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Welcome to the April issue of the Parish Magazine.

The strip of land at the eastern end of the Mediterranean is often referred to as the Holy Land as it is a main religious centre for 4 world religions. This has come about by the numbers of time this land has been conquered and reconquered, going back as least as far as Moses and the Israelites. Which race has the 'best' claim to call it theirs— God only knows, literally!

The current situation there is horrendous, and even more for the children who don't know the history, have done nothing to aggravate the situation and have no control over their lives.

I was going to write something about the Gaza situation, and then I heard the poem performed at the Oscars and decided that Chris Hedges says it so much better than I could ever do.

I admit to removing the inflammatory political sentences— you can find them on the internet, if you are interested,

Ruth

To the Children of Gaza

Dear child.

It is past midnight. I am flying at hundreds of miles an hour in the darkness, thousands of feet over the Atlantic Ocean. I am traveling to Egypt. I will go to the border of Gaza at Rafah. I go because of you.

You have never been in a plane. You have never left Gaza. You know only the densely packed streets and alleys. The concrete hovels. You know only the security barriers and fences patrolled by soldiers that surround Gaza. Planes, for you, are terrifying. Fighter jets. Attack helicopters. Drones. They circle above you. They drop missiles and bombs. Deafening explosions. The ground shakes. Buildings fall. The dead. The screams. The muffled calls for help from beneath the rubble. It does not stop. Night and day. Trapped under the piles of smashed concrete. Your playmates. Your schoolmates. Your neighbours. Gone in seconds. You see the chalky faces and limp bodies when they are dug out. I am a reporter. It is my job to see this. You are a child. You should never see this.

The stench of death. Rotting corpses under broken concrete. You hold your breath. You cover your mouth with cloth. You walk faster. Your neighbourhood has become a graveyard. All that was familiar is gone. You stare in amazement. You wonder where you are.

You are afraid. Explosion after explosion. You cry. You cling to your mother or father. You cover your ears. You see the white light of the missile and wait for the blast. Why do they kill children? What did you do? Why can't anyone protect you? Will you be wounded? Will you lose a leg or an arm? Will you go blind or be in a wheelchair? Why were you born? Was it for something good? Or was it for this? Will you grow up? Will you be happy? What will it be like without your friends? Who will die next? Your mother? Your father? Your brothers and sisters? Someone you know will be injured. Soon. Someone you know will die. Soon.

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At night you lie in the dark on the cold cement floor. The phones are cut. The internet is off. You do not know what is happening. There are flashes of light. There are waves of blast concussions. There are screams. It does not stop.

When your father or mother hunts for food or water you wait. That terrible feeling in your stomach. Will they come back? Will you see them again? Will your tiny home be next? Will the bombs find you? Are these your last moments on Earth?

You drink salty, dirty water. It makes you very sick. Your stomach hurts. You are hungry. The bakeries are destroyed. There is no bread. You eat one meal a day. Pasta. A cucumber. Soon this will seem like a feast.

You do not play with your soccer ball made of rags. You do not fly your kite made from old newspapers.

You have seen foreign reporters. We wear flak jackets with the word PRESS written on it. We have helmets. We have cameras. We drive jeeps. We appear after a bombing or a shooting. We sit over coffee for a long time and talk to the adults. Then we disappear. We do not usually interview children. But I have done interviews when groups of you crowded around us. Laughing. Pointing. Asking us to take your picture.

I have been bombed by jets in Gaza. I have been bombed in other wars, wars that happened before you were born. I too was very, very scared. I still have dreams about it. When I see the pictures of Gaza these wars return to me with the force of thunder and lightning. I think of you.

All of us who have been to war hate war most of all because of what it does to children.

There are very brave Palestinian journalists. Thirty-nine of them have been killed since this bombing began. They are heroes. So are the doctors and nurses in your hospitals. So are the U.N. workers. Eighty-nine of whom have died. So are the ambulance drivers and the medics. So are the rescue parties that lift up the slabs of concrete with their hands. So are the mothers and fathers who shield you from the bombs.

But we are not there. Not this time. We cannot get in. We are locked out.

Reporters from all over the world are going to the border crossing at Rafah. We are going because we cannot watch this slaughter and do nothing. We are going because hundreds of people are dying a day, including 160 children. We are going because we have children. Like you. Precious. Innocent. Loved. We are going because we want you to live.

I hope one day we will meet. You will be an adult. I will be an old man, although to you I am already very old. In my dream for you I will find you free and safe and happy. No one will be trying to kill you. You will fly in airplanes filled with people, not bombs. You will see the world. You will grow up and have children. You will become old. You will remember this suffering, but you will know it means you must help others who suffer. This is my hope. My prayer.

We have failed you. This is the awful guilt we carry. We tried. But we did not try hard enough. We will go to Rafah. Many of us. Reporters. We will stand outside the border with Gaza in protest. We will write and film. This is what we do. It is not much. But it is something. We will tell your story again.

Maybe it will be enough to earn the right to ask for your forgiveness.

Chris Hedges

Appledore Village Diary – April 2024

Monday	Baby Class - Yoga & Sensory 1pm – 2pm starting 15 th April Aerobics 6.15pm - 7pm (not on April 1st) Pregnancy Yoga 7.30pm – 8.30pm starting 15 th April
Tuesday	Hamstreet Surgery Prescription Collection 10.15 - 10.45am
Tuesday	Art Class 1pm - 4pm
Tuesday	Pilates 5.55pm – 6.55pm
Wednesday	Baby Massage Class 1pm - 2pm starting 17 th April Aerobics 6.15pm - 7pm
Wednesday	Lindy Fit 7.30pm - 8.30pm
Thursday	Pilates 9.45am – 10.45am Swing Dance Class 6.30pm - 7.15pm
Friday	Tai Chi 10.15am - 11am (not on April 12th)
Saturday 6 th April	Cake Bake Day Church Porch 9.30am
Monday 8 th April	APC Meeting 7.30pm
Tuesday 9 th April	CARM Meeting Point 10am - 11.30am
Wednesday 10 th April	Repton Mobile Shop 10.30-11.30 Pavilion
Wednesday 10 th April	Book Club 7.30pm Black Lion
Thursday 11 th April	Citizens Advice 10am – 12pm (small hall)
Saturday 13 th April	Johnny Shilton Surgery 11.30-1pm
Friday 19 th April	Ramblers 1pm Recreation Ground
Saturday 20 th April	Militaria & Medals & Multi Stall Market 10am – 4pm
Sunday 21 st April	Antique Fair 10am – 4pm
Tuesday 23 rd April	CARM Meeting Point 10am – 11.30am
Wednesday 24 th April	Repton Mobile Shop 10.30-11.30 Pavilion
Friday 26 th April	Visit to Hever Castle—Garden Society
Saturday 27 th April	History Society Quiz 7pm
Tuesday 30 th April	Gardening Society 7.30pm Talk—The Sensory/Therapeutic Garden

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We are a group of churches covering Appledore, Ebony, Newenden, Rolvenden, Smallhythe, St Michael's, Stone, Tenterden and Wittersham.

SERVICES IN CHURCH AND ONLINE DURING MARCH

Morning Prayer will be said Monday to Friday at 9am in Tenterden Church. This service will not appear online.

Beginning the Day with God, a ten-minute reflective service, will be **online only** from Monday to Saturday.

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Holy Communion will be celebrated at St Michael's every Wednesday, and at Tenterden every Thursday. Both celebrations will begin at 10am, and last about twenty-five minutes. These services won't appear online.

To access our daily online worship, visit:

YouTube

St Mildred's, Tenterden

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

* LS below denotes a service which will be live streamed and then available on the St Mildred's YouTube channel.

Online services can also be accessed through the daily bulletin, **Connect Up!**
[Connect Up | The Church of England in Tenterden, Rother & Oxney](#)
tentroxchurches.co.uk

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Saturday 6th April

9am Reflective Service: Women of Holy Week (*Tenterden*)
followed by optional breakfast

Sunday 7th April: The Second Sunday of Easter

11am Morning Praise (*Appledore*)

6pm Sung Evensong (*Stone*)

Sunday 14th April: The Third Sunday of Easter

8am Holy Communion (*Tenterden*): **LS**

11am The Eucharist (*Appledore*)

6pm Sung Evensong (*Tenterden*): **LS**

Sunday 21st April: The Fourth Sunday of Easter

8am Holy Communion (*Tenterden*): **LS**

11am Celtic Morning Prayer (*Appledore*)

2pm Forest Church (*Rolvenden Churchyard*)

6pm Choral Evensong (*Tenterden*): **LS**

Sunday 28th April: The Fifth Sunday of Easter

8am Holy Communion (*Tenterden*): **LS**

11am The Eucharist (*Appledore*)

6pm Ecumenical Service (*St Andrew's Catholic Church, Tenterden*)



Forest Church

2024 Gatherings

Sunday 24th March - 2.30pm

Sunday 28th July - 2pm

Sunday 21st April - 2pm

Sunday 18th August - 2pm

Sunday 19th May - 2pm

Sunday 15th September - 2pm

Sunday 16th June - 2pm

Sunday 20th October - 2pm

Gather at Rolvenden Churchyard

Dress appropriately for the weather.

Bring something to sit on, and something to eat and drink if you wish.

An activity for all ages is provided at each gathering. All welcome!

An outdoor gathering in which we seek to explore our spirituality within and through the natural world. Come along to enjoy a time of reflection and sharing, family-friendly activities and fellowship.

Contact revandrewtapsell@gmail.com for more information, or visit

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Minister's Letter

Dear All,

At the time of writing, we have experienced sustained wet weather for what is beginning to feel like eternity. I have no doubt that, in a few short weeks, perhaps even by the publication of this magazine, we may well find ourselves complaining instead of unseasonal heat and looming hosepipe bans. In any case, the current downpours and saturated ground aren't things which exactly encourage many people to get outside.

However, longer and warmer days tend to tempt many out of their winter shells as we make the most of the great outdoors while the weather is pleasant. Most people enjoy being outdoors for a variety of reasons – walking, running or cycling, gardening, trips to the play park, the list goes on, but how often do we go outside simply just to appreciate the natural world and to just be present within it?

Our society is one which demands activity and rewards productivity and achievement. These of course are not bad things to strive for, but the danger is that we lose sight of the value to be found in stillness and inactivity. Taking time to intentionally stop is important. Many of us will rarely stop to keep a space in which there is intentionally no agenda, regardless of whether it is one which is considered work or play. Doing so is valuable for our mental and spiritual health and to do this outdoors is even better. Taking some time to be outside for no other reason than being outside can enable us to become so much more present within our surroundings, so much more attentive to the detailed beauty of what is around us, and feel so much more connected with the life of our planet.

Some might be familiar with Forest School, an initiative which can be run independently but which has also been adopted by many schools and pre-schools with the aim of providing children with the benefits of learning outdoors. Similarly, Forest Church gatherings are held up and down the country, also with a focus upon all the benefits of spending time outside, but also with the intention of being curious about the connectivity we can find with wider creation and to seek spiritual enrichment through that.

Last year, there were several monthly Forest Church gatherings held locally, and March saw the first of this year's gatherings take place amid the beauty of Rolvenden churchyard and the vast landscape of the fields beyond it. Each gathering starts with some time of mindful attentiveness before a theme is offered and individuals are invited to explore the natural world around us, simply being present within it. Those attending then gather back together for a time of sharing if they wish and an activity for all ages. If this sounds like something you or someone you know might like to be a part of, the dates and times of future planned gatherings can be found on page 9.

I pray that you find a sense of belonging and connection in the great outdoors this spring and in any time you choose to spend outside. Just remember that, even if it is just on the odd occasion, it is good to spend that time without an agenda and instead to simply be!

Lindsay



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For practical matters, please contact Church Warden

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PRODUCE IN THE PORCH

Thanks to everyone who leaves used jam jars, flower pots, plastic trays, books and knitting wool in the church porch. We gratefully use them all and hope you will please continue to donate in this way.

Our next Cake Bake day in the porch will be on Saturday 6th April at 9.30 followed by Saturday 4th May and the first Saturdays of subsequent months. Come any earlier you may not always find that the sausage rolls have arrived as they are too hot to package!

If you feel the urge to make a cake / cookies/ savouries please contact either Judith (758285) or Donna (758256) who would be delighted to hear from you. As always every item (and ingredient) for sale is donated so all proceeds go directly towards the upkeep of our beautiful church.

The porch is open every day from 9.00 am until late afternoon where you will find our usual range of preserves, books, plants, flowers and other desirables.

Thank you to all who leave items in the porch for us to sell on the Ancient and Modern stall at the Flower Festival. We are running out of storage space so please will you hang on until August when we will be very grateful to receive your “bric a brac” donations.

Thank you for your support. J.C.

April 2024**Church****Rota**

	<u>Sidesperson</u>	<u>Reader/Intercessor</u>	<u>Refreshments</u>
7th April	Jane	Roger P/Brenda	Brenda/Eileen
14th April	Jo	Vicki/Chris	Donna
21st April	Clive	Roger H/Frances	Eileen
28th April	Philippa	Michael/Tony	Fay
5th May	Judith	Frances/Brenda	Brenda/Eileen

April 2024**Flower****Rota**

	ALTAR	WEST END	PORCH
7th April	Kate Stevens	Fay Stead	Dawn Prance
14th April	Helen Downing-Waite	Helen Hennig	Lynn Marston
21st April	Linda Hiskey	Julie Wooding	Julie Flawn
28th April	Wendy Selmes	Paddy Moseley	Donna Clifton
5th May	Denise Stephens	Carly Amey	Frances Smith
	Horne	Chapel	Judith Clifton

If you are unable to take your turn, please telephone Judith Clifton on 758285 or text 07840 356681 – and the same numbers if you are unable to crack the code for the kitchen / Glory Hole for oasis etc. Please take the old flowers home with you or place in the black bin at church (not the green one as that is for recycle only). Would you like to join us on the flower rota? If so please contact me on the above number.



VILLAGE HALL NEWS



Watch this space:-

Greek Night

Saturday May 25th

Greek film

Greek food

20th April

Cranbrook Choral Come and Sing Day.

A wonderful day for anyone who loves to sing.

Guest Conductor and Voice Coach, Michael Bascom.

Andrew Lloyd Webber Songs from the Shows.

2pm-5.30pm, St Dunstan's Church, Cranbrook.

Tickets must be pre-booked . £12.00, to include music and a cuppa. (Under 18s Free). For payment details please see our website, <http://www.cranbrookchoral.org.uk>

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Parish Council Update April 2024

(<https://www.appledorekent.org>)

Citizens Advice: Cllr Kinsley and Cllr. Johnny Shilton have arranged finance so that Citizens Advice can be held on a regular basis in the Village Hall: This will be in the Small Hall on the 2nd Thursday of every month.

Antiques Advertising Cart in Station Car Park: Complaints have been raised about the positioning in the centre of the car park- a hindrance and dangerous. The Parish Council is attempting to get the cart positioned in a safer part of the car park.

Parish Council Notice boards: These are in a sorry state: Heathside board needs replacing: and the Post Office board is in a poor state. Simon Honnor is working hard, as a volunteer, to repair and upgrade the notice board in the middle of The Street. Many thanks go to Simon for this public spirited and generous contribution.

Wooden Posts around lawn borders in The Street. These are now purchased and over the coming weeks will be erected where required. The Parish council is aware that attention is required.

School Road Pavements: Complaints have been raised about weed and algae in front of some houses in School Road. This, together with overgrown hedges, is making use of the pavement difficult, particularly for those with disabled transporters. KCC have a Landscape Team who treat pavements regularly and their schedule for School Road has been supplied. Most householders have cutback hedges: The cooperation of everyone is required to avoid accidents.

Signs to the Carpark in Court Lodge Road: Despite regular communication with KCC Transport and Highways, we are still waiting for directional signs to this car park. Assurances have been given by KCVC that they are chasing their contractor to finish the job.

New Parish Clerk for Appledore: We were fortunate to have 5 excellent candidates for the position of Parish Clerk: Following interviews by our Personnel Committee, **Steve McIntyre** is our new Parish Clerk and **Anico Szocs**, our Responsible Finance Officer. We wish them all success in their new responsibilities.

Next Meeting: Please come and join us at the next Parish Council meeting on Monday 8th April at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

FROM THE SHOW COMMITTEE



Although it has been very wet and we are somewhat limited as to what we can do in the garden, we can think about and prepare for various classes in the Village Show!

Our potatoes at home are currently spread out in trays on the spare bed where they are happily 'chitting'!! This is the term used for letting the potatoes grow shoots which will give you a slightly earlier and bigger potato crop. The Village Show is on September 7th so probably a Maincrop potato would be advisable as these would be planted in April and harvested from August to October. Potatoes could be entered in classes 9, 10 and 50.

There are also classes for tomatoes and so now is a perfect time to sow tomato seeds. Sowing the seeds indoors allows you to start the growing year much earlier than if you are sowing outside. Plant the seeds in small pots or trays and keep them in a warm place. Courgettes, Peppers and Cucumbers can all be sown now too. Make sure you keep the compost moist and if on a windowsill turn regularly to prevent the plants growing towards the light and becoming distorted. Pot on when they are big enough to handle.

Hopefully the weather should soon improve and then the soil in our garden will start to dry out and warm up. This will allow us to get planting carrots, parsnips, leeks, beans and cabbages which can then be entered into the various vegetable classes.

If you don't have much luck raising your own plants then make sure you go to the plant sale, organised by Appledore Garden Society, in the Village Hall on June 8th from 10.00 am. This is their main fund raiser of the year and several of us are frantically growing plants for the event. You can buy your vegetable plants at the sale, grow some amazing produce and then enter into the Village Show in September!!

Happy Gardening!!!

Jo Weekes

CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU

Citizens Advice Bureau will be holding open mornings in the Village Hall. Initially we doubted this would happen as the CAB has no budget to allow for the rent of venues, but ABC Cllr Johnny Shelton kindly found budget to enable this, and the Village Hall has also contributed to the CAB to allow these helpful advice sessions to go-ahead.

Ashford Advice will be on the 2nd Thursday of the month from 10am - 12 noon. We are then in Woodchurch from 1pm.

Appledore Fun Quiz Night

**Famous Guest Quizmaster &
His Indispensable Assistant**



Saturday, 27th April 2024
Appledore Village Hall
Hall Opens at 7:00pm
Quiz Commences at 7:30pm

Book Early, Numbers Limited, Avoid Disappointment

Cash Prize for the Winning Team

Cash Prizes for Raffle*

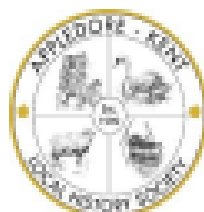
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Drawn During Interval*



Maximum 6 People to a Team
Tickets £7.50 Per Person
Bring Your Own Refreshment
Soft Drinks Available to Purchase

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**In Support of Appledore
Local History Society**

*All welcome***LET'S GET MOVING!!***No need
to book*

Swing Dance Class

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The Repton Charity Mobile Shop

The pop-up shop is delighted and so pleased with the level of interest from residents who want to help. Repton have sent out application forms to everyone we've had interest from so far (which is good for a new venue) and should be ok for shop volunteers now, we are going to create a rota to have 2 helpers per session. Any more than that could feel quite intimidating for people coming in alone. The Repton pop-up shop targets families who are working to tight budgets by offering up to £20 of goods for just £6. The shop is open in the Pavilion on the Recreation Ground alternate Wednesday mornings for one hour from 10:30-11:30. If anyone would like their group to fundraise for us outside of the shop sessions, or do a food collection drive, that would still be of great help. Any donations received can go specifically towards buying stock to support the Appledore customers.

Appledore Ramblers 15th March 2024

Today we woke up to heavy rain, but in true ramble style, by 1.00 pm it had stopped and the sun was trying to shine! Eleven of us and Brodie the dog left the recreation ground by the back gate walking along the top of the first sheep field and then cutting diagonally across on the AT119 to the wooden bridge in the corner. The path then goes across a small field to a kissing gate into one of Gusbourne's Vineyards. This gate currently has a broken hinge, which has been reported, so it is awkward to open! We now walk up to Mill Hill, sheep graze in between the vines on our right and are kept in the vineyard with electric fencing. The footpath then goes diagonally across a field which is currently planted up with corn, so we follow a Gusbourne track which also means we can avoid a lot of mud! We cross a stile and a bridge and are then in a grass field with lovely views looking over Hornes Place and Gusbourne Farm. The footpath continues over another stile and then twists through an area that looks like it is someone's garden. We cross over another stile and the path goes through a small wooded area where wild primroses are blooming and reminding us it really is Spring. The end of the path pops out on the Kenardington road by the white Appledore village gates near to Gusbourne, it is marked by a post with the sign missing! It's funny because I have often driven past this post and wondered where it went and now I know!!

We walk along a short bit of road and then turn right onto the Snargate road which passes the entrance to Gusbourne. We get a bit muddled up with a big convoy of cars all making their way into the Vineyards for a tour or wine tasting and a couple of the ramblers wonder if they could sneak in too and forget the ramble!! We walk along the road which is very quiet and obviously easy walking. After about half a mile we turn left up some steps and are now on the AT177A. This goes through another vineyard and then there is another stile and steps down to a wonderful old looking lane that could easily feature in a television period drama. Tracy knows this lane and explains to us that it is a byway and it links the Kenardington Road to Snargate Road. It runs almost parallel to the path leading from Sly Corner into the fields leading towards the Saxon Shore Way. We cross this and go up more steps and into a field, as we start to cross the field we see and hear a very unusual bird and wonder if it is a skylark. Following research when we get home, we learn it was a Meadow Pipit, who like arable croplands and the saltmarshes and use elevated perches like fences or electricity wires to watch for predators.

We arrive at a very muddy kissing gate where someone has laid logs in the mud for walkers to balance on! The path continues on across some arable fields and comes out on a small road quite close to Kenardington Church. We admire the view over to Dungeness Power Station and then turn right, again walking along the road which drops down the hill. We take a left at the bottom of the hill and after a short bit of road reach the gateway by Highham Farm and can now pick up the footpath AT 127 which is next to the Royal Military Canal. We now have about a 2 mile hike back along the canal. Apart from one grey heron, the wildlife is staying well hidden. We do notice though that the water level in the canal is very high and the water is quite muddy looking which is probably because it has drained off the fields.

We finally make it back to the village where some of us need to get home but some decide a quick drink at the Black Lion is needed! The drink is very welcome but we can't dally for too long as some of us need to get ready for this evening's St. Patrick's Day dinner at the Village Hall. At least with all our walking we have earned our Irish stew tonight!!

Jo Weeks.



Blast from the Past

Appledore Parish Magazine—September 1960

APPLEDORE CAMEOS FROM THE PAST. 1.

"NO CHILDREN CAME AND THEREFORE NO SCHOOL"

This phrase, copied from the headmaster's entry in the Appledore School Log Book, dated 1st. July 1897, seems to sum up, in a few words, the biggest problem which teachers had to face in the days before the first world war. Children stayed away from school on the flimsiest of excuses and any form of bad weather sent the attendance down with a bang. Girls were kept at home because mother went out to work, boys would stay away to go "beating in the woods", to help with cherry picking or, as these entries show -

"Feb 23rd. 1899. Very few present on account of fox hunt"
 "Nov. 5th. Many absent, as usual on this date"

Holidays were shorter in those days. They had one week at Christmas, a few days at Easter and Whitsun and four weeks for "hop picking" although, when school was re-opened, the hop-picking was often still in progress and they would close down again for a further week. All the same, they didn't do too badly, for odd day and half-day holidays were granted with surprising frequency for such things as Appledore Flower Show; Club Day; Sunday School or Chapel outings; to attend the funeral of a well-known local person or in order that the schoolroom could be prepared for a concert.

As if to put a curb on all this, we find the following -

"July 29th 1896. The Vicar said that there was to be a holiday on Monday, (Bank Holiday), but no more Bank Holidays to be observed, also expressed a wish for school to be open Good Friday".

Judging by later entries, however, the Vicar was unlucky, for Bank Holidays went on as usual.

In those days a grant was paid to the school which depended upon a favourable report by Her Majesty's Inspector. In 1895 the report said -

"Order has improved, but is not yet perfect. As, however, there was much to distract the attention of the children on the day of the inspection, a sham fight being in progress in the neighbourhood, I feel myself justified in recommending the higher grant for discipline."

.....Happy Days!

EXHIBITION

FREE ADMISSION

at the

VILLAGE HALL



APPLEDORE ART CLUB

SATURDAY MAY 11TH 12 NOON-4 PM

TEA & CAKES, PAINTINGS & CARDS for Sale



Promoted by Johnny Shilton on behalf of Johnny Shilton, Suite 2
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COUNCILLOR SURGERY



Come along to meet your local Ashford Borough Councillor Johnny Shilton and discuss any issues you may have. Johnny will be in Appledore Village Hall on **Saturday 13th April 11:30am - 1pm.**

If you wish to discuss a sensitive issue, or are not available on 13th April get in touch to book an appointment. All Oxney residents welcome.

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Appledore Parish Meeting

This annual meeting was held on Thursday 21st March in the Village Hall. Everyone appeared to be well and we met in the big Hall so were not sitting in each other's pockets.

Reports were received from Chair of the Parish Council Roger Hiskey who advised that we now have a new clerk and a new finance office. Cllr Mike Hill spoke about the overspend at KCC and it's implications. Cll Johnny Shilton spoke about his first year in the job. Canon Lindsay Hammond informed us that the wooden plaque of war dead which was in the Methodist Chapel has now been moved into the Parish Church.

Significant reports

The Bellringers are very short of ringers and need new fit volunteers if ringing is to continue. Simon Honor advised that the Ashford New Local Plan showed a lot of areas in red for development. Simon assured us that many of those sites were unlikely to get built on and not to worry excessively. The Football teams need under 11s and veterans to complete their teams. The Pavilion will soon be renovated from Car Rally profits. The Ramblers have checked most of our local footpaths and produced maps indicated open and currently blocked paths.

Ruth