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Minister's Letter

Hello everyone!

By the time you read this, we will be about a third of the way through Lent already!

Doesn't time fly when we're having fun. But hang on! Fun during Lent? Whatever next! Lent is a serious time, a fun-denying time, a negative time.

Or is it? It depends on our frame of mind. We could, for example, turn Lent into a time of gratitude. What could be more true to the spirit of Christianity than that? We could say that gratitude is where Christian discipleship begins, as we acknowledge with thankfulness the tender mercy of the God who has loved us in Jesus Christ and called us to be citizens of his kingdom.

So to practise gratitude in Lent is to go back to the very foundations of faith. This means cultivating thankfulness as a habit of the heart, training ourselves to respond to life in a spirit of gratitude and praise to God our Creator and Redeemer. In Lent, that gratitude is given an Easter shape as we prepare to celebrate the death and resurrection of Jesus, the event from which our very identity as Christians is derived.

So why not use what remains of Lent to find new ways of practising this habit of gratitude. Where do we start? Perhaps by thinking about the ways in which we need to be grateful - to other people, and through them, to God himself. And we may find that thankfulness is truly life-changing because it transfigures our perspective on life.

'Whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him' Colossians 3.17.

With every good wish.

Lindsay

And if you want to make Lent a time for moments of prayer here is one which fits very well at the start of the day as a prayer for yourself and your circle of family and friends. And I think it contains gratitude in every line.

May the peace of the Lord Christ go with us

Wherever he may send us.

May he guide us through the wilderness

Protect us through the storm.

May he bring us home rejoicing at the wonders he has shown us.

May he bring us home rejoicing once again into our doors.





St Peter and St Mary Flower Rotas March 2024

Sunday	St Mary	St Peter
Mar 03	LENT NO FLOWERS	NO FLOWERS
Mar 10	LENT NO FLOWERS	NO FLOWERS
Mar 17	LENT NO FLOWERS	NO FLOWERS
Mar 24	LENT NO FLOWERS	NO FLOWERS
Mar 31	EASTER Flowers Arrangers	All Arrangers
Contact:	Sylvia Kellett 01580 240463 Sylviakellett@eplusmail.com	Rosie Edmonds 01797 252196 rosie.edmonds@hotmail.com

Brass Cleaning at St Mary: Richard Coleman

Easter Flower arranging at St Mary's on Easter Saturday please...
And a Flower Festival Diary Date of Sat. March 9th at 9.30am in St Mary's to discuss our theme for this year...all who would like to join in with arranging flowers for this village weekend are most welcome.

Sylvia

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.

Thank you all for your beautiful flowers, which make the church such a warm and welcoming place. We have recently lost two of our team, so if you know of anyone who might be interested in joining us, please let me know!

Rosie

❖ From the Registers ❖

Funeral
9th February - John Snoad Hilder at St Mary's followed by cremation at Charing



A Thought

Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it.
Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did.
Do you know different? Have you got an example where Somebody did?
For goodness sake, share the story. We all need good news.



The Annual Rolvenden Litter Pick

of the roadside verges will be taking place on Saturday 9th March.

Please meet outside The Bull Inn at 9.30am and finish from 11.00am with free coffee and bacon rolls kindly offered at The Star.

(Or prearrange to work direct from your home on a section of verge near your home. Email: edwardbarham@holepark.com)

We will divide into teams and attempt to cover every road in the Parish. Please bring gloves and a tabard or Hi-Viz jacket and a litter picker if you have one. Some jackets and litter pickers are available to lend. Unfortunately, the Litter Pick is not suitable for pets or children.

The event is being organised by Edward Barham, who is available on 07976 241794 for any questions or to confirm your attendance on Saturday 9 March , which will help with planning. Or just turn up on the day and join in!



ROLVENDEN VILLAGE MARKET

Thursdays 9 till 11am in the Village Hall

Selection of fresh and home produced goods including fresh fish, homemade cakes, meat, sausages and cheeses, honey and bee products, wild bird and pet foods. Also knitware and assorted crafts.

Refreshments include speciality fresh cooked breakfast or home made cakes and sausage rolls.

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Lindy Alton on 07594 660950**



The Church of England

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

Sunday 3rd March: Third Sunday of Lent

9.30am St Peter's Newenden
The Eucharist
4pm *Choral Evensong Stone*

8am St Mary's Rolvenden
Holy Communion
11:00am St Mary's Rolvenden
Celtic Morning Prayer

Sunday 10th March: Mothering Sunday

9:30am St Peter's Newenden
The Eucharist
4pm *Evensong (Tenterden): Live streamed and online thereafter*

11am St Mary's Rolvenden
The Eucharist

Sunday 17th March: Passion Sunday

9.30am St Peter's Newenden
The Eucharist
4pm *Choral Evensong (Tenterden): Live streamed and online thereafter*

11:00am St Mary's Rolvenden
Matins

Sunday 24th March: Palm Sunday

9.30am St Peter's Newenden
Celtic Morning Prayer
4pm *Sung Evensong (Tenterden) Live streamed and online thereafter*

11:00am St Mary's Rolvenden
The Eucharist

Thursday 28th March: Maundy Thursday

10am Holy Communion (Tenterden)
7pm St Peter's Newenden: Eucharist of the Last Supper
7pm Eucharist of the Last Supper and Vigil (*Tenterden*): *Live streamed*

Friday 29th March: Good Friday

2pm St Peter's Newenden
Last Hour at the Cross

6pm St Mary's Rolvenden
A Service for Good Friday Evening

Saturday 30th March: Easter Eve

5pm St Mary's Rolvenden
A Service of Waiting
and Expectation

Sunday 31st March: Easter Day

9.15am St Peter's Newenden
Lighting of the Easter Fire and Eucharist
6pm Ecumenical Celebration of Easter (*Zion Baptist Church, Tenterden*)

11am St Mary's Rolvenden
The Eucharist

Saturday Morning Reflective Services for Lent, with optional breakfast

9am 2nd March Newenden breakfast is in White Hart must be booked with Frances, Hugh or Judy by Tuesday 27th February
9am 9th March Ebony
9am 16th March St Michaels
9am 23rd March Stone
9am 30th March Tenterden



Reflective Service for Holy Week

7pm Monday 25th March Tenterden
7pm Tuesday 26th March Tenterden
7pm Wednesday 27th March Tenterden

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>

Online services, can also be accessed through the daily bulletin, **Connect Up!**.

This service will not appear online.

***To receive Connect Up!
please visit our website: www.tentroxchurches.co.uk***

Forest Church

Is returning after a winter break.
The first service will be on Sunday 24th March.
in Rolvenden Churchyard

Please keep an eye on noticeboards and Facebook for the time.
Rev Andrew Tapsall will be leading these monthly gatherings which are a good opportunity for families with youngsters to come together in the open air for worship, fun and fellowship.

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Reminder from the Rother Fishery Association

The fishing season ends on March 14th and resumes on June 16th on rivers in the UK.

From March 15th-June 15th inclusive no one should be fishing at Newenden. And we are pleased to be able to tell you that the RFA now has two volunteer bailiffs who have got Newenden on the map to check. Chris and Steve both wear RFA yellow Hi Viz gilets and carry ID. You may well see them around.



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Rolvenden Gardening Society



Spring Show March 16th



Yes, it's that time of year with daffodils coming out, all ready for our Spring Show on the 16th March in the village hall. There are loads of other classes to enter as shown in the show schedule, so come along with even a couple of entries and enjoy being part of the day.

There will be plenty of help on hand if you are new to the show and as always coffee and teas to keep us going together with a raffle. Look forward to seeing you.

Tony Abrahams (01580 240343 if you would like any more information)

Car Scheme

If you think that your heart is big enough to brighten the day of local resident then keep reading!

We need people like you to give a few moments of your spare time and make their day less lonely by helping people get to essential medical (GP, dentist, hospital) and social appointments.

Many residents in the Ashford borough don't have anyone to easily talk to and feel isolated as a result. You can change this by becoming either one of our Volunteer Drivers or Transport Office Administrators, both roles will help connect people across the Borough and any expenses you incur will be reimbursed. We pride ourselves that these are flexible volunteering opportunities and we guarantee that being a volunteer for us will make you smile.

For more information email transport@ashfordvc.org.uk or call on 01233 665535



**Friends of St. Peter's Church, Newenden
Thursday Talk
12 noon Thursday 7th March
in St. Peter's Church**



**Don't
catch
this
train!**

**Come instead to the March talk,
on the Kent and East Sussex Railway.**

**Our speaker is Malcolm Jones,
regular Station Master at Northiam and Bodiam
stations
and life-long railway buff.**

The First Thursday Talks last for about forty-five minutes. Entrance is free but the Friends welcome donations.

And after the talk you might like to have lunch at The White Hart Inn or at Nibbles.

Please note the White Hart car park is for patrons of the pub – you can come to the talk and then patronise the pub, but to avoid a fine, please do remember to drop into the bar and register your vehicle before you come across the road to the church.



News from Rolvenden Pre-School

We are busy busy busy at pre-school and the year is flying by! We are seeing some lovely friendships blossoming as the children play and learn together. The children have been enjoying all their usual activities including: Craft (including hearts and flowers for Valentine's Day); outdoor play; lots of role play (the doctor's kit has had good use); stories (their current favourite is Bear Hunt); construction; play dough; sand; and water. We also enjoyed a special visit from Jaws 'n' Claws animal encounters, meeting a snake, a frog, a millipede, a gecko and a golden retriever!

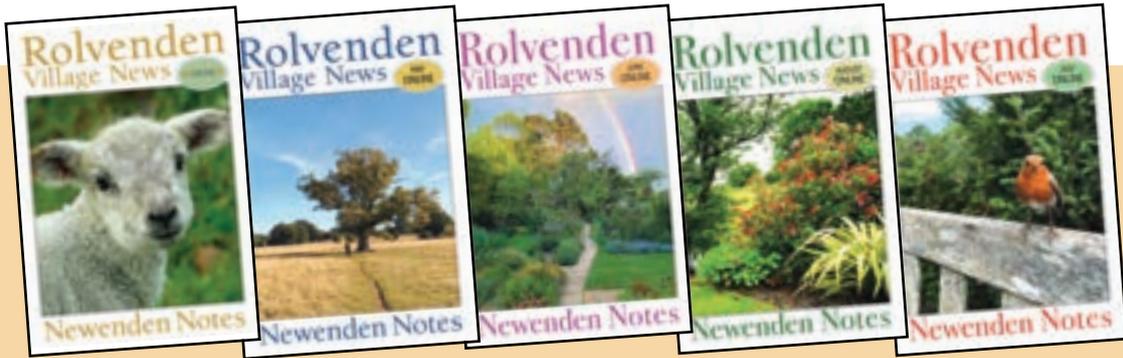
We will be taking part in the Gardening Society Spring Show by entering their children's classes (potato prints and spring displays).

Using the Emporium service from Kent County Council, we have now swapped out the indoor slide and other loan resources for some new items, which have been eagerly played with. These include some group table-top games, construction kits and a ride on bouncy rocker.

Hopefully you will see us out and about on our village walks and playing outside in our garden as we enjoy the springtime.

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Give us a wave and don't forget to keep up with us on:
facebook@rolvendenpreschool
or email us
on rolvendenps@gmail.com.
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Glimpsing the future of the Mag

Back in December you may remember we included a reader survey which was..." part of a good hard look at the future of the Mag, driven to some extent by the advancing years of the production team and the difficulty we share with so many community-based endeavours, the apparent impossibility of attracting volunteers. Who reads what, where, when and why are questions we have to ask before we start working out what the future of the Mag might be."

A very big thank you to everyone who did complete the survey.

We are still working on the conclusions we can draw from the answers , but here are some early thoughts.

- Responses were received from 13 online readers, 20 print copy readers and 3 readers who used both formats. The print copy readers represent 16% of our print sales.
- 75% of readers put themselves in the over 65 age range. There were no readers under 45.
- Except for 2 people, there was a resounding 'No' to becoming involved in the production and management of the Mag. Several people did put 'sorry' against their No.
- On the other hand, there were a lot of very positive comments about the overall appearance and the cover photographs received special mention. Several people asked for regular information from the Parish Councils. That feedback helped my decision to publish information from Rolvenden PC's website on the question of replacement councillors in February. I don't think any of us would have expected the coverage of Parish Council business to be such as we have at the moment. But if the Mag can play a part in getting accurate information out there, then I consider we are doing the right thing.

The next step is to talk with the Parish Clerks and Parish Council Chairs on what they can cope with producing and what makes sense, given the Mag's production schedule means anything we print is going to be about a fortnight old when you get to read it.

The feedback on how useful you find the items on the blue pages is going to result in some changes. I am starting to talk to the organisations we currently feature. They will not disappear, but they will squeeze up to make space for



other things. It came as no surprise that the bin collection dates scored a whopping 76% of responders who found this information very or quite useful.

And finally, a word to anyone organising a local event. Please do make sure you give the Mag details of your event, because 89% of responders use the Mag to find out what is coming up locally.

There will be more to tell but right now I have to go and put the bin details in for April – you have no idea of the panic I experience driving up to the Strete first thing on a Monday morning if I see what I am convinced are the wrong bins out. The explanation is that these days my neighbour often puts my bin out for me and I really don't know from week to week whether its green or grey. But I do check and check again what goes in the Mag.

Judy V

NSPCC

QUIZ NIGHT

The Rolvenden NSPCC Committee invite you to their next Quiz Night which will be held in Rolvenden Village Hall on Saturday, 23rd. March, 7.00pm for a 7.30pm start. The Quiz Master will once again be Peter Garrott, assisted by his wife, Tina.

Please form teams of a maximum of up to 8 people per table. Tickets are £8 each and need to be purchased in advance, payable in cash or by cheque, made out to the NSPCC. Nibbles will be provided but please bring your own drink and glasses. There will also be a raffle.

Come along and join us for what should be a challenging but fun evening at the same time raising funds for this worthwhile charity.

TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM:-

Jenny Field - 01580 241736 Lin Lodge - 01580 240957

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Thank you! See you there!

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Weather and Nature Notes

We have had some variety in the weather since New Year, it started mild and wet, then turned very cold and dry with hard frosts, milder conditions returned with a couple of storms, and currently a wet spell. January produced 78mm of rain, the majority falling in the first few days, and now in mid-February we have already roughly reached that amount for this month, so Potmans Heath is once again under water, and my washing line stands rather redundant waiting on a good drying day. During the cold weather my little ponds froze over like all ponds and ditches. Bathing is important for birds to keep their feathers in good condition, especially when it is cold to keep them well insulated, this and having a drink are fundamentals that can be difficult in prolonged frozen weather, so daily filling of the bird bath was necessary. House sparrows prefer dust bathing like chickens, although with all the wet or frozen soil recently that must be impossible. I am rather hoping that there are no more frosty nights to come as I have a lot of seeds to sow and no heating in my greenhouse for the young plants that need an early start.

A plant that is very easy to propagate is willow, a piece of stick in some moist ground will readily root, and can put on a surprising amount of growth in one season. I have seen examples of all sorts of creative woven dens, tunnels and sculpture, but a practical starting point for my first weaving effort I thought was a woven fence/hedge, known as a "fedge." Ideally the willow rods should be long and straight. The ones I had access to had young branching growth, but this was not a problem really and I was quite pleased with my first attempt, I just have to sit back and hope it grows. The new growth it puts on can then be



woven in to the structure or trimmed back. I have also planted some cuttings to become more self-sufficient for future willow projects by cutting the new whip growth. Old specimens that you may see along waterways are valuable for wildlife, often having large fissured trunks with hiding holes and nesting places, also lots of moth caterpillars rely on the various varieties, and the beautiful Purple emperor butterfly caterpillar too.

Most years I find birds have their order of preference for berries in my garden: holly; picked in days and gone by Christmas, followed by orange pyracantha, then cotoneaster and finally ivy that pigeons love. This year my holly tree was picked comparatively slowly, despite seeing various members of the thrush family close by, a small pricklier variety was still laden up until February when a determined pigeon decided to tackle it. Blackbirds and sparrows have made slow steady progress with the pyracantha, starting at the top and working down, but still an unfinished job. Some years bullfinches have eaten them quickly, but sadly I haven't seen any for quite a

while. Blackbirds seemed a little indifferent to the cotoneaster so it still has a colourful display. Clearly they have all been able to find enough food in the milder weather which is good. The berry crop in Scandanavia though was not sufficient to feed hungry flocks of waxwings this Winter, so many parts of the country have had the delight of seeing this beautiful bird. Most years the amount of sightings of this visitor are quite small, but this year they have come in larger



numbers in search of food. I heard that a handful had been seen in Appledore, but unfortunately my array of berries have not managed to entice any.

The daylight hours are lengthening, but on a dull overcast day it does not seem so obvious. A walk around the garden in drizzle was made more pleasant by birdsong and watching the delicate heads of snow drops wobble and bounce in the slightest breeze, a few early daffodils in bloom encrusted in tiny water droplets like crystals weighing them down. New foliage peeping through the soil invites you "to watch this space" whilst the flowers of Viburnum bodnatense, like many Winter flowering shrubs stimulate two senses, smell as well as sight. A few primroses here and first camellia buds bursting there, and we know it will not be long before we say goodbye to Winter. A highlight on a journey at this time of year is spotting little feral clumps of snowdrops, crocus or daffodils on the roadside verges, or purposely planted bulbs on Greens. With Spring officially only a month away the growing array of cheery Spring blooms is something to look forward to.

Hazel Beaney



Rolvenden Parish Council Update

Following the resignation of 5 Councillors. the February issue of the magazine included information taken from the Parish Council website . The vacancies gave the opportunity for elections in the two wards. However, insufficient voters requested an election in either the Streyte or Layne wards, and therefore by-elections were not called.

To fill the vacancies, the Council subsequently requested qualifying individuals to put their names forward for co-option but before these could be considered Councillors Jordan Kelly and Kate Walder also resigned. The process for finding replacements for these two vacancies has begun and by the time you read this it will be known if these vacancies will be filled by election or co-option. The Parish Council website will display the relevant notices.

The Council is left with only two councillors remaining and the Council is no longer quorate. Three are required as a minimum. (Please note; Cllr Walder remains a Borough Councillor)

Therefore, the Parish Council enters a state of paralysis until such time as a S91 order can be made by Ashford BC under the Local Govt Act 1972, whereby appropriate individuals can be appointed to make the Council quorate. Such an order has to be made at a full meeting of Ashford Borough Council, the next such opportunity being 29 February 2024.

The appointed individuals are likely to be existing, experienced ABC councillors who will enable the council to be quorate and to resume operations. They are unlikely to remain in post once co-options can be made of qualifying village representatives.

The next meeting of the Parish council can only be called after 29th February, at a date and time to be agreed in accordance with the usual 7-day notice period and it is anticipated that it would be held in mid-March. The date and time of the next meeting will be posted on the noticeboards and website.

Until that time, all activities of the Parish Council are suspended, and that includes its ability to make payments. Arrangements are in place for the Parish Council's commitments to be met until such time as formalities with the Councils' bank are completed.

Cllrs Edward Barham and Steve Bryant.

All relevant information, as it becomes available, is published on the parish council website: www.rolvendenparishcouncil.org.uk. You will also find current planning applications listed there. Contact details for the Parish Clerk are on the back page of the Mag blue sheets.



Introducing the Craft Club

At an early age, my grandmother and aunt taught me to knit, crochet and sew and I loved it. I wasn't much good at school due to issues at home, so I'd found something to express myself with, something I could wallow in and stayed exciting, as the projects were always different and with varying materials. Then at school we were shown how to spin and weave during a week away in the countryside when I was 12.

These things leave such a positive mark on a child's life. It stayed with me forever. Being creative helps me unwind, gives me time to reflect upon things, gives me distance so I make better decisions. For 20 years, I was chronically stressed due to work pressures. You get used to it and learn to live with it, but it was crafting that made me notice how stressed I was and how much I needed that balance, that yin and yang to be whole again.

"Creativity is intelligence having fun" is a phrase attributed to Einstein.

I too have come into contact with those who told me that arts or crafts won't lead to anything and that it's all about science, maths and the like; subjects I was very bad at for years and abused for. Some people still feel blocked by those comments stopping them from doing what they used to love doing and exploring what they're capable of.

Perhaps I should warn you, as creativity leads to more creativity, curiously, because, as one thing leads to another, you start experimenting with other crafts too and so this led me to being a basket maker. Through creativity we can slip into flow, where we get unconscious of our surroundings, our focus is optimal and as we challenge ourselves, we can achieve the most amazing results.

So let me invite you to come and join us for a relaxed, low brow crafting session, once a week on Tuesday afternoons in The Star in Rolvenden from 14:00 till 16:00.

Why not pick up those needles again, get those crayons out or whatever you feel you'd love to do again. Or are you new to it all and just want to find out what it's all about? The Club has only just been set up, so help shape it into what you think it could be and have some fun and time for yourself. Have a laugh and a chat with like-minded people from all sorts of backgrounds and bounce off ideas you have and see what'll stick. We're non-judgmental and only there to have a great time, making. Get in touch by contacting me.

Marianne Mobile: 07775 944499



NEWENDEN NOTES

In this month's article Anthony recalls some fascinating conversations with Miss Kathleen Josephine Heyworth. Sadly, Jo passed away in May 2023 and this is written in tribute to her.



Jo's father left the army after the Great War and came with his wife to live in Ewhurst Green. He became Manager of the Guinness Farm, on the Rother Levels, which was devoted to growing hops. The family then moved to Ockham Farmhouse, Bodiam, and Jo and her five sisters were educated by a Governess until they were old enough to be sent away to school. They shared the Governess with the daughters of the West family and the Hoare family. War broke out when Jo was 10 and she was evacuated to Letchworth. She didn't like the Roman Catholic family with whom she was billeted, especially the mother, who was a beast, and couldn't wait to return home. However, when she was allowed to return in 1944, the Doodlebugs (V1 rockets) had become another serious threat and she was sent away to Cheltenham Ladies' College, where one of her sisters was teaching.

Soon after the end of the war, Jo became very ill and required an appendectomy. By this time, her aunt, Enid Heyworth, had become Secretary to Vincent Blumhardt Nesfield, who ran Ellenden Nursing Home, Newenden, which had gained a national reputation. Nesfield was a very brilliant surgeon, chemist and general practitioner, with a Harley Street practice and his own laboratory and operating theatre at Ellenden. Jo came to recuperate there after her operation and remained for fourteen years. Enid, her aunt, became Nesfield's Matron and Jo assisted her. They lived at Three Wents, at the top of Newenden hill, which Nesfield built for them.

Ellenden Nursing Home was closed for three weeks every February and Vincent Nesfield took his staff skiing in Switzerland where Jo remembers Nesfield being a friend of the King of Spain. Another of Nesfield's celebrated friends and



patients was the writer Patience Strong, who lived at Sedlescombe. She wrote a fulsome biography of Nesfield, published in 1967, called Doctor Anonymous. Jo became a member of the congregation at St Peter's, Newenden. She recalls that the church was heated by an enormous, cathedral-size Tortoise solid fuel stove, which was maintained by Mr Perkins. He'd been a naval stoker and would stoke up the stove at the most inappropriate moments during services. The congregation included Mrs Elliott-Lockhart, who was driven down from Frogs Hill House by her chauffeur. He would park the limousine beside the churchyard gate leading to the West Door and remain there throughout the service. At the other end of the social scale there was shepherd Reuben Weller, who still herded his flock of sheep along the road from Newenden to "Heffield" (Heathfield) Fair.

Hamilton Gardener, from Manor House East, (the Harbour Master's House) was church warden and Chairman of the PCC. He ran the church as a good Presbyterian but Moses Barnes tried to make his life difficult by interrupting PCC meetings, which irritated Col. Gardener as he liked to dominate meetings. Jean Beckwith, a singing teacher who had sung at Glyndebourne, lived in Manor Cottage. Sally Duncan, a nurse at Ellenden, was Treasurer of the PCC. Ted Dunk was a local bailiff who lived on the edge of the village. His brother was known as "Monk", and he was licensee of the pub in Staplecross.

Before the historic organ was donated to the church, services were accompanied on the harmonium by Miss Mable Longley. She lived in one of the church cottages and always dressed in a flowing cloak, with her long grey hair cascading down her back. Nobody had the heart to ask her to stop playing but after the arrival of the new organ, Michael Freeland volunteered to come over from Rolvenden to play for Mattins, and Miss Longley continued to play on the harmonium for Evensong. When Larry Holmes moved from Sandhurst to Frogs Hill, he became choir master. Under his direction and with Michael's accompaniment, the St Peter's Singers became highly thought of, giving regular concerts as well as providing wonderful choral music for the church services. Queen of the village was Jean Emmett, who was known and loved by everyone. She could be relied upon to do anything for anyone, organising the Sunday School and many other village activities.

Jo moved to St Leonard's in the early 1960s but her vivid memories of life in Newenden in the 1950s provide us with a snapshot of a very different world.

Anthony Dawson

Belated Thank you***

Jean and Ian Clifton would like to thank all the kind people who visited "Clifton Castle" to see the Christmas decorations and donated £225 to our collection for the Pilgrims Hospice.

****Apologies from the Mag. We should have included this one in February*



FOOD, GLORIOUS FOOD!

The Potato



Records suggest that the first mention of the potato was in Peru around 600BC, they were introduced to Spain in the early 16th century. The word is derived from the Spanish 'patata'. They are grown all around the world apart from Antarctica, and is the third most important crop for human consumption after rice and wheat.

Potatoes probably arrived in Ireland around the same time as Spain. Although Sir Walter Raleigh is credited with introducing them here, so is Thomas Herriot, an astronomer, mathematician, ethnographer and translator and shipmate to Sir Walter who it is claimed brought the first potato here from South America on 3rd December 1586! Anyway, Sir Walter did take the potato to Ireland and planted it on his estate in County Cork.

Potatoes were first grown here commercially in Essex for sale in London. They were not cultivated extensively in Scotland until around 1739 as they had been frowned upon by the Scottish preachers who deemed the crop unfit for Christians as it wasn't mentioned in the Bible. It is hard to believe now that a crop that is such a staple of our diet was viewed with suspicion, in France in 1748 potatoes were forbidden as it was thought they caused leprosy. Antoine Parmentier, a pharmacist and agronomist who, while he had been a prisoner in Prussia was fed a potato mash where the prisoners' options were to eat this crop, that they believed was only fit for animals, or starve. Much to Parmentier's surprise and no doubt relief he found it quite palatable and nourishing.

On his return to France he attempted to convince the population that the potato was far more than just animal fodder. Through various means he made the potato an acceptable food and today many potato dishes in France bear his name.



China is the largest producer worldwide providing about a third of the 376 million metric tons per annum followed by India.

There are over 4,000 varieties of potato grown throughout the world and over 500 in the UK, sadly only about 80 are grown commercially.

We all have our favourite variety depending on how we are going to cook them especially when it comes to roasting!

Potatoes in their natural state are healthy, they contain several significant health benefits, they are a rich source of vitamin C,



potassium, minerals and of course fibre. They become less healthy when we add fats in any form. Red potatoes contain less starch than whites and have a higher nutritional content.

We are incredibly fortunate to have at least 20 interesting varieties grown locally which are available at the Thursday market or the Potato Shop on the Morghew estate. Each variety has its individual flavour and very often colour, it is well worth experimenting.

In Ireland they make a delicious potato bread which has a crisp crust. I also like potato cakes which are very quick to make as you can use left over mash. Potato gnocchi is another easy to make dish, either served with a salad or as a side dish.

I came across two recipes from Harry Eastwood which interested me as they are both flourless and use grated potato and rice flour instead, a Victoria sponge and cherry and almond cake, haven't tried them yet but think it sounds worth a go!

Lavinia

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S	R	N

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 middle one.



Only On a Sunday...?! Month One - Sunday



Being a member of the clergy team embraces a variety of different facets. Many people think they have a good idea as to what we do – many people have ideas about what we should do! But what exactly does priestly ministry entail?

Over the next few months, we will explore how a 'typical' week looks for the clergy team in our wonderful benefice of nine churches.

Taking a day each month, we will see how a rich tapestry of worship, mission, ministry and yes, paperwork, weave together to keep the word and work of God alive and well.

Sunday is probably the day that is most familiar to you. It is the day in which most of our focus is on leading worship.

Across the Tenterden, Rother and Oxney Benefice, our churches offer a great variety of worship. We begin with the weekly said communion at 8am in Tenterden,

and once a month an 8am Book of Common Prayer (BCP) service in Rolvenden. These services last about forty minutes, without hymns, although in Tenterden music provides a reflective background to certain parts of the service. Main morning services across the benefice are at 9:30 and 11am. There is a good variety with Common Worship (CW) Eucharists, and some BCP communions. The BCP has a heritage going back to 1662, CW was brought in in 2000 and is a more contemporary service. These are known as 'Services of the Sacrament'. We also have 'Services of the Word', including BCP Matins, Morning Praise or Celtic Morning Prayer.

Baptisms are a popular service for families who have usually had a connection with the church at some point. With the emphasis on a family gathering, a Baptism is a good opportunity for those less familiar with the church to experience a Christian act of worship. We often do this service as a stand-alone on a Sunday afternoon.



Sunday afternoon also brings Forest Church, meeting once a month in an outdoor setting. Something totally different embracing creation, this service is for everyone, families especially. It moves around the benefice.

Sunday ends with Evensong – a beautiful, calming, worshipful end to the day. At Stone-in-Oxney this monthly service is the one regular service and is fully sung. Tenterden has a weekly evensong, livestreamed to reach a wider congregation.

Sunday begins at 7:15am with the unlocking of Tenterden Church and ends twelve hours later when Evensong is done, and the doors are locked. It is actually one of the easiest days because it is the most predictable.

All the worship offered in this benefice is only possible because of a faithful group of retired clergy and licensed lay ministers who give their time to help in leading services – including preparing their sermons, a significant commitment.

And each parish has some amazing people who act as welcomers, (sidespeople), sacristans (setting the altar and clearing away after), tea and coffee makers, readers, intercessors and musicians.

All these things work together to make our Sunday a day of worship to our Father in heaven.

Jeanette



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Dementia UK has launched the 'We live with dementia' campaign and guides, all designed to help families affected by the condition to live as well as possible, for as long as possible.

We know that if you love someone living with dementia, you're living with it too. To highlight that message, we have worked with three families impacted by dementia to bring their stories to life.

So if your family is affected by dementia, please know you're not alone. We're here to support you whenever you need us, with expert advice from our dementia specialist Admiral Nurses just a click or phone call away.

Information to download from www.dementiauk.org/we-live-with-dementia/:
As part of our 'We live with dementia' campaign, we've produced a series of new bite-size guides to dementia, with at-a-glance information on key topics. **These five-minute guides are written by our specialist dementia nurses and tackle some of the common issues that carers tell us about:**

- Getting a diagnosis of dementia
- Who's who in dementia care
- Dementia and emotions
- Planning for the future
- Young onset dementia

You can also download your free 'Living with dementia' guide, which is new and updated for 2024. It's packed full of expert dementia advice, top tips, life hacks and stories from our specialist dementia nurses, people living with dementia and their families.



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If suitable, you'll receive tailored information after your call which will be sent out by post or email.

However, if you or the person living with dementia is in immediate danger, please call 999 straight away.

Our opening hours

- Monday to Friday 9am-9pm
- Saturday and Sunday 9am-5pm
- Open bank holidays (9am-5pm), except 25th December

At times, our Helpline gets very busy. If you are unable to get through straight away please leave a message with your name, phone number and suitable times for us to call you back and one of our nurses will get back to you as soon as possible (ideally within 48 hours).

Common Wealth Graves Commission Signage Project

In the UK the CWGC commemorate over 300,000 service men and women in over 12,300 cemeteries, churchyards and burial grounds. In 2014 they embarked on a project, coinciding with the centenary of the First World War, to fit CWGC signs at as many of these locations as possible. It is hoped that this will not only raise awareness of war graves in the UK, but will also increase visitor numbers to cemeteries, churchyards and church buildings.

In Rolvenden churchyard we have 6 such graves as well as the War Memorial and various memorials in the church. Sometime in the next year we too will be receiving a sign which is to be fixed to the Wedding Gates wall between the two gates. The men that are buried here are:

Harry Richard Ward died 1917, age 18, parents living in Rolvenden

WT Hutchings died 1918 age and relatives not recorded

JG Foster died 1918 age and relatives not recorded

Ronald William Burton died 1940, age 22, parents living in Rolvenden

Robert Weston died 1942, age 21, parents living in Rolvenden

Charles Joseph Seymour died 1944, age 22, parents living in Rolvenden



Rolvenden History Group
Friday March 1st

Doodlebugs and Rockets

Bob Ogley



Bob Ogley was born in Sevenoaks, has lived in the county all his life and is proud to be a Kentish man. He has written over twenty books and is a popular speaker. A former editor of *The Sevenoaks Chronicle*, Bob was a journalist for more than thirty years before he left his newspaper to concentrate on writing books and giving his talks. He is also a regular broadcaster on BBC Radio Kent.

Bob's topic will be *Doodlebugs and Rockets*. This promises to be a fascinating topic about our more recent history. There are scars on the local landscape from the Second World War.

(The map showing strikes on Rolvenden between June and August 1944 is reproduced with permission from Rolvenden at War, with thanks to Ed Adams)

Venue: St Mary's Church Rolvenden
Coffee and Biscuits

7:15 pm for 7:30 start for Lecture

Everyone welcome; Non-Members £4

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



Exclusive - The mystery of Duck 261 from the Special Duck Correspondent

News from Newenden's own Duck Flock is usually restricted to the months immediately before and after the late August Great Event, sometimes called the Annual Duck Race. Right now, the Flock is safely enclosed in the dark, engaged in whatever Duck Flocks do through the darker months.

Or so I thought until a couple of Saturdays ago when I was approached in the street by an anonymous source closely associated with the Flock. He had a tale of a mysterious recent find in the Rother; a duck had been retrieved from the river somewhere between the kebab stall and the nearest upstream pumping station. A keen-eyed walker had spotted the yellow head bobbing gently in the weed close to the bank and effected a rescue. My informant now had the duck. Did I want to see him? I said a photo would do.



This was a story ripe for investigation. It's been several years since the Great Event was staged upstream of Newenden bridge and, although sometimes when the wind and tide combine, the Flock seems determined to drift towards the bridge, it is almost impossible to think of any of the plucky little chaps managing to go very far in that direction.

I sent the photo to the current Keeper of the Flock. I should have known that the all-pervasive Newenden network-of-all-things would have already ensured the duck had been quietly handed on. The Keeper is certain this is one of his Flock and #261 is now warm, dry, in the dark, and being kept separate, for the time being, from the Flock. It would be wrong to disturb them and there is always the risk of introducing an infection, or, perish the thought, new ideas, which might distract the Flock from its mission of bringing fun and funds to the people of Newenden.

Questions remain unanswered. What was he doing in that part of the river? Where has he been for the last 6 months? Is he really a Newenden duck? If you have any information that could cast some light on this mystery, please do get in touch.

Special Duck Correspondent



Rolvenden Neighbourhood Watch March

Our focus this month is on Preparing to get out and about on foot



Better weather, sunshine perhaps and more of us will be getting our walking boots on. We may stay local and we may go further afield. The Ramblers Association website has useful information on how to stay safe. By being preparing for different situations, you'll be a more assured walker. Each walk is different, so the more knowledge you have, the better prepared you'll feel.

More information can be found here: <https://www.ramblers.org.uk/safety>



If you walk with a dog, locally or further away please read on:

Special rules apply between 1 March – 31 July (the main breeding period for ground nesting birds) you should keep your dog on a lead no more than 2 metres long and the same applies any time of year near livestock.

How to walk safely through a field of animals

Have a look when you reach the edge of a field.

Cows with calves are the most common cause of problems for walkers. Keep a good distance from the animals. If they are on the path, you are allowed to go off path to walk around them. If you are on open access land, you can walk across the field to give the animals space. Walk quickly and quietly. Animals may approach you.

Do not run. Leave gates as you find them.

Close any gates you open.



Cattle can become unsettled by the presence of a dog so it's best to release your dog from its lead. The dog will be able to run away and the cattle's interest will be drawn from you to your dog.

Livestock worrying (chasing or attacking) is a criminal offence. Your dog does not have to physically harm a farm animal for you to be prosecuted.

By law, farmers on their own land are allowed to shoot dogs who worry their animals as a last resort.

And knowing where you are is sometimes critical. Whether you are out on the road or walking across countryside the app [///what3words](#) will enable you to tell emergency and vehicle breakdown services exactly where you are.

It's an app which you can download for free on to your smartphone or iPad.

When you are on the move, the app will track where you are and at any moment for example the Hexden Bridge on the A28 will give you the reference:

[///boot.slim.clef](#)



Or if you are walking through the wooden kissing gate in St Mary's churchyard, you are at: [///seriously.apple.madder](http://seriously.apple.madder)

You can also subscribe to the Met Office to receive severe weather warnings <https://www.metoffice.gov.uk/weather/warnings-and-advice/uk-warnings#?date=2024-02-10>

And flood warnings: www.gov.uk/sign-up-for-flood-warnings

*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/> If deaf or speech impaired, text 'police' and your message to: 60066

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8	Instantly	5 secs	22 mins	1 hour	8 hours
9	Instantly	2 mins	19 hours	3 days	3 weeks
10	Instantly	58 mins	1 month	7 months	5 years
11	2 secs	1 day	5 years	41 years	400 years
12	25 secs	3 weeks	300 years	2k years	34k years
13	4 mins	1 year	16k years	100k years	2m years
14	41 mins	51 years	800k years	9m years	200m years
15	6 hours	1k years	43m years	600m years	15 bn years
16	2 days	34k years	2bn years	37bn years	1tn years
17	4 weeks	800k years	100bn years	2tn years	93tn years
18	9 months	23m years	6tn years	100 tn years	7ad years



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.



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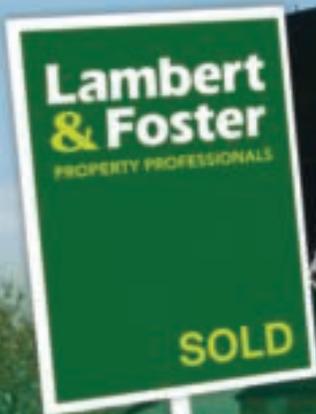
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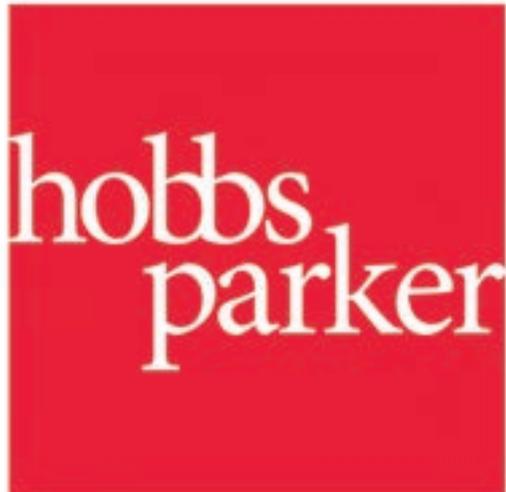
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CARM Meeting Point

Wednesday 13th March

Meetings from 10:00am to noon in Monypenny
Lounge Usual cup of tea and a chat

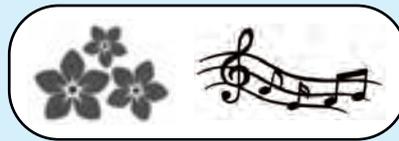
KCC Mobile Library Service...

Visits Rolvenden every 2 weeks on a Tuesday:

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

5th and 19th March

To join phone: 03000 41 31 31



Below are the regular weekly days/times. Please see page 10 in the December Magazine for the Christmas arrangements.

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.

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.

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Waste Collection Dates for March

Monday	Food Waste	Household Refuse grey bin (or black sack)	Recycling green bin (or clear sack)	Garden Recycling brown bin (or white sack)
04 Mar	yes	yes	no	yes
11 Mar	yes	no	yes	no
18 Mar	yes	yes	no	yes
25 Mar	yes	no	yes	no
01 Apr	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
By telephoning ABC on Tel 01233 330646

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*There will be a meeting on
9th April 7.30pm in St Peter's.*

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Parish Clerk: Mr Peter Settlefield
Wealden House, Grand Parade,
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*For the time being, check website
for forthcoming meeting details.*

*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.*