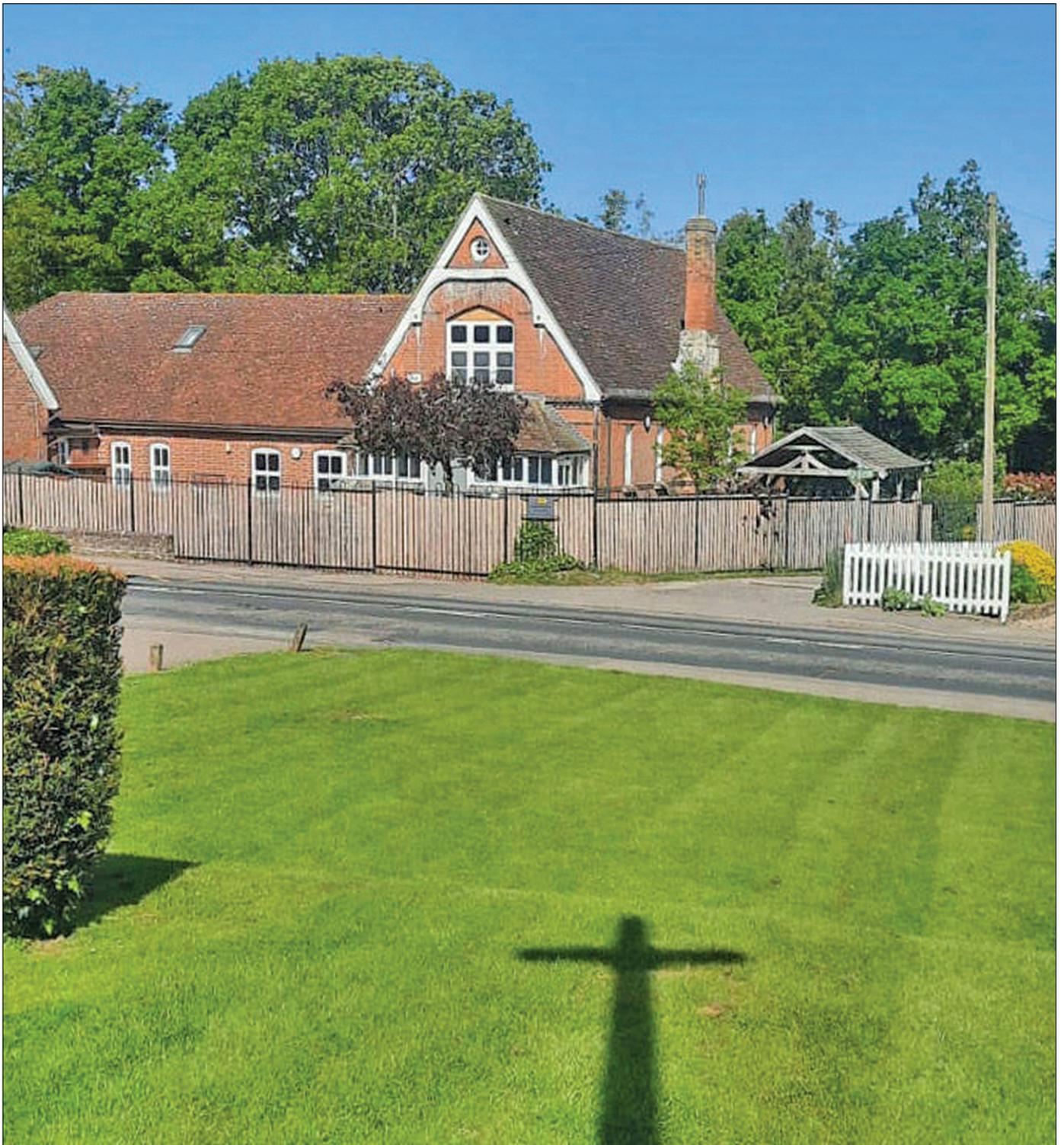


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*This month's letter is from Rev'd Canon Lindsay Hammond*

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

Dear Friends,

Later this month, on the 11th June to be precise, we will celebrate the Feast of St Barnabas.

So what do we know about Barnabas? Of all the New Testament saints, Barnabas was perhaps the most generous. A well-to-do man, he was generous with material things and gave a lot to the Christian cause. It's very easy to spiritualise everything and talk about generosity in every way except the most obvious – hard cash. We rather fight shy of it.

Barnabas was also generous in his judgement. He befriended the newly converted Saul, when everyone else was deeply suspicious. Just think of the implications of Barnabas' generosity! What kind of Christianity would have emerged if Saul had been left out in the cold? Barnabas was generous in his judgement, trusting, forgiving, full of faith. He embraced Saul, and out of their friendship emerged Paul, who took the Christian faith to the wider world.

Barnabas showed a trust in people that believed them to be genuine. He showed a forgiveness that was able to let the past go. And he showed a faith that God knew what God was doing.

Barnabas demonstrated practical generosity and generosity of judgement. We must not fail to learn from that.

'Barnabas' means 'Son of Encouragement'. Barnabas made people feel valuable. He took them seriously, affirmed them, and asserted their value. We underrate encouragement as a Christian virtue. What an enormous difference Barnabas made to the lives that he touched. And what an enormous difference we can make to the lives of the people with whom we have to do, if we go out of our way to encourage, to affirm, to give value. We spend so much of our lives putting people down. People need lifting, encouraging, consoling. So let's all try and be a Barnabas, sons and daughters of encouragement! Generosity and encouragement – two words to take to heart as we thank God for Barnabas.

With every good wish.

*Lindsay*





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

### **Sunday St Mary**

June 04 Sylvia K

June 11 Sylvia K

June 18 Sylvia K

June 25 Sylvia K

Contact: Sylvia Kellett  
01580 240463

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Brass Cleaning at St Mary: Sylvia K

St. Peter's Church: normally open between 10.00 and 5.00pm. If you need access outside of these times, please contact Frances Jones or Rosie Edmonds.

Should arrangers be unable to do any slots please swap with someone else and let Rosie know. Thank you to all arrangers in both churches for the splendid Coronation flowers.

### **St Peter**

Ingrid Nilson

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Rhoda Smith

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## ❖ From the Registers ❖

### **Funerals**

24th April - Richard Banister at St Mary's followed by  
a cremation at Tunbridge Wells

10th May – John Edmonds at St Mary's

### **Interment of Ashes**

18th April – Kathleen (Kate) Ann Sinclair at St Mary's

4th May – Janet and Gordon Russell at St Mary's

### **Baptisms**

14th May – Bobby-Lee Graham Ramsden at St Mary's

## CRANBROOK CHORAL SOCIETY SUMMER CONCERT

1st July 2023, 6.30pm St Peter and St Paul's Church Headcorn  
with Headcorn Primary School Choir.

Light summer songs and music.

Tickets £10 ( U16s Free), available on the door.



# Rolvenden Pre-School report



The end of an era for Rolvenden Pre-School. After nearly 30 years at the helm, Donna Parsons has now retired from the pre-school. We got together to celebrate the amazing dedication and care given by Donna to so many children and families over the years and to give Donna some tokens of our gratitude. The pre school is not the same without her and she has left some very big shoes to fill.

Here at pre school we have been enjoying getting outside into our garden, taking walks around the village and visiting Mr Heath and the Reception class at Rolvenden Primary School. Our little group is making big progress as they grow and develop together and it won't

be long until we send some of them off to big school.

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

*Call: 07729718181*

*or see Facebook page @rolvendenpreschool*



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# The Church of England

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

## Sunday 4th June: Trinity Sunday

9.30am St Peter's Newenden  
Eucharist

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

## Thursday 8th June: Feast of Corpus Christie

7pm Eucharist St Peter Newenden

## Sunday 11th June: Feast of St Barnabas

9:30am St Peter's Newenden  
The Eucharist

6pm Said Evensong with hymns (Tenterden)

## Sunday 18th June: Second Sunday after Trinity

9.30am St Peter's Newenden  
The Eucharist

3:00pm Wittersham Churchyard

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

## Sunday 25th June: Feast of John the Baptist

9.30am St Peter's Newenden  
Celtic Morning Prayer

6:00 PM Benefice Service – Choral Evensong at Appledore\*\*

At this service we will pray for our new Parochial Church Councils

8am St Mary's Rolvenden  
Holy Communion

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

11:00am St Mary's Rolvenden  
The Eucharist

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

11am St Mary's Rolvenden  
The Eucharist

### And during the week

#### Morning Prayer

Will be said Monday to Friday at 9am in Tenterden Church.

This service will not appear online.

#### Beginning the Day with God

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

#### Ending the Day with God,

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

#### Holy Communion

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

**These services won't appear online.**

To access our daily online worship, visit:

YouTube St Mildred's, Tenterden

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

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

\*\* Footnote re the service at Appledore. There is a new car park at the bottom of Court Lodge Road, a very short walk from the church



## LIVING IN LOVE AND FAITH

In the summer, we will be running a course entitled, Living in Love and Faith. It comes in five parts and aims to help Christians think more deeply about what it means to be human. Living in Love and Faith provides a structured and accessible way to explore Christian teaching and learning about identity, sexuality, relationships and marriage. Each of the sessions of the course will address a key question: What does it mean to learn together as followers of Jesus Christ? How does our identity in Christ relate to sex and gender? What kinds of relationships does God call us to? Where do our bodies and sex fit in to all of this? How do diversity and difference affect our life together as a church?

The areas of life covered by Living in Love and Faith are currently the subject of much discussion and debate. The course will give us the opportunity to explore these issues and ponder why we think as we do, and to talk about how we as churches can handle these issues in a way which is sensitive, respectful and kind, mindful always of the enormous damage we can inflict on other people if we do otherwise. Each session will include an opening reflection about learning together, followed by teaching, time for discussion and Bible study, and end with an invitation to reflect on our learning, bringing it to God in prayer.

The course dates to note in your diary or on your calendar are: 12th July, 19th July, 26th July, 2nd August, and 9th August. These are all Wednesdays and the start time will be 7.30pm. The venue will be Tenterden Church. You will need to buy the course booklet (£5). To make sure we have enough booklets we would like to know who's coming, so please sign up through Caroline ([cloud9churchesoffice@gmail.com](mailto:cloud9churchesoffice@gmail.com)).



# Newenden Cricket Club

At last, NCC was able to play a home game on Sunday 14 May, a whole month after the 2023 campaign started - such has been the wetness of the ground. However, the season has otherwise begun well with three emphatic wins and the team is in great spirits. The famous teas are back and we hope the sun will keep shining now.



The list of fixtures for the next few months can be found below and it is also available on the club website:

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

	<b>Date</b>	<b>Opponent</b>	<b>Format</b>	<b>Venue</b>	<b>Time</b>	
Sunday	4 June	Headcorn		Home	1.30pm	Friendly
Wednesday	7 June	Gills Green		Away	6.00pm	Wealden Wallop
Saturday	10 June	Itasca Wines		Home	1.00pm	Friendly
Sunday	11 June	Mersham Le Hatch		Away	1.30pm	KVCL Div 1
Wednesday	14 June	Rolvenden		Away	6.00pm	Wealden Wallop
Sunday	18 June	Goudhurst		Home	1.30pm	Friendly
Sunday	25 June	Wingham		Home	1.30pm	KVCL Div 1
Tuesday	27 June	Cranbrook School		Away	1.00pm	Friendly
Wednesday	28 June	Northiam		Home	6.00pm	Wealden Wallop
Sunday	2 July	Borstal		Home	1.30pm	KVCL Div 1
Wednesday	5 July	Rolvenden		Away	6.00pm	100 Smash
Saturday	8 July	Winston's Match		Home	1.00pm	Friendly
Sunday	9 July	Overs/Unders		Home	1.00pm	Friendly
Wednesday	12 July	Wallop Final		Away	6.00pm	Wealden Wallop
Sunday	16 July	Harbledown		Away	1.30pm	KVCL Div 1
Sunday	23 July	Chairman's Day		Home	1.00pm	Friendly
Sunday	30 July	Leeds & Broomfield		Home	1.30pm	KVCL Div 1

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

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## Rolvenden Primary School – May Update



*The School Community Champions in action*

One of the great things about Rolvenden is our wonderful extra-curricular provision. This term has seen the launch of several new clubs. Our 'community champions' have been out and about in the village - litter picking, cleaning signs and generally making the area clean and tidy! Our 'Harry Potter' club has been training up the young wizards and witches of the village and our 'Floods and Rainbows' club has offered children the opportunity to act out and complete crafts around a range of Bible stories.

We also have announced our end of year productions - our youngest children will be performing 'Little Red Riding Hood' in conjunction with Rolvenden Pre-School whilst our older children bring the West End to Rolvenden with their production of 'Shrek the Musical'. By the time of publishing, our children will also have performed in our brand new 'Showcase at Smallhythe Place' which features whole school, class and individual performances in all areas of the arts. This month our children in Years 2 and 6 took their national SATs examinations.

Despite what you may have read in the news, we were very pleased with how our children coped with the challenges presented to them by the papers and look forward to celebrating their results with them later in the year.

In sporting news, our new netball team has launched and they will be participating in the Ashford Youth Netball League. We hope this team will be able to replicate the success of our football team who have been hugely successful in their campaign this year - winning 5-0 against local opponents, Sandhurst. *Ben Vincer, Head of School*



# Rolvenden History Group Lecture

7:15 for 7:30, Friday 2nd June – St Mary's Rolvenden

Dr Claire Jones on 'Medicine in the Long Nineteenth Century' – a period that saw momentous change in health care.



Claire is a Senior Lecturer in the History of Medicine and has also worked in the heritage sector as Director of the Museum of the History of Science, Technology and Medicine at Leeds as well as Learning and Access Officer at the Infirmary Museum, Worcester.

Her research centres on the social history of medicine and health in Britain post 1750 to the present day. Her particular emphasis is on the relationship between medicine and commerce, and how that impacted on social history.

As well as her teaching and research Claire has also worked with non-academic partners to increase the public understanding of medical advancement through the setting up of Museums including the Thackray Medical Museum Leeds, and the Florence Nightingale Museum London.

The Thackray Medical Museum invites visitors to follow the story of medicine through exploring a range of galleries that feature the grimy streets of Victorian Leeds, gruesome operations taking place in a 19th-century operating theatre, a 70s-style sexual health clinic, and charts how well the world responds to crisis. The Florence Nightingale Museum celebrates the life of the trailblazing woman who was the founder of modern nursing, one of our greatest Victorians and a female icon in her own lifetime and who is still an inspiration to nurses around the globe.

Dr Claire Jones has had a fascinating and wide ranging career and we are greatly looking forward to gaining insights into the state of medicine in the nineteenth century and the innovations that were made that lead to great improvements in health care.

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## **Friends of Newenden Meadow Restoration**

Here in Newenden, we are creating an organisation called 'Friends of Newenden Meadow Restoration', and invite you to join us, both from Newenden, Rolvenden and around, in this exciting project. The subscription will be £10 per annum, and as soon as we have a list of potential members, we can arrange our first meeting to talk about our future plans. Becoming a Friend will mean that you will be periodically kept up to date with everything that happens in the field. You will be invited to a summer event in the field when the flowers are at their best; and to any bumblebee, plant or conservation talks that we organise. Your £10 will go towards talks, buying of wildflower native plants, and equipment when necessary. There will be an annual meeting to give a report on the year's progress and future plans, and a treasurer's report. The important thing will be the opening of a bank account, so that subscriptions, donations, and grants can be properly and transparently accounted for. Please do get in touch with me on [jillianeldridge@hotmail.com](mailto:jillianeldridge@hotmail.com), or 07984169314 and be part of recreating a wildflower meadow.

The meadow is looking really beautiful. Throughout May it was awash with buttercups. Now the Yellow Rattle is in flower. The tube shaped flower protrudes from a bulbous green, shell-like structure, giving it its scientific name *Rhinanthus Minor*, meaning 'small nose flower'. When its seeds form and ripen, they rattle in that air filled structure, which by then will have turned from green



to brown. Yellow rattle is very useful in a restoration meadow, being a hemiparasitic plant, which means it gets some of its nutrients by feeding on the sugars of nearby plants, particularly grass. It does this through its unique root structure which allows it to attach itself to the roots of nearby plants. As a result it weakens the prevalent grasses around it and allows space for other wild flowers to grow.

In the field we are seeing an abundance of Meadow Vetchling this year. Greater Birdsfoot Trefoil is growing vigorously in a few areas near the scrape. Sorrel, Plantains, Common Vetch and False Chamomile are also appearing. The Yellow Flag Irises that we planted at the water's edge last year are flowering. Knapweed and Oxeye Daisies are prolific on the scrape islands and also spreading into other areas of the field.

This spring we have planted Field Scabious, Devil's Bit Scabious, Great Birdsfoot Trefoil, Meadow Cranesbill, Musk Mallow, Common Vetch and Red Clover in areas prepared by strimming. These plants were purchased with a grant from Ashford Borough Council. Also with that grant we have bought a seat to go in the field so that people can sit quietly and absorb the sights, sounds and scent from the field.

*We hope you will join us as a Friend of this beautiful field.*

*Jillian Eldridge.*

*Contact:- [jillianeldridge@hotmail.com](mailto:jillianeldridge@hotmail.com) or text on 07984169314*



## **Sandhurst Hospice in the Weald**

Garden Party/Recital will be held on Saturday July 29th. at 3.00pm.

Daniel Grimwood (pf) will be playing with Adrian Bradbury (vn).

The duo will be presenting a super programme which will include music by two Russians - Glazunov and Blumenfeld plus two Brits.

Cyril Scott and Roger Quilter. Music by Henselt will also be featured.

*Tickets will be available by the end of May. For further information contact Gillian Davis 01580-850384.*



## Weather and Nature Notes

As soon as I had written about April trending towards drier weather the rains came. I measured 115mm. This Winter and Spring has generally been rather wet and chilly, with a few mild spells thrown in to confuse things. In conversation with a grower on the Romney Marsh he was saying it has been the worst he has known in over forty years, rarely has he still been planting up fields of potatoes in May. Also I expect a lot of nurserymen growing for the Chelsea Flower Show have found it difficult to get plants to perfection. It makes you realise how adaptable most plants are, that they survive a near 40 degree heat and drought in Summer, then nearly minus 10 degrees and wet in Winter. Now in May with some warmth and the daylight hours extending, the plants are putting on rapid growth and most look none the worse for it. The countryside must be at its peak of brightness and fresh beauty, with its lush new growth in every conceivable shade of green, trees in blossom, and some fields with the almost eye aching bright yellow flowers of oilseed rape. In the skies recent storm clouds of mountainous proportions built up, adding their own dramatic beauty to the scenery.

On a fine morning I went for a walk covering a different area of the parish for a change. As hoped it delivered the first cuckoo of the Spring for me, also the first orange tip butterflies. I mentioned last time that I had seen two Red kites, but they appeared to have moved on. I did see a single one, maybe one of



those? Swallow numbers are rather disappointing again. I only saw the odd one until well into May. I always keep an eye on the Dungeness Bird Observatory web site, and it seems there is a general lack of migrant bird arrivals. I have heard a nightingale, but it was in Woodchurch. As I left the Church after arranging flowers for the Coronation on the 5th, I was met with the scream of a swift, since then, their numbers have swelled to six that I have seen, effortlessly speeding across the skies above my garden. When you consider the perilous journey to and fro all these migratory birds perform, and then factor in, that in the case of a swift, it may be four years old before it breeds successfully, that is a lot of air miles and risks before it can add a new generation.

I saw a tawny mining bee taking a rest on a nettle leaf in the sun, the eye-catching females are bright and recognisable, unusually the males are duller. A harmless Spring solitary bee that is short lived, gone by about June. In that brief time will be some industrious pollinating and digging a tiny hole in a sunny lawn, or similar, to lay her eggs that will hatch next year. Also starting to appear on my nettles are the tiny young of dark bush crickets, they will grow quickly, their chirping calls are a sound of Summer evenings.

My little ponds are starting to look a bit more interesting now that the water temperatures have risen enough for the plants to start back into growth. If you

want a diverse wildlife rich pond, that is pretty low maintenance then don't add ornamental fish. Plenty of oxygenating weeds and marginal plants are essential for an algae free pond and for creatures from the miniscule upwards to hide and breed in. As some plants elongate out of the water, the first of my damselfly larvae climb them and emerge,



on closer inspection nearly every stem has the evidence. I can lose myself for quite some time peering closely into the waters, trying to spot the tiny stuff like hydra and fry for example. Newts have been egg laying for some time and their little tadpoles are hatching. They are mostly the more common smooth newt, but I have the odd palmate newt too. Also a few common frogs of various sizes bask in the pond or hide in the marginal plants, when you see a few together you can see how their main colouration can vary in shades of greens through to browns. It is that time of year when the non-native marsh frogs have started their laughing calls in the wider landscape, of ditches and ponds, they can be heard from quite some distance sounding as if they are all sharing a hilarious joke as more join in, but they need to keep vigilant as they would make a tasty meal for quite a few creatures.

*Hazel Beaney*



# Rolvenden Gardening Society



## Outing to King John's Nursery and Garden



On Friday, 28th. April, 29 members of the Gardening Society boarded a coach to visit this Nursery and Garden which is situated near Etchingam, Sussex. We were greeted by Harry Cunningham, a family member, who gave us an introductory talk about the interesting history of King John's.

It was a rather damp morning for walking around the gardens but most did so and saw the pretty Spring flowers growing there. This was followed by delicious homemade cake and coffee in the rather quirky tea rooms. From here there was a chance to purchase plants from the well-equipped nursery before having a look around the interesting shop which had museum items to look at as well as things to buy.

Leaving King John's, we travelled to Petals Garden Centre at Broad Oak for our lunch stop. We were supposed to have gone to Merriments, but at the last

minute, they couldn't accommodate us. Anyway, Petals looked after us well and we all enjoyed some lunch and a look around the extensive range of plants and gardening items in the warm sunshine.

Needless to say, many plants were bought before we set off back to Rolvenden after what had been an enjoyable first outing of the year for our members.

*Maralyn Button*





And there's more... Rolvenden and District Gardening Society have the following happening and would like to invite you to come along and join us.

- On the 8th June we have a talk by Sophie Leathart entitled "Growing Flowers for Cutting". This is in the Village Hall 7pm for 7.30pm. Free entry for Members and £3.00 for Non-Members (to include a complimentary glass of wine). As you come into the hall you will be given a raffle ticket for the chance to win a prize during the evening.
  - Our Summer Show is on Saturday 17th June in Rolvenden Village Hall. Doors open at 2.30pm and Prize giving will be at 4pm. Please come along and see the beautiful flowers, vegetables and cookery that will be on display then sit and relax with a cup of tea/coffee and chat with fellow gardeners. We have a raffle, which is always good fun, and plants for sale.
- Looking forward to seeing you at one or both of these events.

*Sue Clout*

**SAT. 17 JUNE 2023 2PM**

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**KATE MILLER**  
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# MUSIC FOR A SPRING EVENING

TENTERDEN SINGERS

22 APRIL 2023



What a Treat! The Tenterden Singers performing at St Mary the Virgin Church, Rolvenden.

We gathered together in Church on a warm spring evening and as the light faded. Churchwarden Tim welcomed the Tenterden Singers. He explained this concert was the curtain raiser for some serious fund raising for the restoration of the church clock and we were to be blessed with the sound of music, songs and poetry. The evening unfolded with Steven Pusey effortlessly

conducting the choir and Kevin Bull skilfully accompanying on the piano. The first half was a mixture of ancient choral and folk songs together with poems read by Mark Lucky and Nick Hudd and ending with a traditional Irish blessing.

The interval provided us a selection of delicious food all homemade by members of the village and a chance to mingle and chat with friends and family. The choir certainly enjoyed their wine and the 'dish of the evening award' has to go to Richard and his amazing Egg Mayonnaise Sandwiches with the Coronation Quiche coming a close second!

Refreshed and rearing to go, the choir took their places and entertained us with well-known songs, such 'Swing Low', 'Amazing Grace' and the wonderful Carpenter's song 'Top of the World', which had the whole audience dancing and singing in their seats. Poems were beautifully read by Mike Steed and Laura Laws and the evening ended with the choir singing 'Goodnight Sweetheart'.

I decided a photograph should be taken to remember the evening, but alas the door to the organ balcony was locked. Judy came to the rescue, and I climbed the stairs as quietly as possible and looking down on the choir and audience, I felt a sense of togetherness in the Church and thought to myself, what a wonderful place to be.

Judy gave the final word and we left feeling blessed that we had had a most enjoyable evening and I would like to say a big thank you to all involved, especially The Tenterden Singers for giving their time. We raised a total of £546.00 for the Church clock and we all hope that the fund raising can continue until we reach our goal

*Caroline Imrie*



## Coronation Celebrations in Newenden

We had a fantastic time in Newenden celebrating our new kings coronation. The weather was inclement so unfortunately we had to cancel our planned game of rounders, but we all had an amazing time regardless. Everyone enjoyed the street party style food, and it was all washed down with a barrel of local ale several bottles of Prosecco and strawberry daiquiris. Just after 3 o'clock we all congregated outside of the marquee and toasted the king, whilst having an aerial photograph taken. There were prizes for the best



dressed and for the best cupcakes. We then danced the night away. It was so nice to see so many people coming together in the village. Many of whom helped prepare the food put the marquee up, provide the music and help clear up the next day. A true team effort from the people of Newenden. Thanks are also due to local businesses, residents and charities for donating funds to

run the event. Ashford Borough Council also donated money to buy a commemorative bench which will be engraved to remember the date. Copies of the aerial photo and a photo book of the day will be available shortly.

Dave Wheeler



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## In support of local producers



When we moved here twenty odd years ago I was very aware of the local produce that was available on our doorstep. We are incredibly fortunate to have so many small producers in the area offering a large variety of products.

Hinxden dairy based in Benenden produces milk, cream, creme fraiche and cheeses which are all excellent and available in Rolvenden and Benenden village stores, and they have a delivery service.

We also have Silcocks farm, shop and cafe. This is an organically run farm producing quality meat and dairy, they make their own cheeses and ice cream, including a dog friendly one. The butchering is done on site and you can have meat cut to your own requirements.

The cafe, which includes an outside area where dogs are welcome, serves delicious home-cooked foods, there is also a function room available for hire.

Chittenden farm shop sells very fresh vegetables and fruits in season at reasonable prices. Their apple and pear juice is I think one of the best, also local honey and frozen game from a local dealer. They do not accept credit cards, so cash or cheque.

Nightingales, (Gibbets Oak) sell their own seasonal soft fruit, apples, pears, cherries, asparagus, fruit juices and cider plus vegetables from local producers. Also a good selection of jams, pickles etc. They also sell their own cider.

The Potato Shop has the most amazing varieties of potato on offer, it is very difficult to choose, they have some very good recipes on their website, [morghew.com](http://morghew.com)

Also a range of game, their own honey and logs! Also available from our



Thursday market outside the church.

Little Angley Farm, offers, free range eggs, seasonal fruit, vegetables and flowers, local game in the freezer, including whole fillets of venison, I'm looking for an opportunity to buy one!

Charity Farm and Hartley Dyke farm shops both have good produce and a large selection of more unusual biscuits, jams etc. Hartley Dyke has a particularly good delicatessen counter, it is expensive but the quality is excellent.

I think Eggs to Apples is well worth a visit, they have an enormous range of excellent produce, the local, British and pesticide free are highlighted. When I went they had an amazing variety of tomatoes, many I had never seen before.

We are coming into the PYO season and an excellent place to go to is Tibbs Farm, once you have picked enough, relax in their cafe which has breath-taking views across the Tillingham Valley. The food on offer was homemade and looked delicious.

In the same direction is Suttons fish shop, this is now run by the next generation and as well as their very good fish and shellfish, I like their dressed crab, have extended their range to include fruit and vegetables, game, sausages, honey etc. Also tea and coffee to take away.

*Lavinia*

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# Celebrating the Coronation in Rolvenden



## Topping all the Celebrations!

Olive Austen, Rolvenden Layne's champion yarn bomber was easily first up with her Coronation toppers, three in all. They were boldly, brightly on display before any bunting appeared and they are still with us as a colourful reminder. Thank you Olive for marking out the year with your wonderful creations that raise so many smiles.



## Saturday Morning

The bells were rung from 9:45 to 10:30am, uniting our village celebrations with many other communities across the land. There were six of us ringing and we rang part of the Coronation March, and call-changes called Orb and Sceptre as recommended by the Central Church Council.

*Linda Smith Bell Tower Captain*





## Saturday Afternoon

Not even the rain could dampen the high spirits at the Village Picnic, on the Coronation Day of our New King Charles.

So much effort had been put into the preparation by Lin and Yvonne and the staff at the Star to make it a success. They had been cooking for days, making sandwiches, putting up bunting around the pub and the field. organising the bouncy castle , sideshows , Punch and Judy shows and the Magician to astound us all. Sausages and sausage rolls were donated by Korkers and there were many donations of food, especially delicious cakes from bakers in the village.

There were stalls for children, of all ages, coronation cupcake decoration, making a crown, face painting and tattoos and you could have your photo taken with our New King and Queen on the Palace Balcony!

The enthusiasm of the people was amazing, braving the weather to celebrate together and raise a glass, or 2 or 3, to our New King Charles. *Sue Dyer*





### Sunday Noon

The Oak Tree planted a few months ago on St Mary's Green was dedicated as Rolvenden's Coronation Oak with the prayer that it might be a beacon of awe and hope for many generations to come.

This poem by Wendell Berry was read.

### For the future

Planting trees early in spring,  
We make a place for birds to sing  
in time to come. How do we know?  
They are singing here now.  
There is no other guarantee  
That singing will ever be.

And the birds really did sing!

*Judy*





## Monday 8th May – afternoon

The Coronation celebration was rounded off with an amazing stoolball match on the Layne Field. Amazing because the weather was fine. Amazing because 22 people, quite a few who had played as youngsters, batted, bowled and demonstrated how to have fun. Amazing because a lot of people turned up to watch. And amazing because we had a proper village pub where we could have the post-match presentation of the Ewe and Lamb Coronation Trophy!

A new stoolball tradition has been born, an annual match between Streyte and Layne.

And we even managed to catch the national spirit of the Big Help Out, that push to find volunteers for all sorts of community projects. During the course of the post-match celebrations 5 people volunteered to become part of a team responsible for the Thursday evening sessions on the Layne Field for youngsters from 7 to 16. Something that has been a part of village summers for 30 years is going to continue. Alleluia!





## The Ewe and Lamb Restored

Miracles do happen – the Layne did get its pub back, though during the darker days of winter there were some who thought we'd lost it for good. Then on 23rd March it happened, the metal screens were gone, the lights were on, the doors were open and the pub was very, very full. Since then we have rediscovered just what a good thing a village pub can be: a place to drop in to and be met with a smile, somewhere to meet friends, to be in company and to eat good food.

So, who is it that has brought all this about? Meet Elsie and George: Elsie originally from South Africa, has been working in hospitality in Kent for the best part of 17 years. George is born and bred Kent, in Wittersham in fact and has worked in and around Tenterden his whole life.

And their arrival here was not just the village's dream come true. Let Elsie tell the story:

'We have always wanted this little pub. When it came on the market in October it was almost a sign We were both living in Tenterden but we knew we would soon be moving to the Layne. We couldn't have been happier. The worst part of getting everything together was getting the kitchen up and running and the cleaning, after the pub having been closed for all those months. The best is by far the support we have had from everyone in Rolvenden,



Tenterden and Wittersham in particular. Seeing it open and everything finally coming together has been amazing.

The first week was absolutely insane! We could not have been more chuffed with the turn out on opening night. It was wonderful meeting all the regulars and being so well supported. Things are settling down, but still busy.

As a pub, the beer is important. We are a Star pub, that's the pub arm of Heineken. But we are able to offer other beers and ciders as well as their inhouse brands. Currently we have: Moretti and Amstel Lager, Guinness, Neck Oil IPA and other ales from Harveys, Long Man – Long Blonde, Kingswood – 49er, Timothy Taylor – Land Lord and our ciders are Aspells.

We just want to stay the 'proper village pub' with a small menu, including the pub classics, a couple of lovely homemade mains and a selection of starters. There are some 'Boozy Bites' on the board. And of course there are homemade deserts, (Editor: supplemented by Judes' ice cream which is scrumptious in extreme, with a name like that of course it is!)

That is the business, but we want to be part of the community as well. That was why we were so pleased to be able to sponsor the Coronation Stoolball match between the Streyte and the Layne on 8th May. It was a great afternoon, the match on the Layne Field and then back here in the pub with the presentation of the Ewe and Lamb Coronation Trophy and much flipping of burghers.

*There is much to look forward to in the months to come, including the return of the Trophy from the Streyte to the Layne when next year, We Win!*





# Rolvenden Neighbourhood Watch



## Our focus month is on advice regarding doorstep criminals and rogue traders

Please see the advice below as Kent residents are reminded to be vigilant against rogue traders operating in parts of the county

- If someone knocks at your door, always refuse on the spot repairs or maintenance.
- Don't allow anyone to pressurise you into agreeing to have work carried out. If you ask them to leave and they don't, contact the police on 999.
- Don't ever go to a bank or cash point with a trader; legitimate traders would never do this.
- Use reputable traders who are members of the KCC Trading Standards approved trader scheme: <https://tschecked.kent.gov.uk/>
- Ask for quotes in writing and check that the tradesperson is from the company they say they are from.
- Kent Police state: 'Some criminals will look to exploit more vulnerable members of our communities by charging exorbitant amounts of money for work that is often completely unnecessary or at best substandard. We would urge residents not to deal with cold callers who knock on doors offering work to clean driveways, repair roofs or to maintain garden shrubs, hedges and trees. *We are also asking neighbours to keep an eye out for vulnerable people, including the elderly. If you see anything suspicious don't hesitate to call the police.*

**NEVER EVER AGREE TO UNSOLICITED WORK ON YOUR DOORSTEP NO MATTER HOW CHEAP AND ATTRACTIVE THE PRICE.**

Jobs like patio cleaning and maintenance, roof work and gutter cleaning/repair are classic matters that end up with a job quoted £100 suddenly becoming £2000 with intimidation and aggression to obtain the payment.

If a caller refuses to withdraw and leave  
**CALL THE POLICE ON 999 IMMEDIATELY.**

If they leave still contact the police via 'Live Chat' or the non-emergency line 101. You may have resisted but a more vulnerable person down the road may not. Give the police as much information as you can: descriptions especially of any vehicles they are using.

These criminals will look to locate our elderly and our most vulnerable in the community especially persons living alone. Some victims are so embarrassed they do not tell the police or their families, so the police remain unaware and cannot put out alerts.

### **Actions you can take:**

Ask for identification and call their company yourself (not on a number they provide) to check they are genuine.



- Ask the visitor to return another time when someone can be with you.
- Compare the price you have been given, get three written quotes. Ask family and friends for recommendations.
- Agree payment arrangements and start and finish dates in writing beforehand, and never pay in full until you're completely satisfied with the work.

**Remember pressurised selling on your doorstep is a crime and you can report it:**

- [kent.gov.uk/tradingstandards](http://kent.gov.uk/tradingstandards) or call 0808 223 1133
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**Be safe, secure, alert and vigilant.**

*Siân Reeves*

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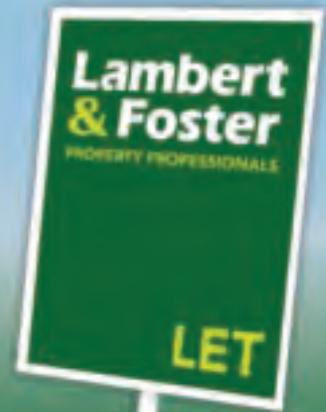
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EC30 is part of a registered charity, encompassing the coffee shop run by Sharon and her Team of volunteers, a range of community services and a popular charity shop. Rooms are available to hire by the hour too (daytime, evenings and weekends), as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

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

EC30, Recreation Ground Rd, Tenterden.

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



## **The Tenterden Family Foodbank**

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

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

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

## **The Old Schoolhouse Larder**

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





## CARM Meeting Point

Wednesday 14th June

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

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## KCC Mobile Library Service...

Visits Rolvenden every 2 weeks on a Tuesday:

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

13th and 27th June To join phone: 03000 41 31 31

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## Memory Café and Friends every Friday

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

## Musical Memories – every Tuesday

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

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## Monthly Lunch Club 4th Wednesday

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

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

Occasionally we have tea rather than lunch, please enquire.

Jan Bridger

Tel: 01580 762932 Mob: 07445971791

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Remember to check out Kent Savers for affordable loans  
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# Here to... help you!

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

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

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

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

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



## Waste Collection Dates for June

Monday	Food Waste	Household Refuse grey bin (or black sack)	Recycling green bin (or clear sack)	Garden Recycling brown bin (or white sack)
05 June	yes	no	yes	no
12 June	yes	yes	no	yes
19 June	yes	no	yes	no
26 June	yes	yes	no	yes
03 July	yes	no	yes	no

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

### NEWENDEN PARISH COUNCIL

[www.newenden.org/organisations.php](http://www.newenden.org/organisations.php)  
Twitter feed @NewendenPC using  
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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](mailto:john.leeves@newenden.org)  
*There will be a meeting on 20th June.*

### ROLVENDEN PARISH COUNCIL

[www.rolvendenparishcouncil.org.uk](http://www.rolvendenparishcouncil.org.uk)  
Parish Clerk: Mr Peter Settlefield  
Wealden House, Grand Parade,  
Littlestone TN28 3NQ  
email: [rolvendenclerk@gmail.com](mailto:rolvendenclerk@gmail.com)  
*There will be a meeting on  
15th June 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.*