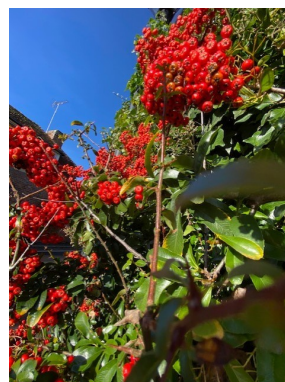
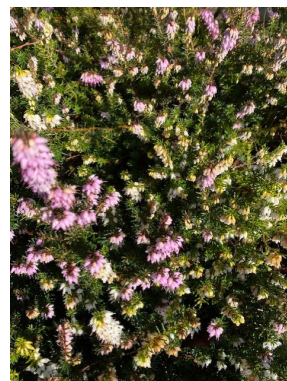


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VILLAGE DIARY
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At the time of writing we are still in the third lockdown so there is nothing in the diary at the moment. This may of course change in March.

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Thank you for all the kind donations towards our new printer even in such difficult times.

Dear Appledore,

Happy New Year to you all! Let's hope that 2021 is a better year for all of us. Although the statistics regarding Covid are alarming at the moment, there is hope on the horizon as I hear of more and more people from the village receiving their vaccinations. We will all be able to get together with our friends and loved ones again one day in the not-too-distant future.

Trying to stay positive can be difficult during lockdown and so I decided to make our cover page as colourful and cheery as possible. On a walk last week on a beautiful crisp day, I took the photographs in and around our lovely village. We are so lucky to live here.

Regrettably, a decision has also been made to publish the Parish Magazine only online during the current lockdown and with the new more contagious strain of Covid. I will publish a link to an online copy on the Appledore Community Facebook page and on the Appledore Parish Council website. There will be a few hard copy editions in the Church porch for those who do not have access to a computer. ***If you would like your own personal copy sent to your email, please contact Brian Knight (ThrKng@aol.com) or me (see email below) with your email address and we will send you one.*** On the plus side, we can add as much colour as we like, so send in photographs and drawings/ paintings with your articles.

We have decided not to publish any more personal opinions on the sale of the Council Field and the refurbishment of the village hall. We feel that enough opportunity has been given to all interested parties to comment personally. Throughout, the Parish Magazine has striven to remain impartial. Recently we have received pieces more in the domain of gossip rags, including *ad hominem* attacks. This cannot be tolerated.

The Parish Magazine is there to impart information to the Appledore Community. We do not want any more tit-for-tat, he said/she said responses. We will not accept pieces that might be considered offensive to anyone. This, of course, goes for articles on any subject.

In our current circumstances it is important to encourage positivity. We hope you will understand our reasons for taking this action.

In the meantime, stay safe and let's look forward to the Spring!

Maureen

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From the Vicarage

Wishing you all a Happy New Year.

I am sure that we are all glad to see the back of 2020 and, with the rolling out of the vaccine, hopefully looking forward to a better 2021.

The Parochial Church Councils of Stone and Appledore decided just before Christmas, in light of the number of cases of the virus locally, to suspend in-person services in church and to move our services online. We now have permission from the Bishop to continue online services up until Palm Sunday. Obviously, if things change and we are able to go back into church for services, we will look at doing so.

We realise that it is especially difficult for those who aren't able to access the internet and we do have a printed newsletter and service sheet that is sent out each week. If you don't receive this and would like to or would like the access code for the online services, please let me know.

Please also contact me if you need any help or someone to talk to.

In the meantime, please keep safe and well. God Bless. Tricia

Lord God, we entrust to you the families and communities affected by Coronavirus, wherever they may be.

We pray especially for health care workers, that you may guide and protect them.

We pray that your Spirit might inspire those continuing to research new medicines and treatments.

And in the midst of this, keep us strong in faith, hope and love. Grant us the courage and perseverance to be good neighbours.

May the words of your Son Jesus Christ in the Lord's Prayer

be our prayer as we entrust ourselves and all of us who are affected to your infinite power and love. Amen.

Online Zoom services for February

Sunday, 7th February, Morning Prayer

Sunday, 14th February, Holy Communion

Ash Wednesday, 17th February 7pm, Holy Communion (BCP)

Sunday, 21st February, Morning Prayer

Sunday, 28th February, Morning Prayer

For those without internet access

FREE phone lines for prayers and news from the Methodist Church

Listen to a **prayer**: 0808 281 2514

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

Dear Friends

Walking along the lanes close to my home this afternoon I suddenly became aware that mingled with the scent of wet, newly cut wood was another perfume. Until this moment I hadn't realised that the insignificant flower of the Winter Heliotrope has an aroma akin to vanilla. Growing mainly in waste places, unloved by gardeners because of its invasiveness, and easily over-looked, the plant is named for a character in Greek myth. The Nymph Clytie had a serious crush on Helios, god of the sun, gazing longingly up at him as he rode in his chariot from east to west across the sky each day. Needless to say, he cared not a fig for her - in fact he didn't even notice her presence! In time this daily devotion took its toll on poor Clytie and (quite apart from developing a stiff neck, one imagines) she eventually became rooted to the spot, just her head turning slowly as she continued to keep her face towards the sun. Winter Heliotrope echoes her behaviour through its brief wintry flowering period.

Gloomy February is a difficult month, especially when, for one reason or another, life is a struggle. We are feeling it especially in 2021. We need a glint of light in the darkness, something to cheer! The church's festival of Candlemas on 2nd February marks the end of the 40 days of Christmas. (Aha, if only we'd realised we could have kept the Christmas lights and decorations up!) Coming halfway between the Winter Solstice and the Spring Equinox it is a moment when one can start to look forward to lighter, longer days. Traditionally this was the day when the many candles needed to light the church during the coming year would be brought there for a blessing - the Candle-mass. One can imagine the church ablaze with light, casting a cheerful glow on faces exhausted by winter deprivations. In terms of the church's year Candlemas commemorates the day upon which Mary and Joseph took the baby, Jesus, for his first visit to the Jerusalem temple. He was recognised by Simeon and Anna, two aged and faithful dwellers there, as the Holy child whom God had promised would be Saviour of his people. He would be 'a light to lighten the Gentiles'. In church we often sing 'The Candle Song' at this time:

***Like a candle flame Flickering small in our darkness
Uncreated light Shines through infant eyes
God is with us, alleluia God is with us, alleluia
Come to save us, alleluia Come to save us. Alleluia!***

***Stars and angels sing Yet the earth sleeps in shadows
Can this tiny spark Set a world on fire?
Yet his light shall shine From our lives, Spirit blazing
As we touch the flame Of his holy fire***

By the end of February the flowers of the Winter Heliotrope will be gone, but there will be Spring flowers to replace it, providing us with a much-needed spark of hope and light. The natural world reflects the cycle of the faithfully turning year, reminding us that we can look forward with hope even in the most bitter of times.

May this be true for you, and may your gardens be filled with snowdrops, crocus and bright yellow daffodils to remind you! **Alison**

Find The Candle Song here: https://youtu.be/XmwdZyTGa_A

MISSING THE LIBRARY?

Try looking in the church porch where you will find a large selection of books available free of charge. Whilst rummaging there you may also decide to treat yourself to a jar of something desirable (chutney, jam, jelly, marmalade) or maybe even some of the other delights on offer. On the first and third Saturday of each month we now offer home bakes, sausage rolls, pastries, quiches etc. – some still hot from the oven! Everything for sale is donated and all proceeds go towards the upkeep of our church. J.C.

MISSING TABLECLOTH

A white tablecloth with embroidered flowers has disappeared from the church porch. If you are in possession of this item or know where it is, could you PLEASE PLEASE return it to the church asap and leave it on the table on the right just inside the door. This item has great sentimental value and cannot be replaced. It was given to me by a friend who is in palliative care. This was on the table where the cakes were laid out prior to the Christmas events.

I hope someone has the decency to return this item because of its personal value.

Eileen

CANCER RESEARCH UK

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 £45.38 – that's more than the last time I emptied the pot during a shorter period (6th September was £43.38) 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

TO KEEP APPLEDORE SAFE PLEASE KEEP YOUR DISTANCE IN THE VILLAGE STORES AND WEAR A MASK!

The above notice has been in the magazine for some months now but sadly many villagers have noticed that there are people going in without masks. This endangers the lives of other people, including Rajesh and Tasha, who work tirelessly for us all. Not all the burly men wearing hi viz jackets can have underlying health issues which prevent them from wearing a mask - and these are not the only ones.

The Editor has heard that several different people who have actually challenged those not wearing masks have suffered verbal abuse after doing so. This is just not right.

***WEAR YOUR MASK, KEEP YOUR DISTANCE,
RESPECT OTHERS AND KEEP THE APPLEDORE
COMMUNITY SAFE!***



Appledore Local History Society

‘MUSEUM-WORTHY’ WINDOW

Last year we were approached about a window that was discovered within the wall of 10 The Street when it was being renovated some years ago.

The window needed rehoming to a safe place, preferably where experts would be able to glean information about the window and perhaps even renovate it.



We are happy to say that we found such a home thanks to Leonie and Caroline who work at Canterbury Cathedral. The window has been given a home by Charles Brooking, an Architectural Historian. His collection is used as a learning resource, as well as being a National Collection of various building related artefacts representing past periods.

The window is Palladian in style and contains very thin glass that would have been locally mouth blown. The style includes sections that are raised, called rustication. Some of the glass is a beautiful red colour with a pattern painted on it. The window still has its hand-made nails in it, catches which indicate how it opened, and lead strips. Above the window is a carving which we are hoping might be better identified when experts have looked at it.

The window is thought to be from the middle 17th century, and it is only due to its careful storage since discovery that it is in a fairly good condition, which highlights the need for extreme care to be taken when any works are carried out on our older buildings here in Appledore, and especially the Listed buildings.

APPLEDORE HERITAGE COLLECTION



Work is continuing on the creation of our small museum in the Methodist Chapel. Once we were sure that we had a committed space for our collection to be displayed, we applied for £300 under the Kent County Council Combined Member Grant Scheme 2020/2021 and, thanks to Cllr Michael Hill's recommendation, our application was successful.

These much-needed funds will be used to obtain items to help us create a good display of our collection. Such items are an A Board for publicity, a laminator, a guillotine, steps, photo albums and various materials to enhance displays in cabinets and on the walls.

We would also like to extend our thanks to Paddy Moseley for her kind donation of three large display cases which were moved to the museum in January.



GRAPEVINE

February 2021

We find ourselves once again in lockdown and, with little happening within the community, there is not much to report. It is hard to remain positive, and regrettably we have yet another sad notification:

We are sorry to announce that Dennis Ovenden recently passed away. He had been unwell for some time and, of late, had been moved to a nearby Home. Dennis will be remembered for his, and his wife Pat's, work and dedication carried out in the day-to-day running of the Village Hall. Dennis took his 'caretaker' role very seriously and, on occasion, would advise you if you stepped out of line in the maintenance and hiring terms!!

Both Dennis and Pat were also a key part of the Short Mat Indoor Bowls Club, which then grew and encompassed surrounding villages and led to many competitive cup-winning events. In its day this weekly sport was greatly enjoyed by many residents.

Dennis and Pat moved to Hamstreet in their retirement where they enjoyed life until Pat sadly died a few years ago.

We send our sincere condolences to the family.

Jeanne Condon is home again, having been in hospital over Christmas, and we send our best wishes to both Jeanne and George.

Recently there have been two new house moves. Mr & Mrs Every-Brown from the Deeze, and Julia and Ian Bampton from Walnut Tree Court. We welcome the new occupants of these dwellings, and hope that it will not be long before we can begin to circulate and meet up with friends both old and new.

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

DOGGIES 'DO' - BUT SOME OWNERS APPARENTLY DON'T

There are at least four bins in the village suitable for dog waste but, recently, it would seem that a number of dog owners aren't inclined to use them. On a recent walk with my own dog along The Street, I came across seven canine 'landmines' between just the Shop and the Recreation Ground. None of us would want to have to clean our own shoes of our own dog's waste - so why would we leave it behind for some unsuspecting child to walk in or a neighbour to have to clean up from the wheels of their mobility scooter? According to The Dogs' Trust, there are 81,000 complaints to local authorities about anti-social dog waste *every year*. Dog owners of Appledore: let's not make our village a place where people have something to complain about. Bag it and bin it for everyone's benefit.

Thank you,

Kay Nine



APPLEDORE VILLAGE SHOW 2021

When we cancelled the show last year, I never imagined we would still be in lockdown in 2021. There is now light at the end of the tunnel, but what will we come out of lockdown into - a world impoverished financially, but hopefully richer in caring for others?

The Show Committee have considered the 2021 show and have sadly decided to cancel it. Our committee is now depleted to two, Jean and me. As many of you know, I broke my arm just before Christmas. I hope to be fully recovered by September, but I don't have a good record for uneventful, uncomplicated recoveries. We all know that the Village Hall is soon going to be renovated and, of course, a show would be impossible without the Hall.

So we have decided that there will be no physical show this year. Last year, we had the mini virtual show, which many people enjoyed, and next month we hope to suggest some challenges for this September.

Does anyone want to join us on the Committee? There is a small amount of work leading up to the Show, then a very hectic few days around the Show date. The Show date is usually the second Saturday in September.

Finally, enjoy the arrival of spring in your gardens and keep going for the job! Can't wait for mine. I'm just not old enough!

Ruth Smith

Ashford Citizens Advice Bureau

Whenever you need advice, we're here

Ashford Advice will continue to remain **open during lockdown and will continue to do so if it is extended.**

People come to us with all sorts of issues. Ashford Advice will always give you free, confidential and impartial advice. We have specialist advisers in Housing, Debt, Employment and Welfare Benefits, plus many other subject areas, who can assist with tribunal and court cases.

We have access to pro-bono solicitors for family and immigration matters.

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Christmas Lunch 2020



A very big Thank You to our three main and loyal supporters who donate so generously every year. Thank you also, this year, to Jempson of Peasmarsch who donated the delicious Christmas puddings.

Thank you to those who made a donation and for the excellent feedback we have received.

Thank you to all the spud bashers, sprout/carrot and parsnip trimmers, the shoppers, the chefs and the volunteers who delivered the “goody bags” to you.

We wish you a Happy, Healthy and Safe New Year.

Jenny and Linda

There are many grateful over 60s wanting to express their thanks to Jenny, Linda and the Team (including those who did the delivery). It was absolutely nothing short of a delicious three course Christmas meal with extras. Hard work for the many involved but much appreciated in such strange times.

Well done everyone.

BRODIE JANUARY 2021

Well hello again, it's me Brodie and I've been having a lot of fun. I hope you've all had a nice time too.

A few weeks ago we had a visitor to the house late one night. I was sleeping with one eye open and keeping alert when I heard this crashing about in the garden. Then to my surprise this big fat chap dressed all in red appeared at the door with a huge sack. Well, as soon as I'd had a good sniff of the parcels I just knew there was something there for me. "Brodie, back to your bed at once." Oops. The next morning I woke up to find a tree indoors, what on earth is going on? Surely, trees belong in the garden. I had a good sniff round but nothing of interest. But breakfast time was altogether different, lots of treats, chews, and biscuits. Then I got to ripping up lots of paper to discover some new toys. This is the life, I thought to myself.

On a visit to our family I discovered that my dear friend Ruby the dalmatian was no longer there to play with. It was sad as I missed not having someone to chase the ball with in her garden. We used to have such fun but they all made a big fuss of me and I got a new toy. We've been having some wonderful walks with my two best friends, Bonnie and Claude. I've been wearing a new coat, actually it's red, very smart and warm. But I don't look anything like that big fat man! I'm running faster than ever in spite of all the mud. Me and my two pals we chase each other, racing round in circles having the time of our lives. The only downside of that is, when we get back home, I have to be washed down to get rid of all the mud and you know how much I dislike that.

These last few days it has been very cold and in the mornings everywhere outdoors was frosty. The fairies must have been busy all night with their paintbrushes painting the countryside white. But today we headed off for a walk with our friends and it's raining - cats and dogs - weird but that's what I heard her say! And it just got worse with more and more rain, until even I was fed up with it and just wanted to go home and sprawl in front of the fire.

No more news for now, by next month the weather might be better with a little bit of Spring sunshine. Lots of love till then, Brodie x





Parish Council Update January 2021

Parish Council Zoom Meetings

As per the guidelines, the council will continue to hold online meetings through zoom for the moment. The council meetings can be joined through the website from the home page. The website address is <https://www.appledore.kent.org>.

Court Lodge Residential-Enabling Car Park

Although the archaeological works are nearing the end, they might not have been completed by this month. A few artefacts have been found and will be sent away for cleaning and documenting. In the meantime, work has started on making a footpath from the car park to the exit by the telephone exchange near the canal and the parking and delivery area for the site is being created. Discussions between Court Lodge Developments and Planning Officers on drainage for the site and car park are underway. Court Lodge Road frontage has been cleared and a new fence and hedge erected matching those of the adjoining property. Some residents can remember that this is how the garden looked when they were young. The application for 5 dwellings (an increase of one home on the original plan) was approved in December.

Appledore Parish Council Precept

The council set its share of your council tax at the January meeting. This is known as the precept. The precept remains unchanged at £26,000 for the coming financial year. The average household (band D) will pay around £77 which is just less than £1.50 a week.

Public Toilets Refurbishment

The public toilet refurbishment is almost complete and these should be open by the middle of February latest. Please note that the harris fencing has been removed and so the toilets look open but that may not be the case.

Remember – Hands - Face - Space

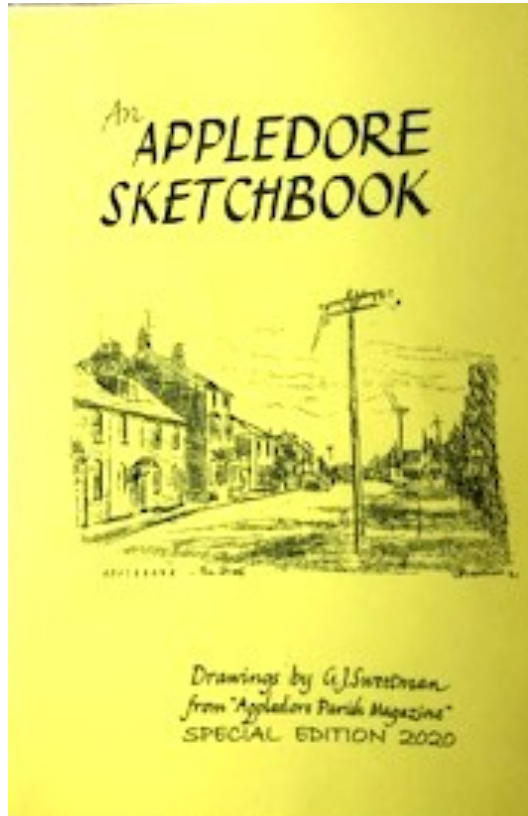
Wash your Hands, Cover your Face and Make Space

Appledore Parish Councillors' Contact Details

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

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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.

If you would like to purchase a copy - the cost is £5 - please contact either the Editor on 01233 758249 or Brian Knight on 01233 758319.

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John Harris

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Postscript: Will always love the walk up to Mill Hill and down by Gusbourne to Horne's Place - never get tired of it! Editor

Census March 2021

(will provide a snapshot of modern society)

Households across Ashford Borough Council will soon be asked to take part in Census 2021.

The census is a once-in-a-decade survey that gives us the most accurate estimate of all the people and households in England and Wales. It has been carried out every decade since 1801, with the exception of 1941.

It will be the first run predominantly online, with households receiving a letter with a unique access code, allowing them to complete the questionnaire on their computers, phones or tablets.

“A successful census will ensure everyone from local government to charities can put services and funding in the places where they are most needed,” Iain Bell, deputy national statistician at the Office for National Statistics, said.

“This could mean things like doctors’ surgeries, schools and new transport routes. That’s why it is so important everyone takes part and we have made it easier for people to do so online on any device, with help and paper questionnaires for those that need them.”

Census day will be on March 21, but households across the country will receive letters with online codes allowing them to take part from early March.

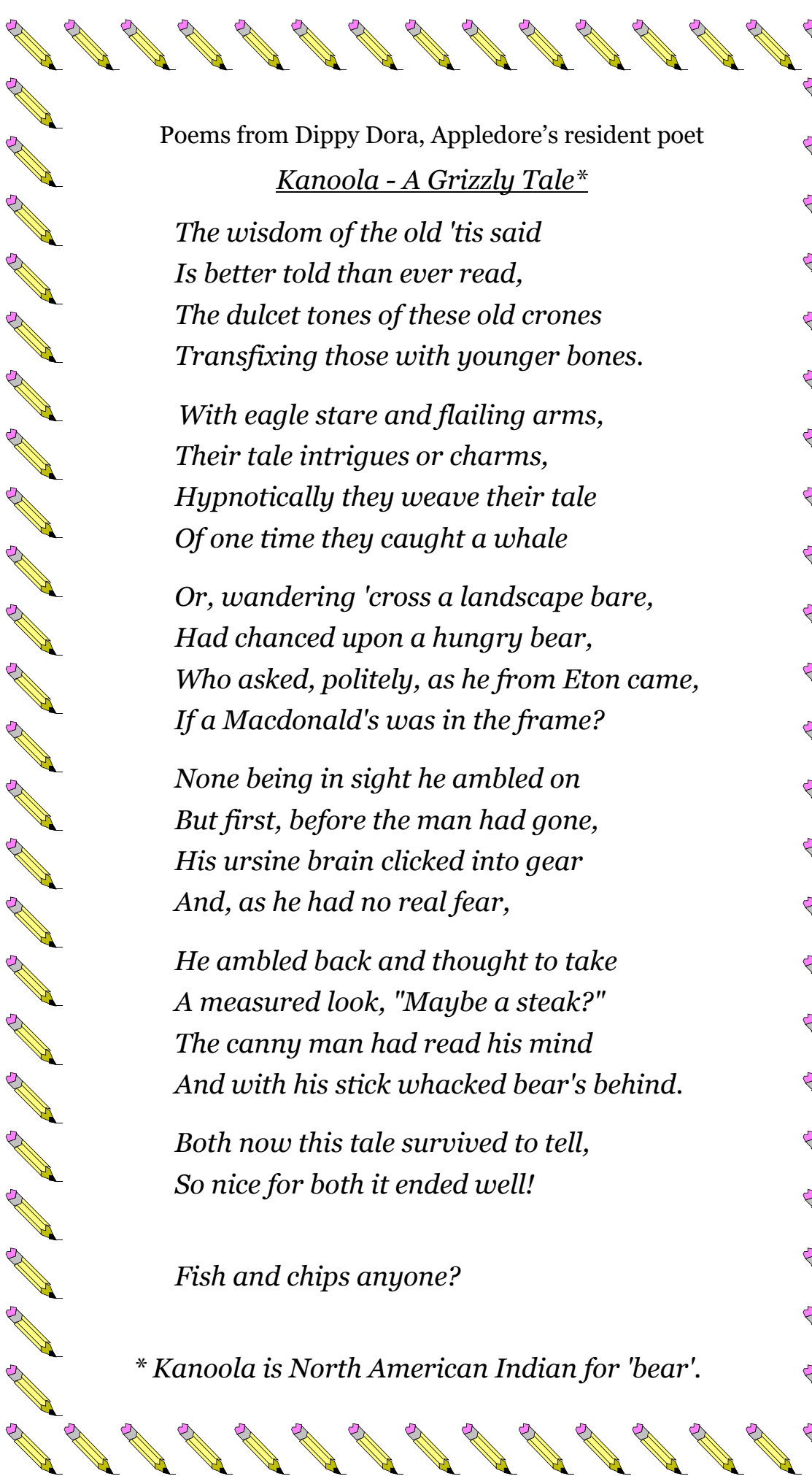
The census will include questions about your sex, age, work, health, education, household size and ethnicity. And, for the first time, there will be a question asking people whether they have served in the armed forces, as well as voluntary questions for those aged 16 and over on sexual orientation and gender identity.

Results will be available within 12 months, although personal records will be locked away for 100 years, kept safe for future generations.

For more information, visit [census.gov.uk](https://www.census.gov.uk).

Leigh Poppy - Census Engagement Manager for South East Kent

Residents that need help to complete the online survey will be able to seek assistance at community facilities such as libraries and over the phone.



Poems from Dippy Dora, Appledore's resident poet

*Kanoola - A Grizzly Tale**

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Of one time they caught a whale*

*Or, wandering 'cross a landscape bare,
Had chanced upon a hungry bear,
Who asked, politely, as he from Eton came,
If a Macdonald's was in the frame?*

*None being in sight he ambled on
But first, before the man had gone,
His ursine brain clicked into gear
And, as he had no real fear,*

*He ambled back and thought to take
A measured look, "Maybe a steak?"
The canny man had read his mind
And with his stick whacked bear's behind.*

*Both now this tale survived to tell,
So nice for both it ended well!*

Fish and chips anyone?

** Kanoola is North American Indian for 'bear'.*

SPRING

Spring is now at last in sight,
The bulbs are pointing to the light
And now we hope with all our might
That Covid will soon have taken flight.

The sun at last is brighter, too,
The sky is now a lovely blue,
But Mother Nature does not hurry
And, despite all things, we must not worry.

The snowdrops now are glistening white,
The aconites are golden bright,
But stay within your cosy home
So Covid can no longer roam,
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