

*Appledore Parish Magazine*



**Merry Christmas!**

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from the  
Magazine team to  
Appledore and  
beyond.*

**HAPPY  
NEW  
YEAR!**

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Welcome to the Christmas/New Year issue of the Parish Magazine.

This time last year, we were looking forward to 2022. Covid restrictions were disappearing, the renovated Village Hall was reopening and we were getting excited about a Platinum Jubilee for our Queen who was going to live forever.

Now we look back on another year of shocks. Yes, the new hall meant the whole range of old and new village activities restarted, and we had a glorious Jubilee day. But.....Everything changed when Russia invaded Ukraine. I like many others knew nothing about Ukraine and anyway, how could a minor conflict, thousands of miles away affect us!

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Nine months later, we find shortages of food and fuel due to the war, together with our Covid debts, have led to a recession and inflation rates not seen for decades. Allied with three prime ministers in 5 months, a mini budget which sent the financial markets into free fall and the sudden death of our dear Queen, we could call this another 'annus horribilis'.

What can we do?

Pray/work for resolution of the war in Ukraine and help, if we are able, to alleviate poverty by donating to food banks etc.

I wish everyone a meaningful Christmas and a better New Year.

Ruth

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## **Appledore Village Diary – December & January 2023**

Monday	Parent & Toddler Group 10am - 1pm
Monday	Aerobics 6.15pm - 7pm
Tuesday	Pilates 9am - 10am Beginners 10am - 11 am Non-beginners
Tuesday	Hamstreet Surgery Prescription Collection 10.15 - 10.45am
Tuesday	Art Class 1pm - 4pm
Tuesday	Yoga 7pm - 8pm
Wednesday	Aerobics 6.15pm - 7pm
Wednesday	Lindy Fit 7.30pm – 9pm
Thursday	Pilates 7pm - 8pm More advanced
Friday	Tai Chi 10am - 11am

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### **DECEMBER 22**

Mon 5 <sup>th</sup> Dec	APC Meeting 7.30pm
Sat 10 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Over 60's Christmas Lunch 12 for 12.30pm
Sat 10 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Church Festive Bake Day 10am—midday
Tues 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	CARM Meeting Point 10am - 11.45am
Wed 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Breakfast Get Together 9.30am – 11.am
Fri 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Ramblers 1pm Recreation Ground
Fri 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec	The Rockitment 7.15 - Midnight
Mon 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Carols with the Salvation Army Outside Black Lion 7.30pm  Mulled wine and mince pies in Church afterwards

**JANUARY 23**

Wed 4 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Breakfast Get Together 9.30am – 11.30am
Sat 7 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Church Porch Bake day 10am
Mon 9 <sup>th</sup> Jan	APC Meeting 7.30pm
Tues 10 <sup>th</sup> Jan	CARM Meeting Point 10am – 11.45am
Wed 18 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Breakfast Get Together 9.30am – 11.30am
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Ramblers 1pm Recreation Ground
Sat 21 <sup>st</sup> Jan	Church Porch Bake Day 10am
Sun 22 <sup>nd</sup> Jan	Antique Fair 9am - 3pm
Tues 24 <sup>th</sup> Jan	CARM Meeting Point 10am – 11.45am
Wed 25 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Garden Society AGM with cheese and wine 7.30 pm

**Festive Bake Day**

Please come and join us for a cup of tea/ coffee and a mince pie at our Festive Bake Day on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December in Appledore Church from 10am – 12 noon.

There will be festive sweet and savoury delights on sale inside the church including Christmas cakes, Christmas puddings, yule logs and our other Bake Day favourites. We are also selling home-made Christmas cards and gifts, books and plants in the porch.

Free entry, Parking in Court Lodge carpark opposite



## **CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR CHANGES TO REGULAR CLASSES**

**Toddler Group** No classes 19th December, 26th December, 2nd January. Restart Monday 9th January.

**Aerobics** No classes 19th December, 21st December, 26th December, 28th December, 2nd January, 4th January. Restart Monday 9th January.

**Pilates** No classes Tuesday 20th, Thursday 22nd, Tuesday 27th December, 29th December. Restart 3<sup>rd</sup> January

**Prescription Collection** will not be available 27th December. Restart 3rd January.

**Art Class** No classes Tuesday 20th, Tuesday 27th, Tuesday 3rd January. Restart 10th January

**Yoga** No Classes Tuesday 20th, Tuesday 27th, Tuesday 3rd January. Restart 10th January.

**ROCKITMEN DANCE** Friday 16th December 7.15pm—midnight

Tickets £12 from Marilyn Ray - 758586

Licensed bar and Raffle

Bring your own nibbles and you can also bring your own drinks if you want to.

**FRIDAY FOOD NIGHT** Friday 27th January 7pm

This is a new venture by the Village Hall Committee. These food nights will always be on the last Friday of the month. The first of these will be a Curry Night, but other ethnic menus will happen in the future.

Menu—medium spiced meat curry, vegetarian curry, tarka dal, naan bread, poppadums and rice. Dessert—Indian sweet rice pudding

Book through Linda on 758097 before 20th January . Tickets cost £15.



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

**SERVICES IN CHURCH AND ONLINE  
DECEMBER AND JANUARY**

**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.

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

**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

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

To receive **Connect Up!** please email Lindsay or Jeanette.

**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December**

9am Candles in the Dark: An Advent Reflective Service followed by  
Breakfast (*Rolvenden*)

**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December: The Second Sunday of Advent**

11am Morning Praise (*Appledore*)

**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December**

9am Candles in the Dark: An Advent Reflective Service followed by  
Breakfast (*Wittersham*)

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December: The Third Sunday of Advent**

11am The Eucharist (*Appledore*)

**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> December**

9am Candles in the Dark: An Advent Reflective Service followed by  
Breakfast (*Tenterden*)

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December: The Fourth Sunday of Advent**  
11am Celtic Morning Prayer (*Appledore*)

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December**  
7.30pm Carols with Hythe Salvation Army Band (*Appledore*)

**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> December: Christmas Eve**  
6pm Christmas Crib Service (*Appledore*)  
*Please come dressed as shepherd/angel/king/stable animal*

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> December: Christmas Day**  
11am Christmas Morning Worship (*Appledore*)

**Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> December: New Year's Eve**  
6pm A Service on New Year's Eve (*Tenterden*)

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> January: The Second Sunday of Christmas**  
11am Morning Praise (*Appledore*)

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> January: The Feast of the Epiphany**  
11am The Eucharist (*Appledore*)

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> January: The Second Sunday of Epiphany**  
11am A Service on Plough Sunday (*Appledore*)

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> January: The Third Sunday of Epiphany**  
11am The Eucharist (*Appledore*)

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> January: The Presentation of Christ in the Temple**  
11am Celtic Morning Prayer (*Appledore*)

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## **ADVENT 22**

Here are the details of two Advent happenings which we offer to you with love:

### **Candles in the Dark**

During Advent, we will be kindling our thoughts and responses using *Candles in the Dark* by spiritual writer, David Adam.

*Candles in the Dark* will provide us with a Wednesday evening course, through which we will think about John the Baptist, the Virgin Mary, the shepherds, and the wise men - those whose faith shone out like candles in the dark, who brought us the Light and the Word, who prepared the way, who came and sought. We will be reminded that God seeks to be born in us, and awaits entry into our hearts, our lives and our homes. The sessions will be held in Tenterden Church, beginning at 7 pm and ending by 8.30 pm. Remaining dates are: Wednesday 30 November, Wednesday 7th December and Wednesday 14th December.

### **They Sang**

On Saturday mornings, we are holding a series of reflective services using material from *They Sang* by Amy Scott Robinson. In the nativity story, there are four sudden, Spirit-filled songs which are still used in the rhythm of church worship - the Benedictus, the Magnificat, the Gloria and the Nunc Dimittis. Through *They Sang*, we will explore these ancient poems of praise and prophecy.

These Saturday morning services will begin at 9 am and end by 9.30 am, after which an optional breakfast will be served in the church (with the exception of the Rolvenden breakfast which will take place in *The Star* and will need to be pre-booked). The dates are: Saturday 26th November at Appledore, Saturday 3rd December at Rolvenden, Saturday 10th December at Wittersham and Saturday 17th December at Tenterden.

We hope you will join us for one or more sessions - everyone welcome!

### **LIGHT FOR LOSS DAY**

The Christmas season is a difficult time for many people. If it is so for you, please remember you are not alone. On Wednesday 22nd December we are keeping Tenterden Church open and free of all other activities so that people who are finding this time of the year particularly tough – especially because of bereavement – can pop in. You are welcome to come and spend some quiet time with God. Prayer resources will be available. There will be led prayers at 9 am, noon, 3 pm and 6 pm, following which tea, coffee and a listening ear will be available.

## MINISTER'S LETTER

*This month's letter comes from The Reverend Margaret Roylance, a member of our team of ministers.*

Dear friends,

I have the pleasure of writing this letter to cover two months - and what eventful months they are! As I put my hand to the plough the date is 2<sup>nd</sup> November, All Souls' Day, a poignant day as we remember our own beloved departed. But, as you receive this magazine, we have moved into Advent, a serious time of contemplation, yet a joyful time of hope and expectation as we prepare our hearts for the coming of the Christ child.

Preparation is an important word at this time, as there is so much domestic busyness, which can overshadow the true and wonderful meaning of Christmas. Because of 2022 being such an unsettled year, worldwide and nationally, many people will find this time very worrying because of financial difficulties, homelessness, and despair. If we are able to do so, our hearts must be filled with generosity and prayerfulness for all those who are struggling. We have a wonderful God who loves us through all our ups and downs. He sent us our Saviour, and he offers us a deeper meaning to our lives. As we move into the new year, we can focus our thoughts and prayers on the opportunities for new beginnings and a deeper faith.

I offer to God my prayers for you all and wish you a blessed and meaningful Christmas and a prayerful and hopeful new year.

Margaret.

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## CHURCH FLOWERS

Advent begins on 27<sup>th</sup> November so, after that, there will be no flowers in church until Christmas.

We shall be decorating the church for Christmas on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> December from 10.00 am onwards. If you would like to come and help we would love to include you and, if you come bearing greenery, so much the better!

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.

For the period between Christmas and Lent will you please ensure that your arrangement is tended and watered for two weeks.

| <b><u>Dec/Jan</u></b>     | <b><u>Church</u></b>      | <b><u>Rota</u></b>               | <b><u>2022/2023</u></b>    |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------|
|                           | <b><u>Sidesperson</u></b> | <b><u>Reader/Intercessor</u></b> | <b><u>Refreshments</u></b> |
| Dec 4                     | Philippa                  | Thelma/Brenda                    | Eileen/Brenda              |
| Dec 11                    | Judith                    | Roger P/Chris                    | Donna                      |
| Dec 18                    | Jo                        | Jane/Tony                        | Jane                       |
| Dec 24 Crib<br>Service    | Donna/<br>Philippa        | Villagers                        | N/A                        |
| Dec 25 Christ-<br>mas     | Frances                   | Hannah/Donna                     | N/A                        |
| Jan 1                     | Donna                     | Jane/Brenda                      | Eileen/Brenda              |
| Jan 8                     | Judith                    | Roger H/Chris                    | Denise                     |
| Jan 15                    | Philippa                  | Michael/Tony                     | Fay                        |
| Jan 22                    | Denise                    | Vicki/Donna                      | Jane                       |
| Jan 29                    | Donna                     | Philippa/Frances                 | Philippa                   |
| <b><u>Dec/Jan/Feb</u></b> | <b><u>Flowers</u></b>     | <b><u>Rota</u></b>               | <b><u>2022/2023</u></b>    |
|                           | <b><u>Altar</u></b>       | <b><u>West End</u></b>           | <b><u>Porch</u></b>        |
| Christmas                 | Sally<br>Linnington       | Helen Downing-Waite              | Linda Hiskey               |
| Jan 8                     | Julie<br>Wooding          | Wendy Thomas                     | Fay Steed                  |
| Jan 22                    | Paddy<br>Moseley          | Wendy Selmes                     | Donna Clifton              |
| Feb 5                     | Vicki<br>Sargent          | Lynn Marston                     | Frances Smith              |

## **Celebrating Candlemas**

Candlemas falls on 2<sup>nd</sup> February each year, forty days after our celebration of Christmas and the birth of Jesus.

Perhaps more properly, the Feast of Candlemas is also called The Presentation of Christ in the Temple. At Candlemas we are told that Mary and Joseph took Jesus to the temple in Jerusalem to present him to God in fulfilment of their religious duty. The image of Christ the Light which features in the story of that day – light encountering darkness – brought candles prominently into the observance of the feast and supplied the alternative name of Candlemas. It became the custom on that day to bless the candles that were to be used in church during the year.

Of all the services that will be held around Candlemas, we'd like to select a particular act of worship and tea for special mention, to which we will invite all the children who have been baptised in our group of churches during 2022. This Candlemas celebration will be held in Tenterden Church on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> February, from 3pm until 4.30pm. Just as Joseph and Mary said thank you for the gift of their child, so we will say thank you for the children of 2022, light a candle for each one and remember them by name. We'd also like warmly to invite you, as a member of our congregation, to come along and be part of our church community welcoming our children. Please let us know if you are coming by contacting Caroline (*01580 765414 / cloud9churchesoffice@gmail.com*).

## **Our New Website!**

Our website is our 'shop window', our opportunity to tell people about our churches, where our churches are, and what happens there and when. The website is a crucial first step in inviting newcomers to become part of our church communities.

So our website is an essential if we are going to communicate who we are, what we stand for, and what we do. For many people Google is the first place they look for information. We are delighted to have been able to bring our nine churches into one brand new website which will enable people to find out what they need to know. Like all good websites, ours will never be complete because there will always be updates to be made and new information to be included. We look forward to seeing it evolve! Go online and explore:

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### **Parish Council Share of Council Tax for 2023-2024**

Like all councils the parish council is looking at what parishioners see as needing improvement next year, how it can help and whether there are any costs that it can cover for residents from the council tax levy that it sets in January. The law covering parish councils does limit what a council can spend money on but there is still much it can do. If you have any thoughts on improvements that you would like to see, please contact either the Chairman Roger Hiskey or the Clerk. The new gateways (mentioned below) were paid for from council funds ring fenced for highways issues. There is still around £11,000 available for any other schemes.

### **Minor Highways Village works**

Improvement works to the pavement opposite Miss Mollets, between 31-37 The Steet, started at the beginning of November but work had to stop due to an unexpected issue revealed upon excavation. Highways and the contractor are in discussion but once these are completed the work will be completed.

The gateways, on the roads coming into the parish have been erected earlier than scheduled. The gateways look like a small white picket fence with a speed sign or a village name sign. The road markings to go with these are scheduled for the 22<sup>nd</sup> November.

**Next Parish Council Meeting -  
 Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January 7.30pm  
 Village Hall.**



*Happy Christmas*

*And*

*Best Wishes for the*

*New Year*



## *Appledore Local History Society*

### **BOON family photo – appeal for more information for our archives**



A friend of Muriel and Daphne (both nee Boon) kindly shared this photo (and a group photo) from a wedding that looks to be held during WW1. Information we have found so far includes;

Appledore WW1 Methodist Chapel roll of honour lists as having served (not fallen) George, Percy, Leonard and Fred Boon (regiments currently unknown).

From the 1939 Register it would seem that Leonard lived at Griffin Villa, was married to Florence M, and Muriel was born in 1927. Muriel later married Cyril Holdstock in 1949, and at some time worked for the Clifton family.

The only Boon wedding found to have been held in Appledore during WW1 was in 1917 when Alice Maud Boon (of Griffin Farm, Percy, Fred and Leonards' sister) married Francis Jackson of Westone, Lancashire.

We will keep on researching, but in the meantime does anyone know who the happy couple are in the photo?

### **Appledore Markets**

You have probably seen the recently renewed sign in front of the church which contains information about Appledore, including the fact that markets authorised by King Edward III were held until the end of the 1800's.

According to Sir John Winnifrith's book 'History of Appledore', in 1359 King Edward III granted permission to the Prior and monks of Christ Church, Canterbury to hold a weekly market in Appledore and also an annual fair on the 11<sup>th</sup> of January.

Appledore Local History Society think it might be fun to hold a fair/market on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2025 – a long way off, and yet it would probably take more than a year to organise such an event. It could be set in the late 1800's and would be something to look forward to during the often 'flat' month of January!

If you would be interested in this and would like to be involved in organising such an event, please do contact us by email at [secALHS@gmail.com](mailto:secALHS@gmail.com), or through our Chairman, Brian Knight on 01233 758319 or [thrng@aol.com](mailto:thrng@aol.com).

**In the meantime, we wish you a Happy Christmas and a Healthy New Year!**



*FROM GRAPEVINE*

*December 2022*

With so much depressing news around the globe, what a joy it is to once again begin this month welcoming another little resident to the Village. Bryony (nee Wreathall) and John Smith are the proud parents of a beautiful baby boy – Zachary Andrew John, born on the 17<sup>th</sup> October. Bryony grew up in the Village in the same house as she finds herself today (11 Court Lodge Road). When Bryony was 11 years old the family moved from Court Lodge to Ivychurch. Many will know that the delighted grandparents are Sarah and Andrew Wreathall (of Appledore Turkeys fame), and we send our warmest congratulations to them on the arrival of their first grandchild, and of course great grandad would have been John Wreathall who lived in Appledore for many years.

Sadly we hear of the passing of Monty Lowery. Monty and Virginia took up the reins of the Railway Hotel in 1985 and with the extension in later years of the bed and breakfast outbuildings, it became a popular venue for both locals and visitors. Monty leaves behind his wife Virginia, son Phillip and daughter Caroline, and two grandchildren. We send our sincere condolences to them at this sad time.

How many of you stopped to enquire what it was that was exciting the crowd of 'twitchers' spending hours at the canal bridge? Grapevine was intrigued and felt compelled to ask – what a surprise to learn of the sighting of a young Osprey. Apparently this majestic bird has enjoyed our surroundings for several weeks. Usually found in both the Highlands and the Lake District during the summer, they migrate to Africa for the winter. We will probably never know the reason for its stop-over, but wonder if the answer lies in the changing climates which must have a major impact on the fragile ecology. Any thoughts or comments anyone?

We understand that all of those we recorded as being in hospital at the time of last month's magazine, are now back home and we wish them all a speedy recovery.

**Motorists Beware !!** Grapevine is owning up here and now, in front of all to read, of a situation recently experienced to our cost. Late, one exceptionally windy and stormy evening we headed off on a mission of mercy to collect a relative from hospital who had undergone surgery earlier in the day. Unfortunately the roads were flooded, and driving through an affected area there were two loud bangs and the front and rear nearside tyres were punctured by what we can only assume was either a large pothole, or submerged jutting rocks near the verge. Of course we were fully insured complete with breakdown service and confidently rang through to the helpline. This is where things became a little tricky! On checking their records it was highlighted that the MOT had run out two days earlier, and therefore we were not entitled to recovery, and after spending a considerable time ringing round trying to find an independent breakdown company, £356 later we arrived home at gone midnight. This is where we implore you to check your records. These days there are few companies who send out reminders regarding the pending MOT renewal, and we can only put our misfortune to the fact that during the pandemic the car was little used, and therefore missed a service (this would have been at the time of the MOT which was always carried out together to ensure it wasn't forgotten!). Having now gone out of line there is the danger of this being overlooked. Do check your current MOT and would suggest that a very large and bold red alert is written on your new calendar for next year ! By the way, in case you are wondering what happened to the patient, he was returned to the hospital bed he had only just vacated, tucked in for the night and woken the next morning with breakfast in bed!!

What a delight to again walk round the village and come across so many wonderfully modelled scarecrows for the 2022 scarecrow season! .

As we rapidly approach Christmas, Grapevine would like to wish all of you a very happy and peaceful festive season. We look forward to receiving your many snippets of general interest to share - **Please !!**

# Cross-Quote ©

Discover the text of the quotation in the grid below where the words are separated only by black squares and punctuation is ignored. Solve the clues on the left and enter the answers in that grid. The letters should also be entered in the correspondingly numbered squares in the grid below. The more the quotation is revealed, the more help you will get in solving the clues.

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| FROM END TO END                     | A | 90  | 14  | 144 | 70  | 22  | 136 | 40  |     |         |
| e.g. DAMN                           | B | 60  | 186 | 55  | 1   | 160 | 169 | 29  | 152 | 126     |
| PACHYDERM                           | C | 41  | 139 | 78  | 86  | 101 | 15  | 73  | 32  |         |
| RAILWAY ENGINE                      | D | 178 | 47  | 6   | 168 | 132 | 116 | 33  | 164 | 106 94  |
| NOT GUILTY                          | E | 19  | 184 | 120 | 159 | 157 | 74  | 165 | 105 |         |
| FAMILIAR SIGHT IN KENT              | F | 148 | 64  | 142 | 173 | 97  | 7   | 71  | 100 | 109     |
| STOOD VERY TALL                     | G | 179 | 147 | 93  | 122 | 30  | 92  | 16  |     |         |
| OF THE JUDAIC FAITH                 | H | 90  | 43  | 118 | 9   | 82  | 91  |     |     |         |
| EIGHT-FACED SOLID FIGURES           | J | 66  | 2   | 96  | 80  | 26  | 133 | 115 | 48  | 156     |
| NOT MARRIED                         | K | 61  | 172 | 137 | 20  | 127 | 87  | 130 | 174 | 150 5   |
| CHILD'S TOY                         | L | 72  | 95  | 11  | 83  | 143 | 134 | 162 |     |         |
| FRESHLY MARRIED                     | M | 88  | 98  | 28  | 65  | 42  | 12  | 140 | 151 |         |
| FOUR SCORE                          | N | 27  | 119 | 166 | 106 | 76  | 81  |     |     |         |
| MCCARTNEY SONG                      | P | 75  | 84  | 23  | 149 | 113 | 103 | 89  | 124 | 56      |
| STUDY OF THE GREAT SEAS             | Q | 3   | 62  | 107 | 114 | 170 | 51  | 138 | 37  | 182 161 |
| CHARACTERISTIC OF SOFT DOWN         | R | 154 | 4   | 52  | 38  | 117 | 34  | 67  | 145 | 135 183 |
| A BODY WITH FOUR PLANE FACES        | S | 39  | 177 | 24  | 155 | 57  | 63  | 129 | 141 | 110 49  |
| PILGRIMS TO MECCA                   | T | 128 | 102 | 21  | 69  | 180 | 31  |     |     |         |
| EXCHANGE PROPERTY FOR SERVICE (old) | U | 85  | 10  | 46  | 175 | 185 | 18  | 146 |     |         |
| PRESENT FOR BABY JESUS              | V | 8   | 163 | 123 | 53  | 77  |     |     |     |         |
| WORD OPPOSITE IN MEANING            | W | 131 | 58  | 158 | 17  | 125 | 111 | 176 |     |         |
| WANDERED ABOUT FOR PLEASURE         | X | 68  | 44  | 112 | 167 | 36  | 59  |     |     |         |
| TRANSLATE                           | Y | 171 | 54  | 121 | 13  | 99  | 104 | 45  | 153 | 25      |

The first solution column above gives the initial and surname of the author and the title of the work from which this extract was taken.

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| J66  | R67  | X68  |      | T69  | A70  | F71  | L72  | C73  | E74  | P75  |      | N76  | V77  | C78  | W         |
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## BRODIE BACK HOME

I've been away but now I'm back from my travels, did you miss me? It was obvious that something very strange was happening when I saw a big black case being brought down the stairs. Then very early one morning, it was "Brodie, in the car we are travelling a long way today. Whilst we are away you won't be allowed to sit on the sofa and there maybe other rules that have to be obeyed. And this is the important bit, you must be very good." But I always am I thought to myself.

I sat on the back seat in the car looking out of the window, not much to see in the dark, lots of flashing lights so I settled down for a sleep. When I woke up we had stopped for me to have a short walk, and attend to the call of nature. The cars were whizzing by, so fast it was quite terrifying. "OK Brodie, back in the car this lay-by is a bit dangerous. We'll find somewhere safer for you to have a run."

It was a long time later after a couple more stops we finally arrived at our destination. I was greeted by two very friendly dogs and we immediately became friends. On a long walk across the fields they showed me all their secret hiding places. This is more like it I thought to myself.

The next day we headed off to the beach, I sat in the back of a large truck with my two new friends. It was all quite strange but also very exciting. Clambering down across the cliffs, a bit wary of the cows grazing, we were soon at the beach, me chasing my ball, and my two pals crashing into the waves. By the time we got back to the truck I was quite worn out - this is the life I thought. Meal times followed the same routine as at home and I got to sleep on the bed as usual.

The next day we headed off to the moors where we could run for England and we did. On and on without stopping until I just collapsed in a heap, totally out of breath but not quite exhausted. After a few minutes lazing in the sunshine we were off again, chasing rabbits or anything else that moved.

At another beach we visited there were lots of people running in and out of the sea with great big boards which they stood on in the waves. It did look quite dangerous so I kept well out of the way.





Brodie cont.

It was a great holiday but after a while all I could think about was being at home in my own bed with my own box of toys, and a bit of peace and quiet.

So here we are back home again after another tedious journey which seemed to go on forever. All my toys are in the box just as I left them and I get to sit on the sofa whenever I like. There's nowhere quite like home,

Love Brodie.



We need **volunteers**  
at **Appledore!**

Caring Altogether on Romney Marsh are a local Charity who aim to reduce loneliness and isolation in older adults. CARM Meeting Points are your local place to drop in, have a cup of tea and a chat, meet people, make friends, enjoy games, speakers, and the occasional outing.

We are looking for more volunteers to help run the Meeting Point at Appledore Village Hall on **Tuesday mornings** twice a month\* **10am – 11.30am**. \*We hope to reopen weekly if enough volunteers can be found.



Do you like to listen, and talk? Do you make a good cup of tea?! Would you like to meet people and get involved? Can you spare a few hours twice a month to make a difference in your local community?



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## The Ramblers Walk - 18<sup>th</sup> November 2022

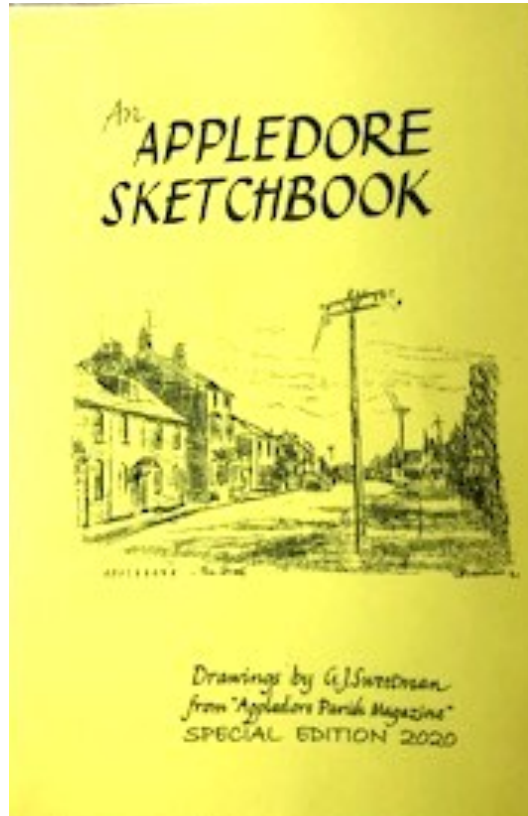
During the week leading up to the monthly ramble we had had at times torrential rain and many roads and fields were flooded. However, Friday of the walk dawned and it was a beautiful sunny day, absolutely perfect for a good walk. I arrived at the Recreation Ground and was so happy that this month our little band of walkers had grown to 6. Two of the group are members of 'Friends of Appledore Footpaths' and are committed to preserving and maintaining our footpaths, one even carried a chainsaw the whole way in case anything needed cutting down! We walked down through the village to the canal and then took the AT261 which follows the canal along to Rye. We walked along enjoying the views and lovely November weather which could not fail to lift anyone's spirits. We noticed many empty freshwater mussel shells on the canal bank that had probably been fished out and then enjoyed by herons and we also spotted two cormorants flying overhead. We walked for about 1 ½ miles before crossing a bridge and then walking back to Appledore on the opposite side, which although is not an official footpath is a very good path to walk along. We got back to the village and decided a drink was needed so then spent a very sociable hour in the Black Lion! Our December walk will take place on the 16<sup>th</sup> December and the January one will be on the 20<sup>th</sup> of that month - we hope to see you there!

### **NOVEMBER CQ11 - ANSWERS**

IT WAS A BEAUTIFUL MORNING AT THE END OF NOVEMBER  
DURING THE NIGHT IT HAD SNOWED BUT ONLY A LITTLE AND  
THE EARTH WAS COVERED WITH A COOL BLANKET NO MORE  
THAN THREE FINGERS HIGH

|                              |           |          |         |
|------------------------------|-----------|----------|---------|
| UNAFRAID                     | THROWN    | OBSTACLE | ROOFING |
| HIGHER                       | FATTENED  | OWLETS   |         |
| EVOLVED                      | ENTRANT   | STEWED   |         |
| CHIHUAHUA                    | TRINKET   | EIGHTHS  |         |
| OWNING                       | NIGHTMARE | HOBBIT   |         |
| ANNUALLY                     | EMBODIED  |          |         |
| MATTER                       | ETHANOL   |          |         |
| U.ECO - THE NAME OF THE ROSE |           |          |         |

# 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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