

APPLEDORE PARISH MAGAZINE

APRIL 2020

*Never fear the
shadows, they
simply mean
there's a light
somewhere
nearby*



*Yesterday is history
Tomorrow is a mystery
But Today is a gift
That's why we call it the Present*

*Kindness
is free and
still
priceless*

*Rivers know this: there is no hurry. We
shall get there some day*

VILLAGE DIARY

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Due to the Coronavirus, there are no bookings for Appledore Village Hall for April.

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Dear Appledore,

I feel this is the most significant edition of the Parish Magazine that we have produced since I became Editor. In these troubled times, we have managed to get the village news out to you while other Parish magazines have not done so. I do not know how long we can continue but we will try for as long as is safely possible, so keep your articles and news coming in.

Firstly, I must mention Brian and Tessa Knight to thank them as they have printed and collated the entire magazine on their own. This is in order to protect the group which normally collates. Thanks go out to all the deliverers, both regular and temporary, who have decided to continue to give you Appledore news. Finally, I would like to thank those of you who have given us donations towards our new printer which has been ordered. Special thanks to Appledore Parish Council and Ashford Borough Council for their generous donations.

There is a lot of important information from the Parish Council on page 10 concerning coronavirus and you should all have received a flyer/ form through your door with offers of help for those who need assistance and a request for those who can help others. This is being managed for the Parish Council by Lyndsey Jenkins on 01233 758152 or 07795 220909.

I thought I would only be receiving emails regarding cancellations and doom and gloom but, on the contrary, there is much to warm our hearts in this month's magazine. Messages and prayers from our Church are very welcome and comforting as is the next installment in Brodie's story on page 12. He sounds like a handful! On pages 21 and 22 is an interview with the amazing Rock Choir leader Carly Bryant. Carly talks of how singing is so good for our

mental health. See how you can join in singing with Carly and the Rock Choir online! Carly's enthusiasm will lift your spirits. Also, I was pleased to see that we are encouraged to think ahead to our Village Show in September by Ruth, Jo and Jean.

Appledore Parish Magazine is 60 in June this year and we had already begun planning for our celebrations which have had to be put on hold for now. However, check out an article from one of the first magazines dated November 1961; it was a group effort then as now!

I hope to be writing to you next month, but we will have to see. As my daughter wrote to me today from afar on Mother's Day:

"Look forward to all not yet done, not yet said."

In the meantime, enjoy the sunshine and stay safe.

Love

Maureen

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From the Vicarage

As I write this letter, the whole world, it seems, is in panic mode. I would like to think that by the time you read this, things will be somewhere near back to normal but I'm sure that they won't.

It is clear that, in these unsettled times, we must not let the fear of infection turn into a fear of one another.

Instead of panicking about the coronavirus, let's take this time to be appreciative of everything we have and focus on how we can better advance our life's mission. We work so hard our whole lives for wealth, place such importance on it, and we assume it will always be there. But it can be taken away anytime. And when it is taken away, what do we have left? What is truly important in our life?

Yes, it's nice to have possessions and have the funds to take holidays and buy what we want. There is nothing wrong with acquiring wealth as long as we did it ethically and use this wealth to improve the world around us. Now is the time to think about whether we are making best use of the talents and assets we have.

When we realise we have a purpose and a mission in life, we realise that wealth is just one tool we have been given to fulfil that unique mission. We feel inner happiness that comes through living our lives with meaning. When we realise our purpose in life, we also realise that the tools we have to get there are loaned to us and can be taken away anytime. Sometimes we need to be woken up and reminded that we were given tools for a purpose. Until they are taken away, we don't appreciate them and ask if we are using them for the purpose intended.

Now more than ever, we need to think about how we can help out others who are not as fortunate as ourselves. Please, if you know that your neighbour needs help with shopping, ask them if they need anything when you next go shopping for yourselves. Should you find yourself in isolation at home, and need groceries or other items, or any other form of assistance, then please ring me or email and I will make sure that help will be given.

At the heart of the Christian story is the belief that God made the world and everything in it out of love. Jesus came to live and die for us so that we can understand God's words to him as being meant for us too: 'You are my beloved daughters and sons'. As we celebrate Easter this month, may we be mindful of ALL our brothers and sisters around us, but particularly those who are vulnerable and in need.

A prayer for those affected by the spread of Coronavirus. Keep us, good Lord, under the shadow of your mercy. Sustain and support the anxious, be with those who care for the sick, and lift up all who are brought low that we may find comfort knowing that nothing can separate us from your love in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen

God Bless

Tricia

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St. Peter and St. Paul

The doors of the church will remain open
for private prayer.

Unfortunately, all public worship is suspended until further notice. However, I will continue to celebrate Holy Communion on my own and on behalf of everyone else on Wednesdays at 9.30am and Sundays at 10am. If you have a prayer book at home, please join me from wherever you are. If you don't have a prayer book, the service can be followed online at

<https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/worship-texts-and-resources/common-worship> and click on Order One on Sunday and Order Two on Wednesday.

Services of Morning Prayer, Evening Prayer and Night Prayer can be watched daily on the St. Mildred's Tenterden website at www.tenterdencofe.co.uk/listen.

If there is anything that we can do to help you with shopping, collecting prescriptions or just a chat,

please contact me,

The Rev'd Tricia Fogden

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Heavenly Father,
your Son Jesus Christ knew loneliness when his friends
departed from him.

Strengthen this day, we pray, all those who find themselves
alone for safety's sake,

Teach those isolated from their communities new ways of life,
open up new possibilities for those who feel without hope,
and help us all to know that you are always with us,
as our guardian, and our guide, and our friend,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Lord bless us and keep us, the Lord make his face to shine upon us
and be gracious to us, the Lord lift up the light of his countenance
upon us and give us peace. **Amen.**

Easter Services

It is most unlikely that there will be any services over Easter, which will seem extremely strange. However, I will follow our tradition of the Walk of Witness between the Methodist Church and the Parish Church on Good Friday at 10am on my own. We normally start with a service and end with prayers, stopping at various points down through the village and offering prayers for our shop, pub, businesses, those who are unwell and others in need. I shall only be doing the walk, albeit on my scooter, and if you would like me to include prayers for yourselves or others, please let me know before Wednesday 8th April.

God Bless and keep well. Tricia

Postponement of Auction of Promises

Open Gardens – Saturday 13th June

Considering the current situation with coronavirus, we will be postponing the Auction of Promises until March 2021 (date to be announced). If you have purchased a ticket, Donna & Fay will refund you in due course.

We are so grateful to our local businesses and Appledore residents for their support. We have 'banked' (and will roll over where possible) some wonderful promises; big and small such as: Wine tours & tasting at the Gusbourne Estate, Tickets to Leeds Castle, B & B with fizz at the Kings Head in Rye, Lunch at the Mermaid Inn in Rye, Tickets to the Tulip Festival at Pashley Manor, High Tea & fizz in the Selmes' garden, a pet portrait, a combine ride during Harvest, flower arranging for a wedding or special event, decorated Christmas cakes, a sack of potatoes, a bale of hay and lots, lots more.....

Pilgrims Hospices are aware that we intend to run the same event next year and are very grateful for our support.

We hope that our Church 'Open Gardens' event will go ahead on Saturday 13th June, but this will obviously depend on the situation improving! Please keep this date reserved in your diary.

A Message from the Church in Appledore

In times of anxiety, people through the ages have turned to the wisdom of those who went before us. If you haven't opened your Bible for a long time, you may be surprised that its message of hope and good sense continues to be as relevant in 2020. Here are some thoughts which may be useful:

For Comfort

The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing. He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, he refreshes my soul. ... Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me. *Psalm 23*

Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank Him for all He has done. *Philippians 4:6*

Don't be afraid, for I am with you. Don't be discouraged, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you. I will hold you up with my victorious right hand. *Isaiah 41:10*

About sharing and generosity

Whoever has two tunics is to share with him who has none, and whoever has food is to do likewise. *Luke 3:11*

The story of the boy who shared his lunch to feed a crowd of 5000 people can be found in Luke Chapter 6.

Some prayers which you may find helpful

We are not people of fear: we are people of courage.

We are not people who protect our own safety:

we are people who protect our neighbours' safety.

We are not people of greed: we are people of generosity.

We are your people God, giving and loving, wherever we are, whatever it costs, for as long as it takes wherever you call us. *Barbara Glasson,*

President of the Methodist Conference

Especially for children ... remembering God is with us

Lord God, you are always with me.

You are with me in the day and in the night.

You are with me when I'm happy and when I'm sad.

You are with me when I'm healthy and when I am ill.

You are with me when I am peaceful and when I am worried.

Today I am feeling (*name how you are feeling*) because (*reasons you are feeling this way*).

Help me to remember that you love me and are with me in everything today. Amen.

You will find many prayers and other resources on the Church of England Website:

<https://www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/coronavirus-covid-19-liturgy-and-prayer-resources>.

You can look up all these passages in many different Bible versions at: biblegateway.com.



Parish Council Update

Coronavirus - Help for those in Isolation

There are already some people in the parish who are in isolation as they have underlying health issues and there may be many more in the days to come.

Lyndsey Jenkins has volunteered to coordinate help for those in isolation. **A card has been delivered to every house asking those in isolation and those who are willing to help to contact Lyndsey Jenkins on 0779522090/01233 758152.** All information provided will be kept confidential. Please keep her contact details at hand.

Remember those in isolation may require the obvious prescription collection and shopping, but it may include a regular chat or something more specific. Just contact Lyndsey who will help you, no matter your age. There is no need to feel alone. The community is working together and some volunteers have already come forward. **As we do not know how many people and families will have to isolate, please volunteer if you are able.**

Please be wary of people you do not know turning up at your door unannounced offering to help you. There are some nasty rogues taking advantage trying to steal from you.

Residents are reminded to wash their hands thoroughly and regularly. Some basic advice can be found on the back of the card. You can find **the latest information and healthcare advice on the Government Website and NHS website.** The advice will be regularly updated so you may need to check every few days.

Frequently Asked Questions

<https://publichealthmatters.blog.gov.uk/2020/01/23/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-what-you-need-to-know/>

Advice on self-isolation

<https://publichealthmatters.blog.gov.uk/2020/02/20/what-is-self-isolation-and-why-is-it-important/>

Guide on Social Distancing and for vulnerable people

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-on-social-distancing-and-for-vulnerable-people/guidance-on-social-distancing-for-everyone-in-the-uk-and-protecting-older-and-vulnerable-adults>

Let's all hope that you may never have to ask for assistance. As people say '**Stay Safe!**'.

Appledore Parish Councillors' Contact Details

Councillors' phone numbers are usually available on the noticeboard. However; from time to time the boards are very full. Full contact details are on the website <http://www.appledorepc.kentparishes.gov.uk/our-team/>. Please make use of any answer machine services available.

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The Appledore Parish Magazine is delivered free of charge to every household in the village and we want to keep it that way. Most other parish magazines have a cover charge.

After 10 years our printer has given up the ghost and we have to buy a new one. This is very expensive! If you could give a small donation to help us with the purchase of the printer we would be most grateful.

Having our own printer (which should last for the next ten years) is vital for the future of a free parish magazine in Appledore.

Donations should be sent to: The Editor, Oak House, 74 The Street, Appledore, TN26 2AE. Cheques should be made payable to Appledore Parish Magazine.

A NEWCOMER IN APPLIEDORE

BRODIE

I'm settling in well. I've made several friends whilst out walking though I'm still not very keen on big dogs as I get frightened.

This morning I found a pair of pink socks. Ideal I thought, they match my collar. Just the thing for a good chew and I was really enjoying myself when I suddenly realised I was in the doghouse - literally! I got a real ticking off, the socks were removed and I had to find something else to amuse myself.

We have made a visit to the beach, which I found quite entertaining. The water keeps coming up to greet me then, just when I'm ready for a paddle, it disappears. And, as for those big white noisy birds, I just can't run fast enough to catch one yet. But I'm a dab hand with the tennis ball, I chase after it and catch it in the air sometimes. Its a muddy job but I'm having a lot of fun. After a walk I have to suffer the indignity of a rub down. A horrible wet cloth gets rubbed all over me including my tail area and then it gets rubbed all over my face and, as if that isn't enough, it's followed by a rough towel. I've made it quite clear that I don't enjoy this, but it seems to make no difference.

Then I'm ready for a snooze in front of the fire before supper. It's a tough life but I'm getting the hang of it.



Ancient & Modern/Book Stalls - Flower Festival 2020

As the fine weather approaches and some of us feel the need to have a good clear out, could I please ask if you would consider donating any unwanted items to the 'Ancient & Modern' and/or Book stalls at the Flower Festival this year.

There is a large area under the stairs in the Church porch, so if you have any books, puzzles (complete), glass, ceramics, brass, vases, ornaments in a reasonably good condition, we will happily give them a good home.

We are also looking for unwanted costume jewellery (boxed or unboxed), hats, scarves and accessories for the Jewellery Stall.

All proceeds to go towards Church funds.

Thank you in advance

Donna Clifton (01233 758256)

Dear Parishioners & Sportspeople

Coronavirus

On behalf of the **Appledore Recreation Ground Management Committee**, I write to explain the actions we are presently taking to help cope with **COVID-19** and the effects this is obviously having on our families and on us as individuals. Health and local authorities are appealing for people to follow national Government guidance to prevent further spread of the illness and limit the numbers affected. This guidance includes taking basic hygiene precautions as the best way of significantly reducing the chances of spreading any virus: sneeze or cough into a tissue, bin it, wash your hands frequently and don't touch your face unless you've just washed your hands.

The Committee has no other option but to make a responsible decision and drastically limit activities on the ground and, as a result, the following has been implemented as from 16th March **until further notice**.

Committee Meetings

Our Annual General Meeting planned for March as well as regular committee meetings of the Appledore Recreation Ground Management Committee have been postponed until further notice. I hope to recommence meetings when it is seen to be sensible to do so, in the not too distant future. The running of the recreation ground will continue as normal, although without normal group meetings.

Football

There has been a directive from the **Football Association**, via the leagues, that all football is to cease until further notice. This does effect both our senior team and our junior teams – again we will be informed when it is appropriate to play again but, for the foreseeable, there will be no football matches played on the ground, as well as any other formal events.

Car Show

I appreciate that this year's show is not until 19th July but we are well along the time line in terms of planning, receiving entries and organising things for the day. We do need to consider if it is both appropriate and feasible to hold the event. About now we start to pay for events, contract services, cash entrant fees and spend on advertising etc. Although July is a long way off, we start to incur expenditure now and there is no guarantee that the effects of the virus will have disappeared prior to the day. I therefore, with regret and after 38 years, inform you that this year's show has been **cancelled**. If, as I hope, the situation changes the Committee will consider having a similar or alternative event and I will keep you informed.

Immediate future

The Committee recognises the need for regular exercise, particularly at this time, and the Recreation Ground can still be used for sensible and responsible activity, but not for group events. Please be assured that when the situation changes and we are back to our normal routines and regular patterns of life, it will be my pleasure to inform you that the Recreation Ground is fully usable once again.

Please be responsible and keep safe

Nigel Peck

Chairman Appledore Recreation Ground Management Committee



Appledore Local History Society

Appledore Station Talk

We would like to express our gratitude to Stuart Searle for the fascinating talk he gave on 12th March on the history of Appledore Station. The evening was organised in conjunction with Friends of Appledore Station, and proved to be a very popular event. Thank you also to everyone who attended for their generous donations, which as always will be used for village-specific projects.

Next Meeting

In view of the coronavirus pandemic, ALHS meetings and events will be suspended until further notice. However, we hope to continue with our projects behind the scenes, and if you need to get in touch please don't hesitate to contact our Secretary, Jo Killick, on secalhs@gmail.com.

KENTISH EXPRESS

As there is very little going on around the county, the Kentish Express have decided not to run the Community News pages until further notice. So thanks to everyone who regularly sends me items. Let's hope it will not be too long before life returns to normal.

Ruth Smith

BOOK CLUB

No meetings at the moment but hopefully suggestions for the next read will appear each month via the Book Club What's App Group.



For this month the recommendation is:

'The Day I Lost You' by Fionnuala Kearney.



Appledore Station



On Thursday, 12th March 2020, at the Methodist Hall, Stuart Searle presented a very interesting talk on Appledore Station. Stuart supported his talk with a slideshow of photographs from his personal collection and others he has gathered over the years. The talk was delivered in an enthusiastic and informal style, engaging both those with no prior knowledge of the history of Appledore Station and those who are railway enthusiasts, with a particular interest in the Marshlink Line.

The talk covered the establishment of the railway line and route connections, the design and construction of the station buildings, platforms, signal boxes, manually operated crossing gates and staff residences, through the changes, developments and transformation to where we are today.

The Station Hotel reportedly played an important part in the lives of those who worked at Appledore Station, as well as those who worked at Dungeness Power Station and the many commuters who used the Marshlink Line.

Reference was made to the skeleton discovered at the time building works were taking place at the station. Following a Police investigation, it was found to be non-human, but a model used for medical student tutorials.

A Hippie protester (in the 1970s), who objected to the nuclear waste being transported from Dungeness, was described as having sat on the tracks, facing an oncoming train, until it was evident that the train was not slowing down, whereupon he quickly got out of the way, thereby avoiding his own demise.

The derailment that occurred on 14th March 1980 was described in some detail. Sadly, the driver died as a consequence of the incident, but fortunately the Guard survived. Stuart took over as Relief Signalman that evening, so witnessed the after-event activities in person.

The talk was organised by Appledore Local History Society and Friends of Appledore Station who wish to express their sincere thanks to Stuart who gave freely of his time and presented an informative and highly entertaining talk. Gratitude is also expressed to the Village Hall Management Team for allowing additional seating to be borrowed to accommodate the 38 attendees. The generous donations made by those who attended the talk are also much appreciated. As always monies will be spent on village-specific projects.



GRAPEVINE

Last month we learnt that Viv Beale had gone into hospital, but it was too late to mention it in the March edition of the magazine. We hear that she is now home and recovering well. We send our very best wishes to Viv as she continues to improve.

Two other residents recently admitted to the William Harvey are Daphne Waters and Joyce Mummery. Again we wish them both all the best for full and speedy recoveries.

We are saddened to hear of the death of Mr Gerald Sweetman. Mr Sweetman was headmaster of Appledore Primary School in the 50s and 60s, and was one of the founders of the existing Parish Magazine.

Grapevine has also been saddened to hear that Hilda Pratt has passed away. Hilda and her husband Percy first came to Appledore when they took over the Victoria Public House which was on the site of what is now known as Limen Cottages. Hilda was also a staunch member of the WI, and was the last President of the Appledore Branch before its closing.

We are delighted to have the opportunity of congratulating Gill Boorman and Allan Brown on their engagement and Sarah Ramsden and Matt Barton who have also become engaged. We wish both couples every happiness, and thank them for providing us with some much needed happy news !

Are you blighted with unwanted 'nuisance' calls? You may already be aware that if you receive one, after hanging up, immediately call 1572 and when instructed to do so, press 1. This will automatically place this last number into your phone's list of unwanted calls and you should not receive this again. Please ensure you action this before your next call comes in as it will only do it on the last call received, and you may find you have 'trashed' a relative or best friend !!

Please everyone – at this extremely demanding and uncertain time ahead, if you have any good news, fun items or anything that will put a smile on our faces, get in touch and we can share it for the good of us all. Meanwhile have a lovely Easter and let's hope we can at least enjoy some long awaited sunny weather.

If you have any items for Grapevine please contact via applegrapevine@aol.com or give a call on: 01233 758319.

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**Sandra and Ray wish to thank all our wonderful customers for their loyal
and continued support.**

**With the help of our fantastic staff we are determined to get through this
terrible crisis and look forward to welcoming you all to the Black Lion
soon.**

**Please note that Cranbrook Choral's concert on
the 25th April has been cancelled.**



Reducing our Carbon Footprint - Trees

The Parish Council has been given several English tree saplings - Oak Rowan, Beech, Mountain Ash. If you would be interested in planting one or two of these on your land and allowing them to grow to full maturity, please contact:

James Perkins on 01233 758107.

FOOTBALL IN APPLEDORE

DUE TO THE CORONAVIRUS ALL GRASSROOTS FOOTBALL IS SUSPENDED BY THE KENT FA FROM FEB 18 TH UNTIL NEXT SEASON.

THE EXISTING SEASON HAS BEEN CANCELLED.
THAT MEANS APPLEDORE START NEXT SEASON AGAIN IN DIVISION ONE.

THE POSTPONEMENT APPLIES TO GAMES, TRAINING AND CHILDREN'S FOOTBALL.

THE GOALS WILL BE REMOVED NEXT MONTH FROM THE RECREATION GROUND SO THAT PITCH IMPROVEMENTS CAN TAKE PLACE.

APPLEDORE PROUD OF ITS CHURCH MAGAZINE

(Newspaper report : 3rd November 1961)

Not only are the villagers of Appledore proud of the fact that their Parish Magazine is prepared and published in the village, but they believe their monthly issue could set a new trend in magazine publication in the larger villages in the country.

Comparing the present magazine with the old, the villagers are confident their editorial team has now perfected a publication which is cheaper, larger, and brighter than the previous one.

The possibility of a new magazine was first put to the Church Council by the Headmaster of Appledore Primary School, Mr G J Sweetman, in May last year. It immediately aroused interest because he suggested this should be distributed, without charge to every home throughout the village.

Since then a team of 20, comprising an Editor, Production Manager and Designer, Stencil Typist, Stencil Checker, Committee, Assembly Assistants, and Distributors have met regularly and produced 18 monthly editions, which have gone to 260 homes in the Parish, as well as several in other parts of the country.

Monthly Conference

Between the first day of each month, when the current edition is published, and the 20th, articles and reports are written and submitted by residents; the cover picture, a pen and ink sketch of a scene from the village, is being prepared by Mr Sweetman, and the editorial staff is editing and arranging work to be published.

On the 20th the Editor, Mr G A Foster, and Production Manager, Mr Sweetman, go into conference and between them agree on the layout of the 18 pages. Copy is then passed to the Stencil Typist, Mrs Iris Bourne, and afterwards the stencils are checked and returned for printing off the requisite number of sheets required.

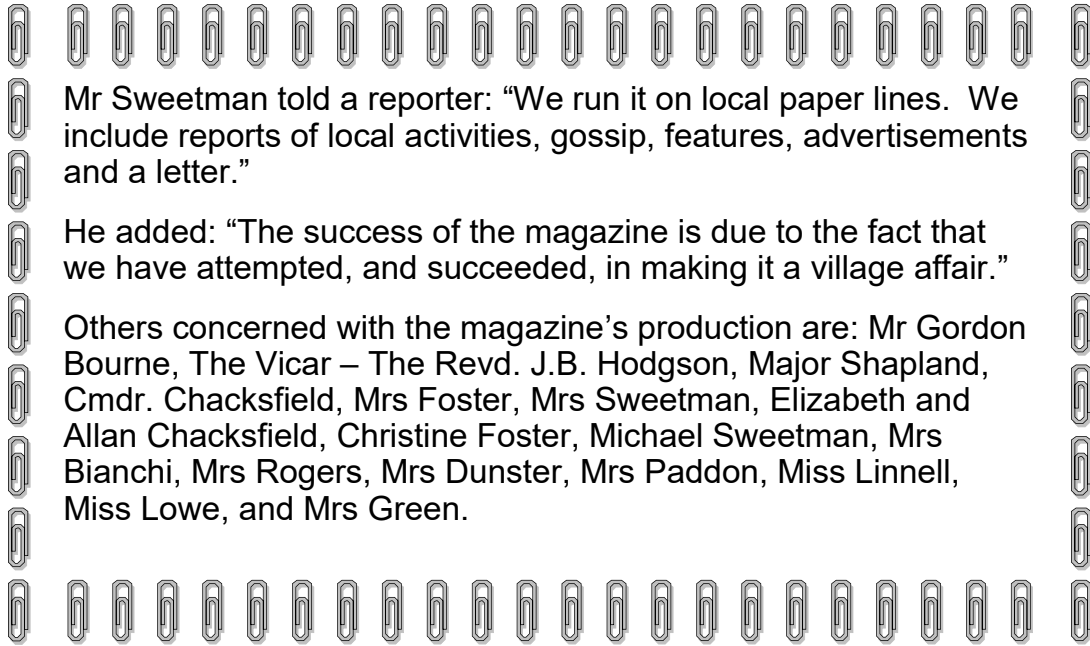
Within three days of the month the printing is completed, and the Team meet and put together the separate sheets into complete copies.

They are then checked, stapled, counted, and passed to the Distributors.

Donations

Although the magazine is supplied free, more than half of the villagers make annual donations to the magazine.

The £80 worth of equipment used to produce the publication includes only a duplicating machine, stapling machine and stationery. This equipment was originally bought with Church Council funds, but now the Team intends repaying the money.



Mr Sweetman told a reporter: "We run it on local paper lines. We include reports of local activities, gossip, features, advertisements and a letter."

He added: "The success of the magazine is due to the fact that we have attempted, and succeeded, in making it a village affair."

Others concerned with the magazine's production are: Mr Gordon Bourne, The Vicar – The Revd. J.B. Hodgson, Major Shapland, Cmdr. Chacksfield, Mrs Foster, Mrs Sweetman, Elizabeth and Allan Chacksfield, Christine Foster, Michael Sweetman, Mrs Bianchi, Mrs Rogers, Mrs Dunster, Mrs Paddon, Miss Linnell, Miss Lowe, and Mrs Green.

ANTIQUES AND COLLECTABLES FAIR/MULTI-STALL MARKET

A Message from John Hazell

Hello Everyone,

I will be cancelling all events until we are allowed to return to normal. I will let you know when events start up again and, if you wish to book any event to be sure you get a table when we return, please book now to avoid disappointment. I am thinking we will take names in advance for Sun. May 17th for Antiques and Collectors Fair and Multi-stall Market Sat. May 2nd and Sat. May 23rd onwards. If these are cancelled, I will inform you. We are all playing this by ear so please rest assured you will be notified.

Meanwhile, please look after yourselves and your loved ones and we will be looking forward to seeing you on our return.

APPLEDORE VILLAGE SHOW

The Show Committee is, of course, hoping that the Village Show will be able to go ahead in September. So, with that in mind, the current necessity to stay at home gives everyone the chance to get ahead with their show entries.

Gardens can be really looked after and all those vegetables you can grow will cut down your reliance on the supermarkets later in the year. If you always want to go in for the craft classes but never find the time, now you'll have oodles of time to colour in that complicated pattern, knit that jumper, crochet that bedspread, embroider that cushion cover or whatever takes your fancy. There'll be no excuse this year. And if we don't have a show, you'll have your entries all ready for next year!

So stay well, keep busy and of course, keep washing your hands!

Ruth, Jo and Jean

A decorative border consisting of a continuous line of musical notes, resembling a treble clef staff, surrounds the text on all four sides.

AN INTERVIEW WITH CARLY BRYANT

CHOIR-MISTRESS EXTRAORDINAIRE!

You went to Brunel University—did you study music?

Yes, classical composition

How many instruments do you play?

Piano and guitar are my main instruments but I can get by on a few others!

How old were you when you started playing your first instrument and what was it?

My Mum was a piano teacher, so I was fiddling about on the piano from around age 2. She started giving me actual lessons at about 7, though I spent most of the lesson wanting cuddles!

You sang in the car with your sister—when did you realise you had a good voice?

I don't remember realising anything much but I did just love having someone I could harmonise with, it was all just fun!

What took you to Paris and when did you live there?

I lived there for 4 years from 2012. I got a job as a pianist/singer with an artist who had a top 10 album and as the label and all the musicians were based in Paris it just made more sense for me to make that my base too.

What took you to Brazil?

I was a massive fan of a band from the 60's called Os Mutantes, who are Brazilian and the epitome of rock and roll! They reformed and were touring in Europe and I was put as their support act for a show they did in Paris. They liked what I did and ended up taking me on their world tour and eventually putting me in their band. So off I went to Brazil!

How was your time in LA?

In all honesty I'm not a fan of LA, hahaha! But I did play some great shows there in my time with Os Mutantes.

You speak French—did you do it for A level? Beyond?

I learnt French when I was 7 years old because my family moved temporarily to Normandy, so my sister and I went to the local primary school, and at that age you sponge up language in a flash.

How many languages do you speak—you mentioned Portuguese at your concert?

I had to learn all the songs in Portuguese for the Brazilian band, and of course touring with them meant I needed to learn the language. Fortunately, once you have one Latin language the rest are much more simple to learn.

When did you start song writing?

I made a band with my best mate when we were 9 years old called the Gruesome Twosome! My first song was called 'Sorry'. I was enormously inspired by the song 'Wonderful Tonight' by Eric Clapton and I just couldn't stop writing songs. I am constantly writing songs, every day, and have been for decades. It's an obsession!

Has anyone famous sung one of your songs?

The Brazilian band (who are akin to The Beatles in South America) did sing some! There is also a great singer in South Africa who covers a song I released in 2009 called 'What You Say'. I love hearing other people sing my songs.

What brought you to Lydd?

I wanted to be closer to my family who are all in Kent and Lydd came up on a property search, then as soon as I arrived I just felt like it was where I wanted to live!

How many Marsh Choirs are there?

There are now 7 groups. I like to call them the 7 wonders of the fifth continent! St Mary's Bay, Appledore, Dymchurch, Hythe, Rye, Lydd and a group called SiNG for adults with special needs, which also takes place in Lydd.

How did you choose which towns to approach and what was that approach?

I started with Lydd (because I lived there) and Appledore (because my family wanted to join and that was a good halfway meeting point for us!), then the demand came in for the other places.

When did you have the idea of a Marsh Choir?

It was at a Brunel University event in October 2018. I had just finished an extensive world tour and I was invited to speak on the subject of touring, and I was so exhausted that I found it hard to muster any enthusiasm. On the drive home I had a sudden flash of inspiration that I was going to change my life and start a network of choirs. Once the idea hit me I couldn't get rid of it and I was so excited by it that I knew it had to be good!

Tell us about the Special Needs choir

The group for adults with special needs is called 'Marsh Choir SiNG', with 'SiNG' meaning Special Needs Group. We started by request of a young lady named Jodie! I started the group in June 2019 and 4 people showed up, and we now have 30 people! They are a truly exceptional group of people who encourage each other no end.

Tell us about ITV and radio interviewing you

Rather than waiting to be told to stop choir due to coronavirus, I made the decision a little earlier than most because I was worried about my lovely choir members. It seems that as a result I have been one of the leaders in the new online method of delivering leisure activities with my 'Marsh COUCH Choir' - an online live video stream where we can sing twice a day from our homes. ITV did a news piece about it, as have various BBC Radio programmes and we made front page news in the KM!

Can anyone sing?

Yes!!! Go to www.marshchoir.com at 2pm and 7pm any day and I'll be there singing with you. Singing is extremely good for our mental health, it also builds community, which we need more than ever right now.

FOOTBALL IN APPLEDORE

The wet weather has taken its toll as very few games were played in the last two months. Even our home ground, which has decent drainage, has not been used by the Sunday team for five weeks.

Appledore men's team are struggling to stay in division 1 and it looks like four wins from the remaining games being the minimum requirement to stay up.

Manager Arrin Slann has brought in a few more new faces and the Smugglers pulled off a major shock in their last game drawing 1-1 away to league leaders Sellindge.

The under-11 and under-12 Saturday morning junior teams continue to make progress and the managers want parents of 10-12-year olds to get in touch. Ideally we need an under-8 or -9 team to help with the progression.

POLITE NOTICE

CAN WE ASK PEOPLE TO PICK UP DOG LITTER DROPPED ON THE FOOTBALL PITCH. IT'S A PRETTY DISGUSTING EXPERIENCE FOR A CHILD TO FALL IN IT.

CAN WE ASK CHILDREN/YOUTHS TO STOP PLAYING ON THE PITCH (ESPECIALLY THE GOAL MOUTHS) DURING WET WEATHER WHEN THE BANNED AREAS ARE ROPED OFF.

IT'S PRETTY POINTLESS CANCELLING GAMES IF PEOPLE ARE CUTTING UP THE PLAYING SURFACE AND RUINING THE GOAL AREAS WHEN THE CLUB CAN'T EVEN PLAY ON IT !!!

MORE ANNOYINGLY, THE CULPRITS DON'T EVEN COME FROM THE VILLAGE OR HAVE NO CONNECTION WITH THE CLUB.

ANYONE ON THERE IN WET WEATHER WILL BE MOVED. KEEP IGNORING THE RULES AND YOU WILL BE BANNED FROM THE RECREATION GROUND.

Jasmine Travel Club

MEMBER OF ASSOCIATION OF GROUP TRAVEL ORGANISERS

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Telephone No: 01233 624241

Holiday and Short breaks for 2020

3-Day Break, September 18th - 20th 2020 - to include a visit to the newest RHS garden, Bridgewater, near Manchester and Arley Hall and Gardens.

Price £209.00 per adult plus single room supplement of £44.00.

3-Day Break, Monday December 14th - Wednesday December 16th 2020

To include The Fantastic Thursford Christmas Show.

Price £254.00 per adult plus single room supplement of £40.00.

Local pickups

An early response to any of the holidays is appreciated. Full itineraries available on booking - further enquiries telephone 01233 624241.

Gerald Sweetman 13 November 1926 – 23 March 2020

Many long term older residents of the village will remember Mr Sweetman as their Headmaster whilst at Appledore Primary School in the 1950s and 1960s. Recently he was suffering from dementia and moved into a Care Home, his health deteriorated and sadly on the morning of 23rd March 2020 he passed away aged 93 years.

Below are two articles giving information about his life.

Extract from the Dorset Echo Newspaper Wednesday September 20th 2017

A couple who met during the final days of the Second World War are celebrating 70 years of marriage.

Gwen, 93, and Gerry, 90, first met at an Army camp at Bridestowe on Dartmoor during the last days of the war. Gerry was a Grenadier Guard and Gwen served in the NAAFI.

They were married on September 20, 1947, at All Saints Church, Whipton, Exeter.

After demob, Gerry followed a teaching career that took him from primary school teacher in Hemel Hempstead to headmaster of Appledore Primary School and eventually to principal lecturer in educational studies and director of educational resources at Weymouth College after moving to Dorset in 1968.

He retired in 1980. Gwen also worked at Weymouth College in the Library.

They had two sons, Michael and Peter. Peter moved to Dorset with his parents but sadly passed away in 2000.

The couple moved to their present home in West Stafford in 1981, following their retirement.

Extract from a letter Mr Sweetman wrote to the editor of the Parish Magazine 6/3/2018

So, this is a little account of my present way of life. Since leaving Appledore in 1968 I have enjoyed a busy life. I started work at Weymouth College of Education in 1968 to take up duties as a Lecturer in Education. It was quite a contrast to my previous job as Head of a Village School. When I was leaving Appledore one of the school staff remarked that I would find it difficult and that I would miss the children. Well she was right, of course, but I continued working with children and students in schools throughout Dorset and beyond as students undertook their "Teaching Practice" and one of my duties was to supervise and advise. As promotion took me to the role of "Senior Lecturer" and then "Principal Lecturer", the job became more and more exacting but enjoyable. I finally ended my days at the College as an external examiner for the University of Southampton visiting many schools to assess student-teachers on their final School Practice. But I still miss the times I enjoyed in Appledore. Happy Days!

With changes in the organization of Teacher Education, Weymouth College of Education became part of Dorset College of Higher Education. Like many of my colleagues, I seized the opportunity and opted for early retirement in 1980 and worked as a volunteer lecturer for the National Trust, giving 378 talks and audio-visual presentations throughout Devon, Dorset and Somerset. I also acted as an advisor and lecturer for Osmiroid Pens on the subject of the teaching of handwriting. By 2000 I had presented 378 talks and slide shows and brought that little episode in my life to an end.

