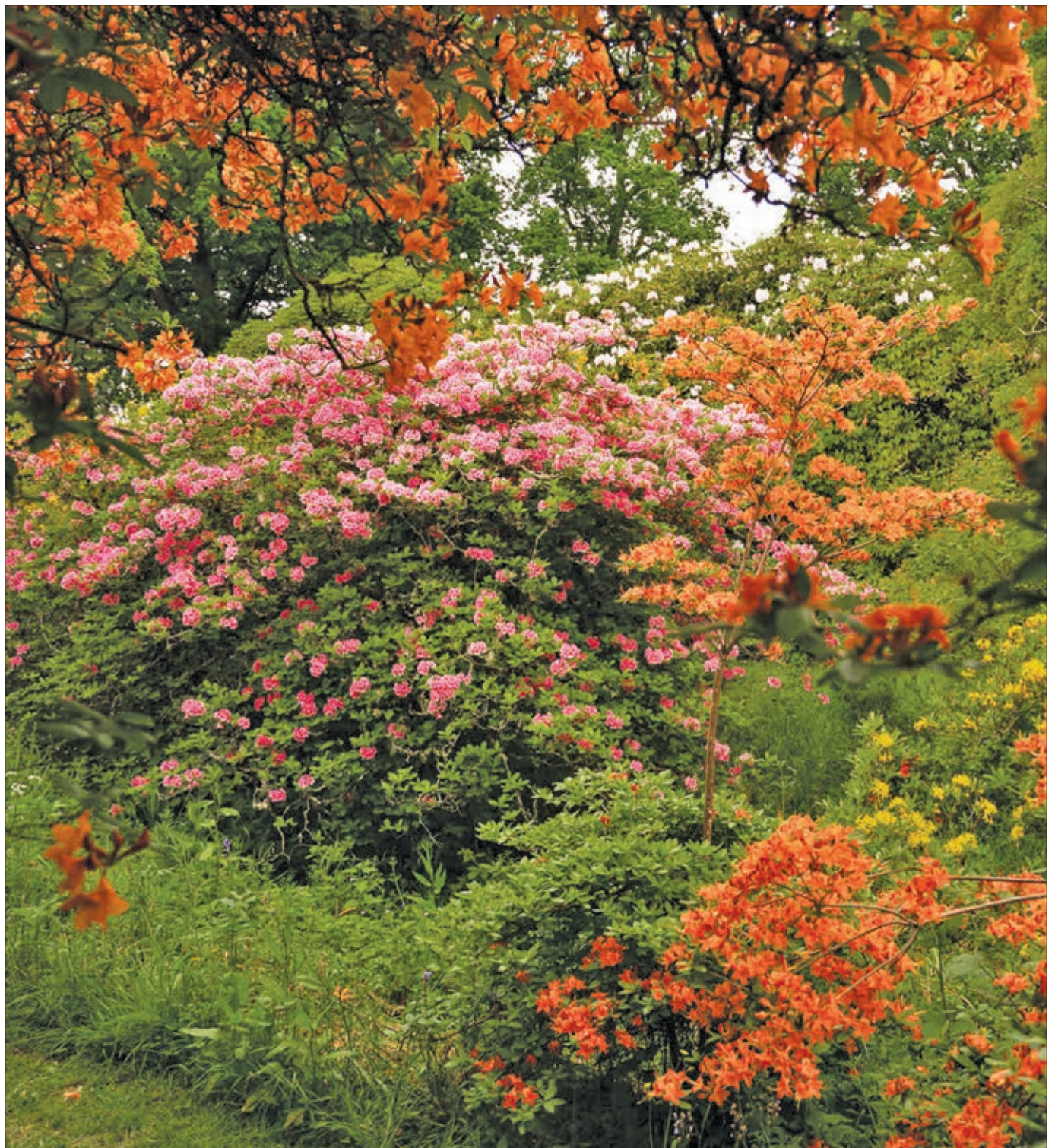


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Minister's Letter from Rev Sharon Frances

I spent most of yesterday in the garden as we have a family party coming up in a couple of weeks and I need to get things in good shape. I find I go out there to do one specific job and soon find myself side-tracked.

Yesterday, I was going to tackle my patio pots. I started with a small one which had three very pathetic hostas in it. What I thought was a bit of black mould on the pot turned out to be masses of tiny black beetle things which I had never seen before. The beetles seemed frozen to the spot while two or three ants inspected them, standing in front of them and eyeing them up. Quite clearly, they were not dinner material and the ants moved on to 'eyeball' the next beetle.



It was amazing to be the giant looking in on that tiny interaction, interconnection. Animals often seem to sense when all is not well; it was recorded that wild and domestic animals headed inland two days before the tsunami struck Sri Lanka in 2004. Research is revealing how trees, also, can 'speak' to one another through their mycorrhizal (fungal) network.

Creation continues to yield up its ancient mysteries, calling us to rediscover that interconnection of life where deep calls to deep, allowing that dormant sense of awe and wonder and not-knowing to be revived in us. Leaving us to ponder what lies beyond, and beyond, and

I remember well an occasion when a tutor invited me to read a letter she had received at the Alister Hardy Religious Experience research centre where she (mostly) worked. It was from an elderly lady who had walked her dog - time and again - up and down the same grassy track outside her home. One day, something stopped her in her tracks and she stepped aside from the worn pathway, absorbed by the sheer beauty of the hedgerow, then the wonder of the grass, and - honing in - the awesomeness of a single blade of grass.

'Was God in this experience?' she asked in her letter. She said she was sorry to trouble the research centre but she didn't have anyone else to discuss this with, and her family might whisk her off to see a doctor!

God is in the tiny things of life, and God is the eternal Creator of all that is.

Welcome the season of Mysteries!

Welcome the season called Trinity!

Every blessing,

Sharon





St Peter and St Mary Flower Rotas June 2024

Sunday	St Mary	St Peter
June 02	Sylvia K	Hazel MM
June 09	Sylvia K	Hazel MM
June 16	Jan G	Rhoda Smith
June 23	Jan G	Rhoda Smith
June 30	Sylvia K	Janet Broadbent Kempton
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Brass Cleaning at St Mary: Peggy Speed

St. Peter's Church: normally open between 10.00 and 5.00pm. If you need access outside of these times, please contact Frances Jones or Rosie Edmonds. Should arrangers be unable to do any slots please swap with someone else and let Rosie know.

❖ From the Registers ❖

Baptism

4th May - Clementine Macdonald, at St Mary's

Funeral

17th May – Martin James Walczak , Murph, at St Mary's



Sandhurst RPB 16th Memorial Charity Piano Recital



The performance will be held on SATURDAY JULY 27th at 3pm. When the well-known pianist, Mark Viner will be coming to play at the garden party recital. He will be performing Beethoven Fantasie, op.77, something by Alkan (He is the Chairman of that society) Liszt: Hungarian Rhapsody, some Blumenfeld and, of course, Henselt. This will be the first visit by Mark, so I want to have a good audience on hand!

Tickets are by donation – minimum £23.

Please call Gillian Davis 01580-850384.



The Eightieth Anniversary of D-Day

On Thursday 6th June we will commemorate the Eightieth Anniversary of D-Day. Across the nation, Channel Islands, Isle of Man and the United Kingdom Overseas Territories, beacons and lights of peace will be lit at 9.15pm, and we will remember the landings on the five beaches in Normandy, France. Churches Together in Tenterden will be part of this act of commemoration, which is being co-ordinated by Tenterden Town Council.

On Sunday 9th June, we will hold a commemorative service in St Mildred's. The service will commence at 3pm, and this will be followed by refreshments in the church.

Please join us in commemorating this special occasion.

Lindsay, Jeanette and Andrew



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IN TENTERDEN, ROTHER AND OXNEY SERVICES IN CHURCH AND ONLINE DURING JUNE

Sunday 2nd June: First Sunday After Trinity

9.30am St Peter's Newenden
The Eucharist

6pm Choral Evensong Tenterden Live streamed and online thereafter

8am St Mary's Rolvenden
Holy Communion

11:00am St Mary's Rolvenden
Celtic Morning Prayer

Monday 3rd June 7pm Tenterden – The Archdeacon's Visitation Service **

Sunday 9th June: Second Sunday After Trinity

9:30am St Peter's Newenden
The Eucharist

3pm A Service for the Commemoration of the Eightieth Anniversary of D-Day (Tenterden)

11am St Mary's Rolvenden
The Eucharist

Sunday 16th June: Third Sunday After Trinity

9.30am St Peter's Newenden
The Eucharist

2pm Forest Church in St Mary's churchyard

6pm Choral Evensong (Tenterden): Live streamed and online thereafter

11:00am St Mary's Rolvenden
Matins

Sunday 23rd June: Fourth Sunday After Trinity, Birth of John the Baptist

9.30am St Peter's Newenden
Celtic Morning Prayer

6pm Ecumenical Evening Service (Venue TBA)

11am St Mary's Rolvenden
The Eucharist

Sunday 30th June: Fifth Sunday After Trinity, St Peter and St Paul

9.30am St Peter's Newenden
Patronal Festival Eucharist

6pm Ecumenical Evening Service (St Andrew's Catholic Church, Tenterden)

8.00am St Mary's Rolvenden
Holy Communion

11am St Mary's Rolvenden
Celtic Morning Prayer

And services during the week

Morning Prayer will be said Monday to Friday at 9am except on Wednesday, when it is said at 8am, all in Tenterden Church.

This service will not appear online.

Beginning the Day with God

A ten-minute reflective service, ***online only*** from Monday to Saturday.

Ending the Day with God

A ten-minute reflective service, ***online only*** from Monday to Saturday.

Holy Communion

Will be celebrated at St Michael's every Wednesday, and at Tenterden every Thursday. Both celebrations will begin at 10am, and last about twenty-five minutes

These services will not appear online.

To access our daily online worship, visit: **YouTube** St Mildred's, Tenterden
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCBAbfTcsSiiq4HALM0GRdWg>

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FORS PRESENT



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And here is the next event:

Friends of Rolvenden Primary School's popular event has been running for over 10 years. The event takes place on the school's playing field.

The entry price has remained the same at just £10 per family (£5 1 Adult and 1 Child) - this includes all activities and crafts!

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Hay bales, gazebos, laughter, crafts, activities, delectable food and drink, sunshine (we hope) and lots of family fun!

From our school family to yours - everyone is welcome!

Please do come and join us.

PUT THE DATE IN YOUR DIARY - 22nd June 12-3pm. See you there!

And here are a couple of memories from previous years



FORS would like to say a very big thank you...



...to everyone who supported the recent bingo night held in the village hall. To all of the helpers who made the food, decorated the hall and cleaned up at the end - we couldn't have done it without you !

A big thank you to the people who donated raffle prizes and most importantly those of you who bought tickets and came along to make the event such a success.

It was a fantastic evening and we are pleased to say that an incredible £675 was raised for our school.



Capering in the Layne

Having seen first-hand (in our years teaching at Rolvenden Primary School) the positive response when we gave children a chance to shine on stage, Ellen Jones and I decided to create school-holiday workshops based around music, drama and art. These are known as 'Capers'!

We are incredibly lucky to have the support of Rob and Amy at Frensham Manor who share our passion for the arts and allow us to use their grounds so the children are able to run around freely, jumping across the stream, exploring the woodland and playing garden games in between the crafting and the rehearsing. This generally results in muddy, exhausted children who are full of fresh air, creativity and fun.

When planning a CAPER, we choose a theme - more often than not including music we love - and create a script and art activities to run over a few days. At the end of the workshops, we end with a performance and that's where the magic can be seen. Children who might be shy at school find the confidence to stand up, having been nurtured in the small group, and perform with their friends. Others are given their first opportunity to wow their parents with what they're capable of, at a young age. And Ellen and I have the absolute privilege of seeing them beam from ear to ear, filled with pride when they realise the laughter in the audience is for them or the prop they've designed works perfectly in the production.

Esme Thomas



Rolvenden Gardening Society



Rolvenden Gardening Society Annual Coffee Morning

The weather forecast had not been promising but, in the end, 40 members enjoyed a warm and sunny morning at Cherry Garden Nursery for their annual Coffee Morning on Saturday, 4th May, by kind permission of Victoria and Tim. It was a delight to walk around the pretty garden and to actually sit in the sunshine with friends and partake of a coffee or tea.

Thank you to the Committee members for organising and helping at this event, to Jean Clifton for running the raffle, which made £95 for the funds and to Bertie Lowrie for collecting and returning the tables and chairs for us. Thank you also to our members for supporting this annual occasion. Final thanks go to Victoria and Tim for allowing us to use their lovely garden for our event. We all agreed that it had been a very pleasant morning helped by the amazing, and rather unexpected, sunshine.





Future Events:

1. Our Summer Show takes place in the village hall on Saturday, 15th June. See below for further details. Do come along in the afternoon to view the exhibits and have a cup of tea.
2. We have an outing arranged to Godinton House on Wednesday, 19th June, to view the delphiniums and extensive gardens and then on to Longacres Garden Centre in Ashford to have lunch and do some shopping. There are still seats available at £28 each, which includes coffee and cake on our arrival at Godinton House. If you are interested, please contact Graham Button on 01580241525.
3. There is also a day's outing arranged to RHS Hyde Hall, Essex, on Tuesday, 9th July. Again, there are some spare seats if you are interested. Contact Graham on the above phone number if you would like to go.

Maralyn Button



**Summer Show
Saturday 15th June 2024
Rolvenden Village Hall, Doors open 2.30pm
Prizegiving 4.00pm**



Everyone Welcome to come along and see all the vegetables, flowers (roses and sweet peas are popular in this show), pot plants, flower arrangements and cookery.

We also have a Childrens' section where we invite local youngsters to take part. In this show we ask them to make:

A collage of Summer flowers
and/or A decorated wooden spoon.

Entries need to be in Rolvenden Village Hall after 9.30am but before 11am. Judging begins at 11 o'clock so entries cannot be accepted after that time. Please mark clearly with child's name and age but in a place where the judge cannot see it. There are plenty of committee members to help if needed. This is a special section which is always enjoyed and admired by our visitors. We hope your child/children, grandchildren or neighbour will have fun taking part. Prizes are: 1st Prize - £3; 2nd Prize -£2 and 3rd Prize - £1

After you have had a look at all the entries please stop for a cup of tea or coffee and biscuit, look at the Plants for sale, have a chat and enjoy the popular raffle.

Looking forward to seeing you there, Sue Clout



South East Open Studios...

...is back in June and local resident Polly Bennett is taking part!

Visit her studio in Rolvenden to view her exhibition 'Walk with me', take a wonder in her studio, and catch demonstrations in gilding, pigment making and much much more.

"Polly is an environmental artist and pigment maker, using found natural-materials and craft in a contemporary context to memorialise her love for

the land. Polly invites viewers to take a walk with her and see her adventures through her eyes. 'Walk with me' brings together a selection of work documenting the marks, traces and material left behind by the natural world. These phenomena sit alongside collected material chosen by Polly to record her own presence within the same environments."

Studio 53 Studio Open Days:

10th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 29th & 30th June, 10am - 4pm

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News from Rolvenden Pre-School



Our garden is blooming, as are all the children! They have been using our lemon balm leaves in their mud kitchen and sharing sand 'ice creams' in paper cones. There are also currants appearing on our blackcurrant bush.

We have recently had new entrance doors installed, which are half glazed to let in natural light, with a small window for ventilation - a great improvement on the old solid wooden doors we had.

The children have enjoyed weekly yoga sessions this term and a few visits over to the primary school. We will be taking part in the

Reception class end of year play there in June. We will also be helping out at their Woodland Day event on June 22nd. Hopefully we will see some of you there. We are also looking forward to entering the Gardening Society summer show on June 15th. So plenty to do this month!!!

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See how many words you can make out of these 9 letters.

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Weather and Nature Notes

There were plenty of April showers producing 92mm of rain, this mostly fell in small but frequent quantities of 5 or 6mm, a couple of days had more significant amounts to boost the months total to above average. The weather then became warm sunny and humid for the start of May, some thundery rain forecast for the S.E passed us by, but on Bank Holiday Monday an inch of rain fell before reverting back to sunshine and increasingly warm temperatures during the rest of the week, more associated with June. Seeing hot air balloons float across the evening sky once again made it feel Summery. High and low pressure systems seem to be taking it in turns and it appears some more showers are on the way, personally I don't mind as I have plenty of plants to put in that will enjoy the rains. An easy plant to grow that has been in flower for weeks that I would always find space for is comfrey Hidcote blue, the buds are pink then as the bells open, they are white with soft blue and bees love them. Dead heading tidies it up and keeps it flowering.

To see the Northern Lights as far South as we are, is a rare treat. This year there have been a few opportunities which I have missed on all occasions, mostly because I am not a night owl. There have been some beautiful photographs on the TV so I set up a camera on time lapse with low expectations to see if I could capture any footage. One night had no activity and one was rather cloudy, and I had missed the best night, so sadly no aurora photos. However, it is interesting to see the whole night condensed into a few minutes footage, seeing the stars and moon moving round, light trails of planes crossing the night sky and the cloud formations rolling in. The upper cloud was noticeably coming from a quite different direction to a lower level of cloud, and finally dawn breaking.



I first saw four Swifts on the 10th of May which is about an average return date that I see them, the next morning a screaming flock of about 8 whizzed over. The most swallows I have seen together is 6. On the Dungeness Bird

Observatory web site there appears to be only a trickle of Summer visitors mentioned, as I recall numbers were disappointing last year too. For the second year running I have heard a nightingale in Woodchurch in the same place, and actually I'm convinced I could just hear a second in the distance. but I like to keep these notes about Rolvenden so I was pleased to hear that a friend has been hearing a nightingale at night near Halden Lane. According to the British Trust for Ornithology data there are only an estimated 5000 pairs in the whole of England, and their distribution is now contracted back in to the S.E (Kent, Sussex and Suffolk.) They need thickets, dense bushy scrub to hide away in.

Unfortunately this desirable habitat for the birds is not that abundant. The willow warbler on the other hand according to the statistics has declined a bit, but the numbers migrating here each summer are in the region of 2 million, yet I haven't heard one in years. I have heard more nightingales than Willow Warblers, so I was pleasantly surprised to hear one the other day (but not since, so probably passing through). Apparently they are faring better in the North and Wales, it's song is often described as melancholy, but in an old book I have, it is described as sweet and fairy-like, a nicer description of a little bird that is best distinguished from the very similar looking Chiffchaff by its song. The way trends are going it is important to treasure these moments as who knows how long they will continue for.

Whilst walking by an Oak I noticed it had a few oak apples. These are quite attractive galls made by a species of gall wasp. In the picture the oak apple is the large pale and pinkish one. The other two are also found on oaks: The marble gall which was for hundreds of years used to make ink and used for tanning, (you may be able to see the exit hole made by the insect) and the knopper gall which is the knobbly one and a recent arrival in the UK in the second half of the twentieth century. Galls are found on many plants and take many forms. Simplifying a huge subject, a gall is defined as made of a plants tissue caused by another organism, often insects but can be caused by fungus or bacteria. The plant reacts by making these interesting shaped formations which provide a safe shelter and food for the larvae to develop in. They are all part of a healthy ecosystem and generally don't do any harm to the host plant. An old holiday, Oak apple day was celebrated on the 29th of May in England, Wales and Ireland, people would wear some oak leaves on the day. It stems back from Charles II hiding from Parliamentary troops in an oak tree. After his restoration on May 29th 1660 it was made a public holiday. Parliament passed into a law " An Act for a Perpetual Anniversary Thanksgiving on the Nine and Twentieth Day of May." After nearly 200 years and several Monarchs I suppose the holiday had lost its original meaning and the holiday was abolished in 1859.

Hazel Beaney



Rolvenden History Group

Friday, 7 June 2024

'A Sussex Farm During the 1950s'

Ian Everest



To 'make hay' and 'bring in the harvest' sound like idyllic pastimes, but this talk shows just how tough life was on a South Down farm during the 1950s. The war was over, but the battle was still being fought to feed the nation. The talk includes original cine film.

Ian was brought up on a farm on the South Downs and after attending Agricultural College in the late 1960s worked on farms before joining the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food at an animal disease research centre.

His growing interest in family and military history led to a career change in 1987 when he was appointed manager of Newhaven Fort in Sussex, a scheduled monument which he prepared for public opening the following year and continued to manage for fifteen years.

Venue: St Mary's Church, Rolvenden
Coffee and biscuits

7.15pm for 7.30pm start for lecture

Everyone welcome - Non-members: £4

<https://therolvendenhistorygroup.wordpress.com/>



Happy Ending for the saga of Duck 261

Thanks to the Power of FaceBook... on 15th April #261's mug shot went online and within 4 hours someone had pointed me in the direction of the Ewhurst and Staplehurst Bonfire Society. Emails followed and it was obvious I was in touch with someone who believed in the life of her Flock and was overjoyed at the return of the drift-away.

Within 2 days an envoy had been sent down the valley, by road rather than river, to retrieve the errant 261. And thanks to the wonders of mobile phones, the happy reunion was recorded.

Here we have THE GRAND HANDOVER with Jane Dawson, former Keeper of the Newenden Flock, Marion Brown, ESBS President and Keeper of the upstream Red Nosed Flock, and #261, who looks far less scary from a side profile.

Marion expressed herself delighted to be able to collect her wandering Mandarin #261



The Ducks are in their Flocks,
God's in his Heaven,
all's right with the world!



NEWENDEN

NOTES

This month, Anthony recalls Vincent Blumhardt Nesfield (1879 - 1972), who established a nationally renowned private hospital in Ellenden. Though technically in Sandhurst, the hospital was at the top of Newenden hill, virtually opposite the turning to Rolvenden. Anthony has become fascinated by Nesfield, who was clearly a brilliant, original doctor and surgeon. There have been many references to him in interviews with Newenden villagers, and Patience Strong, a devoted patient, described his life in her book, *Doctor Anonymous*.



Vincent Nesfield was born in India on 12 October 1879, the son of John Collinson Nesfield, Director of Education in India, and Ellen Blumhardt, a missionary who had been through the siege of Lucknow during the Mutiny. He entered St Mary's Hospital Medical School in 1897 and completed a successful career as a student by gaining the Meadows Prize in obstetrics and gynaecology and qualifying with the Conjoint Diploma in 1901. He was a good swimmer, and his ability and self-confidence gained him the nick-name of "Strut".

His special interest in chemistry resulted in the invention and patenting of a tablet which placed in water liberated nascent chlorine, and so sterilized any contaminated water. In 1902 he joined the Indian Medical Service, but was seconded in 1903 to house appointments at St Mary's which enabled him to pass the final Fellowship in 1905. He finished these appointments in time to join Francis Younghusband's historic mission to Tibet, where his newly invented tablets stopped an epidemic of cholera. This success led to his appointment as Chemical Examiner to the Government of the United Provinces, but he was soon transferred to the regular service as a civil surgeon. Here he built up a



high reputation as a general surgeon, but he also took a special interest in eye surgery and published several papers on the treatment of cataract.

In 1914 he was sent to Mesopotamia as a Major in charge of the water laboratories, but became so disgusted with the medical maladministration that he felt impelled to condemn it publicly. He was therefore recalled to India and his pay was stopped for a prolonged period. Ultimately he retired from the IMS, and in 1921 returned to London where he became ophthalmic surgeon to the Queen's Hospital for Children in addition to private practice in general as well as eye surgery.

His interest in chemical therapy never waned, and the publication in the lay press of an undisclosed formula for the treatment of many diverse conditions from diabetes to cancer was reported to the General Medical Council and his name was erased from the Medical Register in 1932.

But he had a large popular following and continued to practise surgery in his own nursing home equipped with a private laboratory in which he did his own bacteriology, and pursued his chemical researches.

After 19 years his Fellowship was restored. He was a clever, kind-hearted and generous man, and when over 80 years of age, officiated at the launching of a life-boat named "Vincent Nesfield" by one of his patients who had raised the money to build the boat. His wife Grace died just two weeks before his own death on 24 January 1972. They had four children, of whom one son became a doctor.

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 - *Illustrations taken from the life story of the actor Esmond Knight who Dr Nesfield treated for blindness. See the section 1943 - 1944 A Miracle Courtesy of Dr Anonymous,*
- See. <http://www.esmondknight.org.uk/page-2/page-23/>

Anthony Dawson

Rolvenden Clock 200 - Project Start!

We are very pleased to announce that Cumbria Clock Company have confirmed they will be starting the church clock restoration project on the week commencing 10th June!

Their rope access team will be here to lower the clock face to the ground and the cage clock mechanism shall be dismantled and removed from the tower clock chamber. Everything will then be transported to their workshop in Penrith for the restoration work to begin.

Much more to follow....

With Love in Christ, Tim Cole - Church Warden



Lavinia is taking a sabbatical. She will be back, but in the meantime we are looking for articles or anecdotes with a food theme. It could be a memorable meal cooked or consumed, fascinating/different food found abroad, from your veg patch to the table (and when it works and when it doesn't go so well). Those are just a few suggestions. You may have other ideas. If there is a thought that will become 300 to 500 words - wonderful. Our thanks go again to Sally for this month's ...

FOOD, GLORIOUS FOOD!

Something Fishy



This recipe came from an evening with friends before we were grown up and had children. We were so impressed with the menu that my husband was enthused to write down the recipe. Being a very systematic young (in those days) man, he dated it, so I know it was on 23rd October 1983 which I now realise was over 40 years ago. The evening was great and the following was the main course which I have recreated often as can be seen by the grubby, scrappy piece of paper on which it is written.

I thought it was worth repeating here. It is easy and very delicious.

Grilled fish Javanese style

To serve 2

2 flat fish (plaice is good), cleaned and skinned

2 tablespoons soy sauce

1 tablespoon brown sugar

1 garlic clove, crushed

1 tablespoon water

15g butter, melted

5 fresh red chilli peppers, finely sliced

1 tablespoon lemon juice

Mix half the soy sauce and half the sugar with the garlic and water.

Marinate the fish in this for about an hour. Grill it on both sides over a very low heat basting with the remaining marinade as it cooks.



This can be done under an oven grill, but a barbecue makes a more delicious dish. When the fish is tender (after about 20mins) remove it from the grill and lay it on a warmed plate. Sprinkle with a final spicy mix made from the sliced chilli peppers, remaining soy sauce and brown sugar, the lemon juice and the melted butter. Serve with rice and green vegetables.

Sally Sawyer

Friends of St Peter's Church

Three Sundays of Cream Teas

2nd, 9th and 16th June from 3:00 to 5:00pm

Priory Stones, Lossenham Lane, Newenden

Very special cream teas will be served on the front lawn overlooking a delightful garden

There will be a raffle and your first chance to buy a duck or three for the Annual Newenden Duck Race, held as ever at the end of August.

If you follow the path round to the back of the house you will find your host, Caroline Anderson-Jones is also participating in the annual South East Open Studios – with an exhibition to look round and paintings and cards for sale
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Only On a Sunday...?! Part Three - Tuesday

In the third part of a typical clergy week, Jeanette has reached Tuesday. If Monday had a community focus then Tuesday is often more pastoral. For Andrew, being the assistant curate, Tuesday is a 'study day'. As part of his training, when it is possible, he has a day designated to completing the studies required by the curate programme.

Lindsay and I start the day in Appledore. It is a day that begins with turkey rasher sandwiches at 7:30am and continues with an opportunity to be out of the main office and touch base on some of the issues that need our attention in the benefice. Everything from material for the four parish magazines covered by the benefice, to safeguarding issues, confidential items and planning future services and events can be covered.

Tuesday is also the day once a month that we meet with the Benefice Bereavement Team. This vital piece of pastoral work is supported by a wonderful team of parishioners from around our churches. We meet together and arrange follow ups to families who have been recently bereaved, setting up visits or phone calls and supplying families with information about the further support that is available to them as they come to terms with their loss.

The Bereavement Team are also allied to the 'Card Writers'. This is a small but dedicated group from around the benefice. Co-ordinated by Caroline, they hand write cards to families on the anniversary of the death of a loved one or a baptism or a marriage. Their card includes an invitation to attend any one of our services that falls near the anniversary, so that they can hear by name prayers for those who keep that anniversary. Many people find great strength from this, and we are very grateful for this ministry.

Tuesday is also Deanery Chapter Day. Once a month the licensed clergy and lay readers from our newly formed Vineyard Deanery, gather together to pray and meet. Sometimes we discuss deanery matters, other times we have a guest



speaker. Sometime it is purely social and enables us to get to know each other better and therefore work more closely together.

Lindsay and I also serve on the Deanery Mission and Ministry Committee and work closely with the Area Dean (Sue Rose), Lay Chair (Tessa Badcock) and Deanery Treasurer (Tony Richter) to ensure the Deanery is an effective means of spreading the gospel in this area. These meetings also tend to take place on Tuesday.

When not a Deanery Day, Tuesday afternoons are often given over to pastoral work. Sometimes that involves visiting those who are in need. At other times it might be meeting up to organise a baptism and complete some baptism preparation, make arrangements for a wedding or plan a funeral with those involved. It is very important to us that these services have the love of God at their heart but appropriately reflect the needs of the family.

Regular Tuesday evening meetings are Ebony PCC and Stone PCC and also the Growing Faith Group. This group, made up of representatives from around the benefice, are looking at ways in which we can develop our ministry to children, youth and families; our interactions with schools and any programmes we may put in place to enable those already in our churches to deepen their faith.

From this group has come Forest Church, School Experience Days, Little Sparrows, a review of our baptism work and craft mornings for families. And that...is Tuesday!

Jeanette

Newenden Meadow Restoration Project

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We look forward to seeing you there.

Jillian Eldridge



Mary's Rocky Road

In May Tonbridge Bell Ringers visited St Mary's. Richard Steele, one of ringers flew a drone around the church giving us this wonderful shot of the weathervane.

I not only remembered the difficult saga of erecting a new weathervane, I had the notes I kept as Churchwarden. Let me share with you the rocky road to getting Mary on top of her pinnacle.

In 1987 it had been reported that cost of work to pinnacle in order to re-erect the former vane would be £2480. Not affordable. Plans shelved.

Old weathervane had blown down in a storm. Someone said wouldn't it be a good idea to put up a new weathervane. All we had was a photograph of the old one with a 90 degree bend in the shaft caused by a storm. We had no good photo of the original design.

In July 1992 PCC discussed establishing of a fund for a new weathervane, prompted by an offer from a Rolvenden Resident to raise some funds.

In March 94 PCC approved a drawing from the resident of a donkey. May 1994 an extraordinary meeting to discuss design, deemed contentious by portion of parish. Alternative design from Rod Fender, blacksmith in Wittersham, to be considered.

An open parish meeting chaired by the Archdeacon held August 94 to hear objections.

September '94 the Faculty application withdrawn due to PCC's inability to arrive at a design acceptable to all parishioners.

Late '94 entire PCC, excluding Parish Priest, became a "working party" endeavouring to find an acceptable design.

March '95 Penny Cox, artist, calligrapher, and founder of the Flower Festival, produced an acceptable design of Mary riding on a donkey with a gilded wreath of leaves encircling them both. The design was adopted by the PCC and won favour with the parish at large.

July 1995 PCC voted for work to be done by Ray Mosley, master blacksmith of Appledore at quoted price of £1321.

In July 96 quotations were sought from other blacksmiths as, tragically, Ray Mosley was too ill to do the work.





Finally weathervane made by Kent Ironcraft of Bethersden and would be installed by Mr Aldridge, builder and stonemason, as part of works being carried out on the tower..

But... It was found that some work on the pinnacle was necessary if we were to go ahead with weathervane.

Ultimately found that pinnacle would need to be dismantled and rebuilt to accommodate new weathervane, £1000.

Work undertaken July 1996 onwards. Additional problems found when pinnacle dismantled. Modification to the specification for the weathervane required.

Finally Mary and donkey were hoisted aloft and the majority parish opinion was that they looked very fine.

Judy V

It was Julian of Norwich who said 'all things shall be well and all manner of things shall be well'. Did she add under her breath, 'Finally'.

Take heart people!

Rolvenden History Group - Churchyard Trail



If a staycation is a stay-at-home holiday, in July the history group is having a stayouting. First Friday of the month, 5th July, we are going to venture out into the churchyard to look at some local history through the memorials that have been placed there over some 500 years. If its wet, we can revert to being in church and we will walk through the screen.

This will be a series of glimpses into the past. There will be a certain amount of flipping backwards and forwards in time. The route will govern the order in which we view things rather than following a strictly chronological order. We

may have to split into a couple of groups, starting from opposite ends of the list.

One thing we will all get to know is how use the points of the compass to identify where we are. Churches make it easy because the altar is always at the east end. The barrel tomb to the north east of the church will be our mid-point as there is plenty of space for two groups to gather there. And by the time we do, I shall have reminded myself what the inscriptions were when they were readable. I give you the only photo I have of this chap. I do not anticipate snow!

Stout shoes, if you need one, walking aid that works for you on rough ground, something warm in case it gets chilly and please to turn up ready to go by 7:00.

Judy V



AUGUST BANK HOLIDAY ROLVENDEN FLOWER FESTIVAL AND ART EXHIBITION

The theme for St. Mary's Flower Festival this year is 'Moses: Reluctant hero, Faithful servant'; recounting the life of Moses as he reluctantly accepts his calling from God to lead his people out of slavery in Egypt, then faithfully guides them through the desert for 40 years in order to reach the promised land.

Please contact Sylvia 01580 240 463, sylviakellett@eplusmail.com if you would like to help with the flowers, steward in church or provide a musical interlude for our visitors.

The Village Hall will host the Art Exhibition, with paintings for sale, along with cards and quality craft work. Please contact Jan Gambier 01580 243086, janpetpics@btinternet.com re. entries or to help with stewarding.

Light refreshments will be served in the Hall this year, and if you feel you would like to contribute by baking or offering to help in the kitchen over the weekend then please contact Sue Dyer 01580 240925.

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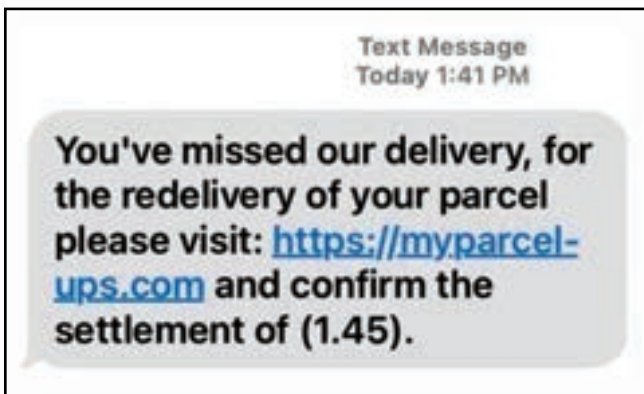
We tend to trust people we know, it is something kind and looking after each other in our community is positive but it's really important not to trust too quickly when it comes to messages or visits from people we don't know.



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Fraudsters are sending fake text messages from delivery companies, saying they need more details or asking you to click a link to reschedule a delivery. The messages are copying the company's logos and basic information to make you think they are real.

They will also often ask you to pay a small fee and direct you to click on a link to make the payment. However, it is a scam to obtain your payment card and personal information.



- Do not click on any link from an unknown sender. Check the number or *URL address and if you are expecting a package go to the company site directly to track your parcel.
- Forward suspicious text messages to: 7726 (SPAM).
- If you think that you may have been a victim of this or any other type of scam, then contact your Bank

immediately, which you can do by calling 159 and report it to Action Fraud at www.actionfraud.police.uk or call 0300 123 2040.

■ **URL (unique resource locator):** it is a unique identifier used to locate a resource on the internet).

2. Impersonation scam

Fraud Alert - KCC have reported that Kent residents have been receiving calls from criminals impersonating KCC and Lifeline services attempting to get users to provide bank details for a digital update or risk having their service terminated.

- This is a scam. If you get a call like this, then please hang up immediately.
- If you think that you may have been a victim of this or any other type of scam, then contact your Bank immediately, which you can do by calling 159 and report it to Action Fraud at www.actionfraud.police.uk or call 0300 123 2040





3. Rogue traders/Doorstep criminals

There have been some reports of cold callers in Kent targeting residents. Remember...

- **Do not** open your door if you do not know the caller.
- **Do not** believe that they are there to help you or that work needs to be completed.
- **Do not** allow them to work on your property without your permission.
- Ask for identification and call their company yourself (not on a number they provide) to check they are genuine.
- Get three written quotes.
- Ask family and friends for recommendations.
- Agree payment arrangements and start and finish dates in writing beforehand, and never pay in full until you're completely satisfied with the work.

*Siân Reeves,
Rolvenden Neighbourhood Watch*

Reporting crime to the police

Serious crimes in progress dial 999, other incidents via 101 (phone) or online using Live Chat:

<https://www.kent.police.uk/contact/af/contact-us/>

Hearing or speech impairments. If you are deaf or have a speech impairment and you've pre-registered with the emergency SMS service, you can use the textphone service: 18000 or text 999.



Parish Magazine Essential Information:

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Photos for the cover should be emailed as a jpeg in colour or monochrome to Trevor Lodge on stmaryrolv@aol.com.

To keep the cover photos in tune with the month, Trevor likes to keep seasonal photos on hold waiting for the season to come round the following year. Any keen photographers who want to contribute, please send your photos to Trevor.



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IS 5:00pm TUESDAY 18TH JUNE

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Making our communities tick: Pollinators

This month we take a break from humans who keep the community show on the road and turn to some of the important insects who we rely on as pollinators and eradicators of pests. Specifically, the Hymenoptera, a description of their wings, but also classified as stinging insects: bees, wasps and hornets.

We really do need them, well most of them, but we sometimes find it difficult to tolerate them in our space. Perhaps if we knew more about them, we would become more tolerant and leave our important earth-allies to get on with the jobs they were designed to do.

Here are a few pointers to tackle what can feel like an instinctive fear of these flying, buzzing chaps.

Let's start with bees and at this time of year their habit of swarming.

The advice is that if you see a swarm of bees hanging somewhere contact a beekeeper in your area who will come and clear take the swarm away providing they are honeybees. For a good introduction to swarms take a look at this site:

<https://chilcotts.farm/bees/honey-bee-swarms/>

And if you have or see a swarm and need to find your nearest collector, go to:

<https://www.bbka.org.uk/find-a-local-swarm-collector>.

Then there are Bumblebees and Solitary Bees, and together they are pollinators for many different plants. It's all to do with the varying length of their tongues and ability to feed on different flowers. The Bumblebee Conservation Trust has a short video on how to identify different bumblebees:

<https://www.bumblebeeconservation.org/learn-about-bumblebees/identifying-bumblebees/>

And the Wildlife Trust has a useful blog on solitary bee identification <https://www.wildlifetrusts.org/blog/ryan-clark/identify-solitary-bees-uk>

Now comes the big challenge: Wasps. It is becoming clearer that automatic eradication of wasps is not good for the environment.

They play an important part in pollination and pest control too.

Explore The Big Wasp Survey and perhaps change your mind about calling in pest control.

<https://www.bigwaspsurvey.org/>

Finally, we come to Hornets, the biggest and the scariest – but maybe you can be reassured with the Wildlife Trust's offering:

<https://www.wildlifetrusts.org/wildlife-explorer/invertebrates/bees-and-wasps/hornet>

And now here is the one we really do not want, the Asian Hornet. Your vigilance and action is all about helping prevent this invasive species taking hold. Check out the guidance from the British Beekeepers Association on identifying and reporting these critters.

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The Old Schoolhouse Larder

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Kent Savers for affordable loans www.kentsavers.co.uk

KCC Mobile Library Service visits Rolvenden every 2 weeks on a Tuesday:

- High Street between 11:30am and Noon
- Monypenny between 12:10 and 12:55pm

To join phone: 03000 41 31 31

Regular Events

For those living with short-term memory loss and their supporters

- Memory Café and Friends meets every Friday 2 – 4pm at St Andrews Church Hall, Ashford Road, Tenterden
- Musical Memories meets every Tuesday 10:45am – 12 noon Highbury Hall, Highbury Lane, Tenterden, a singing for health group.
- Monthly Lunch Club Meets 4th Wednesday 12:30 for 1:00pm Little Silver Hotel, St Michaels Tenterden.

For all 3 Contact: Jan Bridger Tel: 01580 762932 Mob: 07445971791

Parkinsons Café

Mutual support for people affected by Parkinson's including family, friends, partners and carers. Meets every third Monday 10:30 to noon at the EC30 Tenterden Contact: Christine Endersby 01580 764046

CARM Rolvenden Meeting Point

Every second Wednesday 10:00am to noon in Monypenny Lounge, drop in and meet friends old and new. <https://carmromneymarsh.org.uk/>

Scan the code to be taken to the Kent
Domestic Abuse support website



There is NO excuse for domestic abuse

If you or someone you know is being physically, sexually, economically or emotionally abused by another person, this is domestic abuse.

Victim Support: 0808 16 89 111

If you are in immediate danger,
or suspect someone else is,
call 999

The Samaritans: 0845 79 09 090

Childline: 0800 1111

Mankind: 01823 334 244

domesticabuseservices.org.uk

Please act NOW and call any of these numbers if you feel unsafe or suspect someone you know may be at risk of domestic abuse or bullying.

VS VICTIM
SUPPORT

SAMARITANS

ChildLine
0800 1111

ManKind
Initiative



Refuse Collection Dates for May

Waste food bins, small black with orange lid, are emptied weekly. All other bins, grey, green and brown are emptied fortnightly. To see which of your bins are emptied when type 'Ashford BC Find my bin' into your web browser. You have 2 search tools:

- Grey (household) or Green (recycling)
- Brown (Garden refuse)

You can also download a calendar.

Collection dates do not vary through the year except across the Christmas New Year Holiday season.

Please keep an eye out for neighbours who may not be connected to the web. If neighbours are not getting the bins right have a friendly word and tell them which bins to put out when.

For new arrangements on such things as clothes, shoe and electrical items please see the Ashford BC – How do I dispose of?

- Yellow sacks, where supplied, will be collected weekly

- For all queries about recycling or waste disposal:

On-line, see ABC website: www.ashford.gov.uk/waste

Telephone ABC on Tel 01233 330646

NEWENDEN PARISH COUNCIL

www.newenden-pc.gov.uk/

Parish Clerk: Mrs Lauren Dobson.

C/o Carpens, Hobbs lane,

Beckley. East Sussex, TN31 6TT

Telephone: 01797 260364

e-mail: enquiries@newenden-pc.gov.uk

Parish Council will meet at 7:00pm

Tuesday July 2nd in St Peter's

ROLVENDEN PARISH COUNCIL

www.rolvendenparishcouncil.org.uk

Parish Clerk: Mrs Julie Flenley.

email: rolvendenclerk@gmail.com

Parish Council 7:30pm Tuesday

Parish Council will meet at 7:30pm

Tuesday June 18th in St Mary's

Members of the public have a statutory right to attend as observers. At the discretion of the Parish Council Chair people may be invited to speak.