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# welcome

## SPRING 2016

Welcome to the new look spring edition, we hope you like it!

Spring has arrived and the lighter evenings allow us to spend more time outdoors. The brighter weather encourages us to venture out more, so we check out what the coastal town of Whitstable has to offer. Known as 'the bubble' by the locals, it boasts lots of independent shops, great restaurants and bars, a castle, and some of the most beautiful sunsets in the county.

Kent Peg tiles are seen all over our beautiful county, predominantly on listed and period properties. Tudor Roof Tiles tell us about the history of this famous little tile and bring us right up-to-date with where it stands in today's market and how it's used in new properties.

Moving inside, we immerse ourselves in a haven of tranquillity at Sheldon Spa in Faversham; and we have a three-hour stay for two to give away, including a relaxing 30 minute treatment.

Any feedback or suggestions on what you would like to see in future editions of Conservation News are always appreciated.

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# News, topical treats & more...

Think your garden's too small for an outdoor room? Think again.

WORDS: LOUISE TOMLIN



Last month we featured our beautiful new Curve garden shelter, to inspire you with your spring garden projects. Talking of spring, I hope I'm not tempting fate by mentioning that we should be looking forward to some better weather as the clocks go forward.

The Curve has created quite a stir since its launch earlier

this year. The garden shelter with its generous interior space: approximately 3.1m wide x 5.3m deep and 2.2m high, is big enough to set up a dining area leaving plenty of room for a chill out zone as well.

However, if space is at a premium in your garden, or maybe you have something more along the lines of a courtyard space to get creative

with, then don't despair. You may not have to miss out on the pleasures of the outdoor room that many people find such a desirable idea these days, that sought after area for quality lifestyle activities; entertaining, partying or simply just relaxing in.

Please allow me to introduce you to what I describe as the Curve's little sister, the equally stylish Demi Curve. With a

footprint of approximately 3.1m wide x 2.7m deep and 2.2m high.

Smaller than 'big sister', but perfectly formed, it is just right for the urban garden or courtyard, although it is still large enough to house a comfortably sized sofa and chairs set with a low table, just right for relaxing with your Kindle and your favourite tipple.

Alternatively swap those for a dining table and chairs and it will make a delightful al fresco area for summer feasting. And like the larger Curve, the Demi Curve also has the additional protection of polycarbonate



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Whether you are looking to undertake a complete style overhaul or for a few simple accessories to quickly refresh your space, look no further.

Here are the top four outdoor living looks for spring/summer 2016.



### 1 GARDEN FRESH...

'Fresh from the garden' - a rustic, yet contemporary look, be inspired by nature with this season's range. Create the perfect place for spring time jobs and invest in a sturdy selection of tools and planters, or enjoy a spot of alfresco dining with the practical and stylish new Garden Vegetable Melamine range, with its hand painted ceramic look.

## 2 SUMMER DREAM...

With spring in full bloom, take inspiration from the great outdoors for a well overdue breath of fresh air that will leave your home looking lovely. This year's take on the ever-popular florals trend is softer than previous seasons, with delicate, hand painted pastel tones echoing the charm of an English country garden.

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# 3 TROPICAL...

With the world's attention firmly focused on the upcoming Rio 2016 Olympics, one of this season's top trends has undoubtedly taken inspiration from the exuberant style of the Brazilian city. Bright and breezy florals, fern prints, burnt oranges and pops of pink and turquoise make for a fun exotic look that works perfectly to invite some summer sunshine into your home and garden.



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A brilliant white outdoor furniture set will work perfectly when teamed with bold, tropical themed accessories to brighten up any space, creating the perfect place to continue garden parties with family and friends long after the sun goes down.

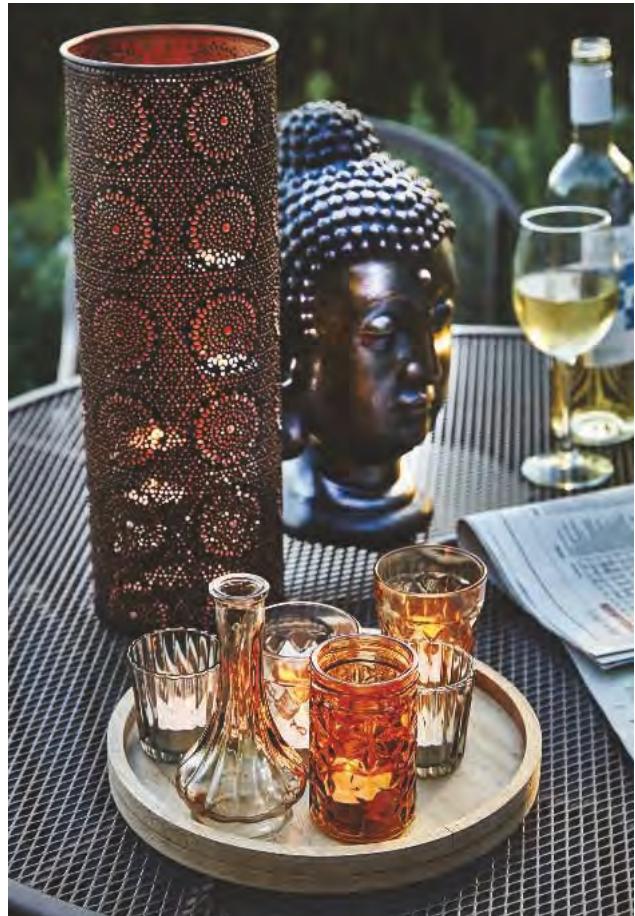


## 4 METALLIC OPULENCE...

Lazy days out in the garden are some the highlights of summer and you can sit back and relax in style. The ever-popular metallic trend teamed with earthy browns and copper accessories is reminiscent of exotic travels, for a gorgeous luxe look. Or 'go for gold' with elegant glassware, and succulents for floral décor that can stand the heat.



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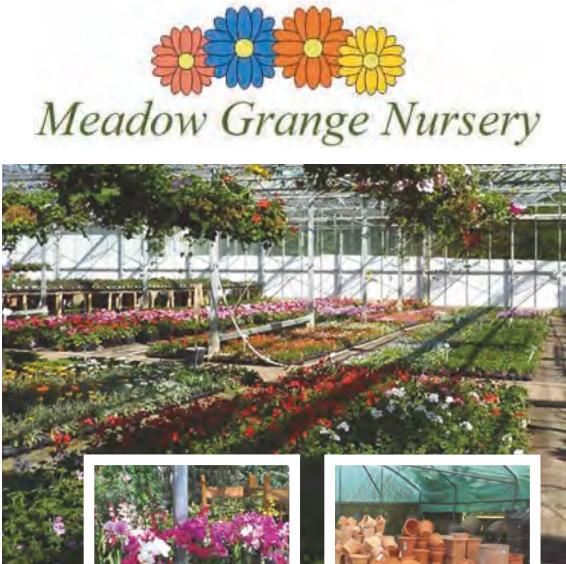
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# How long does it take to install an OUTDOOR SWIMMING POOL?

Ben Tiffin of XL Pools explains how the installation of an outdoor swimming pool may not take as long as you might expect.



**A**n outdoor swimming pool can be relatively quick and simple to install when compared to an indoor pool. It's still often a long and messy process, but the added complication of a building is taken out of the equation. The amount of time it will take to construct and install your outdoor pool will depend on a number of factors, including the size and type

of pool you have chosen, the location and layout of the pool site and whether there is easy access for the construction team and all their equipment.

The first step in swimming pool construction is to clear the area and establish an access route from the road, at which point the excavation can begin. Whichever kind of swimming pool you go for, be it a concrete pool, a vinyl liner pool or a one piece fibreglass or ceramic shell, there will need to be a hole in the ground! Once the excavation has been completed, progress can be quite quickly made, particularly if the pool is a one piece shell. Once it has been lifted and lowered into

position by a crane, or in some cases even a helicopter, you'll begin to glimpse what the finished outcome will be like.

There's still a lot of plumbing and electrical work to complete, which can be carried out either by your pool contractors or sub-contractors, following which work can begin on the finishing touches. Coping stones and pool surrounds will need to be laid, and you may which for the pool area and the access route to be landscaped following the build, as there will often be some unavoidable damage and disruption caused by the heavy machinery.

Every pool is different, however as a very general





guide, you might expect the installation of the pool itself, after excavation, to take around 10 days to 2 weeks. Of course, this will vary enormously, especially if any unforeseen problems emerge. The construction process may also be weather-dependant, and extreme or adverse weather conditions can significantly hamper the progress.

When you first make arrangements with your pool contractor for the installation to take place, you should be made aware of a project manager on site, whose job is to make sure suitable progress is made and that the process runs smoothly. They will be able to advise you of approximate timescales and make you aware of any issues you should know about.

## Pool construction timescales

The general building process of an outdoor swimming pool might be as follows:

**1. SITE CLEARING & ACCESS:**

Anything from a few hours to one day.

**2. EXCAVATIONS & GROUND WORKS:**

One day to five days (depending on access).

**3. POOL CRANE IN HOLD AND BASE:**

One day.

**4. PLUMBING FROM POOL TO PLANT ROOM:**

One to three days (depending on distance to plant room and access).

**5. BACKFILL:**

One to three days (depending on site access)

**6. POOL ROOM PLUMBING:**

One to three days.

**7. POOL WIRING:** One to two days

**8. COPING STONE FITTING:** One to three days.

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Roots have become known for a full design, supply and install service for kitchens, bedrooms and bathrooms taking responsibility for every trade from start to finish.

### How did you choose the name Roots?

Steve answered; "Root is our surname. I remember when we began, spending ages trying to choose a good name. In the end we settled on simply using our family name and this turned out to be a very good thing. As it's our name on everything we do we've always been very focussed on doing our best work and looking after our reputation."

Roots recently won '2015 Best Domestic Bathroom Installer', how did that come about?

David says "In December we were chosen by Geberit, a large multinational manufacturer of sanitary fittings as the UK's '2015 Best Domestic Bathroom Installer'. Geberit are a company that make many of the parts customers will never see. For a long time we've specified and used their WC cisterns and concealed frames for wall-hung toilets and basins. Whilst these parts are never seen they can have a huge impact over the working life of a room. We're always able to get spare parts and that's important to us as when a customer calls us to help fix a problem with a toilet we fitted ten years ago or more, we want to be able to help and fix it. One of the reasons we won was a timelapse video we have on YouTube of a room we installed last year. ([https://youtu.be/2B9fP\\_9kJ9E](https://youtu.be/2B9fP_9kJ9E))

In the video you can also see that we're using



a different material to line the shower. This is a waterproof backing panel rather than plasterboard. Plasterboard is cheaper but has a higher chance of failing. Failing means if it gets damp the tiles will fall off. This won't happen in the first few years so for many businesses that's an acceptable trade off. For Roots and our customers, we all want a much longer life so investing in these hidden materials now means a better result in years to come."

#### **Steve, I hear you bring your love of technology into your designs?**

"That's true! Last year a customer asked if we could do anything interesting with the lighting in their bathroom. Knowing they enjoyed long soaks in the bath reading a novel I had the idea of creating

a ceiling of stars like a night sky. I combined my interest in astronomy and computing to generate an accurate map of the stars in the sky on the date of their wedding. I then threaded more than 300 optical fibres into a 1.4m diameter disk, each fibre representing a real star in its actual location. We even found a way of making the light twinkle gently just like real stars do."

#### **Are you working on any interesting projects right now?**

"Margaret our kitchen designer has designed a kitchen island in the shape of a wave. Technically it's very clever, utilising all standard component parts in a new way. The customer has ordered so we are now in the process of creating a 3D CAD drawing which will be sent to our cabinet makers to use with their CNC tools.

**If someone is looking for a room from Roots, where's the best place to start?**

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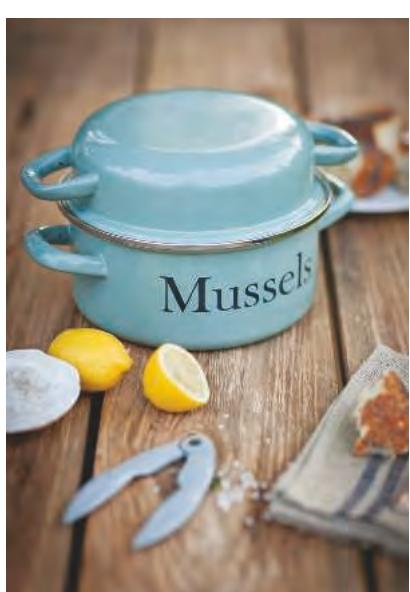
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**W**ith no pier, no prom, no sand and no 'amusements', how did Whitstable get to top a list of fastest-growing seaside resorts in the UK?

Its popularity is unarguable. Any sunny weekend, even in winter, vehicles stream off the fast-moving Thanet Way/M2 connection from London, then process bumper-to-bumper downhill, passengers eagerly pointing at the sea ahead, to arrive in a tiny town where drivers must slow to avoid hordes of happy amblers spilling off the pavements.

Jokingly known as Islington-on-Sea, Whitstable is frequently described in travel articles and on TripAdvisor as 'quaint', 'chic' and an essential place to visit, especially for DFLs (Down From London) eager for a quick fix of sea air, fresh fish and chain-free shopping. The enormous success of the summer Oyster Festival in particular (this year 22nd to 31st July) has recently seen the need for a park and ride service - a solution more usual in congested cities.

The town's other nickname is Whitstabubble, and there is no sign yet that this Bubble is going to burst.

Lou Fowkes, who manages a team of volunteers advising visitors at the Whitstable Shop in Harbour Street, has noticed trends for people

to stay longer and to come from further afield. "We get a lot of Europeans, but now increasingly people from the USA, Asia and Australia," she says. And some visitors decide to stay a whole lot longer, making the town a hotspot for property buyers.

Yet 20-odd years ago, Whitstable was a shabby sort-of adjunct to Canterbury, where everything shut down on Wednesdays with barely a soul on the street. So how did that change?

Actually Whitstable's re-invention seems



almost accidental. The town simply wasn't designed as a seaside resort, which is perhaps a big part of its attraction. While neighbours were building piers, proms and hotels as tourism developed in the 19th and 20th centuries, Whitstable quietly carried on with its traditional maritime businesses of fishing, boat-building and salvage. Evidence of this small-scale industry is still all around, and maybe visitors find this a refreshing change from the increasing blandness of city and suburbs.

Alleyways (often quirkily-

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named, like Squeeze Gut) which criss-cross the town are now adored by tourists, but not long ago were simply short-cuts for fishermen, boat-builders... and smugglers.

The harbour, the town's biggest draw, is still very much a workplace. A small fleet of fishing boats moor not far from much bigger vessels



which dock at the working asphalt plant on the East Quay. They also share the space with old Thames sailing barge

Greta which, though now offering pleasure trips, used to carry ammunition, beer, grain, malt and building products (and

took part in the Little Ships evacuation from Dunkirk).

There are cockle and whelk-processing businesses at the harbour too, and shellfish - readily for sale - has long been a Whitstable commodity. Follow the shingle beach westwards and, passing the lifeboat, you'll quickly come to the Whitstable Oyster Fishery

Company - unmistakeable with its large piles of shells outside. The WOFC claims a long history of farming Royal Whitstable Native Oysters, though before that the Romans were gathering and shipping them to Rome.

It's just a few steps more to a seating area called Cushing's View, a tribute to the actor Peter Cushing, mainly associated with Hammer horror films. He lived a few hundred yards further along the beach (look for the blue plaque), and was cherished by the town: it's said he taught many local children to swim, and Whitstable people closed their businesses to line the streets for his funeral procession in 1994.

The next local landmark is tucked in a small enclosure

beside the beach. It's a preserved oyster yawl called The Favourite, which was built in one of several small boatyards which operated nearby - another reminder of recent industry.

Glance ahead at the Old Neptune pub sited actually on the shingle and, if it's the right time of day, take time to savour a glorious sunset over the Isle of Sheppey. Then slip through a short alley to emerge in Island Wall, a long quiet road parallel to the sea with many clapboarded houses, built for maritime folk but now popular for holiday cottages.

Turn left back towards the centre of town where Harbour Street - lined with interesting boutiques and galleries - is crowded at weekends. The more workaday High Street it adjoins is often remarked on for the survival of independent butchers, greengrocers and bakeries.

A browse along Harbour Street returns you to the harbour, ready to explore the other direction. Walk along the newly-buttressed South Quay, where a revitalised artisan market will open this summer, and take a left back to the sea where, if it's low tide, a half-mile spit of shingle known as



The Street will be uncovered.

Move inland where grassy Tankerton Slopes begin, and a short climb is rewarded with a view of Whitstable Castle and its delightful public gardens. This was an elaborate family home built first in 1789 by one local businessman and extended later by another. After restoration, it was opened in 2010 by local resident, the comedian Harry

Hill, to offer public meeting rooms and a wedding venue.

It's off Tankerton Slopes that Whitstable Regatta has been held for the last 200-odd years (this year on 6th to 7th August), marking local maritime history, but nowadays including a fantastic firework display over the water.

The regular events calendar is being swelled to reflect an

increasing association between Whitstable and the arts. This summer sees both a literary festival (WhitLit 11th to 15th May) and the visual arts-focused Whitstable Biennale (4th to 12th June). Music is everywhere - many pubs host live bands all year round - and Whitstable has its own theatre, the Playhouse.

“Whitstable ticks so many boxes for anyone who is remotely creative,” says Catriona Campbell, who runs the Kent’s Creative Coast campaign. She lists many galleries dotted about town - notably the Horsebridge Centre, near the Oyster Fishery Company building, and the Print Block on the harbour’s East Quay.

With the big open skies of East Kent much admired by JMW Turner, and sensational sunsets best viewed from the beach in summer, it’s no wonder a big artistic community has built up.

But it’s not just artists who are moving in. All kinds of people, some with plenty of money in their pockets, are settling and adding to the local economy, providing custom for the independent shops the town is so proud of, and a growing range of eateries from cosy corner cafes to the Michelin-starred Sportsman, official Best Gastropub in Britain.

Whitstable offers a very good life - a great place to live, as well as to visit.



## Oysters



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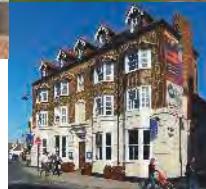
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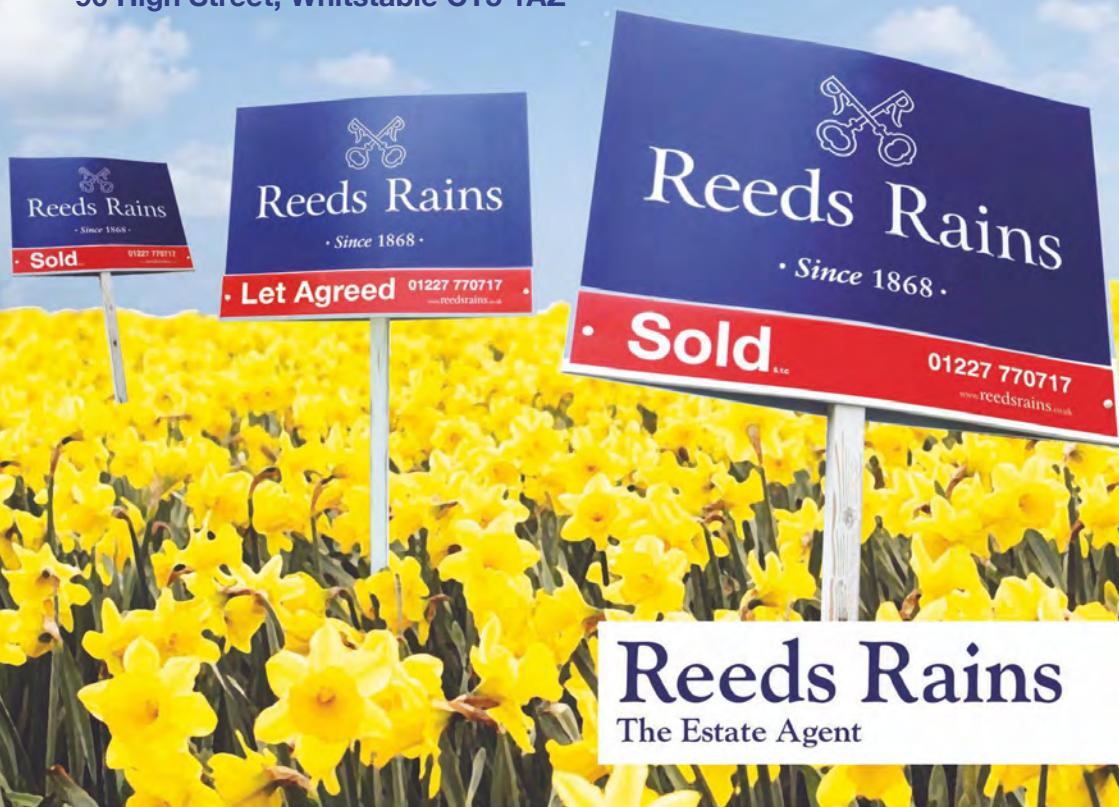
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# The evolution of the KENT PEG TILE



Paul Lythgoe, Managing Director of Tudor Roof Tile Co Ltd explains the history and architectural significance of the traditional Kent Peg Tile.



**K**ent Peg Tiles hold a special place in the English architectural landscape - particularly in the South East of England, where they were once seen on nearly every town house, country residence, barn, oast house and farm property.

Dating back as far as the 12th and 13th centuries, the name 'peg tile' originally came from the softwood pegs, which were driven through two square holes in the top edge of the tiles, attaching them to the laths or battens.

They were usually smaller than tiles found in other parts of the country and, despite the Royal Charter of 1477 decreeing that plain tiles should be standardised to 10½" x 6¼" countrywide, Kent Peg Tiles remained typically 10" x 6".

As they were originally made by local or travelling craftsmen, who relied on hand moulding and simple firing techniques, they inevitably had a wide variation of texture, camber and colour ranging from pale orange to dark red.



Unfortunately, the widespread use of traditional peg tiles gradually declined with the availability of cheaper mass produced machine made clay and concrete tiles in the 1900s.

However, in recent years, tighter planning regulations and recognition of the need to conserve our historic buildings with sustainable and more visually sympathetic materials has resulted in a renewed interest.

#### *Reclaimed or new?*

Old peg tiled roofs are constantly falling into disrepair, largely through damaged pegs, insect or fungal attack, wind-lift and the effects of frost, particularly on north-facing slopes.

Secondhand tiles from specialist suppliers have traditionally been the preferred choice on historic buildings, particularly if only a few tiles are damaged. They blend in extremely well, provided they are of a compatible size, texture and colour and reclaimed from the same locality. However, the supply of good reclaimed roof tiles from legitimate sources is ultimately finite, and potentially expensive, as suitable tiles have to be carefully sourced from unlisted, abandoned or derelict buildings.

Furthermore, after many years of wear and tear, their condition and



life expectancy is inevitably uncertain - as, clearly, they have not been tested to EN and BS standards and do not hold performance guarantees.

In cases where large sections or entire roofs need to be replaced, new hand made peg tiles, specifically chosen for their sympathetic qualities, are often a much more reliable and a cost effective option.

### *Machine or hand-made?*

One of the problems architects, conservationists and owners of heritage homes face is that the 'rustic' character of the original Kent Peg Tile, with its subtle variation in texture, colour and camber is difficult to replicate using modern manufacturing methods.

Despite significant advances, the majority of mass-produced 'machine made' clay roof tiles are still far too dull and uniform in appearance to be a convincing substitute.

A small number of 'studio potters' are still making bespoke hand-made tiles, relying on skilled craftsmen to not only painstakingly form each individual tile, but to also recreate

**"The Kent Peg Tile is continuing to evolve and develop to meet the changing needs of today's market"**

bespoke colourings. Such meticulous detailing is often reflected in their production costs.

However, there are now some manufacturers, such as Tudor Roof Tile Co Ltd, who combine the best of both traditional and modern tile making techniques to create a time weathered 'olde world' rustic look.

As the tiles are individually hand pressed, moulded and trimmed, they have the idiosyncrasies of traditional sand faced peg tiles, whilst highly advanced firing techniques ensure exceptional performance and a durability that exceeds British Standards.

### *Historical authenticity*

When restoring a historic roof it is important to respect its original character and detailing.

For instance, the smallest change from the original peg tile size can damage the overall aesthetic. This is why Tudor offers a range of



non-standard bespoke sizes in a variety of soft muted tones that age and blend well with the faded roofs of older buildings.

Made with either square or round peg holes, they are suitable for use with traditional wooden and modern aluminium pegs.

By the mid nineteenth century peg tiles evolved into plain tiles. Tudor also makes the 'nibbed' plain tiles, which hook onto the battens and are more suited to modern construction methods.

#### *The modern peg tile*

Whilst remaining true to its roots and original character, the Kent Peg Tile is continuing to evolve and develop to meet the changing needs of today's market.

Available with a single or double camber, in wide range of colour options, with matching

ornamental tiles, they are not only being specified for listed properties in conservation areas, but adding value, character and individuality to modern properties.

For those architects and conservationists wanting to create a roof that is very much rooted in our architectural heritage, the Kent Peg Tile is still a very attractive option.

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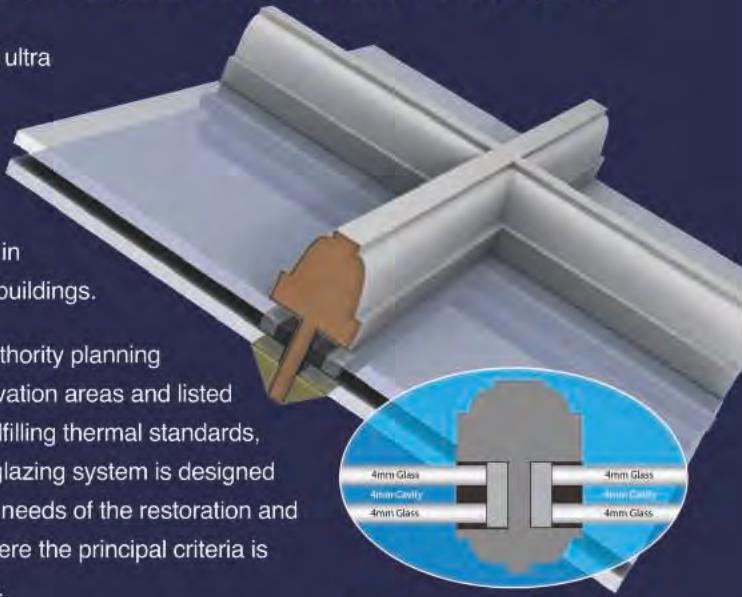
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# Sheldon Spa



For an indulgent and relaxing hen party, look no further than the stunning Sheldon Spa in Faversham; a haven of tranquility and calm which is guaranteed to impress.



by Ria Langner, lifestyle blogger  
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I can't believe that I have been living so close to such a wonderful little secret in the shape of Sheldon Spa," wrote Ria Langner after organising a successful hen party for her friend Katie at the venue in Lees Court Road, Faversham.

Sheldon Spa offers a comprehensive range of beauty and holistic treatments to relax and rejuvenate the body and mind. Facilities include an indoor heated pool, sauna, hot tub and garden, accompanied by personal service. There is a loyalty scheme, and gift vouchers are available. Groups are welcomed to celebrate



special occasions.

Ria had decided that she wanted a relaxed atmosphere for her friends, and for Katie to come away 'feeling like a million bucks'.

'I think that I always had a spa in mind. It felt like it would offer everything that I wanted for my friend. A spa just seemed like the perfect treat for a group of women to escape their to-do lists and duck out of normality for a few hours for some well-deserved relaxation and pampering.'

"When we arrived on a Sunday, it looked idyllic and didn't feel like we were anywhere near our local town. It was so pretty and serene. From the moment that we stepped through the door, nothing felt like too much trouble and all of us girls felt immediately at ease and ever so comfortable.

*All the ladies were impressed with their treatments - from pedicures, to back, neck and shoulder massages - we all felt so relaxed.*

"Inside, it was absolutely stunning. The attention to detail was on point and for somewhere that looked modest from the outside, it was incredibly spacious. I loved the decor. It is so fresh-looking and subtle but very sweet - a perfect girly haven! Before I left home that morning, I had shoved a book in my bag but next time, I'll leave it at home... I wouldn't



need it. There were so many places to sit and relax and I'm sure that I lost a fair while gazing out of the windows at the beautiful garden.

"Before we left the spa, I made sure that I used each and every one of the products on my face and body. I love Clarins products

and it was such a nice touch that they were complimentary. I like lotions and potions but I have quite sensitive skin, so it was nice to see them use a reputable and trustworthy brand which I love. Huge thumbs-up!

"We had all that we needed to relax and let go, and plenty to do while we awaited our treatments. I had a Weleda facial and I still struggle to find the words to describe how amazing that was. I hardly felt like I was in my body and that is for real! It was such an incredible experience. My skin felt great and

for a week after, I didn't put a scrap of make-up on my face.

"All the ladies were impressed with their treatments - from pedicures, to back, neck and shoulder massages - we all felt so relaxed. There were a lot of sad faces when it was time to leave, but we didn't go before indulging in a delicious cream tea to finish off such a wonderful day.

"I honestly can't say a bad word about Sheldon Spa and I'm just kicking myself that I didn't find it sooner. It is important to feel comfortable in our surroundings and able to embrace our different body shapes and sizes. You really will come away feeling amazing about yourself and like you are seriously winning at life. I cannot wait to go back".



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