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Welcome to the February 2024 edition of the Parish Magazine.

GOOD, BETTER, BEST

Never let it rest.

Until your GOOD is BETTER

And your BETTER BEST!

When I was 9 my teacher called Mrs Robson, wrote this in my autograph book at the end of the year. The only other thing I remember about this teacher, is that at Parents' Evening, she told my parents, that she had thought Ruth was an average pupil until she got the results of the IQ tests, when she discovered that Ruth was clever but lazy!!

What has provoked this memory of over 60 years ago?

Over the last few weeks I have heard or read lots of statements which relate to this poem.

Thank you everyone for the compliments I have received about the Magazine. I can only do my BEST! In the 50 years I have been reading the magazine, it has always

been GOOD. Technology has made it BETTER, and I am sure every editor did their BEST, some BETTER than others.

Many people have been saying that the OAP Christmas Party was the BEST ever. Having been co-opted to be a waitress in the WI days, skivvied under Wendy in later days and been an OAP for over 10 years, I can vouch that all the meals have been GOOD and the BEST that those cooks could supply. Was this year perfect? No! Even this year's chefs could do BETTER!

Appledore Smugglers veterans team has resurfaced and is playing well. Four wins out of 4 games! Let's support them in their endeavours to become the BEST team.

The Allotment Society are making massive improvements to the allotments. Those who follow them on Facebook, will have seen the herculean efforts and ground clearance done so far. They are definitely doing their BEST.

Over the months, I have noticed how the Church has expanded its worship opportunities and caters for the housebound with its YouTube short services each day and now, there is live streaming of some of its Sunday services. They are definitely striving to be BETTER.

The exercise classes in the Village Hall provides activities every weekday—could hardly be BETTERed.

CARM Meeting Point is going from strength to strength, in many aspects. We now have tablecloths, jugs of milk, sugar pots and even fresh cake. Much BETTER than a mug and a biscuit!

We even have pregnancy classes in the Village Hall and moon events in the Yurt!

What a village!!

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Appledore Village Diary – February 2024

Monday	Parent & Toddler Group	10am - 1pm
Monday	Aerobics	6.15pm - 7pm
Tuesday	Hamstreet Surgery Prescription Collection	10.15 - 10.45am
Tuesday	Art Class	1pm - 4pm
Tuesday	Pilates	5.55pm – 6.55pm
Wednesday	Aerobics	6.15pm - 7pm
Wednesday	Lindy Fit	7.30pm - 8.30pm
Thursday	Pilates	9.45am – 10.45am
Thursday	Spinning	6pm - 7pm
Friday	Tai Chi	10.15am - 11am
Saturday 3 February	Cake Bake Day	Church Porch 9.30am
Saturday 3 February	Eat Well, Spend Less Workshop,	Park Mall, Ashford
		9.30am—1pm
Monday 5 th February	Citizen's Advice	2pm – 4pm
Monday 5 th February	APC Meeting	7.30pm
Saturday 10 February	Appledore v Whitstable Football Match	
	Recreation Ground	
Saturday 10 th February)	Parenting & New Baby Weekend	
Sunday 11 th February)	As Above	- see poster for details
Tuesday 13 th February	CARM Meeting Point	10am - 11.30am
Friday 16th February	Ramble	Recreation Ground 1pm
Saturday 17 th February	Multi Stall Market	9.30am – 3pm
Sunday 18 th February	Antique Fair	9am – 3pm
Tuesday 27 th February	CARM Meeting Point	10am – 11.30am
Tuesday 27th February	Garden Society Quiz Night	7.30pm
Saturday 2nd March	Cake Bake Day	Church Porch 9.30am
Friday 15th March	St Patrick's Day Party	

THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND IN TENTERDEN, ROTHER AND OXNEY

We are a group of churches covering Appledore, Ebony, Newenden, Rolvenden, Smallhythe, St Michael's, Stone, Tenterden and Wittersham.

SERVICES IN CHURCH AND ONLINE DURING 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

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCBAbfTcsSiiq4HALM0GRdWg>

* LS below denotes a service which will be live streamed and then available on the St Mildred's YouTube channel.

Online services can also be accessed through the daily bulletin, **Connect Up!**
[Connect Up | The Church of England in Tenterden, Rother & Oxney](#)
tentroxchurches.co.uk

To receive **Connect Up!** please visit our website: www.tentroxchurches.co.uk
<https://www.tentroxchurches.co.uk/>

Sunday 4th February: The Second Sunday before Lent

11am Morning Praise (*Appledore*)

4pm Sung Evensong (*Stone*)

6pm Sung Evensong for Candlemas (*Wittersham*)

Sunday 11th February: The Sunday Next before Lent

11am The Eucharist (*Appledore*)

4pm Sung Evensong (*Tenterden*): **LS**

Wednesday 14th February: Ash Wednesday

10am Holy Communion (*St Michael's*)

10am Holy Communion (*Tenterden*)

7pm The Liturgy of Ash Wednesday (*Tenterden*): **LS**

Saturday 17th February

9am A Reflective Service for Lent (*Appledore*)

followed by an optional breakfast in the church

Sunday 18th February: The First Sunday of Lent

11am Celtic Morning Prayer (*Appledore*)

4pm Choral Evensong (*Tenterden*): **LS**

Saturday 24th February

9am A Reflective Service for Lent (*Wittersham*)
followed by an optional breakfast in the church

Sunday 25th February: The Second Sunday of Lent

11am The Eucharist (*Appledore*)
4pm Ecumenical Service (*Tenterden Methodist Church*)
No Evensong at Tenterden

LENT 2024

An Introduction

The season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday (14th February). It's a heaven-sent time which we can use to get our heart, mind and soul more Christ-shaped ready for the great celebration of Easter. This year we are, as always, looking forward to an exciting and fulfilling season of Lent. Here's what you can expect!

LENT QUIET DAY

Getting Ready for Lent

How would you like to join a Quiet Day to ease you into the season of Lent? If so, then look no further than the one we have arranged on Saturday 3rd February at Aylesford Priory.

The day will run from about 10am until 4pm, and be led by Primrose Northrop, who oversees the Canterbury Diocesan Calendar of Prayer and who is the diocesan artist in residence. The cost will be about £15. In addition you will need to bring a packed lunch, though liquid refreshments will be provided. If you wish to take part, then please call the church office (01580 765414) and ask us to put your name on the list.

ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP

14th February 2024

We begin the Lenten season with our Ash Wednesday liturgies (see below), which include the Imposition of Ashes for those who wish to receive it. Traditionally the ashes are made from the previous year's palm crosses, so if you could return yours, we'd be very grateful.

10am Holy Communion (*St Michael's*)
 10am Holy Communion (*Tenterden*)
 7pm The Liturgy of Ash Wednesday (*Tenterden*) **LS**

Minister's Letter February 2024

Anyone who has ever moved house will be familiar with the inevitable trip into the loft that comes as a part of the move. Lofts can hold a wealth of treasures and also a store of junk: those things we didn't quite want to get rid of last time we moved; the stuff that *may* one day have a use; the items that are of sentimental value...a first pair of shoes for a toddler, an item of jewellery from a departed relative, toys that once brought so much fun and pleasure into young lives.

As we look through these items they bring back a flood of memories that far exceed the objects themselves. Then there is the decision to be made – do we keep them or let them go?

This sort of decision can make us think: if we could only save what we could carry what would we pick up? We often use the scenario of a fire, but as we watch the news – both home and abroad, war, natural disaster and the weather have displaced countless people and they have had to discard all their belongings including their very home in a split second.

Should we be faced with such awful situations, in reality we would probably not want to carry any possessions as we would be more bothered about the people and pets around us. Photos, books and tech equipment bring their own pleasure, but we can certainly do without them and many are replaceable. Even keepsakes, whilst they hold sentimental value are nothing compared to those we love.

What actually defines us is not so much the things we have – but the people with whom we travel through these lives. It is the interaction and journeying together that often give the meaning and purpose to our lives rather than the possessions we have.

So here we are at the beginning of 2024. As we embark on the new year, it is a good time to reflect on what it is we actually want to hold on to. It could be that our memories of 2023 are in part made up of accumulated clobber interspersed with little gems. It is likely that some of the last year has already been lost from the memory bank, but little gems remain. Moments in time that have shaped each of us by their uniqueness, or through the extravagant compassion and grace revealed.

I hope that 2024 will bring you moments to wonder, gems to remember, that irrespective of material possessions, those accents of love will define the year ahead.

Jeanette

BEGINNING AND ENDING THE DAY WITH GOD

Daily Online Services

Watch and Pray will be the theme of *Beginning the Day with God*. Watch and Pray will challenge us to seek God in both familiar and unfamiliar places: in darkness and in quiet; in movement and migration; in the healing and transforming work of the Spirit; in the weeping of Holy Week and in the joy of Easter morning.

Ending the Day with God will also have a Lenten theme.

Only On A Sunday...?! Month One – Sunday

Being a member of the clergy team is a role that embraces a variety of different facets. Many people think they have a good idea as to what we do – many people too have ideas about what it is we *should* do! But what exactly does priestly ministry entail? How do we pass our ministerial time?

Over the next few months, we will explore how a ‘typical’ week looks for the clergy team in our wonderful benefice of nine churches. By taking a day each month, we will see how a rich tapestry of worship, mission, ministry and yes, paperwork, weave together to help keep the word and work of God alive and well here.

This month we begin with Sunday.

When it comes to what the clergy do, Sunday is probably the day that is most familiar to the world outside the church. It is the day in which most of our focus is quite rightly on the leading of public acts of worship.

Across the Tenterden, Rother and Oxney Benefice, our churches offer a great variety of worship. For those who like to begin their day with a said communion service there is the weekly 8am in Tenterden and once a month an 8am Book of Common Prayer (BCP) service in Rolvenden. These services last about forty minutes and do not have hymns, although in Tenterden music provides a reflective background to certain parts of the service. When possible two priests will take the Tenterden service. With the music and the livestream there is lots to set up and lead and so it ensures that it is smoother and more prayerful with more hands!

After this there are services across the benefice at 9:30 and 11am. Some are Common Worship (CW) Eucharists, some BCP communions. The BCP has a heritage going back to 1662 and is familiar to many worshippers. CW was brought in in 2000 and is a more contemporary service. Often going from one to the other in quick succession, there is a need to think carefully about the form of words and worship we are leading!

Some of our main services are known as a ‘Service of the Word’. That is, opposed to a ‘Service of the Sacrament’. A Service of the Word can include BCP Matins, Morning Praise or Celtic Morning Prayer.

Baptisms are a popular service for families who have usually had a connection with the church at some point and are often a good opportunity to enable those guests who are less familiar with the church to come into the buildings and experience a Christian act of worship. We often do this service as a stand-alone on a Sunday afternoon.

Sunday afternoon has also become the time for Forest Church. Meeting once a month in an outdoor setting for something totally different that embraces creation, this service is for everyone but moves around the benefice and is especially welcoming of families.

Each Sunday ends with Evensong – a beautiful, calming, worshipful end to the day. At tone-in-Oxney this monthly service is the one regular service and is fully sung. Tenterden have a weekly evensong which reaches a wider congregation by being livestreamed.

Many people assume that Sunday is our busiest day. However, although it often begins at 7:15am with the unlocking of Tenterden Church and ends twelve hours later when Evensong is done and the doors are locked, it is actually one of the easiest days because it is the most predictable in its nature.

All of the worship offered in this benefice is only possible because of a faithful group of retired clergy and lay readers who give their time to help in leading services – including preparing their sermons, which is a significant commitment. Also, each parish has some amazing people who act as welcomers, (sidespeople), sacristans (setting the altar and clearing away after), tea and coffee makers, readers, intercessors and musicians.

All these things work together to make our Sunday a day of worship to our Father in heaven.

For information re Baptisms, Banns and Weddings, Funerals

and other pastoral concerns, please contact

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For practical matters, please contact Church Warden

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PRODUCE IN THE PORCH

Thanks to everyone who leaves used jam jars, flower pots, plastic trays, books and knitting wool in the church porch. We gratefully use them all and hope you will please continue to donate in this way.

Our next Cake Bake day in the porch will be on Saturday 3rd February at 9.30 followed by Saturday 2nd March and the first Saturdays of subsequent months. Come any earlier you may not always find that the sausage rolls have arrived as they are too hot to package!

If you feel the urge to make a cake / cookies/ savouries please contact either Judith (758285) or Donna (758256) who would be delighted to hear from you. As always every item (and ingredient) for sale is donated so all proceeds go directly towards the upkeep of our beautiful church.

The porch is open every day from 9.00 am until late afternoon where you will find our usual range of preserves, books, plants, flowers and other desirables.

Thank you for your support. J.C.

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Church

Rota

	<u>Sidesperson</u>	<u>Reader/Intercessor</u>	<u>Refreshments</u>
4th February	Donna	Roger H/Brenda	Eileen/Brenda
11th February	Jo	Vicki/Chris	Jane
18th February	Clive	Michael/Helen	Fay
25th February	Judith	Jane/Donna	Donna
3rd March	Denise	Thelma/Brenda	Brenda/Eileen

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Flower

Rota

	ALTAR	WEST END	PORCH
4th February	Julie Wooding	Judith Clifton	Linda Hiskey
11th February	Julie Wooding	Judith Clifton	Linda Hiskey
	Horne	Chapel	Judith Clifton
NO	FLOWERS	DURING	LENT

If you are unable to take your turn, please telephone Judith Clifton on 758285 or text 07840 356681 – and the same numbers if you are unable to crack the code for the kitchen / Glory Hole for oasis etc. Please take the old flowers home with you or place in the black bin at church (not the green one as that is for recycle only). Would you like to join us on the flower rota? If so please contact me on the above number.

For the period between Christmas and Lent please will you keep an eye on your flowers and top up for for 2 weeks. Thank you. J.C.

A Thank you from Appledore Parish Church

Thank you to everyone who supported our wonderful festive tradition of carols outside the Black Lion, followed by mulled wine & mince pies in church on the 18th December. We would like to share some words from the Lieutenant of the Hythe Salvation Army Corps:

'This is just to thank you for your hospitality on 18/12/23 at Appledore and to let you know that we collected £584.84 in the bucket collection that evening! This went a long way to helping us provide much needed relief at Christmas to the lonely and struggling in our Community in the way of Christmas food parcels, toys and gifts for children and our Christmas Day Lunch to name some of the work we did.'

Another thank you to everyone who attended our popular Nativity Service on Christmas Eve and for the magnificent acting and costumes of our adult cast (especially our newbies - Andy, Kate, Ben, Fiona, Anna & Laura) and to Polly, Theo and Isla, aka Mary, Joseph and angel.

The £296.00 we received in the collection that evening has been donated to the Children's Society.

Thank you,

Donna x

ORGANIST/PIANIST WANTED

Appledore Church is hoping to recruit an organist/pianist to play at one or more of our weekly services each month which start at 11.00am.

A small payment of £25.00 per service is available.

This could suit a retired person or maybe a young person learning the organ/piano who would like the practice and pocket-money.

If you are interested, please contact Fay and Michael Steed on 758304 for a chat. Thank you.



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Parish Council Update February 2024

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

Draft Budget:

The Parish Council has applied to increase the precept for Council Tax from April 2024. It is the first increase that the Parish Council has made for over a decade. The rise for a band D property will mean properties with no discounts will have an increase of £6.53 a year, from £67.89 to £74.41 (9.62%) per annum. The income that the Parish Council used to receive from the solar panels has now transferred over to the Village Hall, but there are still costs that need to be covered including staffing, street cleaning, maintenance and cleaning of the toilets and management of the car parks. We hope once the new houses next to the Village Hall have been completed, and the house owned by the Parish Council is rented, that the Parish Council precept will be lowered from next year.

Speed Watch: The team are short of volunteer support: we need some volunteers willing to give an hour once every 2 months or so to help reduce speed of traffic through our community. If you are able to help and can spare an hour or so every few months, please contact Roger Hiskey on 01233 758097

Mirror At Junction of Court Lodge Road with The Street: The Parish Council is investigating with Kent Highways whether they can install a mirror to help vehicles turning from Court Lodge Road onto the High Street.

Allotment Plans

Duncan Gray on behalf of the Allotment Society has submitted a request for funding from Ashford Borough Council to help develop the allotment site. It is hoped that the allotments will be up and running in a few months.

Improvements at the Recreation Ground

There are also plans to request funds to improve the Recreation Ground. This will include the development of a Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA) and more facilities for spectators for all activities at the Recreation Ground. The Parish Council is using some of the funds from the sale of the field to help improve the pavilion.

Planning Applications

At the January meeting The Parish Council commented on several local planning applications, including Hornes Place Oast and Oaklands. For full details, please see the minutes on The Parish Council website. And you can check the most up to date applications on the Ashford Borough Council planning site <https://www.ashford.gov.uk/planning-and-development/planning-applications/>

Next Meeting

Please come and join us at the next Parish Council meeting on 5th February in the Village Hall.

Julian Kenny, Parish Clerk

Eat Well, Spend Less Roadshow.

One You Shop, Park Mall, Ashford, TN24 8RY,

Saturday 3rd February, 9.30am – 1pm.

Below is the list of attendees to date of this roadshow.

- One You Services – the extensive offer of the One You Shop by its trained staff and information on other partners and services delivered at the shop.
- Health Inequalities Care Coordinator – promote/ raise awareness / information on cancer screening specifically breast, bowel and cervical screening.
- Vaccination Ambassadors (Create) COVID and Flu Vaccination Team NHS Kent and Medway – advice and information.
- Welfare Intervention Officer – help and advice - ABC
- Tenancy Engagement Officer – Help and advice – ABC
- Ashford Children’s Centre – sharing their offer and services plus activities for children at the event
- Digital Kent – digital support and financial hardship - advice and signposting information – KCC
- Kent Fire & Rescue Services – Fire Safety - Save Safely & home safety visits
- Representative – Food Friends – a new volunteer food sharing programme in Ashford.
- Pneuma Church representative – advice and information of their extensive offer.
- Guidance on shopping, preparing and cooking healthy, nutritious meals.
- Information on where and how to access local food banks along with community venues who offer free, pay as you feel or very reasonably priced meals in a social setting.
- Recipe bags with all ingredients to make a recipe along with a recipe instruction card.
- Fare Share Kent Family Food Bank fresh fruit and vegetables.
- The Hygiene Bank - hygiene items.
- Safeguarding and Safer Streets—information and advice.

Appledore OAP Christmas Party

The Appledore Christmas Party got the green light in November thanks to our most generous supporters and planning started in earnest. Coerced and bamboozled our Committee was formed, Philippa, Jean, Tina and Jo Weeks, a daunted but enthusiastic group. We all had great ideas and made fun plans. We thought that it was imperative to host a welcoming and friendly occasion with loads of festive atmosphere. To this end the decorating team went into overdrive, reams and reams of Christmas bunting was made by Tina, pretty table decorations and window displays from Jo and Jean. And Philippa went into spreadsheet mode with equipment, menu ideas and loads of timing sheets. Equipment was a concern and Local charity shops were scoured for gravy boats, sauce bowls, bread baskets, mince pie platters and a plethora of items. It was also soon realised that we could not deliver hot food without some additional catering equipment, professional chaffing dishes needed to be sourced, thanks to The Ferry and Sandra and Ray for loaning theirs. We received more kind assistance and “On the third day of Christmas, my true love gave to me – Three Appledore Turkeys” an incredibly generous donation, many thanks Andrew and Clive.

December arrives and from there onwards food preparation started in earnest; potatoes and carrots peeled, gravy and cranberry sauce made and freezers became full. And yet more bunting was being made! Tina became creative with many vegetarian ideas, hopefully Phil enjoyed testing them! Jo and Jean were then onto the mince pie mission, with lots of test tasting involved, fabulous.

So now to THE DAY.

The lunch started with a welcoming reception, many thanks to Gusbourne for their delicious rosé and as a festive atmosphere was key, we even had live music to entertain everyone, thank you Michael for your accordion playing. Well, no great event starts without the paparazzi! Our own “pap” Tracy Morgan took some great shots of all, please scan the QR code below to view.

All guests took their seats at beautifully decorated tables, adorned with festive centre pieces, crackers, and fun table quizzes. Our inhouse sommeliers, Joe and Phil now held court, serving wine to all, they were the ones to get to know! And I noticed some did! Cheers to you Joe and Phil. The first course, chicken liver pate was now served by our fabulous front of house team, Jess, Vic and Debbie, many thanks team. With of course assistance from Joe, as he said he was the only one who could keep the 4 o'clock club table in order! Most Christmas stories mention The Three Kings but we had The Three Turkey Chefs, who marched in their beautifully roasted turkeys to a rousing cheer. Many thanks to Dom, Martin and James for the turkey cooking and carving and thanks also to the illustrious potato chef, P.J. The main course was served with all the traditional trimmings, wonderful pigs in blankets, thanks Trev and homemade gravy and cranberry sauce. And, yes there was extra gravy for all, we even had vegetarian gravy. Then the Flaming Christmas pudding was presented with the team singing a lively rendition of “We wish you a Merry Christmas.” Onto coffee and chocolates, thank you Brad and Natasha; served with Jo and Jean’s wonderful mince pies.

With everyone comfortably satiated, the entertainment began. Immense thanks to John and Karen from the Gypsy Kings who played old time music hall songs with plenty of opportunity to join in. Lively and enthusiastic participation ensued.

Raffle tickets had been sold, the drum rolled and the prizes were drawn. What an incredible and amazing collection of prizes we had. There really was an opportunity for all and what a variety from Miss Mollets, Canterbury Lighting, Webbs and fabulous hampers made by Bev. Congratulations to those who won and many thanks to all who so generously donated gifts.

No event can ever run smoothly without a very strong and dedicated back of house team, well we had Duncan and he was THE team, the Chief and the Indians. Duncan you were incredible and invincible, no dish unwashed, no pot not scoured and all with a cheerful disposition.

The Appledore Committees were all very generous with their donations:

The Church, The Allotment Society, The Recreational Ground, The Parish Council.

We also received generous support from Linda and Jenny, Willow Farm Shooting Range, Rona Ramsden and of course all those mentioned before.

We now know how hard work this event is and we have only done this once. We must admit that we are totally in awe of those who have done it previously for years and years on end. So New Year cheers to the indomitable teams of years past, Linda and Jenny, Donna and Wendy and not to forget the WI, just incredible how many Christmas lunches you all delivered.

Many thanks to all those involved and we sign off with a toast to the Appledore Traditional Christmas Lunch!

Philippa Perkins, Jean Boorman, Tina O'Reilly and Jo Weeks

Please scan the QR code to view more photos of the Festivities





St. PATRICK'S DAY

15th March 2024

Join us to celebrate St. Patrick's Day and enjoy our four course Irish meal to include:

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Appledore Ramblers

Well since the last magazine we have enjoyed two rambles. On December 15th there were 7 of us and 2 dogs, Brodie and Dilly. The weather was fine although it was very muddy underfoot. We walked a loop of the village going up to Mill Mound then down past Horne's Place and across the road to Oakhouse Farm. We then walked down Donkey Lane, past the allotments and up to Park Farm. We turned right from here walking along School Road to the crossroads where we turned left. We were then able to pick up the AT123 which goes in by the white cottages on the Tenterden road. This footpath is well trodden by local dog walkers as it has lovely views and comes out in the street via a gravel path. It was quite funny because one of our walkers, who has lived in the village over 30 years, owned up to never having walked this footpath! Our walk ended here because 12 of us were meeting up again in the evening for our Christmas 'Jolly' at the Black Lion and we needed time to shower and change! We enjoyed a lovely evening of good food and drink and lively conversation!

Our January ramble took place on the 19th and this time we broke all our previous records and 16 people and the well-known Brodie the black Labrador, turned up to ramble on a cold but very bright, sunny day. We are very pleased to welcome Denise and Brodie, Cindy, Lindsey, Fred who originates from Switzerland and Deidre from Belfast to the group. Tracy and I had done a recce for the walk earlier in the week but this had shown us that the last part of the walk was very difficult, so we checked our maps and re-routed our ending! We walked out the back of the rec along the canal on the AT261. This follows the Royal Military Canal and is good flat walking and not muddy, which is quite hard to find at this time of the year! Construction of the Royal Military Canal began in 1804 as part of the defences against Napoleonic Invasion and the original plan was to dig 22.5 miles by hand in less than a year. However the harsh winter weather and flooding caused much delay and after a year only 6 miles had been dug. The project was placed in the hands of the military who employed labourers known as 'navvies' and was eventually finished in 1809 by which time the Napoleonic threat had passed.

We walked all the way to the Garden Centre at Hamstreet which was about 5 miles. En route we spotted 3 egrets which are basically white herons and a cormorant which is a large diving bird. In places the canal was totally frozen and just a sheet of ice and swans were seen walking on top of the ice. There were a couple of stiles to negotiate but these were dog friendly with the separate lift up section to let the dog through. The only issue with this route was we had to cross the very busy A2070 road where the traffic was racing past! Anyway we survived the crossing, made it to the Garden Centre and was very ready for a sit down and nice cup of tea or coffee. Thankfully 3 of us had dropped cars at Hamstreet earlier and helpful husbands provided transport so we didn't have to walk back!

The next ramble is on Friday 16th February – meet at Appledore Recreation Ground at 1.00 pm – everyone welcome!!

Jo Weeks



Blast from the Past

Parish Magazine June 1960.

We learn with interest that some young men of the village are running a successful Social Club – “The Ritz” – at the lower garage. We sincerely wish them every success with this venture and look forward to hearing more news of their activities.

(The Lower Garage was at No.1 the Street.)

Parish Magazine July 1960

We have good news of Miss Pix, who lived and worked here for many years. After a spell of illness in the winter she is now well again. Living at Battle, she still takes a lively interest in Appledore and still subscribes to this magazine, receiving a copy each month. From time to time she is driven over to visit old friends.

(Miss Pix lived at Langton House and was the village Librarian, the KCC Appledore Library being in her front room before moving to the Hut in the Garden of Bennetts.)

NEWS FROM THE VILLAGE SCHOOL

The School Journey to London was a great success. Fourteen children from the top class, in charge of the Head, left Appledore Station at 9.05 a.m., and by 10.45 were standing awe-struck among the pigeons in Trafalgar Square. After the excitement of a journey by Underground (“Is this an Underground train?” asked one child, descending an escalator), they gazed at the wonder of the Dome of St. Paul’s and climbed to the heights of the Stone Gallery. Then on to St. James’ Park for sandwiches and a glimpse of Buckingham Palace (“Do you think Princess Anne might come into the Park to play?”) followed by a walk through to Westminster Pier to embark for a trip down the Thames to Greenwich. Here they inspected the “Cutty Sark”, visited the National Maritime Museum and had tea before returning to Westminster. Any surplus energy remaining was successfully discharged at the Children’s Play Area near the Royal Festival Hall before the Party returned, tired but happy, to Charing Cross and thence to Appledore.

Were any of our reader’s part of this School Trip? Would you like to tell us your memories of this outing or other Appledore School Events.

Parish Magazine August 1960

Our congratulations to Peter Gray, who has been breaking records at Discus throwing lately. We wish him every success in the future and who knows whether, in four years time, he might achieve the Olympics?

The Right Worshipful the Mayor of Tenterden (Alderman Leslie Chalk), will open the Church Fete, in Mr Nicholls’ field at 3.00 p.m. on 6th August. This is believed to be the first time a Mayor has attended any function in Appledore.



Appledore Local History Society

With regard to December's 'Blast from the Past' – "Our Village". It is still a friendly and a nice place to live but much has changed since 1961.

One Windmill base is now part of a domestic property, as are the Oast Houses.

The Village Street no longer has a bakers, a butchers, two grocery shops, a petrol garage nor a blacksmith but it does have a Village Shop and Post Office, a hairdressers, a tea room and an antique centre.

The Methodist Chapel is in the process of being converted to a domestic property.

The Village has lost its school and three of its four public houses as well as our village policeman and Police House/Office.

There is still a bus service to Ashford or New Romney but no longer to Rye or Tenterden. There is a railway station but with no waiting room or staff. Trains operate to Ashford and Hastings/Eastbourne, but no longer to Lydd and New Romney.

We still have a Village Hall that has been very much improved over the years.

Our local garage now has better premises and an increased fleet of private hire coaches.

Many of the old farms are now utilised for other businesses such as grain services, heavy haulage, and groundwork plant services.

As well as builders the Village has several other businesses operating here as can be seen in the adverts depicted within the magazine

Many of the organisations mentioned have disbanded, but other new clubs and organisations have been formed as can be found in the Village Diary.

The fruit trees, runner beans, asparagus, tulips and daffodils are no longer grown around the Village and the dairy herds have disappeared, but we still have sheep farming. New businesses have emerged growing salads for London restaurants, a vineyard providing quality wines, and a local farm providing Appledore Turkeys for Christmas.

On the housing front, approx. 143 new domestic properties have been built, 21 of these being conversions of existing buildings or barns. Three original properties were demolished to allow some of these developments to take place. Eighteen new properties are being built at the present time, and when completed the total new properties since 1961 will be an increase of approx. 60%.

FROM THE SHOW COMMITTEE



In last month's magazine we printed the Village Show Schedule and so now we can start to think about what classes we might like to enter on Saturday 7th September. Class 31 is one jar of marmalade and this time of year is traditionally marmalade making season. This is because the bitter Seville oranges that are the most popular, because of their flavour and appearance, have a short season and are only available from early January to about the end of February. In the past I have bought Seville oranges from Waitrose and also from Tenterden market. You can however use any citrus fruits such as lemons, limes, grapefruit and sweet oranges but this generally gives marmalade a cloudier appearance and the pith does not turn as translucent as that of Seville oranges. This is the straightforward marmalade recipe I use.

1.5 kg (3lbs) Seville Oranges

3.5 litres (6 pints) water

Juice of 2 lemons

2.75 kg (6lbs) sugar

Wash the oranges and remove the stalks if necessary. Cut the oranges in half, squeeze out the juice and pour into a large pan. Tie the pips in a piece of muslin and add to the juice in the pan. Slice the orange peel and pith into thick or thin shreds and add to the pan. Pour the water into the pan with the lemon juice (I also slice the lemon peel and add) and bring to the boil. Reduce the heat and simmer for 1.5 hours or until the peel is very soft. It should disintegrate when squeezed between the fingers. Remove the muslin bag, squeezing the juice back into the pan.

Add the sugar and stir over a low heat until it is dissolved. Boil rapidly until setting point is reached. The boiling time after sugar is added should be no longer than 15 to 20 minutes for a good set. To test for setting, place a spoonful of the hot marmalade on a cold plate from the fridge. If after 30 seconds it wrinkles and feels stiff when pushed with your finger, then it is ready. Remove any scum and allow to cool slightly before pouring into prepared jars. Wipe them clean and cover, label and store. This recipe makes about 4.5 kg or 10 lbs of marmalade.

I find marmalade very rewarding to make and love to see the filled jars all lined up in the cupboard! Please give the recipe a try as it would be lovely to have lots of jars entered in the Village Show! Happy marmalade making!

Jo Weeks





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Items for insertion should be sent by the 20th of each month to: appledoremagazine@hotmail.com

Simon Puckett of West End Cottages died peacefully at the William Harvey Hospital on Tuesday 16th January after a sudden illness. Details of the funeral will be given as soon as a date is arranged. Anyone needing more information can contact his sister Gilda on gildaelizabeth@btinternet.com

On Sunday 14th January Meg King had a fall and broke her hip. She was taken to the William Harvey Hospital and operated on. Meg has now been discharged to Broadmeadow Care Home and we wish her a speedy convalescence. Hopefully she will be home soon.

Appledore's OAP Christmas lunch

I am in fact officially old. However as part of a desperate campaign to deny this fact, I have been reluctant to attend events intended for "pensioners". It therefore took some persuasion to entice me to accept a kind invitation to the Appledore "OAP" Christmas lunch.

Arriving at a festively decorated Village Hall, I found that most people there were younger than me. Hum! What have I been missing!

We were treated to a truly sumptuous Christmas lunch, beautifully cooked and complete with all the trimmings; even with entertainment laid on to keep us happy after the meal. We were waited on hand and foot – nothing was too much trouble.

What a huge amount of preparation and organization must have gone into this joyous event! I am full of admiration for the team that worked so hard to provide us with such an enjoyable time.

Maybe being "old" is not so bad. Thank you all so much for making such a special occasion and for providing such pleasure.

Paul Ripley



VISITORS AT CHRISTMAS

'Exciting day today Brodie, we have visitors, your little pal Billie is coming for a visit. So best behaviour please and share your toys.' Well, I thought to myself I clearly remember his last visit. At least this time I can take action before the trouble begins. It took me a long time retrieving my toys from all over the house and garden. And, here they are and guess what I've hidden all my toys away out of reach! It was quite an eventful day with another outing to the beach only this time it was almost too windy and with sand blowing in my face I was glad we came home early. Billie was quite worn out and spent the rest of the day asleep, in my bed. I didn't mind at all.

'Well good morning Brodie, we have visitors today.' Hang on a minute, that's what you said yesterday. Is it another dog, or what, or just some friends I knowoh and here they are and its a new toy for me. Well that's ok then I can easily get used to this sort of treatment.

Another day and more visitors again, what a hectic time we are having. How much longer is this going on, I do like a bit of peace and quiet after my morning walk. Visitors are all very well and visiting dogs extremely welcome, especially when they arrive with presents for me. Sometimes I get a new toy or some treats and then lots of cuddles as they are always so pleased to see me. But I just can't get used to this constant interruption of our daily routine. Just when I'm getting myself ready for a walk, play with my ball or settling down for a snooze, suddenly strangers appear at the door and chaos reigns. I'm barking and doing my being on guard job protecting the house and in they come.

Anyway enough of all that, I must tell you about the next thing that happened to upset my routine. In the middle of the night suddenly this dreadful bleeping, screeching noise. I thought my ear drums would explode. I was shaking all over and couldn't get away from the noise, then just as suddenly it stopped, thank goodness. Apparently it was the fire alarm, but it's been fixed so hopefully won't happen again.

Now at last a few days of peace and quiet. I can settle down in front of the fire all snuggled up in my warm blanket and dream about lazy days when the sun is shining and we can stroll along the lanes and across the fields without getting caked in mud.

Winter can't last forever, stay safe and warm,
love Brodie





THE VETS TEAM HAVE NOW GOT GOING SINCE AN 8 MONTH BREAK AND HAVE ASSEMBLED A GOOD 30 MAN SQUAD.

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Do you ever wonder what Appledore CARM Meeting Point is?

Well, it is simply a meeting for older folk to get together and socialise. We meet in the Village Hall at 10 am on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month, eat yummy cake made by Sally Linnington and natter over coffee. Last June we went to Bodiam on the train. Some of went to Teapot Island with Rolvenden Meeting Point in September. We went to the Ferry for our Christmas meal.

Why don't you come and join us?

Ruth, Jo K and Nick



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