





Welcome to the August issue of the Parish Magazine.

On Tuesday 18th July, I attended a very lively meeting of Heathside residents and interested parties with representatives of the Ashford Borough Council regarding various issues affecting Heathside.

I came away quite angry about the lack of care that the local political systems take of some of its poorer citizens and with a lot of unanswered questions about the way decisions have been made regarding development on the estate.

Since then, little has made me doubt my original feelings. I decided to do some digging. Some real investigative journalism!! So now I have 2 very different reports on the meeting; a set of minutes from the council staff and another set of suggested amended minutes; various details about

planning committee meeting; minutes of our parish council meeting and the Ashford Planning Committee meeting; and other odd pages from the internet.

Where to start?

As a logical person, I decided to start at the beginning and work through the facts, the rumours and hearsay to try and find some answers.

The planning application from BPTW, the developer working with Ashford Borough Council, was made on 8/4/22 and the interested parties had to return their reports by 1/11/22. Beside the usual consultees, 12 of the properties in Heathside were invited to comment. There were 4 comments from the village to Laura Payne, the Planning Officer—from 2 residents, the parish council, and a concerned villager.

The objections raised were—the general unwritten opposition of the residents to any development, the area concerned is in a flood plan and regularly floods every winter; it is the only green space for children to play in Heathside, who are too young to go to the recreation ground; contamination on the site; an electrical sub-station; closure of the footpath into the field; insufficient space for extra parking; the visual impact of the building; the lack of local infrastructure to support extra villagers- schooling, doctors, buses, rail, poor broadband and mobile signals, etc.; the provision of sprinklers in the building meaning that potential access by the Fire service was unnecessary(!!!); blocking off of views and sunlight; inadequate carbon reduction measures and multiple concerns about the actual construction time—safety, dust, noise, parking of building vehicles, etc etc.

Appledore Parish Council did NOT object to the building of the flats but objected to the proposal on the grounds of lack of parking spaces. Currently each house/bungalow has 1 designated parking space, but most properties have 2 vehicles due to the poor local transport. The plan removes 12 unmarked parking spaces and creates 9 marked spaces!!!

**QUESTION 1. WHY DID OUR PARISH COUNCIL WHICH SUPPOSEDLY REPRESENTS ALL THE RESIDENTS OF APPLIEDORE, KNOWING THE GROUNDSWELL OF VERBAL LOCAL OPPOSITION TO THE FLATS, NOT OPPOSE THEIR CONSTRUCTION?**

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One consultee wanted to object on health grounds to the development. Not wanting to broadcast the family's health problems on the public consultation pages, wrote to Laura Payne DIRECTLY. I have seen copies of this correspondence. One of the other Heathside residents also wrote directly and his comments are in the planning documents. Why is there not a shortened version of this health objection also in the planning documents?

Laura Payne sent the objections to the developers, who cancelled out all the objections. They indicated they were providing more parking than there is currently as they did not count any of the cars parked on the sides of the road or on the grass. They denied the legality of the footpath, which we know has been there more than 20 years, but as no-one has bothered to get it legally recognised over the years, it does not exist! They deny any flood or contamination concerns. They reaffirm that sprinklers in the flats mean that access for fire Services are not needed. Ed—Fire services might be required for many other reasons e.g. extricating an obese patient, electrical fires or a fire in a current property.

I then read a Transport Technical Report. Apparently Appledore has 'a number of local shops' and Tenterden 'is a ten minute drive from Heathside'!! Also only two of the new tenants will need to drive to and from work. There will be 4 parking spaces for the new flats, no 10's space will be moved and 5 new spaces created in a parking bay along the curve of the road. This apparently creates 10 new spaces. My maths makes that 9 new spaces and one moved. And what about all the other vehicles that have to park on the grass or the pavement etc as only one parking space is allocated however big the property is. All these flats for the homeless will have a bicycle parking space and electric car charging point. Whoopee!!

I then turned my attention to the Planning Committee meeting. There is no record of any consultation, just a curt 'Resolved Permit' I have heard that our local Borough Councillor, is one of those who voted FOR this development.

QUESTION 2 WHY DID OUR BOROUGH COUNCILLOR VOTE AGAINST THE WISHES OF HIS CONSTITUENTS?

### Meeting of 18 July 23

Report by Roger Hiskey on behalf of the Parish Council.

An interesting, spirited and lively meeting was held when residents of Heathside met with Ashford Borough Council officers in the Village Hall on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July.

Isle of Oxney Borough Councillor Johnny Shilton and Parish Councillors, Chairman Roger Hiskey, Vice Chair Paula Thornton, Cllr. Kevin Nicol and Cllr Simon Honor ( Kenardington Parish Council) plus 18 residents of Heathside attended a meeting with 3 officers from Ashford Borough Council, Joanne Burns and Sarah Stiles and Giles Holloway ( Housing Development and Regeneration Manager).

Details of the meeting will be circulated. The issues discussed included the Social Decarbonisation Fund, the development of the 4 new flats, the health of people near the site, poor drainage from the nearby field onto Heathside, concerns as to where construction vehicles would be parked during the building work, concerns about residents right to peace and quiet enjoyment, and issues from property facing the development about their right to light being affected.

When planning permission was granted for the 12 new houses being built in The Street there was a commitment to invest £15000 in a Heathside play area. The point was made

that with the new development of 4 flats, such a play area will not be possible.

Other issues discussed during the lively meeting included parking, maintenance of green space, potholes and road maintenance and the Heathside garages. There was a consensus that the garages are not in the best state.

#### Kevin Nicol's report from Facebook

The meeting was well attended in the small village hall room with just over twenty residents and three representatives from Appledore Parish Council. In addition, attendees included Borough Councillor Johnny Shilton and Simon Honnor, a local resident who is a member of Kenardington Parish Council. Simon had originally requested this meeting with ABC regarding the Heathside flats as early as March and facilitated the introductions between the Parish Council and ABC. All those in attendance had a chance to make comments to the council reps and were also informed at the meeting of plans for estate to upgrade some of the houses in a partnership with E-on and government funding.

Selected homes would have received a letter by now from ABC in association with E-on explaining that a survey will be carried out later this year and they will be looking at windows, cavity wall insulation, loft insulation, under floor insulation and an external wall cladding insulation along with air source heat pumps or ground source heat pumps and solar panels on the roof. This should reduce heating costs for the homes and depending on usage getting paid for any excess energy produced. If you have not received this letter, then unfortunately you will not be in this round of surveys and upgrades.

The meeting then turned to the proposed development of the four one bed flats on the green, which led to a very robust debate with everybody in no uncertain terms letting the council representatives know that nobody in Heathside wanted the development to go ahead. Some of the reasons given included health issues and associated risks of building works, protected wildlife on the site, loss of green space for children to play on, 11 months of living in a building site, the council being in potential breach of their own tenancy agreements, concerns over parking by tradesmen and noise, extra damage to the road due to heavy lorries delivering materials to site, loss of view and light, lack of amenities in village like shops, GP, dentists and most importantly public transport. The proposed plans will lead to a loss of parking spaces, but it was briefly discussed taking down the garages and having allocated parking instead in those parts of the estate, this may or may not lead to residential parking permits which many opposed. It was also pointed out to the council representatives that just because they gave themselves planning permission they don't actually have to follow through with it and build, it is hoped that they have taken onboard everything that was said by residents and it will be passed on to the relevant people in planning and housing and that they listen and understand the residents' concerns and have no wish to endanger people's lives and cause upset, misery and breach their own tenancy agreements over building 4 flats on a historical pond site, that is a wet piece of land and unsuitable for normal building foundations which will further increase the cost of the build.

A set of non-verbatim minutes taken by Joanne Burns from ABC will be written up and distributed to the parish council and residents, when they arrive, they will also be put up in the village Facebook page. The meeting closed around 12.30 after starting at 11am, everybody was thanked for attending and the council reps spoke to some residents privately after the close of meeting.

As I say, I attended the meeting. I arrived early to find only 6 chairs put out and an agenda which did not even mention the flats! There were two Tenant Engagement Officers present and a Housing Development and Regeneration Manager. From what the Council officers said, they were under the impression that there had been NO opposition to the flats. They were not expecting to discuss the flats. They had 'no influence over planning' and they would be 'unable to overturn' the decision. There were over 1500 people on the waiting list so they had to build on any piece of ground they owned.

It was agreed that the Council would send out DRAFT minutes, which duly arrived.

To be continued.....

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We would like the village to welcome Richard & Hannah and their two rescued greyhounds, to Donkey Lane, Appledore. They have just moved into the village and are already involved in the village activities, having run a charity stall at the Appledore Classic Vehicle Show. We hope they enjoy our wonderful village.

Sadly we have to announce the passing of Ken Girkin. Ken lived with his wife Val on Kenardington road. He was a staunch member of the garden society, started the village rambles and used to write a weather page for the magazine. He will be remembered for his fount of knowledge on all sorts of topics related to the countryside and weather. My favourite memory is his explanation of the dewpoint. For me, the important bit about the dewpoint is that this is the temperature at which water vapour comes out of the atmosphere and is deposited on the ground. This means dew on the grass and the washing hanging on the line starts to get damp again. Ken was ill for several years before his passing. We offer Val our condolences.

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## Appledore Village Diary –August 2023

Monday	Parent & Toddler Group 10am - 1pm
Monday	Aerobics 6.15pm - 7pm
Tuesday	Hamstreet Surgery Prescription Collection 10.15 - 10.45am
Tuesday	Art Class 1pm - 4pm ( no art classes on 1st, 8th, and 15th August)
Tuesday	Pilates 5.55pm – 6.55pm
Wednesday	Aerobics 6.15pm - 7pm
Wednesday	Lindy Fit 7.30pm - 8.30pm
Thursday	Pilates 9.45am – 10.45am
Friday	Tai Chi 10.15am - 11am

Tuesday 1st August	Ken Girkin's Memorial Service Appledore Church 2.30pm
Saturday 5th August	Cake Bake Day Church Porch 9.30 am
Monday 7th August	APC Meeting 7.30pm
Tuesday 8th August	CARM Meeting Point 10.00 – 11.30am
Friday 18th August	Ramble 1pm Recreation Ground
Friday 18th August	Garden Society Private Viewing Cliff Barn, Stone 2pm
Saturday 19th August	Multi Stall Market 9.30am – 3pm
Sunday 20th August	Antique Fair 9am – 3pm
Tuesday 22nd August	CARM Meeting Point 10.00 - 11.30am
Saturday 26th—Monday 28th	FLOWER FESTIVAL Church
Saturday 2nd September	Cake Bake Day Church Porch 9.30am
Saturday 9th September	VILLAGE SHOW

Please Note - No Yoga, no Breakfast Club and no Mulberry Zingers during August.

## THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND IN TENTERDEN, ROTHER AND OXNEY

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 AUGUST

**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>

Online services can also be accessed through the daily bulletin, **Connect Up!**

[Connect Up | The Church of England in Tenterden, Rother & Oxney \(tentroxchurches.co.uk\)](https://www.tentroxchurches.co.uk)

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### Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> August: The Feast of the Transfiguration

11am Morning Praise (*Appledore*)

6pm Choral Evensong (*Stone*)

### Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> August: The Tenth Sunday after Trinity

11am The Eucharist (*Appledore*)

### Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> August: The Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

11am Celtic Morning Prayer (*Appledore*)

2pm Forest Church (*Park Wood, Woodchurch Road*)

### Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> August: The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

11am A Flower Festival Service (*Appledore*)

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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 5<sup>th</sup> August from 9.30 onwards. Next month it will be 2<sup>nd</sup> September and the following first Saturdays of each month. If you feel like making 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.

Do you have any unused toiletries or make-up you are not going to use? If so please will you leave them in the church porch to be collected and sold at the Flower Festival.

Thank you for your support. J.C

### **Methodist Worship**

The Methodists still meet regularly in each others houses to worship in the same manner as they did in the Methodist Chapel. Every fourth Wednesday, a Minister comes and takes a Holy Communion Service. If you prefer a more informal service of Christian Worship, please call Brenda for details—758322

<b>August</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>Church</b>	<b>Rota</b>
	<u>Sidesperson</u>	<u>Reader/Intercessor</u>	<u>Refreshments</u>
6th August	Philippa	Thelma/Brenda	Eileen/Brenda
13th August	Judith	Roger H/Chris	Jane
20th August	Jo	Roger P/Tony	Donna
27th August	Frances	Mayor/Michael	Flower Festival Rota
3rd September	Donna	Jane/Frances	Eileen/Brenda

<b>August</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>Flower</b>	<b>Rota</b>
	<b>Altar</b>	<b>West End</b>	<b>Porch</b>
6th August	Donna Clifton	Wendy Selmes	Dawn Prance
13th August	Sally Linington	Judith Clifton	Fay Steed
20th August	Sally Linington	Judith Clifton	Fay Steed
27th August	APPLEDORE	FLOWER	FESTIVAL
3rd September	Flower	Festival	Leftovers
Horne	Chapel	Judith	Clifton

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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).

With lots of newcomers to the village I am hoping that some might like to join the flower rota? It involves committing to maybe around 5 times a year and no skills required – just enthusiasm and a wish to be involved. Full support and training given! Would you like to join us on the flower rota? If so please contact me on the above number. J.C.

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## **Parish Council Update July 2023**

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

### **Planning Application:**

In their July meeting Parish Councillors considered the Planning Application (NOT/2023/0968) to Hornes Place Oast, Kenardington Road. The application was seeking permission to change agricultural buildings into residential dwelling houses: if approved this would mean that 5 barns have been converted to dwellings. The Parish Council opposed such a move, on the grounds that increased volume of traffic would enter Kenardington Road on a dangerous bend in the road.

### **Appledore Allotment Charity:**

The Parish Council nominated Beverley and Duncan Gray as the 2 Trustees nominated by the Parish Council to the Appledore Allotment Charity.

### **Signage for the Court Lodge Carpark:**

There is a lack of appropriate signage directing vehicles from The Street to the Court Lodge Car Park. It had been expected that the developers of the car park would have dealt with this. They will not be doing so. The Parish Council are now working to rectify this omission as quickly as possible.

### **August Meeting on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> August:**

Among the items to be discussed is the grass cutting and gardening of the carparks in Court Lodge Road and the Village Car Park next to the Village Hall.

There will also be discussion of the financial income from the solar panels on the roof of the Village Hall

**Next Council Meeting: Monday 7<sup>th</sup> August 7.30 Village Hall**

# GUSBOURNE

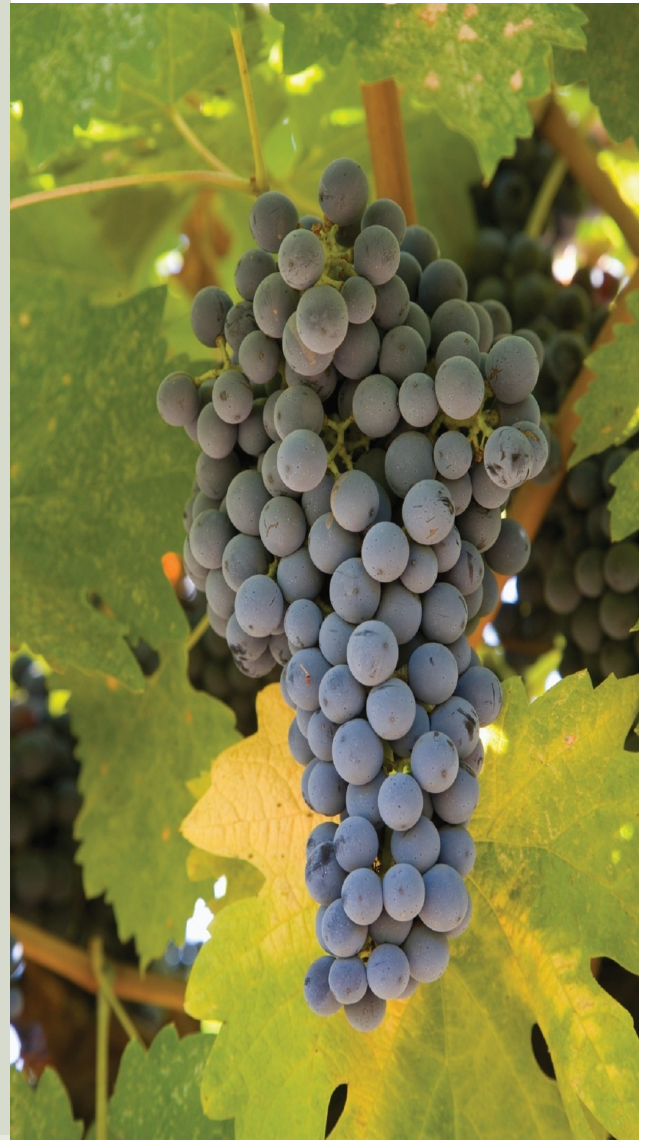
## WE'RE HIRING!

We are looking for keen, enthusiastic and reliable individuals to join our grape picking team. We have positions available in both our Kent vineyard (TN26 2BE) and Sussex vineyard (PO18 0LY). Harvest usually commences around late September - weather dependant.

**Duration:** Approx. 12 working days over a 3-week period including weekends.

**Working day:** 8am - 5pm. Finish time may fluctuate.

**Pay:** £10.44 p/h + holiday pay.



For more information and to discuss details please contact:

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# **Appledore Flower Festival**

## **'God Save the King'**

As I write this, we are only five weeks away from our annual Flower Festival on the 26<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> & 28th August. There are lots of preparations going on behind the scenes, advertising is in full swing and our 32 arrangers are frantically planning how they are going to interpret their allocated station.

We are however, still in need of help with manning stalls and serving refreshments in church. Please ring me on the number below if you are happy to volunteer.

## **Calling all children....Posy & lavender bag sellers wanted**

We are struggling to find children to help with selling posies and lavender bags at the festival this year. If you are able to spare an hour (or two) of your time, I would love to hear from you.

## **Refreshments/ Cakes/ Ancient & Modern/ Jewellery Stalls**

We are looking for home-made cakes for the refreshments & Cake stalls, bric-a-brac for the Ancient & Modern stall, books, toys & jigsaws for the Book Stall and unwanted jewelry, handbags, hats etc. for the Accessories stall. If you are having a clear out, please ring me on the number below and I will happily collect from you. Alternatively, there is a large area under the stairs in the Church porch where you can drop your donations off.

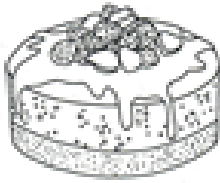
## **Sponsorship**

We would like to extend a very big thank you to all the businesses that have kindly responded to our request for sponsorship. If you have not been approached yet and are interested in donating to the cost of flowers, please contact me. In return, we will advertise your business in the visitor leaflet, underneath the arrangement itself and in our Parish magazine. Alternatively, for a small donation, you may wish to remember a loved one or celebrate an important event in your life by becoming a patron. Please contact me for more information.

Thank You,

Donna (01233 758256)





**CAKE / PRODUCE / PLANT STALL**  
**Outside the Church**

**Please support our successful stall, give me a call or drop off any cakes, plants and produce over the weekend period.**

**Get baking we need CAKES**  
**All types - from lemon drizzle, Victoria sponge, coffee cake to carrot cake.**

**Keep Watering your Summer Harvest**  
**Please bring any spare produce from apples, pears, plums, beans, tomatoes etc.,**

**Those with Green Fingers we need Plants;**  
**all varieties welcome from vegetables, flowering plants to herbs and shrubs.**

**Did you get lots of sweets and biscuits for Christmas and Easter ? We need the tins, please bring to Church porch or give me a call.**

**Saturday and Monday 10am to 5.30pm.**  
**Sunday from 12 noon to 5.30pm.**

**Please contact Philippa on:**  
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## Blast from the Past

Parish Magazine August 1962.

Our teenagers are up to something ! Work has been going on in certain closely guarded lofts and our spies haven't got a clue. We have been promised a scoop, however, when the story breaks so look out for an announcement.

Parish Magazine September 1962.

### "THE LOFT"

A certain elderly gentleman cycling along the Street one evening last week, was somewhat surprised to hear loud strains of "Twisting the night away" coming from the loft over Miss Bartleet's garage. He blinked and looked again, and sure enough he hadn't had one pint too many, he could see people "doing the twist".

"Beanstalk" in last month's Magazine stated that "Our teenagers have been busy" and indeed they have. The Loft has now come into being, by the kind permission of Miss Bartleet.

Once the official "yes" had been given the loft was a hive of activity, floors were scrubbed, walls and ceilings washed down, windows cleaned, then the walls and woodwork were given a coat of paint, and so the room took on a new look, indeed many parents I'm sure would be a little surprised if they only knew their sons' capabilities for household chores!

The boys now settled in the top room and having such entertainments as darts, draughts, chess, records etc, went to Miss Bartleet and managed to obtain her permission to have also the use of the Garage, so that they could fit in a billiard table and have a go at weight lifting.

The boys now have a small social club, that is available to them each evening, and most certainly cuts out the dogmatic "telly". They have also a weekly visit to Folkestone to watch a wrestling match, so all in all they have done well to organise themselves to this extent.

Next on the Agenda is a team of young bellringers. We all feel that the Church Bells should be rung more often, so we invite any other 'youngsters' to join us and form a team.

Any oddments of furniture – small tables, bookcases, chairs etc. would be most welcome at the Club, in fact anybody is welcome to visit us and hear the latest top twenty and have a glass of ginger beer!

### BIDDENDEN TRACTORFEST

Biddenden Tractorfest is being held on the fields of Holden Farm, Sissinghurst Road, over the weekend of 19 and 20 August. A fun day out for all the family, this will be the 9th year that the event has been held, run entirely by volunteers and now with the support of registered charity, the Kent County Agricultural Society. Besides 200+ tractors, there will be plenty of stalls, vehicles, demonstrations, children's entertainment, animals and arena displays to entertain both young and old! Pair this with enticing food and drink, live music and so much more to see and do, and there is all that is needed for a fun, family day out in the Kent countryside. For tickets go to [tractorfest.co.uk](http://tractorfest.co.uk)

## WHAT'S UP DOC

Well, you might well ask. Everything's changed in our house. I'm having lots of lovely walks with new friends. When I say new friends what I really mean is they're people I know really well but don't usually walk with. So I'm getting to meet new doggy friends, visiting new places and having a different routine. Of course all this took some getting used to. I'm such a creature of habit and don't enjoy my daily plan being changed without prior notice.

On one of these walks, not with my mum but with a friend of course, we met a stranger. She knew all about me, like I'm famous or what! She knew my name and where I lived and made a big fuss of me. I could easily get used to this sort of treatment.

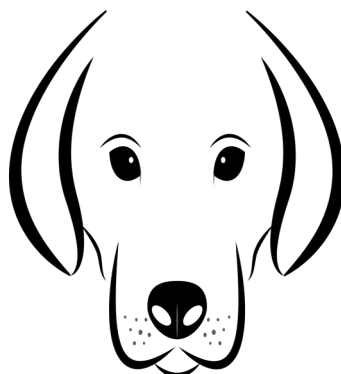
There is bonus though. We're getting lots of visitors to the house which means I get all sorts of treats, extra biscuits and a huge fuss made of me. It's like I'm in charge, which of course I am really.

The reason for all this upset is my mum for reasons best known to herself has started behaving in a very strange way. Instead of being on the move she sits in a chair all day. When I sit at her feet and look lovingly up at her, in a knowing way, wondering if she's about to put my lead on..... nothing happens. She gets around the house with two big sticks, slightly scary for me until I got used to it. I've still got my box of toys so I console myself with carting them round the house and hiding them. After I've had a little doze I run around and find them and put them all back where they belong.

But now for some exciting news. A new puppy has arrived in the family. Her name is Billie which you might think is a bit strange for a little girl dog. She is excitable and nosy and never sits still. But I have to admit I do like her. She cuddles up to me like I'm her mum, which of course I'm not. Just as well she's not here all the time as it would all be a bit exhausting.

I think that's all my news for now, hopefully next time I write life will have returned to normal. I'm really missing walks with my mum, when its just the two of us out together, playing with my ball or going to the beach. Til the next time then, love Brodie.

Ed. Brodie, I do hope your Mum gets better soon or she will have forgotten how to walk!!. I have it on good knowledge that a lady called Meg, came to Appledore Open Gardens specifically to meet you!! Your fame is spreading far and wide. Just don't grow a big head!!

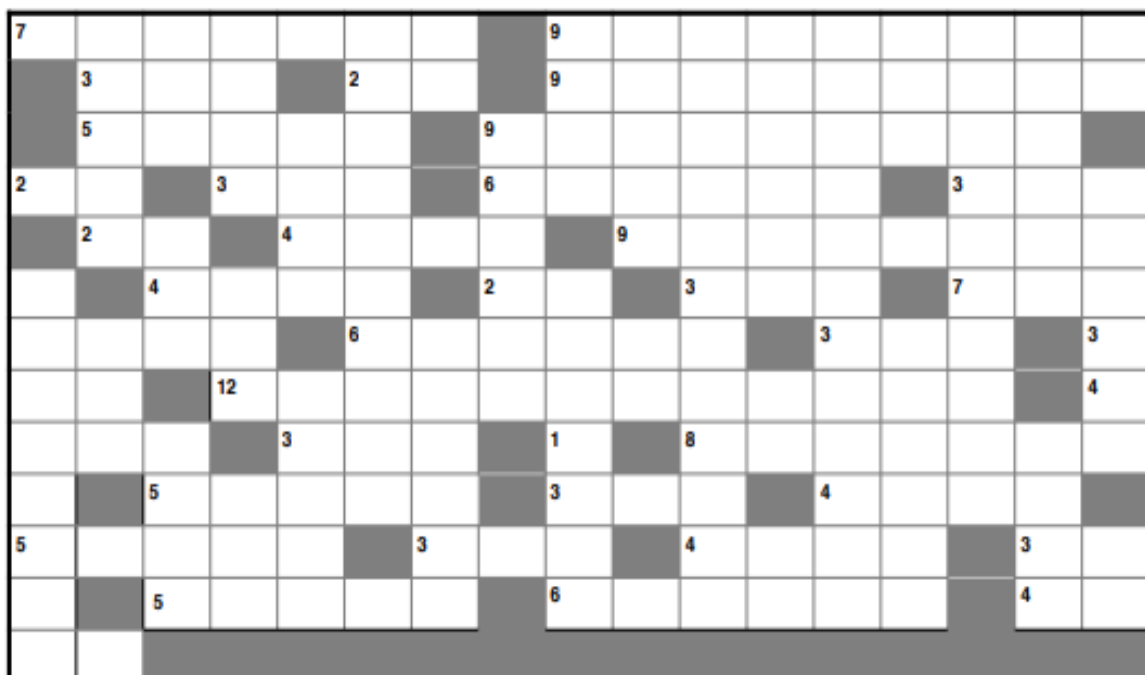


## Cross-Quote mk.2 ©

The quotation is preceded by the first name and surname of its author. The clues, some rather cryptic, are ordered according to the number of letters in the answer and it is up to the solver to find where they should go. The numbers of letters in the words are indicated as a help. Clearly if there is only one clue with a 8-letter answer, then there is only one place where it can go. Punctuation is ignored.

Indefinitely an article	1
Conditional	2
In the direction of	2
Sow or sew or ...?	2
United States	2
Also	3
Definitely an article	3
For	3
Hour homophone	3
Not his or hers	3
Too	3
Saw in reverse	3
Utter	3
"... without --- or hindrance..." (passport)	3
XY chromosome bearers	3
Carry	4
Endure	4
Last ---- and Testament	4

Not that	4
Not this	4
One revolution of the big hand	4
Apparatus needed for making alcohol	5
Belonging to them	5
Decades and decades	5
Pair, couple	5
13th letter and funeral fire	6
Dawn moisture cuppas?	6
Like Tesco's more expensive range	6
Gains 2,2240lb	7
Of these islands	7
10 cubed	8
French bear with little people	9
High land with place of worship	9
"I think ----- I am"	9
Us	9
Public riches	12





## Appledore Local History Society

### VICTORIAN CURIOSITY BURIED IN APPLEDORE GRAVEYARD

Having done a bit of research in the internet, it would seem that with the absence of TV the Victorians found various subjects to entertain themselves, albeit at other peoples' expense.

When the circus came to town, there would often be side shows, including 'freak shows'. People with various unusual physical characteristics would be put on show, some being paid very well for this, and some having their own promoters too!

One such person, Charles Chalcraft, unusual due to his above average size, is buried in the Appledore churchyard and the following highlights of articles tell the sad tale of his demise;

#### DEATH OF THE SUSSEX GIANT (11 May 1886, *Mid Sussex Times*)

"An inquest was held.. on Saturday last, touching the death of ...the Sussex giant. The facts as to his death were that on Thursday afternoon, it being club-day at Appledore, deceased was exhibited in a booth as the Sussex giant. He weighed, it was said, 39st. 10lb... On Thursday the giant had exhibited him self to one or two parties of sightseers, and in one of the intervals he dozed in a chair..At length the man who was showing him tried to arouse him for another entertainment, and then came out, saying "I can't wake the Colonel." Mr. Terry, surgeon, was fetched, and at once pronounced that the giant was dead. Heart disease was, beyond question, the cause of death, and a verdict to that effect was returned by the jury."

#### INQUEST ON THE SUSSEX GIANT (15 May 1886, *Faversham News*)

"..George Hinds, Esq., Coroner for the Weald of Kent, held an Inquest at the Swan Inn, Appledore, touching the death of the Sussex Giant, whose real name, it appears, was Charles Chalcraft.... In the forenoon the deceased got up between 9 and 10, and he drank a quart of beer but ate nothing. He complained of feeling hot and feverish, and later on he had some gin and water. Afterwards he had another pot of beer, still complaining of feeling faint and feverish, and then he said he would have a doze... Mr. J. Garside Terry, surgeon,...was called

The deceased was buried immediately after the inquest, in Appledore Churchyard. His coffin was of extraordinary dimensions, and more resembled a van in width and depth than a coffin. Cross beams, with ropes and pulleys, had to be erected to lower the coffin into the grave, and a large number of men had to be employed to convey it to the Churchyard, the weight being over five cwt. A few days previous to his death the deceased had been exhibited..as "Barnum's world-famed Giant, Col. C. Chalcraft"



An example of Appledore Club Day, mentioned above, is pictured here in 1911;

For the full articles along with a photo of the Victoria Arms on Appledore Club Day 1911, more information on Club Days and a photo of Charles Chalcraft's resting place, please do visit our website – lots more interesting stories on it! [appledorehistory.org.uk](http://appledorehistory.org.uk)



## Appledore Classic Vehicle Show 2023

The feeling of sore feet, sunburn, and an enormous sense of relief. Couple this with respect for teammates on the committee plus all the fantastic volunteers who generously gave up their Sunday to help, and a quiet sense of satisfaction – yes, it's the day after The Appledore Classic Vehicle Show.

Despite wind warnings and a chance of rain in the morning, the turnout of cars, stalls, and visitors was larger than ever. Preliminary numbers indicate the charity, which runs the Playground, Pavilion, Tennis/MUGA, and Rec' for the benefit of the residents of Appledore have had a good year.

Again, we're indebted to Rona Ramsden and family for allowing us the two fields adjoining the Rec' for additional show space and car parking. Without these, our show on this scale wouldn't be possible.

A huge call out to Kate Stevens and Jo Weeks who (nervously) created a "tea shop" in the Pavilion offering cakes kindly baked and donated by friends of the village. With teas at £1 per cup, and cakes for £2 per slice, they 'minted' it! A massive thanks goes to Jo Perkins and the volunteers who helped.



For the petrol-heads, we had a record number of beautiful cars on display from a 1923 Morris Cowley to modern icons such as Ferrari's, McLaren's, Porsche's, Jaguar's, MG's, and Alfa Romeo's of all years and types.

Suzi Larkin, our tennis pro' received interest in coaching (contact [suzii.larkin@gmail.com](mailto:suzii.larkin@gmail.com)), and the raffle and on-line auction run by Helen Kenny and Sharon Marsh was well supported. Huge thanks to our sponsors – Furlonger's, Gusbourne, The Black Lion, and the Ferry in Stone. Deborah Coates also deserves sincere thanks for her hard work in creating the brochure, certificates, and plaques. Thanks too to Nigel Peck and Steve Burton for judging the record number of proud owners who wished their gleaming toys to be judged.



One of many messages yesterday:

*"Hope you have recovered from Sundays Show. Just wanted to congratulate you and the team on a great day. We had a wonderful day and will definitely be back next year (weather permitting). Thanks again and well done to everybody concerned.  
Regards Graham and Alice."*

### The Ramblers Walk 21<sup>st</sup> July 2023

Well we try to be organised in the Ramblers but things don't always go to plan! Tracy and I decided that this time we would drive to Snargate Bridge, park in the car park there and then start our walk along the canal opposite. We did a recce walk and agreed to return before the ramble to trim up the first part of the walk which was rather overgrown. On returning to cut back the undergrowth we found the car park shut and padlocked with signs from Rother Fishery Association saying the waters are private and no parking is permitted!

After discussion we decided to drive and park at Kenardington Church so 10 of us in 3 cars parked up and walked down the road and along to Snargate Bridge where we picked up the AT191 which follows the Royal Military Canal towards Hythe. It passes through farmland where a large herd of suckler cows with their calves at foot peacefully grazed the marsh land taking no notice of us at all. Apart from the odd swan and a lonely cygnet all was very quiet. We stopped to photograph a dead tree that looked very artistic against a brooding grey sky and we passed under the railway line where the footpath became the AE626. The footpath reaches a road which we then walked along until we came to Shepherds Cottage which the footpath AE624 runs up the side of and into the church yard of Warehorne Church. The church was open so we had a look round inside but all agreed it was a lot less pleasing than our church at Appledore! It does have an interesting tower rebuilt in brick in 1777 because the original stone tower was struck by lightning in 1770.

Opposite the church is the Woolpack Pub so of course we had to stop for a drink! After a brief interlude we continued on our way this time taking a stile to the right of the church and on to the AE623. The footpath dips back down through farmland to the canal. We stopped to take in the sight and sound of a rookery where many hundreds of rooks were nesting communally in the top branches of some mature oak trees. Suddenly the rooks all took off and swirled in the sky making unique patterns like a murmuration of starlings. We continued on our way negotiating two rather tricky stiles which caused amusement as one of our shorter gentlemen ramblers earned the nickname 'longlegs' as he threw himself over the very high stile!! We were now on the opposite side of the canal walking back to Snargate Bridge. We took the road back to Kenardington Church stopping off to admire the walnut tree just outside the churchyard. We picked up a green walnut from the ground and one of our knowledgeable group showed us it had a green husk and inside this was the walnut shell with the walnut inside. He also pointed out a huge fig tree which climbs up alongside the church tower. This walk was about 4 miles and enjoyed by all I hope!

Just to finish, I must say how sorry the Ramblers were to hear that Ken Girkin had passed away. Ken used to organise the village rambles and everyone is always telling me what a lovely man he was and what a wonderful job he did choosing routes, doing research and then sharing his amazing knowledge of our countryside and wildlife with his fellow ramblers. He left incredibly big shoes to fill and I can only hope that he is looking down on us and pleased that Appledore Ramblers Group is up and running again. See you on August 18<sup>th</sup>!

Jo Weeks.



## Bell ringing at Appledore on June 28<sup>th</sup>.

As most people in Appledore now know the bells were ringing for almost three hours non stop on June 28<sup>th</sup>. Why so long you ask? The reason being, the ringers involved wanted to ring a full peal which takes on average three hours to complete. A peal to a bell ringer is, as I put it, like an athlete running a marathon, an achievement of stamina and concentration. I have rung about twenty five peals (one at Appledore in January 2000) in my time as a ringer but some ring thousands.

A peal consists of over 5,000 different permutations of the bells. In other words the bells have to ring in a different sequence every time so as no a change is repeated. Appledore has eight bells, and if you wanted to ring every possible permutations of the bells you would ring 40,320 changes. Stone has just 6 bells and the maximum changes is a mere 720. If you multiply 720 by 7 you get 5040 and 5040 by 8 comes to 40320. The peal they rang was called Bristol Surprise Major and consisted of 5088 changes in 2hrs 49 mins. There are hundreds of different peals and there is even one called Appledore Surprise Major.

It takes a lot of studying and practice before you become a peal ringer, but once there, and after one or two peals it seems easier, although I must admit I could have not done what the team who came did.

I have had several comments about how nice it was to hear the bells, but I am sure there were some who were not in favour. In future it will be put in the magazine of any proposed peal, providing the request is in before the deadline date of the magazine so you know what is going on.

This was the first peal at Appledore since 2005, so I don't think one peal after eighteen years is too much.

Just as a useless piece of information, if there were twelve bells at Appledore and a team came to ring all possible permutations it would take a few years of non stop ringing!

This is the pattern of the lines we have to learn before we ring. When it this type of pattern it is not easy to learn.

### Bristol Surprise

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## **Ride + Stride for Kent Churches**

### **Saturday 9 September**

**Friends of Kent Churches are again arranging this event. Half of the funds raised go directly to our own church here in Appledore and half go towards providing grant monies to any Kent church in need.**

**So, please consider supporting it as a cyclist or walker. We will also need help on the day with refreshments or to man the desk and greet cyclists.**

**Having cycled this for years now, I can thoroughly recommend it. You can choose your own route and cycle to as many (or as few) churches as you wish where you are sure to find a warm welcome, lovely refreshments and like-minded people along the way. The marsh particularly lends itself to cycling being flat!**

**For further information or a form to take part, please contact Fay on 758304. Thank you.**

## Village Show 9 September

I hope you are coping with the peculiar weather conditions we are having this year. At least we are not ravaged by wildfires.

Preparations for the show are coming along nicely.

Reminders of the classes—cookery include cheese straws, coronation quiche, cake with a vegetable as a main ingredient, coronation cupcakes and for the men, coronation pie. There will also be a mincemeat class.

The flower arrangements are a Coronation arrangement, a harvest arrangement, arrangement in a cup and saucer, Eurovision 2023 and the miniature arrangement, as always.

Children, who now have over a month of no school to prepare, need to take a photo of a minibeast (fly, worm, ant etc), practice making a leaf picture, fairy cakes, and a potato person.

Painters, we would like a Coronation painting.

Photographers, we need a canal view and/or a fungus

Growers, don't forget we have a parsnip class. And especially for Liz Owen, we have an oddest vegetable class.

Refreshments are being organised by Jenny and Linda. They would like cake, cupcakes and sausage rolls please. We are happy to refund the cost of ingredients.

We are also having a raffle if you have items you wish to get rid of!

Have a busy August

Ruth and Jo

