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VILLAGE DIARY**MARCH 2022**

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Dear Appledore,

March is always a busy month as keen gardeners start planning and planting for the summer. We can also enjoy all the Spring bulbs starting to flower. This year we can add to that the mending of fences, greenhouses, roof tops and the fixing of all the other problems Storms Eunice and Franklin have thrown up. At the time of writing, I hear storm Gladys might be on the way! We hope everyone now has water and power restored and that no one suffered too much damage. These storms seem to be becoming a yearly event – very worrying indeed.

Appledore is gearing up for the reopening of the Village Hall – though no confirmed date as yet – well timed to coincide with the lifting of Covid restrictions. I look forward to meeting up with old friends at the clubs and classes once again! Look out for the new Parents and Toddlers Group on page 9.

One lovely event in the village this month is the Mother's Day celebrations at the Black Lion. Ray and Sandra are putting on a fine spread for all the mums out there – book early to avoid disappointment. Details are on page 20.

Since the winds have died down, I'm off out into the garden to start preparing my Jubilee flower bed – red, white, and blue all the way!

Have a good month!

Maureen

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St Peter and St Paul, Appledore

March Services 2022

Sunday 6th March

10.30am – All-Age Worship

Sunday 13th March

10.30am – Holy Communion

Sunday 20th March

10.30am – Joint All-Age Worship

Sunday 27th March (Mothering Sunday)

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!

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A Letter from the Ministry Team at St Peter & St Paul Church, Appledore, and St Mary the Virgin, Stone

Dear Friends,

Mothering Sunday this year falls on Sunday 27th March. For some this will be an opportunity to come to church and give thanks for the 'Mothering' they have received, either from their own mothers, or from those who have nurtured and cared for them in other contexts. Others will prefer to celebrate the day by treating 'Mum' to breakfast in bed, or taking her out to tea. Almost certainly, mums will receive a card and perhaps a gift from their offspring.

It is, of course, an excellent excuse to recall and celebrate the love of mothers, but, in reality, the roots of Mothering Sunday are rather different, and go back to the 16th century, when the word 'Mother' referred not to an individual, but to 'Mother Church'. For us, this would have been Canterbury Cathedral. On the 4th Sunday of Lent, it was the tradition to make a pilgrimage to the mother church, known as 'going a-mothering'. Thinking about that now, it is difficult to imagine a young servant girl able to make the 60 mile round trip from here to Canterbury, and it's not surprising that this 'holiday' developed instead into an opportunity to spend a day with their own families. As domestic service became less usual, in the 20th century, Mothering Sunday faded into near oblivion. A sad day for British culture, perhaps! This was certainly the opinion of vicar's daughter, Constance Penswick-Smith, whose book, 'The Revival of Mothering Sunday' was a bid to rekindle an interest in the festival. It became – well – not exactly a 'best-seller'. So, not to be put off, she founded the 'Society for the Observance of Mothering Sunday'. Nowadays, Mothering Sunday has melded almost seamlessly with its American cousin, 'Mother's Day', which a certain Anna Jarvis invented in a desire to honour her own mother who had been a militant peace activist during the US Civil War. Interestingly, it was Anna, herself, who later condemned the growing commercialisation of Mother's Day, and started organising boycotts of the event she herself created!

Whether you are someone who enjoys the great privilege of being a mother or a grandmother yourself, or whether you are the kind of person whose gift is to 'mother' others, whoever they are, may you use this special day to know how much you are loved and appreciated.

Alison

Licensed Lay Minister Reader in the Tenterden, Rother and Oxney Benefice

March Church Rota 2022

	<u>Service</u>	<u>Sides person</u>	<u>Reader/ prayers</u>	<u>Refreshments</u>
6 th March	All-Age Worship	Clive	Roger Parrott/ Brenda	Brenda/ Tom
13 th March	Holy Communion	Tom	Tony/ Chris	Donna
20 th March	All-Age Worship	Donna	Jane/ Frances	Jo/ Jane
27 th March	Mothering Sunday Holy Communion	Clive	Michael/ Donna	Fay/ Tom
3 rd April	All-Age Worship	Philippa	Frances/ Jane	Brenda/ Philippa

CHURCH FLOWER ROTA

There will be no flowers in church during Lent which this year begins on 2nd March.

ALTAR

April 17th (Easter) Paddy Moseley

WEST END

Wendy Thomas

HORNE CHAPEL: Judith Clifton

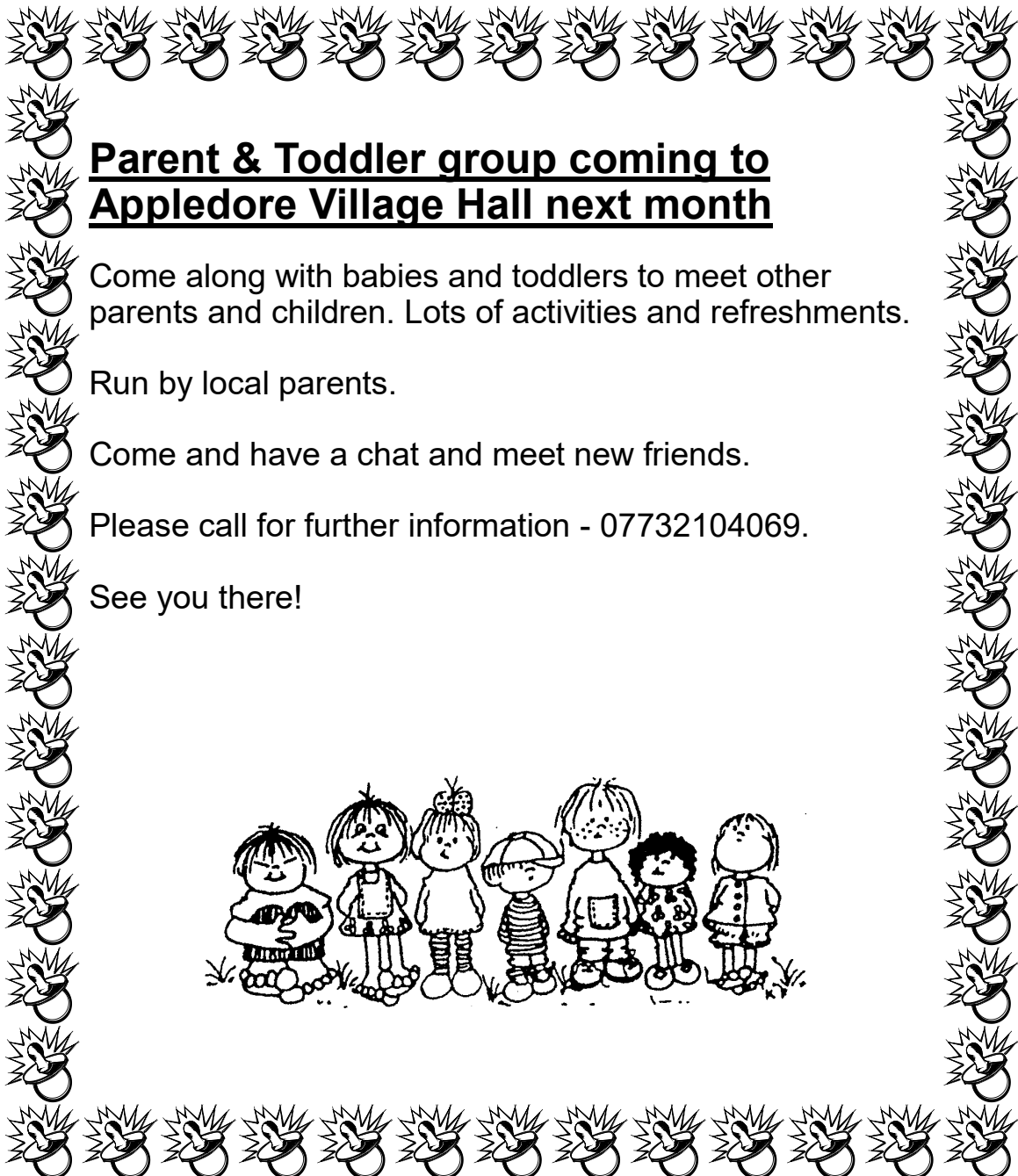
If you are unable to take your turn, please telephone Judith Clifton on 758285 or text 07840 356681 and the same numbers if you are unable to crack the code for the kitchen / Glory Hole for oasis etc. With lots of newcomers to the village I am hoping that some might like to join the flower rota? It involves committing to maybe around 5 turns per year and full training will be given! Why not give it a go?

PRODUCE IN THE PORCH

Thanks to everyone who leaves used jam jars, flower pots, plastic plant trays, books and knitting wool in the church porch. We gratefully use them all and hope you will continue in this way. Our well established cake-bake days will continue on alternate Saturdays, the next ones being on 5th March, 19th March and 2nd April. As always every item (and ingredient) for sale is donated and all proceeds go directly towards the upkeep of our beautiful church. If you feel like a spot of baking for the cause, please contact Judith (758285) or Donna (758266) for details. The porch is open every day from 9.00 am until dusk and there you will find our usual range of preserves, books and gifts. Thank you for your support. J.C.

Methodist Church services for March

Sunday 6 th March	United service at the Parish Church
Sunday 13 th March	10.30 service in the Methodist Church
Sunday 20 th March	10.30 service in the Methodist Church
Wednesday 23 rd March	12 noon Holy Communion in the Methodist Church
Sunday 27 th March	10.30 service in the Methodist Church



Parent & Toddler group coming to Appledore Village Hall next month


Come along with babies and toddlers to meet other parents and children. Lots of activities and refreshments.

Run by local parents.

Come and have a chat and meet new friends.

Please call for further information - 07732104069.

See you there!



Appledore Village Show returns!

After two years of pandemic, I am hoping that we can resurrect the annual village show. Time has moved on and all the past organisers are also older. So, I am making no assumptions about who would like to be part of the Show organizing committee, apart from myself. As one of the founders, I will go on until I become old and demented! There is a small but steady amount of work from now until September – planning classes, finding judges, organising bakers of the scrumptious refreshments, finding sponsors, etc; and then a mad hectic two days, the day before and the day of the show itself. All the judges comment on the high standards of vegetables, fruit, plants, flowers, crafts, cookery and the range of ages of the competitors.

We usually start with monthly meeting from about March/April.

Please contact me – 01233 758564 or ruthasmith@sky.com to volunteer or for further information.

Ruth Smith





Parish Council Update March 2022 (<https://www.appledorekent.org>)

Council Tax

At the January meeting the Parish Council voted to keep their share of next year's council tax the same. For the average household (band D) that represents an annual charge of £71, a small fall on the current year.

Village Refurbishment

The upgrading work on the Village Hall is nearing completion with a final report expected from the Quantity Surveyor at the end of February.

The Hall Committee will publicise the opening, including within the parish magazine.

Fly-tipping

Ashford Borough's new Environmental Enforcement Team has clamped down on illegal fly-tipping right across the borough, handing out fines totalling more than £6,000 to a dozen offenders within six months of starting work.

Many of the leads that end with offenders being caught come from residents alerting the team to fly-tipping incidents by using the Report It page on the council's website –

<https://www.ashford.gov.uk/environmental-concerns/report-a-street-issue/fly-tipping/>.

If you are employing a contractor to remove your waste, always check the waste disposer is legitimate. Ask for their waste carrier license, receipt and where they dispose of your waste. Check their registration on <https://environment.data.gov.uk/public-register/view/search-waste-carriers-brokers>.

New Council Contact Email

The general contact email address for the clerk and the council as a whole will in future be enquiries.apc@gmail.com. The previous email will be redirected, so if you use the old email it will still be received.

Broadband (Fibre To The Property Scheme) Update

Openreach has recently reconfirmed that, currently, no further new schemes will be taken up for the next 6 months. Once the current schemes are completed, Openreach will again review halted schemes.

Next Council Meeting – Monday 7th March 7.30pm at St. Peter and St. Paul

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APPLEDORE HIGHWAYS & BYWAYS UPDATE

I hope to have final costs of the current remaining Highway works ready for approval at the March council meeting. This does not mean the end of any improvements in our village, just completion of those works currently on our HIP (Highways Improvement Plan).

Following further research by Highways it now appears that not only can we not have the small “repeater” 30mph signs through the village due to Street lighting, this also prohibits the use of the promised 30 mph “roundels” painted on the road. At my last meeting I received sincere apologies for not having clarified this at an earlier date. I was of course, as you can imagine, extremely disappointed!

RENEWAL OF ROAD MARKINGS: I am currently working on the road markings at Four Wents and the damaged markings following the flood opposite The Oast.

RECENT ACCIDENTS AT BOTH CROSSROADS:

Highways have confirmed that they are seeing accidents at crossroads that appear not to be on Google maps or satnav. This is of course no excuse for not driving with due care and attention to road signs and environment. However, I think it is something that needs to be taken into account when looking at signage. With this in mind I am going to again ask for the signage at both crossroads to be re-visited and the yellow backed signs that you often see to be considered.

SPEED WATCH: Once the better weather and lighter mornings arrive we hope to launch this. A number of residents signed up at our H&B Open day but this seems a long time ago. Please contact me if you are interested in helping with this. I have also been encouraged to start Freight Watch.

FAULT REPORTING: Anyone can report a fault. Please support our Highways work: www.kent.gov.uk/highwayfaults

BYWAYS / PROW – Public Rights of Way

PROW at KCC struggles to keep up with the demand on them, so I was delighted when a number of residents were keen to get involved and responded to my idea of forming a footpath group – now known as FOAF!

Huge thanks must go to Tracy Morgan for taking on the mammoth task of putting together reports, updating them and co-ordinating things.

Thanks to Jo Killick who has attended meetings, walked the walk and of course thanks to Stanley the dog, her assistant.

Huge thanks also to Paul Ripley, our Footpath Warden, who I have worked with prior to forming our group but who has really stepped up to the mark (sorry about the pun!) and is currently putting a lot of effort into working on identified issues.

Likewise, huge thanks must go to my fellow councillor, Gary Kinsley, who joined our merry group and is working hard with Paul and the team. We are in contact with KCC/ PROW to ensure that the relevant parties responsible for maintaining our access to our paths are aware of their responsibilities.

Please don't hesitate to contact me with any concerns, ideas, offers of help

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Answers to February Cross-Quote 2

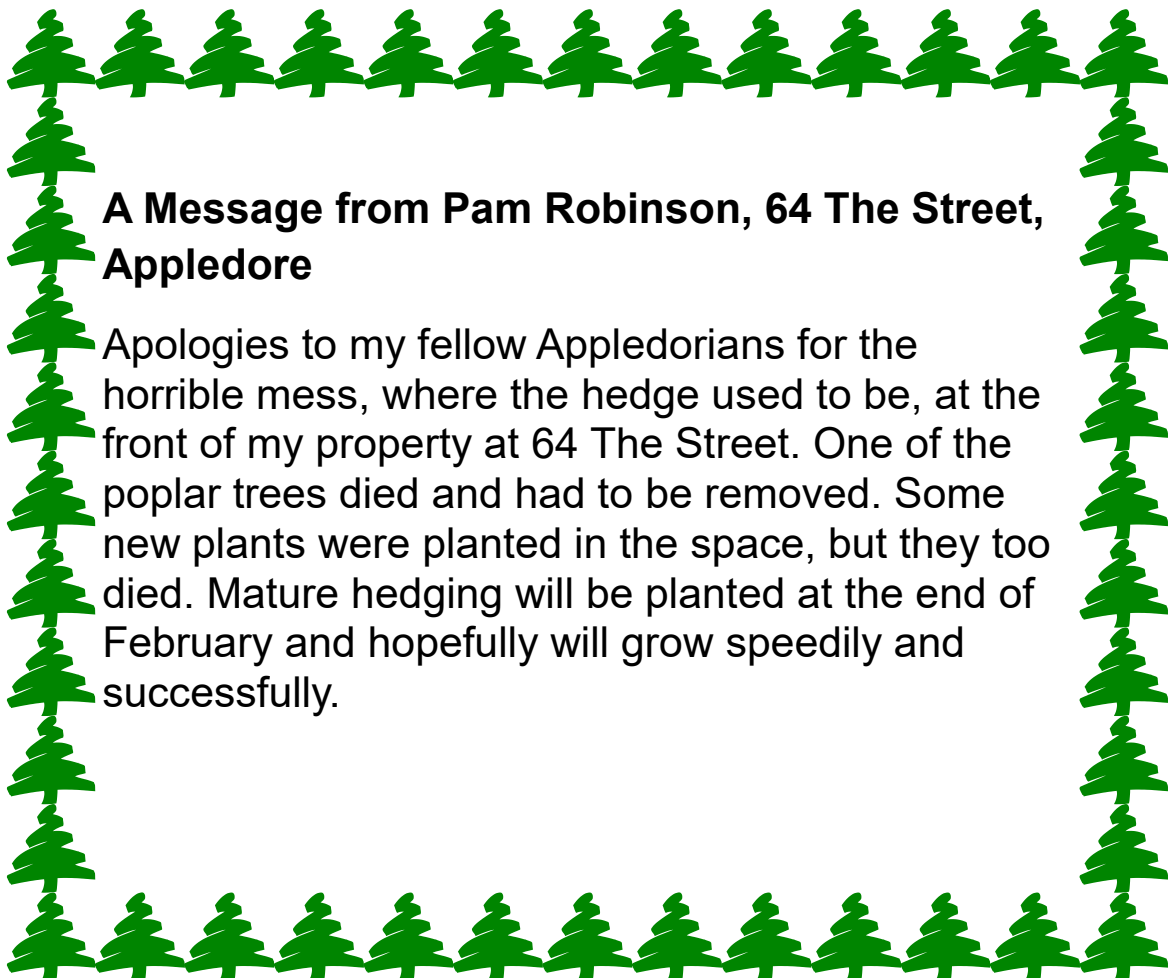
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FIRST LETTERS:

E BRONTE

WUTHERING HEIGHTS

Quote: IF ALL ELSE PERISHED AND HE REMAINED, I SHOULD STILL CONTINUE TO BE; AND IF ALL ELSE REMAINED AND HE WERE ANNIHILATED, THE UNIVERSE WOULD TURN TO A MIGHTY STRANGER. I SHOULD NOT SEEM A PART OF IT.



Memories of the **VILLAGE SCHOOL** by S.P.

The school was in many ways the heart of the village. Children were not driven to school usually, and most mothers walked with the children. The school gate was the hub - for news, gossip, laughter, advice, opinions, recipes and all the important things that made up the lives of Sixties mothers.

The building is Victorian, built by the Church on Church ground, why it is outside the village. In the hall, which earlier would have comprised the whole school, Mr Gerald Sweetman, the Headmaster, took the seniors. Mrs Leckie had the infants, originally in the small room which later became the office. Mrs. Rattenbury had the middle class, in the modern 'prefab'. This became the canteen when it was cleared for school dinners. Mrs Paddon kept an eye on the canteen and the playground. Eat up and play nicely, little Johnny, or she will tell your mum!

Walking to school meant younger children got used to the idea of school. Not everyone though. One little boy, when asked how he got on on his first day, admitted, "*It wasn't to-o bad.*" Adding something he had no doubt heard a grown-up say, "*But I don't think I shall go again.*" Bad news darling!

The School year progressed in step with life around it. Fields were reaped and the infants arrived, mothers hiding tears seeing their babies in new uniforms. Lambs frolicked and the children enjoyed getting out of class for the Nature Walk to the church on Ascension Day. One summer outing created some excitement when the school party to London found a wallet on Horse Guards Parade. Violet Masters, who found it, was rewarded with one pound, worth more then.

Beans climbed their poles and there was Sports Day in the school field with Open Day and prize-giving in the hall. The winter landscape slept but the Christmas Fair and Nativity Play were colourful and lively events. Country children grew up connected to the world around them, and kept this connection, even if their paths took them far away.

One innovative idea was the construction of the swimming pool. It was erected in record time, from the fund-raising to the noisy splashings of excited children. An above-ground pool, it was situated in the extra classroom. Mr Sweetman made a video of the school, including the swimming lessons. Anyone who kept a copy probably won't have the equipment to view it now, alas.

Attendance registers were kept from the start in the 1870s. Early entries show that many children missed school entirely for weeks, spending their days working in the fields. This was often general practice in the countryside, accepted as inevitable. Professional education of children was still something of a luxury. It is sad that the pandemic we have endured has had much the same effect on today's education system. Eventually there were too few children, the school closed and pupils sent to Wittersham. The clanging school bell, the shouts and playground clamour had been silenced for ever.

APPLEDORE BELL-RINGERS

I did write a piece in the magazine back in the early Autumn that if we were to continue to keep alive the tradition of bell-ringing in Appledore we were going to need more ringers. I have been asked why we can practise on a Friday and yet are silent on a Sunday? The answer is on a Friday visitors from other towers come along swelling our numbers, but on a Sunday they are in their own towers.

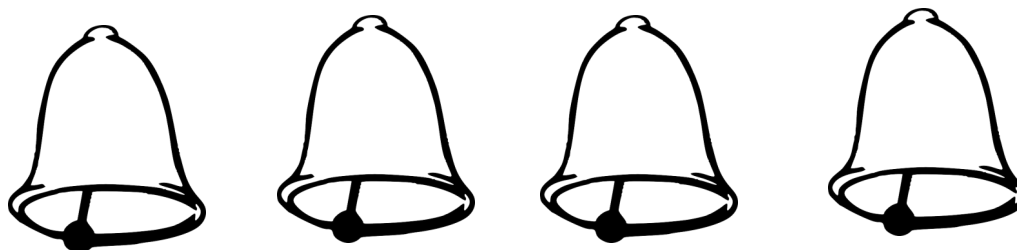
Appledore, before the pandemic hit two years ago, was just about all right for numbers. Most Sundays there would be either six or eight ringers. Although, to be honest, it was mainly six and occasionally only five. Since then, one ringer has moved away, and a couple are still dubious about returning while Covid is still active. I have no worries about that as I am certain they will be back as and when they feel safe to do so.

After I wrote the last piece in the magazine there was one enquiry about the need for more ringers but unfortunately nothing materialised and it has been suggested that we try again. Now, I am going to be honest, bell-ringing is not something you can pick up in just one evening of pulling a rope. There is a bit more to it than that. On the end of that rope, you have a bell weighing about a quarter of a ton, or in modern terms 250 kgs so it is not something that can be manipulated with ease. It takes a while to get the hang of it but when you see an experienced ringer pulling the rope it looks really easy and it is. Let the bell do the work! Plus you have the pleasure and sense of achievement when you can join in for a service, and make a contribution to the lovely sound of the church bells.

The bells in Appledore weigh between 4 cwt and 12 cwt - or 200 kgs and 650 kgs which according to some towers is classed as 'quite light'. In nearby Tenterden the heaviest bell in the tower weighs in at 1400 kgs which is nearly a ton and a half and is known as the 'heaviest eight in Kent'. I know what you are going to say, the heaviest bell in Canterbury Cathedral is heavier than Tenterden's. True, but there are more than eight bells there.

We are a very social bunch at Appledore, we are there on a Friday evening 7.30pm - 9pm so why not come along and have a look and we hope to see you soon. If you want more information there are numbers in the magazine - 758362 for Frank, Ringing Master, or 758952 for Denise, secretary. It would be great to get all bells ringing again.

FRANK WENHAM



A BIT OF A SCARE

The daffodils in our front garden are just starting to appear. Accidentally, of course, I just trampled on some of them and got ticked off and was in the doghouse for a while. How was I to know they were flowers and not stalks of grass?

A few days later we had a visitor to the house which usually means a beach walk. So in the early afternoon after lunch we set off. My red winter coat is put on as it is not a warm day and there's a cold wind at the coast. I'm in my usual place sprawled across the back seat of the car and before too long we've arrived at the beach. I cannot contain my excitement and as soon as I'm out of the car I grab the ball and I'm off across the beach and into the sea. We walked along the beach to the far end, me chasing the ball and every time it's thrown for me I come chasing back with it. I never tire of this game. On and on we go until we reach the far end of the beach. After a brief rest on the rocks, we head off to the long pathway which runs along the top of the beach. At the far end part of it is adjacent to the old golf course. I'm running along as usual chasing the ball when it is thrown for me when suddenly it bounces high into the sky and over the wall. Immediately I jumped up onto the wall and over the other side. I had no idea there was quite a drop down onto a private garden. As soon as I had landed safely and got the ball, I realised there was no way back. Of course, I tried to jump up on to the top of the wall, but it was too far away. Nobody said "look out Brodie, it's dangerous, there's a nasty drop the other side." Now what was I going to do? I ran up and down the garden and barked but there was nobody there. Then I started to panic and ran frantically back and forth but there was no escape and no one to help me. I could barely see her. She was just peeping over the wall and she did look worried, as I was. Now what? At the far end of the garden, I spotted a lower wall. Leaving the ball behind I ran and jumped over it into the garden next door and looked up to see my best friend in all the world clambering over the gate to rescue me. Soon we were heading back along the path with me safely on the lead. Before long I was back in the car in my usual place, sprawled on the back seat. Nobody mentioned the lost ball.

Arriving home, it was time for tea and quite a few treats, and a lot of cuddles. I guess she was extremely pleased to have me back, safe and sound. Oh boy, was I glad too after all that excitement.

As it happens the broken stalks from the garden turned into yellow flowers which she put indoors and nothing more was said so I can safely assume that it really didn't matter at all.

Till the next time, stay safe in the garden and enjoy the Spring sunshine.

Love Brodie x





GRAPEVINE: MARCH 2022

Items for insertion should be sent by the 17th of each month to:

applegrapevine@aol.com

This month we say goodbye to Nick Cavanagh and family and wish them all the very best as they relocate West, we believe. They will be greatly missed, especially by those whose gardens had been beautifully maintained over many years.

We are saddened to learn of the passing of Harry Pearce. Harry lived on the edge of Brookland but was the Appledore Village Postman for very many years. A fond recollection from a longstanding resident, who, on hearing the sad news, recalls how Harry always enjoyed a welcome tot of homemade parsnip wine waiting for him from his mother, at Christmas time, as Harry went about on his rounds. We send our sincere condolences to his family and friends.

Grapevine is being produced this month with the possibility of being cut off at any moment as the wind howls around the streets, and debris is flying everywhere. Hopefully everyone is safe, and not suffered any major damage.

If anyone happens to come across the lid of a water butt, Brian Knight (Heathland House) would be very grateful to learn of its whereabouts! Perhaps you would like to share with us your experiences of Storm Eunice next month?

Mother's Day at The Black Lion

The menu below will be the only menu available on Mother's Day due to staff shortages.

The menu will be available from 12 noon till 8 pm.

It will be advisable to book as this is always a very busy day.



Appledore
Local History Society

Open Day

Saturday 12th March 2022

11:00am to 4:00pm

Join us at Appledore Methodist
Chapel for a Trip Down Memory Lane

'Then and Now' Exhibition
Continuous Loop Photographic
Show

Local Interest Stories

Free Admission and Refreshments

Letters to the Editor, Appledore Parish Magazine

I have read the article in last month's magazine re submitting articles for consideration to be printed. I absolutely agree that there is no need for unkind comments but surely we, as residents in the parish of Appledore, have the right to express views and opinions about village matters.

Comments for discussion at the Parish Council meetings are subject to the approval of the parish clerk as to whether they can be included in the minutes for discussion in the public section. Each comment is restricted to three minutes per person with a total of fifteen minutes in total for the public session. Hardly democratic.

Are we now in a position where we have no opportunity to express an alternative opinion regarding matters of concern to the village?

Signed: Denise Stephens

I did not like to hear from this month's (February) issue that you have had negative comments - it really beggars belief! Keep up the good work please, we treasure our precious magazine and can only admire all the work you put into producing it each month. Thank you so much Maureen.

Signed: Judith Clifton

Editor's Comments:

Two very different reactions to a piece I wrote last month. Nowhere in the article did I say that I wouldn't print the views of the residents of Appledore in what is after all your magazine! Indeed, I welcome and encourage articles to be submitted. However, personal attacks and personal insults will not be tolerated.

Asking people to be polite and punctual with their submissions is a far cry from stifling democratic debate in the village.



Appledore Parish Magazine Open Day

On Saturday 12th March the Parish Magazine will be holding an Open Day in their room at the Methodist Chapel – the same day as the Local History Society are having an Exhibition in the Methodist Chapel.

Do come along and see how your magazine is produced. There will also be pictures and details of its background and how and why it was started.

It might be nice to see where we work now and then come along to our new venue in the refurbished village hall when it reopens!

Free Admission and refreshments!

Hope the cake decoration surrounding this persuades you to come and visit us!!! We have no shame!!!

Appledore resident Terry Blaney has drawn attention to a new public service information source – “My Community Group Kent”. The newsletter can be found on the next two pages.

‘My Community Group Kent’ (MCGK) is a newly established service, where, amongst other things, the PCSO Newsletter is being posted.

Kate (our PCSO) has asked that the existence of ‘My Community Group Kent’ is publicised amongst the community (www.mycommunityvoicekent.co.uk). It is a relatively easy on-line process for individuals to join this public service information source.

Your Local Newsletter



February 2022

Tenterden / St. Michaels / Rolvenden / Weald South / Isle of Oxney

Dear All,

Thank you for signing up to My Community Voice. I hope you find it is an efficient way to gain an insight into what we are doing in your local area.

Let me just introduce myself, for those of you who do not know me. My name is PCSO Katherine Richards, but most people call me Kate.



As your local officer, I will keep you updated through the week with any crime prevention, fraud awareness, advice that may help you. As well as up and coming Drop-in sessions.

The areas that I cover are **Tenterden, St. Michaels, Rolvenden, Newenden, Weald South and Isle of Oxney areas.**

In recent weeks we have seen an increase of vehicle crimes in the local and Ashford areas. Please ensure your vehicles are as secure and safe as possible.

Most people take steps to keep their car safe



Do you:

- remove expensive items?
- lock and alarm it?
- store keys safely?



Protect your car, leave it:

- **LOCKED** -Lock your car when you leave it.
- **LIT** – Park in a well – lit area.
- **EMPTY** – Hide any items on show, don't leave anything valuable inside.

Updated News:

An arrest has been made after officers uncovered a cannabis cultivation near Ashford.

A warrant under the Misuse of Drugs Act was carried out at an outbuilding in Appledore during the morning of Friday 28 January 2022.

Officers found around 300 cannabis plants growing in concealed rooms within the building. They were seized and horticultural equipment was dismantled.

A 52-year-old man from Tenterden was arrested on suspicion of cultivating cannabis and has since been released on police bail until 25 February whilst enquiries continue.



Sadly we have had some Criminal damage reported at the Sports Pavilion in Tenterden. Took place on Monday 17th January 2022 between 16:40 -18:50. Crime ref: 46/16300/22 if you know anything please report. CCTV is being reviewed.



Crime statistics can be found at: <https://www.police.uk/>

ASB hotspots in my area have been patrolled and we need any issues to be reported, via the correct channels, we do not monitor community

Facebook accounts and this is not how to report things.



I would also ask if anything is happening in your area, please make sure you report it, via the correct channels

Making it easier to get in touch

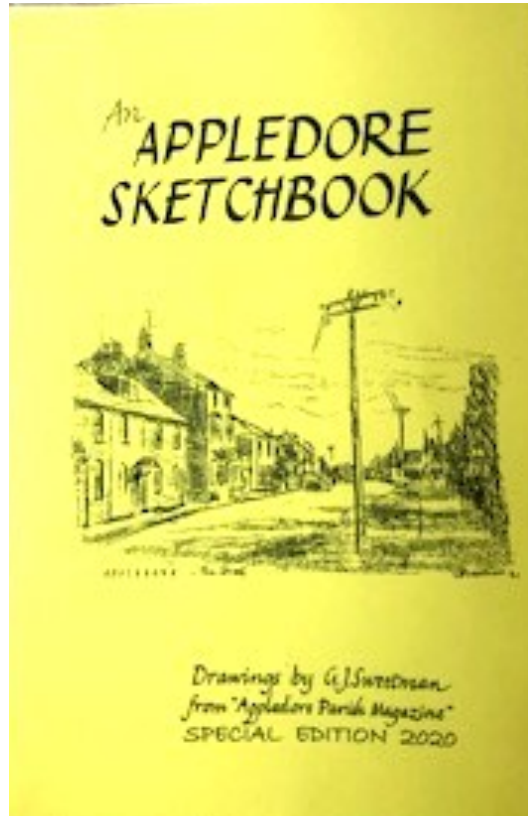
<p>In an EMERGENCY only call</p> <p>999</p> <p>when life is in immediate danger or when a crime is in progress</p>	<p>Report ONLINE</p> <p>A quicker way for you to report crime and incidents</p> <p>Receive your confirmation email and reference number immediately</p> <p>Go to www.kent.police.uk/report</p>	<p>Front counters</p> <p>You can report issues to one of our front counters. To find your nearest one visit our website.</p> <p>www.kent.police.uk/contact</p>
<p>Crimestoppers</p> <p>Call 0800 555111</p> <p>100% anonymous. Always</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • They are not the police • Nobody will know you have helped us • They pay cash rewards of up to £1,000 <p>www.crimestoppers-uk.org</p>	<p>Hate crime reporting hubs</p> <p>Visit one of our reporting hub drop-in surgeries based in Medway. You don't need an appointment (in most cases) and will be given advice and support by a trained team member.</p> <p>www.kent.police.uk/hatecrime</p>	<p>ActionFraud</p> <p>Report online fraud or scams to ActionFraud</p> <p>Report 24/7</p> <p>actionfraud.police.uk</p> <p>0300 123 2040</p> <p>Mon-Fri 8am to 5pm Sat & Sun 9am-6pm</p>
<p>Ask the Police</p> <p>No need to phone. Get an instant answer online.</p> <p>Browse the A to Z question finder</p> <p>www.askthe.police.uk</p>	<p>True Vision</p> <p>Visit the True Vision website to find out more about hate crime, what to do if you are a victim and to make a report online.</p> <p>www.report-it.org.uk/home</p>	<p>Country Eye – rural crime app</p> <p>Snap a photo of the suspicious behaviour, incident or location</p> <p>Receive updates and alerts on the incident you submit</p> <p>Tell us where you are or use your phone's built in GPS location</p> <p>www.countryeye.co.uk</p>
<p>Nuisance and environmental issues</p> <p>Contact your local council for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Noise complaints Abandoned vehicles Fly tipping <p>www.gov.uk/find-your-local-council</p>	<p>101</p> <p>Call 101 to report crime and other concerns that do not require an emergency response</p> <p>For example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • property damaged • suspected drug use or dealing • or • give information about crime • have a general enquiry 	<p>Contact the Police and Crime Commissioner Matthew Scott</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Write to OPCO, Kent Police HQ, Sutton Road, Maidstone, ME15 9BX • Call on 01622 877855 • Email contact@kent.pcc.kent.police.uk • Twitter @PCCOJKENT • Visit the website www.kent-pcc.gov.uk

If you have any family or friends who would like to be kept updated, please share the QR code so that they can also sign up to My Community Voice.

Kind Regards,
PCSO Kate Richards



FOR SALE!



As part of our 60th birthday celebrations we have put together a sketchbook of Appledore. These are drawings done in the 1960s by the first Editor of the Parish Magazine, Mr Sweetman. It is a fascinating glimpse into the history of Appledore and what the village looked like then. Mr Sweetman travelled all around the village sketching what he saw. Many of you will recognise your homes as they looked then. You might also see what the land looked like before your house was built!

Some of the individual buildings named include: the Methodist Chapel; the Forstal; Horne's Place Chapel; Oxney House; Swan House; the cottages on Court Lodge Road; the primary school; Victoria Terrace and Griffin Cottages; Hawthorn Cottages; many views of the Church - inside and out - as well as country views along the Military Canal and Gusbourne.

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

Photocopying & Printing

The Parish Magazine provides a Photocopying & Printing Service. Prices are: Black & White 6p per page, Colour 15p per page. We can print single- or double-sided.

For further information or to place an order please contact Brian Knight. Tel: 01233 758319 or email thrknng@aol.com.

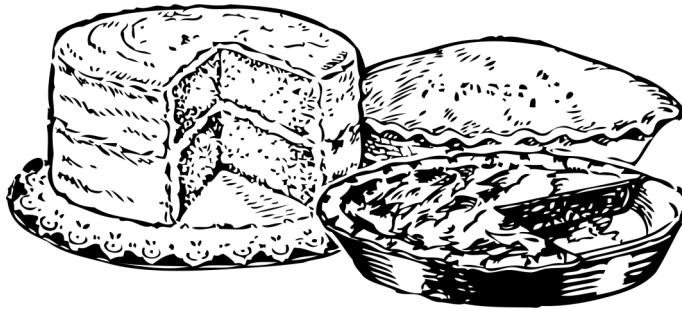
Rolvenden Village Hall Thursday Market

Come and visit the Thursday Market **FREE ENTRY!**

Every Thursday morning 9-11am

Fresh fish, local honey, knitting wool, homemade cakes and sausage rolls, preserves.

Refreshments with bacon butties!



Appledore get ready to get fit!!!!

Exercise classes will soon be back in Appledore once the Village Hall reopens:

Aerobics:

"Mondays Move it Shake it 🎵"

To 70s/80s/Latin themed music

Easy to follow low impact Routines that will get you "Into the Groove"with Suzey.

10-10.45am Mondays

"Wednesdays Wakey- wakey!"

6.15-7pm Wednesday

For details contact Suzey 07732 789878

Pilates:

Tuesdays 9-10am Beginners

10-11am Everyone else!

Thursdays 7-8pm Everyone else!

For details contact Maureen 07715277599



Block Your Diaries: Platinum Jubilee, 2nd June 2022

Pleased to report the excitement is building for Appledore's Platinum Jubilee celebrations. The theme is "1952" and the village is getting behind the festivities with a whole slew of activities for all ages.



The Recreation Ground will be made into a 'mock' street party with numerous stalls from local artisans and food stalls, along with several beverage suppliers catering to all tastes. There will be food available to buy for people who'd prefer to have a 'day out', and seating for families who'd prefer to bring a picnic. **Ray and Sandra from the Black Lion** will be laying on hot food on the rec', along with **Gusbourne's** wines, cocktail bar, and a Pimm's

wagon.

The fun kicks off at 11am on the 2nd, and throughout the day we'll be entertained by the Morris Dancers, the Cinque Ports Lindy Hoppers who'll be showing us how to jive, Hart and Harper's duet, and The Rockit Men – all of whom have a great local following, so come and enjoy the entertainment and support your local talent.

We'd greatly encourage 1950s dress, and **Katie and Jade from Blush** are offering 1950s hair-dos for those who are really keen to look the part! The 1950s look is IN!



Our Church is organising several activities, and the **Appledore**



History Society is putting on a Jubilee exhibition at the Methodist Hall. The **Appledore Garden Society** will be selling plants, we'll have a ceremonial tree planting, and an exhibition of period vehicles will be on display to add to the 1950s ambience.

The grand finale will be the lighting of the Beacon at Horne's Place to be viewed from the Recreation Ground to the accompaniment of **Millie the bagpiper** playing Diu Regnare, specifically written for the occasion by Stuart Liddell – the whole country will be piping the same piece of music at the same time – 9:35pm.

This will be a wonderful event for all ages and a once in a lifetime celebration – never before have we had a sovereign celebrate 75 years as head of state.

Many thanks to everyone who's reached out and happily contributed to the organisation of this event. For further questions or suggestions please contact: apc.gkinsley@gmail.com

