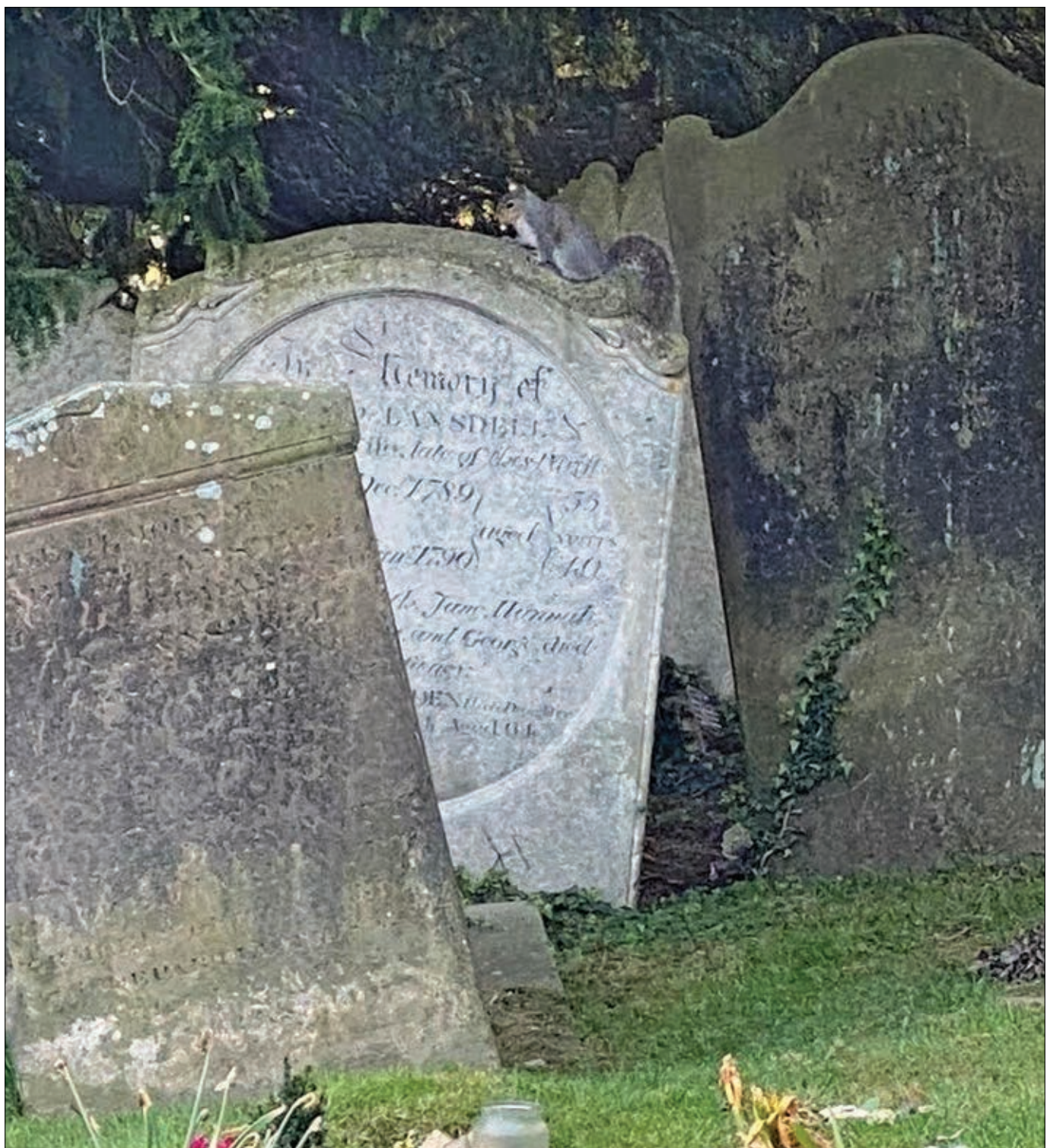


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Spot the Squirrel by Toni Huxley



Minister's Letter from Rev Keith Fazzani

As I sit writing this I look out of the window on a dull, wet, and windy scene with spring flowers being battered to pieces by the wind. Indoors we have gone back to wearing our winter woollies and even had the heating on for an hour or so some evenings. Our spring is a disappointment to say the least and for some, our farmers potentially disastrous.



It is at times like this in our cold and damp environment that I think of my grandparents, my father's mother, and father. They came to this country in the 1920's leaving behind one of the most beautiful villages in Italy. The village they left was Ravello situated in the hills above Amalfi and looking down over that glorious bay.

Ravello is famous for its magnificent views, gardens and villas. Ravello has long been a destination for artists, writers, and musicians. Virginia Woolf, Richard Wagner, Tennessee Williams, Greta Garbo, and Jacqueline Kennedy are just a few of the people who were frequent visitors of Ravello. In fact Wagner chose to write part of his opera Parsifal, in Ravello. I was privileged when I visited to attend a performance in the outdoor theatre in the Rufolo gardens, an amphitheatre looking down over the bay of Naples.

There is a glorious 11th century church in the village square. the Duomo Di Ravello and it is in this church that my grandmother was baptised, and of course it goes without saying the sun always shines. So it is a Paradise on earth, so why did my grandparents leave this glorious place to come to damp, wet and cold England?

Well basically all that glitters is not gold. At the beginning of the twentieth century Italy was a very poor country, so poor that to survive many had to leave this on the face of it warm and beautiful country, to seek work and a life somewhere else, they became economic migrants. Many went to America, and many came to this country in search of work and some kind of security. My grandparents joined family members already living in the East End of London. They were engaged in the predictable Italian stereotypes of Ice Cream and Cafés.

How my grandparents got here I have no idea, but for two very young and impoverished people it can't have been easy and I wonder if they had to walk some of the way. Equally I have no idea how they crossed the channel; it is one of those times that I wish that I could go back and ask all these questions of my grandparents.

The reality is that I am a grandchild of economic migrants who had to flee their country because of poverty and no doubt made an arduous and difficult journey to reach these shores.

There is a part of the Christmas story that is overlooked: Mary, Joseph, and Jesus had to flee into Egypt and live there for some time as refugees. The



reason that they had to flee is that Herod the king at the time was seeking Jesus to kill him having been told by the Wise Men that Jesus had been born as king. Herod a despot feared that he would one day usurp him. So Jesus, Mary and Joseph became refugees to escape persecution. Presumably as they were in Egypt for some time, they were welcome. Doubtless Joseph was able to continue his career as a carpenter and a jobbing builder to support the family.

What do these two stories tell us? Well for one, things are not always as they seem. Sometimes what appears to us as paradise is often in reality far from it and that the world continues to have despots, both in the form of individuals and groups, who persecute their own citizens. It also tells us that like my grandparents and Joseph, Mary, and Jesus, it is human nature for people to seek security and prosperity for themselves and family however challenging leaving their own country may be. The final thing is to ask what would we do if we were to find ourselves in the situation of my grandparents or Joseph? What would we do? *Keith Fazzani*

St Peter and St Mary Flower Rotas July 2024

Sunday	St Mary	St Peter
July 07	Sue C	Janet Broadbent Kempton
July 14	Jenny Field	Rosie Edmonds
July 21	Jenny Field	Rosie Edmonds
July 28	Denise C	Sally Manford
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Brass Cleaning at St Mary: Sue Dyer

Diary Date for Rolvenden Flower Festival Arrangers: I will be in church 9.30 am Sat July 13, to discuss any queries re arrangements.

St. Peter's Church: normally open between 10.00 and 5.00pm. If you need access outside of these times, please contact Frances Jones or Rosie Edmonds. Should arrangers be unable to do any slots please swap with someone else and let Rosie know.

❖ From the Registers ❖

Baptism

25th May – Eden Daphne Betts, at S Mary's
8th June – Archie Elliott, at St Mary's

Funeral

31st May – Avril Ann Bryant, at St Mary's





John Gibbons Educational Foundation

Applications are invited from any persons from the village, between the ages of 7 and 21, for assistance towards the cost of further education from a bequest made in 1700.

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Mr K J Linklater, Horseshoes, Frensham Road,
Rolvenden Layne TN17 4NJ

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However you choose to pay, thank you from the Mag Team

Polite request to our Online Readers

We do not have the sophisticated programing to add a paywall and we like the idea of free access to the online version anywhere in the world. But we make an annual request to the online readership. Would you show your appreciation with a donation towards the work of this church. Here's how: ■ Account: PCC of

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

Sunday 7th July: Sixth Sunday After Trinity

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

Sunday 14th July: Seventh Sunday After Trinity

9:30am St Peter's Newenden
The Eucharist
11am St Mary's Rolvenden
The Eucharist
*6pm Benefice Patronal Choral Evensong (Tenterden):
Live streamed and online thereafter*

Sunday 21st July: Eighth Sunday After Trinity

9.30am St Peter's Newenden
The Eucharist
11:00am St Mary's Rolvenden
Matins
6pm Choral Evensong (Tenterden): Live streamed and online thereafter

Sunday 28th July: Ninth Sunday After Trinity, and Lammastide

9.30am St Peter's Newenden
Eucharist for Lammastide
11am St Mary's Rolvenden
The Eucharist
*2pm St Mary's Churchyard – Forest Church
6pm Churches Together in Tenterden Service (Zion Baptist Church)*

And services 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, **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 will not appear online.

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Friends of St Peter's Church Newenden

The Friends of St Peter's, Newenden is a secular organisation and also a registered charity. It's sole aim is to raise funds for the upkeep and improvement of the church's fabric.

The current committee is looking for more volunteer committee members as in the past two years committee members have resigned due to poor health or have moved out of the area. The duties of committee members is to organise social and fundraising events to provide income for The Friends.

The committee meets every three months so the tasks are not too onerous and it's good fun. Committee members do not have to live in Newenden, the only requirement is help raise funds. If you would like to know more about being a committee member, or The Friends of St Peter's in general please come to our AGM on the third Sunday in July. The AGM only takes about fifteen minutes and is followed by a boat trip down the Rother for about two hours. Please bring a picnic and whatever you want to drink.

Please reserve your place, or places, on the boat by contacting Alan Seal, mobile number 07970 134611 or email alanseal@gmail.com

And what have we done recently? Last month, thanks to the generous offer from Caroline Anderson-Jones, the Friends served cream teas for three Sunday afternoons alongside Caroline's Open Studio event. Hard work and dedicated baking raised £246 with an additional £137 from a raffle.

It also became the launch event for this year's Duck Race. The Annual Newenden Duck race is the major plank of the Friends' fund raising.

From June to the end of August people buy runners in the race, each duck has a unique number, and it will cost you £2 a duck. First chap past the rope is £100. The ducks will drift down the Rother one afternoon during the August Bank Holiday weekend. And Caroline's open garden was an ideal opportunity to sell a few.

The Duck Race is the current thrust of the fund raising. There are 600 ducks which could be sold. Do the maths. A lot of people are happy to make the small investment of £2. For the Friends the ducks can raise over£1000. And the race has a very special feel to it with residents and visitors enjoying the gentle spectacle from the river bank.

Alan Seal



A summer evening on the Rother is simple serenity



Picture by M W Stoneham



**The Band of The Brigade of Gurkhas
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Rolvenden Gardening Society



Summer Show 2024



Last year's Summer Show was held in a heatwave: this year, it could have been winter! Certainly these were 2 extremes of temperature, but, undaunted, our members produced their best exhibits in as many classes as we could on Saturday, 15th June, in the village hall, with 110 entries from 21 members. We had a limited number of vegetables, but congratulations to Bill Burvill for achieving several Firsts in these classes. Particularly impressive were his lovely salad vegetables and the artichokes. Sadly, the soft fruit was lacking, but there was a plate of delicious strawberries exhibited by Cathy Stern.

There were some cookery exhibits and Cynthia Crowley did well in these classes with the judge especially impressed by her chicken liver pate. Well done to Richard Coleman for being the only entrant in the men's class with his almond and lemon biscuits.





Congratulations to John Walters for his sole entry of sweet peas, which smelt beautiful! The rose classes were well supported with some amazing blooms, with the pretty buttonholes being particularly impressive. The ladies had stepped up to the mark with their floral displays of which there were several in

all categories. It was good to see Mae Tompsett, a new member, achieve a first with her flower arrangement in a watering can. There were 4 photos of single flower heads but modesty forbids me from saying who came first with the photo of a stunning peony!

Finally, the children's class of a collage of summer flowers was well supported by the Preschool with their imaginative pictures of flower petals. Thank you to them for entering. Daisy Tompsett won the older children's collage with her very pretty floral picture.

Members and visitors enjoyed a cup of tea and a chat before John Walters called the raffle numbers. Finally, Tony Abrahams, our chairman thanked the ladies who made the tea, all committee members and helpers and Jean Clifton who ran the raffle, which made £155 for the funds. Thank you also to Sue Clout for her hard work as Show Secretary. Finally, Tony thanked all those who had visited the show.

RESULTS:

Children's Class: Preschool:

1st. Oakley, 2nd. Arthur R. 3rd. Evie D.

Older child- winner - Daisy Tompsett.

ADULTS:

1st. Bill Burvill : 6 Firsts, 1 Second, 1 Third.

2nd. Jean Clifton: 4 Firsts, 4 Seconds, 1 Third.

3rd. Tina Tompsett: 3 Firsts, 4 Seconds, 4 Thirds.

Well done and thank you to all those who entered items for the show.

FUTURE EVENT:

A trip by coach to RHS Hyde Hall in Essex has been arranged for 9th July. The cost is £18, with free entry to the gardens. Please contact Graham Button if you would like to go on 01580 241525.

Maralyn Button





ST MARY'S ROLVENDEN

Flower Festival

AUGUST BANK HOLIDAY WEEKEND

Sat 24th, (10am - 5pm)

Sun 25th, (11am - 5pm)

Mon 26th, (10am - 4pm)

Daily Organ & Instrumental Performances in Church

SONGS OF PRAISE

Sun 25th 11.00am

(please come and join us for this service)

Theme - Moses:

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In the Village Hall

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Morning Coffee - Afternoon Tea

Bookstall - Raffle

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Rolvenden Pre-School Report

Rolvenden Pre-School is gearing up for another end of year celebration. We have 11 children moving up to Primary School, which is always an exciting and emotional transition. We are proud of each and every one of the children we have had the privilege to care for during their early years.

Here are two of the children working away with our wooden blocks to construct a rocket. As they do, they are learning about colour, light and shape.

Our strong links with Rolvenden Primary School really help the children who move there to feel more comfortable with the transition. We wish all children getting ready to move schools in September the very best for this big change.

Places at pre-school remain in demand and we are already full up for the coming year. We pride ourselves on being a small, community pre-school where each individual is valued and recognised for their own uniqueness.

Thank you to the community of Rolvenden for their continued support in helping us to do what we do. Let's hope for a great summer holiday for everybody, make the most of your time together and enjoy making lovely lasting memories.

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Weather and Nature Notes

May weather was a little variable and provided enough showers to keep water butts topped up, I measured 61mm. The second Bank Holiday of the month was quite pleasant, however the last few days of May a jacket or jumper was required as it became windy, chilly and rainy. June is the start of meteorological

Summer and so far has had cooler than average, but comfortable, temperatures, no complaints from me, or most people I have chatted with. I have recently shown three Americans around the garden at work, all from different parts of the USA and they were all enjoying our weather. In particular one was amazed how we are able to have windows and doors open without the screens that they need in his area to stop them being eaten by mosquitos, and another, who was from a dry area, loved the rain.

Plants have put on growth well in the showery Spring weather, also some seem to be performing a little earlier. The garden at Maytham was open for the National Garden Scheme a week earlier than normal in May, and caught the short flowering iris and wisterias at their peak of perfection, the weather was pleasant for it too. At home I have a small collection of cacti and recently they have been coming into flower, one has been covered in many little orange stars for a few weeks that bumblebees have enjoyed pollinating when they have taken a wrong turn and flown into the greenhouse by mistake. Another looked top heavy with three large blooms like huge yellow sea anemones attached to a small rock. They all have in common funnel shaped blooms with various bright coloured petals and a mass of golden stamens. Some still in tight bud are flowering for the first time this year, I wait in anticipation to see what colours



they will be. A desert in bloom must be a magnificent sight.

It is good to sit and relax quietly and appreciate what this time of year has to offer, if you spend it in the vicinity of the plant stachys (lamb's ears) or sometimes similar woolly leaved plants you will hopefully see wool carder bees.

These entertaining little characters are some of my favourite solitary bees. The distinctive males are very territorial, patrolling a patch of favoured flowers: purple toadflax, woundwort and catmint are popular. Their day is busy, keenly watching for any intruders on to their patch of flowers dive bombing any insect that is not a female, even bumble bees that are much larger; refuelling at a flower or two before more patrolling and pouncing on females. Females scrape off a small amount of the "hair" from a woolly leaf and roll it into a ball, rather like a wool-winder would with a shorn sheep's fleece. She carries it off to a suitable small hole in wood and uses the hairs to make a cell to lay her egg in, thus the wool carder name.

Another little winged creature *Nemophora degreella* is a fairly common tiny day time flying moth, that I doubt many people ever notice, but as with the wool carder bee, once you have seen it you will remember it. Its common name is yellow barred longhorn, which is straight to the point with its two most distinctive features, a yellow band on the wings and extremely long antennae. I always keep a look out for them in May. They catch the eye with bouncing up and down flight as if they are suspended on a long piece of elastic rather like gnats cartwheeling. You may need to look carefully as they are small and delicate looking. The most notable feature is the males who have amazing long antennae, up to four times their body length, which obviously has a reason, but it seems so over the top. When taking a macro photo it can be difficult to get the total length in the shot. A silly human comparison that makes you realise how noticeably long this little moths antennae are, would be like a tall man having about 24ft antennae, which I find amusing.

Hazel Beaney





Rolvenden History Group

Friday, 2 August 2024

'Robert Brekynden'

Keith Bailey



Robert Brekynden was Clerk of the King's Ships under both Henry VII and Henry VIII. He was appointed by Henry VII. This was a very important post as both Tudor monarchs built up the infrastructure for a naval force as well as commissioning ships. Robert was also one of the foremost citizens of Tenterden and held the office of bailiff on three separate occasions.

Keith is a local historian who has an extensive knowledge of the Brekyndens and is engaged in ongoing research. This is an intriguing subject that he will bring to life,

Venue: St Mary's Church, Rolvenden

Coffee and biscuits

7.15pm for 7.30pm start for lecture

Everyone welcome - Non-members: £4

<https://therolvendehistorygroup.wordpress.com/>



Keeping the past for the future

In an ever-changing world of science and technology, how refreshing it is to see the work and education being carried out at Dumfries House in Scotland. Many of the skills being taught there would be lost if such places did not exist.

In the south we have West Dean Collage of Fine Art, where they teach many of the old skills, as a craftsman I am delighted to see this type of education being carried out. The restoration of furniture and fine buildings will need craftsmen and women to secure their wellbeing. Our area we have many various skills, many tucked away in old farm buildings etc, if you want something special done, there is a craftsperson somewhere ... you just have to research where he or she is.

As for myself I have the skills which were used in the 18th&19th century, put me in a modern woodworking workshop and I would be lost. Much of today's cabinet work is computerized, the accuracy is staggering, and it allows items to be affordable, whereas a truly handmade item will be expensive. On the other hand, there is nothing to replace the personal touch of a handmade piece whatever it may be.

John Walters



NEWENDEN



NOTES

This month Jane and Anthony sat down
with Frances Jones,
church warden of St Peter's Church, Newenden



Frances is an only child. Her father was a chemist and had inherited a pharmacy, Coleclough Chemists, in Quinton, a suburb of Birmingham, where he and Frances's mother both worked. They lived behind the shop and even the young Frances would help to count pills into little brown bottles, under the keen supervision of her parents. She attended the local Primary School where, aged eight, she had the opportunity to start to learn the violin. Beginning in a group of 6 children she soon showed real promise and when she came second in the Worcestershire Music Festival, her father decided she should have private lessons.

Frances won a place at Stourbridge County High School for Girls and continued violin lessons, joining the Worcestershire County Youth Orchestra. She set her sights on further musical studies at the Birmingham School of Music and was advised to have a second instrument and took very quickly to the flute. After only 10 lessons she was asked to play flute in Beethoven's Symphony No. 1 with her youth orchestra. She was able to live at home while she did a preliminary year at the Birmingham School of Music, followed by a three year ABSM teacher course. Her parents loved to attend her concerts, especially at



Birmingham Town Hall, but if she came home late on the bus from central Birmingham her father would always collect her from the bus stop.

Frances completed her education with a year at City of Birmingham Training College, gaining her PGCE to teach music. By this time she had already begun to teach the violin but now she had placements in Solihull and began to build up a busy peripatetic teaching career. Once she had graduated, she joined the Worcestershire Music Service and for five years she worked in primary and secondary schools around the county. She loved the variety of the work and the enthusiasm of the children she taught.

Frances met Malcolm Jones, who was to become her husband, while at Birmingham School of Music. Malcolm was an organist and a bassoonist, who attended Solihull School and received bassoon lessons at the B.S.M. He went on to do his degree at Southampton University but they continued to see each other whenever they could. On his return they became engaged and were married in Solihull Parish Church.

Malcolm became Music Librarian for the City of Birmingham and was organist at several Birmingham churches. They lived in Kings Norton with their two daughters, Helen and Katy. When they outgrew their first home the family moved to Moseley. Frances decided she could throw herself back into teaching when Katy was 10, and Malcolm began a part-time course in Theology. She built up a teaching practice for Birmingham City Council and was tutor to both the Birmingham Schools' Symphony Orchestra and the Junior String Orchestra. She recalls that the conductor broke his leg and was indisposed for a term and so she had the opportunity to conduct the orchestra in Birmingham Town Hall.

Frances and Malcolm lived for 35 years in Moseley. Frances became church warden of St Paul's in the Jewellery Quarter and when Malcolm took early retirement from the Central Library, he served as Curate of the same church. His first post as Vicar was in Heathfield, East Sussex, which meant leaving the Midlands and beginning a new life down South. Happily their daughters had both married. Katy and her family moved to Robertsbridge, and Helen and Dave live in Lewes. After 7 years in Heathfield Malcolm reached the statutory retirement age and they moved to Northiam.

Frances is still involved with music making in Buxted, Lewes and Eastbourne, driving frequently across the county for orchestral rehearsals, committee meetings and concerts. She is Freeman of the City of Chester, a hereditary title which until recently was passed down the male side of the family. She and Malcolm have always enjoyed narrow boating and it was a great honour to be invited to join the flotilla of narrow boats on the Thames for the late Queen's Jubilee. As well as the duties of church warden of St Peter's, she is organist and a committee member of the Friends of St Peter's Church.

Frances knows the meaning of service to the local community and is a great example to us all.

Anthony Dawson



Sally is standing in for Lavinia again
this month with some ideas on how to cheat
when keeping up appearances with

FOOD, GLORIOUS FOOD!



I am all for a good cheat when it comes to cooking! So here are a couple of recipes which you can cheat on and get away with.

Fish cocktail sauce

This was a recipe acquired by my mother from an hotel in the 1950's, it can be made much cheaper by using shop bought mayonnaise of your choice instead of cream, in which case blend to taste, but the original is yummy!

150 ml thick cream

225-250 ml tomato ketchup (Heinz preferred)

Lemon juice

Worcestershire sauce to taste

Brandy to taste

Combine cream and tomato ketchup. Add a few drops of lemon juice, Worcestershire sauce and brandy if required. Slather over seafood.

This can also be used as a tomato dip for those summer nibbles.



Very basic beef stroganoff

The second recipe came from a foodie friend of the family when things were tight, but standards had to be kept up in the late sixties. Fillet of beef is the go-to meat for stroganoff, but shin is much more economic and the tomato soup a great cheat!

1kg shin of beef

2 large onions

2 cloves of garlic

250g button mushrooms or sliced closed cup

Large tin Heinz tomato soup

20ml Worcestershire sauce

275g sour or single cream

Cut the meat into mouth size pieces or strips, slice the onions and crush the garlic. Mix together, add a tablespoon of flour and toss until covered. Then fry until browned all over. Add to casserole. Mix all the other ingredients with the tomato soup including the mushrooms (although these can be added an hour before the end if you prefer). Bring up to the boil and then pour over the meat. Place covered in oven at 150c /130c fan for 3 1/2 hours. Slow cooker can also be used. Serve with rice and green vegetables. It tastes just like the real thing, but costs so much less.

Sally Sawyer

NSPCC Coffee Morning

Thank you to everyone who supported our Coffee Morning which was held at Frensham Manor, Rolvenden Layne on Saturday, 18th May. We made £300 for the NSPCC funds which is a welcome amount. Despite the threat of rain, it was an enjoyable morning and, not only were we able to wander around the gardens, but we had a few stalls and a raffle to help increase the fund raising.

Thanks go to Mr & Mrs Rob Pursey for allowing us to use the grounds of Frensham Manor for this event. It is much appreciated.





Only On a Sunday...?! Part Four - Wednesday

Jeanette is working her way through a typical week of clergy life.

This month we look at Wednesday.

One of the most beneficial things in the way we organise ourselves is the strength of our teams. A number of teams form the foundation of our ministry and Wednesday is often a day where there is a 'team' focus.

The day starts early with preparing for Morning Prayer in St. Midred's at 8am. This enables us then to have our 'Team Meeting' at 8:30 before the office gets busy with phone calls and visitors.

The team that gathers is Lindsay, Andrew, Caroline and me. This is an important time we set aside all together to 'touch base'. We will go through each of our individual diaries and make sure everything is in the central office diary. This is especially important as we are often 'lone workers'. We will look at what we may need to order – wafers, wine, candles, palm crosses etc, liaise regarding forthcoming events and services that need more planning (major festivals, harvest, Remembrance, pet service, flower festivals, civic events etc) and also look at forthcoming weddings, baptisms and funerals to make sure that everything is in place and any problems can be solved or oversights corrected.

In the benefice last year, we had 29 children and 2 adults baptised in 26 services; 89 funerals/memorial services and cremations; 21 interments; 15



weddings and 12 grave memorial approvals. Although John Badcock, Judy Vinson and Margaret Roylance do help out with taking funerals, these services form a significant part of our pastoral, missional and liturgical work. Each one requires at least one or two meetings with the families beforehand. After meetings we will spend time individually putting together an order of service. These services are very significant to those involved and whilst an 'off the shelf' service is available, we do not use them, as we are careful to ensure that these services are individual and reflect the way the family wish to celebrate or commemorate.

Working closely with us is our team of Benefice Pastoral Visitors. This group gathers regularly on a Wednesday morning to review the pastoral needs of some of the most vulnerable people in our churches. The Pastoral Visitors are a caring and dedicated team who use their call as a Christian to keep regular contact with people who often find life a struggle. They then feed back to us on how these individuals are doing. This forum is vital in allowing us to look at any further support we may need to consider – perhaps working with local agencies such as the doctors' surgeries or looking at if home communion might be needed.

Another team that meets on a Wednesday approximately every two months, is the team who are licensed to lead worship. This includes all of our retired clergy with Permission To Officiate (PTO) and our lay readers. There are twelve altogether. Our time together is a precious time of prayer and fellowship, keeping each other up to date with what is going on and discussing where our ministries are taking us. In addition to these 'group meetings', each member of the group will have six monthly face-to-face review meetings with Lindsay and me. This enables us to ensure that each individual in this wonderful team feels they are thriving in the ministry they offer this benefice. We use it as a time to listen and to reflect together.

Regular Wednesday activities include the monthly Wednesday lunch club which we attend when possible, Smallhythe have their PCC bi-monthly in the afternoon and Appledore and Tenterden in the evening. Sharon's Christian mediation group also meet twice a month on a Wednesday.

Jeanette

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

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TENTERDEN SOCIAL SUPERMARKET



ANNOUNCING

Repton Community Trust in partnership with The Mildred Trust are pleased to announce the launch of a new social supermarket for Tenterden. A fortnightly pop up shop at Highbury Hall Tuesday afternoons 1.30-2.30 (see reverse for dates).

We will be travelling from our Ashford base in our electric van; full to the brim with a selection of cupboard food, toiletries, and cleaning products for you to choose from.

As a social supermarket, we are able to offer products at a discounted rate. To make sure we have enough for everyone, each customer can pick out up to £20 worth of items at each shop session.

You pay £1.50 for every £5 worth, so the maximum £20 shop costs just £6. On average this equates to 3 shopping bags.

WHERE TO FIND US

Our pop-up shop will be with you on alternate Tuesdays at:
Highbury Hall, Highbury Lane, Tenterden TN30 6LE



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The Mag's Blue Pages

The blue pages that come with the magazine are the place where items of useful information get put in one handy place. Well, that was the original idea. The Readers' Survey from Dec 23/Jan 24 gave quite a lot of items a poor rating, which prompted me to have a look at what was there.

It is still a place where information can go, information for services mainly, and in many cases, hopefully, services that you do not need. But they are there for people who might need them and even if they are not relevant for you, they might well be relevant for someone you know. They are there to be shared.

This month's blue pages have a new entry: The Tenterden Social Supermarket, see the poster on the previous page. Not quite a Food Bank but definitely somewhere for people who have limited funds. It is in Tenterden, you say. Well yes, it's a fact of life that the places with more chimney pots have more facilities. But I am assured it is open for everyone, including residents of Rolvenden and Newenden. It's exactly the sort of item the blue pages are for.

Then there is the first page which had a major overhaul in April. It is a bit of an experiment. It has the blanket title 'Making our communities tick'. The page is for a short factual article on how some aspect of our common life works, it might be an institution or a common occurrence, or even the summer appearance of buzzing, flying insects. It is probably going to be something getting a bad press. The hope is that if we all understand who does what, how something works, we may find our interactions are less fraught; we might manage to be more tolerant towards the person on the end of the phone, less likely to throw the dratted device out of the window...or even reach for the can of Raid!

If you have a topic you think could benefit from a bit of practical, factual exposure, please get in touch. Judy V

Sandhurst RPB 16th Memorial Charity Piano Recital



The performance will be held on SATURDAY JULY 27th at 3pm. When the well-known pianist, Mark Viner will be coming to play at the garden party recital. He will be performing Beethoven Fantasie, op.77, something by Alkan (He is the Chairman of that society) Liszt: Hungarian Rhapsody, some Blumenfeld and, of course, Henselt. This will be the first visit by Mark, so I want to have a good audience on hand!

Tickets are by donation – minimum £23.

Please call Gillian Davis 01580-850384.



AUGUST BANK HOLIDAY FLOWER FESTIVAL AND ART EXHIBITION August 24th - 25th - 26th

Please contact Sylvia 01580 240 463, sylviakellett@eplusmail.com if you would like to help with Welcoming our Visitors in church or to distribute Posters and Leaflets.

Art exhibition in conjunction with the Flower Festival will be in the Village Hall: A reminder to all artists to forward your entries to Emma Catt by mid July, so that we have plenty of time to work on the catalogue. Any queries please contact Jan Gambier 07952 414269 janpetpics@btinternet.com.

Please contact Sue Dyer 01580 240925 if you would like to offer baking or help in the kitchen over the weekend. Also if you have items for the produce stall such as Jams and Pickles.

Please bring books suitable for the bookstall to church by the first week of August in order to allow time for sorting

Sign up rotas will be available in church from the beginning of July.

St Mary's PCC values all the help we receive from our friends in Rolvenden and beyond in order to make the Festival happen.

Thank you, Sylvia



It's official-Newenden Wildflower Meadow has 'Friends'

We held the launch meeting of Friends of Newenden Meadow on 31st May 2024, where we displayed three hand decorated maps of the meadow's progress since 2019 – 20, showing the gradual increase of wildflowers during the last three to four years.

Jacky Lamb gave a talk, illustrated with projected images, of the progress we have made creating the Friends, and showing photos of the field through the seasons, whilst Jillian Eldridge explained the work we do in an effort to continue improving the field which then creates habitat and forage for insects, amphibians, birds and small mammals alike.

After the slide show we enjoyed refreshments and an enthusiastic question and answer session, and many people there signed up to be Friends by filling in membership forms designed by Jacky. Membership is £10 per person annually. We are now officially Friends of Newenden Meadow, as a company limited by guarantee. We are in the process of waiting for our new bank account to be activated soon.

To become a Friend you can contact Jillian Eldridge at jillianeldridge@hotmail.com, or mobile, 07984169314 and we can supply you with a membership form. Once a member, you will receive a quarterly letter about progress in the field, you will be invited to any of the talks we intend to organise with invited experts on relevant subjects, and invited to an annual event in the meadow each summer in the future.

We now have two notices, kindly donated by the Selmes Trust, and put up by Alan Seal, to explain to visitors who come to launch kayaks and paddle boards, that the field is a meadow restoration project, and asking everyone to take care not to inadvertently damage plants.

in the meantime, the meadow is looking glorious, with oxeye daisies, meadow vetchling, knapweed, red and white clover, birdsfoot trefoil, grass vetchling, tufted vetch, common vetch and yellow rattle as well as others. We still have a lot to do, but it's good to see an array of flowers, particularly after all the flooding we had in the winter. A little egret visits regularly and a barn owl has been seen several times quartering the field. Two tiny common frogs have been seen near the scrape so we are hopeful that this is the result of successful spawning back in February. . Among the vegetation, there will be many insects and animals going about their lives, and the more we can create for them, the richer this meadow will become. *Jillian Eldridge*



Rolvenden Neighbourhood Watch April

Update on Kent police presence at council meetings

We are inviting Kent police to the council meetings. Whether they attend is out of our control as it depends on their rotation but we acknowledge their visible presence is important.



Our focus this month is on Fraud and Banking Scams.

What is fraud? Fraud is suspicious activity on your account that you didn't know about and didn't authorise.

Examples of fraud include:

- Unauthorised use of your credit or debit card
- Bank account takeover - someone accesses your account without you knowing
- Identity theft - a fraudster uses your details to open accounts in your name

1. What is a scam

A scam involves you making or authorising the payment yourself. You're persuaded to buy a fake item, hand over your security code or transfer a sum of money, not realising you're being conned by a criminal.

Scams can be very convincing and anyone can get caught out.

Examples of scams include:

- Instructions to transfer money to another account (e.g. a 'safe account')
- Fake investment opportunities
- Requests for money from a scammer who has befriended you or struck up a romance online
- 'Too good to be true' deals that must be paid for by bank transfer

2. Banking and payment card scams

involve the fraudulent use of a victim's card details to withdraw cash or buy goods. With cases of card fraud on the increase, it's more important than ever to protect your card details when you're out and about and when you're shopping online.

3. Phone scams

Your bank and the police will never ring and ask you to verify your PIN, withdraw cash or purchase high-value goods. They'll also never come to your home to collect your card, cash or purchased items. If you get a call like this, end the call. If you get a call from your bank or the police, make sure you know who the person is before handing over any personal details. You can do this by calling your bank (the number on the back of your card) or the police 101 on a different phone line. To get a different line, use a phone owned by a family member, friend or neighbour. This is because scammers can keep phone lines open after pretending to hang up. So, while you think you're making a new phone call, the line is still open to the scammer, who pretends to be someone from your bank or the police. Depending on your bank, the security questions they ask may be different, but they'll never ask you to authorise anything by entering your PIN into your phone. Never send money abroad to a person you've never met or to anyone you don't actually know and trust.

Likewise, never agree to keep your online relationship a secret. This is a ploy to get



you not to tell your family and friends, who'll see the scam for exactly what it is. Equally, don't accept any offer of money. A scammer may ask you to accept money from them into your own bank account, using a convincing story as to why they can't use their own account. The circumstances may seem genuine, but you may unwittingly be committing the criminal offence of money laundering.

3. ATM or cash machine scams

Never share your debit or credit card PIN with anyone. If you see anything unusual about the cash machine or it's been tampered with, don't use it and report it to the bank as soon as possible.

When using the ATM:

- Cover your PIN as you type it
 - Stand close to the machine
 - Use your free hand and body to shield the keypad as you enter your PIN
- This will prevent any prying eyes or hidden cameras seeing your PIN.

Don't get distracted. Be particularly cautious if seemingly well-meaning strangers talk to you or offer to help while you're using the ATM. If they're persistent, simply cancel the transaction and discreetly put your card away. Fraudsters sometimes fit devices to cash machines that trap your card, or 'eat' it, which they then retrieve as soon as you've left the area.

If an ATM eats your card for any reason, report it to your card company straight away, ideally using your mobile while you're still in front of the machine.

Make sure you store your card company's 24-hour contact number in your phone. Once you've completed a transaction put your money and card away before leaving the cash machine.

Destroy or ideally shred your cash-machine receipts, mini-statements or balance enquiries when you've finished with them.

3. Banking scams

Check your statements or your online account regularly, even the small things you buy. Tell your card company straight away if you suspect a fraud.

Dispose of statements or slips that contain your card details carefully and securely by shredding or tearing them up. This includes your cash machine receipts, mini statements or balance enquiries.

If you need to destroy your bank card, make sure you cut through it, including the metal chip. You can also use a shredder to destroy it.

Siân Reeves, Rolvenden Neighbourhood Watch

Reporting crime to the police

Serious crimes in progress dial 999, other incidents via 101 (phone) or online using Live Chat: <https://www.kent.police.uk/contact/af/contact-us/>

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.

Making our communities tick: The health of our rivers

The Rother Fishery Association (RFA) is a group of fishing clubs, mostly local, who collectively rent various waters on the River Rother, including at Newenden.

Over the course of the past 110 years, the RFA records show many changes and, I regret to say, most are very negative ones. There are problems along the riverbank, and within the water body itself.

Here are just some of our concerns as regards the river's health.

The lack of flow in the river in summer is one, and the fact that a large part of it is made up of treated sewage from the many sewage treatment works along the valley.

Secondly, there are problems with storm water overflows and the influx of raw sewage into the river. In 2022 raw sewage came in from 20 locations, 784 times, for 9965 hours. That has enormous health implications for users of the river.

Third, is abstraction, associated with increased population, which badly affects the river and especially the fish, and in particular the (increasingly rare) migratory sea trout that need cool, clear, clean and abundant water to breed.

Fourthly, agricultural chemicals and other pollutants seep into the river and cause eutrophication, and algal blooms, that cause oxygen levels to fall, and it is likely that the 2022 fish kill at Newenden is related to that.

Road run-off brings toxic tyre particles into the water that kill river life. There are many rapidly spreading non-native invasive species that are a major threat to the river, in and out of the water. You may notice how few wildfowl live on the water. American mink, escapees from fur farms, have caused enormous damage to birds. Signal crayfish imported in the 1970s are causing enormous damage to riverbanks and they are destroying river life wherever they are found. Zebra mussels are becoming a big issue, as are mitten crabs. The list goes on and on.... Out of the water, the valley has areas of Giant Hogweed which is a very dangerous plant, and at Newenden the banks are now more and more covered in Himalayan Balsam, which crowds out native plants and is very damaging.

Then there is what some people do, leaving litter, dog poo and so on!

The South East Rivers Trust, established in the past decade or so, is trying to improve things. <https://www.southeastriverstrust.org/>

The Environment Agency (0800 80 70 60) is the organisation to which reports should be made of things like pollution, fish in distress (large number of fish gulping air at the surface and / or a strange colour or smell to the water are clues), illegal fishing and so on.

Our website is <https://www.rotherfisheryassociation.org/>

Steve Crowley

Contact Details for organisations you might find you need:

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

KCC Mobile Library Service visits Rolvenden every 2 weeks on a Tuesday:

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

To join phone: 03000 41 31 31

Regular Events

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

- Memory Café and Friends 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 12:30 for 1:00pm Little Silver Hotel, St Michaels Tenterden.

For all 3 Contact: Jan Bridger Tel: 01580 762932 Mob: 07445971791

Parkinsons Café

Mutual support for people affected by Parkinson's including family, friends, partners and carers. Meets every third Monday 10:30 to noon at the EC30 Tenterden Contact: Christine Endersby 01580 764046

CARM Rolvenden Meeting Point

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- 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.

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

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e-mail: enquiries@newenden-pc.gov.uk

Parish Council will meet at 7:00pm

Tuesday July 2nd in St Peter's

ROLVENDEN PARISH COUNCIL

www.rolvendenparishcouncil.org.uk

Parish Clerk: Mrs Julie Flenley.

email: rolvendenclerk@gmail.com

Parish Council will meet at 7:30pm

Thursday July 18th 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.



Parish Magazine Essential Information:

Articles and supporting photographs: email to judyannvinson@gmail.com.

Photos for the cover should be emailed as a jpeg in colour or monochrome to Trevor Lodge on stmaryrolv@aol.com.

To keep the cover photos in tune with the month, Trevor likes to keep seasonal photos on hold waiting for the season to come round the following year. Any keen photographers who want to contribute, please send your photos to Trevor.



THE DEADLINE FOR THE AUGUST ISSUE

IS 5:00pm TUESDAY 16TH JULY

Note for distributors: ☆ Rolvenden Magazines available for collection on Saturday 27th July. ☆ Newenden Magazines available for collection on Saturday 27th July.

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