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River bank Newenden by Elizabeth Norris



Letter from the Layne

Last month I put together a presentation for the Rolvenden History Group on the churchyard. I was doing the research during the lead-up to our General Election. Change was in the air. Across the pond Mr Trump was in the ascendancy and the bleak and black spots of the world were looking, if anything, bleaker and blacker. That was the mood music playing at the back of my mind as I wandered from this grave to that trying to decipher inscriptions, looking for traces of carving, searching for details that would support and hopefully enliven the presentation.



I was concentrating on the older graves close around the church itself. True, there are new interment of ashes along the north wall, but according to the graves that had some form of memorial, everyone else here lived somewhere between 1572 and the early 1930s.

The oldest grave is the rather broken tabletop on the south side of the church, overlooked by the cottages. The inscriptions have long since eroded but in 1920 someone noted the last visible inscription recording the burial of Mary Maplesden, aged 4, in 1572. Churchyards are places that can prompt reflection. And this grave got me reflecting on what life would have been like then and what the mood music for the village might have been. Queen Elizabeth was on the throne, the services in church were in English, everyone was required to go to church on Sunday, the parish of Rolvenden was a farming community, Wool was still the major source of wealth. The roads were dreadful and Rolvenden was really only reachable by lanes.

3 years later Robert Cushman was baptised in St Mary's. He would play a leading role in the sailing of the Mayflower in 1620. The male protestant passengers are now called the Pilgrim Fathers, remembered for the founding of the Massachusetts Bay Colony. But, importantly, before they left the Mayflower, they drew up and signed the Mayflower Compact which would become a foundation document for the American Constitution. Ripples through history.

Moving further along the south path, a cluster of graves from the early 1800s prompted another reflection. This was a time of war in Europe. Memorably, in 1815, we beat the French at Waterloo. In the same year Mount Tambora erupted in the Pacific. It was the most destructive explosion on Earth in the past 10,000 years and effected the world climate for several years. Our Navy was busy wherever we had trade interests. And Jane Austen's *Pride and Prejudice* was published in 1813. The churchyard has a scattering of naval names. We claim the last surviving witness of the Battle of Waterloo. The increased infant deaths resulting from bad weather and shortage of food would be seen in the registers where all the deaths are recorded. The monuments only tell us about the wealthier members of the village who would have been less vulnerable. And there is no way of telling how many lying here would have read of Elizabeth Bennet and Mr Darcy.

Such reflections on their own would be pure escapism. But the thought came that each one of those around me would have felt just as uncertain, just as fragile



as we feel today. And then came the question: What's it all for? I decided much was down to the fact that generation after generation was rooted in this place and had worked and served, wept and celebrated, believed in and preserved the community. Some had done great things in far flung places, some had held significant power locally and many had preserved and nurtured the seedbed from which they had sprung.

In each generation it is the mundane that matters; Each roof mended, pothole filled, tree planted, neighbour helped. And there is the making of a safe space for the children to discover their own unique talents. These are what keeps the heart of a village beating. We are the stewards of the seedbed; this is the way the world has always worked, We each have a part to play in making possible the continuing flourishing of the community in which we live. And the evidence of the churchyard suggests that the mantra 'In loving memory' identifies the driving spirit.

With every blessing *Judy V*

St Peter and St Mary Flower Rotas July 2024

Sunday	St Mary	St Peter
Aug 04	Denise C	Sally Manford
Aug 11	Sylvia K	Rhoda Smith
Aug 18	Sylvia K	Rhoda Smith
Aug 25	Flower Festival	Caroline Anderson Jones
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Brass Cleaning at St Mary: Sylvia K

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.

Rolvenden Flower Festival Arrangers: Thank you so much for taking part; please collect your oasis in good time from the vestry, & keep displays watered over the weekend, then hopefully remove/condense displays by the following weekend.

❖ From the Registers ❖

Funeral

9th July – Michael John Higgs (Mike) at St Mary's

Interment of Ashes

25th June - Caroline Neele Sabey at St Mary's

28th June - Charles Carmichael Forbes Tweedie at St Mary's

9th July – Pearl Catherine Holt at St Mary's





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Judy V

Something for the Summer Holidays!



In his quest to spread the Doodle Land phenomenon across the globe, the celebrated millennial artist Mr Doodle has covered everything from a Formula One racing car to his entire home in his instantly recognisable signature doodles. And in July he created the world's first Doodle Carriage in his home town at Tenterden Town station. Mr Doodle said "I am very happy to be doodling a railway carriage! It's the first time my drawings have appeared on a vehicle of this size. It's going to be so fun! I hope everyone will enjoy it!"

The Doodle carriage will be joining KESR passenger service throughout August Summer Holiday.

Collect your free kids Mr Doodle activity sheet when you collect your tickets.

Check out the website for Kent and East Sussex Railway:

KESR.org.uk Events/The Doodle Train!



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Sunday 4th August: Tenth Sunday After Trinity

9.30am St Peter's Newenden The Eucharist	8am St Mary's Rolvenden Holy Communion 11:00am St Mary's Rolvenden Celtic Morning Prayer
<i>6pm Worship for a Summer Evening Stone</i>	

Sunday 11th August: Eleventh Sunday After Trinity

9:30am St Peter's Newenden The Eucharist	11am St Mary's Rolvenden The Eucharist
<i>6pm Said Evensong (Tenterden): Live streamed and online thereafter</i>	

Sunday 18th August: Twelfth Sunday After Trinity

9.30am St Peter's Newenden The Eucharist	11:00am St Mary's Rolvenden Matins
<i>2pm St Mary's Churchyard Forest Church</i>	
<i>6pm Choral Evensong (Tenterden): Live streamed and online thereafter</i>	

Saturday 24th August: St Mary's Rolvenden Flower Festival Launch Service

Sunday 25th August: Thirteenth Sunday After Trinity, and Lammass Sunday	
9.30am St Peter's Newenden Celtic Morning Prayer	11am St Mary's Rolvenden Flower Festival Songs of Praise
<i>6pm Churches Together in Tenterden Ecumenical Evensong (Venue TBA)</i>	

And services during the week:

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.

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and at Tenterden every Thursday. Both celebrations will begin
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Mr K J Linklater, Horseshoes, Frensham Road,
Rolvenden Layne TN17 4NJ

A Thank you & Farewell



Mrs C Walters Photography

Firstly, I would like to say thank you to all of you that helped with Woodland Day 2024, what a success! The delicious salad and cakes which were made and donated, the helpers to set up, the crafters who made the beautiful things, the activities we had, the generous raffle donations, the clearing up, for those of you who attended and spent generously...and to all of the gorgeous children for their enjoyment. Yet again, it was a beautiful community event, one of which we should be proud.

We made an incredible amount of money (which are still being finalised due to match funding, final invoices etc) and without every single person who contributed, no matter what it was, these

events are simply not possible. I know of PTAs with 3/5 members. We estimate to have had over 60 people helping in some capacity or another. In a small school like ours it is beyond impressive. Something I am exceptionally proud to be a part of. It makes a huge difference to the children.

And finally, I would like to thank the village for all of your help over the years. To say I have enjoyed being a part of Rolvenden Primary School's 'family' is the understatement of the century. 12 years of incredible community, 12 years of fund raising, 12 years of cake and Pimm's, 12 years of stories and fun. My children and my family have been exceptionally lucky to be a part of it all. Thank you all for everything you do. I am really looking forward to attending events and hearing how much cash the school makes!

Fran x
Frances Clifford



Friends of St Peter's Church Newenden



Regular followers of this annual sporting event will know that the Newenden Duck Flock will be starting to stir in its very dark place. There will be some flexing and wriggling and thoughts will be turning to this year's strategy. Questions will be being asked. What is the weather like, especially the wind? What is the state of the water? How deep? Flow rate? Obstacle free?

Our Special Duck Correspondent has received an interesting communication from a trusted source who has passed on a photograph of a small, gathered flock of Cloistered Ducks in Rolvenden. From the distinct lack of uniformity in appearance and colour, we deduce

that these are all rejects, cast out of the mother hatchery to fend for themselves. Somehow, they have, fortuitously, each arrived in the home of caring humans who have given them shelter and copious supplies of water in which to dabble. And not just water....hot water! Sometimes with bubbles! The cloistered ducks are not completely cut off from the outside world. The Parish Magazine usually appears next to the Watery Corner seat, the place the Ducks avoid. And over the past months the Ducks have managed sneaky peeks at the tale of Duck 261. They are fascinated to know there is a large, dedicated, drifting flock nearby and send quacks of encouragement for the Great Day!

You can sponsor ducks floating in the Great Newenden Duck Race - Monday 26th August at 3:00pm. £2 per duck, first duck under the winning rope earns the sponsor £100.

Duck's must be sponsored in advance. Available from Frances Jones (01797 252563) and Judy Vinson (01580 241504). Other salepoints will be posted on Facebook. Precise location for the course, as ever, is subject to conditions on the day, but viewing will be from the Selmes Field riverbank adjacent to the Sports Pavilion.



And watch out for St Peter's tombola which will be close by in the field from 2:00pm. Frances is happy to receive tombola prizes!





Rolvenden Gardening Society



A visit to the RHS Gardens at Hyde Hall in Essex



The weather forecast was not looking good for our visit to RHS Hyde Hall on 9th July. However, we were lucky, as the sun came out, and we only had rain as we were on the coach. There were 39 of us on this trip, which is quite a low number, but those who came had an enjoyable time.

After our elevenses in the cafe, we started our walk around the extensive grounds of Hyde Hall. There was a lot of colour. Sadly, the roses had started to go over, but were still worth a look. The vegetable garden was looking very productive, the dry garden was at its best and gave us ideas of what to grow without much water.

However, it seemed like we had the gardens to ourselves as there were not many visitors. Many of our group ended up in the top cafe for lunch before visiting the nursery and shop ahead of boarding the coach for the return journey after our 5 hour visit. We arrived back in Rolvenden around 17.30 after an enjoyable day out.

Thank you to everyone who came with us, including non-members, who helped with the cost of the coach which these days can be expensive. We were fortunate that entry to the gardens was free as the Society is a member of the RHS.

It had been an enjoyable outing. Thank you to those who supported it.

Graham Button





The RHS Outing to Godington House, Ashford



26 members and friends travelled by coach to Godinton House, Ashford, on 19th June, to attend the Delphinium Festival.

On our arrival, we were taken into the house where we enjoyed a hot drink and a delicious slice of homemade cake in the tea rooms. Then, feeling duly refreshed, we were able to explore the extensive gardens. Group visits usually only occur in the mornings and, as there were no other groups there, we had the gardens to ourselves and so plenty of photo opportunities with no-one else in them!

The delphiniums didn't disappoint. They were magnificent! The wind and rain of the previous weekend hadn't ruined them in anyway. The colours were glorious: who knew there was such a palette of colours? Our members were keen to know why there was no evidence of slug damage but, as yet, that question has not been answered!

Back on the coach at 1.30pm and off to Longacres, formerly Bybrook Nursery, for a bite to eat and a chance to purchase some plants to take back home. Members certainly travelled home with a wide ranging variety of purchases.

On our arrival back in Rolvenden, we all agreed that it had been a thoroughly enjoyable day out helped by the lovely sunshine and the beautiful colours of the delphiniums.

Maralyn Button





Chapel Bank Pilgrimage

A different way to spend a Sunday afternoon

St Mary the Virgin, Ebony is the smallest church in the Benefice but it has a very special annual event, the Pilgrimage to Chapel Bank.

The Pilgrimage celebrates the moving of the old church from the top of Chapel Bank - the neighbouring "island" - down to the present site on the "mainland" in 1858. Needless to say, the distinction between the island and the mainland has become somewhat blurred as the whole area has been drained over the years and Chapel Bank is now totally land-locked. The event was started in 1958 - to celebrate the centenary of the original event - and has been held annually since then.

St Mary the Virgin church Ebony is, now, opposite the Tenterden Garden Centre. The annual Pilgrimage to Chapel Bank will take place on Sunday 1st September at 3 pm. It starts with an introductory service in the present church and then we process up the hill to the old churchyard. The walk up the hill takes about 20 minutes and is not strenuous. Those who cannot walk are able to drive up a track to the churchyard. The service then continues in the churchyard with a few more hymns and a brief address. Bring your own picnic tea, something to sit on, and we are very happy to say dogs are all very welcome too.

One word of warning: please do not be tempted to park in the Tenterden Garden Centre's car park. Their gates are closed at 5:00pm regardless of any vehicles left inside. To park, please pull off on to the verge adjacent to the Garden Centre.

Marylyn Bacon, Churchwarden



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Judy V



Weather and Nature Notes

June was being kind to the garden and I, not too hot and a little moisture was still in the ground although very little was added to it, only 16.5mm. Then near the end of the month it turned hot and humid the odd plant and I were showing some fatigue but cooler conditions soon returned by July with some showers, producing the first significant rainfall since May. Whilst in the garden one sunny evening a shower cloud neared and some very large well spaced apart raindrops slowly started to fall, from the angle I viewed this the sun was sparkling on each drop and it appeared like a shower of silver sequins falling from the sky until the advancing clouds covered the sun, a magic moment. Flying towards the advancing clouds were a few swifts, I started to count a small gathering I quickly counted 15 as they swirled around. More kept coming from the same direction, I managed to count 50 which I thought was a good number until I read there were 1000's passing through Dungeness that weekend, presumably starting on their journey back south, by the time you read this they will mostly all have left. The weather will never suit all flora and fauna, what suits one thing may not suit another. Generally the insect numbers seem rather meagre, which will have a knock on effect, a sunny day helps a little. The other day a solitary pristine red admiral had a group of six buddleias all to itself and also appeared to lay eggs on some of my nettles. As I recall last year these bushes had nearly finished flowering before the butterflies appeared in any numbers. Gatekeepers are emerging and sharing the bramble blossom in my hedge with a few bees, also now in the grasses six spot burnet moths stand out, with their bright red spots on an iridescent green/black background.

I have mentioned that I sometimes find the odd glow worm larva whilst gardening at work, so a work colleague and I decided to have a look for them



at night and hopefully see some adult females glowing. I went with high hopes, although it was rather cool and a full moon, not the best conditions as apparently they tend to be put off by the competing lights of a full moon or artificial light. However two were hidden down in the cracks of a path presumably seeking the warmth of the stone, emitting their amazing luminous green light. I want to try again on a better night but time is limited as the adults only live for a few weeks

When I was small and the programmes of Jaques Cousteau were fascinating people on our old black and white televisions, who then could know waterproof cameras would become tiny and accessible to all; water clarity being the only obstacle into seeing what lurks beneath the surface. I have put my camera in to a couple of different water bodies recently, both with a muddy bottom, one having various water plants and one not. I position the camera under some lily pads to record. Fish often lurk under the floating pads of the yellow brandy bottle lily so called because the flowers apparently smell of alcohol also the seed cases resemble a C17th "onion bottle" a prize find for bottle diggers or a mudlarker. Whilst I wait I amuse myself watching a dragonfly whizzing inches above the surface expertly weaving at high speed between the protruding aquatic plants like a slalom racer. A few swans elegantly glide along delving their heads into the water to feed, but unfortunately not close enough to my camera to capture them. Shoals of tiny snack sized fish for kingfishers keep close to the bank in the shallows, safety in numbers. There is a fairly good array of lovely waterside plants and flowers, but omg the pink flowering rush is always a delight to see, and one I can never get to flower in my little ponds, a different approach is obviously needed. All seems tranquil and perfect, but as the interesting article by Steve Crowley last month highlighted all is definitely not well with the rivers and they could be so much better. I would like to see how many species of fish I can get on film, I particularly would like to see eels. Back in the day there were plenty, but as with so many things another story of decline. After repositioning my little camera a few times a dead battery told me it was time to go home and see what footage I had. No new fish this time, this is when you realise just how dedicated and patient professional wildlife camera operators are to capture all the terrific footage that is made into programmes.

Hazel Beaney





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Rolvenden Pre-School Report

Pre -school is closed for the summer holidays and we hope everyone is enjoying their family time. Our most favourite activity from the end of term was potion making, using coloured water with added flower petals, herbs, glitter and chalk. The children spent a long time measuring, pouring, mixing, adding a variety of resources, chatting to each other and exploring endless play possibilities. Often the simplest ideas give the most value as children use their imagination to expand on their own play.

We are saying a fond farewell to 11 children this year as they make the transition to Primary School and we are ready to welcome lots of new starters in September. Have a great summer everyone!



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NOTES



This month Jane and Anthony sat down with Jonathan Kempton, Hon. Treasurer of the PCC of St Peter's Church, Newenden and a member of the congregation since the days of Rev. Philip Duval.



Jonathan was born in Isleworth in a house next door to his grandmother's, but when he was three, the family moved to Old Coulsdon, Surrey. There they had an enormous garden, which he loved. He has two older sisters, one now lives in Crete and the other in Winchester.

Having passed the 11-Plus, Jonathan was educated at Purley Grammar School for Boys. After his A Levels he decided not to go to university but to become qualified in Hotel and Business Management at a college in South Devon.

Jon's first job was at the Royal Scottish Hotel in Kings Cross and he was then promoted to be Financial Controller of the Kensington Palace Hotel. His career then took a tangent and he worked in the publications department of the British Museum. He enjoyed life in Bloomsbury Square but a colleague suggested Jonathan should follow him to Citi Corp, a big American bank. The employment package offered by the bank was lavish but it was not a culture that held any appeal to him. He had some business trips to the USA, one of which gave him the opportunity to visit his aunt and uncle in Canada. (His uncle was a lumberjack in Prince George, on the Fraser River, in British Columbia).



However, after two years, Jon left the bank to work for Richard Branson as Financial Controller of two highly exclusive hotels in the Voyager Group: Norton House Hotel in Edinburgh and Rhinefield House Hotel in the New Forest. His next challenge was to sort out the balance sheet for Claridges Hotel in London and it was while he was working there that the opportunity arose to join the 'family firm' of Albert and Michel Roux at Le Gavroche in Mayfair.

Jonathan recalls his 22 years working with the Roux family with great pleasure. They were an outstanding family to work for, dedicated as they were to their restaurant and their high standards of the culinary art. Jon's day in the office started at 7am with a telephone call from Albert Roux, asking for the current cash position. This was always key. It was an interesting counter point to a corporate environment.

In addition to the family restaurant, Jonathan was involved with Chez Roux, which was a subsidiary company. Up-market hotels, which wanted to upgrade their restaurants, approached the Roux family to bring their kitchens up to the Roux standard. Jonathan drew up contracts and became friends with Monica and David Galetti.

It should be mentioned that at Le Gavroche the wine list was second to none. The stock of wines held by the company was worth well over a million pounds (at cost) much of it kept in the cellars which stretched underneath the pavement outside the restaurant, and the rest in bonded warehouses. It was not at all unusual for diners to order a bottle of wine costing more than £3,000, and the most expensive bottle was dated 1847 and priced at £18,000. Jonathan thinks that this bottle was never actually sold but his memory is somewhat uncertain on the subject....

Retirement plans were made prior to the onset of the pandemic (thank goodness!) and Jon and his wife Janet now enjoy much travelling abroad and when at home, the company of their family - which includes two lovely young granddaughters. So, along with St Peter's treasury work, gardening, home projects and looking after two rescue hens and a cat, life does seem complete in this beautiful part of the world.

Although our village is very small, we have many villagers with fascinating stories to tell.

Anthony Dawson

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Get those little grey cells working

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

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This month we have to thank Gill Pooley for supplying not only a scrummy recipe but a photo to show you just how scrummy this recipe really is

FOOD, GLORIOUS FOOD!



I was given some fresh picked cherries from an orchard in Northiam so decided to make this Crumble Cake.

You could also use other fruit ie. plums or raspberries.

Ingredients

Crumble topping

45g plain flour

35g cold salted butter, cubed

20g caster sugar

Cake

180g salted softened butter.

220g caster sugar.

3 large beaten eggs

250g self raising flour.

1/2 tsp baking powder.

50g ground almonds

80g soured cream.

Couple of drop of almond essence.

300g Cherries Stoned and halved (200g finished weight)



Method:

Heat oven to 180C/160 fan/ gas 4

Butter a deep 20cm loose-bottomed cake tin, line with baking paper.

For the crumble: put the flour and butter in a bowl and rub together until you have a crumbly texture like breadcrumbs, stir in the sugar and put in the fridge.

For the cake: beat the softened butter and sugar with an electric whisk until light and fluffy. Gradually add the eggs, beating well . FOLD in the flour, baking powder, almonds, essence, sour cream and most of the cherries, reserving a few. Spoon into the tin smoothing the top. Dot with the reserved cherries, then bake in the oven for 30 minutes.

Scatter over the crumble topping, then return the cake to the oven for a further 30 minutes until a skewer inserted into the middle comes out clean

Remove from the oven and leave to cool in the tin.

Serve with cream or on its own.

Gill Pooley

Flower Festival & Art Exhibition – How you can help

St Mary's PCC values all the help we receive from our friends in Rolvenden and beyond in order to make the Festival happen.

■ Please contact Sylvia 01580 240 463, sylviakellett@eplusmail.com if you would like to help with Welcoming our Visitors in church or in distributing Posters and Leaflets.

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

■ Please contact Sue Dyer 01580 240925 if you would like to offer baking or help in the kitchen over the weekend. Also if you have items for the produce stall such as Jams and Pickles.

■ And there's just time to bring any books for the second-hand book stall into church by the end of the first week in August. Let's call that August 10th. Then Sue Hatt and her team can get down to sorting them.

Sign up rotas are available in church. As well as Stewarding and helping with the catering, there are opportunities to sit and help, selling raffle tickets or second handbooks. We divide the day up into 2-hour stints.

Thank you, Sylvia

**A FEAST OF FLOWER FESTIVALS
ACROSS THE BANK HOLIDAY WEEKEND**



Appledore Flower Festival

'A Novel Idea'



Appledore Church

August Bank Holiday Weekend

Sat 24th August - 10am - 5.30pm
Sun 25th August - 12.30pm - 5.30pm
Mon 26th August - 10am - 5.30pm

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ST MARY'S ROLVENDEN

Flower Festival

AUGUST BANK HOLIDAY WEEKEND

Sat 24th, (10am - 5pm)

Sun 25th, (11am - 5pm)

Mon 26th, (10am - 4pm)

Daily Organ & Instrumental Performances in Church

SONGS OF PRAISE

Sun 25th 11.00am

(please come and join us for this service)

Theme - Moses:

'Reluctant Hero - Faithful Servant'

In the Village Hall

ART EXHIBITION

Sale of Paintings, Crafts & Cards

Morning Coffee - Afternoon Tea

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Festival Lunches available at The Star Inn

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A decorative border of watercolor flowers in various colors including pink, yellow, red, and purple, with green leaves, framing the central text.

St John's Smallhythe Flower Festival

"A Country Church in Bloom"

24th to 26th August, 10 - 5 pm

Teas, coffees and cakes

Sunday Service 11.15 am

In aid of church funds



Monypenny's Splendid Gardeners

Many of our elderly residents have worked hard and achieved a wonderful display this year, with no outside help at all.

Toni, our Independent Living Officer, arranged a day visit to a nursery and residents chose the plants which were financed by ABC. We then had a "planting morning" where participating residents and Toni all joined in making up and hanging the baskets. This has been followed by much attention being paid to the daily task of keeping the baskets fed and watered.

At the rear of the main building residents Sue and Pam have created and financed their own "under window plots", whilst, at the Entrance Door residents June and Joy in a similar fashion, have created a colourful display and tended the Lavender Bushes along the path which are at present in glorious full bloom.

Several residents entered the Ashford Borough Council Garden in Bloom Competition and won first prizes for their entries. details will be published in a forthcoming ABC newsletter.

Graham Tiltman





Gillian Davis has been in touch to say: In September I have been fortunate enough to book the piano duo of Emma Abate and Julian Perkins once again. They will visit us on **Wednesday September 11th at 2pm**. I do not yet have a definite programme but I know that Richard's piano certainly suits their gorgeous touch.
***Tickets by donation available from Gillian Davis in advance
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Rolvenden History Group

Friday, 6 September 2024

'Ashford's Worst Day: 24th March 1943'

Ed Adams



This is a change to the published lecture. Ed is going to speak about the worst single air raid in Kent.

Venue: St Mary's Church, Rolvenden

Coffee and biscuits

7.15pm for 7.30pm start for lecture

Everyone welcome - Non-members: £4

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



Rolvenden Neighbourhood Watch August

Last month we looked at Banking Scams. This month we turn to Investment scams and pension fraud



Just a reminder, a Scam involves you making or authorising the payment yourself. You're persuaded to buy a fake item, hand over your security code or transfer a sum of money, not realising you're being conned by a criminal.

Scams can be very convincing and anyone can get caught out.

Examples of scams include:

- Instructions to transfer money to another account (e.g. a 'safe account')
- Fake investment opportunities
- Requests for money from a scammer who has befriended you or struck up a romance online
- 'Too good to be true' deals that must be paid for by bank transfer

The world of investments is extremely vulnerable to fraud. Since many emerging markets are unregulated, it's difficult for authorities to enforce good, ethical working practices.

Common investment scams involve buying:

- Rare metals
- Diamonds or gemstones
- Rare wine
- Land
- Carbon credits and alternative energy technology

If you're new to investing, find out more about investment scams below.

Common investment scams

- In the most common scams, fraudsters cold-call their victims by phone and pretend to be from an investment company. They try to sell investments in emerging markets they claim will lead to financial gains higher than the rates of established investments like ISAs. In reality, the item offered may not exist or is worthless.
- Often the scammers give details you might think only a genuine investment company will have. They may have details of investments you've made, shares you hold and know your personal circumstances.
- Remember, the scammers do their homework and make it their business to know as much about you as possible.
- They'll often call you a few times to form a friendly relationship. If you respond in any way, they'll keep going, trying to build trust and persuade you to part with your money.
- If they get money from you, they'll probably call again to persuade you to 'invest' more money, perhaps in a different commodity.
- Scammers may say they're from a reputable investment company; some say they're stockbrokers or consultants. Always seek independent financial advice before you invest in anything and check with the FCA (Financial Conduct Authority): <https://www.fca.org.uk/> to see if the company is registered. Don't just



rely on companies' House Data:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/companies-house>

■ Be wary of companies claiming they can recover money from lost investments on your behalf for a 'one-off' fee. This could be the same fraudsters trying to scam you again. As before, they're likely to know all about your previous investment history.

Pension fraud:

■ If you're over 55, the law now lets you access your pension savings. You have control of your pension pot and it's for you to decide how to invest the money.

■ Scammers may target you to steal your savings. They do this by persuading you to cash out your pension and put the money into fraudulent and unregulated investments with the promise of high returns.

■ If you're under 55, you can transfer your pension to another scheme, but you can't access the funds unless you're seriously ill. If you're offered a cash incentive to transfer your pension, you're likely to face tax charges worth more than half your pension savings.

■ If you're cold-called, get a text, email or similar approach that you haven't invited, offering a pension review, be careful. It may not be someone acting in your best interests.

■ Never make a decision based on phone calls, glossy brochures or pushy salespeople. How often do you buy from a doorstep salesperson? So why trust someone you've never met, contacting you from a company you've never heard of, with your life savings?

■ Always seek advice from an expert who has no connection with the 'sales pitch'. If possible, research the company. A genuine financial adviser should be registered with the FCA: <https://www.fca.org.uk/>

In short, if you receive a cold call, email, text, or any message about your pension, end the call or delete the message immediately. For more advice, visit The Pensions' regulator: <https://www.thepensionsregulator.gov.uk/pension-scams>

For more information and help or to report these and many other types of fraud,

go to <https://www.actionfraud.police.uk/> the UK's national fraud and cybercrime reporting centre.

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.

Making our communities tick – Booking the church for those 'Life Events'

What follows is a summary of how 'booking the church' works in the Tenterden, Rother and Oxney Benefice. The website www.tentroxchurches.co.uk has contact forms for a baptism or wedding which is the simplest way for you to start booking the church and the vicar.

Baptisms: If you would like your child to be brought up as Christian in the Church of England, a Christening is the first step. Baptising your child is an incredibly important day and the first step of an amazing journey with God. It is also a fantastic opportunity for families to get together and celebrate your new arrival.

Our Vicar will be delighted to hear from you and meet either in person or over the phone to talk about your wishes for the ceremony.

We will try our best to accommodate your needs and book your chosen date. Whilst discussing the day's arrangements, you can tell us about any hymns, songs or readings you would like included.

Weddings: Choosing to marry in one of our churches will ensure your wedding day is truly unforgettable. You will have a stunning venue for your wedding, you will be adding a spiritual dimension to your marriage with God's blessing.

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Our vicars are highly experienced and fully trained to support you on your special day. We will also organise a rehearsal so that you have an opportunity to go through the service before the big day with your close family and friends.

Funerals: If someone you know and love has died, a funeral led by a Church of England minister can be held in our churches.

We will be with you every step of the way to provide support and guidance at this very sensitive time.

You may well find your first discussions are with a Funeral Director who will guide you through the options, including that of having a service in church. It is the Funeral Director who will need to agree the date with you. It is usual for the Funeral Director to make the booking for you with the church of your choice or the crematorium.

The minister assigned to lead the service will work with you to ensure you have the chance to celebrate all that was special about the person you knew and loved. And after the funeral has taken place, we will still be there to support and guide you.

Whether you need a place to sit and think, pray or talk, you will be welcome in our church at any time.

Contact Details for organisations you might find you need:

EC30

A coffee shop and so much more! For more information email: info@ec30.co.uk, also see www.ec30.co.uk. EC30, Recreation Ground Rd, Tenterden. Open: Mon- Fri 9am - 4pm; Sat 9am - 3pm.

The Tenterden Family Foodbank EC30

Monday to Friday 9-4, Saturday 9-3/ food boxes for people who suddenly find themselves in difficulty due to late credit payments, unexpected bills, loss of job etc. info@ec30.co.uk / 07919 381827

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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

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- 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:

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

Parish Council will meet at 7:00pm

Tuesday September 3rd in St Peter's

ROLVENDEN PARISH COUNCIL

www.rolvendenparishcouncil.org.uk

Parish Clerk: Mrs Julie Flenley.

email: rolvendenclerk@gmail.com

Parish Council will meet at 7:30pm

Thursday August 15th

in Rolvenden Village Hall

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.



Parish Magazine Essential Information:

Articles and supporting photographs: email to judyannvinson@gmail.com.

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.



**THE DEADLINE FOR THE SEPTEMBER ISSUE
IS 5:00pm TUESDAY 13TH AUGUST**

Note for distributors: ☆ Rolvenden Magazines available for collection on Saturday 24th August. ☆ Newenden Magazines available for collection on Saturday 25th August.

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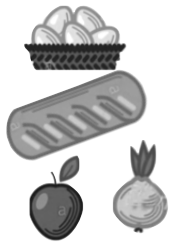
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