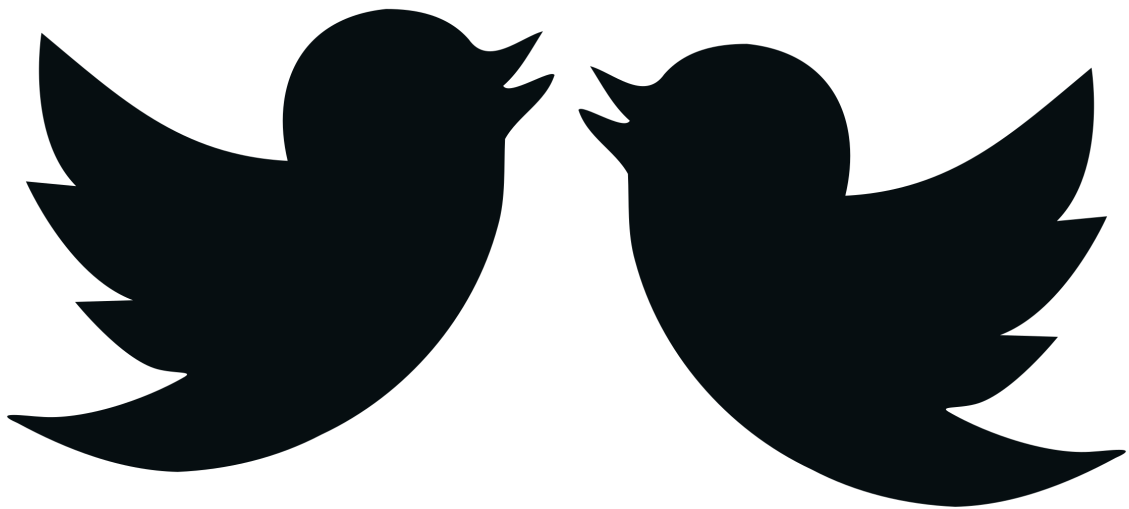


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Dear Appledore,

This month's magazine is much shorter than the bumper December- January edition with some of our regular contributors not sending articles this month. We do have a new regular contributor who writes about memories of the village 50 years ago. This month we have "The Big Freeze" and in months to come we will learn more about Farming, Policing in Appledore, The Church and the Village School. I look forward to them very much.

I really enjoyed the Cross Quote in last month's magazine and answers can be found on page 12. There is a new Cross Quote from Roger Parrott on page 19. Good luck!

A warm welcome is extended to our new Team Vicar, Jeanette Kennett, her husband Jeremy, and their children. More details can be found throughout the magazine.

A shorter magazine gives me the opportunity to write about editing our magazine. Please read this (on page 12) if you are interested in having something included in the future.

Here's to a healthy and romantic month. Happy Valentine's Day!

Maureen

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St Peter and St Paul, Appledore

February Services 2022

Sunday 6th February

10.30am - Joint Anglican and Methodist All-Age Worship

Sunday 13th February

10.30am - Holy Communion

Sunday 20th February

10.30am - Joint All Age Worship

With the congregation from Stone

Sunday 27th February

10.30am - Holy Communion

'Beginning the Day with God' and Ending the Day with God', our daily online only services for the Tenterden Benefice, can be accessed through the daily bulletin: 'Connect Up'. You can subscribe (free) to 'Connect Up' at tenterdencofe.co.uk; click on 'worship, events and daily bulletin', then scroll down to the big box saying 'Connect up!' Alternatively email Lindsay, who will make sure you are joined up!

For further details and for Baptisms, Weddings and Banns or for any pastoral concerns which you would like to discuss,

please contact The Rev'd Canon Lindsay Hammond

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

Dear Friends,

Since Patricia Fogden's retirement was announced there has been much speculation as to what will happen to the Church and the vicarage in Appledore. Appledore Parish is part of the Tenterden Benefice which comprises nine parishes and was formed in 2016. The Benefice led by Team Rector, Lindsay Hammond together with the newly appointed Team Vicar, Jeanette Kennett, will lead the ministry in all nine parishes. As you know Lindsay Hammond lives in Tenterden and we are pleased that Jeanette and her family have chosen the Appledore vicarage for their home.

About this Benefice

The Tenterden, Rother and Oxney Benefice was formed in 2016, bringing together the three parishes of the Tenterden Benefice (Tenterden, St Michael's and Smallhythe) and the six parishes of the Rother and Oxney Benefice (Appledore, Stone, Wittersham, Ebony, Rolvenden and Newenden). Jeanette, as Team Vicar, and Lindsay, as Team Rector, will both exercise a ministry of oversight across the whole benefice, supporting and enabling the individual churches, and ministry teams, and provide missional accompaniment for accountability and support. This model of ministry will demonstrate a benefice unity and underline the importance of pulling together and working together, whilst maintaining individual identities.

Message from the New Team Vicar

"Born and raised on the Isle of Wight, I am the oldest of four children. I moved to Kent in the 1990's to attend university and train as a primary school teacher. I ended up staying in Kent after I met my future husband, Jeremy, when we sung in the same church choir in Canterbury. We married in 1995 and had our 3 children – Oliver, in 1998, Rebekah in 1999 and Molly in 2002. Currently all three are at university – Ollie is in Exeter studying medicine, Bekkie is reading Music in Chichester and Molly has just started a Musical Theatre degree in Portsmouth. Jeremy works for KCC Trading Standards – something he has done since 1990.

I first felt a call to ministry as a teenager and at various times considered pursuing it...but a few years ago, the call was so strong it had to be properly followed up...and here I am. Discernment, selection and training have been a big part of the last seven years and despite 24 years in teaching, it felt right to move on. At least this role does enable me to continue to work with some fantastic local schools!

It has been a wonderful gift to me to have spent my years as an Assistant Curate in Tenterden, St. Michael's and Smallhythe. The friendly people, the sense of community and the challenges of the pandemic have enabled me to feel embedded in this place and fulfilled in my vocation. I have learned so much – from Lindsay, from the congregations and the communities.

And so to this new adventure! Team Vicar in the Tenterden, Rother and Oxney Benefice is an exciting challenge, and it has been a pleasure to begin to get to know the new parishes and people. Appledore, Ebony, Newenden, Rolvenden, Stone and Wittersham complete this 'family' and I have to say have given a warm and loving welcome. As a family and with Ruby, our dog, we are looking forward to the move to Appledore Vicarage in the spring and living as a part of this community.

I cannot express fully my delight that the Tenterden, Rother and Oxney Benefice of churches is where I am to continue my ministry - and I am looking forward to what the next few years will hold."

We are so pleased to welcome Jeanette and her family to our village and hope that her new role as Team Vicar will be challenging, rewarding and the next step in her spiritual journey.

Chris Self

Church Warden, St Peter and St Paul Appledore

Lent and Holy Week 2022

Lent and Holy Week are an opportunity for us all to take a look at ourselves, our faith and our lives. This year, we will be marking the season with a range of worship and reflective opportunities which will hopefully provide something for everyone.

If you have never had the opportunity to keep Lent in this way or have been a little unsure if it is something you want to commit to, take a look at what is going on in the benefice and see if there is something for you. If you have any further questions then please speak to Lindsay or Jeanette.

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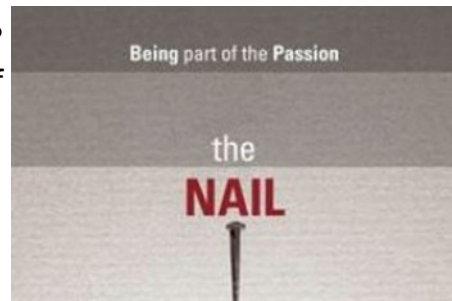
Saturday morning reflective services: 'The Nail – Being Part of the Passion'

These services will take place at 9am each week and will be followed by breakfast.

Holding in our hands a nail, we hear key witnesses describing Christ's crucifixion from their points of view. Each witness considers the part he or she played in hammering the nails into Jesus. Every reflective service consists of a Bible reading, a narrative from the perspective of the character and a short prayer.

Will you accept the nail that crucified Christ?
Will you recognise your role in the drama of the cross?

5 th March:	Newenden Church
12 th March:	St. Michael's Church
19 th March:	Appledore Church
26 th March:	Stone-in-Oxney Church
2 nd April:	Ebony Church
9 th April:	Wittersham Church
16 th April:	Tenterden Church



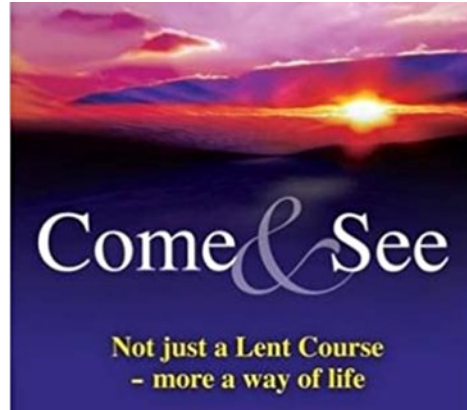
Lent Course: 'Come and See'

Wednesday afternoons 'face to face' St. Mildred's Church, Tenterden, 2- 4pm.

Wednesday evenings by Zoom 7-9pm.

This year we are offering the chance to come to a Lent discussion group in person on Wednesday afternoons or to attend by Zoom on Wednesday evenings. (Times and locations above). These sessions will begin from Wednesday 9th March.

Lent is a time to extend our lives and our awareness. *Come & See* is a Lent course that seeks to help us improve our vision, the way we look at the world, each other and our God. *Come & See* is an invitation to come to and abide with the living Lord, to spend time in his presence and love: an invitation to see with the 'eyes of our heart'. We are invited to let Jesus touch us and open our eyes, rather than let him pass by.



Holy Week Online Worship

Walking the Way of the Cross

Join us for our online worship in Holy Week as we walk the road to Calvary with Christ.

Our Beginning and Ending the Day with God services will allow us to encounter Christ on his journey to the cross. Taking a range of different perspectives – from unbelievers to robbers, friends to enemies we see how lives were transformed by what they saw.

Will you encounter him too...and be changed for ever?

'Beginning the day with God' is available through a link in the daily Connect Up! or from the St. Mildred's You Tube channel from 6am Monday – Saturday.

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WALKING THE WAY
OF THE CROSS!
 PRAYERS AND REFLECTIONS ON THE
 BIBLICAL STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Archbishop of Canterbury's Lent Book 2022

Embracing Justice – Isabelle Hamley

What is justice? It's a question we encounter everywhere in life and that over the last years has increasingly demanded an answer.

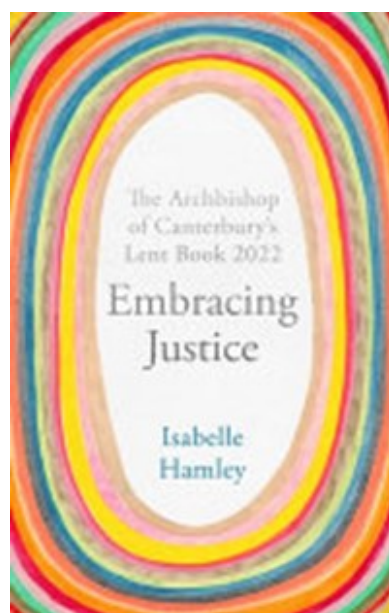
In the Archbishop of Canterbury's Lent Book for 2022, Isabelle Hamley invites us on an exhilarating journey through Scripture to discover how we, as churches, communities and individual Christians, can seek and practice justice even when enmeshed in such a fractured world.

Full of practical encouragement, *Embracing Justice* brilliantly weaves together biblical texts, diverse voices, contemporary stories, and personal and group meditations to reveal liberating and imaginative ways in which we may grow in discipleship - and more fully reflect the justice, mercy and compassion of Christ in our lives.

With six chapters to take you from Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday, this Lent devotional for 2022 is essential reading for anyone interested in the issues of justice - from climate and economic justice to gender and racial equality - that are increasingly at the forefront of global consciousness, and the role that Christians and the Church must play in them.

Embracing Justice will encourage, inform and motivate anyone looking for Christian books about justice. It will help you understand justice from a biblical perspective, and inspire you to seek it in every aspect of your life.

Although the world is broken, unequal and violent, the call to reflect God's own justice and mercy continues to sound like a steady drumbeat, impossible to ignore. Keep company with Isabelle Hamley this Lent, and discover that we can all join God's mission of transformation and embrace his justice.



February Church Rota 2022

	<u>Service</u>	<u>Sides person</u>	<u>Reader/ prayers</u>	<u>Refreshments</u>
6 th February	Family Service	Donna	Frances/ Brenda	Donna/ Brenda
13 th February	Holy Communion	Philippa	Michael/ Chris	Fay
20 th February	All-Age Worship Appledore	Tom	Jane/ Frances	Jane/ Tom
27 th February	Holy Communion	Judith	Tony/ Donna	Philippa
6 th March	Family Service	Clive	Frances/ Brenda	Donna/ Tom

CHURCH FLOWER ROTA

ALTAR

WEST END

Feb. 6th / 13th Wendy Selmes

Julie Wooding

Feb. 20th / 27th Fay Steed

Frances Smith

April 17th (Easter) Paddy Moseley

Wendy Thomas

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

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.

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 in this way. Our well established cake-bake days will continue on alternative Saturdays, the next ones being on 5th February, 19th February and 5th March. As always every item (and ingredient) for sale is donated and all proceeds go directly towards the upkeep of our beautiful church. The porch is open every day from 9.00 am until dusk AND you will find our usual range of preserves there. Thank you for your support.

J.C.

Answers to December Cross Quote:

A	DIZZINESS	M	INFECTS	
B	IMAM	N	SKINFLINT	
C	COUGH	O	THAWS	
D	KABOODLE	P	MAUDIT	
E	ESTIMATE	Q	ATTEND	
F	NOMAD	R	SUBSTANCE	<u>FIRST LETTERS:</u>
G	SEEMED	S	CHINAR	DICKENS
H	AWAITED	T	AMPS	A CHRISTMAS CAROL
J	CUFFED	U	RATION	
K	HAWTHORN	V	OFFAL	
L	RICKETY	W	LOVELY	

IN CAME A FIDDLER WITH A MUSIC BOOK AND WENT UP TO THE LOFTY DESK AND
MADE AN ORCHESTRA OF IT AND TUNED LIKE FIFTY STOMACH ACHES IN CAME MRS
FEZZIWIG ONE VAST SUBSTANTIAL SMILE

OAP Christmas Lunch

First of all we'd like to wish you all a belated "Happy New Year" and a wish for a better outlook for 2022 from the Village Hall Entertainments Committee.

Secondly, we'd like to send our thanks and gratitude to our very generous sponsors. Bill & Cory for the turkeys, Sandra & Ray for the wine and Jempsons for the Christmas puddings. We are truly indebted to them and their support. Thank you to all the delivery team volunteers who did such an excellent job in getting the food out in good order. We truly appreciate each and every one of you.

As it has been impossible for us to hold events to fund raise during the past couple of years we are very thankful to the people that donated and took the time to post on Facebook and send us letters and cards of thanks for the lunch. Your responses make it all worthwhile.

With fingers crossed and bated breath let's hope that COVID and the rules and regulations will allow us to be in the hall for this year's lunch.

We are at present putting together a programme of entertainment and events for 2022 which will be held in the newly refurbished village hall and would welcome any suggestions you may have.

Look forward to seeing you all throughout the coming year.

The Village Hall Entertainments Committee
Linda/Jenny/Marilyn

Your Parish Magazine

As Editor of the Appledore Parish Magazine, I try to produce a consistent, clear, and engaging publication. I believe the magazine should play a vital role in getting information out to the Parish and also encourage everyone to get involved in the life of the village – from the very young to those more advanced in age! The magazine goes out for free to over 400 homes in Appledore and its surrounding area.

At the start of a new year, a time for reflection on the events of the previous twelve months and hopes for the year ahead, I'd like to remind our readers that a village magazine is a labour of love. All the work that goes into producing these pages (and it is, indeed, work) is done voluntarily, with thoughtfulness, and always with the good of the community in mind. So, when we receive unkindness, rude emails or phone calls, unnecessarily negative comments...it stings all the more.

With the above in mind, there are certain guidelines necessary for the process to run smoothly and I have outlined the most important considerations below for submitting an article for publication. Remember, the whole team who produce, print and distribute the Appledore Parish Magazine are volunteers who give up their time freely. We are not professional publishers.

RULES FOR SUBMISSION OF ARTICLES FOR CONSIDERATION IN OUR PARISH MAGAZINE:

- 1) Deadline is 20th of every month at midnight.
- 2) Please send email submissions IN WORD FORMAT.
- 3) The Editor will always acknowledge receipt of submission – if you don't receive an acknowledgement, please contact me again.
- 4) The Editor reserves the right to refuse submissions which are considered offensive, rude or not in keeping with the ethos of a Parish magazine.
- 5) The Editor maintains the right to edit text when space is of a premium (we do not put a word limit on articles).
- 6) The Editor will correct spelling, grammar etc, where appropriate, in order to ensure clear communication.
- 7) The font we use is Arial – when I was an English teacher this was considered to be the easiest font type to read. Size 12 or above if possible – again for ease of reading. In posters other fonts can be used if appropriate.
- 8) The Editor will make every effort to reproduce articles as submitted, but retains the right to adapt, especially where required by the constraints of space or of the software used, and the time available. In such circumstances the Editor will not enter into email communication with individuals about changes made to their submissions.
- 9) Photographs and other coloured illustrations are welcomed but may not be included because of the extra costs involved when printing in colour. We will make every effort to include them!

Here's to a great year!

Maureen



GRAPEVINE : FEBRUARY 2022

Items for insertion should be sent by the 17th of each month to: applegrapevine@aol.com

With the first edition of the New Year and with Spring just around the corner, we wish everyone happiness and good health throughout the coming months, but before we leave the festive season we reflect on Boris's promise that Christmas 2021 would be a lot different from the previous Covid year. Unfortunately one resident took this statement one step too far !! Poor Viv Beale tripped and fell badly on a planned visit to Winchester Christmas Market. In true British spirit, and not to let anyone down, she carried on for the day. The next morning a visit to hospital diagnosed broken bones and dislocated shoulder. In pain, and the arm in a sling, Christmas for their household was indeed quite different! We send Viv the very best of wishes for what we understand will be quite a lengthy recovery.

Once again we are aware of changes with friends moving away, and newly established residents who we welcome, and look forward to meeting around the village.

Within these moves we have seen the retirement of our Vicar, The Reverend Tricia Fogden, and whilst sending our best wishes to Tricia as she settles into her new life, we have the opportunity of welcoming The Reverend Jeanette Kennett. Jeanette and her husband Jeremy will be residing in the Appledore Vicarage from mid-April. They have three children, Ollie, Bekkie and Molly, all of whom are currently at University. More details of Jeanette's role as Team Vicar can be found in this edition of the Parish Magazine.

It is sad to record that 'Queenie' Symes passed away at the end of last year. A lovely lady who, for many years lived at 1a Court Lodge Road until it became necessary for her to go into a Home. We send belated condolences to Queenie's family.

We can now confirm that after a difficult transition time, Colin Jackman has been placed into a Home in Littlestone. Many of you will be aware that Colin was the Village policeman for many years. He and Rosemary moved into the Police house in 1976 and he soon became a much loved character. Together they readily took part in many fund raising events to the good of the various activities of the Village. This included the Silver Jubilee event, Fetes, and the Dances (which could get a little loud with the live Bands), and if Colin was on duty he would pop his head into the kitchen in the late evening and stop for a chat, and a suggestion that the noise level be lowered following a complaint from the then nearby resident. This approach was respected and (sometimes) adhered to !!

GRapeVINE : FEBRUARY 2022 Cont:

Colin and Rosemary were also two of the main instigators of the well-attended weekly Bingo nights where Colin would be the Caller, and Rosemary would welcome the players and be at the front desk selling the play cards, and the raffle tickets.

This was a great success, and became quite 'professional' with the generous donation from Colin's mother, of a conventional, large, electronic Bingo machine with the balls behaving in a manner not unlike the subsequent Lottery machine !! This was initially held as one of the many means of raising funds in the early 70's for the refurbishment of the Village Hall, and became so popular that even though profits were low, there was a reluctance to close it down.

It has not been an easy time for Colin or Rosemary, but she takes a little comfort now knowing that Colin is in a safe and caring environment, and we send our love and best wishes to them both.

The deliverers, month after month, through all weathers, pop the Parish Magazine through your letterboxes for which we are all very grateful. One of these has been Celia (Burgess) from Heathside. Celia has carried out this task for many years but has now decided to take a well-earned rest and we wish her well. We are delighted to welcome Leslie (Pocket Cottage) on board who has so kindly offered to take on this round.

Childhood Memories of A Life in Appledore

When we were youngsters, at this time of year, thick snow and frozen rivers were very common.

We were lucky in the Village to have two hills located in fields ideal for tobogganing, both called Mill Hill, with the one at Court Lodge Road easier to access.

One winter the snow was so deep that a toboggan run was created. Snow banks were built up at the sides and a tunnel made through a snowdrift.

It was not unusual for the Canal to freeze over, and village residents would take bread down to the Canal to feed the numerous swans that would be there. If it was safe to do so, people would break large holes in the ice for the benefit of the swans.

One year it was so cold that the Canal was frozen over for several days and local lads played football on it (not to be recommended).

A safer place for skating (skates not required, just shoes or boots that would slide on the ice) was what is now known as Fleetland Farm. The field behind the electrical switching station at the end of Court Lodge Road would regularly flood to a depth of about one foot (30cm) so when frozen, if the ice broke, you didn't fall into deep water.



Memories of Village life half a century ago.....

in The Big Freeze

Sixty years ago this winter, the village, like the whole country, was gripped in The Big Freeze. Snow froze where it fell on Boxing Day. It still froze at New Year. It still froze on Valentine's Day, it froze all through February and well into March. The temperature never rose *above* freezing. The first I knew of it was being woken by a loud "Thump!" Ray Moseley, our blacksmith, had driven into a snowdrift outside our house.

Six feet high drifts, solid as concrete, ran along the side of the barely-cleared Tenterden road. Schools didn't shut at the first snowflake in those days. I told my children to remember that they were now walking to school *on top of* the hedges that ran alongside the road. All the children had great fun. Mill Hill and the slope in Court Lodge Road rang to excited shouts as sledges, tin trays - anything that would skid - whizzed down. There was a long slide across the school playground. (Elf'n'Safety would ban that today.)

Root vegetables were locked in the frozen ground. Sprouts were painfully prised off their stalks with frozen fingers. Many goods were unobtainable due to delivery problems. You had to wrap up like an Eskimo to peg out some washing. Sheep gathered in expectant groups, waiting for the feed the farmer couldn't really afford to give them. Nature suffered terribly. We all did. Central heating was not the norm.

The canal froze over. Tentative testing proved the ice was thick enough to skate on and people did. My husband and children would go across in the mornings, kettles of hot water in hand, to release the poor swans' feet which had frozen into the ice overnight. They marvelled at beetles, caught like flies in amber in the icy ditch.

My husband had bought me 2 pairs of thick woollen stockings for Christmas. GREEN woollen stockings. (We hadn't got into tights, then.) On opening them, I didn't know whether to laugh or cry. However, now I was wearing both pairs at once! I had also claimed his old-fashioned police cape, (withdrawn uniform). It was wonderful, like wearing a Mongolian yurt. And so we coped. We shared. We cared for the weak. We invoked the Blitz Spirit. I will leave you with a mental picture of a flapping, black creature with green legs, of unknown species, going about its business through the endlessly frozen days.

S.B.P.



We can't live in the past, but we can certainly learn from it!

There is a period in History referred to as 'The Dark Ages'. The literal definition of which is 'the period of years where there is a lack of records for what actually happened'.

With technology advances as relates to the recording of information, photographs etc. we could be entering another period of 'Dark Ages', as individuals tend to create and retain their own records, on smart phones, iPads, laptops and in many cases, they are stored in the cloud. However, these records are not always shared with friends and family and remain unretrievable from the ether, as the creators eventually expire.

Our Local History Society are desperately keen not to allow this to happen to Appledore, which is why we work towards creating an extensive database that can be accessed and shared by our local community, to ensure there is a record of the passage of time and of how our village was established and the way it has developed through the ages.

It is quite incredible how a review of the historic records demonstrates that families who lived in Appledore in the 13th and 14th centuries, when it was a thriving community of residents and local businesses, have no descendants still in residence. In many cases, apart from the names of those buried in the village graveyards, there is sadly little record of who they were and how they lived and worked.

We cannot recover all lost information, but we can prevent a continuance of such loss by recording it on Community Chest, the ALHS database.

ALHS receive numerous domestic and overseas enquiries for information on families and friends who at some time had a connection with Appledore. We are often able to assist and as our database grows, we will be in a position to expand our abilities.

If you have information, records, photographs, items that you would like to have digitised for your own purposes we can assist you in achieving this. We can also, with your approval, store such information within Community Chest and share it as appropriate.

Let's prevent the Dark Ages from returning to Appledore!



Appledore Curate becomes the world's most notorious conman

Trebitsch Lincoln was already a convicted thief when he had a chance encounter with the Archbishop of Canterbury. The Archbishop appointed him curate of Appledore.

Lincoln was later to become Liberal MP for Darlington and Press Director for the Nazi Party in Germany. He was a German spy, a British spy, an American spy, a double-agent, a Romanian oil baron, a million pound swindler, and the Abbot of a Buddhist Monastery in China, where he pronounced himself Dalai Lama.

Trebitsch Lincoln was born Ignacz Timotheus Trebitsch, in 1879, and he came from a small town in Hungary. He was an Orthodox Jew, which proved to be no barrier to becoming a Church of England curate, and a Nazi.

As a young man, Lincoln made a living by writing travel articles that were entirely fabricated. To supplement his income, he stole gold watches from friends and acquaintances. With the Hungarian police on his trail, he fled to London, and with a new name and religion, he began his ecclesiastical career. He was entered into a seminary in Germany, but found the devotional life too tough. Trying his luck in Canada, he became the head of an Anglican Mission, diverting most of its funds to supporting his lifestyle. Returning to England, and having stolen another gold watch on the way, Lincoln met the Archbishop of Canterbury, who appointed him curate of Appledore, with the intention that he would progress from curate to ordained minister.

Lincoln lodged at Gusbourne Farm. His wife found Appledore "pleasant but damp". The villagers, she said, were "very nice, though inquisitive" - as they might well have been, given the nature of their new curate. His sermons, delivered with a pronounced Hungarian accent, were eloquent and dramatic. They were largely improvised, with preparation limited to selecting a text and giving it a few minutes thought. He made a favourable impression, but wasn't accepted into the priesthood, partly because his Latin was poor.

Somehow (there are a lot of 'somehows' in Lincoln's story) he became Secretary to Benjamin Seebom Rowntree, confectionary magnate, millionaire philanthropist and Liberal grandee. His job was to travel across Europe, conducting a survey of social conditions. He completed the task, whilst staying in opulent hotels and running up huge expenses. Rowntree rewarded him with a loan of more than a million pounds (in today's money). Not one penny of the loan was repaid.

Rowntree was influential in making Lincoln the Liberal candidate for the safe Conservative seat of Darlington, endorsed by Winston Churchill and Lloyd George. The local newspaper, co-owned by Rowntree, said he was a genius, with supporting evidence supplied by Lincoln. Lincoln made a series of florid speeches, saying that under the Conservatives, workers would be reduced to eating their dogs, and he was elected.

MPs didn't then receive a salary, so Lincoln became an oil baron in Romania. A London office was established, major banks invested. Lincoln lived in a mansion in Bucharest, with a royal seal of approval from the King of Romania. Not one drop of oil was produced, and investors lost everything. Running short of money himself, Lincoln took out a large loan - guaranteed by a forged letter of guarantee from Seebohm Rowntree.

Retreating from business, Lincoln offered himself as a spy. The British turned him down, so he approached the Germans. The Germans were half-interested, so Lincoln went back to the British suggesting he could be a double-agent. Now a self-styled 'master spy', he was employed by the Americans, having claimed that he was also a master code breaker. Lincoln lived lavishly, always on the verge of breaking a code. The Americans realised their error and sent him to jail. On one occasion, he escaped from the custody of FBI officers, which was reported in the Kent Messenger as 'Escape of the Appledore Curate'. Lincoln also found time to write a best-selling autobiography, 'Revelations of an International Spy', which suggested that all of his previous activities had been part of an elaborate web of espionage. Deported to Britain, Lincoln was convicted of fraud and spent three years in Parkhurst Prison. Upon release, and notwithstanding that he was Jewish, Lincoln went to Germany and became a Nazi.

Lincoln was involved in the Nazi coup, or *putsch*, of 1920. A young Adolf Hitler was surprised to see him adopted by rabidly anti-Semitic colleagues. The putsch failed, but for a week Trebitsch Lincoln was Minister of Information for the German Government. In the aftermath of the putsch, Lincoln sought safety in China, where he became Chao Kung, the Abbot of a Buddhist monastery. Being a Buddhist didn't stand in the way of arms smuggling, and acting as an adviser to Chinese warlords. With the advent of World War II, and the occupation of Shanghai by the Japanese, Lincoln reverted to espionage and became an informant for the Gestapo. His last grand plan was to be installed as Dalai Lama, mobilising the Buddhists of China and Tibet in support of the Third Reich. Lincoln died in 1943, and there were rumours that he had been poisoned by the Japanese, at the request of the German High Command. Lincoln had written to Hitler, imperiously demanding an end to the Holocaust, but there is no real evidence of German (or Japanese) complicity in his death.

What made Lincoln tick? In large part, he was a confidence trickster with a psychopathic disregard for others, but there is no rhyme or reason with Trebitsch Lincoln. He may have been a fantasist whose grandiosity was as convincing to himself as it was to others. His later career may have been motivated by resentment of the British, who rejected him, and made him suffer the indignity of prison. His association with religion may not have been a simple matter of exploitation. Today, we might say that he had a narcissistic personality disorder. He was also an unusually gifted man, deceiving notable people with ease - and always as an outsider who had adopted the language and demeanour of the deceived.

Trebitsch Lincoln wasn't in Appledore for long, but he must be the most remarkable person to have lived here. Today Appledore, tomorrow the world!

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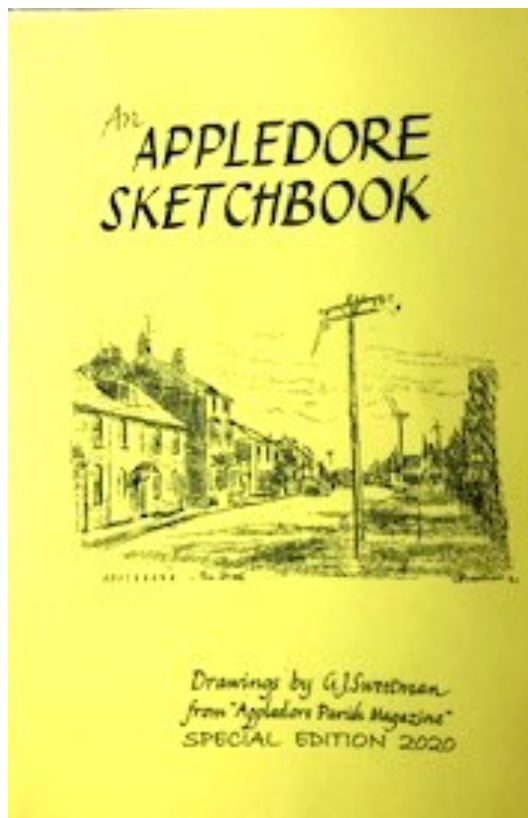
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