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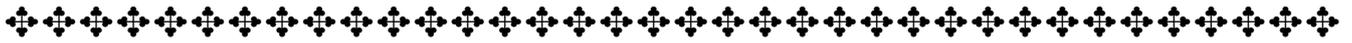
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View from the Layne

August, season of holidays, that wonderful, necessary time for switching off, getting away, and being somewhere different. I made my bid for freedom a few weeks ago, spending time in Norfolk with family.

The getting away and seeing different things is one of the joys and so is having the time to get stuck into a book without that nagging feeling that there is something I should be doing. I had chosen a book set in Norfolk, in 1549, a time of social unrest, and religious upheaval. The major plot line was Kett's uprising, when a rebel band of the poor aided by disaffected soldiers took on the might of the establishment and the land-owning gentry. It was also the year in which Cranmer introduced his new Prayer Book, the first in English. Church attendance was compulsory back then and this was a massive change for everyone.

One day we went to the village of Salle to see the church dubbed Norfolk's Rural Cathedral. It was finished in 1450, 100 years before Kett, on money amassed by the 5 Lords of the Manor living in the parish and other successful landed gentry. Their wealth came from wool. They raised sheep on land which, to some extent, was common land they had enclosed. That is, they had illegally barred the peasants access to the traditional land the peasants had farmed and grazed. When enclosures started in the late 1300s the population was still low, the result of the plague that swept through Europe. As the population recovered, the lack of common land became a critical issue. Poverty and hunger eventually triggered the unrest and uprising of 1549. That was 100 years after the completion of Salle church. It would be another 140 years before the Church of England produced the version of the Book of Common Prayer we still use today.

Salle church is massive, think Lydd. without the surrounding houses. Originally it was magnificently decorated with stained glass, wall paintings, much carving, also painted. The colour and much of the carving went in the early days of the Reformation.

But the building remains. Today it is still a working church with two services a month and some good concerts. Outside is a village of 21 houses and 50 inhabitants. There is a pretty brick-built village hall dated 1903 and a rather smart cricket ground, a little larger than Newenden's with a set of wheeled covers for the pitch parked on a further boundary.

Thinking about it now, if holidays are for being somewhere different and seeing different things, my holiday was a ride on the slow roller coaster of 700 years of history in a corner of Norfolk, with its ebb and flow of fortunes, ideas and influences. The one constant was a church in which God is worshipped and Christ is followed. How can I say that? Because of the small wall safe for visitors' donations. What was different about this one was it had two slots, one



marked Fabric and the other Life. Yes, this was definitely a functioning church. If you have not had your holiday yet, here is something to take with you: a prayer of blessing from the Northumbrian Community which in fact works well at the beginning of any day or any journey.

Judy V

May the peace of the Lord Christ go with you,
wherever he may send you.

May he guide you through the wilderness,
protect you through the storm.

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

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

(and it's great sung – You Tube version from Snape Methodist is good)



St Peter and St Mary Flower Rotas for August 2023

Sunday St Mary

Aug 06 Wedding flowers: Sue & Sylvia

Aug 13 Denise C

Aug 20 Denise C

Aug 27 JFlower Festival Arrangers

Contact: Sylvia Kellett
01580 240463

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Brass Cleaning at St Mary: Sue Dyer

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

Hazel MM

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❖ From the Registers ❖

Funerals

15th June – Bette Matthews at Charing





Rolvenden Community Speedwatch

Speeding traffic continues to be a problem on the A28 through Rolvenden and also in Rolvenden Layne

For example, on June 27th in just one hour our Community Speedwatch volunteers logged 11 speeding vehicles (35mph or over in a 30mph zone). Three of these drivers were over 40mph with speeds up to 47mph.



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If a pedestrian is hit by a vehicle their chances of being killed are as follows:

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- At 35 mph there is a 50 percent chance they will be killed.
- At 30 mph there is a 20 percent chance they will be killed.
- At 20 mph there is a 2.5 percent chance they will be killed.

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Rolvenden Community Speedwatch is looking for volunteers to join the Speedwatch Team and give an hour or two a week to help. The days and hours can be varied according to your availability, so can easily fit in with your other commitments.

If you are interested in helping to keep the village safe, please scan the QR code for more information, stop for a chat when you see us at the roadside or contact area coordinators

Denise Curtain: duckscrossing33@gmail.com or Neil Cackett: neil1980@sky.com



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.

**Stallholders welcome, for details contact Market Manager
Lindy Alton on 07594 660950**



The Church of England

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

Sunday 6th August: The Feast of the Transfiguration

8am St Mary's Rolvenden
Holy Communion
9.30am St Peter's Newenden
Eucharist
11:00am St Mary's Rolvenden
Celtic Morning Prayer
6:00pm Choral Evensong St Mildred's Tenterden
Live streamed and online thereafter

Sunday 13th August: The Tenth Sunday after Trinity

9:30am St Peter's Newenden
The Eucharist
11:00am St Mary's Rolvenden
The Eucharist
6:00pm Said Evensong (Tenterden)

Sunday 20th August: The Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

9.30am St Peter's Newenden
The Eucharist
11:00am St Mary's Rolvenden
Matins
2:00pm Park Wood, Woodchurch Road, Appledore Forest Church
6:00pm Choral Evensong (Tenterden): *Live streamed and online thereafter*

Saturday 26th August

9.30am Flower Festival Opening Service St Mary's Rolvenden

Sunday 27th August: The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity, St Mary's Flower Festival

9.30am St Peter's Newenden
Celtic Morning Prayer
11:00am St Mary's Rolvenden
Songs of Praise
6:00pm Said Evensong, (Tenterden)

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



268 musing

As the weather gets warmer there's a bit of a stirring, a bit of a mutter, and slowly the tension is rising in our snug dark place. Memories of the routine of the Big Release day are surfacing in our community of 600. And there's a bit of an inner glow as we recall the good cheer the Big Release will bring to our keepers and the big ones on the bank. Our scholars have failed to find meanings for this annual tradition. They have given it the safe label of ritual activity.

I for one draw a mental veil over the indignity of the preparations, the keeper's grasping hand, the upending and inspection of my hidden parts, the plunge into small water to see if I will be so common as to blow bubbles. We all know bubble blowers will be declared unfit and cast away. Mercifully such expulsions are rare.

What follows is the most blessed of times. We sit in rows, each one in our proper place and the planning begins. First, we have to decide if we are going to move at all. Most times we do, but sometimes we opt to build the tension with a long delay before we finally get going. Traditionally some will volunteer to make for the edge to get caught in the green. Will it be one or two brave souls or will it be lots of us, all bobbing about and going nowhere? It makes for extra activity at the end for the smaller big ones and so lengthens the spectacle. And finally, it has to be decided whether it will be a major migration towards the string, or just two or three fighting it out. Always important to ring the changes and keep the interest.

You know what's really funny?! The big ones on the bank have never worked out what makes each Big Release* a unique event.

Come the day we will be ready. We will twitch and rock as we are manoeuvred into place, as the dark place is held high. We will be shot forth into light and cold water.

And then....sicut aqua anatis dorso!

Duck number 268

*Readers who want to participate in the ritual can buy a community member in advance. **Contact:** In Newenden: Frances Jones, frances@peri.co.uk or 07799265119. In Rolvenden: Judy Vinson judyannvinson@gmail.com or 01580 241504 On the day: Monday 28th August – Friends of St Peter's will be on the Sports Field selling members between 11:00am and 2:00pm.*

The Big Release* is set for 3:00pm.

*This is the big fund raiser for the Friends of St Peter's Church. Contribute £2 for a member and you could win £100. *Or Annual Duck Race as we big ones call it!*





Newenden Cricket Club



High summer has seen some exciting games for NCC and by early July eleven matches have been won, with only four lost.

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

https://www.newendencr.co.uk/fixtures/teamid_2517/Sunday-1st-XI.aspx

	Date	Opponent	Format	Venue	Time	
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
Sunday	3 Sep	Bearsted		Home	1.30pm	KVCL Div 1
Sunday	10 Sep	Trev's Big Bash		Home	1.00pm	Friendly

This will be my final submission to the magazine as my husband Åke and I are soon moving from Newenden to achieve a dream of living by the sea side. It was an unexpected honour to be invited to be secretary of the club nine years ago and I have thoroughly enjoyed being part of NCC since 2014. During this period we have seen the club continue its commitment to traditional village cricket with friendlies against local teams, as well as entering the League and achieving yearly promo-tions. Who the winner of Division One will be this year is yet to be determined but the hope is alive for Newenden. And despite the pavilion only having a temporary kitchen, the most elaborate teas are being served, making NCC a favoured destination for opposing teams.

Thank you to everyone who has made me welcome in the club and to all the people who support NCC and devote time and effort to its ongoing success.

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

Ingrid Nilson, NCC Hon Secretary

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At

Priory Stones, Lossenham Lane

(Half mile up Lossenham Lane, then sharp left bend. Field parking on right)



Summer update from Rolvenden Pre-School



Over the last term some of the pre-school children have enjoyed visiting the Primary School to spend time getting to know Mr Heath and the Reception class. This has been a really valuable experience and culminated in us taking part in the Hazel class end of term play, Little Red Riding Hood. We all had a great time and are very grateful to the Primary School for welcoming us. We have seven children making the transition from Pre-School to Primary School this year. The staff at Rolvenden Pre-School feel very privileged to be able to

spend so much time with these fabulous children. We are always so proud to watch them grow, develop and move on to school. We would like to wish good luck to all children moving on to pastures new this year, whatever age or stage they are at. Enjoy the summer, cherish every moment together and make some amazing memories.

We are open, at the moment Monday to Thursday.

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Rolvenden Gardening Society



Summer Show



This was held in the village hall on Saturday, 17th. June. After a week of glorious sunshine, show day dawned cloudy with a threat of weekend thunderstorms. Our gardens had been looking spectacular, but members were wondering what they might have to show that would have survived the heat.

Finally, only 17 members exhibited with a total of 91 entries. Numbers were way down with vegetable classes suffering the most with no beetroot, carrots, cabbage or salad vegetables. In the fruit classes, there were no gooseberries, raspberries or currants.

However, there were quite a few beautiful roses on show which provided both colour and scent. Other notable flowers were sweet peas, pansies, alstroemerias, orchids and interesting displays of grasses. Richard Coleman produced an amazingly tall blue delphinium which was quite stunning. There were some lovely and imaginative floral displays most notably from Jan Gambier, Mandy Tompsett and Maureen Brooks.

Several members entered the cookery classes particularly for the frosted walnut cake and the 3 muffins. There were some tasty exhibits! Congratulations must go to Richard Coleman for once again winning the men's cookery prize with his butterfly cakes.

We had several visitors in the afternoon who joined us for a cup of tea and a chat with friends and to view the exhibits. The raffle made £130 and numbers were called by John Walters.

In his speech, Tony Abrahams thanked people for supporting the show and he continued by thanking Jean & Ian Clifton for running the raffle, the ladies making the tea, Sue Clout for her organisational skills and committee members for their support. He announced the prize winners with everyone who entered actually winning a prize!





16 preschool children entered a painted pebble each and the results were:-
1st: Eden, **2nd:** Henry, **3rd:** Clemmie.
Zara Tompsett won the floral arrangement display for the older children.

Adult results were as follows:

1st: John Walters - 6 Firsts, 2 seconds. **2nd:** Richard Coleman - 5 Firsts, 2 seconds, 3 thirds. **3rd:** Mandy Tompsett - 5 Firsts, 1second, 3 thirds
A great afternoon had been had by all!

FUTURE EVENTS:

6th. September- Visit to RHS Hyde Hall, Essex.
9th. September- Our Autumn Show in the village hall.

Maralyn Button

Rolvenden Gardening Society Talk: Growing Flowers for Cutting

Sophie Leathart gave the above titled talk in the village hall to 25 members of the Gardening Society on the evening of 8th June.

She has been a freelance florist for 30 years, exhibited at Chelsea and other flower shows and more recently, has worked for Iris at Sissinghurst, who is now based near Marden.

After describing the history of cutting flowers from Medieval times, Sophie continued by talking about her own cutting garden, from which she cuts at least a couple of bunches of flowers and greenery each week. She talked about which flowers were the most appropriate to use for cutting, the best time to pick them in the day and how to look after them once cut.

Sophie described four elements beginning with 'f' to note when picking flowers viz: **feature flowers; fragrance; fillers; foliage.**

Delphiniums and peonies, for example, make good feature flowers while sweet peas, roses and even herbs provide fragrance. Fillers could be wild carrots, annual salvia and statice, for example, while all flowers have foliage which aids any flower arrangement.

Finally, Sophie delighted us by putting a flower arrangement together with blooms from her own garden. She now uses chicken wire instead of floral foam because of the harm to the environment. When the arrangement was complete, she allowed us to dismantle it and take the blooms home.

It was an inspiring evening and hopefully, members will try out some of her ideas with blooms from their own gardens. *Maralyn Button*





Weather and Nature Notes

June, like May, was rather dry, June also had record breaking temperatures. We had to wait over a month for some rain, as usual the north and west got the majority. Eventually some fell on the 18th and a bit more a couple of days later refreshing the parched earth a little, but not enough to fill my evaporating little ponds. The total rainfall for the month was a disappointing 27mm.

We are now into Summer and past the longest day, and already it has been hot and humid. Cereal crops are ripening and hay meadows are being cut, the hot sun saps the moisture from the cut grass and energy from my legs as I walk along, but the feeling I may miss out on a good sighting keeps me going. The grass underfoot has lost its spring lushness and looks a bit dry and chewy now for the animals. Meadow brown butterflies blend in with the more muted tones of earth and bleaching grasses, sometimes even their flight looks a bit laboured, slowly flapping a few feet or so before flopping into the cover of long grass, unlike smaller hyperactive skipper butterflies who dash about more energetically than the meadow browns and I. The hedgerows are now strewn with pretty bramble flowers that are a popular feeding place for a variety of butterflies and insects. It's a time of year when distinctive perfumes waft in the warm air: Privet hedges with their slightly sickly perfume, honeysuckle and lime trees. It takes energy for plants to produce these attractant perfumes, so they don't want to waste it, those adapted to attract moths wait until nighttime to release their lovely aromas, nicotiana, honeysuckle, mirabilis and cestrum being



a few you and moths can enjoy in your garden during the evening.

I had a couple of visits from a fairly large grass snake, I noticed it hiding amongst the lily pads in the warm water and have found it in my composter too. On cooler days slow worms hide in there also where they have a good food source of slugs and woodlice etc and are safe from predators.

Whilst strolling along Mounts Lane after a shower something purple caught my eye on the grass verge, an abrupt halt for closer inspection identified a beautiful purple hairstreak butterfly. They are not rare, but are rarely seen as they spend their life in and around the top of oak trees feeding on honeydew and hardly ever coming down lower. Butterfly books always suggest the use of binoculars to try and spot them, which shows how awkward they are to see. I have thought to myself over the years we have enough oak trees locally, there must be some about, well at last I have briefly seen one close up before it ascended back into the canopy. I have kept looking and I have seen a few more small butterflies flying around the tops of a few oaks in Pix's lane, they probably are purple hairstreaks but without binoculars I couldn't say for sure.

Something else that has appropriate habitat locally to be about, yet I have not seen one close up properly before, is the stock dove. I had the pleasant surprise of seeing a nervous pair in my garden recently. They are rather



attractive with plumage similar to a wood pigeon, but with a dark eye and smaller like a feral pigeon. I knew what they were but was lacking in knowing much about them. Research says that unlike wood pigeons and collard doves that are very common and frequent in towns and gardens, these are much less abundant and shyer, found in woodland edges

and arable areas and unlikely to visit gardens so are easily overlooked. They are also on the amber list of the UK conservation concern and fully protected, so the birds and nests cannot be harmed. It would be nice to see them visit again.

I think Mr and Mrs Blackbird in my garden deserve a mention for their tireless work, (and all parent birds) when I went out at 4.30 am to check my moth trap he was already out searching for food to feed young, and is out there until it is dark. It has been so dry and must be hard to find enough, so I didn't begrudge him an easy meal of a few beaks full of moths off the lawn attracted by my moth trap. Let's hope a good rain soon softens the ground for them all.

Hazel Beaney



The Thoburn Land Trust - Update

Following the generous bequest from the late Miss Pat Thoburn of land in Rolvenden, the parish council have established a charitable Trust to manage the two plots, being the fields behind the church and the allotments.

The Trust are working in partnership with local charity Tenterden Wildlife* to carry out some initial habitat surveys on the Thoburn land behind the church. Tenterden Wildlife have very generously agreed to carry out this work for free and their trained surveyors will be looking at trees, other plant life, birds, insects, reptiles and mammals to establish what is there.

The land is already listed as Grade II Park and Garden, listing reference 1000221.

The data will be available to residents at a Consultation Event on Sept 17th, when we will be asking for residents to give their views on the best future use of the area. We can then decide on the best way to manage the land and how that management might be funded.

Allotments – a draft lease has been offered to the Allotments Group and we look forward to working with them to further improve this valuable village amenity.

Denise Curtain, Chairman Rolvenden Parish Council

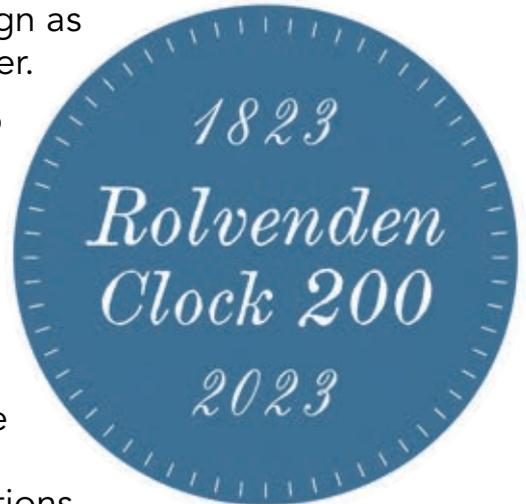
**Tenterden Wildlife welcome new members and can be contacted at tenterdenwildlife@outlook.com*



Rolvenden Clock 200 - Official Online Launch

We have now launched all of our official online activity for the Rolvenden Clock 200 fundraising campaign as we also get our roster of events planning together.

- The primary place to go to make a donation to our fund is on a website called Crowdfunder. The address for you to type into your address bar is as follows :
www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/rolvenden-clock-200
Here you will find all the information for the campaign with our target of £25,000 detailed with a running total of donations and how we are getting on. The donation process is very straight forward, select an amount and follow the instructions and also indicate that you are eligible for Gift Aid. You can also leave comments and will be listed as one of our kind donors.



- There is also a dedicated Facebook page keeping everyone informed. We will be posting news of forthcoming events, reporting on the progress of the live items, and sharing stories and photos of events that have happened. Please type Rolvenden Clock 200 into your Facebook search window and you will find the campaign page. Please could you like our page and encourage your friends to do the same.

What else is new in the fundraising campaign to get our village clock up and running?

Elsewhere in the mag you will find articles on Tim's BBQ coming up on Saturday 12th August – See page 19, and the sponsorship 'Just a Minute' being organised by Sylvia Kellett, See page 18.

Another date for your diary is Tim and Mo's 9 Church Run on Saturday 30th September, more to follow.

Judy V

T	O	N
E	E	Y
J	N	M

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.



Sponsor 'Just a Minute' for Rolvenden Clock

When I was much younger it seemed that every other church had a large replica of a thermometer outside, graduated in £s rather than degrees, showing how much money had been raised for the Roof Fund.

So when we were asked to think of ideas for fundraising for the clock repairs, my first thought went to some familiar object displaying how much had been raised. Well, a clock face could be a gauge and you could split it into 12 for the hours or 60 for the minutes.

And Hey Presto, I had the title 'Just a Minute!'. In fact, there would be 60 minutes and if this was going to be a contribution to fund raising within the overall project, then how about an invitation to sponsor an individual minute on the clock face until we had filled them all. And why not keep the idea of 60 and say £60 for each minute?

The final thought was that sponsors might like to give their donation a personal significance by making it in memory of loved ones or a celebration of a special anniversary, a wedding or baptism perhaps.



Then came sorting out the practicalities of how people would do the sponsoring. You will find all the details on the insert with this magazine*

And the bit I really enjoyed, making the clockface and working out where it would be displayed. I have opted for the Church notice board at the bus stop near the Village shop.

There is one more challenge, as yet unresolved. Where do we display the record of all the sponsored names being remembered and events being celebrated? Inspiration will come.

Sylvia Kellett

** Online readers will find the details at the very end complete with instructions for doing the sponsoring online.*



Marking Time in the Churchyard

The Rolvenden Clock 200 BBQ

Saturday 12th August 1:00 to 5:00pm,
food and music for a summer's afternoon



The words that apply are, informal, enjoyable and spontaneous. The informal setting is a large area of open space fringed by trees in the older part of the churchyard; space inviting you to come sit and relax, so please bring chairs or a rug. And if you can carry them plates and cutlery. Food and drink will be there to enjoy. Tim will be our master chef. He will be on familiar territory as you can see from the photo of the last time he cooked al fresco for the church.

There will be a simple bar but if you have a very favourite tippie, we are happy for you to bring your own. We would suggest you bring non-glass glasses to avoid breakages.

And spontaneity comes with the musicians. We have what one might describe as an interesting mix of instruments. One thing that unites them is the joy of making music with other people.

Tickets on the day are £10 and there will also be a bar with donations at your discretion.

Want to know more? Want to be part of the music making?

Would like to help?

Please give me a call.

Judy V 01580 241504



FOOD, GLORIOUS FOOD!

Non alcoholic drinks



When I was growing up there were not the plethora of soft drinks that are available today, but there were some very good fruit cups/punches served. I think nowadays they would be considered rather unsophisticated and too sweet for our tastes.

The origins of the alcohol-free cocktails can be traced back to the Prohibition in the U.S.A., they were known at the time as Temperance drinks and 'mocktail' was first used around 1916. The most famous is probably The Shirley Temple, a mix of ginger ale a splash of grenadine with a squeeze of lime or lemon and topped with a maraschino cherry.

They are some very fancy ones served in restaurants but there are many that are very easy to make without having a huge number of ingredients you wouldn't normally use.

You can make as simple or elaborate as you wish, there are no rules, except you will need loads of ice, preferably crushed, easy to do, just put cubes in a bag and bash with a rolling pin. Serve in either pretty glasses or a highball and finish off with a garnish, slices of orange, lemon, lime, or cucumber, mint, raspberries etc.

Some recipes require a simple syrup which is equal parts of water and sugar heated until dissolved, once cooled this can be stored in



a clean jar in the fridge for up to a month. The base can also be fruit juices or cold tea, lapsang souchong is good as it has a smoky flavour. The mixers can be lemonade, tonic water, soda water, sparkling water, ginger ale or ginger beer.

In keeping with the tradition of cocktails, mocktails have some wonderful names, Parson's Walk, Pussy Foot, Long Boat, Sportsman, Tonga, Virgin Mary to name a few of the older ones.

Mint Julep has been the official drink of The Kentucky Derby since the 1930's. Omit the bourbon and you have a very refreshing drink of ginger ale and fresh mint.

For a Mojito, crush fresh mint with a small amount of sugar, juice of three limes, crushed ice and top up with soda water or use ginger ale for a ginger Mojito.

A Moscow Mule is made the same way but with ginger beer to give a bit of a kick, garnish all of them with slices of lime.

For a Pineapple and Lime punch, use 750ml pineapple juice mixed with 400ml tonic and lime to taste, or for a fruit punch 500ml pineapple juice mixed with 300 ml of orange juice and lemonade.

Cranberry Fizz is very simple, put ice in a glass or jug, pour in cranberry juice, I do about $\frac{3}{4}$ juice to topper but it's down to personal taste, can be made with either soda water, tonic or sparkling water, decorate with fresh raspberries, looks pretty and can be a good one for a Christmas party too.

An Elderflower Fizz is made by half filling a glass with ice, add mint leaves, lime juice, elderflower cordial to taste and top up with sparkling water. Recently many alcohol-free spirits and wines have become readily available which you could use if you wished.

There is lots of scope to make up your own and give them a fun name or name after one of the children or grandchildren, how cool would that be!

Lavinia

Thank you to Rolvenden School Community Champions...

...whose after school club came into St Mary's on Monday July 3rd with Mrs Thomas and Mrs Gregory to help polish the brass and some wood work. Mrs Dyer, who was on the rota for July brass cleaning was very pleased with the help!... as are we all, thank you for helping to take care of your village church.

Sylvia



ST MARY'S ROLVENDEN

Flower Festival

AUGUST BANK HOLIDAY WEEKEND

Sat 26th, (10am - 5pm)

Sun 27th, (11am - 5pm)

Mon 28th, (10am - 4pm)

Daily Organ & Instrumental Performances in Church

SONGS OF PRAISE

Sun 27th 11.00am

(please come and join us for this service)

Theme

'Arranging Shakespeare'

ART EXHIBITION

Sale of Paintings, Crafts & Cards

Morning Coffee - Lunch - Afternoon Tea

Bookstall - Raffle

Flower Preview in Church

Fri 25th 6pm

In aid of Church Funds: Enquiries 01580 240463



APPLEDORE FLOWER FESTIVAL

August Bank Holiday Weekend
August 26th, 27th & 28th

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32 floral arrangements
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St Mary's Flower Festival and Rolvenden Art Exhibition

Less than a month to go before the Bank Holiday which means Rolvenden will again be in festive mood.

The Art Exhibition in the village hall:

- framed and unframed paintings
 - craft and pottery items,
- a good variety of greeting cards.

There will also be a book stall to browse and a raffle to tempt you.

Across the road in St Mary's:

- flowers with the theme 'Arranging Shakespeare'
- a varied programme of live music, organ, other instruments and some singers.

And when you need to recharge the batteries, the Hall catering team will serve you:

- Coffee (or tea) and cake (Homemade) until noon.
 - Light lunches from noon to 2:00 daily
- Cake and a cuppa from 2:00 to 5:00pm Sat and Sun, 4:00pm on Mon

Set Times in the church:

- Friday 6:00 to 8:00pm– Preview of the Flowers with a glass of wine
 - Saturday 9:30am -short Service of Dedication
 - Sunday 11:00 am Songs of Praise – everyone will be very welcome.

And one of the best bits about the weekend is volunteering it's a great way to meet people. We need people:

- In the kitchen, to serve the food, wash up,
- In the Hall, to sell the books, and raffle tickets
- In the church, to welcome visitors and act as stewards.

There are sign up sheets in church or ring Judy V on 01580 241504

And we need:

- Those Books you really enjoyed but are ready to pass on, please leave them in church on or near the bookcases on the north side.
 - Bakers of Cakes and biscuits, fruit pies and roulades
- Please see further details for bakers on the next page.*



Flower Festival Bakers

It really is up to you what you make.
It should be something that gives you pleasure.

Biscuits, flapjack, buns, cupcakes, brownies, cakes and sponges, round or tray bakes, iced or plain, and puddings such as fruit pies, crumbles or roulade. You choose, all are most acceptable. And if you bake gluten free or vegan that would be great.



But we do need to know what is coming, when and the quantity or size. You can do this by picking up an offer sheet from church or the shop to complete and return, or you can email the details to judyannvinson@gmail.com

Eg: I will make 2 doz flapjacks and an 8" Victoria sponge with jam and butter icing. Delver to the hall on Saturday by 11;00 am, A Baker tel:07777777123.

Items can be delivered to the Hall kitchen on Friday between 2:00 and 4:30pm or any time over the weekend when the Festival is open. In addition we ask that you provide the following written information with each item:



- A list of ingredients (in descending order of weight)
- Details of any ingredients that could cause an allergic reaction – such as egg, milk, sulphites, peanuts and tree nuts

And one last thing: if you want your plate, dish or container back, please make sure it is securely labelled with your name and telephone number.

Thank you! Judy V 01580 241504

Festival Flower Arrangers

Do hope you are looking forward to 'Arranging Shakespeare'.

Any queries? Then meet me in church on Thursday morning August 10th at 10am to discuss, or of course talk to me at another time.

As usual, collect your oasis or substitute during August; and prepare for your arrangement in the week running up to the Festival being mindful of any church events. Please keep your arrangements watered throughout the weekend, and aim to reduce the following week.

Thank you very much for taking part, it is much appreciated by St Mary's and all our visitors. *Sylvia 01580 240463*



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HISTORY GROUP

FRIDAY 4TH AUGUST 2023

'Bricks and Brickmaking'

David Cufley



David is a Retired Chartered Structural Engineer.
He will talk on the fascinating topic of brickmaking, which happened in Rolvenden. We look forward to learning about this local industry.

Venue St Mary's Church, Rolvenden

7:15 for 7:30pm start of lecture

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Walk the High Weald with us this September!

Great news - the sixth annual High Weald Walking Festival will take place from **Saturday 9 to Sunday 17 September 2023**.

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As always there will be something for every age and ability, and we're always keen to hear suggestions for new walks. If there's a part of the High Weald landscape you'd like to learn more about or a location you've always longed to explore, [let us know via the website](#).

Get involved

We're hoping to include more short walks and evening walks in this year's programme, and also some more themed walks. If you belong to a community group, conservation charity or special interest group and would like to lead a walk showcasing your work to conserve the High Weald landscape, [please get in touch](#) - we'd love to have you on board.





Rolvenden Neighbourhood Watch

Our focus month is on **Distraction burglary** and **Securing your home when you're away**



Distraction burglary is when burglars pretend to be someone they are not in order to gain entry to your home.

They might be...

- pretending to be from a care agency, the council or a utility company investigating a gas or water leak.
- seeking help to leave a note for a neighbour or even asking for a drink

of water if they claim to be thirsty or unwell.

- Claiming to be in a hurry or emergency and needing to get into your home quickly.
- Working in teams, with one person distracting you while the other searches your home.

How to prevent it

There are a number of things you can do to prevent distraction burglary. Always remember "if in doubt, keep them out":

- Use your door viewer to see who's there.
- If you open the door put the chain on first.
- Always ask for ID and check it with the company before letting somebody into your home.
- Use the phone number advertised in the phone book or online, as the number on their identity card could be fake. For a utility company, call the customer service department. Close the door while you do this.
- Remember that genuine callers won't mind checks. If you feel at all unsure, schedule a time for the caller to come back when a friend or relative is there.
- For pre-planned appointments with utility companies, a password scheme can be set up.
- If you feel threatened or in danger by the presence of the caller, call 999.

Securing your home when you're away

It's vital to leave your home secure whenever you leave it. Getting into an 'exit routine' can help ensure that you don't forget obvious, important things, like not leaving your valuables near windows, or no lights on if it will be dark before you get home. Here's what you should do just before you go out. Become a creature of habit.

Try to get into the habit of following your own course of action when you lock



up your home. This will ensure that you don't forget anything.

Here's what we recommend you do before you go out:

- Close and lock all your doors and windows, even if you're only going out for a few minutes
- Double-lock any door
- Make sure that any valuables are out of sight
- Keep handbags away from the letterbox or cat flap and hide all keys including car keys, as a thief could hook keys or valuables through even a small opening
- Never leave car documents or ID in obvious places such as kitchens or hallways
- In the evening, shut the curtains and leave lights on
- If you're out all day, then it's advisable to use a timer device to automatically turn lights and a radio on at night
- Set your burglar alarm



- Make sure the side gate is locked
- Lock your shed or garage
- Lock your bike inside a secure shed or garage, to a robust fitting bolted to the ground or wall, like a ground anchor

Going away?

Five tips to help you keep your home and belongings stay safe while you're away:

1. If you're off on holiday and wish to post anything on social media, make sure your posts aren't public and that they're only seen by your friends.
2. Leave lights and a radio on a timer to make the property appear occupied
3. Get a trusted neighbour to keep an eye on your property.
4. Consider asking your neighbours to close curtains after dark and to park on your drive.
5. Remember to cancel newspaper and milk deliveries.

Siân Reeve

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



Parish magazine essential information:

Articles and supporting photographs: email to judyannvinson@gmail.com.
Photos for the cover should be emailed as a jpeg in colour or monochrome to Trevor Lodge on stmaryrolv@aol.com.
To keep the cover photos in tune with the month, Trevor likes to keep seasonal photos on hold waiting for the season to come round the following year. Any keen photographers who want to contribute, please send your photos to Trevor.



THE DEADLINE FOR THE SEPTEMBER ISSUE IS 5:00pm TUESDAY 15TH AUGUST

Note for distributors: ☆ Rolvenden Magazines available for collection on Saturday 26th August. ☆ Newenden Magazines available in St Peter's on Sunday 27th August July from noon.

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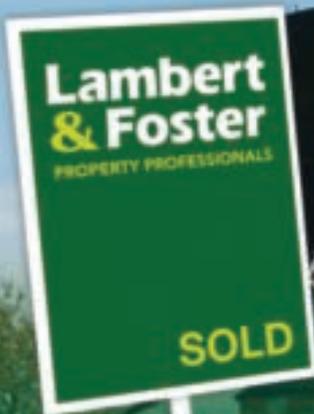
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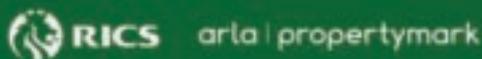


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Wednesday 9th August

Meetings from 10:00am to noon in Monypenny Lounge

Please note Hi Kent will be visiting this month

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

8th and 22nd August To join phone: 03000 41 31 31



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.

Jan Bridger

Tel: 01580 762932 Mob: 07445971791



Remember to check out Kent Savers for affordable loans
www.kentsavers.co.uk

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



There is NO excuse for domestic abuse

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

Victim Support: 0808 16 89 111

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

The Samaritans: 0845 79 09 090

Childline: 0800 1111

Mankind: 01823 334 244

domesticabuseservices.org.uk

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

VS VICTIM
SUPPORT

SAMARITANS

ChildLine
0800 1111

ManKind
Initiative



Waste Collection Dates for August

Monday	Food Waste	Household Refuse grey bin (or black sack)	Recycling green bin (or clear sack)	Garden Recycling brown bin (or white sack)
07 Aug	yes	yes	no	yes
14 Aug	yes	no	yes	no
21 Aug	yes	yes	no	yes
28 Aug	yes	no	yes	no
04 Sept	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

NEWENDEN PARISH COUNCIL

www.newenden.org/organisations.php
Twitter feed @NewendenPC using hashtag #Newenden
Parish Clerk: Mr John Leeves.
3, Ben Hall Mill Place, Ben Hall Mill Road
Tunbridge Wells, Kent TN2 5EE
telephone: 01892 513899
e-mail: john.leeves@newenden.org
There will be a meeting on 5th September.

ROLVENDEN PARISH COUNCIL

www.rolvendenparishcouncil.org.uk
Parish Clerk: Mr Peter Settlefield
Wealden House, Grand Parade,
Littlestone TN28 3NQ
email: rolvendenclerk@gmail.com
*There will be a meeting on
17th August 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.*



**Sponsor 'Just a Minute' for Rolvenden Clock 200
St Mary's Clock Restoration Project**

Would you like to sponsor one of the sixty minutes of the clock face for £60 to boost the clock restoration fund? Would you like to make your donation in memory of a loved one?

There are two ways you can sponsor 'Just a Minute' - online using Crowdfunder or by completing the form on this page.

Here is the link for the Crowdfunder page for the Rolvenden Clock 200 campaign :

www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/rolvenden-clock-200

Please set the amount to £60, and if your donation is eligible for Gift Aid tick the box.

Finally, and this is important, once you have completed the donations please go to the Comments page, and put in 'Just a Minute'. This is also where you tell us if your donation is in memory of a loved one.

If you are using the form :

Please bring your completed form and a cheque for £60 to church and post it in the vestry door letterbox. (Which is ahead of you to the South side, when entering by the North porch glass door)

If you have said your donation is eligible for Gift Aid, we will send you a Gift Aid form.



We will be making a record of sponsors to add historical interest to the restoration project, this will be an important part of the church history.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

PLEASE USE BLOCK LETTERS

I wish to sponsor 'Just a Minute' of the clock face for £60

NAME:

ADDRESS:

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I enclose a cheque payable to PCC of St Mary the Virgin

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I am happy to Gift Aid Yes/No

I would like to sponsor in memory of

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