
	10	Ginger Cake		38	A Plate of 3 mixed fruit
	11	5 Cheese Straws		39	3 Cooking Apples
	12	Jam Any Flavour		40	3 Runner Beans
	13	Child under 6 a. colouring b. craft		41	3 French Beans
	14	Child aged 6 to 8 a. drawing b. craft		42	5 Potatoes
	15	Child aged 9 to 11 a. painting b. craft		43	3 Carrots (tops trimmed)
	16	Child 11 and under 3 , Decorated Buns		44	1 Beetroot (")
	17	A Photograph of an Animal or Bird		45	3 Sticks of Rhubarb (")
	18	A Photograph of a Sunset/Sunrise		46	3 Onion Sets
	19	Any Other Craft		47	1 Cucumber
	20	A Painting (any Medium)		48	3 Shallots
	21	A Hand Made Greetings Card		49	8 Cherry Tomato's
	22	A Hand Knitted Item		50	5 Tomato's
	23	A Crocheted Item		51	3 Leeks
	24	An Item of Needlework		52	3 Courgettes
	25	1 Stem Large Flowered Rose		53	3 Different Vegetables
	26	3 Rose Stems		54	Heaviest Marrow
	27	3 Dahlia Stems		55	Longest Runner Bean
	28	A Vase of Mixed Flowers		56	Odd Shaped Fruit or Veg