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## **This Month's Letter Comes from The Desk of Reverend Margaret Roylance**

Dear Friends,

I am writing this letter just as the new year begins. The celebration of Christ's birth is behind us now, but, of course that wonderful event stays with us for every day of the year. We rejoice that hundreds of people joined us for our churches' services over those days.

We can look back at the past year and feel hopeless about all that has happened around the world during that year. There have been many wars and tragedies which cause us to be sad and feel helpless. I have heard people saying that they are glad that 2025 is over. We all have sadness and worries in our lives and they can colour our thinking.

But, as we step into another year, our faith in the Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, can give us resilience and joy.

Our prayers can strengthen ourselves and others. Being upheld in prayer from other people is a great gift. In my prayer life I've discovered how wonderful hindsight is. As we look back on situations in our lives we can see, so often, how prayer carried us through.

So, in this first church magazine letter of 2026, I wish you well and offer you my prayers, as we accept and rejoice in God's great love for us.

*Margaret*



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## **Footnote on Prayer**

Prayer is time spent with the divine other; there is no one right way to pray.

Margaret's letter talks about 'prayer life'; that suggests something deliberate, frequent and, just maybe, a little daunting. But Margaret is right, when all seems helpless, prayer can be a strength for us and for others. We don't have to know how it works. We just have to believe it is heard. And the good news is anyone can pray anywhere. You just have to put your mind to it.

You don't need a prayer app, or even a smart phone. You can use the God Portal, freely available in the heart of your village. OK, we usually call it the church. But here's how to use the GP. Any time, go in, sit down, breathe, relax. Slowly think through the people and situations that concern you, and be aware that God is listening. You might say, 'I've brought it all to you, Lord. Guide me/us through the dark time.'

Before you go, spend a few minutes in silence, perhaps light a candle and watch the flame. You may be surprised at where it takes you.

*Judy V*



## St Peter and St Mary Flower Rotas February 2026

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Feb 15	Sylvia K	Hazel Mahoney Masters
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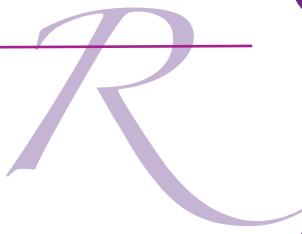
**St. Peter's Church:** Normally open between 10.00 and 4.00pm. If you need access outside of these times, please contact Frances Jones or Rosie Edmonds. Should arrangers be unable to do any slots please swap with someone else and let Rosie know.

**St Mary's:** *Thank you to all our Christmas Flower Arrangers; the seasonal decorations in church were lovely. Also thank you to Edward and David for providing the best ever Christmas tree.*

### ◆ From the Registers ◆

#### Wedding Blessing

29th December, Jake Leigh Burgess and Justina Annabelle Duncanson Balch at St Mary's



## That Cover Photo

Once again we have one of Elizabeth Norris' fabulous, atmospheric photos for the front cover, early morning along the Rother, one of her major sources of inspiration.

#### *Elizabeth has said:*

if any of the readers would like to buy some of my work, they can message me direct on Facebook or Instagram; @elizabethnorris17





# The Church of England

## IN TENTERDEN, ROTHER AND OXNEY SERVICES IN CHURCH AND ONLINE DURING FEBRUARY

### Sunday 1st February Candlemas

9.30am St Peter's Newenden  
Eucharist

*2:00pm St Mary's Churchyard Forest Church*

*4:00pm St Peter's Newenden Eucharist of Candlemas*

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

### Sunday 8th February: Second Sunday before Lent

9:30am St Peter's Newenden  
Eucharist

*6:00pm St Peter's Newenden Taizé Service – Come and See*

11:00am St Mary's Rolvenden  
Eucharist

### Sunday 15th February: Sunday next before Lent

9:30 am St Peter's Newenden  
Eucharist

11am St Mary's Rolvenden  
Matins

*6:00pm Smallhythe Benefice Choral Evensong*

### Wednesday 18th February: Ash Wednesday

10:00am St Michael's Church  
7:00pm St Mildred's Tenterden – Benefice Ash Wednesday Service (LS)

Holy Communion

### Saturday 21st February 9am at St Mildred's Tenterden

Celtic Lent: A reflective service for Lent, - Strip Off, followed by an optional breakfast

### Sunday 22nd February First Sunday of Lent

9:30am St Peter's Newenden  
Morning Praise

11:00am St Mary's Rolvenden  
Eucharist

### Saturday 28th February 9am at St Mildred's Tenterden

Celtic Lent: A reflective service for Lent, - Go Wild, followed by an optional breakfast

### 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 in  
St Michael's Church every Wednesday  
and in St Mildred's Church every

Thursday, both at 10am. Both celebrations  
will last about twenty-five minutes.  
These services won't appear online.  
St Mildred's, Tenterden Online services,  
will be found at YouTube and also can  
be accessed through our free daily  
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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.*

# ANNUAL LITTER PICK

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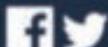


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# Volunteers wanted



**Can you help your community and spare a few hours to reduce speeding vehicles in your area?**

**Rolvenden** Speedwatch Scheme are looking for volunteers to support them in reducing speed and improving the safety on their roads with the support of the police.

Speedwatch is a community-based scheme where volunteers record speed of passing vehicles in the area where they live. Around **94%** of vehicles observed once by Speedwatch volunteers are not seen speeding again in the next 12 months within Kent.

## **CONTACT US**

If you would like to join a group and help, please go to [www.communityspeedwatch.org](http://www.communityspeedwatch.org) to register.

For more information, visit the Kent Police website [www.kent.police.uk/speedwatch](http://www.kent.police.uk/speedwatch)

Call **01622 653781**

or email [Speedwatch@kent.police.uk](mailto:Speedwatch@kent.police.uk)



**Kent  
Police**



## **And following on from the article on Speedwatch on the previous page, here is some important news:**

Rolvenden and Newenden are Joining forces on Community Speedwatch  
Do you have an hour or two to spare each week to help make our villages safer ?

The Community Speedwatch groups of Rolvenden and Newenden are planning to combine their efforts to cover both villages, which will revive the dormant scheme in Newenden and strengthen the active group in Rolvenden. If you were previously in either group and would like to get involved again, or if you are a new volunteer interested in joining, you can...

- contact Kent Police at [www.kent.police.uk/speedwatch](http://www.kent.police.uk/speedwatch),
- or call them on 01622 653781
- or contact Viv Robertson in Newenden, [viv@newenden-pc.gov.uk](mailto:viv@newenden-pc.gov.uk)
- or Denise Curtain in Rolvenden, [ducksrossing33@gmail.com](mailto:ducksrossing33@gmail.com)

## **Friends of St Peter's**

### ***Return of The First Thursday Talks***

We are pleased to announce the monthly Thursday noon talks are back. We start with two speakers who we know and who have proved popular. Both speakers will be recounting the research that they have undertaken in seeking the truth, but covering two very different topics.

This month, on Thursday 5th we have Ray Fysh with his compelling accounts of cases he worked on as a Specialist Adviser to the police for major crimes. The case he will be covering is that of 'Adam', the name given to the torso of a child discovered in the Thames. See the next page for details.

On March 5th we welcome back local historian and publisher, Ed Adams, who will be delving into Pluckley village's reputation as the most haunted in England

**The title of his talk is: Pluckley: The Making and Faking of a Ghost Story.**

Ed will unpack the historical roots of the many legends and trace how the village gained its reputation. Ed promises all the twists, intrigues and horrors of any good ghostly tale – except this one is all true.

We look forward to seeing you in St Peter's. No need to book, no tickets, but we do welcome donations for the Friend's funds.

Looking further on to April when the plan is a talk from Peter Compton. Peter was brought up in Newenden. His parents were active in the community life of the village. This and the last December magazine have carried the story of Peter's fascinating career in aviation. We can look forward to a very interesting talk.

**Alan Seal**

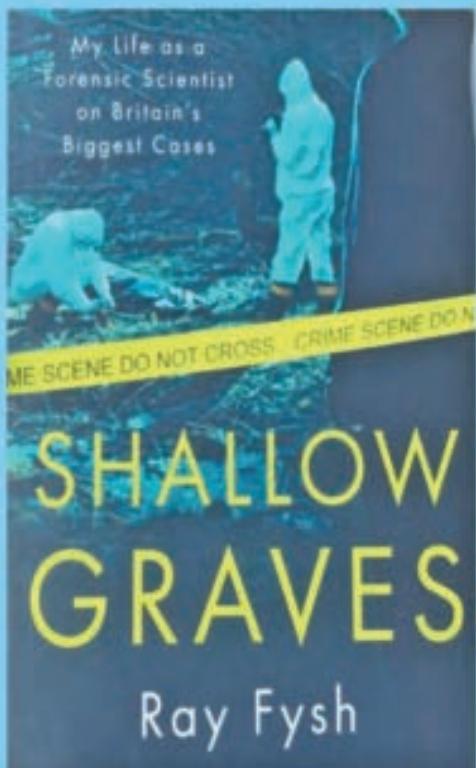


## Friends of St Peter's Church Newenden

### First Thursday Talk

12 Noon Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> February 26

in St Peter's Church, Newenden



### Adam – The Torso in the Thames

Ray Fysh

Ray was a forensic scientist for over 40 years, the last fifteen as a Specialist Adviser (Major Crime). This role meant he was an integral part of the police investigation team from day one of an enquiry right through to the trial.

The talk this year will discuss the investigation into the 1997 murder of Hastings teenager, Billie-Jo Jenkins.

Ray lives locally and his book 'Shallow Graves – My life as a forensic scientist on Britain's biggest cases' is a best seller and is available from all major suppliers – he will willingly sign your book if you so wish.

Ray was shortlisted for the True Crime Awards 2023 as best new true crime author.

**The First Thursday talks last for about 45 minutes. Entrance is free but the Friends welcome donations.**

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

**Watch out for further talks coming up as 26 unfolds**

# School Nativity Returns to St Mary's

After several years absence, December 2025 saw the reappearance of a traditional nativity play performed in church by the Key Stage 1 pupils from Rolvenden School.

The children did a brilliant job and wore their costumes with pride.

Well done to the staff who transported stage and props from school to church and assembled and disassembled the stage between rehearsal and performances so the Sunday worship could proceed. And a special congratulations to whoever did such an amazing job of clearing up the straw that dropped out of the one bale.





## Weather and Nature Notes

The mild weather in November changed in the second half of the month, we leapt into wintry weather with our first frosts overnight, also sleet and snow on the 19th. The lovely foliage of cannas was blackened, some other tender annuals capitulated, and few leaves on trees remained. The mild weather did return and lasted right up to Christmas Eve when a strong cold wind blew, a walk Christmas morning was rather unpleasant and I used the shelter of hedgerows where possible.

December was notably mild with 109mm of rain which boosted the total rainfall for the year to 860mm, which other than 2022 is the lowest total since 2017, (I started recording in 2016 which had a low total too.) New Year started with bright days, biting wind chill and hard frosts, a sprinkle of frozen wet snow flakes made paths slippery until the sun melted them. The run of frosty nights turned the ground hard and thick ice formed on any water body, I put out a fresh tray of water for creatures each morning and it would start to freeze over. A thermometer registered -6 one night. The temperatures rose a little and on the 6th it attempted to snow again, the next day 11mm of rain fell on to still icy ground that was slow to thaw, making paths and untreated roads dangerous. The news programmes were warning about Storm Goretti, which brought us over an inch of rain and some wind but thankfully nothing as disrupting as in some parts of Britain. As I write we are entering a milder, wetter spell of weather.

During the pre-Christmas milder weather, when I looked into my little ponds my torchlight revealed activity from water beetles, smooth and palmate newts, and also a common frog, which is not unusual as cold blooded creatures, if it is mild enough, can be active, but will hide up and go into a torpor during cold spells.



The highlight of late autumn was the potential brief sighting of a merlin, which I have never seen before. The late afternoon lighting was poor so I only saw it in silhouette. As I walked by it took me by surprise as it swooped down and sped off. The merlin is our smallest raptor, not much bigger than a blackbird, very fast and not one of the commonest. I have kept an eye out for it since hoping to change a potential sighting to definite, but with no luck, maybe it was passing through.

Casting your eye around on a sunny winter's day when the bright low light brings out the details, the observant will appreciate fluffy seed heads of grasses; buds that appear to have a glowing halo; sparkles in frost, and textures of bark and mosses to name a few. The sun does have some perceptible warmth in it, but has limited effect on hard frosted ground, however bulbs pierce through the soil and delicate snowdrops are starting to bloom, a welcome sight. I watched a handsome green woodpecker hop from one ant hill to another, fortunately it is equipped with a strong beak to dig into the frozen earth to extract the ants inside with its long tongue, they are its favourite food but it will eat other invertebrates when food is scarce. It is a shy bird, I was soon spotted and it headed off to the cover of woodland with its distinctive call and undulating flight.

The churchyard is a fine place to play spot the squirrels on a nice day, and check your peripheral vision as they appear from all directions. Two, no three appear chasing round and round a tree up into its fine branches then flinging themselves into the next tree and continuing the pursuit as it is mating time. Another couple were digging for acorns or similar and feeding, one spots danger and with lots of tail flicking revs itself up to run for cover, whilst another two are scampering around showing off their remarkable agility. On the coldest days they lay up in their dreys, they don't hibernate but have what we would call duvet days, which sounds sensible. Staying indoors in the warm with a seed catalogue dreaming of how potential purchases will develop into a fabulous display (subject to ideal growing conditions of course) is a nice way of planning and passing time. Outside wildlife carries on as best it can, birds are preparing by pairing up and claiming territories with plenty of singing, also greater spotted woodpeckers are drumming on trees. A blue tit takes sips of nectar from my Mahonia, a good source of energy when times are hard. And a pair of wood pigeons carry on regardless, they have been busy nest building again in one of my trees as they will at any time of year.

Escaping into my albeit unheated greenhouse, I have a "ric-rac" cactus, so called because the indented foliage resembles ric-rac tape used in sewing. It is



a jungle epiphyte cactus rather than a prickly desert type. As I open the door the scent of the large pale cactus flowers hits you and the pink mass of blooms covering a large old Christmas cactus is a lovely tropical looking distraction from the cold outside. To get Christmas cacti to flower each year they like to spend summer outside in a semi shady spot. The shortening of daylight hours stimulates the production of buds, mine usually starts budding in about late September and begins flowering in November, last year in a cool greenhouse it still had flowers on in February if not March. I would like to have them indoors, but sadly don't have the room, but it's not all bad as when I have had them indoors in the past the flowers go over so quickly.

*Hazel Beaney*

## Rolvenden Pre-school Report



It has been a chilly start to the new year and the children at pre-school have enjoyed noticing the changes. We have had a frosty walk across the field and found ice forming in our garden. Hats, scarves and gloves enable us to continue to play and learn outdoors and the children can learn about the weather, heat and cold and about their own bodies.

Indoors we have lots of role play opportunities, which we alternate, ranging from farm play to a supermarket to a boat built from cardboard (pictured). The children work together to act out their own ideas and always find new ways of using the resources we offer.

Many of you will have enjoyed the Christmas Tractor Run, which was a great success, and we are very lucky to be one of the recipients of the money raised.

We will be able to invest in some new outdoor toys and continue to improve our provision. Thank you to everyone involved!

Please follow us on Facebook (@rolvendenpreschool) to keep up to date with our activities and if you are able to share our page with others this all helps to publicise what we have to offer to local families. Thank you for your support.

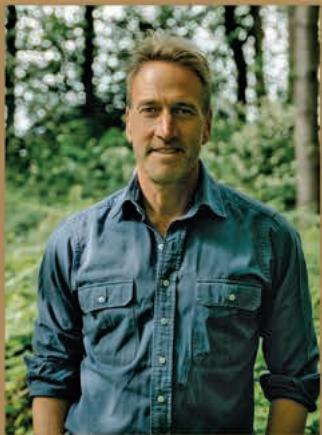
*We still have some spaces available for the coming year and would welcome any interested families getting in touch with us and coming for a visit. You can email us at [rolvendenps@gmail.com](mailto:rolvendenps@gmail.com) or call us on 07729718181.*



# New Year at Hemsted Park



The Nat King Cole Story  
13 February



Ben Fogle  
23 February



Attention All Shipping  
26 February

## Spring/Summer 2026 Sneak Peek



Scummy Mummies:  
Hot Mess  
13 March



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Miles Davis 100  
27 March



The Cat  
in the Hat  
16 April



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# Pilates

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# FOOD, GLORIOUS FOOD!

## Cauliflower



Cauliflower is a very versatile and nutritious vegetable and has played an important role in cuisines around the world for centuries.

It belongs to the Brassica family along with broccoli, cabbage, Brussel sprouts and kale, which were all cultivated from the wild cabbage, a hardy plant from the Mediterranean. Over the centuries of selective cultivating different traits were emphasised, leaves in kale, flower buds in broccoli and dense heads in cauliflower.

Historical records suggest that cauliflower was cultivated as early as 600 BC in the Eastern Mediterranean, in particular modern-day Turkey and Egypt. Arab agriculturalists are credited with refining cauliflower cultivation and spreading it through the Middle East. By the 12th century, it had reached Western Europe where it soon became a delicacy among the elite. Its popularity increased in France and Italy during the Renaissance. By the 16th and 17th centuries it was served at lavish feasts of Europe's nobility. The vegetable's popularity continued to grow and by the 18th century it was commonly found in British markets and cookbooks. An early recipe from Elizabeth Raffald's book is very basic, boiled, but interestingly in milk until tender.

Today cauliflower is grown worldwide with China, India, Spain and the United States being among the major producers. Its global popularity is due to the adaptability as a crop and versatility in



cooking, also the increased interest in low-carbohydrate, gluten-free and vegetarian diets.

It is much more than a mild tasting vegetable. It is full of nutrients that support overall health. It is an excellent source of vitamin C, vitamin K and folate. Provides good amount of fibre which supports digestive health, helps regulate blood sugar and makes you feel fuller which is good news if you are trying to manage your weight. Also contains potassium, helping heart health and to regulate blood pressure. It has high concentration of antioxidants and phytochemicals which have a role in reducing inflammation and lowering the risk of certain cancers. Also contains choline, an essential nutrient for brain development, nervous system function and metabolism.

It has to be one of the most adaptable vegetables. It can be eaten raw, steamed, boiled, roasted, fried, mashed or turned into rice.

In recent years it has become popular as a substitute for grains and starches. Cauliflower rice is easy to make, pulse the cauliflower in a food processor and sauté with garlic, herbs or spices, and cook uncovered over a high heat to prevent it going mushy.

One of the easiest ways to cook cauliflower is to roast it with olive oil, garlic and spices.

Cauliflower cheese is a classic, I often make it with potatoes mixed in which can either be a dish on its own or great served with meat. Alternatively, bake the potato, cut off the top and scoop out the flesh, cook the cauliflower in milk until tender, mash the potato, add to the milk mixture along with some cheese and then fill the potato skin sprinkling more cheese on the top before browning.

There's a very good cauliflower and watercress gratin, cook the cauliflower, add the watercress for the last few minutes, drain and purée the mixture, bind together with a little bechamel, put in ovenproof dish, top with cheese and breadcrumbs and brown in the oven. It is very good and another reason to like it is it can be made in advance!

The smell of cauliflower cooking can hang around, to avoid this add a couple of bay leaves to the pot and problem solved.

*Lavinia*





## Christmas Tractor Run 2025

***A wonderful festive evening for the whole community to enjoy!***

It all started because our daughter Mollie wanted to join a tractor run and there weren't any spaces left so Ed said, "Let's make our own." And that's exactly what we did. It has never been about going far in distance or having hundreds of tractors, but about bringing the community together by supporting our local pubs and helping to raise money for our School and Pre School, both of which rely heavily on charitable donations, to give our children the best start with education and most of all have as much FUN as they can. Your contributions and donations go directly to these worthy causes.

We started at the Ewe and Lamb - the tractors parked outside, horns beeping and all the tractors beautifully dressed from reindeers to sleighs and flashing lights on the wheels! They all looked spectacular. A huge thank you to Elsie and her team at the Ewe and Lamb for kindly paying for the flashing light up accessories for you all to enjoy and being our starting Christmas hub for the first half of the run. We are truly grateful and what a sight it was children waving, rosy cheeks, glasses of fizz and great big smiles. The whole community coming together, gathered around the pub and up the Layne...it was absolutely magical!

Mr and Mrs Vincer came to support us as well as the Pre School Staff and their families; it was a joy to see them.



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Next came a gentle drive up to Rolvenden village, the crowds of people were quite overwhelming all gathered along the paths just waiting for a glimpse at the farmers' festive efforts. Hooting horns and Christmas songs were playing.

Our Christmas Elves, Florence, Jessica, Betsy and Lily, accompanied by Fran and Taryn, carried and shook their buckets up that mammoth Layne Hill and through Rolvenden village and you filled them so generously to thank us for that night.

Meanwhile as our arrival in the Stretey was eagerly awaited, another seasonal note was added by the joyful singing of carols around the village tree.

Our final stop was The Star in Rolvenden. A snow machine was run by Adam and there was a special visit from Father Christmas too. There was warm food to fill your tummies and crowds of people with drinks in hands. We also had a raffle filled with amazing prizes - a huge thank you to all the local businesses and the community who donated, and to Yvonne and Lynn for sourcing and donating even more. The Star once again went above and beyond to help create a night to remember - their staff and family gave up their time to help make the night special and this wonderful evening happen.

The best dressed tractor was judged by Edward Barham who chose Mark White - of White Land Solutions Ltd. Edward said, "I thought the lights wrapped around the wheels made it a lot of fun." Mark kindly donated the £50 he won straight back into the fundraising pot.

The list of thank yous are endless, and we could go on and on. Thank you to Judy Vinson for organising the carols around the Christmas tree. Thank you to Korkers and the Hoad family for supplying us with a vital parking area once again. Another thank you to Edward Barham for opening the Cornex Garage site. Thank you to George of Groundscare and General Services for putting the cones in front of the Ewe and Lamb to ensure the tractors could stop and be seen by all the families who turned up in force. Thank you to the understanding residents who happily moved their cars so the cones could be set up during the afternoon!

Without you we could not have the tractors stay and be safe for everyone to see.

Thank you to our friends at The Ewe and Lamb and The Star; our friends and families; the Basil Russell Trust, with their contribution of £1000 to start us off and allow us to run cost free; the local businesses and to you all as a community for coming out and supporting us; all the farmers and their families who dressed their tractors and put on a sensational show.

Ed and I have a team behind us who help make this night happen and from the bottom of our hearts THANK YOU ALL.

We estimate the total raised to be in the region of... drum roll please... £2350!

Donations are still coming in. We hope to have a final total in the coming weeks. The money raised will be split between our treasured Rolvenden Pre School and our fantastic Rolvenden Primary School.

We are looking forward to next year already! See you in 2026.

*With love and gratitude, Rosie and Eddy*



## Rolvenden Primary School

Each month it is my great pleasure to visit Rolvenden Primary to speak with Miss Whitlock about what this article should feature. I am always impressed by the warm welcome given to me and this time totally charmed by a young pupil who realised that I was a stranger and welcomed me to the school.

This visit I was told about 'Dress Up Day' on January 16th. This is under the heading of TT Rockstars. The TT stands for Times Tables. Yes, for those readers who love mathematics, this is a day on which the pupils are quizzed and tested on tables, number bonds, and basic addition and subtraction. The older pupils are TT Rockstars and the EYFS (Early Years Foundation Stage) will dress as robots and be engaged with Numbots, a programme that is concerned with 'understanding, recall and fluency in mental addition and subtraction, so that [pupils] move from counting to calculating'.

Miss Whitlock also told me about the very successful Scholastic Book Fair that occurred at the end of last term when £250 in rewards was raised and has



been invested in the school library to add to the range of genres available so that the reading environment is further enriched.

The school newsletter provides insight into the variety of innovative approaches that are being used to facilitate the pupils' learning. I am looking forward to hearing about the Quidditch experience day that is timetabled to occur in February.

In Science, Holly Class is focusing on developing an understanding of the solar system and planetary movements and how these affect the weather on earth and give us seasons. The pupils will be considering and evaluating the movements of the planets and our age-old fascination with the seeming movement of the sun across the sky as well as the moon's phases. What a fascinating topic and how demanding it will be for them to apply their knowledge by exploring ideas and looking at the sky.

On the afternoon of February 6th, the pupils will visit a temporary Planetarium which will be erected in the Village Hall where they will learn about the importance of dark skies, how they benefit people as well as animals and plants. They will also be able to learn about the constellations that are visible in this beautiful Wealden area where we still have dark skies. (This opportunity has been provided by a grant from the High Weald National Landscape that has funded the Planetarium, and the generosity of Denise Curtain who has funded the hire of the Village Hall.)

Thank you, Miss Whitlock, for giving so generously of your time for the making of this article. Thank you also to your wonderfully polite pupils who always make the visits so rewarding.

*Sue Hatt*

Please note: The Planetarium will also be available for the community to visit. There will be two sessions: 4.15pm to 4.45pm and 5.00pm to 5.45pm. As the Mag goes to press, tickets are almost sold out. Check Facebook and Instagram for any late availability.

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### **Get those little grey cells working**

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

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# **ROLVENDEN DRAFT NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

## **- your 1st look**



**Feb 14<sup>th</sup> 1-5pm**

**Feb 15<sup>th</sup> 10am-4pm**

**Rolvenden Village Hall**

**Presentations of the plan at  
2pm Sat, 11am & 2pm Sun**

**Help shape the village you love**

# Rolvenden Parish

## **CALL FOR SITES FOR AN AFFORDABLE HOUSING SCHEME**

As part of the preparation of the Rolvenden Neighbourhood Plan Review, we are investigating sites that might be available to develop an affordable older persons' housing scheme in the parish that could be used to rehouse residents of the Monypenny site, which itself is in need of renovation.

The existing Monypenny and vicarage site is 1ha combined so this is roughly the size of site we are looking for. We would be looking for a site to provide approximately 35-40 dwellings. There may be scope to include an element of general needs or market housing if this makes the proposed site viable and meets the local housing need. A level or gently sloping site would be preferable that is within or attached to the built confines of Rolvenden, is walkable to the village centre and has good vehicular access.

This notice, which has been advertised locally, represents an official call to landowners in Rolvenden Parish who may have an interest in promoting their land for development. The Neighbourhood Plan is looking to address needs over the next 10 to 15 years, although it is intended that a replacement for Monypenny would come forward sooner.

### **For all sites:**

If landowners wish their land to be considered for this specific use, the following details should be provided:

- a)** A clear statement of the current use of the land and the type of development being proposed (i.e. residential, predominantly affordable with potential element of market homes).
- b)** The area of the land in hectares.
- c)** A plan which clearly shows the extent of the land to be considered. Ideally this should be on an Ordnance Survey base or equivalent.
- d)** An understanding of how the site would be accessed by vehicle and opportunities for linking in with existing footpath/pavement and cycle routes.
- e)** Any relevant planning history for the site, e.g. extant planning permissions that have not been brought forward.
- f)** Any legal issues such as Rights of Way, Easements or covenants restricting the use of the land.
- g)** Any other known issues affecting the land, such as contamination, presence of major utility infrastructure, or being located in a flood plain.
- h)** Confirmation of who owns the land and that the site is available and whether there are any restrictions to the site coming forward in the short term.

It is important to be clear that submitting land for consideration does not mean that it will necessarily be allocated in the Neighbourhood Plan Review, nor does it mean that it is more likely to gain planning permission.

At this stage the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group is simply interested in considering all the possible options to enable a suitable site to be identified in the parish.

Submissions must be sent by 20 March to Parish Clerk.

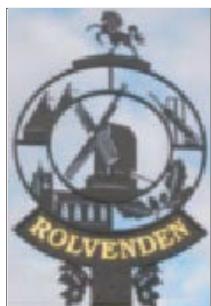
Email: [clerk@rolvendenparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@rolvendenparishcouncil.gov.uk).

If you require any further information, please call the Parish Council on: 07900 693572

*Denise Curtain*

*Chair of the Rolvenden Neighbourhood Plan Review Steering Group*

## Rolvenden Parish Council Report



Members were delighted to learn that the Charity Commission is satisfied that The Thoburn Land Trust is a charity and has been registered onto the Register of Charities with the Registered Charity Number 1216472.

The Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group continue to work hard on updating the Neighbourhood Plan for Rolvenden and have issued a Call for Sites document as a result of a request from the Affordable Housing team at Ashford. ABC would like to

know about any sites that might offer potential to be developed for affordable housing in order to relocate those living on the Monpenny site whilst that is refurbished. The overall aim would be to:

- Identify a site for the relocation – this would need to accommodate 35-40 units predominately affordable.
- Refurbish and retain the Monpenny sites as affordable.
- Develop the Glebe sites for circa six affordable units.
- Develop the vicarage site for circa eight units.

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](mailto:clerk@rolvendenparishcouncil.gov.uk) or call 07900 693572.*

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## Introducing Bees for Development

In December St Mary's Parochial Church Council agreed to go back to an old practice of adopting a charity for a year. The charity we chose for 2026 was: Bees for Development (Registered Charity 1198116).

The charity was founded in 1993 and is based in Monmouth Wales, but it has a global reach. Its strap line is 'MAKING LIFE BETTER WITH BEES'.

### How do they do that?

- It Promotes sustainable beekeeping to combat poverty, build resilient livelihoods

and benefit biodiversity in developing countries.

- The charity introduces simple, low-cost methods of beekeeping and processing honey and wax, using local skills and materials.

Bees for Development shares beekeeping skills with people in the poorest communities of the world, giving a reliable, sustainable income for life, using local skills, local materials and local bees. Honeybees pollinate food crops and enable people to make a living through harvesting honey and beeswax, and, at the same time, helping to preserve biodiversity. It is such a simple idea, and highly effective. Beekeeping is low cost, sustainable, and has the greatest effect on those who have the very least.

If you take a look at the website <https://www.beesfordevelopment.org/> You will find stories of the impact the charity has had with solutions tailored for different communities.

### Here is one story about the rehabilitation of elephant poachers with a neat twist in the tail

Isaac Isura from Uganda used to be a poacher of animals in a wildlife park. After working with the charity Bees for Development to learn beekeeping, Isaac moved from poaching to earning a much better living from beekeeping with the possibility of growing food as well.

The wildlife authority gave his community an area on the boundary of the park. Each man had a plot where he could grow crops, surrounded by a belt of trees in which the beehives, made of hollow logs, were hung. Previously hungry elephants often invaded crops. But here's the twist. The elephants are frightened of bees, so they stay away.

Isaac says: "We used to hunt elephants, some of my friends were shot... we began beekeeping as a business. Bees now keep wild animals from our crops." There will be more on the work of Bees for Development and how we are going to support them. If you have some ideas on what we might do and would like to be involved, please give me a call.

*Judy V*

# Flight from Newenden Part 2

*In the last issue Peter Comport was newly qualified as a professional Aeronautical Engineer.*



1977 saw Peter become the leader of a team of engineers involved in the deep (heavy maintenance) of the intercontinental jets. About every part of the aircraft would be stripped down to bare metal and the wiring runs inspected for fatigue and wear. After rebuilding the jet, more testing, every cockpit Indicator and switch, every system located throughout the aircraft as far as the "Black box" located in the tail. Finally came a full test flight with the Civil Aviation Test pilot sitting next to the captain.

Peter recalls the excitement of these "test flights", with the aircraft pushed to its limits, something most pilots never get to do. Testing was over the sea with a side show of the newly positioned "North Sea" oil rigs visible out of the windows.

Shortly after qualifying on the Boeing 747, Peter was sent to Filton to study Concorde's complex engineering. Any aircraft that expands by over a foot (30.84 centimetres) each time it flies supersonically makes for interesting engineering challenges! Even the engineering exam pass rate was higher, 90% minimum required! The course included flying the aircraft's simulator where he first met the pilot he would come to know well when he took on the role of

Concorde's Technical Operation's Manager Qualified Concorde engineers flew with the crew on numerous occasions. The first trip post qualifying would be a one day there and back flight to New York in the flight deck with the crew, learning how Concorde behaved when flying at 1350 miles per hour, or 22.5 miles per minute. The 3,450-mile trip took around three hours.

Flying faster than a bullet on the edge of space was demanding for all except the passengers. They enjoyed champagne and canapés whilst watching the curvature of the earth with the sun rising in the west. Looking down from over twelve miles high, they had the strange illusion of other aircraft flying backwards as Concorde sped past.

Being accountable for the whole Concorde technical operation, keeping Concorde airworthy, managing a team of highly qualified engineers, were all in a day's work. Then there were the highlights: Phil Collins' Live Aid dash, Her Majesty the Queen's New York flight in 1991, Princess Diana's Vienna and New York trip, World tours all needing planning and execution by Concorde's Engineering team – all memorable.

But all good things come to an end. The next move combined Peter's knowledge gained working with jumbo jets, and commercial skills acquired from Warwick University years earlier. BA was selling its oldest jumbo jets: 'One carful owner' each with an average of 43,000,000 miles on the clock.

Peter had landed a fascinating role and had some funny stories to tell: one

being how he delivered and sold a jumbo in Roswell, New Mexico. Unfortunately, no-one had told the Roswell immigration authorities they were coming. All were arrested as illegal aliens until the paperwork was cleared. Roswell's claim to fame being the 1947 landing of stellar aliens, Peter dined out on his story, of being another Rockwell "Alien"!

Peter talks of another interesting role building on his days on Concorde. BA has always been involved in Royal tours from those historic flights to and from Kenya for our Queen in the 1950s to flying Concorde and addressing the questions: which aircraft should she use? what was needed in the cabin? what special checks were appropriate? when was it needed?

As the British Flag carrier, "Special Operations Charters" were part of BA operations. There were meetings with Downing Street officials and Royal "Air Equerry", discussing Prime Minister /US president summits,

Commonwealth Games charters, Royal tours to South Africa /Mozambique and France. They all need planning, co-ordination and execution.

In the 90s specifying and purchasing new short-haul aircraft for BA started. BA needed someone with engineering and commercial experience. Experience gained selling jumbos could apply. Working on the acquisition of a new aircraft is a massive exercise in co-ordination and management. How many seats? What do the engineers, pilots, cabin crew, cargo and ground staff operations need? What engines should be purchased? What will be the cost of ownership? What's included in the price? Then the budgets and forecasts had to be produced and an eye kept on how much had been spent. That's just a few of the tasks.

Another new role was where representatives of the world's airlines gathered to influence the next generation of passenger aircraft by advising aircraft manufacturers on improvements in new aircraft design: how to make the new model more cost effective in operation and maintenance, what new technological innovations to use, the development of more efficient /quieter engines. Did we want to see: military-style head-up displays for pilots, bigger windows in the cabin, mood lighting for passenger cabins, better cabin service?

And last, but not least, there was the task of how to set out and measure success in a purchase agreement for a new fleet of Intercontinental passenger jets.

*All this is a long way off those dreams and thoughts of a small boy gazing into the skies above a little village on the borders of Kent and East Sussex!  
To Dream is to Believe.*

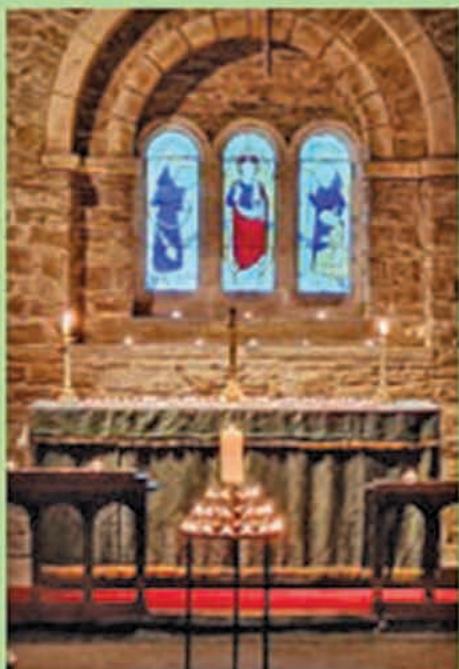


First A380 delivery to British Airways

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# Come and See

As we prepare to journey through Lent,  
this service invites us to explore our  
response to God's constant call for us to  
come to him.



A Service in the style of  
**TAIZÉ**  
Song and Silence,  
Prayer and Praise  
**St Peter's Newenden**  
**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> February 6:00pm**



**Tuesdays 10am- 11am**

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# Letter from Katie Lam

MP for the Weald of Kent



February can be a challenging month for many people across the Weald of Kent. Colder weather and short days can make it difficult to stay connected, and it's often tempting to stay indoors. Loneliness isn't always obvious, and for some older people or those who live alone, getting out at this time of year can be difficult, making the winter months feel particularly isolating.

A short phone call, a visit to say hello to a neighbour, or even a letter through the door can make a real difference. It's sad that letter writing is something of a lost art, but I find that taking the time to write a few lines by hand, even a short note, can mean a great deal to many people, showing them they're cared for, while also offering a welcome break from screens!

Charities like Age UK also run telephone friendship services, matching volunteers with older people for a regular weekly chat. Just half an hour a week can provide companionship and friendship to those who might otherwise go days without speaking to anyone. Many of our local churches and charities run face-to-face befriending schemes. And many community groups across the Weald (like The Dementia Experience) are glad to welcome new volunteers.

Rural areas like ours have such a strong sense of community, and it's something I'm immensely proud of. So, this February, I encourage everyone to write a letter to someone who'd appreciate it, volunteer, or if you know anyone that's struggling or you need help yourself, please don't hesitate to write to me at [Katie.Lam.MP@parliament.uk](mailto:Katie.Lam.MP@parliament.uk).

## Two different services coming up in February

St Mary's churchyard Rolvenden - Sunday Feb 1st at 2:00pm - Nick Sermon will be inviting us to don stout Footware and warm clothes for the return of Forest Church. Bring something to sit on. Come prepared to be surprised at the things you discover and delighted at just how scrumptious melted marshmallows are when sandwiched between chocolate coated digestives. This is a service that will appeal in particular to families.

If the weather is really dreadful, we shall be in the church.

St Peter's Church Newenden - Sunday 8th February at 6:00pm - a quiet service with a lot of candles, some readings, singing and music, times of silence, all in the style of Taizé. The title for this service is 'Come and See'. Everyone is invited. *Judy V*



# Rolvenden Neighbourhood Watch

February 2026

## Our focus this month is on:

- proactive reporting catapult related incidents,
- local neighbourhood police delivery
- acting on community concerns

## Summary & recent incidents

Continue to watch for crime: catapulting, vandalism, riding of e-scooters on roads/pavements, break-in attempts and theft. Take photos/videos and report evidence to the police.

### Police Surgery at Rolvenden Village market Thursday, 19 February 2026

**from 10am:** the Rural Task Force will advertise their property marking and will be looking to do some marking, so bring your items along.

#### 1. Proactive reporting catapult related incidents:

Police continue to respond to catapult related incidents within the local community. A reminder if any of the below is in progress, call 999:

**Property Damage:** Launching projectiles at buildings, vehicles, or infrastructure in progress.

**Wildlife Harm:** Targeting animals, this could be towards birds or other wildlife and can be associated with illegal poaching

**Public Safety Threats:** Firing objects at people, in public spaces, creating hazards for pedestrians or traffic.

**Security systems:** Consider investing in a home security system. Visible alarm boxes, security cameras and video doorbells can deter thieves and alert you and your neighbours to suspicious activity.



#### 2. Local neighbourhood police delivery:

The police are pleased to announce an important change within your local neighbourhood and some significant developments in local neighbourhood policing delivery. They have expanded (doubled) rural beat officers to balance those in the urban wards and town centres. What this means for our area is the rural beat officers can focus more closely on the specific needs within a smaller cluster of wards. By working in smaller rural areas, they can address more bespoke concerns locally and ensure a higher visible presence within those areas.



### **3. Acting on Community concerns:**

Before Christmas, PC Laker engaged with local businesses on Tenterden High Street as part of Safer Business Week, focusing on crime prevention and listening to community concerns. In line with these efforts, a Criminal Behaviour Order (CBO) was recently issued to an individual prohibiting entry into the Holland & Barrett store.

This follows theft-related convictions within the store. Breaches of such an order can result in up to five years imprisonment and/or an unlimited fine. This enforcement action demonstrates police commitment to supporting local businesses and tackling repeat offending – not just the theft offence on the day. Kent Police have worked closely with Ashford Borough Council in a joint working operation in joint sharing of intelligence and proactively targeting illegal waste carriers to prevent illegal waste dumping. Compliance checks were conducted on waste carrier vehicles. One individual was subject to a Fixed Penalty Notice for non-compliance, operating without a valid waste licence in Rolvenden. If you notice Fly tipping, report it to Ashford Borough Council via their website.

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#### **If you have been a victim of scams**

Contact your Bank immediately by calling 159 and report it to Action Fraud at [www.actionfraud.police.uk](http://www.actionfraud.police.uk) or call 0300 123 2040. For further information about Fraud, visit: <https://www.kent.police.uk/advice/advice-and-information/fa/fraud/>. You will also find valuable information from the Home Office at: Stop! Think Fraud - How to stay safe from scams: <https://stophinkfraud.campaign.gov.uk/>

#### **Reporting crime to the police**

- Serious crimes in progress dial 999, other incidents via 101 (phone) online using Live chat: <https://www.kent.police.uk/contact/af/contact-us/>
- Hearing or speech impairments. If you are deaf or have a speech impairment and you've pre-registered with the emergency SMS service, you can use the textphone service: 18000 or text 999.

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#### ***Siân Reeves Rolvenden Neighbourhood Watch***

*Kent Police's Rural Task Force offer the rural community free property marking, on metal, plastic and leather. This can all be done at the farm or area where the equipment is stored and is designed to identify owners should an item be recovered by police. If you are interested in having property marked free of charge please email [rural.task.force@kent.police.uk](mailto:rural.task.force@kent.police.uk)*



# Parish Magazine Essential Information:

Articles and supporting photographs: email to [judyannvinson@gmail.com](mailto:judyannvinson@gmail.com). Photos for the cover should be emailed as a jpeg in colour or monochrome to Trevor Lodge on [stmaryrolv@aol.com](mailto: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 MARCH ISSUE IS  
5:00pm TUESDAY 17TH FEBRUARY.**

**Note for distributors:** Ⓛ Rolvenden Magazines available for collection on Friday 27th February. Ⓛ Newenden Magazines available for collection on Friday 27th February.

The online version will be available from 1st March 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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## **Organisations here to help**

EC30, a coffee shop and so much more! For more information  
email: [info@ec30.co.uk](mailto:info@ec30.co.uk), also see [www.ec30.co.uk](http://www.ec30.co.uk).EC30,  
Recreation Ground Rd, Tenterden.

Open: Mon- Fri 9am – 4pm; Sat 10am to noon.

The Tenterden Family Foodbank EC30 times as above.

Food boxes for people suddenly in difficulty due to  
late credit payments, unexpected bills, loss of job etc.

[info@themildredtrust.org](mailto:info@themildredtrust.org) or [info@ec30.co.uk](mailto:info@ec30.co.uk), phone 07745 694748  
Emergencies only please call: 07805 840493

## **Community Fridge**

Open in the entrance hall at the Leisure Centre seven days a week during centre opening hours. Community facility everyone welcome to donate surplus perishable food or to collect some. This reduces food waste and food insecurity. Details of acceptable donations are on the fridge: fresh perishable goods that are within the use-by date only. No fresh meat, butchery or fish.

## **Community Shop**

Leisure Centre every Monday, 1.45-2.45pm. Freely available to ANYONE finding it hard to make ends meet. No eligibility criteria. Select groceries to the value of £20 and only pay £6. Cash only.

## **Old Schoolhouse Larder**

Free non-perishable groceries, household and hygiene goods for families with children under the age of 18. Fresh bread, milk and vouchers for fruit and vegetables are often available. Tuesdays at Tenterden Leisure Centre from 5.15 -6.15pm and The Family Hub, Recreation Ground Road on Fridays from 9.30-10.30am.

## **Regular Events**

For those living with short-term memory loss and their supporters

- Memory Café and Friends every Friday  
Meets every Friday 2 – 4pm at St Andrews Church Hall,  
Ashford Road, Tenterden
- Musical Memories meets every Tuesday 10:45am –12 noon  
Highbury Hall, Highbury Lane, Tenterden,  
a singing for health group.
- Monthly Lunch Club Meets 4th Wednesday 1:15 for 1:30pm  
Groves Restaurant, Tenterden Garden Centre Reading St.  
For all 3: Contact Jan Bridger  
Tel: 01580 762932 Mob: 07445971791

**Tenterden Parkinsons Café** Please note that the monthly Parkinson's Support Group meeting is now scheduled in the afternoon between 2:30-4pm every third Monday of the month.

We are still meeting at the EC30 cafe at Tenterden Recreation Ground Road (next to Ivy Court Surgery).

CARM Rolvenden Meeting Point, every second Wednesday 10:00am to noon in Monypenny Lounge, drop in and meet friends old and new.

<https://carmromneymarsh.org.uk/>

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# FRAUD!

## SPOT IT AND STOP IT!



Calls claiming  
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or the police



Sudden claims  
of suspicious  
banking activity



Being asked  
for PIN number  
or passwords



Request for bank  
card or cash  
as 'evidence'



Asked to purchase  
high-end jewellery  
and goods



'Courier' sent  
to collect  
card, cash or  
bank details

# 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

- Free bookable public computers and Wi-Fi for your own device
- A4 B&W and colour printer
- A3 & A4 B&W and colour photocopier
- We accept completed ENTCS bus pass applications
- Meeting room for hire, please email library
- UK Online Centre ID 5110 access to the internet and help using it
- Registration Service – births and deaths. Call ~03000 41 51 51 to book appointment
- Santander Bank Thursday 9:30am – 1pm walk-in, 2pm – 5pm appointments

Telephone: 03000 41 31 31

E-mail: [tenterdenlibrary@kent.gov.uk](mailto:tenterdenlibrary@kent.gov.uk)

<https://www.kent.gov.uk/leisure-and-community/libraries>

## 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:

On-line, see ABC website: [www.ashford.gov.uk/waste](http://www.ashford.gov.uk/waste)

Telephone ABC on Tel 01233 330646

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Our parishes lie in the Parliamentary constituency of the Weald of Kent

Our MP is Katie Lam

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Office tel: 01580 388 344

Website: <https://www.katieforkent.com/>

### NEWENDEN PARISH COUNCIL

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Beckley. East Sussex, TN31 6TT  
Telephone: 01797 260364  
e-mail: [enquiries@newenden-pc.gov.uk](mailto:enquiries@newenden-pc.gov.uk)  
Parish Council will meet at 7:00pm  
10th March '26 in St Peter's church.  
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### ROLVENDEN PARISH COUNCIL

[www.rolvendenparishcouncil.org.uk](http://www.rolvendenparishcouncil.org.uk)  
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Telephone: 07900 693572  
email:  
[clerk@rolvendenparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@rolvendenparishcouncil.gov.uk)  
Parish Council will meet at  
7:30pm 19th February '26  
in 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.

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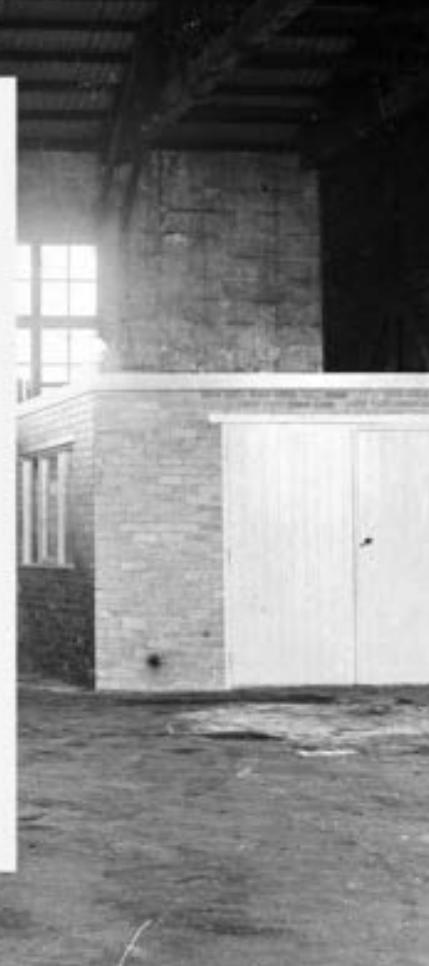
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