

December 2025

Hello All

Lovely to start with good news, our great local pub, The Bell Inn, has won not just 1 but 3 accolades recently. 'Cotswold Life' Pub of The Year, 'AA' retained two AA rosettes for food and 4 star accommodation and 'The Good Food Guide' top 100 pubs in the UK. They also got a mention in 'Which' Travel magazine. A big thank you is sent to all of those that continue to support, vote for and recommend The Bell.



Opening hours over the festive period are generally extended and can be found on their website [www.thebellinnselsley.com/christmas-2025](http://www.thebellinnselsley.com/christmas-2025)

Selsley Community Group AGM on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> January 7pm in The Bell Inn  
Everyone welcome and needed. If you have any points for the agenda please email Bev Daniels on [selsleycommunitygroup@gmail.com](mailto:selsleycommunitygroup@gmail.com)

## **KSPC update**

They still have one co-opted space on the parish council. If you'd like to join and get involved, please contact the parish council clerk, Jenny Walkley.  
[clerk@kingsstanleyparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@kingsstanleyparishcouncil.gov.uk)

Earlier in the year Selsley Community Group, organised a petition asking Kings Stanley Parish Council to address inappropriate speeds on our roads, and introduce a 20mph limit. This was overwhelmingly supported by Selsley residents. Councillors have been looking at the issue. They have sought the opinions of other parts of the parish and a survey in Kings Stanley also shows strong support for a 20 zone. Discovered that on average, every year there are two accidents within the parish that result in a minor injury, one accident that results in a serious injury and somebody dies on Kings Stanley parish roads, every five years.

The stats are here. <https://www.crashmap.co.uk/>

KSPC have now allocated a budget to tackle the issue and are forming a committee to make changes. They will work to include the parish in Gloucestershire County Council's Community 20s and Safer Roads schemes. In other news the parish council awarded a number of grants at their November meeting, including an award of £500 to Selsley Cricket club. This will allow the club to invest in signage, improved netting, and a rubbish recycling point. There was a request from Cllr Steve Robinson (our local GCC councillor) that people keep an eye on local drain covers and if they can do so safely, keep them clear from leaves

KSPC are considering funding to repair benches near Dudbridge. This will form part of a wider initiative between SDC and the Cycle Task Force to clean up the area. Lastly, a big thank you to everybody for your cooperation on Remembrance Day when the Grove was shut for the ceremony.

We have been asked to circulate the attached list of free walks near Stroud being led by The Cotswold Voluntary Wardens, for any further information please contact John Graham 01453 823351.

All activities and events are on the Selsley website [www.selsley.co.uk](http://www.selsley.co.uk)

## **Events November/December**

Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> November    Christmas Market at The Bell Inn                    10.30 – 14.30

Get organized for Christmas!!! A first at the Bell - a small Christmas Fayre, with stalls from Uley Brewery, homemade craft gifts from our very own Happy Hookers, T. Shirts by local resident Paul, Local Artist Sylvia Wadlesley, selling paintings and gift cards

and LAST but not LEAST.....

THE BELL showcasing their bespoke hampers with gift ideas and gin tasting, with pre-order being taken for collection at a date of your choosing. They will also be serving Hot drinks and there made be the odd, now infamous Apple Doughnut.

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> November    The Alternative Charity Christmas quiz with naughty elves Amanda & Sarah. 6pm start. £2.50 per person teams of no more than 5. Vegetarian curry £9 also available Please contact Bell Inn to book a table [info@thebellinselsley.com](mailto:info@thebellinselsley.com) or 01453 753801.

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December    Selsley Gardening Club                            2pm onwards  
At Selsley Scout H.Q. Nicola Hope 'Designing an organic garden'. Non members are always welcome. Contact the chair for further information at [janetbuist53@gmail.com](mailto:janetbuist53@gmail.com)

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December    The Bell Inn Bakery                            From 10am  
Breakfast and brunch menu served from 10am – 12. Pre orders welcome. Booking advisable but not necessary as walk ins welcome. Sourdough bread is baked daily so if you wish to order a loaf any day of the week just phone ahead 01453 753801

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December    Christmas Singalong at the Bell                    5pm onwards  
Music led by the Brewery Yard band. The Bell will be serving Burgers & Dirty Fries along with Mince Pies and Mulled Wine. Bar open until 8pm.

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December    Carol Service, All Saints Church                    3pm onwards  
Everyone Welcome. Mince Pies & Mulled Wine will be served afterwards.

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December    Christmas Singalong in the Bell Inn,            5pm onwards  
'Some Voices Choir' return. The Bell will be serving Burgers & Dirty Fries along with Mince pies and Mulled wine. Bar open until 8pm

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> December    SCG Monthly Walk, Selsley Common    Meet Bell 10am  
An easy walk around Selsley Common and Penn Woods and then lunch in Bell Inn at 12.30pm. Booking for lunch essential, contact Bev Daniels [danielsunited@gmail.com](mailto:danielsunited@gmail.com)

Wed 24<sup>th</sup> December           Christingle Service, All Saints Church,    3pm onwards  
Everyone welcome.

## Future Events

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> January

Xmas Tree Chip & Recycle, Simon & Stu of Gardiner Trees have kindly offered again. They will be coming to various pick up locations in Selsley, Middleyard, Kings Stanley & Leonard Stanley for a donation of £5 to SCG funds. Please bring your trees to the pickup locations in Selsley, Middleyard and Kings Stanley.

The Bell Inn Selsley – 9.30 to 9.45

The Green Selsley – 10 to 10.15

Stanley Park, Selsley – 10.30 to 10.45

Old Baptist Church Middleyard – 11 to 11.15

Kings Stanley Village Hall – 11.30 to 11.45

Green opposite Old White Hart Pub Leonard Stanley – 12 to 12.15

The Bell Inn Selsley for a well earned drink.

The Bell Inn will be closed for a well earned break from 5<sup>th</sup> Jan, opening again for dinner service on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> Jan.

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> January SCG AGM

7pm in The Bell Inn

## Village Groups

SCG Walking Group, walk once a month, about 2 hours, friendly group, for information contact Bev Daniels [danielsunited@gmail.com](mailto:danielsunited@gmail.com)

Selsley Gardening Club meet the 1st Thursday of each month 2 – 4pm, during the summer they visit various gardens. Non members are always welcome. For further details about the Club and forthcoming events please contact the Chair Janet Buist [janetbuist53@gmail.com](mailto:janetbuist53@gmail.com)

Cotswold Music Makers. We rehearse at the Selsley Scout HQ, 7.30 – 9pm every Wednesday. Get in touch for more details: [cotswoldareamusicmakers@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:cotswoldareamusicmakers@hotmail.co.uk)

Selsley book group meets every 4/5 weeks on a Monday evening at members home or Tuesday evening in the Bell. If you are interested in joining please get in touch with Jim [jim@stanleyparkstroud.com](mailto:jim@stanleyparkstroud.com)

Happy Hookers" at The Bell, Crochet and crafting for beginners and experienced. Join a fun group of liked minded people who will be sharing their love of crochet, crafting and chatting. Every other Wednesday at the Bell. For various reason date can change, check with Bell for current date.

All groups are on the [selsley.co.uk](http://selsley.co.uk) website [https://selsley.co.uk/Clubs\\_and\\_Groups/](https://selsley.co.uk/Clubs_and_Groups/) Please remind any new neighbours to get our information, to send an email to [selsleycommunitygroup@gmail.com](mailto:selsleycommunitygroup@gmail.com) requesting to subscribe or if anyone wishes to be removed. Wishing Everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy & Peaceful New Year. On behalf of Selsley Community Group

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