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The Minister's letter this Month from Rev'd Sharon Frances

Dear Friends,

The harvest now is over, the summer days are gone.

[Jeremiah 8, 20]

As I type these words I am singing them in my head, as set by Felix Mendelssohn in his magnificent oratorio Elijah. The wheat fields are indeed already harvested, the grapes yet to be gathered. On 1st September we enter the Season of Creation which ends on 4th October, the Feast of St Francis of Assisi.



We're told via the media that there is nothing like 'getting out into nature' for our mental and physical well-being. While we can weary of always being told what is good for us, it helps us to connect with ourselves, with others, our environment, and with our Creator.

One way of getting out into nature is to walk - gently around the lawn at home or further afield. Perhaps you have been on pilgrimages, walking through countryside, sometimes alone and sometimes with others - walking together, chatting, eating, sharing and caring on the way.

My earliest experience of pilgrimage was as a teenager when our youth group joined with many others from Canterbury diocese. We would camp overnight on Easter Day in village halls around Canterbury. Rising early on Bank Holiday Monday, we set off for the Cathedral, taking it in turns to carry our banners aloft.

After the service, Archbishop Michael Ramsey led us into the green cloister where he sat on a chair in the middle and was surrounded by all of us sitting on the grass. We fell into a silence of anticipation and then he would flex those wonderful eyebrows, look around the swarm of youngsters, and say, 'Now, what questions have you got for me?' Absolutely brilliant.

Why not dip your toes into pilgrimage? Please join us for the Chapel Bank Pilgrimage on Sunday, 6th September beginning at 3 pm from Ebony Church. As in Chaucer's Day, everyone is welcome on pilgrimage, including children and dogs. There will be a short service at the top of the hill, followed by a picnic. Pilgrimage is as good for the body as for the soul!

I close with a quotation from the Camino de Santiago de Compostela. Today, the Camino, the Path, can be undertaken on foot, horseback or bicycle. But the language of pilgrimage also refers to our inward spiritual journeying into a deeper relationship with Creation and its God. *Blessed are you, pilgrim, if you discover that the camino opens our eyes to what one cannot see.*

*Every blessing,
Rev Sharon Francis*



St Peter and St Mary Flower Rotas September 2026

Sunday	St Mary	St Peter
Sept 06	Sylvia K	Sally Manford
Sept 13	Jennie Field	Sally Manford
Sept 20	Jennie Field	Hazel Mahoney Masters
Sept 27	Harvest Arrangers	Hazel Mahoney Masters
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Brass Cleaning at St Mary: Jennie Field

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.

❖ From the Registers ❖

Baptism

28th June

Lyra Phelps at St Mary's

26th July

Edward Antrum at St Mary's

26th July

Lydia Ghaffar at St Mary's

Interment of Ashes

17th July

Sarah Cole at St Peter's



Some background to a local screening of The People's Emergency Briefing

The National Emergency Briefing is a group of leading experts and concerned citizens who joined forces to encourage UK decision-makers to step up their responses to the escalating climate crisis. In November 2025, the group presented the latest evidence on the climate and nature crisis to politicians and other influential people in Westminster. Now this vital message is being disseminated across the UK through local screenings, bringing together people from across local communities to hear the evidence and discuss how to respond. This fifty-minute film presents the implications of climate and nature breakdown, along with credible, positive responses. The film delivers the frank facts about the threats, but also the enormous benefits if Government leads genuine emergency action. Screenings are followed by discussion, where people can begin a conversation about how to respond together on addressing local climate and nature resilience. Rolvenden PC is considering hosting a screening and would like to know if you would attend: *see page 14*.



The Church of England

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

Sunday 6th September Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

8:00am St Mary's Rolvenden

BCP Holy Communion

9:30am St Peter's Newenden

11:00am St Mary's Rolvenden

Eucharist

Celtic Morning Prayer

3:00pm Annual Pilgrimage to Chapel Bank (Ebony Church) See note

Sunday 13th September Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

9:30am St Peter's Newenden

11:00am St Mary's Rolvenden

Eucharist

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Sunday 20th September Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

9:30am St Peter's Newenden

11:00am St Mary's Rolvenden

Eucharist

Patronal Eucharist

6:00pm Benefice Choral Evensong (Appledore Church)

Sunday 27th September St Michael and All Angels/ Harvest Thanksgiving

9:30am St Peter's Newenden

11:00am St Mary's Rolvenden

Morning Praise

Harvest Thanksgiving

Chapel Bank Pilgrimage – starts in Ebony Church and then we walk about 1 mile to Chapel Bank, the old site of Ebony Church, for the conclusion of the service and a picnic tea. Bring something to sit on, walking shoes, picnic and a dog if you have a well behaved one. Parking in the Garden Centre has been agreed. Call Marylyn Bacon, churchwarden, if you need to drive to Chapel Bank. 01797 270300

And during the week

Beginning the Day with God

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

Ending the Day with God

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

Holy Communion will be celebrated at 10am in
St Michael's Church every Wednesday and in

St Mildred's every Thursday. The service will
last about twenty-five minutes.

St Mildred's, Tenterden Online services,
will be found at YouTube and also can be
accessed through our free daily bulletin,
Connect Up!

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

**And remember, our churches are open every day – a haven of peace and quiet
where you can sit and think, read, pray and light a candle if you so wish.**



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THE FRIENDS OF KENT CHURCHES SPONSORED RIDE AND STRIDE Saturday 12th September 10am - 6pm

By cycling or walking around Kent churches you can raise money to be divided equally between the Friends of Kent Churches and the church or chapel of your choice. There's more info on the website: www.kentrideandstride.co.uk
You can download Sponsorship forms and lists of participating churches from the documents section of the website. If that is a problem, please contact me.

Judy V Tel: 01580 241504

Editor's Appeal

Call for articles on Journeys and Walks

The Journeys features has been going for a while now. Articles have been about holidays involving travel but they don't have to be. It could be a tale of a significant commute, or a memory of your first solo journey to school, or...Following requests from the recent Reader survey. Is there a favourite footpath you could share, one within our parish boundaries or a long distance one you have tackled.

Contributions eagerly awaited. If you want to have a chat first, please get in touch.



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A Clearer Picture

For everyone who has anything to do with St Mary's or St Peter's

Safeguarding is not an easy subject. It is about coping with and preventing the abuse of children, young people and vulnerable adults. The Church of England, like many other institutions, has a poor record. The Bishops have set the ambitious goal of making safeguarding an integral part of the mission and ministry of the Church of England.

What does that mean for local churches? We say safeguarding is everybody's responsibility. Constitutionally it is the collective responsibility of the Parochial Church Councils. Much of the drive for local safeguarding lies with the Parish Safeguarding Officer. For Rolvenden and Newenden that's me.

Part of my role is to ensure church officers and volunteers, are aware of and understand the safeguarding measures needed to create safe churches, welcoming spaces where all are respected and valued. As PSO I also respond to safeguarding concerns brought to me. We will have it right when everyone associated with church is aware of the possible issues and knows they come to the PSO with their concerns. The PSO will seek guidance from the specialist Diocesan Safeguarding Officers. They handle all interventions.

Both PCCs have completed their training and tailored awareness training for all volunteers is ongoing.

Obviously, the National Church wants to know how matters are progressing. INEQE Safeguarding Group, an independent company, has been appointed to conduct external audits across the C of E. The audits will ensure we are doing all we can to create environments where everyone feels safe, valued and respected.

Other diocese have been audited. Now it is Canterbury's turn, covering Diocesan and Parish levels and the Cathedral. The audit will give a clearer picture of our safeguarding practice, culture and lived experience, showing what we are doing well, and highlighting where improvement is needed.

INEQE wants to hear from anyone who has a link with the local church. If that is you, your voice is an important part of the Parish audit. You are invited to completing a survey, the closing date being Wednesday 9th September. To access the survey, please use this link: <https://ineqe.com/churchofengland/canterbury/> scroll to the Parish options: 'workforce' if you have a role, 'community' for everyone else.

Survey returns are anonymous and confidential. Responses go directly to INEQE's independent audit team, not the Diocese or the Church of England. You will not be asked to identify yourself, so you can be open and honest in what you share. If you do not know the answer to a question, it will be fine to say so. We know some will not be able to work online. That is why, in this benefice, the Parish Safeguarding Officers are using their own laptops and will help people with completing the survey. If that is something you would value, please give me a call.

Thank you for your help.

Judy V Tel: 01580 241504



Rolvenden and District Gardening Society Autumn Show

Saturday 5th September at Rolvenden Village Hall.

Doors open at 2.30pm. Prizegiving 4pm

It would be lovely to see you all at our third and final show of 2026. Our vegetable growers excel at this show, but there are plenty of flowers etc to see. These include dahlias, fuchsias, pot plants, flower arrangements and cookery.

The children have a special class and at this show they have been invited to make a collage using feathers and/or a creature made of vegetables.

After you have had a look around, please stay and have a cup of tea or coffee and enjoy the friendly banter when raffle prizes are given out.

This may be our final show of the year but we still have a talk etc to look forward to. Watch this space for details.

See you all soon.

Sue Clout,

Show Secretary

TENTERDEN MEN'S SHED

Judy's letter last month about what we do with our lives as and when we retire resonated with me.

I have kept my hand in as a cabinet maker, making jewellery boxes for all of the ladies in my family, but

recently I have joined Tenterden Men's Shed. I have taken my skill into the woodworking section, helping members with their projects and identifying timbers for them. The Men's Shed is held in The Glebe Hall, Church Road Tenterden, on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10am till 12pm. The joining fee is £10 pounds. At each visit we pay £3 pounds for refreshments, many men come for the company, there are many discussions on world affairs. So if you think this might be for you why not come along and give it a try. *John Walters*



Mollie Crozier's visit to St Peter's Newenden



On Wednesday 6th August, Saint Peter's had a delightful visit from Mollie Anne Crozier (nee Kirk), a young and spritely ninety-one-year-old, who was married in our church on 9th September 1954, aged nineteen! Mollie was accompanied by her son Greg, his wife, Jane, and her eldest grandson, Jack.

Mollie Kirk was born in 1935 and was living in London when war broke out in 1939. Along with so many other children, she and her ten-year-old sister were evacuated to the countryside. Their mother had been born and brought up in Northiam with her eight siblings. Mollie had many relations locally, so Newenden was a logical choice. Mollie's sister went to their uncle, Bert Ralph, who lived at Hillcrest, the house he had built

himself in the village, and Mollie went to his friends, Richard and Marjorie Trill who, at that time, lived at Frogs Hill Lodge. After the war they moved to number 8 Copt Hall, as its first tenants, where Mollie continued to visit them during her school holidays.

When Mollie arrived in Newenden in 1939, the village School had already closed and become a library. The children were taken to Sandhurst by taxi. But Mollie attended Sunday School in Saint Peter's every week, for which a new bonnet was bought from Hawkhurst each year. The fuchsia plant in the border just outside the south door brought back vivid memories of standing beside it as she waited to be let into Sunday School.

Mollie so enjoyed her time in Newenden during the war that, when she later fell in love with Arthur Crozier and they became engaged, she asked Rev'd Arthur Culmer, Rector of Newenden and Sandhurst, if he would marry them at Saint Peter's. As Mollie was under twenty-one and marrying outside her parish, the Rector had to obtain a special marriage licence from the Archbishop of Canterbury.

Mollie and her bridesmaids spent the night before the wedding at the White Hart. She well remembers looking out of her bedroom window in the morning



and seeing her uncle Bert trundling a wheelbarrow containing the wedding cake, that he had just iced, down the hill to the reception venue, the Village Hall. She also recalls that her husband's new shoes still had their price tag on the sole, visible to all, when they were kneeling at the altar.

During her time with her host family, the Trills, Mollie got to know their son Stanley quite well. Stanley Richard Trill joined the RAF and became a Lancaster bomber pilot. Mollie recalls that he had to go to the USA to complete his training with Pam Am in Florida. Very sadly he was shot down over Germany in 1943. He was 21. After her wedding in 1954, Mollie laid her bouquet at the war memorial in Stanley's memory.



During her recent visit to St Peter's, Mollie was shown her page in the marriage register of 1954, which brought back many happy memories. St Peter's magic must have worked, as Mollie and Arthur had a long and happy marriage. It would have reached seventy years, but for Arthur's sad and untimely death four months before their anniversary.

Hugh Edmonds

The church is open

Parochial Church Councils spend time racking their brains to come up with new words to describe ways of engaging with the wider community. Too easily we miss the one thing that we do as a matter of course: we keep our churches open.

The story above of Mollie's visit is a great example of how a church becomes that important setting for the milestones in life. For other visitors, parish churches are a treasure trove of history embedded in the local community going back centuries. The stained-glass windows are portals into the story of God's love for his creation revealed through the life of Jesus, through stories in the Bible and through the lives of Christians through the ages.

But most importantly, the church is a place where people come to be still, to sit with their thoughts and feelings, particularly the sad and the difficult ones.

There may be tears, prayers, a candle lit, or it may just be sitting still. But there is something about ancient stone buildings that have been centres of prayer.

They hold a peace that will wrap itself around you, seep into your heart and mind and leave you calmer as you return to the bustle of the world. *Sylvia Kellett*



Weather and Nature Notes

It feels a distant memory, and hard to believe that June had a reasonable amount of rain, July did its best to negate this with records broken that we don't want to see: the sunniest month ever, the hottest and driest month ever. Farmers are struggling to feed their animals having to resort to using some winter rations already. Europe and beyond are also suffering. Serious wildfires in various countries are causing huge areas of devastating damage for wildlife and people. It was not till the 26th of July that some rain fell, the moment was very brief, blink and you would have missed it, the light shower passed through and left nothing recordable in my rain gauge, leaving us patiently waiting again. On August the 5th an attempt to rain again left nothing to record, although I hear in Tenterden there was a proper shower. The dry spring and summer baking have had the effect of making all things advanced, many farm's cereal crops are harvested, and the straw baled and cleared before the end of July.

There have been some windy days which provide welcome relief from the heat, but with trees shedding leaves to lessen their burden because the soil is so dry it makes another job removing them from pond netting. Whilst skimming



off these leaves, I noticed a very bedraggled butterfly, as I scooped it up I saw a flash of purple in the light, it was my first sighting of a purple emperor, I was surprised as was Ashley my lepidopterist friend on telling him. The poor thing with ragged wings and scales missing was a shadow of its former self, a handsome, powerful flying butterfly that frequents the tree tops looking for ladies and seeing off rivals. They do not feed from flowers instead get their nutrients from honeydew and sap runs on trees, smelly animal scat, rotting carcasses, and muddy puddles. My guess is it came to drink from the pond and the wind and fountain spray played a part in its demise. As a strong flier it may have wandered in from elsewhere, or it is possible there are a few about that have gone unnoticed as they spend the majority of their time around the tree canopy.

The best place to see purple emperors is the Knepp estate, where since their rewilding project has been running, they have gone from no recordings of them, to having the UK's largest colony due to the growth of willow trees. Elsewhere they are scattered in low densities in large mature woodland in some southern and central counties. Around Maytham there are plenty of oaks and close by their caterpillar food plants, goat willow and willows that I see are coming up in the rewilding area of the old conifer plantation, which I have said before is becoming good habitat. I hope it is allowed to develop naturally and then purple emperors might become a regular sight.

Continuing the purple theme, purple hairstreak butterflies are small and not often noticed as they spend their time in oak canopies as well, feeding on aphid honeydew, however the drought is drying this up and forcing them to come down to the ground to seek fluids. I have now seen three getting into difficulties in the pond whilst drinking that I have not observed before. Honey bees always need to drink and are sensible enough to appear to have a designated safe area where they all land and walk to the edge to drink, a constant stream of them landing, and taking off resembles a miniature runway.

Let's hope my rain gauge gets some use in August, with a bank holiday in the month maybe the odds are a little more favourable.

Hazel Beaney





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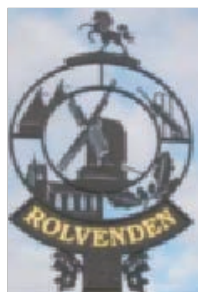
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for a recruitment pack and an application form.

Closing date for applications: Friday 11 September 2026

Rolvenden Parish Council Report



The Government has announced its decision on the number of Unitary Authorities for Kent. Earlier in the year the fourteen leaders put forward five options for the Government to choose from based on geography and population size and growth. The Government has selected Option 4b. Option 4b would be made up of: Dartford, Gravesham and Medway in the north; Sevenoaks, Tonbridge and Malling, Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells in the west; Swale, Ashford and Folkestone and Hythe in the middle of Kent and Canterbury, Thanet and Dover in the east. In the short-term, key

services such as bin collections, tips, libraries, Highways and social care, will stay the same for residents but work will now start on finding the most effective way to run them under the new system.

There is a vacancy on the Parish Council for the Strete ward. If you are interested in the role and would like to find out more please do contact the Clerk.

The Parish Council has been asked and is considering hosting a screening of the People's Emergency Briefing, a new film aimed at enhancing public awareness of climate and environmental risks. If you would be interested in attending the screening, which would be held in the autumn, please do get in touch with the Clerk.

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Thursday, 17 September 2026 at 7.30pm in the village hall.

As always please do get in touch if you have any questions or suggestions for the Parish Council. Louise Goldsmith, Parish Clerk, email clerk@rolvendenparishcouncil.gov.uk or call 07900 693572.

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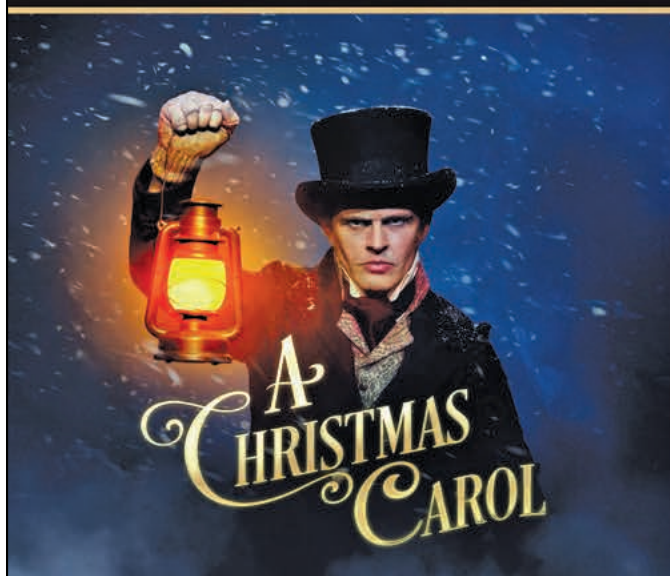
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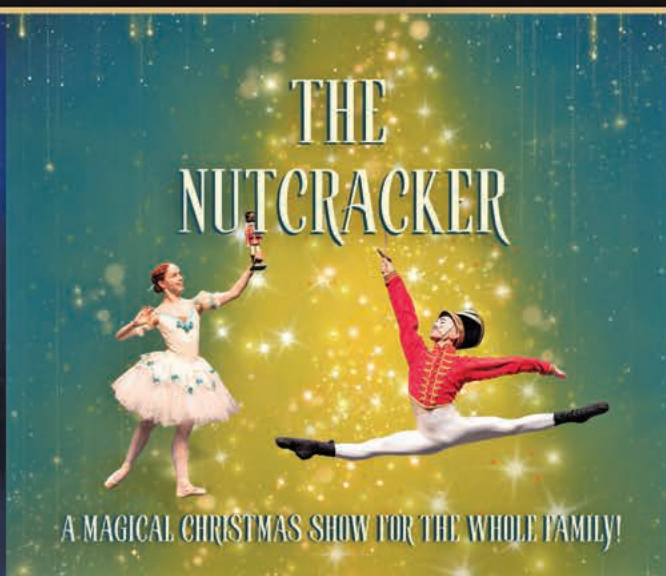
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Leslie Howard with Gillian Davis

Eighteenth Annual Hospice in the Weald Musical Events in Sandhurst

On Saturday July 25th, forty-five music enthusiasts gathered to hear Daniel Grimwood give a most unusual performance in Sandhurst. He presented a lecture/recital on the 'Method of Methods', which he is preparing for his Master's degree. It was full of well-known eighteenth century composers, including our special favourite, Adolph von Henselt. However, it also included the less well known, some of whom were a glorious revelation.



We had perfect weather for a garden party after the music. My grateful thanks go to all the people who assisted. Irene Vidler and Dawne Bailey were in charge of tickets and programmes and then helped with the teas. Hamish and Cynthia Brown made sandwiches and organised the teas. Maureen Sadler was unable to make it and was very much missed, but Daniel's mother and my cousin pitched in! A special thank you goes to Tony Thomas who provided the sound equipment for Daniel's comments to be heard by everyone.

The final result was an amazing £760 for Hospice in the Weald, and a good fee for our amazing pianist, Daniel Grimwood. We have now raised over £22,000 for Hospice in the Weald since my husband left us, so I now have my eyes on £25,000!

Wednesday, September 9th will be the last event for 2026, when Florian Verweij will come from Holland and be joined by the world's greatest Liszt performer, Leslie Howard. Tickets, minimum donation of £24, only in advance, are now available. ***Please call 01580-850384 Gillian Davis***



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Hazelnuts



The hazelnut comes from trees and shrubs belonging to the *Corylus* genus. The most widely cultivated is the common hazel, *Corylus avellana* which is native to Europe and Western Asia. They have been growing wild long before recorded history, thriving in woodlands from Britain to Turkey. Hazelnuts are botanically true nuts unlike peanuts which are legumes. There is archaeological evidence that shows people were eating hazelnuts around 10,000 years ago. Large quantities of shells have been discovered at prehistoric settlements across Europe, suggesting that they were foraged and stored as a valuable food source. Unlike many fruits, hazelnuts could be dried and stored for winter, making them especially important before farming became widespread.

In Britain, hazel has long been one of our most familiar native trees. Ancient woodland management often depended on coppicing, where the stems are cut back regularly to encourage new growth. The straight flexible stems were used for fencing, baskets, hurdles, walking sticks and thatched roofs, while the nuts were a welcome autumn harvest.

The Romans spread hazelnuts through parts of Europe, appreciating their flavour and nutritional value. During the Middle Ages, they remained an important food especially in rural areas where there was an abundance growing.

Today Turkey is by far the world's largest producer, supplying around 70% of hazelnuts globally. The mild, damp climate along the Black Sea



coast provides ideal growing conditions. Other major producers include, Italy, the United States, Azerbaijan, Georgia and Spain.

Hazelnuts are packed with nutrients. A 30 gram handful provides around: 180 calories, 17 grams of healthy fat, 4 grams of protein, 3 grams of fibre, excellent amounts of vitamin E, good levels of magnesium, copper, manganese, folate, phosphorus, and vitamins B.

Research suggests that hazelnuts and other tree nuts may help reduce bad cholesterol while maintaining good cholesterol. Their healthy fats, fibre and plant compounds all contribute to heart health. They are rich in antioxidants and many of these beneficial compounds are concentrated in the thin brown skin surrounding the nut, so eating them unblanched gives the greatest benefit.

Hazelnuts are wonderfully versatile in cooking and are used in sweet and savoury dishes. They are used widely in cakes, biscuits and pastries. Chopped up they add some crunch to brownies, muffins and fruit cakes. Finely ground hazelnuts can replace part of the flour in cakes which gives a rich moist texture. They are particularly popular in gluten-free baking as they provide structure and flavour without wheat flour.

One of the most famous combinations is with chocolate. It has become iconic in confectionery, being used in praline, chocolates, truffles and spreads. Roasted they work equally well with either dark or milk chocolate. They can also be blended into a spread similar to peanut butter.

In savoury dishes hazelnuts add texture and flavour to salads, grain bowls and vegetables. They go particularly well with beetroot, squash, Brussel sprouts, mushrooms and leafy greens. You can also add them to stuffings for poultry and game.

I like hazelnut oil for salads, roasted vegetables and pasta dishes but it's not suitable for high temperature frying.

The nuts usually ripen during late summer and early autumn. As they ripen, the leafy husks begin to dry and the nuts fall naturally to the ground. If you want to store them for any length of time, they need drying to reduce moisture content to improve shelf life. If stored correctly, shelled hazelnuts can last for several months. If you want to store longer, either put them in the fridge or freezer.

Hazel trees play an important ecological role. Their catkins in early spring provides pollen for bees when few other plants are flowering. The nuts feed many animals, including woodpeckers, dormice and squirrels. The picture is of hazelnut shells, evidence of a dormouse feast.

Lavinia



Part 2 on the joys of journeying on Canals

Leisure Canal Boating from 1960s to 2020s

Over the years, available time and resources change. We reached the point where it was possible to buy our own boat which meant we could really explore the canals at our own pace. We were no longer limited to a hire company's timetable. Here is the story of our latest cruise earlier this year.

We started from our marina in Audlem Cheshire setting off on a dry but cold day. Turning north and east we went via Barbridge and Middlewich to Anderton passing Marbury Park, an old manor house used as a WWII hospital, with extensive woodland walks.

At Anderton we lingered a little as this is the site of the boat lift, an 1875 feat of Victorian engineering for transport of salt and pottery to Liverpool for export. In addition, there was a weekend of steam traction engines to gongoozle. As we couldn't cruise the Weaver ourselves because the lift is currently out of service, we indulged in a tourist ride as far as Northwich.



Anderton boat lift

Carrying on to Lymm on the Bridgewater Canal, for the moment the limit of navigation because of a breach on 1/1/24, we turned and retraced our steps to Middlewich where we started up Heartbreak Hill known for the height it rises via 34 locks. Three days later (we like to take it easy these days although in our youth we used to do it in one!) we turned north onto the Macclesfield canal.

This leads onto the Peak Forest Canal and ultimately to Whaley Bridge where a train can take you up to Buxton. Unfortunately, the bottom lock of the only flight on this canal is broken and will not be mended for at least a week, so just past Congleton is a further limit to our navigation.

Turning round, we hoped to complete the Four Counties ring back to our



starting point. Firstly, we had to tackle the Harecastle Tunnel - opened in 1827 to replace an earlier one. We wanted to make an early morning start to take advantage of the booking system. Not all tunnels are so monitored. Bookings opened at 8:00 am and we were the fifth in line. We cruised through the potteries, briefly stopping at Middleport for breakfast.

That weekend at Etruria there was a festival of old working boats, two of which we met on our way down. We paused for a few of the hottest days at Barlaston, the centre of Wedgwood pottery, and we visited their visitor centre.



We passed through Stone, an old canal town, and then Tixall Wide, near Shugborough Hall turned right onto the Staffordshire and Worcestershire Canal ending up for a few days at Tixall Wide, a pleasant open area near Shugborough Hall where in the 1960s Lord Patrick Lichfield was resident and welcomed many jet-setting celebrities. In the mornings we saw swans, geese, ducks together with coots, moorhens, great crested grebes, cormorants and, if lucky, the occasional flash of a kingfisher. The sound of sedge warblers was our lullaby.

Having lingered while the weather was clement, the skies turned grey and normal northern canal weather resumed - wet every day with occasional hail! So we beat a hasty retreat back to our marina pausing only for pub visitations and a temporary closure of four hours. Not quite our original plan, but these days on the canals, adaptability is everyone's second nature.

And for those who like the stats: Total journey distance - 163 miles, 106 locks 7 tunnels including the Harecastle Tunnel (2676 metres - 1.5 miles)

Sally Sawyer

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Get those little grey cells working

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

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



Rolvenden History Group

Friday, 4 September 2026

Mote House: Hidden Histories

Andrew Mayfield is a Community Archaeologist who now works for the Royal Parks at Greenwich Park. In 2022, Andrew won the Community Archaeologist of the Year.



Old Mote House stood at the bottom of the Long Valley. Today nothing of the old house remains, however sketches and paintings of the time show that it was a grand and sizeable complex of buildings. The Mote Park 'Hidden Histories' project involved a long-term study of the site where the old house once stood.

Venue: St Mary's Church, Rolvenden

Coffee and biscuits

7.15 pm for the lecture which starts at 7.30pm

Everyone welcome - Non-members: £4

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



Around the Weald in 80 Ways



High Weald Walking Festival 12th – 20th September



The festival has a fantastic, jam-packed programme with eighty events taking place across the High Weald, with something for everyone - from seasoned ramblers to people just starting out with countryside walks; from easy one-mile introductions to walking and family-friendly heritage trails to challenging 13½-miles across some of the High Weald's most spectacular countryside.

- Walks from railway stations, make it easy to leave the car behind, with routes starting from East Grinstead, Balcombe and Robertsbridge stations.
- Nature and wildlife walks. Explore everything from the South East's newest nature reserve at Ironhurst Valley and the rare mosses of Fairlight Glen to Rye Harbour Nature Reserve.
- History and archaeology walks. Follow ancient routeways, forgotten railways and iron industry sites, or join archaeologists to search for evidence of prehistoric hunter-gatherers who lived in the High Weald more than eight thousand years ago.
- Exclusive access walks, these include guided visits to Wadhurst Park and Gravetye Estate.
- Evening and dark skies experiences, with a special guided walk beneath the stars at Bewl Water to explore the constellations and the importance of protecting our dark skies.
- Wellbeing walks offer a gentler pace through some of the High Weald's most beautiful landscapes, with opportunities to relax, connect with nature, and meet new people.



Rolvenden - Neighbourhood Development Plan



You may be thinking that it's been rather quiet on the Neighbourhood Plan front of late but rest assured things have been happening behind the scenes.

The draft plan had to go to Ashford Borough Council to determine whether it required a Strategic Environmental Assessment or a Habitats Regulation Assessment. Following a five-week consultation period to allow Natural England, Environment Agency and Historic England to submit their comments, we have received confirmation from ABC that the SEA/HRA assessments are not required. This is good news as these take up a lot of time and money.

The next steps will be for us to tidy up the final draft, adding photos and supporting information where needed, so that we can then submit the plan to the Parish Council for their approval.

Assuming it is approved, we will then be working toward the six-week period of public consultation to start at the end of October – this is when you can check that we've got it right and that the plan reflects the wishes, aspirations and safeguards that the community feels are important for the future of our beautiful village.

Over Christmas and early January we will take on board all comments received and make any changes necessary to the plan so that it can be submitted again to ABC, who will then arrange for the Regulation 16 consultation with outside agencies and the wider area, surrounding villages and other stakeholders.

We would hope for the plan to go to Examination stage, checking that it complies with higher planning regulations, in April and for the referendum for you to vote on it taking place next summer. If the plan receives endorsement from residents it then becomes established in planning regulations and will influence all planning decisions for the village until 2042. *Denise Curtain*



Challenges tackled by Bees for Development - St Mary's chosen charity for 2026

Across Africa, forests are disappearing, taking with them vital habitats for bees and other wildlife. Nature-based Beekeeping offers a practical way to change this. People protect the forests for the bees because they are protecting their livelihood. Successful forest beekeeping depends on the right knowledge, skills and understanding of the relationship between bees, people and the wider landscape.

We are creating 50 practical training videos, filmed across four African countries to share knowledge and skills with conservation practitioners and beekeepers, helping them to work with nature to create lasting benefits for people, bees and forests.



Tenterden Singers

Present a Concert of
Seasonal Songs with



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Tickets £10 pay at the door

Bar and Raffle

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Tenterden Singers





Letter from Katie Lam MP



In July, I spent an entire day with the palliative care team at the William Harvey hospital. The patients there, their friends and family, and the doctors and nurses, were all incredibly generous in showing me the work that they do.

Sadly, there was a lot of the day that was frustrating to watch, but it was also deeply moving to see just how much people love one another, and how, when everything is coming to an end, it's this simple fact which matters most. I was most touched by the patients who'd been married for decades, sitting in the wards holding hands, who just wanted to end their days as they'd spent them: at home, together. Unfortunately, the system makes this much, much harder than you would hope.

The doctors and nurses that I met were not only talented professionals, but incredibly compassionate and attentive. They dedicate their professional lives to making sure that people can live a quality life or spend their final days, weeks, and months as they wish – which usually means with family and friends, rather than in a hospital bed.

But what I saw that day in the hospital, was that while they were trying to do so, they were faced with obstacles at every turn. Hours are spent writing reports and filling in details which have already been filled in elsewhere, because of poor data storage and sharing, and hopelessly outdated systems.

The result is that doctors and nurses spend less time dealing with patients, and more time navigating the NHS system. Patients, in turn, have to wait longer for the care and attention that they need – and when it does arrive, they're often made to repeat answers to questions that they've provided before.

I raised what I'd seen with the Health Secretary and told him how much time the team at William Harvey spend gathering and sharing information, clicking through on really old systems, all on PDF – time that could instead be spent on clinical care. When are we going to move beyond a situation in which every single time a doctor sees a patient, it's like the whole interaction with the NHS is happening for the very first time?

People don't go into medicine, committing themselves to years of training, in order to navigate complex bureaucracies. They do it because they want to help people. The current system is failing healthcare professionals as much as it's failing patients, precisely because it stops them from doing what they're best at.

Katie Lam



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Down the Canning Rabbit Hole

I am a sucker for the proverbial rabbit hole.

This escapade was triggered by an email from John Kitchell of Indiana, one of the further flung Mag readers. We exchange a monthly email. August's included:

Barbara and I have been very busy harvesting the veggies out of our garden. We have been canning quite a bit. We have a crisper full of green beans that still need to be canned. We have already canned 2 batches of beans before I picked this batch. Yesterday I picked sweet corn. I have made several jars of jalapeno salsa and I will be making several more within the next few days. All in all, we're having a good harvest. The magazine cover perfectly resonates with us.

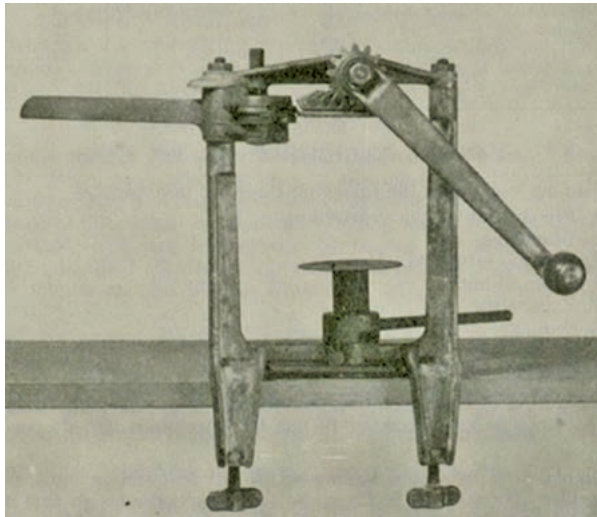
It was that word 'canning' that awakened memories. I was back in the pantry at Sheepcote looking at the top shelf with the Kilner jars of morello cherries from the garden and the shiny cans of pears from the farm. It is a very early memory, pre-1951.

Then there was the much-repeated family story about an amazing Canadian system for canning fruit. The cans had a special device to open them, not the conventional tin opener, but something that cut the top right off. The can was then washed and saved for next year. Over time the cans became too short to be worth using. Replacement cans were not available and the equipment

disappeared into domestic oblivion

Sheepcote had been my great grandmother Ada's home after WW1. My father lived there from 1930. Ada died in during WW2. The beds and the mattresses, carpets and curtains, china and cutlery went back to Ada's day. The family had just dropped layers of progress on Ada's foundation. The canner could go back many years.

Rabbit hole here I come. The answer from Google to a question about a Canadian device for home canning of pears was a



copy of an official document from 1937 complete with photographs of canning devices. Here is the hand operated one.

Google had nothing on a C21 canning systems. But John and Barbara were busy canning in Iowa. An email was sent asking for photos and a copy of the jalapeno salsa recipe.

In typical rabbit hole fashion, I continued to drift around images of canned preserves and realised all the containers were glass jars. The dawning of a thought about two nations divided by a common language prompted a final question to Google:



■ In the USA do people use metal containers when canning home grown produce?

■ Answer: Home canning is done in glass jars with metal lids.

Add canning to elevator, subway and sidewalk!

Judy V

PS The Latest Email from Indiana

We have harvested our onions, lettuce, peas, beets, potatoes, and most of our corn. We got 46.6 lbs of potatoes, the Yukon Gold variety.

The green beans have kept us busy this season. We had a very hot early summer, but now the temperatures are dropping into the 70s and 80s (Fahrenheit). Our green beans have suddenly gone berserk. Here are this week's pictures of Barbara canning them. And we canned an additional nine jars of jalapeno sauce today.

Jalapeno Salsa:

Yield: About 3-pint jars (and 1 cup = 250ml)

3 cups chopped tomatoes (about 3 medium)**

3 cups chopped jalapeno peppers (about 12 to 18 medium)

1 cup chopped onion (about 1 large)

6 cloves garlic, minced

2 tablespoons minced coriander leaves

2 teaspoons oregano

1 1/2 teaspoons salt

1/2 teaspoon cumin

1/2 cup cider, vinegar, 5% acidity

****Editor note – suspect US tomatoes are larger than some we have in UK**

Method

Wash tomatoes and peppers under cold running water; drain. To peel tomatoes, blanch 30-60 seconds in boiling water. Immediately transfer to cold water. Cut off peel. Cut tomatoes in half, core, and remove seeds. Chop tomatoes. Remove stems and seeds from jalapeno peppers, leave seeds for a hotter, spicier sauce. Chop peppers. Peel and chop onion.

Combine all ingredients in a large saucepan. Bring mixture to a boil over medium-high heat. Reduce heat to a simmer (180F); simmer 10 minutes.

Ladle hot salsa into a hot jar, leaving 1/2-inch headspace. Remove air bubbles.

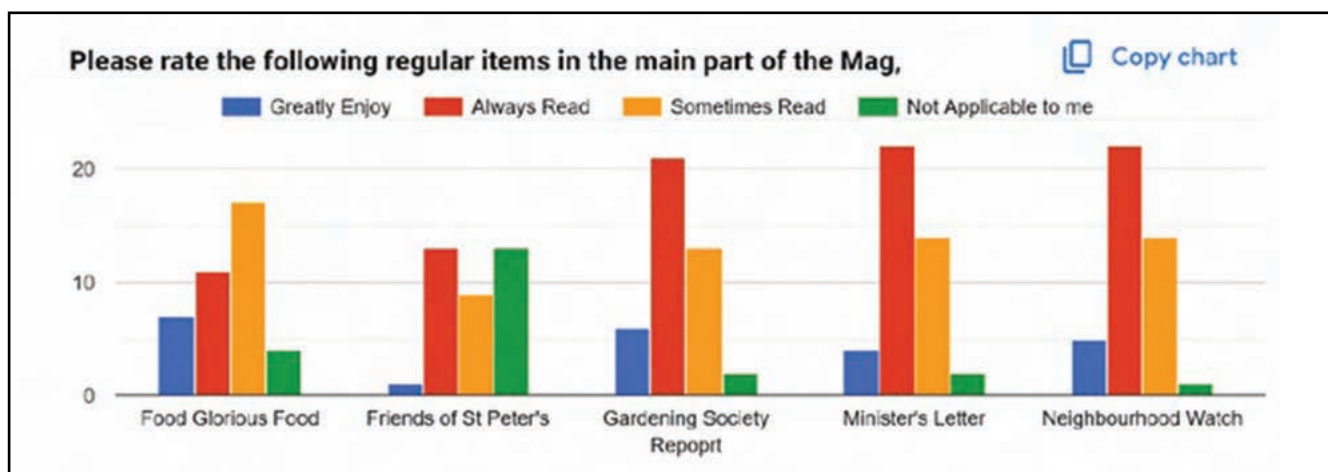
Clean jar rims. Centre lid on jars and adjust band to fingertip tight. Place jars on the rack elevated over simmering water (180F) in boiling-water canner.

Lower the rack into simmering water. Water must cover jars by 1 inch. Adjust heat to medium-high, cover canner and bring water to a rolling boil. Process pint jars 15 minutes. Turn off heat and remove cover. Let jars cool 5 minutes.

Remove jars from canner; do not retighten bands if loose. Cool 12 hours. Test seals. Label and store jars.

John Kitchell





Magazine Readers' Survey 2026 - Results

The editorial team - Sue H and Judy V - are grateful to everyone who completed the survey. It has taken time to review the responses, but we can now share with you what we have learned.

The readership remains distinctly older. Baby Boomers (1946 – 1964) are joined by some Generation X (1965-1980) but below that, no-one. We will continue to talk to Millennials (1981-1996) about how we might gain their attention.

We had forty-two responses; in 2023 it was forty-six. As an estimated 15% of readership, the responses are not going to be fully representative. We have taken the replies as useful snapshot of preferences that can help us fine tune the Mag contents.

Looking at individual items, we considered the scores for greatly enjoy and always read, versus sometimes read and not applicable to me. In the illustration you can see Friends of St Peter's needs thinking about. From these answers we are also thinking about:

- the School and Preschool reports, to become less frequent and written with a grandparent focus perhaps.
- the items scoring poorly on the insert/ blue sheets. We are working on how we better cover the information you use without completely losing items that might be useful one day.

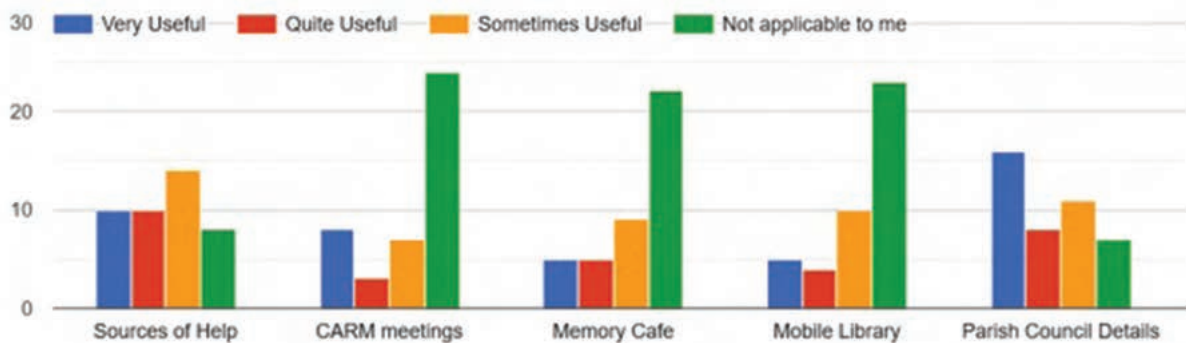
The survey was your opportunity to make suggestions.

- There were several requests for something on walks. Happily, last month we had an article we could use as the first one of what we hope will become a frequent series. See the Amble article on page 28 of the August issue. But like everything else in the Magazine that means people producing articles. We have a short list of people to approach to get us started.
- Requests for histories of local iconic buildings, industries and crafts has got us thinking, not every month, but a topic we can put on the frequent list. We will be interested to hear from anyone who would like to have a go at writing on those topics.



Please rate the following items appearing on the printed insert sheet or on the blue pages in the online Mag

Copy chart



■ Information on local events, mainly covered by posters, scored well, and was included in the comments. We are exploring how we might supplement posters with a schedule of upcoming events that are very local. This is likely to be seasonal rather than monthly.

■ You asked for more from our Parish Councils. We will talk to the parish clerks.

■ One request we are unable to action is the publication of bus timetables.

Consulting bus companies' websites is a safe thing to do. However, we appreciate the frustration of that answer for those who do not have Internet access.

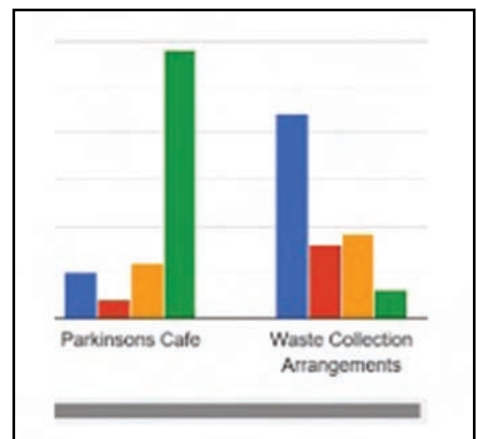
■ Comments on the overall appearance were complimentary, thank you from Glyn and Trevor.

■ Much was made of the cover photos which has prompted us to think of something we might do around the archive of covers. And once again, Trevor is relying on you to send him your photos.

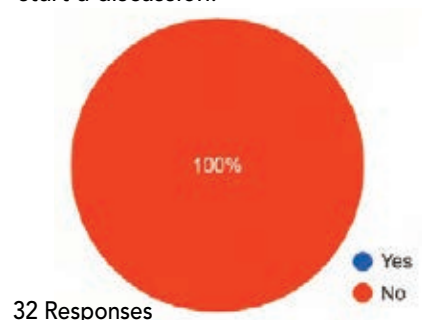
The question about anybody wanting to help with the production of the Magazine scored a resounding 100% NO. Although there were one or two suggestions in comments elsewhere that people might at some point change their minds about helping.

No breaths are being held, but if you value having a magazine and if you have any time to spare, there are behind the scenes things that are done where help would be very welcome. They are around managing subscriptions and advertisements; the records being kept on Excel spreadsheets. If that sounds remotely like something you could do, please do get in touch.

Judy V



The Mag Team needs to expand, We need some volunteers. Would you be interested in becoming involved? And if your answer is Yes, please email judyannvinson@gmail.com to start a discussion.



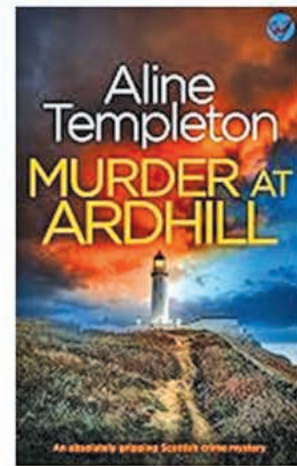
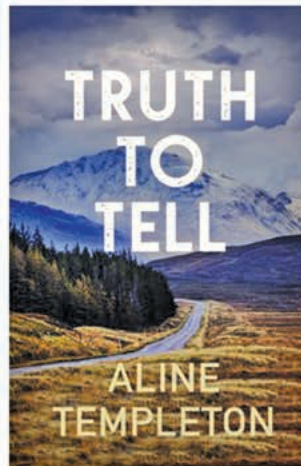
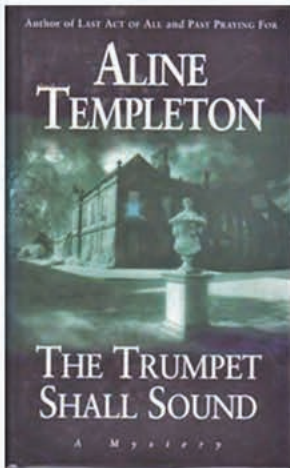


Tenterden Literary Society

Monday, 14 September 2026

Detective Fiction

Aline Templeton, renowned crime writer, will be talking about her latest novel and reflecting upon her career as a writer.



Aline's plots spring from character and she has always been fascinated by 'what makes people do what they do, what the secret stories are that lie beneath the surface'.

She has been Chair of the Society of Authors in Scotland and a director of the Crime Writers' Association. Aline has worked in radio and television, been a teacher and a JP. Her warm, wise and witty outlook on life feeds into her internationally acclaimed fiction.

Venue: The Saddlery at The White Lion, Tenterden

6.50pm for the lecture which starts at 7pm

Members have free entry, visitors £4 each

tenterdenliterarysociety.wordpress.com



Rolvenden Neighbourhood Watch

July 2026

Our focus this month is on:

1. Fraud alert; distraction theft, targeting bank customers;
2. Kent Fire and Rescue and local police surgeries

Summary & recent incidents

Watch for crime: anti-social behaviour including catapulting, vandalism, riding of e-scooters on roads/pavements, break-in attempts, theft from properties, shops and cars, buying of vapes underage. Non-local vehicles parked, ball-bearings from catapults and catapults being carried and used. Take photos/videos and report evidence to the police.



Fraud alert:

Distraction Theft. This involves targeting bank customers shortly after they withdraw cash from banks. Offenders monitor bank customers who have made large cash withdrawals. They follow victims to car parks/nearby locations. A distraction is used (dropping a note on the ground and pointing it out). While the victim is distracted, a second person attempts to steal a purse/wallet, or cash. This offence appears to be organised, with offenders working together.

How to protect yourself:

- Stay alert after withdrawing cash and be aware of people nearby.
- Do not accept help or engage with strangers who try to distract you.
- Keep bags/purses/cash secure and out of sight at all times.
- Lock vehicle doors immediately when entering your car.
- If you feel you are being followed, go to a safe place and seek assistance.

If you are targeted, report immediately to Police via 101 (or 999 in an emergency).

If you have been a victim of any type of scam, contact your Bank immediately, by calling 159 and report to Report Fraud at: (paste into your browser)

<https://www.reportfraud.police.uk/reporting-a-fraud/> or call 0300 123 2040.

Kent Fire and Rescue Fire Safety

People in Kent are urged to enjoy the warmer weather responsibly to help reduce the risk of an emergency. Gary Miller, Station Manager/Wildfire Lead Officer at KFRS, said: "A poor or irresponsible choice could lead to serious consequences, such as a fire or another type of emergency, so we all need to do our bit to help keep everyone safe."

Top tips for summer/autumn safety:

Barbecues and outdoor fires

- Make sure barbecues/outdoor fires, bonfires, fire pits and chimineas are positioned well away from trees, fences, property and dry grass.



- Never leave a barbecue/fire unattended while lit.
- Only light disposable barbecues in designated areas. Once finished, douse them with water to ensure they are fully extinguished and cooled.
- Never put ashes straight into a dustbin/wheelie bin. Empty the cooled, spent ashes on to bare garden soil.
- Gary added, during spells of warm weather, grass becomes extremely dry causing fires to spread rapidly. Remember not to throw cigarettes onto the ground/take your litter home. Check-in with neighbours/loved ones who might be struggling in the heat. Make sure they have everything they need to keep cool.

Police Surgeries in September:

Local Beat Police Officer, Darren Laker, will be holding police surgeries in the locations below:

Monday, 7 September 2026 at Calvero Lounge, 3 High Street, Tenterden, Kent. TN30 6AH <https://what3words.com/trace.headless.swaps>

Tuesday, 8 September 2026 18:00 at The White Hart, Rye Road, Newenden, Kent TN18 5PN <https://what3words.com/mulls.nightfall.touches>

This is your opportunity to raise any concerns you have and to find out what he is doing to tackle the issues that matter to you.

Reporting crime to the police

Serious crimes in progress dial 999, other incidents via 101 (phone) or online using Live chat: (paste into your browser)

<https://www.kent.police.uk/contact/af/contact-us/>

Hearing or speech impairments. If you are deaf/have a speech impairment/you've pre-registered with the emergency SMS service, you can use the textphone service: 18000 or text 999.

Siân Reeves Rolvenden, Neighbourhood Watch

**Kent Police are keen for people
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Stay informed. Stay connected. Stay safe**



My Community Voice (MCV) is Kent Police's free messaging service, bringing you local policing news, crime prevention advice, witness appeals, and community updates directly from your neighbourhood officers.

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To register go to <https://www.mycommunityvoicekent.co.uk/Content/Pages/Register>
Remember: MCV isn't for reporting crime — please use 999 for emergencies and 101/online reporting for non emergencies.



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 OCTOBER 2026 ISSUE IS
5:00PM TUESDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER.**

Note for distributors: ★ Rolvenden Magazines available for collection on Saturday 26th September. ★ Newenden Magazines available for collection on Sunday 27th September.

The online version will be available from 1st October accessed via the Parish Council websites for Newenden and Rolvenden Parish Councils, for which arrangement we are most grateful. *Judy V*



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Rural Restock:

Tenterden Leisure Centre (upstairs)

Monthly Tuesday evenings:

5.15pm-6.15pm

4th August, 1st September, 13th October

Open to all: At the Rural Restock you can choose up to £20 worth of items & only have to pay up to £6 (that's just £1.50 per £5 worth of items!). Plus free hygiene items.

Please bring cash & a couple of shopping bags.
We look forward to meeting you there!

The Larder:

The Family Hub, Tenterden

Fortnightly Friday mornings:

9am-10am

7th & 21st August, 4th & 18th September, 2nd 16th & 30th October

Tenterden Leisure Centre (upstairs)

Fortnightly Tuesday evenings:

5.15-6.15pm

11th & 25th August, 8th & 22nd September, 6th & 20th October

The Larder: emergency food support for people with children under 18 when needed:

Choose 1 bag of free food, toiletries & cleaning products suitable for your family.

Community Fridge and Freezer

The fridge and freezer are open to anyone to share or take food, including surplus food from supermarkets, local businesses, producers, households and gardens.

They are located in the Tenterden Leisure Centre Entrance Hall, available seven days a week during Centre opening hours.

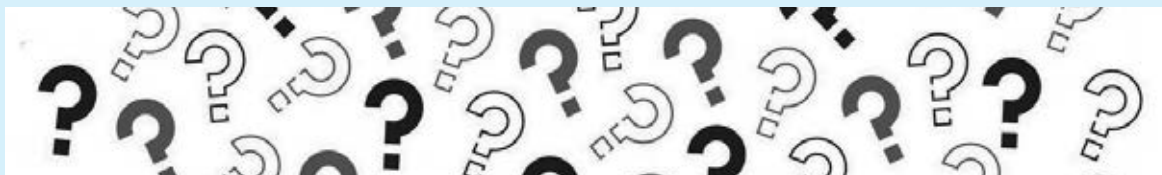
Non-meat and fish items, and foods that are all unopened and in date may be donated, as well as fruit and vegetables.

Trying a different way of covering organisations who serve the community:

Answers in the Readers' Survey concerning the Inset/blue pages told us we had to do something about the information we were including about some organisations. See pages 30/31

The detail may not be of interest to many, but for some people, these are important sources of help and opportunities to socialise for others.

As a compromise we are trying a basic contacts list, focusing on phone numbers where we can. We know how frustrating the online links are to those without internet access.



COMMUNITY CONTACTS

CARM (Caring Altogether on Romney Marsh)

Tel: 01233 758122

CARM Rolvenden Meeting Point

EC30 – Community Coffee Shop and Health and Wellbeing Centre

Tel: 01580 765877

Kent Savers (for affordable loans) www.kentsavers.co.uk

Memory Café

Jan Bridger Tel: 01580 762932 Mob: 07445971791

Musical Memories

Jan as above

Memory Monthly Lunch Club

Jan as above

Monypenny Toni (Independent Living Officer)

Tel: 01580 241526

Tenterden Men's Shed Jack Dale

Email: TenterdenMensShed@gmail.com

Tenterden Parkinson's Café Christine Endersby

Tel: 01580 764046

Tenterden Social Hub and Dementia Centre

Tel: 01580 762882

If t you know of an organisation or regular event that should be on this list
– please send Judy V the details -judyannvinson@gmail.com

More than books to borrow



Library activities

- Baby Rhyme Time and Storytime on Tues 10am - 10:30am (term time)
- Creative Writing Group on Tues. 2pm – 4pm (term time)
- History Detectives Local History Group on Wednesday 2pm - 4pm (booking essential)
- Tea & Chat on Thursday 10:30am - 11:30am
- Reading Group meets monthly second Saturday, first meeting 10:30am – 11:30am and then 11:45am - 12:45pm
- IT Buddy help is available; please book with library
- Support for those setting up a Reading Groups

Other Services

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- A3 & A4 B&W and colour photocopier
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- Meeting room for hire, please email library
- UK Online Centre ID 5110 access to the internet and help using it
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Refuse Collection

Waste food bins, small black with orange lid, are emptied weekly. All other bins, grey, green and brown are emptied fortnightly. To see which of your bins are emptied when type 'Ashford BC Find my bin' into your web browser. You have 2 search tools:

- Grey (household) or Green (recycling)
- Brown (Garden refuse)

You can also download a calendar.

Collection dates do not vary through the year except across the Christmas New Year Holiday season.

Please keep an eye out for neighbours who may not be connected to the web. If neighbours are not getting the bins right have a friendly word and tell them which bins to put out when.

For new arrangements on such things as clothes, shoe and electrical items please see the Ashford BC – How do I dispose of?

- Yellow sacks, where supplied, will be collected weekly
- For all queries about recycling or waste disposal:

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C/o Carpens, Hobbs lane,

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Parish Council meeting,

September 15th at 7:00pm in St Peter's

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www.rolvendenparishcouncil.org.uk

Parish Clerk: Mrs Louise Goldsmith,

5 Artisan Road, Headcorn, TN27 9AZ

Telephone: 07900 693572

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