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From the Vicar's Desk

Safeguarding. There, now I have said it! But I would urge you please to read on.

Safeguarding.....

We keep hearing the word, we keep talking about it.

Safeguarding permeates all that we do in all of our churches. But what is it? Why do we need to talk about it? What has it got to do with God and Church?

First of all, here is what Safeguarding is NOT. It is absolutely NOT a slight or indictment on any individual. It is NOT a pointing finger. This is a common misconception, as if a judgement is being made.

Safeguarding is the general term we use to refer to the training that is necessary for members of our churches to be as sure as they can that the church they attend is a place of welcome, love and safety.

The training usually (but not always) takes the form of a one and a half hour course that can be completed online in your own time – but there are also some occasions when it can be done face to face. This training is designed to give participants a good understanding of the signs of abuse that are sadly all around us – from spiritual abuse and neglect to sexual abuse and coercion – and also information about the mechanism for reporting this. This training covers both children and vulnerable adults.

Once basic training is done the participant is in a far better position to be aware of what could be going on around them because the problem is that abusers do not enter our communities and announce their intentions - and church communities, because of their openness to anyone, are sadly places where offenders can try to infiltrate. So, the more eyes and ears we have, the better.

Over the coming months, we will be talking with a variety of different groups within our churches to ensure that everyone who needs to be trained is able to access a means of training that works for them and can therefore be compliant with the expectations of the Diocese of Canterbury and the Church of England. We have now completed training for all serving members of our PCCs and bellringers and soon will be talking with welcomers / sidespeople and anyone engaged in any form of pastoral work – from preparing and serving lunches to visiting.

God calls us each to care for one another and to look out for the most vulnerable in society. We see Jesus doing this in his life and ministry and we have a responsibility to do so too. Safeguarding is not just something to talk about and write about – safeguarding is something that it is incumbent on as many of us as possible to DO!

Your church has its own Parish Safeguarding Officer – check the website and the church noticeboard for more information about them and also what to do if you should have any concerns about an individual.

Jeanette





St Peter and St Mary Flower Rotas November 2023

Sunday St Mary

Nov 05 Sylvia K
Nov 12 Remembrance: Rosemary
Nov 19 Rosemary I
Nov 26 Sylvia K

Contact: Sylvia Kellett
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Brass Cleaning at St Mary: Patrick Izod

St. Peter's Church: Normally open between 10.00 and 4.00pm. 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.

StMary's: THANK YOU TO ALL OUR HARVEST FLOWER ARRANGERS
The Church looked beautiful.

Sylvia

St Peter

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From the Registers



Funeral

6th October – Peter Hardes at St Peter's

Remembrance Day Services

There will be a Remembrance Day Service in both Newenden and Rolvenden churches at 10:50am on Sunday 12th November. The collections will be donated to the Royal British Legion. You are also welcome to join Rolvenden School for their Remembrance Assembly at 10:50 on Thursday 9th November around the Rolvenden War Memorial.

Magazine Note

Reminder to regular contributors and anyone wanting to publicise an event in January – the next magazine will be the December/January issue. The deadline for copy is November 14th. We take January off, which means our wonderful regular contributors can have time for all those yuletide preparations, the production team will not have to juggle magazine work with Christmas dinner and the deliverers will stay snuggled up indoors as the New Year looms.



A SERVICE OF LIGHT



**The Parish Church of St Mary the Virgin
Rolvenden**

**Sunday 26th November 2023
4pm**

At this service, people of the communities of Rolvenden and Newenden, who have died since the end of November 2022, will be remembered by name, and by the lighting of a candle.

We are very happy to commemorate other people who have died. If you would like someone dear to you to be included, then please contact Caroline:

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

Sunday 5th November: All Saints Sunday

8am St Mary's Rolvenden
Holy Communion
9.30am St Peter's Newenden
Eucharist
11:00am St Mary's Rolvenden
Celtic Morning Prayer
4pm Sung Evensong St Mildred's Tenterden *Live streamed and online thereafter*

Thursday 9th November: Rolvenden School Remembrance Assembly

10:50am at the War Memorial – everyone very welcome to join with the School

Sunday 12th November: Remembrance Sunday

10:50am St Peter's Newenden
Service of Remembrance
11:00am St Mary's Rolvenden
Service of Remembrance
4:00pm Sung Evensong (Tenterden) *Live streamed and online thereafter*

Sunday 19th November: The Second Sunday before Advent

9.30am St Peter's Newenden
The Eucharist
11:00am St Mary's Rolvenden
Matins
4:00pm Sung Evensong (Tenterden): *Live streamed and online thereafter*

Sunday 26th November: The Feast of Christ the King

9.30am St Peter's Newenden
Celtic Morning Prayer
11:00am St Mary's Rolvenden
The Eucharist
4:00pm Sung Evensong (Tenterden) *Live streamed and online thereafter*

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

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCBAbfTcsSiiq4HALM0GRdWg>

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

To receive Connect Up!

please visit our website: www.tentroxchurches.co.uk



Rolvenden Gardening Society



Autumn Meal



Fifty three members and friends sat down to a delicious meal provided by the Star pub in the village hall on Saturday evening, 7th. October. The occasion was our Autumn meal, the first we have held since 2019 and the tables were decorated beautifully for the evening by Sue Clout and Jan Gambier. After our meal we were entertained by Peggy Rose, a young singer who delighted us with songs from the Fifties and Sixties. It was certainly a nostalgic trip down memory lane! We also held a wine and chocolates raffle and we had quite a variety of each!

The evening ended with thanks from Elizabeth Marshall, our president, to all those who had made the evening memorable, most notably to the Star and their staff for providing the food and serving it so efficiently. Also, to all of the committee for putting on such an enjoyable evening: to Sue and Jan for decorating the tables and to Maureen Brooks for making the lovely floral decorations. Thanks too to Jean Clifton for selling tickets for the raffle, which made £195,

Lastly, a big "thank you" to all those who came and supported the event. We were all agreed that it was a most enjoyable evening.

Maralyn Button



Rolvenden Pre School Report



Autumn at Rolvenden Pre School means collecting leaves and acorns, making Halloween decorations and spending as much time outdoors as we can.

We recently purchased a new garden feature, a beautiful wooden bridge from J Martin rustic furniture. This was paid for using a donation from the Rolvenden WI - thank you very much ladies. We have also added a covered area by our shed for storing outdoor toys and giving us a space to talk to parents.

Our fence is getting a clean-up and re-paint thanks to one of our mums Kirsty Goodsell, who has also been raising money for the pre school by selling fresh local cob nuts. This has gone towards some new drums, which our budding

young musicians have made good use of. We have plans for further garden improvements and have also invested in some new waterproof trousers to help the children be able to make the most of the outdoors all year round.

Our AGM will be held on Friday 3rd November at 3pm in the Pre School room. further details to follow. All interested parties are welcome to attend and we always welcome input from the local community. You can keep up to date with pre school activities on Facebook @rolvendenpreschool.

We are open, at the moment Monday to Thursday.

Call: 07729718181 or see Facebook page @rolvendenpreschool

Friends of St Peter's...

...hosted The Rye Bay Crew on Friday 29th September at St Mildred's church in Tenterden. They sang songs from the West End Shows. The event was well attended and further increased the funds to help redress the huge amount spent recently on St Peter's Church.

Friends will restart their First Thursdays lunchtime events on 2nd November at 12.00 with a talk by Derek Wright on "Growing up in Liverpool" and on 5th December with a talk at 12.00 by Ray Fysh, forensic detective, on "The murder of Sarah Payne". Both events to take place in St Peters Church. Why not enjoy these events and follow them up with a visit to the "White Hart" or "Nibbles" for your lunch

Derek Wright



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Intently searching through the night.

Poem by Jillian Eldridge Photo by Megan Harman

I sail along the lanes and hedges
Pale against the darkening trees,
Talon-clad, and keenly watching
Seeing all through grass and bramble,
Watch for small life, scurry-scramble.

I am swerve-turner, golden-feathered
Gliding through my dark green world,
Quartering the land intently,
Move head slightly, catch the sound,
Pinpoint, sudden swoop... and down.



Important Notice: The last posting day for letters to Santa is 9th December*

Ahh, Christmas! - Are your kids so excited, that they've written a letter to Santa to tell him just what they want? You will find a special letter box in My Village Store for those letters to Santa. Put yours in an envelope and remember to put a stamp on it

The address is:

Santa Claus / Father Christmas,
Santa's Grotto,
Reindeerland XM4 5HQ

Please bring it to us at my village store Rolvenden by 9th December.

*For last posting dates to everywhere else, see page 3 of the blue insert.





St Mary's celebrates a very special person's very special birthday

On Sunday 15th October the congregation for Matins swelled from the '15 on a good day' to 31. Richard Coleman as ever was on duty, smiling and welcoming everyone, and handing them service booklets and hymn books. It was a happy service; the singing was good. Richard took the collection as we sang Bread of Heaven, well of course we did, rugby had been played the day before. Everyone sat for the notices.

Richard could not see the looks of expectation on the faces around him. We had done it! He had not picked up the tiniest whiff of why so many had come. He was visibly surprised when the congregation rose to sing Happy Birthday...followed by For He's a Jolly Good Fellow, three rousing cheers and much applause.

The two delicious cakes smuggled into church were produced, coffee was poured and then we let him speak, before he got down to the business of blowing out candles and cutting cake.

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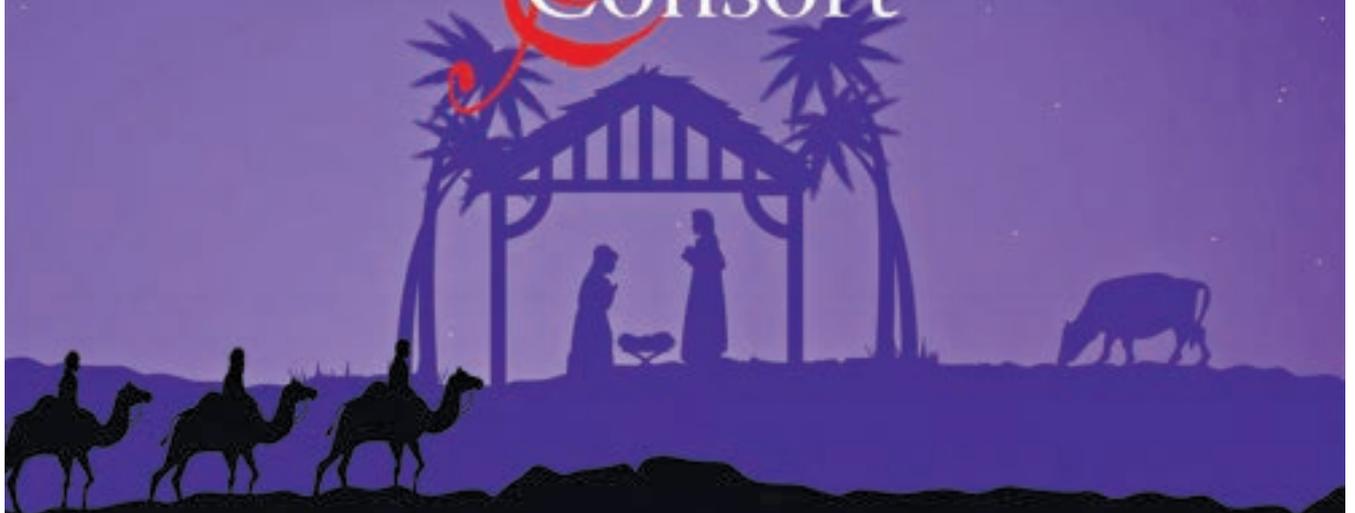
Come Lord, Come

an evening of

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from

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Saturday November 25th at 7.00pm.

at St Mary the Virgin Church, Rolvenden. TN17 4ND



Another Mural in Rolvenden School

If you know Rolvenden School, you may know that in 2018 Friends of Rolvenden School asked me if I would be willing to paint a mural on the library cupboard doors. I decided to make them look like a bookshelf, and asked the children to tell me their favourite book/authors. The list that came back was so extensive that I decided that instead of painting the 30 or so books in the large size format I had originally planned, I would paint ALL of the books instead! This equated to about 85 books. Then I thought it would be a good idea if the books 'leaked' some of their characters onto the shelves. And 8 months later it was complete and a huge success!

Leading on to this year, Mr Vincer asked me if I would be willing to do the same thing for an outdoor Book Exchange Cupboard. As the space on this 'shelving' (and my time) was a lot smaller, I asked the student council to find me a list of 24 of their favourite different authors (to prevent too many of the same) and off I went. It was trickier this time as the wood wasn't perfectly flat and I also needed to treat it so that it can live outside, but I was at least able to take the doors off and paint them the right way up instead of sideways!

Beccy Welsted

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Beccy's card reads: Beccy Welsted – Artist – Animal Portraits, Murals and Cartoons
You can find her, and a series of pictures of the Book Exchange Cupboard taking shape, on:
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Instagram:Rebbeca_Welsted
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Weather and Nature Notes

Another month and another UK weather record, September had the joint warmest average temperature and a total of 43mm of rain, about half of that total fell in a couple of days which was needed. The first half of October continued the very mild theme with temperatures reaching the low to mid 20's and breezes from a mild direction, it felt as if Summer did not want to leave us and jumpers could remain forgotten in the wardrobe. Although the evidence is there that short day length and the chilly weather that comes with it are on the horizon: holly trees look bright and festive loaded with berries, as is my pyracantha to the point I can barely see any greenery. Squirrels are avidly collecting conkers, chestnuts and acorns etc and burying them for another day, odd leaves are losing their greenness and tumbling to the ground and my Christmas cactus that spends Summer in the garden is in flower. Also, on the 8th of October I saw my first Winter migrants, a flock of about 30 redwings flying over. But in this Autumn transitional period when you can feel the sun on your back, the skies are blue and pretty butterflies flutter by whilst humming bees visit the late flowers of red hot poker, salvias, verbena and asters amongst others, you focus on and enjoy these Summer like moments. A call from a buzzard took my attention to the sky to witness it stoop and rise into barrel rolls and loop the loop so effortlessly as if it feels the same way and was just doing it for the sheer joy.



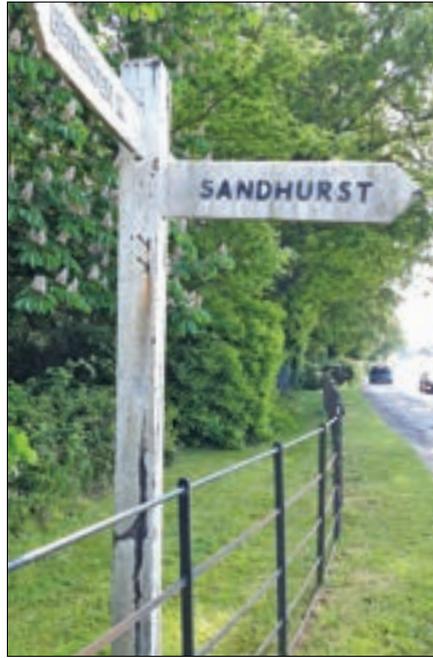
As I write though, Autumn is asserting itself with a nice bit of rain to water in various new plants, the winds now come from a cold direction and a storm is in the forecast. Jumpers are now required but a bright day is still very pleasant. During the warm weather a stunning male willow emerald damselfly visited my little pond, looking very handsome, as the name suggests a metallic green jewel like insect. I have noticed a few around other ponds since, apparently, they are recent colonists spreading out from the Norfolk area.

Some fields have a cover crop mix including buckwheat that are now in flower. A valuable source of late nectar for bees, although disappointingly I haven't spotted any foraging on it as yet, but it looks attractive and adds to the Summery feel to see a field in flower. Fungi are commonly associated with Autumn, an intricate looking cauliflower fungus was an interesting spot under a fir tree which, apparently, they favour. From a distance it had the size and appearance of a cauliflower, but on closer inspection it had a looser form than the tight head of its namesake. They are edible but I would rather appreciate its beautiful form than taste. Fungi come in many different colours, forms and sizes. It makes a refreshing change to see ones that are different.

Gill Pooley had an unusual encounter on a walk, as a large caterpillar made its way across the road, she contacted me for an identification. From her description it sounded like a goat moth caterpillar, but I needed a photo or to see it to be sure. She went back to try and find it, but unsurprisingly it had moved on. I showed her a picture of one and she confirmed this was what she saw. This caterpillar eats wood which takes time to digest so they can take up to five years to complete their life cycle. It seems the larva smell like goats thus the name, and as my moth expert friend Ashley pointed out when I told him about it, they have very strong jaws to munch through wood so can give you quite a nip.

Hazel Beaney





A Willing Volunteer

One Thursday evening earlier in the year I attended a meeting of the Parish Council as a member of the public. I heard the councillors discussing the sorry state of the two Rolvenden village finger sign posts and whether it would be possible to spruce them up. Then, before I knew it, I asked “what’s involved?” and found myself volunteering to give them a lick of paint!

In reality what was needed was a bit more involved. The traditional finger posts’ beautiful old oak had suffered over the years and needed quite a bit of maintenance before the paint pot could even be opened. Over a number of weekends, the posts were washed to remove the build-up of lichen and moss, letters were removed and polished or painted, cracks were filled, joints were stabilised, drooping fingers were lifted and they received a thorough sanding down. The posts were then undercoated twice and finally given a couple of coats of gloss to bring them back to gleaming white.

It was a bit of a challenge getting the job done with only my weekends spare and the weather didn’t always respect that – a heatwave, high winds and a rainy spell earlier in the season, all delayed play! The speed of traffic on our local roads was an eye opener too. My wife, Debbie, often joined me to keep a watch out whilst I was on the ladder on the road side. A huge respect to our community Speedwatch volunteers who are working to keep us safer.

As well as the satisfaction gained from helping to preserve the finger posts for a few years to come, I thoroughly enjoyed the brief exchanges with villagers and visitors who stopped to take an interest in what was going on. Far from regretting asking that initial, curious question, I can thoroughly recommend stepping up and doing a bit of volunteering – it’s great to take care of our village and also to be able to help each other out.

Ian Bray



The Big Wrap

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Hop Pockets and Me

You may have seen my hop pocket offerings at the August Bank Holiday Art Exhibition in the Village Hall: cushions, door stops/wine bags and draft excluders. Each one can be personalised with words and significant dates.

I had moved into Rolvenden a few months before the Flower Festival weekend and I was glad of the opportunity to meet new people. But this was not the first example of my handiwork in Rolvenden. Some years ago, I made the blue cushions for the pews in St Mary's. Upholstering was my trade back then. Richard Coleman was the churchwarden in charge of the project. He dropped down to my workshop to check on progress. We chatted about this and that, including hop growing and hop pockets, something Richard knew all about.

Some years later I remembered our conversation when my parents' 50th wedding anniversary was looming. Mum and Dad had spent their honeymoon hop picking and I had the brilliant idea I would give them a hop pocket to mark the occasion. I went to see Richard. He gave me one of the post-war hop pockets, a mixture of polypropylene and jute that had replaced the all-jute pockets. I had my template. But Mum said No Thank You.

That was not the end. I gradually formed ideas for developing the pocket. I visited Richard in his home in Rolvenden. I was after some help with the



lettering and Richard's workshop just might have something to offer. He explained that each year the pockets were bought customised with the name of the producer, the parish, the county name and insignia already printed. The grower added the date and the number of the pocket, done with a stencil.

Richard did not have any stencils, but he gave me some old pockets. Helped by a printer friend I made wooden printing blocks, different sized letters and numbers and bigger blocks for the county insignias. I worked out a simple system for printing. I was used to working with hessian but for this new venture I wanted a heavier hessian that would come closer to the jute. I found it in the same width as the jute would have been, possibly woven on the same machines. I acquired a 100-year-old industrial Singer sewing machine. From the markings on the base, it must have started out in a factory. Someone added an electric motor, and it does all I need. Kent and Sussex Hop Pockets was born.

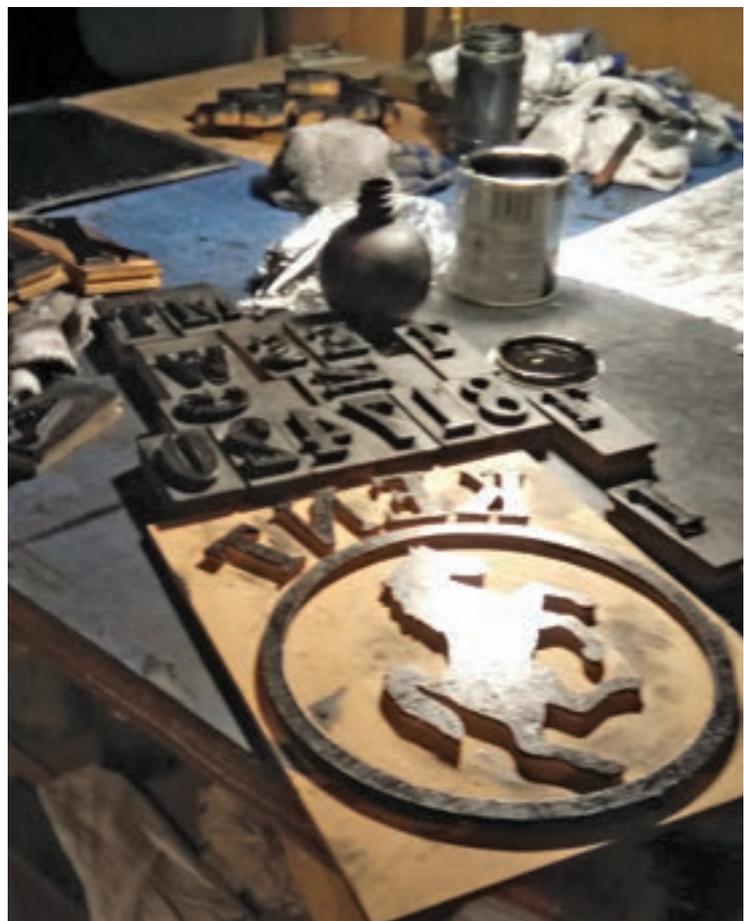
Thinking back over the story, it feels right that I have arrived in Rolvenden. I have a new workshop. I take my pocket items to various craft fairs, and I am very happy to receive inquiries by phone or email.

Contact:

Richard Collison

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FOOD, GLORIOUS FOOD!

The Medlar



I think the medlar tree is rather forgotten or maybe just out of fashion which is a shame as it has lots going for it. It is easy to grow, is self-fertile meaning you only need one, and mainly pest free and once you have achieved the shape you want they don't require much pruning. The tree is very attractive with a spreading and almost weeping look. Ideal for an ornamental tree in a lawn. The tree doesn't produce masses of blossom but large pink or white flowers which look very striking against the long leaves which will turn yellow and red in autumn providing wonderful colour to the garden. The fruit is rather an acquired taste which is a pity, i think this is largely due to it not being the most appetising looking being green turning brown which perhaps puts people off trying it. They ripen at the end of November to early December. The advice used to be to place them stem down in straw and store in cool dark place for several weeks until they had "bled" which is a chemical process where enzymes in the fruit break down the carbohydrates into fructose and glucose and the hard flesh softens to something similar to a baked apple, but now it's suggested you pick them as soon as they start to ripen, the fruit ripens in patches, store some in a cool dark place and let the others ripen in your fruit bowl. This will take a few days, eaten fresh they are very squishy and taste rather like apple purée with maybe a hint of date or apricot.

Medlars along with apples, pears and quinces are part of the Rosaceae family. They have been cultivated for thousands of years and



were common in orchards throughout Europe. When they were first grown here it was only on royal estates and monasteries, Henry V111 had them planted in his orchard at Hampton Court along with apple, pear and quince trees.

By the 17th century they were as popular here as apple and pear trees. The fruit was produced for both commercial and domestic use. Sadly, nowadays they are not readily available and the best way to get some is to find someone who has a tree in their garden, or try a local market.

In literature the medlar was used as a symbol of prostitution or destitution, probably as it was perceived as being rotten before it was ripe.



The Victorian's enjoyed them as a dessert fruit often served with a glass of port.

Today medlars are most commonly used to make jelly or chutney, both of which are delicious with meats, game and cheese. They can also be roasted in the oven, put a clove in each cleaned medlar, place in a

buttered ovenproof dish and cook for about 10 minutes until soft. To make a sauce to go with pork as an alternative to apple, spoon the flesh from ripe medlars and cook to a pulp with a little water, when soft sweeten with brown sugar and add a little cinnamon and lemon juice to taste.

Recently there has been some interest shown by a few cookery writers and I am hoping the medlar will become popular again. The tree is very hardy and well suited to our climate.

Lavinia

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Rolvenden Primary School - October Update

It has been a very busy first term here at Rolvenden. Our brand-new Foundation Stage children have settled in very quickly and we also welcomed four new children into other classes who we are enjoying getting to know. As well as our in-class learning, Holly Class have been particularly lucky this term with two trips to different events – firstly to the Evacuation Experience at the



Kent and East Sussex Railway followed by a trip to meet author and TV personality, Ben Miller.

It has also been a very busy term for sports. Our football team have started the season well, winning 5-3 against St. Simon's school on the last day of term to cancel out an opening day defeat against St. Teresa's school. We took a handball team to the Tenterden Rural Alliance

(TRA) tournament at Wittersham School. They won, drew two and lost only one throughout the tournament finishing in a very respectable second place. We have also built a very strong relationship with Dulwich School in Cranbrook who invited us to participate in this year's Rawlinson Run. This long-distance race saw our children running through the fields and woodland of the school. They had to show great resilience in order to complete this course!

The learning in each of our classes for Term Two will be as follows:

- Hazel Class will be learning about light and colour.
- Oak Class will be learning about life on the other side of the world as they dive into a case study unit on Australia.
- Willow Class will be studying Lakes, Rivers and Reservoirs and understanding the impact that they have on our everyday life.
- Holly Class will be learning about the extreme elements of the earth and studying Earthquakes, Volcanoes and Avalanche.

Moving forward, this term we look forward to linking up with our friends at the church as Willow Class visit for 'Experience Advent'. In other festive events, Oak, Willow and Holly class will be bringing us 'The Stars come out for Christmas' as their festive production whilst Hazel Class will be putting on a performance of 'We Three Kings'.

It is going to be another busy but exciting term!

Ben Vincer, Head Teacher



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Rolvenden Clock 200 Auction of Promises

Saturday 2nd December

The Rolvenden Clock 200 campaign has been so well supported by the village and we are very appreciative of how generous everyone has been in getting behind the various initiatives we have planned and made each of them a unique success in their own way.

Our next event is the Rolvenden Clock 200 Auction of Promises which will be held in Rolvenden Village Hall on Saturday 2nd December. The Rolvenden team were very pleased to be approached by well-known local man, Steve Bryant, with this idea as he felt he wanted to do something to contribute to the clock fundraising campaign. Steve has promoted and run a number of these events in the past for other causes. He has an established track record as a superb Auction of Promises salesman! The evening promises to be lots of fun with Steve being the front of house auctioneer and a team in place to run the auction. We will also have a licensed bar.

We have already got a great list of promises building up thanks to generous ideas being donated in the local community. There will certainly be some amazing promises up for grabs. Come along and join the fun. Grab an original Christmas present for your loved ones or splash out on something you never thought you wanted!

The evening will start at 7.30 pm for a few drinks on arrival and then the auction will kick off at 8.00 p.m.

If you would like to offer any promises to the event, please contact Steve Bryant - 07747 827901 or Tim Cole - 07967 438401. Email offers can be sent to timjamescole@hotmail.com

We look forward to seeing you there!

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Arthur Mulot

Thank You to those who attended his Celebration of Life recently, Beryl was so pleased to see everyone. I have sent £150 to Alzheimer's Society from your donations on the day - this charity gives help and support to those affected by dementia and assists in funding important research into the condition. I have also given £50 to Memory Cafe in Tenterden which supports local people with short term memory loss or dementia in an informal setting. I am very grateful for the help and support I have received from everyone at what has been a difficult time.

Carol Harrison



Rolvenden History Group

Friday, 3 November

'The Hazards of the Journey: Pilgrimage and Travel in the Middle Ages' Imogen Corrigan



What possessed people to trudge hundreds of miles, often in appalling conditions? Why was there a shift from spiritual wandering in the Anglo-Saxon period to religious tourism in the days of Chaucer's pilgrims? How did people organise themselves for long journeys and how safe was it? From maps and motivation to souvenirs and shrines, this lecture discusses travel in the round as well as specifically for spiritual reasons.

Venue: St Mary's Church, Rolvenden

Coffee and biscuits

7.15pm for 7.30pm start for lecture

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Rolvenden Neighbourhood Watch

Our focus this month is a reminder about Burglary prevention with Guidance on protecting your home and preventing burglary

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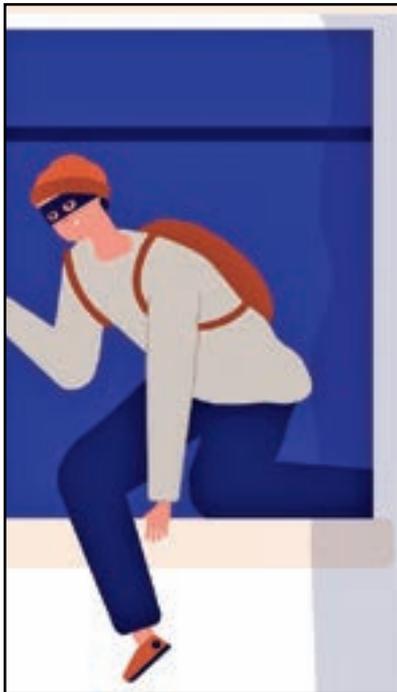
Think WIDE(N):

- Windows, Lock your windows.
- Interior, put your interior lights on a timer.
- Doors, double or deadlock your external doors.
- Exterior, put your exterior lights on a sensor.
- (Neighbours) keep an eye on what is going on.

Research from Nottingham Trent University shows that a set combination of security actions provides up to 50 times more protection for your home versus no security. A combination of WIDE actions is the most effective and recommended by police throughout the country. Additionally, at Neighbourhood Watch, we believe neighbours keeping an eye out for each other is also key to preventing burglary.

How you can protect your home...

Opportunity plays a big role in enabling crimes to be committed, particularly burglaries. Criminals will look for homes that:



- Seem unoccupied.
- Have little or no apparent security.
- Have doors or windows left open or where they think they won't be seen.

As a general rule, if it looks like there is someone inside, the burglar is likely to go elsewhere. A home in a dilapidated state will seem easier to break into, so a simple deterrent might be tidying up a garden, or repainting doors and window frames.

As with all types of crime, prevention is much better than cure. Taking simple measures, such as locking your windows, leaving indoor lights on a timer, double or deadlocking your doors, and having exterior lights on sensors, can significantly reduce your chances of being burgled.

With summer drawing to a close and the darker nights creeping in, now is a good time to ensure your home is as secure as possible. However, you don't need to spend a fortune to protect your home.

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Make it look as though someone is home
If your property is unoccupied, another trick to deter burglars is to make it look as though somebody is home, and one of the easiest ways to do this is by lighting the inside of your home. By using timers or smart plugs, you can set a small lamp to come on as the evening sets in, helping to light up the home but prevent wasted energy by leaving the lights on all day.



*Siân Reeves,
Rolvenden Neighbourhood Watch*

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THE DEADLINE FOR THE DECEMBER/JANUARY ISSUE IS 5:00pm TUESDAY 14TH NOVEMBER

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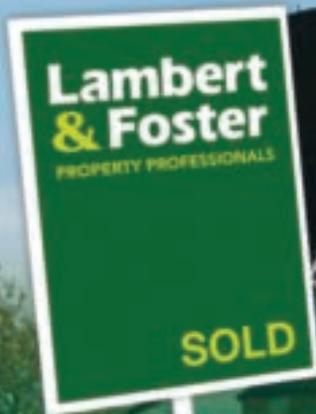
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06 Nov	yes	no	yes	no
13 Nov	yes	yes	no	yes
20 Nov	yes	no	yes	no
27 Nov	yes	yes	no	yes
04 Dec	yes	no	yes	no

■ 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

By telephoning ABC on Tel 01233 330646

NEWENDEN PARISH COUNCIL

www.newenden-pc.gov.uk/

Parish Clerk: Mr John Leeves.

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There will be a meeting on 7th November.

ROLVENDEN PARISH COUNCIL

www.rolvendenparishcouncil.org.uk

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There will be a meeting on

16th November 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.