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*This month's letter comes from The Reverend Margaret Roylance, a member of our team of ministers.*

## **From the Minister's Desk**

Dear friends,

As I sit down to write this letter...with a reminder nudge from the magazine committee...I think about how life has been over these past few months and look, optimistically, at the next few months. We all had a good old moan about all the rain we've endured and now we're worried about the lack of rain. We can be very fickle!

I was standing, looking at my fridge doors, covered in magnets offering various words of wisdom, and laughed at most of them. You'll be glad to know that there are a few which bear words of faith. Several of them refer to shoes including one which features the parts of the brain, with the largest area saying 'shoes'! I can't imagine why! My favourite offers the words, 'You may comment on the dust in my house, but do NOT write in it.'



In thinking about the physics of magnets I was moved to being thankful for the 'magnetism' of my faith. Oh, so real and foundational in my life. Through all the ups and downs of life we are not promised a problem free existence, but Jesus tells us that He is always with us. I find that promise so true, strengthening and comforting. So many times has that knowledge kept me going.

Yesterday's Gospel passage was the last few words of Matthew's gospel, Jesus's great sending out of his disciples with a great message for all of us. I pray that we can all experience the 'magnetism' of our loving Lord, and stick with it through all we do and experience in this God given world.

*My prayers are for you all.*

*God bless you.*

*Margaret.*

*With every good wish.*





## St Peter and St Mary Flower Rotas for July 2023

### **Sunday St Mary**

July 02 Jan G  
July 09 Elizabeth M  
July 16 Elizabeth M  
July 23 Jenny Field  
July 30 Jenny Field

Contact: Sylvia Kellett  
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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.*

### **St Peter**

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## **Thank you to the readers of the printed Magazine**

If your magazine is delivered to you, and if you have already paid your annual sub, Thank You!

If you have not, and we all know how easy it is for these things to slip, please will you retrieve the envelope from the front of the June issue and check the payment options.

*Thank you from the Mag Team*

## **Polite request to our Online Readers**

We do not have the sophisticated programming to add a paywall and we like the idea of free access to the online version anywhere in the world. But we make an annual request to the online readership. Would you show your appreciation with a donation towards the work of this church. Here's how:

- Account: PCC of St Mary the Virgin Rolvenden
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*Thank you from Rolvenden PCC*



# Rolvenden Gardening Society



## Great day out with Rolvenden Gardening Society



Rolvenden Garden Society are organising a Coach Trip to the Lavender Fields near Sevenoaks on Tuesday 18th July. There will be a guided tour of the Lavender Fields & Distillery finishing with a glass of apple juice & lavender shortbread.

Following the visit everyone will be taken to Polhill Garden Centre for lunch (not included in cost). The cost is £26 per person and pick-up times will be announced shortly.

The pick-up points will be: Rolvenden Village Hall, Ewe & Lamb Rolvenden Layne, Lemon Tree Tenterden and St Andrews Church Tenterden.

*Please contact Graham Button to book your seats and arrange payment: 01580 241525, mobile 07754 763567, email grabutton@aol.com*



## **ROLVENDEN VILLAGE MARKET**

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# The Church of England

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

## Saturday 1st July:

4.30pm Andrew's First Celebration of the Eucharist (Tenterden)

*Live streamed and online thereafter*

## Sunday 2nd July: Fourth Sunday after Trinity

9.30am St Peter's Newenden  
Eucharist

6pm Choral Evensong St Mildred's Tenterden  
*Live streamed and online thereafter*

## Sunday 9th July: Fifth Sunday after Trinity

9:30am St Peter's Newenden  
The Eucharist

6pm Said Evensong with hymns (Tenterden)

## Sunday 16th July: Sixth Sunday after Trinity

9.30am St Peter's Newenden  
The Eucharist

2:00pm Glebe Field, Tenterden

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

## Sunday 23rd July: Seventh Sunday after Trinity

9.30am St Peter's Newenden  
Celtic Morning Prayer

6:00pm Said Evensong, (Tenterden)

## Sunday 30th July: Eighth Sunday after Trinity

8am St Mary's Rolvenden  
Holy Communion

9.30am St Peter's Newenden  
Eucharist

6:00pm Choral Evensong (Tenterden): *Live streamed and online thereafter*

8am St Mary's Rolvenden  
Holy Communion

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

11:00am St Mary's Rolvenden  
The Eucharist

11:00am St Mary's Rolvenden  
Matins  
Forest Church

11am St Mary's Rolvenden  
The Eucharist

11am St Mary's Rolvenden  
Celtic Morning Prayer

### And during the week

**Morning Prayer** Will be said Monday to Friday at 9am 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 won't appear online.*

To access our daily online worship, visit: YouTube St Mildred's, Tenterden  
Online services, can also be accessed through the daily bulletin, Connect Up!

To receive Connect Up! please visit our website: [www.tentroxchurches.co.uk](http://www.tentroxchurches.co.uk)



# Friends of St Peter's



Evening cruising on the Rother

## Events for the next few months:

- July 16th AGM 5pm followed by boat cruise on the River Rother Please email Alan Seal [alanseal@gmail.com](mailto:alanseal@gmail.com) to reserve your place.
- Caroline Anderson -Jones is organising an arty crafty day at Priory Stones on August 13th More details to follow
- The Annual Duck Race. August Bank Holiday/ Please email Frances Jones [frances@peri.co.uk](mailto:frances@peri.co.uk) for forms to sell ducks. Ducks each £2 £100 prize
- Rye Bay Crew Concert on Friday September 29th at 7.30pm

St. Mildred's Church Tenterden. They will be performing songs from West End Musicals from Gershwin to Lloyd-Webber.

Tickets will be available from Alan Seal [alanseal@gmail.com](mailto:alanseal@gmail.com) phone 07970 134611 electronic payments available.

■ And finally-The popular First Thursday lunchtime talks will begin again in the Autumn.

The church people are very grateful to the Friends for funding the work in progress on the church building. New lighting has been installed and work is being carried out on the damp walls.

Can you help by joining the committee? We have recently lost three valuable members, Carol Harding and Jane and Anthony Dawson. Jane and Anthony have arranged many musical events and have raised a great deal of money for the Friends. *Please email Alan Seal (chairman) if you would be willing to join.*

*Frances Jones*

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## Get those little grey cells working

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

**Two rules:** only use each letter once in a word and you must use the one in the middle.



# Newenden Cricket Club

On 28 May, NCC suffered a rare defeat at the hands of Linton Park in a League match but that has only spurred the club on - it was a great game of cricket, and this is why the club wants to compete at the top level. Since then, three wins have been notched up and that's how we all want to see the rest of the summer progress.

The next two months' fixture list can be found below and it is also available on the club website:

[https://www.newendcnc.co.uk/fixtures/teamid\\_2517/Sunday-1st-XI.aspx](https://www.newendcnc.co.uk/fixtures/teamid_2517/Sunday-1st-XI.aspx)



	<b>Date</b>	<b>Opponent Format</b>	<b>Venue</b>	<b>Time</b>	
Sunday	2 July	Borstal	Home	1.30pm	KVCL Div 1
Wednesday	5 July	Rolvenden	Away	6.00pm	100 Smash
Saturday	8 July	Winston's Match	Home	1.00pm	Friendly
Sunday	9 July	Overs/Unders	Home	1.00pm	Friendly
Wednesday	12 July	Wallop Final	Away	6.00pm	Wealden Wallop
Sunday	16 July	Harbledown	Away	1.30pm	KVCL Div 1
Sunday	23 July	Chairman's Day	Home	1.00pm	Friendly
Sunday	30 July	Leeds & Broomfield	Home	1.30pm	KVCL Div 1
Sunday	6 August	Stowting	Home	1.30pm	KVCL Div 1
Friday	11 August	Goudhurst Gentlemen	Home	6.00pm	Friendly
Sunday	13 August	Knockers CC	Home	1.30pm	Friendly
Wednesday	16 August	Sandhurst	Home	6.00pm	100 Smash
Sunday	20 August	Chestfield	Away	1.30pm	KVCL Div 1
Sunday	27 August	Newenden Sixes	Home	11.00am	Friendly

*For general information and any queries, please just get in touch.*

*Ingrid Nilson, NCC Hon Secretary*

*Tel: 01797 252030, email [nccsec@adfl.co.uk](mailto:nccsec@adfl.co.uk)*

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## Rolvenden Primary School – June Update

Jane Mason Photography



We were delighted to launch our new event – The Rolvenden Primary School Showcase at Smallhythe Place - in the last week of Term 5. This event featured performances from the whole school, individual classes and then some selected acts who had gone through a 'Britain's got Talent' style audition process. There were performances of well-known songs such as I'm Still Standing by Elton John and Let it Be by the Beatles along with more modern songs such as Dance Monkey and Happy. The audience was also treated to a magic performance along with keyboard and dance acts. It was a lovely afternoon which really showed off the amazing array of talents which are present at RPS.

We are also delighted to be able to share our new themes for Term 6 with you. It is primarily a Geography themed term with all other subjects linking where possible.

- Hazel Class will be learning about Dragons and creating sculptures based on the work of Henry Moore.
- Oak Class will be learning about the history of Rolvenden and practising using maps which refer to compasses with eight points. In Food Technology, they will be making delicious fruit kebabs.



- Willow Class will be learning about the mighty volcanoes around the world. In Science, they will be studying the creation of Lego; learning about Mae Jemison and measuring the weather.
- Holly Class will be learning about rivers and studying their formation and eco-systems. In RE and PSHE, they will be thinking about how their friendship groups/religious organisations can support them when things get hard. In the area of sports, our on-site swimming pool is back in use this year and the changing rooms have benefitted from a full re-decoration ready for the new season. Children swim weekly throughout the summer. We have also sent teams to the Ashford and District Football and Netball leagues and the Wealden Cricket Tournament. Most excitingly, our athletics team were victorious in the recent Wealden Sports Athletics event!

*Ben Vincer*  
*Head of School*

## **John Gibbons Educational Foundation**

Applications are invited from any persons from the village, between the ages of 7 and 21, for assistance towards the cost of further education from a bequest made in 1700.

Applications for consideration must be made in writing before 31st August 2023 to:

Mr K J Linklater, Horseshoes, Frensham Road,  
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# 'I have a Garden'

## The Walled Garden at Hole Park



Writing in his journal in 1923, my Great Grandfather Arthur Barham, wrote 'I have a garden'. After five years of planting, having been invalided home in 1917 from the trenches of the Great War, he was proud of his efforts and considered them worthy of recognition amongst his peers. 100 years on, his pride and joy of the Rose Garden was looking decidedly tired.

When first planted Arthur records that it had 126 rose beds, set out in a complicated pattern which even

he identified as being too many. Over time these were removed, and we were left ultimately, with a modest border around the outside of a large expanse of grass; not very exciting. Following the replanting projects elsewhere in the garden, the Walled or Rose Garden, was definitely the weak link.

Whilst notable garden designers were consulted, none came up with a concept that really excited us, a task made more difficult in that the garden is not rectangular. None of the five entrance ways align with each other not any of the 4 walls parallel; there is no true centre point. A typical design might normally have started from the centre with a feature, statue or fountain. This option was not one we considered.

Hole Park's own Head Gardeners Quentin Stark, and Joe Archer came up with the idea of starting from the outside with a bold elliptical path, with variable depth of generous planting around the outside that would mask the unusual layout of the garden. We started work on this project in 2022, contractors Everything Outside of Rolvenden undertaking the hard structure of paths and border edges, for which we reused the York stone upstand, setting them a little higher than before, and this will provide a lovely cascade of colour all along the edge of the path in the future.

The generous planting programme undertaken this spring is now bearing fruit, and visitors are enjoying seeing how the garden progresses. Not everything is right, nor ever will be; some plants exceed and others disappoint, and as with all gardens, this will be an ongoing project to manage over the decades ahead, our centenary project to commemorate Arthur's declaration 'I had a garden'.

*Visitors may enjoy Hole Park daily until the end of June, and thereafter every Wednesday and Thursday until the end of October and otherwise by appointment.*

*Edward Barham June 2023*



# Rolvenden Pre-School report



The summer term is in full swing with the children enjoying being outside. The blue tit babies in our nest box have flown but there is plenty to discover in the garden as we explore the village.

And Pre School is looking for someone to join the team. We are looking for a level 3 qualified early years practitioner to work up to 4 days a week during term time. Alternatively, we could consider an apprentice who has not yet obtained any qualifications but intends to start studying. We have dedicated premises in Rolvenden Village Hall and good links with Rolvenden Primary School.

*Interested? Please do get in touch for an informal chat.*

*We are open, at the moment Monday to Thursday.*

*Call: 07729718181*

*or see Facebook page*

*@rolvendenpreschool*

## ❖ From the Registers ❖

### **Baptisms**

21st May – Ada Andromeda White at St Mary's

### **Weddings**

27th May - George Wilfred Barham and Eliza Charlotte Hall at St Mary's

### **Funerals**

6th June - Tess People at St Mary's followed by cremation at Charing

9th June – Colin Fairbrass at St Mary's

### **Interment of Ashes**

28th May – Richard Banister at St Peter's



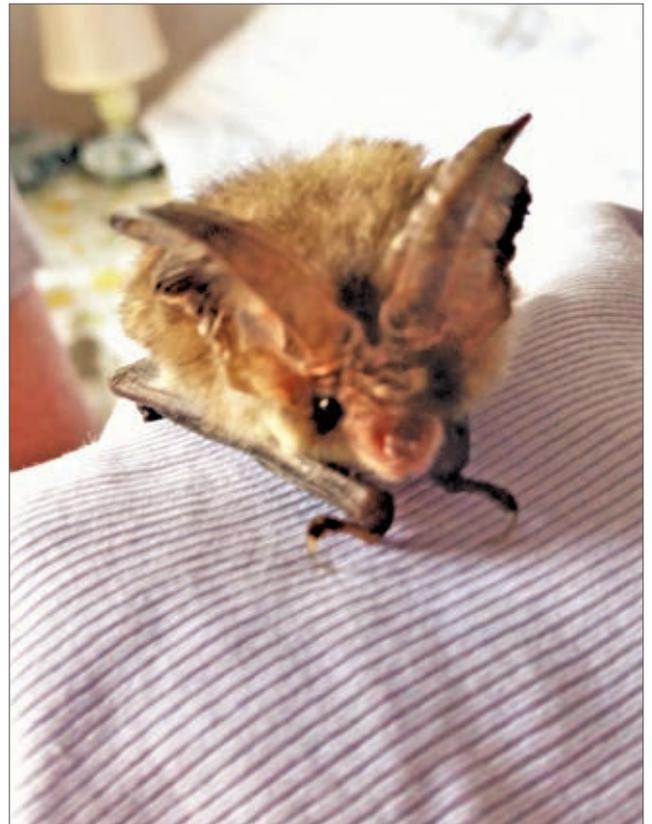
## Weather and Nature Notes

The rain gauge has stood redundant, only collecting dust and debris for a month, at the time of writing there is no foreseeable rain according to the Met. Office. May only produced 18mm, that with the combination of winds from a chilly direction has meant the clay soils have quickly turned hard and in desperate need of some rain for the plants, and to soften the ground for birds who are in need of nutritious worms and leatherjackets etc for their young. At work whilst digging holes for some plants a female blackbird has been a companion, I pass her a worm as I find them, when her beak is full, she flies off to feed the young and quickly swoops back for more. It is a busy time for birds, the nest box in my garden gradually got noisier as the young blue tits neared fledging, I always fear that predators will be attracted by their loud chattering. The adults were good parents frequently returning with caterpillars. Around mid-morning one day I noticed the silence, the blue tits had left the nest. One unfortunately was dead on the ground, such a shame after all the energy and care gone in to raising that tiny little bird. Hopefully the others are ok and getting to know a world outside their nest box. Another hole nesting bird, the nuthatch also scours trees for caterpillars and insects. As I sat on the seat round Pix's lane one caught my eye returning regularly to feed the young hidden away in a hole, high up in a tree. The poor swallows however must be having a harder time catching airborne insects, the cold air temperatures and wind keeping them lower to the ground, they flit low across the rippling grass meadows and



ponds in pursuit of what seems an ever-decreasing supply of insects. Spotting an aphid feels like an achievement and bee numbers seem slow to increase. A thank you to Val Suttton, who is a licensed bat rescuer and handler, who kindly invited me to come and see a bat in her care at the moment. He is a brown long-eared bat, unfortunately he appears to not be able to locate his food properly yet, so cannot be released, it is hoped he improves enough to go and live with another long-eared bat for company who also is not capable of surviving in the wild. Their rehabilitation takes a lot of care and dedication. The light conditions were not good for a photo, but he is adorably cute. He easily ate three mealworms, but would happily eat more, then he flew back into his large cage and hung from its roof. The German translation of their name "flying mouse" looks obvious; a little ball of fur with large ears. In the photo you can just see his thumbs (the claw at the front) After he had eaten, he began to clean himself and Val pointed out how he uses the thumb claw to clean his tiny sharp teeth like a toothpick. Normally seen at dusk or at night whizzing round, it is difficult to identify one bat species from another, so it is a rare treat to see a creature like this up close, albeit for unfortunate reasons.

I was recently reading some interesting information about a plant that is very overlooked and to some people a nuisance, but has the potential to solve a lot of problems on a world-wide scale and some countries are exploring it's potential. It grows throughout the world, we have a few varieties native to the UK. Like trees, peat bogs and seaweed it can store carbon, it has more protein than soya beans, is fast growing and sustainable. In some parts of the world it is eaten also it could be used as animal food. This may give you a clue, various countries are experimenting with its use as a wastewater treatment, it helps to reduce water evaporation, and uses up excess nutrients in water helping to prevent algae, and deter mosquitos. Fish and waterfowl have always appreciated duckweed, now it seems humans may be at last. If you are not convinced and still see duckweed as a nuisance in your pond, having moving water and not over feeding fish help to reduce it, along with raking out the excess. Small amounts are good for a balanced wildlife pond, fish will eat it and even the locally found caterpillar of the small China-mark moth depend on it.



*Hazel Beaney*



## **Another year in the life of a basket maker...**

...and the farmers' markets are in full swing and all of the important fairs are booked. With 22 on the calendar so far, there is a lot to look forward to.

I lead quite a solitary existence, weaving without colleagues, although my husband works from home also and my dog keeps me company while weaving in the garden most days. Selling my baskets at markets and fairs is like a day out for me. I get to meet people, share experiences with regards arts and crafts, demonstrate the craft, so people get an idea of how a basket is made, and get feedback on my wares. I always try to offer something for every wallet - baskets for a small present or ones that can set the scene in a living room - and sell courses and vouchers too.

It's not always easy to get to a venue. Last year, I got a flat tyre due to a pothole while driving to The Decorative Living Fair in Eridge. I had to wait for someone to fix it where it happened and missed the morning! It's sometimes also not easy to get back home again, as I found out on that evening when it started to snow and wouldn't stop on 11th December last year. Sliding home took me 6



hours from Brighton to Newenden.

Never a dull day. One Saturday, I was chatting to a jolly gent at the King John's Nursery Farmer's Market, when he asked me to repair the sidecar of his 1911 Triumph. The person who bought the motorbike in 1911 wanted his wife to

come with him, so built a frame and had a willow sidecar made.

Cars were expensive and motorbikes much more affordable. This bike had been replaced with a new basket in 1962 by a blind basket maker. In the olden days and especially after the war, many injured soldiers in rehab were put to basket making to still take part in the war effort and have a sense of achievement. Occupational therapy was born and many people since benefited from



basket weaving due to its therapeutic qualities. So now it was my turn to repair the sidecar and make sure it would last a little longer. What fun!

You can see the finished article but unfortunately, I have not got a picture of it mounted on the bike. Chris Booth of the Motor Museum in Rolvenden came to



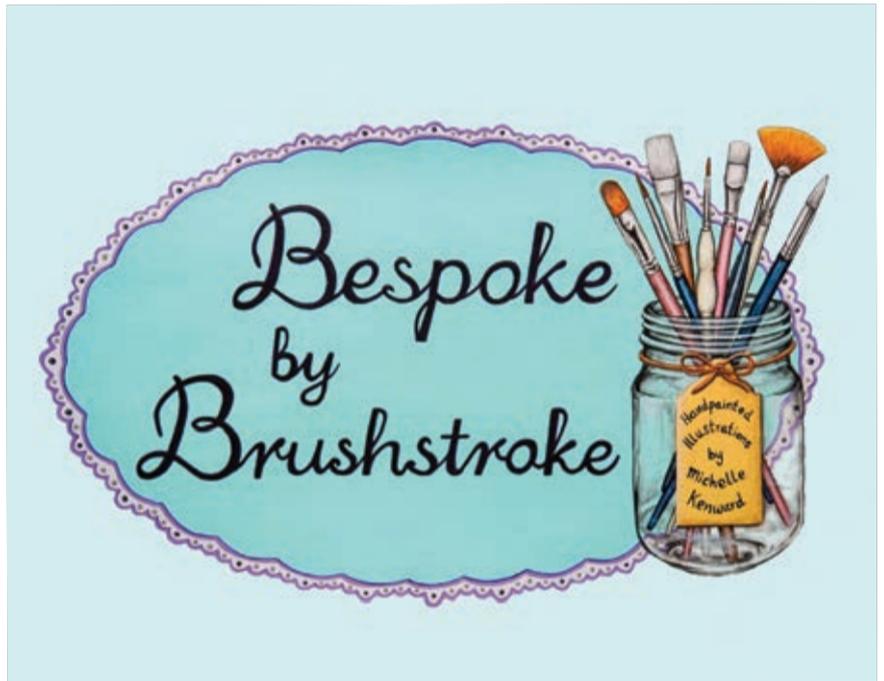
my rescue with this picture, close to the shape of my chair but a good deal fancier. Chris explained early sidecars took on several different designs, The shape very much depends on the design of the sidecar chassis. Often there is a steel skeleton to give strength onto which the basketwork is woven. And Chris has a very nice original one in the museum which is of the more elaborate design with a door, but still basketwork. It can be viewed at any time when the museum is open, Mon to Sat 10am to 5pm.

Many more people are having their heirlooms repaired at the moment. After many years of use, they have gained such emotional value, connecting you as the user to past generations. Make do and mend is not old fashioned at all. It's common sense, living

more consciously nowadays. It's fascinating to see the wide variety of styles and techniques of baskets made throughout Britain. Oh, I so love my profession!"

Marianne Angeloni-van Niekerken Crafty Basketry

<https://www.craftybasketry.website/>



## Meet Michelle Kenward

Illustrator at Bespoke by Brushstroke

Some of the earliest memories I have from my childhood are of me doing arts and crafts or colouring. Our beloved great Auntie would travel down from London and stay with us during the summer holidays, and it was with her that I spent hours colouring or drawing pictures from story books.

Art became my favourite subject at school, with GCSEs, A Levels and later a degree in Scenic Arts from Rose Bruford College in Sidcup. This was a very practical, hands-on course, working with designers to create sets for theatre productions. We were taught a variety of skills; woodwork, metal work and scenic painting. It was a very demanding 3 year course but a wonderful opportunity to work alongside industry professionals. The painting side of the course was my favourite. I learnt many new techniques and how to paint on such a large scale!

I graduated in 2010 but my plans were put on hold. As a child I had been diagnosed with hip dysplasia and there now followed 7 years of orthopaedic surgeries with some rather robust metal work to improve the function of my hip. Whilst I was recovering, painting became my comfort and escape. I started painting cards for family and friends as they celebrated special occasions, birthdays, weddings, the birth of a child. Cards progressed into framed illustrations, and any other items that could be decorated with paint, I painted! My work extended beyond family and friends with several opportunities to create illustrations and signs for local businesses. It was a wonderful feeling to know people were interested in my work.

After those years of recovery, I ventured into the world of work, finding a job in catering and hospitality. I moved around, I moved up. I was a manager when



the pandemic arrived. It came with much uncertainty and, finally, redundancy. During this time my partner James and I bought our first home together and moved to Rolvenden. So, at a time when everything was changing what would I do? Painting of course! I set up Bespoke by Brushstroke, my own business, doing what I love doing, and something I had always dreamt of.

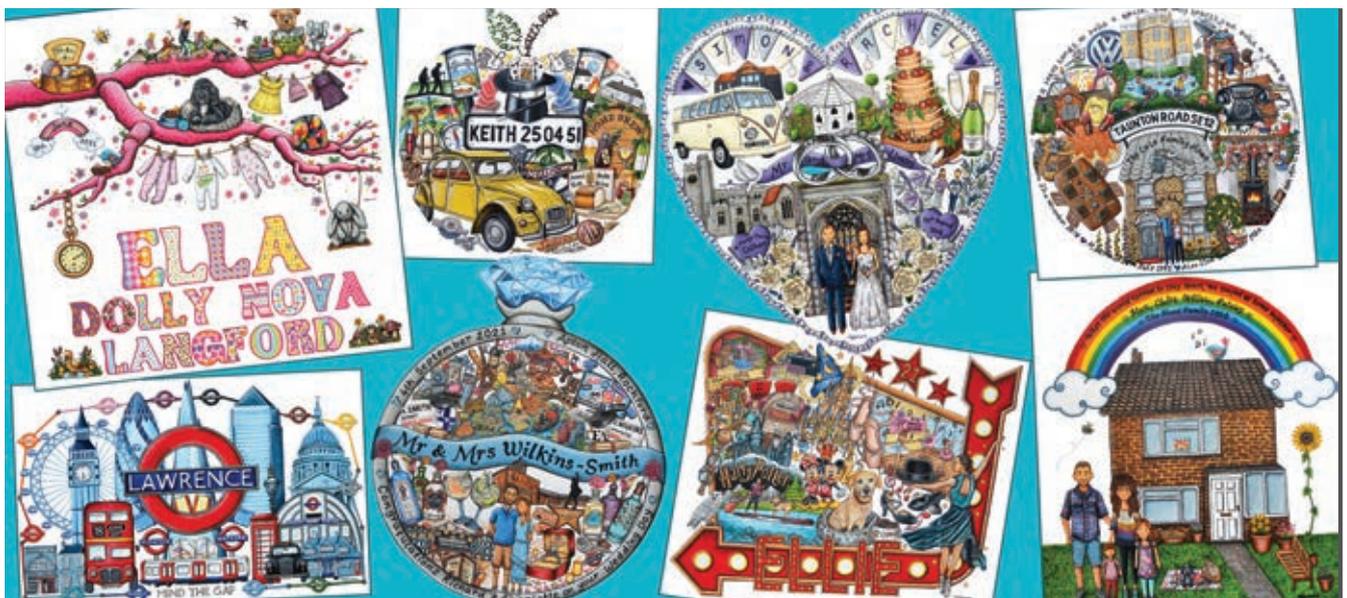
I create personalised, hand painted, illustrations for special occasions, from birthdays, anniversaries, weddings, new babies, christenings, new homes and anything and everything in between! My illustrations can tell the story of people's lives, a painting full of memories and meaningful moments, special places, hobbies and interests. Paintings to celebrate the arrival of new babies capture those special first outfits and teddies, the baby's name, date and time of birth and anything that is meaningful to the family. Paintings utterly unique and personal. You'll never find them on the high street! All of my illustrations are designed individually and hand-painted in acrylic, with every tiny detail captured using a tiny brush and steady hand!

I also work in Rolvenden's village shop, a lovely way to meet so many friendly, local people. I enjoy the balance of my two roles, being around people in the hustle and bustle of the shop and then coming home to the calm and quiet of painting.

I have had a very busy first few years with Bespoke by Brushstroke and feel very lucky that I get to create these illustrations, which become cherished gifts for years to come. It's a joy to work with each client, learning about their lives and interests and coming up with a design to capture everything in a painting.

If you have a special occasion coming up or would like a unique gift created for someone special, then a personalised illustration from Bespoke by Brushstroke might be just the ticket. Examples of my work can be found on my Facebook or Instagram pages @BespokebyBrushstroke or you're welcome to email me [bespokebymichelle@gmail.com](mailto:bespokebymichelle@gmail.com).

Michelle





# FOOD, GLORIOUS FOOD!

## Slaw salads



Coleslaw is one of the most widely eaten salads, it originally came from the Netherlands, the name comes from the Dutch word *koosla* which translates as cabbage salad. A recipe from Holland in 1770 was made of thin strips of cabbage with melted butter and vinegar, the salad has now evolved into many different slaws eaten around the world. It is particularly popular in America where it was introduced by the Dutch settlers in the 18th Century.

Homemade slaw salad is delicious and can also be very healthy depending on the dressing you choose. A traditional slaw is made with white cabbage, carrots, onions and dressed with mayonnaise. But you can make it as elaborate and variable as you like. You can also use red cabbage, green cabbage or Napa cabbage (Chinese leaves) or a mixture.

It is an excellent salad for a large number as can be made the day before and refrigerated overnight.

I was making slaw for New Year with the help of my granddaughter, when she saw the cut half of the red cabbage she said it looked like a brain which it did, needless to say we now have brainslaw!

Once you've decided on your base you can jazz it up with all sorts of lovely flavours

Some ideas of ingredients to add to a slaw: seeds are good but do toast them first to bring out the flavour. I like celeriac, which discolours quickly so needs to be put straight into the dressing. Grated beetroot is excellent but it will leach colour so best added before serving if you want to avoid a pink salad.



Thinly sliced celery, sliced apple( sprinkle with lemon juice) shallots or spring onions. Other ideas are radishes, fennel, red and orange peppers, raisins or sultanas.

### **Some alternative dressings**

If you want to lighten mayonnaise mix in some plain low-fat yogurt or sour cream.

#### **Honey and mustard dressing**

1 Tbls sunflower oil

150ml low fat natural yogurt

Juice of half a lemon

1 tsp wholegrain mustard

1 tsp honey

Pepper and salt

Mix altogether, will keep in the fridge for 2-3 days

#### **Lemon and oil dressing**

3 Tbls sunflower oil

1 Tbls lemon juice or cider vinegar

½ tsp mustard powder

1 clove garlic crushed

Put everything in a screw top jar and shake until blended.

#### **Tangy dressing**

250ml mayonnaise

Zest and juice 1 lemon

2 Tbls cider vinegar

2 Tbls wholegrain mustard

1 tsp Celery salt and pepper

Mix altogether in a bowl

#### **Yogurt dressing.**

100g low fat Greek yogurt

Juice ½ lemon

2 tsp cider vinegar

2 tsp Dijon mustard

Salt and pepper.

#### **Sweet and sour dressing.**

250ml pineapple juice

Zest and juice of 1 lime

2 tsp sesame oil

2 tsp maple syrup

Whisk together before pouring over the vegetables, let stand for up to 2 hours



*Lavinia*



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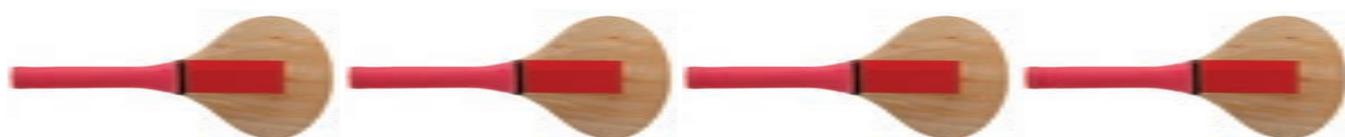
## Summer Sporting Fun

### Two villages, two traditions

**Newenden** has a fun game of rounders for all ages on Monday evenings starting at 7:00pm, Sports Field, turn up and play.

*More information from Dave Wheeler 07484 866290*

**Rolvenden** has a stoolball sessions for youngsters age 7 to 16 and playing to 'Ken's Rules, Thursday evenings from 6:15pm, Layne Field. Again, it's turn up and play. Needed, parents/adults to join in with helping. *More information from Judy V 01580 241504*



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## **Rolvenden Flower Festival & Art Exhibition 2023**

**Saturday 26th to Monday 28th August**

The Festival is at the gearing up stage, quiet words here and there, sharing ideas, hopes and the beginning of plans.

Sylvia has shared with the flower arrangers that the theme for this year is Shakespeare Arranged. What will they tackle? Tamed shrews, star crossed lovers, the Dark Lady? and that's without considering using the many flower quotes scattered through his plays and sonnets.

Having the ancient stones, the height and size of the building as the backdrop is an additional challenge for the arrangers. To illustrate the point, the photo shows how a visiting florist responded to the building itself when decorating St Mary's for a wedding. To complete the activities in the church, someone will be searching out the list of last year's musicians and stewards and there will be thoughts of posters and publicity.

In the Village Hall the Art Exhibition will have a wonderful variety of



paintings for sale, there will be some quality craft and the usual huge selection of artists greetings cards. It is not too late to enter your artwork, so please contact Jan, see my details below.

There will of course be a delicious selection of refreshments for coffee, lunch and tea provided by Yvonne from the Star. And there is the book stall and raffle as well across the three days. Catering bookstall and raffle will need cakes, books and prizes and all will need volunteers. It can be hard work, but it comes with a buzz of being in a team, a team which not only makes the whole event possible but also manages to give welcoming smiles to visitors from near and far and make this a really great community event.

*Please make a note in your diary and if you want to know more about how you can become involved, please do get in touch.*

*Sylvia Kellett: 01580 240463 - sylvia\_kellett@eplusmail.com*

*Jan Gambier: 07952 414269 - janpetpics@btinternet.com. (Art Show)*

*Judy Vinson: 01580 241504 - - judyannvinson@gmail.com*

## **Rolvenden School Community Champions** **Help to survey the plants and wildlife of St Mary's churchyard**



As part of St Mary's eco awareness, it was a pleasure to welcome the Rolvenden Community Champions After School Club on Monday June 5th to help us start making a record of plant species and other wildlife in the churchyard. The two teams of four made a list of plants in two areas, and noticed any insects about.

Our plants included teasle, burdock, ox-eye daisy, hawthorn and chequer tree; and we heard or saw wood pigeon, blackbird, bluetits, speckled wood butterfly and peppered moth, along with many more.

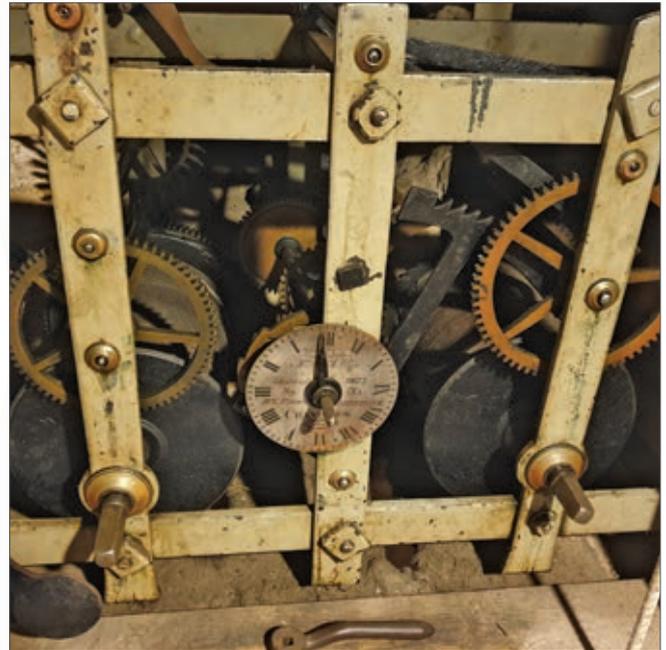
We were assisted in identification work by Hazel, Elizabeth and Ashley and a highlight was to be able to handle and closely examine

live poplar hawk moths courtesy of Ashley.....no creatures were damaged during this survey! We hope to continue to check and record and gradually build a picture of the wildlife we share the churchyard with.

**Sylvia**



# Rolvenden Clock 200



**1823 to 2023**

Back in February there was an article in the magazine explaining why the Rolvenden Church Clock was standing stubbornly at 12:00. Noon or midnight, you choose but the hands were not budging and the hours were not striking. The article gave some of the technical details of the working of an ancient tower clock, including how to set the time:

'Right on the front of the movement is the setting dial so the hands can be set to time without having to see the outside dial, a bit unusual as the time setting dial actually displays the time backwards.'

We have adopted this dial as the logo for this project. It contains snippets of the clock's history. The earliest date mark is 1823. Exactly 200 years on we are having to undertake a major restoration of this magnificent piece of ancient engineering.

I know this clock well. For some years I have been responsible for the weekly winding of the cage clock mechanism and dealing with any issues that arise with the weights system which is part of the clock's engineering design. You can see in the photograph how the clock mechanism is built into a metal cage, hence its name. I have also carried out maintenance of the clock face working with my rope access skills. The photo of me was taken a few years ago when I was doing some cleaning work.

Back in February we received one quote. Given the cost, the PCC asked for others. These are in and the amount we need to raise for the full project is £25,000. This will include removing the entire internal cage clock mechanism for a strip down, repair and re-build. The clock face will be lowered and taken



away for a re-paint and a regilding of the numbers, yes we mean "regilding"... they are gold leaf. That's just one of the traditional skills that will be needed to complete the refurbishment of our village clock.

We are now officially launching the Rolvenden Clock 200 fundraising campaign. We are working on many ideas for special events. We have already held a choral concert and an organ recital in the church, both successful events which have started the fund.

Music events do seem to be popular so we are planning another special day to take place in the churchyard on Saturday 12 th August. The essential elements will be music, a barbeque cooked by myself and of course, a few beers. Watch this post for more details as they are released!

I am also going to be carrying out what I am calling "The 9 Church Run". This will be a 30 mile sponsored run following a route between all of the nine churches in our Tenterden, Rother & Oxney benefice. I will be joined on the run by our church friend, Mo, who will be pacing me on his bike. The date for this is confirmed as Saturday 30th September.

There will be more events plus a traditional appeal letter to all households. Please look out for announcements and promotions We will very much appreciate your support.

The clock has been an important feature of village daily life for 200 years. We know it is missed. Let's get together and restore this piece of Rolvenden's heritage!

*If you have any ideas for raising funds, or even of becoming a significant sponsor, please do get in touch. We would love to have you involved.*

*Tim Cole*

*Churchwarden*

*Tel: 01580 241154*

*Email: timjamescole@hotmail.com*





# Rolvenden Neighbourhood Watch

Our focus month is on preventing theft from vehicles



Having your car broken into and losing your things to thieves can be very distressing. Here are a few simple steps you can take to keep your vehicle and what's in it, safe.

1. Always lock it, even when filling up or popping back into your house to get something. Get into the habit of locking your vehicle even if you're only going to be away from it for a moment. If your vehicle has wing mirrors that

fold in automatically when locked, make sure you lock it properly. Criminal gangs can identify an unlocked car from the position of the wing mirrors.

2. Close windows and the sun roof to prevent items being fished through the gap by hand or with a bent coat hanger. Doors can be unlocked this way as well.

3. Secure your number plates with tamper-resistant screws. The easiest way to change the identity of a stolen vehicle is to fit stolen number plates. Using security screws to attach your vehicle's number plates makes it harder for thieves to get your number.

4. Secure anything that's on the outside of your vehicle, anything on roof-racks, tailgate racks, holiday top boxes can be made more secure with cable locks, padlocks or being put in self-locking tools chests, which are secured to the vehicle. For further information and advice, visit Sold Secure:

<https://www.soldsecure.com/>

5 Take it with you or hide it. Your mobile phone, coins for the car park, sunglasses, packs of medication or other items that can earn quick cash are irresistible to the opportunist thief. The cost of replacing a window is often much more than the value of what's stolen. Wallets, handbags, purses and credit cards should never be left in an unattended vehicle.

6. Hide electrical items and leave no clues. Leaving sat nav mounts, suction cup marks on windows or cables on view gives it away that you have left a Sat Nav, smartphone or other device in your car. A thief will break in and search when it is likely there is a device hidden somewhere.

7. Tool theft from vans. If you have to leave tools in a van overnight, mark them clearly with your name / company name and address using paint pens and seal with a clear lacquer spray. Alternatively, you can use a variety of other property marking systems. Items that are clearly marked are more difficult to sell on. Use a lockable cabinet within your van to store tools – a number of security



rated products are available. Small cameras are also designed to record inside vehicles. Visit Secured by Design for more details:

<https://securedbydesign.com/>

8. Parking in well-lit and busier areas or busy streets increases the chances of a thief being seen. It can take less than 30 seconds to break into a vehicle.

9. Take your documents with you, registration and insurance documents could let a thief pretend to be the owner. Never leave any documents in the vehicle.

10. Catalytic converter theft is on the increase. Thieves are after the precious metal in catalytic converters.



*Find out what catalytic converter theft is and what you can do about it, like marking your unit: <https://www.kent.police.uk/cp/crime-prevention/keeping-vehicles-safe/catalytic-converter-theft/>*

*Siân Reeves*

### **Reporting crime to the police**

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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.



**THE DEADLINE FOR THE AUGUST ISSUE IS 5:00pm TUESDAY 11TH JULY**

Note for distributors: ☆ Rolvenden Magazines available for collection on Saturday 22nd July. ☆ Newenden Magazines available in St Peter's on Sunday 22nd July from noon. The online version will be available from 1st August accessed via the Parish Council websites for Newenden and Rolvenden Parish Councils, for which arrangement we are most grateful. *Judy V*



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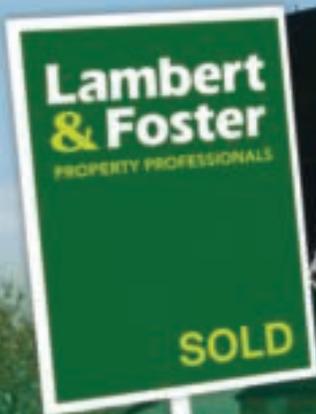
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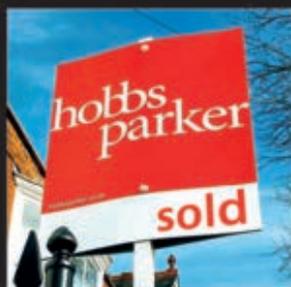
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EC30 is part of a registered charity, encompassing the coffee shop run by Sharon and her Team of volunteers, a range of community services and a popular charity shop. Rooms are available to hire by the hour too (daytime, evenings and weekends), as well as the main café space (when the café is closed).

For more information pop along during opening hours or contact via email: [info@ec30.co.uk](mailto:info@ec30.co.uk). Also see [www.ec30.co.uk](http://www.ec30.co.uk).

EC30, Recreation Ground Rd, Tenterden.

Open weekdays 9am – 4pm; Sat: 9am – 3pm.



## **The Tenterden Family Foodbank**

makes available foodboxes for people who suddenly find themselves in difficulty due to late credit payments, unexpected bills, loss of

job etc. Each foodbox contains balanced mix of foods to constitute 40 meals and are readily available at Tenterden Social Hub, (01580 762882), EC30 (Monday to Friday 9-4, Saturday 9-3) or by calling (07805 840493) Most needed items are always cereals, pasta, tins of meat and fish, long-life milk, pasta sauces, coffee and tea and all tinned soups and vegetables.

Please support this any time you are shopping... just buy an extra tin or two and pop them in the donations boxes in the supermarkets in Tenterden. Every tin and packet makes a real difference. Or you can leave a financial contribution when you shop in My Village Store Rolvenden or drop items into the collection box in St Mary's.

## **The Old Schoolhouse Larder**

The Old Schoolhouse Larder is a Tenterden based registered charity supporting vulnerable families with children who are finding it difficult to provide meals every day. Open weekly, families are able to choose a top-up selection of nonperishable groceries and household & hygiene products. Vouchers allowing families to select fruit & vegetables from the Tenterden Friday Market and from the Market Square Farm Butcher are also available. We are based in the new EC30 building next door to Ivy Court Surgery in Tenterden.





## CARM Meeting Point

Wednesday 12th July

Meetings from 10:00am to noon in Monypenny Lounge  
Everyone welcome for a cup of tea and a biscuit.

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## 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

11th and 25th July To join phone: 03000 41 31 31

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## Memory Café and Friends every Friday

St Andrews Church Hall, Ashford Road, Tenterden every Friday 2 – 4pm. An informal setting for people with short term memory loss or dementia, their family, friends and carers to meet in an informal setting for tea and cake.

## Musical Memories – every Tuesday

Highbury Hall, Highbury Lane, Tenterden every Tuesday 10:45am – 12 noon. A singing for health group. Not only will it be good fun, but singing is scientifically proven to promote good health and a feel-good factor. Refreshments will be provided.

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## Monthly Lunch Club 4th Wednesday

Little Silver Hotel, St Michaels Tenterden 12:30 for 1:00pm.

A mixed group made up of Memory Café visitors, Musical Memories participants and assorted friends of those living with dementia or short term memory loss.

Occasionally we have tea rather than lunch, please enquire.

Jan Bridger

Tel: 01580 762932 Mob: 07445971791

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**Our Welfare Intervention Officers will now be running a drop in session at Tenterden Town hall**

**Every Tuesday - 10am to 12 noon**

Need advice from a Welfare Intervention Officer – pop along to one of their drop in sessions at Tenterden Town Hall, 24 High St, Tenterden TN30 6AN

- Council Tax advice, including Council Tax debt advice
- Help to claim Council Tax Support or Housing Benefit
- Help to claim Discretionary Housing Payments or Council Tax Exceptional Circumstances Payments
- General housing advice, including advice regarding rent arrears
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- General advice around all welfare reform such as the benefit cap, Universal Credit and other benefit changes

For help please contact us today:  
[welfareinterventionteam@ashford.gov.uk](mailto:welfareinterventionteam@ashford.gov.uk)



## Waste Collection Dates for July

Monday	Food Waste	Household Refuse grey bin (or black sack)	Recycling green bin (or clear sack)	Garden Recycling brown bin (or white sack)
03 July	yes	no	yes	no
10 July	yes	yes	no	yes
17 July	yes	no	yes	no
24 July	yes	yes	no	yes
31 July	yes	no	yes	no
07 Aug	yes	yes	no	yes

- Yellow sacks, where supplied, will be collected weekly
- Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment, put out alongside your Grey Bin (or black sack) in clear plastic bag, but not light bulbs, see below.  
Textiles, Clothes and Shoes, put out alongside your Green Bin (or clear sack) in clear plastic bag
- For all queries about recycling or waste disposal:  
On-line, see ABC website: [www.ashford.gov.uk/waste](http://www.ashford.gov.uk/waste)  
By telephoning ABC on Tel 01233 330646

### NEWENDEN PARISH COUNCIL

[www.newenden.org/organisations.php](http://www.newenden.org/organisations.php)  
Twitter feed @NewendenPC using hashtag #Newenden  
Parish Clerk: Mr John Leeves.  
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Tunbridge Wells, Kent TN2 5EE  
telephone: 01892 513899  
e-mail: [john.leeves@newenden.org](mailto:john.leeves@newenden.org)  
*There will be a meeting on 5th September.*

### ROLVENDEN PARISH COUNCIL

[www.rolvendenparishcouncil.org.uk](http://www.rolvendenparishcouncil.org.uk)  
Parish Clerk: Mr Peter Settlefield  
Wealden House, Grand Parade,  
Littlestone TN28 3NQ  
email: [rolvendenclerk@gmail.com](mailto:rolvendenclerk@gmail.com)  
*There will be a meeting on  
20th July at 7.30pm in the main hall,  
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.*