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Welcome to the March issue of the Parish Magazine.

You will notice when you look through that several regular items are missing! But don't worry, because we have lots of new articles of real interest to villagers.

Firstly, I want to recommend the People's Pantry—p16. This not quite a food bank, but definitely a food charity. Anyone who feels impoverished or needy can go along and buy £20 of goods for £6 without having to prove their financial situation. It is run by Repton Community Trust from Ashford and will be coming every two weeks for the foreseeable future if there is a demand for it. Don't feel too embarrassed to come. This may look like a prosperous village but many folk are bricks rich and money poor. And if your friend/relative cannot come because they are working, often for a pittance, then arrange with them for you to collect some cheap shopping.

Secondly, we have an article about the Friends of Appledore Church. This charity raises money to pay for the conservation of the Church. Ancient buildings are expensive to maintain and it is our duty as a village to pass the Church building onto the next generation in good condition. They don't pay for Lindsay's salary or the upkeep of Jeanette's car, but light bulbs, roof tiles and preserving those amazing roof beams. So please consider a donation.

Speaking of donations, there was a flurry of donations after the last magazine and lot of questions about how to donate to the magazine. So there is a guide to donating on the page opposite.

The Show committee have inserted the colouring pictures for the Village Show. This is not the only time they will be available, but that is why pages 22 and 24 are blank!

Both Brodie and Jo have reported on a sunny but muddy ramble and yes, I did get my washing dry!

Simon Puckett's sister has given us an insight into village life when Simon was a child and young man, which is fascinating.

The Garden Society are offering a wide and interesting programme this year, for just £12. I'm sure Graham and Martin don't grow wonky parsnips, but I specialise in them!!

The Annual Parish Meeting is when all the societies and groups in the village report back on their last year's activities. I am assured the meeting this year will be in the big hall. And can I reiterate what I said last year after the meeting, PLEASE don't come if you are unwell. Last year there were a flurry of Covid cases after several folk turned up with obvious infections of some sort. Covid is still around and killing people.

Don't forget the celebration of St Patrick's Day on 15th March.

Ruth

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Appledore Village Diary – February 2024

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
Friday	Tai Chi 10.15am - 11am
Saturday 2nd March	Cake Bake Day Church Porch 9.30am
Monday 4 th March	APC Meeting 7.30pm
Saturday 9 th March	Parenting & New Baby
Tuesday 12 th March	CARM Meeting Point 10am - 11.30am
Wednesday 13th March	People's Pantry Van 10.30-11.30am Pavilion
Friday 15th March	Ramble 1pm Recreation Ground
Friday 15 th March	St Patrick's Evening 6.30pm for 7pm start
Saturday 16 th March	Toys & Teddies 10am – 4pm
Sunday 17 th March	Antique Fair 10am – 4pm
Thursday 21 st March	APC Annual Parish Meeting 7pm (Main Hall)
Tuesday 26 th March	CARM Meeting Point 10am – 11.30am
Tuesday 26 th March	Gardening Club The Wonky Parsnip 7.30pm
Wednesday 27th March	People's Pantry van 10.30-11.30am Pavilion
Saturday 6th April	Cake Bake Day Church Porch 9.30am

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 MARCH

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/>

Friday 1st March

2pm World Day of Prayer (Tenterden)

Saturday 2nd March

9am Lent Reflective Service: The Joy of the Gospel (Newenden)
followed by optional breakfast in The White Hart (must be booked in advance)

Sunday 3rd March: The Third Sunday of Lent

11am Morning Praise (Appledore)

4pm Choral Evensong (Stone)

Saturday 9th March

9am Lent Reflective Service: The Joy of the Gospel (Ebony)
followed by optional breakfast

Saturday 16th March

9am Lent Reflective Service: The Joy of the Gospel (St Michael's)
followed by optional breakfast

11am Celtic Morning Prayer (Appledore)

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

Sunday 17th March: Passion Sunday**11am** Celtic Morning Prayer (*Appledore*)**4pm** Choral Evensong (*Tenterden*): **LS****Saturday 23rd March****9am** Lent Reflective Service: The Joy of the Gospel (*Stone*)*followed by optional breakfast***Sunday 24th March: Palm Sunday****11am** The Eucharist with Procession (*Appledore*)**2pm** Forest Church (*Rolvenden Churchyard*)**4pm** Sung Evensong (*Tenterden*): **LS****Monday 25th March****Tuesday 26th March****Wednesday 27th March****7pm** Reflective Service for Holy Week (*Tenterden*)**Thursday 28th March: Maundy Thursday****10am** Holy Communion (*Tenterden*)**7pm** Eucharist of the Last Supper and Vigil (*Tenterden*): **LS****Friday 29th March: Good Friday****10am** Good Friday Service (*Appledore*)**7pm** Reflective Service (*Tenterden*)**Saturday 30th March: Easter Eve****9am** Lent Reflective Service: The Joy of the Gospel (*Tenterden*)*followed by optional breakfast***7pm** A Service of Waiting and Expectation (*Tenterden*)**Sunday 31st March: Easter Day****6am** Dawn Service (*Smallhythe*)**11am** The Eucharist (*Appledore*)**6pm** The Eucharist (*Stone*)**A SUMMER RETREAT**

A retreat is a time of quiet and reflection within the context of everyday life, and an opportunity to grow spiritually. We have arranged a Summer Retreat at Wychcroft Retreat Centre near Godstone, Surrey.

The retreat will begin on Monday 22nd July (arrival at about 10am) and end on Thursday 25th July (departure at about 3pm).

The retreat will be led by Emma Pennington, Canon Missioner at Canterbury Cathedral. From past experience, we can tell you that Emma is an excellent retreat leader. The cost per person will be a maximum of £400. This will include full board and lodging. Those who wish to avail themselves of the well-stocked bar will be able to do so on a donation basis! Wychcroft is close enough to enable you to make your own way if you prefer, but we can also provide transport.

If you would like to come on the retreat, please get in touch with Caroline Baker as soon as possible. Bookings will only be accepted if accompanied by a deposit of £50.

Minister's Letter

Hello everyone!

By the time you read this, we will be about a third of the way through Lent already!

Doesn't time fly when we're having fun. But hang on! Fun during Lent? Whatever next! Lent is a serious time, a fun-denying time, a negative time.

Or is it? It depends on our frame of mind. We could, for example, turn Lent into a time of gratitude. What could be more true to the spirit of Christianity than that? We could say that gratitude is where Christian discipleship begins, as we acknowledge with thankfulness the tender mercy of the God who has loved us in Jesus Christ and called us to be citizens of his kingdom.

So to practise gratitude in Lent is to go back to the very foundations of faith. This means cultivating thankfulness as a habit of the heart, training ourselves to respond to life in a spirit of gratitude and praise to God our Creator and Redeemer. In Lent, that gratitude is given an Easter shape as we prepare to celebrate the death and resurrection of Jesus, the event from which our very identity as Christians is derived.

So why not use what remains of Lent to find new ways of practising this habit of gratitude. Where do we start? Perhaps by thinking about the ways in which we need to be grateful - to other people, and through them, to God himself. And we may find that thankfulness is truly life-changing because it transfigures our perspective on life.

'Whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him' *Colossians 3.17*.

With every good wish.

Lindsay

THE JOY OF THE GOSPEL SATURDAY MORNING REFLECTIVE SERVICES

We're back with our series of Saturday morning thirty minute reflective services for Lent, followed by optional breakfasts.

The worship begins at 9am and the breakfast follows at 9.30am. This year, our theme is *The Joy of the Gospel*. Here are the dates and churches:

Saturday 2nd March: Newenden
 Saturday 9th March: Ebony
 Saturday 16th March: St Michael's
 Saturday 23rd March: Stone
 Saturday 30th March: Tenterden

Through *The Joy of the Gospel* we will explore Pope Francis' much acclaimed recent reflections on mission and evangelism. Widely recognised as offering wisdom and vision for all Christians in a culture that is often hostile to the church, Pope Francis offers a positive and realistic approach to sharing faith in the modern world.

Only On A Sunday...?! Month Two – Monday

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 look at Monday.

If you are in the vicinity of St. Michael and All Angels, St. Mildred, Tenterden or St. John the Baptist, Wittersham on a Monday morning, you could find yourself caught up in Collective Worship (what used to be called 'assembly').

On a Monday these three churches burst with the exuberance of the school children as they come in and make themselves very much at home and have the opportunity to participate in an act of worship tailored especially for them. If anyone ever says to you, we never have children in our churches – they are very wrong and Monday morning shows this!

For us the day starts around 7:30am when we gather to make ready our resources and scripts, find candles, props, a cross and music. It is a feat of military organisation with one of us leaving early for Wittersham, another heading off to St. Michael's and the third member of the team setting up Tenterden ready for a little later on. Then, the third member of the clergy team, when time allows, heads over to Tenterden Church Hall to read a story at the Parent and Toddler Group, Little Sparrows, which is also on at the same time.

The latter part of the morning is reserved for 'Supervision'. Curacy is about ongoing formation. As a curate, Andy meets with us regularly to talk through his ministry. We can plan ahead new projects, review progress and iron out any issues that may have arisen in ministry.

Once a month on a Monday is also 'Pie and Pint' day. This pastoral social event is for men who have been bereaved and is organised by Lindsay and attended by him and Andrew.

Monday afternoons are popular times for funerals, but if we don't have one then, after the weekend, this is a useful opportunity to pick up on some of the emails that may have arrived over the weekend. Typically, 30 - 50 emails may arrive in any one day so there is a significant amount to stay on top of and sometimes finding the opportunity to do this is difficult. One email may generate a whole range of needs or responses and careful diary planning is essential!

Monday evening is often one for meetings. Once a month on a Monday evening the editorial team meet for the Tenterden, Smallhythe and St. Michael's magazine meeting and Lindsay and Jeanette are a part of this; four of our nine PCCs have their meetings on a Monday evening, so invariably there is one of these; and also, Tenterden Town Council meet on a Monday evening, and we are sometimes invited to start their meeting with a prayer.

All in all, Mondays have a heavy focus on the wider community and it is a good opportunity to get out and about around the churches and the communities they serve.

**THE ASSOCIATION OF THE FRIENDS OF APPLIEDORE CHURCH -Charity
No: 274918**

Many of you will have enjoyed coming into Appledore church for the crib service or the flower Festival or just to look round. The beautiful medieval building is there for everyone to enjoy and appreciate.

'The Association of The Friends of Appledore Church' is a registered charity – number 274918 - established with the sole purpose of raising funds for the conservation of this fine building. The preservation of an ancient building involves both regular maintenance and the occasional more extensive repair. The upkeep of the church building is the responsibility of the PCC (the Parochial Church Council) but in order to ensure there are sufficient funds for the specialised work involved, the 'Friends of Appledore Church' endeavour to provide a substantial and essential contribution.

The Friends raise funds in different ways:

Events – Open Gardens ; Strawberry Fair
Bridge afternoon;
Auction of Promises (Part donation)

Produce in the Porch –
Monthly Cake Bake
Preserves in the porch

Plants in the porch
Crafts in the porch
Books in the porch

Donations – Regular annual donation by Standing order
Individual single donation
Legacies



Most of you are familiar with the popular 'Produce in the Porch ' but please consider supporting this charity further by joining as a member – the application forms are in the church porch. **All proceeds go to the preservation of Appledore's historic church.**

As a member of 'The Friends of Appledore Church ' you will be helping to preserve your heritage for future generations.

Thank you –
Vicki Self

Treasurer of The Association of the Friends of Appledore Church

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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 2nd March at 9.30 followed by Saturday 6th April 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 to all who leave items in the porch for us to sell on the Ancient and Modern stall at the Flower Festival. We are running out of storage space so please will you hang on until August when we will be very grateful to receive your “bric a brac” donations.

Thank you for your support. J.C.

March2024**Church****Rota**

	<u>Sidesperson</u>	<u>Reader/Intercessor</u>	<u>Refreshments</u>
3rd March	Denise	Thelma/Brenda	Brenda/Eileen
10th March	Philippa	Vicki/Donna	Jane
17th March	Judith	Roger P/Helen	Eileen
24th March	Donna	Michael/Tony	Donna/Fay
Palm Sunday			
31st March	Clive/Jo	Jane/Chris	Donna/Jo
Easter Sunday			

**March
2024****Flower****Rota**

	ALTAR FLOWERS	WEST END DURING	PORCH LENT
NO			
31st March	Donna Clifton	Sally Linnington	Dawn Prance
Easter Sunday			
7th April	Kate Stevens	Fay Stead	Judith Clifton
	Horne	Chapel	Judith Clifton

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.

CANCER RESEARCH U.K.

The collection tin on the Post Office counter contained an amazing £46.23 this time. Grateful thanks to all who contributed and to the shop keepers for housing our donation pot. J.C.

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Parish Council Update March 2024

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Allotment and Recreation Ground Funding

The Parish Council is working with the Recreation Ground and the Allotment Society to apply for funding that has been allocated to Appledore from the development of Appledore Station several years ago.

The Recreation Ground is applying for funding to update the playground with some new equipment and a seating area. There are also plans to develop the tennis courts so that they can also be used as: a multi-use games area (MUGA) for young people; an area for walking football and as an area for people to play basketball. The allotments have become overgrown and a new group of trustees for the Allotment Society is applying for funds to upgrade the site with new gates and fencing to create 12 new allotment plots.

Appledore Parish Meeting

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held at the Village Hall on Thursday 21st. March from 7pm. The event is an opportunity for you to come and find out about clubs and societies in Appledore. There will be talks from our County Councillor and local groups. Many of the clubs and societies will have manned tables so that you can get details of coming events and find out about membership options.

Pavement Car Parking

The Parish Council has received complaints about cars parked on pavements in Appledore. Most problems are near the Village Shop. Cars are sometimes parked on the pavement outside the shop and more concerning are vehicles parked across the pavement, (at right angles to the road) outside the former Methodist Chapel, opposite the shop. The pavement is often blocked forcing pedestrians, including wheelchair users and young children to walk in a busy road with fast moving traffic. The Authorities have been informed.

Village Gates and Noticeboards

The Parish Council is renewing the hanging baskets and at the village gates. The baskets will be planted up over the coming weeks and we are looking for support with maintenance over the summer. If you would like to help out, please contact Linda Hiskey on 01233 758097

Simon Honnor has kindly offered to repair some of the noticeboards across the village. Some of them may be beyond repair, so they may need to be replaced.

Next Meeting

Please come and join us at the next Parish Council meeting on 4th March at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Julian Kenny, Parish Clerk

THE PEOPLE'S PANTRY MOBILE SHOP

Repton Community Trust are pleased to announce the launch of our latest mobile shop which will be coming to Appledore on Wednesday's fortnightly, starting on Wednesday 28th February 2024, from 10.30am-11.30am.

Who are we? 'It started with a fridge'.

We were formed in 2016 to run a brand-new Community Centre 'Repton Connect' in Repton Park Ashford. In the last five years we've welcomed over 100,000 visitors and now support 12,000 people every year with our food projects.

Our community lead Peoples Pantry began with a community fridge in 2019. This grew into a free food cupboard run by community members. We then became a food bank and delivery scheme during the Covid-19 pandemic. We also now offer free recipe bag schemes, run 24-hour food lockers and a community shop (social supermarket).

After an amazing fundraising campaign in 2022 we purchased an E-Van and our community shop sessions are now mobile, visiting rural locations. If you can't get to us, we'll come to you! We will be travelling from our Ashford base in our electric van, full to the brim with a selection of cupboard food, toiletries, and cleaning products for you to choose from. The shop operates as a social supermarket, offering products at a discounted rate.

There are no criteria for using the shop- it's open to anyone who feels they would benefit. So please let all your friends know in Appledore and the surrounding villages, where it can be harder to access the shops. To make sure we have enough for everyone, each customer can pick out up to £20 of items each time they visit. You pay £1.50 for every £5 worth, so the maximum £20 shop costs just £6.

On average this equates to 3 shopping bags. Our photo shows roughly how much shopping you can receive each time you visit.

As we are a mobile shop we operate as cash only, so don't forget to bring your coins.

We also currently run popular pop-up shops in Rother at Tilling Green Community Centre and The Hub on Rye Hill on Fridays between 10.30 and 11.30am. We also visit Finberry Primary School in Sevington fortnightly on Wednesdays between 10 and 11am.

Our pop-up shop will be with you in Appledore fortnightly in The Pavilion at Appledore Recreation Ground, The Street TN26 2AE.

Perhaps you find it hard to travel to the nearest shop or have had a change of circumstance - please do come along and see what's on offer. Perhaps you are caring for a relative and need to buy food to support them. You won't find a cheaper or more convenient place to stock up your cupboards.

We are also looking for volunteers to meet us at the venue to help unload the van, set up the tables and pack away at the end. This would be for around 2 hours per fortnight. If you are interested in volunteering come along and meet Louise and Nancy at one of the sessions or email peoplespantry@reptonct.uk

Future mobile shop dates for your diary-

Wednesday 28th February 10.30-11.30

Wednesday 13th March 10.30-11.30

Wednesday 27th March 10.30-11.30

And we hope to continue into Spring and Summer if the demand is there.



Typical quantity of food available for £6



Amazing range of tinned and packeted food, cleaning products and toiletries.



St. PATRICK'S DAY

15th March 2024

6.30pm for 7pm £16pp

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

An Appetiser, Fish mousse with soda bread, Irish Stew, Colcannon and buttered cabbage, Irish cream liqueur pudding, coffee and shamrock shortbread biscuits.

BOOKING is essential by MARCH 9th together with a £5 deposit p/p

OUR BAR WILL BE OPEN

CALL Linda 01233758097

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From Gilda Elizabeth, Simon Puckett's sister:-

Some of you will have seen the notice of Simon's death in last month's parish magazine. You may have known him for years, may have seen him round the village, or remember him from Forge Antiques.

When we came to Appledore the Forge was a working forge, in which Ray Mosley did everything from shoeing horses to creating exquisite wrought ironwork. We were vaguely aware, as he hammered hot iron into roses or lilies, that this was something special, but we'd no concept of the high regard in which he was held by craft blacksmiths. The forge was fascinating, slightly dangerous-looking, and already a romantic hangover from the past.

Simon was born in Tenterden, but moved to Appledore before he was old enough to really remember anywhere else. The day we climbed out of the car at the Police House, the first thing we saw was a bank ablaze with autumn gentians. The garden had been beautiful under the care of the last incumbent, but the flower beds were progressively grassed over and large areas used to grow vegetables. The exception was the dahlias, which our father loved. Drive past the old police house today and you might think the mighty oak in the front garden was there long before the house was built. Nothing could be further from the truth: that impressive tree was not even a sapling in 1977 when my parents left to be replaced by Mr and Mrs Jackman. But though my parents moved back to Tenterden, Simon stayed.

He studied cabinet making at High Wycombe, but was soon living in hippyish disarray in the old headmaster's house at the school. The school itself was still open, but the headmaster preferred a neat house away from the school to the damp and unmodernised accommodation in the building itself. This was let by the church to young men who, as the offspring of respectable village citizens, were supposed in theory to be good tenants.

The village was just beginning to change. There had always been wealthier retired residents, but in the late 60s a high proportion of the residents still worked locally, many of them in farming. Scotland and Bates operated out of the garden of Mr and Mrs Bates' house in the Street. The butcher's was licensed to slaughter on the premises. Avery's was a drapers when we first arrived, although even a village with a vestigial bus service could not long support such extravagance, and in the 1970s it became an antique shop run by Ben Hatch. There was a village bakery, two grocers; the current post office and Joneses, not quite next to the Swan pub. Ah, pubs. There were two within the village itself and three more within walking distance: the Victoria next to Heathside, the Ferry on the road to Stone and the Railway at, well, the railway.

The station itself was rather a different kettle of fish too: not merely with a ticket office and a station master (Brian Knight worked in the signal box), but in winter a coal fire burned in the waiting room, and somebody had provided comfortable armchairs. It was, however, the same inconvenient distance from where people actually lived.

It was a good place to be a child, but a frustrating place to be a teenager. Parents did not routinely operate a free taxi service and, indeed, less people had cars. The road to the railway station from the village was already busy, and there were no grass verges to leap onto when a car whizzed by. I'm not aware of any children who were freely permitted to go to and fro to the station on foot, and your best chance of escape was a bicycle.

The main perceived danger to children however was not the roads, or anything more sinister; it was drowning. A lad had drowned in the canal not long before we arrived, and avoiding bodies of water was impressed upon us with as much emphasis as not talking to strangers. Of course it didn't stop us fishing for sticklebacks or for that matter, falling in, but it made us warier. We used to walk through the back of the churchyard and gaze on Nicholas Pratt's headstone in subdued awe.

Many years later I encountered Margaret Pratt quite unexpectedly. I heard for the first time the full story of that tragedy. When we were children it had been a fairy tale, unreal; as an adult it was harrowing. One outcome was the construction of an above-ground swimming pool in the school grounds, paid for by a series of fund-raising events. Every child must be taught to swim, was the cry, and no parents should ever again face such a loss. It was, of course, small and unheated, but it did the job.

The school itself had been extended and modernised progressively, with the additions of a prefabricated classroom which served as a canteen, and then two more “mobile” classrooms. The oldest residents may just remember when the “infants” were crammed into a tiny room which later became the school office, and the “top class” were taught in the double-height schoolroom which had, when the school was built, served all age groups together.

In that hall there were cupboards, and in the cupboards were wonderful things, which were allowed out only on wet days when we could not career round the playground screaming, pretending to be aeroplanes or astronauts, or stuffing each other headfirst into the litter baskets. As someone who even then painted and drew obsessively, I was particularly interested in the paintboxes, lovely antique ones with real watercolours, so different from the garish poster paints we were issued with. They had a very distinctive smell, which I believe must have been gum arabic...

But I was not supposed to touch these, which languished unused and unloved. What was brought out, for everyone to play with together, was a toy farm which I remember had been made for Major Shapland when he was little. It was all carved from wood, beautifully painted, with horses and carts and animals. They were far larger than anything you could buy; though my memory may have exaggerated them, I'd guesstimate the horses stood about 10-12 inches at the shoulder!

I wonder what became of them? Does anyone else recall them?

FROM THE SHOW COMMITTEE



Did you make marmalade last month? One villager certainly did and sent me a photo of lots of jolly pots full of fresh marmalade.

This month we are giving you a preview of the colouring classes. Both classes have a set picture, to make it easier for the judge to compare. The child picture is a scarecrow and the adult picture –birds and butterflies.

You can—rip out the page today and colour it

- rip out the page, make copies and then have several practice colouring sessions
- forget altogether and throw the magazine away!!

Don't worry, these pictures will be reprinted later in the year and copies will also be available around the village.

Ruth





Age of child

Appledore Ramblers 16th February 2024

This month has been very wet and we have had an awful lot of rain. However the day of the ramble is here and once again the sun is shining! We are getting quite a reputation now for always having good weather on ramble days and this morning Ruth, the magazine's editor, had text me to say she had done a big load of washing and expected to be able to hang it outside because it was ramble day!! Our numbers continue to increase and this month Appledore Ramblers is made up of 20 keen and cheerful walkers and 3 very excited dogs. We welcome Ali and Georgie and their dog Bromley who are visiting from Nottingham and Andy from the village who used to walk when Ken led the group. It is also lovely to have Sophie join us as she is on half-term holiday from school.

We set off for Court Lodge Road and then pick up the AT125 at the difficult stile at the top of the steep steps. Luckily most Appledore walkers know the secret padlock number so we actually go through the gate! We walk across the fields enjoying the wonderful clear views from this elevated position. The path drops down and we reach the Ferry Pub where we cross the road, go through the car park and then follow the Reading Sewer. This path then comes to a farm bridge where we take a left and follow the concrete road. This footpath is the AT93 and goes across local farmer Tim Piper's land. When Tracy and I had carried out our recce a couple of weeks ago, Tim had some amazing looking Longhorn cattle in one of the fields, but today they are nowhere to be seen and have probably been moved due to the amount of mud everywhere. We cross a small road and the path goes past a lovely looking old farmhouse with a pond with a waterfall in the garden, all surrounded by snowdrops. The path leads us through woods which are very wet underfoot and which we are pleased to reach the end of! We bear left and then carry on over a couple of fields before another bit of muddy woods has to be tackled. This brings us to a stile at Catts Hill on the Wittersham Road.

We cross the road and the footpath takes us up to Stone Church. The views from here across the Marsh are stunning, it is a really lovely clear day but there are also some amazing cloud formations in the sky. We walk through the churchyard stopping to admire a beautiful patch of wild violets which were used in days gone by as a remedy for burns and bruises, made into a tea for coughs and also used as a dye. We follow the path down the hill and about half way down a finger post on the opposite side of the road points out the AT108. This goes up some steep steps and through a gate and brings us out on the top of the hill. We walk through a field and another gate and are now at Churchlands Farm. The path takes us through a vineyard and past an old shepherd's hut that has now been converted into a very desirable holiday cottage. We continue on across a sheep field where suddenly Michael, who is very knowledgeable on the countryside, bends down and twists off a handful of a green plant. He explains that this is called Roman celery or Alexanders and was brought over by the Romans. It grows mostly in coastal areas such as on cliffs but can be found inland, it is delicious braised in butter and tastes like celery. We cross a wooden bridge over a sewer

and then cross the Military Road and over another stile before following the Military canal for 1.5 miles until we are back in Appledore. We are pleased to make it back to the village, where several of us enjoy a drink at the Black Lion. It has been quite hard walking today and there has been a fair bit of banter about the amount of mud we have walked through! Hopefully everyone will come back next month!!

Jo Weekes



IS IT STILL WINTER OR HAS SPRING ARRIVED

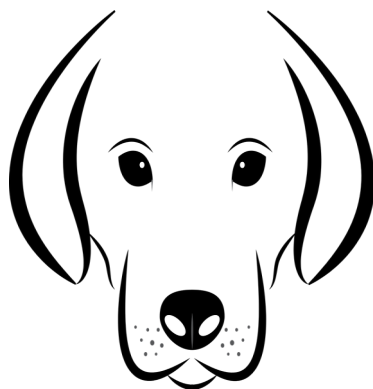
It's raining again and winter is still here or has Spring arrived with some lovely warm sunshine. No two days are the same. In the garden the yellow flowers are blowing in the wind and I know I have to be very careful not to go near them. I once made the mistake of trampling over them in my haste and excitement to get out of the gate. The consequences were quite unpleasant, a severe ticking off!

However, enough of that, we have recently been on a very long walk and when I say long, it lasted several hours, we walked across a lot of fields and the paths were very muddy indeed. There were a lot of legs, people I had not met before, so I was running most of the time, trying to keep everyone in order and making sure no one slipped over in the mud. Every time we stopped I thought to myself we must be turning round now to go home but no, on we went. One or two rather awkward styles where I was manhandled as they were too high for me to jump over. Least said about that the better! Then we came across a field of sheep, and I was immediately put on my lead. I don't mind sheep and they don't seem to mind me but I must say they do have a rather strange smell. However they always just stare at me in a friendly way so I reckon they are pretty harmless. Some rather large and noisy brown animals turned out to be cows which I am not at all used to. I was a little bit scared to start with until I could see they were enclosed and couldn't get near me.

Finally I could see we were heading for home and I just couldn't wait to get back. It was well past my tea-time, and I was hungry and tired. Funny thing is when we are out walking I can run for England and I forget all about being tired but the minute I get indoors, polish of my meal in three seconds flat I suddenly realise just how worn out I am and I'm almost asleep as soon as I hit the hay (I mean get into my bed!).

Next time it will be all sunshine and smiles and no rain and the mud will have dried up and the paths will be non-slip, so until then take care and enjoy your walks.

Love from Brodie. X



Ed. An alternative description of the Village Ramble!

APPLEDORE GARDEN SOCIETY 2024**Contact Tessa Knight (Secretary) T.01233 758319 e-mail: thrkng@aol.com**

A very full and exciting programme is planned this year – why not join now?.

The club operates as a typical village horticultural society and, of course, is as much social as it is technical with talks on a wide variety of gardening subjects, quizzes and discussions. The Society also holds fund raising events for both its own needs and for other charities, both local and international.

We also have visits to many beautiful gardens (often by private bookings) and accompanied by either the owners or the Head Gardener. Outings always include the opportunity of lunch and/or afternoon tea. We aim to plan days out on the last Friday of the month, and our winter talks are usually the last Tuesday of the month in the Village Hall.

The annual subscription currently stands at £12.00 each, and together with fund raising, gives us sufficient funds to pay professional speakers. All those interested are most welcome however small their plot of land -. Indeed the only qualification required is that you like gardens, gardeners or gardening and may want to meet more village people in a social setting. This has enabled many new residents in the past to get to know a large number of people in Appledore, so we particularly welcome new residents. As you see below there is the opportunity at our winter talks to learn from the experts and enjoy a glass of wine with cheese and biscuits, and once the warmer weather arrives we will be visiting some beautiful local venues this year.

January	AGM – Village Hall
February	Quiz Night – Village Hall
March	Speaker : The Wonky Parsnip – Vegetable growing
April	Visit : Hever Castle – Celebration of Spring
April	Speaker : The Sensory/Therapeutic Garden
May	Visit : Brickwall Cottage – Frittenden
June	Plant Sale – 10.00 a.m. – 3.00 p.m.
June	Visit : Old Bladbean Stud – Elham Valley
July	Visit : Fairlight Hall
August	Visit : Hukins Hop Centre – Tenterden
September	Visit : Doddington Place Gardens
October	Speaker : The Worm
October	Visit : Fern Day - Private Tour - Sevenoaks
November	Speaker : Garden Wildlife and the Environment
December	Christmas Lunch – Date/Venue to be confirmed