

VILLAGE DIARY**August 2021**

Redevelopment of the Village Hall continues.

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Dear Appledore,

The heat is on! Actually, staying indoors writing this seems preferable to venturing out in the blazing sun at the moment!

This month residents are asked to be creative in several ways. The first concerns the Scarecrow Festival. Instructions on how to build your scarecrow are on page 19. The festival is in October so we have time to build the perfect scarecrow to celebrate all our frontline workers. This is something the whole village could get involved in.

Also, on page 19, Ruth Smith gives some more details about the Village Show. Sadly, still virtual this year, but we can all get involved by sending photographs of lockdown and continuing feeding and growing our sunflowers!

Something which always brings Appledore together is the Flower Festival which is held this month. Details are on the cover. Fingers crossed that the good weather continues for that!

I hope you enjoy all the colour photographs in this month's magazine. Firstly, the beautiful flower displays you can see at Appledore Station courtesy of FoAS. Details about the hard work of this group can be found on pages 14 and 15. Secondly, Appledore folks young and old turned out in force to support Ray and Sandra at The Black Lion at the end of June at the Gig on the Green in the sunshine. Some of the fun is captured on page 20.

Have a good month and stay safe.

Maureen

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St Peter & St Paul, Appledore
Appledore Methodist Chapel

Sunday 1st August

10.30am Anglican/Methodist All-Age Worship

Parish Church

6pm Evensong, Stone



Sunday 8th August

10.30am Holy Communion, Parish Church

10.30am Methodist Worship, Appledore Chapel

Sunday 15th August

10.30am Joint All Age Service Parish Church

10.30am Methodist Worship Appledore Chapel

Sunday 22nd August

10.30am Holy Communion, Parish Church

10.30am Methodist Worship, Appledore Chapel



Holy Communion

Wednesday 25th August

12md Methodist Holy Communion

Appledore Chapel

Sunday 29th August

10.30am Flower Festival Service

Monday 30th August

6pm A short service of

Compline, Parish Church

Midweek Services

Holy Communion every Wed. at 9.30am

At St Peter & St Paul, Appledore

For further details and for Baptisms, Weddings and Banns or for any pastoral concerns which you would like to discuss, please contact Rev'd Tricia Fogden on 758250 or patricia.fogden@btinternet.com

Teddy Bears' Picnic And Parachute Jump

Saturday 31st August from 2.30pm

St Mary the Virgin,

Stone-in-Oxney

**Drinks will be available, bring your own picnic and cuddly
toy ready to parachute from the church tower**

ALL AGES WELCOME

For further details please contact Rev'd Tricia Fogden 01233 758250

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Why not look at <https://www.facebook.com/stoneinoxneychurch/> for photos
from previous years?



A Letter from the Ministry Team at St Peter & St Paul Church, Appledore

Dear Friends,

We've experienced some hard and dismal times over the last year and more. Times of difficulty, alternating with times of joy is part of the rhythm of life. We're all familiar with words from the Biblical book of Ecclesiastes, which are no less true today than they were when they were first recorded:

"There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens: a time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to uproot, a time to kill and a time to heal, a time to tear down and a time to build, a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance."

But now, we are probably all ready for a good dose of summertime joyfulness! Joy puts a smile on our faces, or perhaps we even laugh out loud. Some will want to write a poem, burst into song, or maybe just phone a friend to tell them all about it. If you watch little children who are really enjoying themselves, you'll probably notice that they just can't keep still. Arms and legs are a-jiggle, hands clap and they run around in a burst of exuberance. They like to make a noise, too! And if we don't expect the Bible to tell us to make a noise, we'd be wrong! How about: 'Make a joyful noise all ye lands' in Psalm 100 or 'Come, let's sing out loud to the Lord! Let's raise a joyful shout' in Psalm 95? We all have our own particular ways of expressing happiness. I remember spending a quiet day at a Retreat house, one time, and a friend telling me that she had just danced her way around the garden for sheer delight! I feel another quotation coming on here. It's from Psalm 4: *"Praise God with timbrel and dancing, praise him with the strings and pipe."* (A timbrel is a sort of tambourine by the way.)

All this talk of joyfulness reminds me that August in Appledore means Flower Festival time. How sad we were that it had to be cancelled in 2020, and what a delight that it's back! Its contribution to the community is not only in terms of the glorious displays, enjoyed by residents and visitors alike, but also in the camaraderie that exists in drawing so many people together in its execution. There's borrowing and lending; sharing and encouraging; advice to be given and taken; cakes to bake; flurries of activity and moments of rest. And in the end, that wonderful array of perfumed splendour, filling the interior of our beautiful church building, and spilling out into its surrounds. It's enough to make you want to sing and dance. So, let me ask the question: **'Shall we dance?'**

Summertime blessings to you all!

Alison

'You have changed my sadness into a joyful dance; you have taken away my sorrow and surrounded me with joy.' From Psalm 30



Ride + Stride for Kent Churches
Saturday 11 September

Friends of Kent Churches are again arranging this event. Half of the funds raised go directly to our own church here 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 please contact Fay on 758304. Thank you.

August Church Rota 2021

	<u>Service</u>	<u>Sides person</u>	<u>Reader/ prayers</u>	<u>Cleaning Church</u>
1 st August	Family Service	Donna	Frances/ Brenda	NA
8 th August	Holy Communion	Judith	Roger/ Chris	NA
15 th August	All age worship Appledore	Tom	Jane/ Frances	NA
22 nd August	Holy Communion	Philippa	Philippa/ Donna	NA
29 th August	Flower Festival Family Service	Clive/ Tom	Frances/ Alison	NA

CHURCH FLOWER ROTA

ALTAR

WEST END

August 1 st	Judy Hurran	Donna Clifton
August 8 th	Helen Downing-Waite	Julie Wooding
August 15 th	Frances Smith	Linda Hiskey
August 22 nd	Lynn Marston	Sally Linington

HORNE CHAPEL: Judith Clifton

If you are unable to take your turn please telephone me on 758285 or text 07840 356681 – and the same numbers if you are unable to break into the kitchen / “Glory Hole” for oasis etc. Thank you.

Judith Clifton



Village Hall Extension and Refurbishment

Work on the project is progressing well and remains on schedule.

Hall interior

Insulation has been fitted to the ceiling and walls. First fix of the wiring is continuing and the fuse boxes have been moved to their new position. The stud work for the new interior walls is complete.

Structural work

The new 'small hall' and kitchen timber frames are under construction. The new roof to the toilets and kitchen has been built. Delays in the delivery of materials continue to slow progress.

Exterior

More of the pebbledash has been removed, a crack in one of the walls has been revealed and the structural engineer is advising on remedial work. The porch at the front of the building has been removed and is being made good.

Next steps

Orders are due to be placed for the windows, toilet cubicles and kitchen. During the next month the flat roof areas should be completed.





GRAPEVINE

AUGUST 2021

Following the loss of his wife, Grapevine has received the following from George Condon :

'As mentioned in the last issue, my wife Jeanne sadly passed away on the 4th June, quietly and peacefully at home, having survived many years of illness.

I wish to thank all those friends, neighbours, and villagers who have expressed their sympathy and condolence. Their kindness and support has been of much comfort to me at this sad time, and is very much appreciated.'

George Condon

We have heard recently that Eileen Penfold had also died, and we send our belated sincere condolences to the family during this difficult time.

On a happier note we are delighted to report that James Boorman and Stephanie Hill will be married at Appledore Church on 7th August, and we wish them both every happiness for the future.

At the time of this publication the wedding of Sarah Ramsden and Matt Barton will have taken place. We hope they had a wonderful day and send them our congratulations and best wishes.

What a welcoming sight beholds the passenger stepping off the train at Appledore Station, whether it be from Ashford or Hastings direction. The colourful planters do not look after themselves, and to achieve bloom throughout the season must take a dedicated team regular trips to the Station to water and maintain.

Childhood Memories of A Life in Appledore

Royal Military Canal

What an activity centre this was.

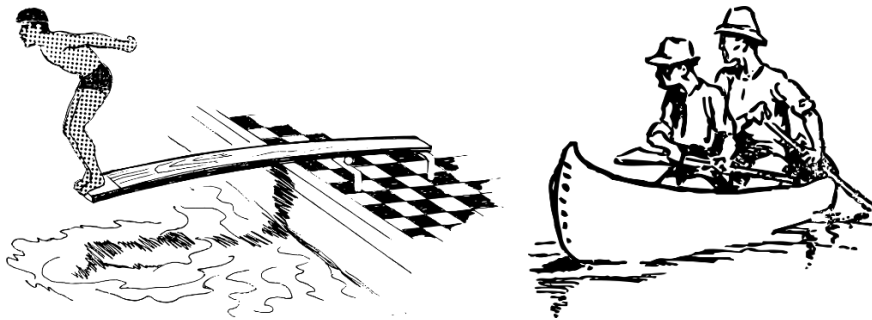
We could fish there, and if Mr Springett the Bailiff came along he would usually be on the other side of the canal where most visitors would fish. If we saw him coming along on our side we would hide our rods in the bushes, but if he did catch us we would have to buy a one day fishing ticket.



GRAPEVINE ctd

The canal was also our swimming pool. An area just along from where the Old Way footpath joins the canal bank was the 'Swimming Place.' There was a very sturdy plank of wood secured into the bank and protruded out over the water- the diving board. Later the diving board was moved to the culvert, the place where the back dyke is piped under the bank into the canal. This is near where the footpath from the Recreation Ground meets the canal. When the dam was built along the Military road it became a new place to swim as the canal was wider and deeper there.

Boating was another canal activity. Homemade rafts were made from two railway sleepers nailed together about 4' – 6' apart with wooden planks. Underneath would be old empty 5 gallon oil cans (obtained from the local garage or farmers) held in place with wire netting. With a long pole we would then punt our rafts up and down the canal. The Kent River Board (now the Environment Agency) considered our rafts to be boats and wanted us to purchase 10 shilling Boat Licences to use them on the canal but it never happened. One local lad obtained a metal Indian type canoe (as used on amusement boating lakes). It would hold two people and was great fun rowing it on the canal.



CANCER RESEARCH U.K.

Thank you to everyone who contributed their loose change to the collection tin on our shop counter. The contents this time amounted to an amazing £29.27. Your support is much appreciated and we are very grateful to Rajesh for continuing to allow us to collect funds in this way.

Judith Clifton

Friends of Appledore Station Summer Planting

FoAS Ladies

Whilst few of us have taken train journeys recently, mainly due to the strangest period in modern history, not a war but a disease which, like the Black Death in 1348 and latterly the Spanish Flu in 1919, has stopped humankind in its tracks, the desire to begin again and to put the last 18 months behind us is strong and never so strong as in Appledore this summer.



Many of you will have seen the wonderful work being done on the old station building, a Grade II listed and much-lamented bastion of the old railways, when every station had staff, toilets and a welcome smile. Its decline has been watched with sadness, but with a little tenacity and a lot of badgering by active members of the Friends of Appledore Station (FoAS), they have managed to encourage the Railway Heritage Trust to find money for its refurbishment, now only weeks from completion. We none of us know what the final outcome will be. It is unlikely to have toilets as the station is not manned, but the building will be ready for new occupancy once its value to the railway has been determined and a plan put into place for its use. Exciting times.

Meanwhile, however, the planters are a major highlight on the platforms. Planters whose installation was the inspiration for all the activity and hard work that has been going on over the past two years and more. How could we have known when asked to form a group of interested residents and to put a few pretty flowers onto the platforms, that the idea would 'literally' blossom and where once was desolation, now a true sense of ownership and pride has come back, evidenced with the complete refurbishment of the once majestic station building.

On Friday (11th June), a few brave ladies (brave because of the very hot afternoon) collected new plants from our stalwart friend Dean (**Pine Cove Nurseries Tel: 01580 765429**), and set about refreshing the planters. Having removed the winter pansies, the new plants were put into place and are already looking beautiful. Dean has been providing us with stock for the past two years and this year his suggestions (based loosely around our budget) are blush cosmos, red geraniums, blue scaevola and mixed nemesis. Dean and his wife have been most generous to us, so we would urge you to support them in return, if you can.

Watering was a mission as the water has to be carted by hand back and forth from the recently installed standpipe (another amazing outcome resulting from the cajoling and tenacity of FoAS members in encouraging Southeast Water to instal the supply for us), but the watering was finally complete, and the plants left healthy and pretty for everyone to enjoy. The ladies in question then repaired to the Black Lion for well-earned refreshment. FoAS has a regular band of happy helpers, with a formal watering rota and regular work parties and we thank everyone involved very sincerely for your continued help and generous support.

We always get a wave from the train drivers and guards when they see us working on the platforms. It seems strange that they should care, but then again why would they not, having seen the changes brought about since FoAS was created and watching our enthusiasm to get things done and the difference it is making?

So, as the world begins to wake up and we take our first cautious steps back to our former lives, please enjoy the work being done at Appledore Station for the benefit of the whole village. Better still, why not take a trip down to the station and see for yourself; no need to take the train to get the Appledore Station experience!

FoAS is funded by anyone who is prepared to help, and we are not shy to ask – so if you are feeling generous, the FoAS contact number is below. To coin a much-used phrase, '*every little helps*' and that includes both monies to support our work and/or your valuable time, if you are disposed to join us.

FoAS contact: Terry Blaney Tel: 01233 758628



Update on Appledore broadband upgrade scheme

It has now been several months since the scheme in Appledore was initiated to build fibre broadband to our homes and businesses. With full fibre broadband, the performance should be as good as Internet connectivity gets anywhere in the UK.

Our online form for expressing interest in the scheme (found on the parish council website) had 61 addresses of homes and businesses that responded with the intention to adopt fibre broadband. With the government vouchers taken up by these addresses, we anticipated a subsidy of around £105k to build the required infrastructure.

This address list was submitted to BT who eventually came back with a response. To deliver fibre to the 61 addresses would require building infrastructure for 243 premises (as much of the infrastructure is shared at distribution points). The cost for which would be £365k.

Obviously, the voucher scheme would not fund the build. Furthermore, the Kent County Council has also stopped offering the generous voucher top-up scheme. At this point, only the central government scheme, offering £1,500 per property and £3,500 per business is available. It is however anticipated that KCC will introduce a revised (less generous) top-up scheme soon. Regardless, the expectation is that vouchers alone will not fund the build and we need to consider alternatives.

We've since contacted BT to look at other options. These could include a reduced scope or waiting for other schemes in the area to be completed, which both have the potential to reduce costs.

In the meantime, the waiting game continues. It is worth noting however that timescales for any build will be a minimum of 12 months, and a complete process could easily be 18 months. As such, those considering alternative options may want to pursue those.



BETHERSDEN GARDEN FETE

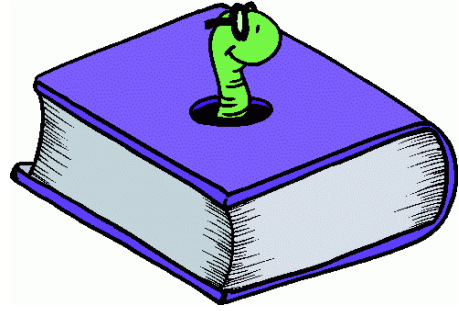
Enjoy a fun-filled family day of good food, games, stalls, prizes and music in a beautiful garden setting.

30 AUGUST 2021,
AT STREET COTTAGE, THE STREET,
BETHERSDEN, TN26 3AG

11:30 to 4pm. Free parking and free entry

www.bethersdenfete.com

The Bookworm has Awoken!!!!



***It's coming back, it's coming back
Book Club's coming back.***



We are pleased to confirm to Book Club members that we will be resuming meetings on:

Wednesday 8th September at 7.30 pm at The Black Lion, and then every second Wednesday of the month thereafter.

The Club is always happy to receive new members. So, if you have a treasured book, or favourite author you would like to introduce to the group, this would be more than welcome. Alternatively, it's a chance to explore a new genre, something you wouldn't have contemplated before. A world of adventure awaits.

All being well, we look forward to seeing our regular members and hopefully new members in September.

If you have any questions please contact:
Philippa Perkins on 07880 841192

Appledore Ramblers are back!

The parish ramblers are out walking again on the 3rd Friday of the month, weather permitting. We meet on the recreation ground at 2pm and enjoy a couple of hours walking together. Come along and join us if you would like to try a nice local walk in a small group.

Brenda





Parish Council Update August 2021

Pop-Up Café and Information Hub Monday 2nd August 10.30 – 12.30

Come and get together with old friends and new. Have a cuppa and a delicious slice of cake. We'll have all sorts of local information available or you can just come for a chat. Please help us to spread the word. Everyone welcome including any little ones... see you soon!

Appledore Recreation Ground

Hopefully summer weather will still be with us and everyone is making the most of the facilities. Just one small request please put your rubbish in the bin and if the bin is full, please take your rubbish away with you.

Court Lodge Car Park Enabling Residential Development

The residential development is still on track to be completed around Christmas. It will be known as Maple Place.

Hall Refurbishment

Updates on these are provided separately within the magazine.

Public Consultation on The Future Improvement of Kent Bus Service

Just 1 question to which you prioritise a list of answers <https://letstalk.kent.gov.uk/busfuture>

National Transport and Highways Survey 2021/2022

Councils across the UK are asking residents to tell them what they think of transport and highways services in their area, and we are one of those councils. There are six independent surveys in total - feel free to take one or all of them. Apparently, each survey will only take a few minutes of your time. They are asking for your views on: accessibility; highways maintenance; public transport; road safety; tackling congestion; walking and cycling. For further details see - <https://letstalk.kent.gov.uk/national-highways-and-transport-survey-2021-22>. The survey deadline is 28 February 2022.

Litter Motion and Petition

The parish council has been made aware of a Petition on the UK Government and Parliament website calling for mandatory printing of car registration numbers on all Drive Thru packaging, which has been signed by over 59,000 people. If the Petition has 100,000 signatures it will be considered for debate in Parliament – see petition at https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/580772?fbclid=IwAR3or-1licyDK2qs9ohrc7Jb36vcmcQA4DzyLTRKU0-OwFAV7I_bxH2Ndyl

Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) survey on rural network coverage (mobile)

DCMS are currently researching the impact of mobile coverage in rural areas. This is part of their Shared Rural Network programme which aims to increase mobile network coverage across the UK to 95%. Now, they want to find out how this programme can help you in your daily life. They want particularly to hear from you if you live or work in rural UK! You can participate via this link: https://dcms.eu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_7QWty9OUU4PNnmK or email Laura.Hensel@dcms.gov.uk to request to complete the survey over the telephone.

Next Council Meeting - Monday 2nd August 7.30pm in person at St. Peter and St. Paul

The council politely requests that all who attend continue to wear facemasks unless they are speaking. Sanitiser will still be available for those who wish and please show consideration for others who may wish to have some space.

Appledore Scarecrow Festival

Sunday October 24th-Sunday October 31st

Your scarecrow should be a celebration of the care workers who have supported us all through the COVID crisis.

Please support this venture.

For further information call Linda on 01233758097

Simple instruction sfor assembling your scarecrow

This traditional looking scarecrow is easy to assemble and can be installed in one afternoon. Start by building a cross-shaped frame, using wood or any spare material that is sturdy enough to support some weight and stand up straight. Once you've assembled the frame, hammer it into the ground. Now you can have some fun creating and stuffing the body!



APPLEDORE VILLAGE SHOW 2021

Once again September and the Village Show come around. Once again we are virtual because of the pandemic. So again we have two classes for adults and children.

Class 1 Adults - Photo of tallest sunflower - height included with it.

Class 2 Children - Photo of tallest sunflower- height and age of child included with it.

Class 3 Adults - Photo symbolising lockdown

Class 4 Children - Photo symbolising lockdown.

All entries have to be with me by midnight 11 September.

You can send your entries by:-

a) Email - ruthasmith@sky.com

b) Post - Griffin Park Cottage, Tenterden Road TN26 2AP

c) Hand delivery - my letterbox is a short way up my drive and my driveway entrance is next to Park House, on the right-hand side of Tenterden Road, just past the School Crossroads, going towards Tenterden.

Anyone with a connection with Appledore can enter and there is no entrance fee.

Ruth Smith

GIG ON THE GREEN!

What a wonderful evening it was at The Black Lion hosted by Ray, Sandra and their wonderful staff. The evening was glorious as was the live music from Maddie Hart and Hayley Harper which many sang along to!

Many Appledore folks turned up from some of our youngest residents to others a little more mature! The photos below capture the fun had by all!



Views From A New Parish Councillor.

THANK YOU to all parishioners who came out to vote at the recent Parish Council election. Apparently 36% of electors turned out on the warm summers day to exercise their democratic right, which is apparently very high for a council election. Now the question is - how can I contribute to the council and how to influence the continued improvements you've been asking to see in the village?

The good news is there is a lot of ongoing improvements well underway already, this is something I'm very excited about. As the "new boy" on the council I've already been dubbed-in for a few jobs. I also have the privilege of sitting on the committee for the Recreation Ground after years of assisting with the Classic Car Show, so I'll support Derek Winter to help facilitate interaction between the two groups, and I also hope to engage closely with the Village Hall committee particularly for the upcoming Platinum Jubilee.

Already there are discussions around how to celebrate Queen Elizabeth's Platinum Jubilee next June. This was lead by Tracy Morgan who gave an excellent 'heads-up' at the recent APC meeting. Needless to say, we want to involve the entire village, with clubs and organisations being keen to participate. June 2022 sounds a long way off, but we need to start planning now. If you're keen to be involved or would just like to share your idea's, do please ping me on my email below.

One action I was keen to get underway upon joining the Parish Council was to assist in forming a group of younger people, typically women with young families, who would like to take an active involvement in the village but don't have the time to actually become council members. I wanted to call this informal group "Women With Influence" who would meet regularly (perhaps monthly for an hour or two) to discuss matters pertaining to village life and share thoughts and ideas with the council. Of course, the meme 'police' raised issues (I should have seen that coming) and had concerns like: 'can't limit to women - discrimination, is there an age demographic -, can we define what 'Influence' means...? etc. That said, I still believe forming a forum of younger residents to discuss topics about the village and have a two-way dialogue with APC is good for the village, and if you'd like to participate – again, please ping me below.

But so far, one month into the job, I'm encouraged by all the activity and valuable support from the councillors. Thank you again for voting me onto the council, and please do get in touch regarding the couple of points above:
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A poem from Dippy Dora – Appledore's resident bard!***Legging It***

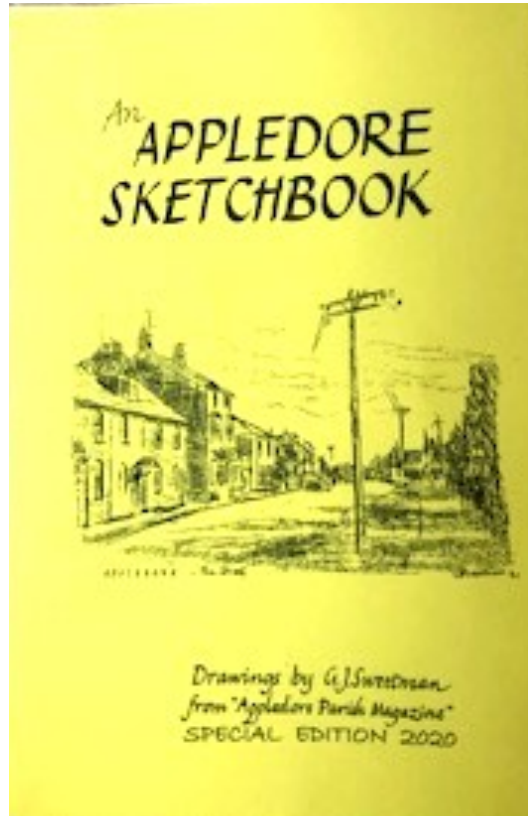
My veins! Oh, what a fearsome sight,
Blue, intertwined to left and right,
Like ivy clinging round a tree
A sight I'd hoped I'd never see.
Once so tanned and smooth to touch,
I do not like this look so much!

These feet that danced across the floor
Just won't do that not anymore.
The voice that once entranced the vicar
Seems to need a little liquor,
As squeaks and croaks come from the throat -
It sounds more like the local goat!

But now with metal hip in place
I get along at quite a pace,
So now, with trusty stick in hand
I join the eager rambling band.
We amble over field and hill,
Each one with such an iron will.

But plodding on with rumbling bellies
We think of more than strawberry jellies!
At last, with joy, a pub we find
And happiness soon fills the mind
As thoughts of steaming soup and beer
Fills us all with welcome cheer!

FOR SALE!



As part of our 60th birthday celebrations we have put together a sketchbook of Appledore. These are drawings done in the 1960s by the first Editor of the Parish Magazine, Mr Sweetman. It is a fascinating glimpse into the history of Appledore and what the village looked like then. Mr Sweetman travelled all around the village sketching what he saw. Many of you will recognise your homes as they looked then. You might also see what the land looked like before your house was built!

Some of the individual buildings named include: the Methodist Chapel; the Forstal; Horne's Place Chapel; Oxney House; Swan House; the cottages on Court Lodge Road; the primary school; Victoria Terrace and Griffin Cottages; Hawthorn Cottages; many views of the Church - inside and out - as well as country views along the Military Canal and Gusbourne.

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