

APPLEDORE PARISH MAGAZINE

MARCH 2021

Welcome to Spring!



VILLAGE DIARY**MARCH 2021**

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

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

Dear Appledore,

Positive thinking! I wanted not to mention Covid in this month's Parish magazine so decided to look back at last March's editorial. The Village Diary was full and although we had to cancel Film Night (Shirley Valentine) and the Auction of Promises at the end of the month as we went into our first lockdown, the editorial spoke of Appledore as "a vibrant village with much going on". I believe this is still the case, Appledore is still full of activity – albeit of a different type at the minute.

There are many Zoom classes and meetings taking place regularly – I have even been to two Zoom birthday parties this week (including goody bags, funny sunglasses, cake, and party blowers!) We have goodies being baked regularly in the church porch and the Mask Tree will be coming back soon!

We must not forget how the Village Stores has supported us throughout all the lockdowns. Having a local post office and fresh food supplies has been very important indeed.

With the Village Show going virtual again this year, Ruth Smith is asking us to get involved in a photography competition entitled "Lockdown". This can be a photo of a lockdown celebration, an arrangement of lockdown items, an abstract photo depicting some aspect of lockdown, a place deserted by the lockdown rules - whatever evokes the experience of lockdown for you. There is also the biggest sunflower competition again. More details on page 15.

Let's keep our vibrant village going strong and look forward to businesses opening up again when we can get our hair cut, buy some antiques and perhaps most important of all...go to the pub!

Have a good month. Hopefully we will be back to delivering a hard copy of the magazine to everyone in Appledore in April.

Stay safe and keep wearing your masks!

Maureen

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From The Vicarage

It's good that the light at the end of the tunnel is beginning to look a lot brighter. Many of us have now had our first or even second vaccination and Covid 19 numbers are drastically on the way down. I hope that by Easter we might be looking at things in a much more positive light.

As many have said though, each number of those who have died represents a mother, father, sister, brother, friend who mostly, but for the virus, would still be with us today. Our prayers continue to go out to everyone who has been affected in any way. We also continue to thank God for the many thousands of people who have been involved in the process of getting the vaccine out to us from the labs where it was created to those on the frontline delivering it to us. It just goes to show what can be achieved when we all work together.

As we continue through Lent, may I suggest that, as we had to give up so much already over the past year, that we instead take up a daily time of prayer. A time to pray for others and ourselves as we continue through this ever-shortening tunnel together.

A prayer for those affected by the spread of Coronavirus. Keep us, good Lord, under the shadow of your mercy. Sustain and support the anxious, be with those who care for the sick, and lift up all who are brought low; that we may find comfort knowing that nothing can separate us from your love in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen

God Bless

Tricia

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For the next month at Appledore and Stone we continue to hold our services online. If you would like to receive our weekly Newsheet and/or the link to the service, please contact me.

Services for March

7 th March	10.30am	Morning Prayer
14 th March	10.30am	Mothering Sunday Service
21 st March	10.30am	Holy Communion
28 th March	10.30am	Palm Sunday Service

Community Mask Tree

The Community Mask Tree on the Vicarage hedge will be back up and running in March. There will be Easter masks and also Rainbow masks added to the inventory.

Donations for the masks will be given to support the Tenterden Foodbank. Donations of food, including Easter Eggs, can be left through the side door by the garage. Thank you for your continuing support.

Salvation Army Christmas Collection

A big thank you to everyone who supported the Salvation Army collection in December & January.

With the money collected from the lighted tribute tree outside church, the live Nativity Tableau in Old Way and the mask tree outside the vicarage, we raised £230 towards this great cause.

Thank you to Dan Clifton, Lewis Wraight, Sally Cross, Philippa & Fay for helping me with the tree lights & decorations, to Clive Gilbert for providing us with the lights, to Tricia for making the masks and to Julie & Simon Cope for dressing up as Mary & Joseph and allowing George the very handsome and compliant donkey to take part in the tableau.

The laminated tags have been rescued from the tree and your tributes are tied to our prayer tree inside the church.

Let's hope we are back to normal with our fabulous Carol Service (jokes included!) outside the Black Lion with mulled wine & mince pies in 2021!!

Donna x



Dear Donna,

I am writing on behalf of Captains Callum & Berri McKenna, to thank you for supporting the Salvation Army Christmas Appeal, in Hythe and Romney Marsh.

Please be assured that your generous donation of £230.00, raised through the "Lighted Tribute Tree", the "Live Nativity Tableau", the "Mask Tree" and personal donations, was spent on our Christmas work, of providing meals on Christmas Day, in association with AgeUK, to those who are isolated and toys and food to families in the Hythe and Romney Marsh area who would otherwise have little on Christmas Day.

We've seen a significant increase in referrals for both of these activities, and so we are very grateful for your support in making this happen. Of course, our work doesn't start and end at Christmas, and this year we have seen a huge increase in the number of people seeking support throughout the year.

Once again thank you, and all who contributed, for their kindness and generosity.

Here's hoping that this year will see the band back in Appledore, gosh have I missed the mince pies with icing in the middle!!!

God bless you

Richard Carroll

Bandmaster

MISSING THE LIBRARY?

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

J.C.

MISSING TABLECLOTH

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

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

Eileen

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

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

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

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





Appledore Local History Society

Projects Undertaken Since AGM of 18th April 2019

Community Chest Demonstration at Village Hall
 Completion of The Beacon Project
 Delivery of Second Closed Cemetery Vegetation Management Works Party
 Visits:
 Brenzett Aeronautical Museum
 Visits Planned (Postponed Due to Lockdown):
 Tenterden Museum
 Local Mills
 Talks Hosted:
 Weird War Two
 Battalion of Pals
 Appledore Station
 Talks Planned (Cancelled Due to Lockdown):
 Suffragettes of Kent
 Caroline Brennan Painting Displayed at Village Hall
 Continued Development of Community Chest Database
 ALHS Website Maintained and Regularly Updated
 Participation in Heritage Ashford Network Meetings
 Fundraising Quiz Night
 Discussions re New Village Map Sign
 Palladian Window Research and Relocation to the Brooking Collection
 Liaison with Court Lodge Archaeology Team
 ALHS Heritage Centre
 Successful KCC Grant Application of £300 for Appledore Heritage Collection
 Mapping of New Graveyard (Ongoing)
 Enquiries Researched/Answered:
 Gusbourne Estate
 Well Cottage
 Dr Cock/Well House Railings and Staircase
 Munk Family
 SEW Chapman Poster Calendar
 History of a House in Bethersden
 Richard Fowle
 Photographs of Appledore Station
 1380 French Invasion
 WW2 Image Sent to Ashford Heritage Network
 Polden Family
 Curtis Family
 Various Enquiries from Karl Neve
 Hyder Family
 1 x Request for A Walk Down the Street Booklet
 1 x Request for Details of a Walking Route from Appledore Station
 2 x enquiries re. Appledore Round Barrow / Mill Hill



GRAPEVINE

March 2021

Last month we included within Grapevine that Julia and Ian Bampton had moved to Birchington where they would be living near to their daughter. It is with great sadness that we now report that Ian passed away on Friday 12th February.

Ian was first and foremost a gentleman, with the gift of diplomacy, loyalty and a keen sense of humour. He readily became involved in many aspects of village life, and was a prominent member of the Recreation Ground Management Committee, a source of assistance to the Parish Council within his expertise as an Architect, and a valued member of the Parish Magazine Team where month after month he would go along, often with his companion Sammy the dog in tow, to the Pavilion where Ian would embark on his share of the printing task in hand.

The Appledore Gardeners' Society has particularly been hit hard over the course of the last year, and Ian is yet another who will be so sorely missed. As a Society we have very many happy memories of our visits and social activities over the years, and Ian and Julia were a very large part of the group.

We understand that the funeral will take place at the end of March at Barham Crematorium with a link to the live webcam feed. No flowers, but if anyone wished to make a donation the following details are provided:

RNLI : <https://rnli.org/support-us/give-money/give-to-a-special-appeal/spring-appeal/donate>

Rotary Foundation : <https://www.rotary.org/en/donate>

We send Julia and her family our sincerest condolences.



GRAPEVINE

March 2021

Also this month we learn of the death of Phillip Johnson – aged 97 years. Phillip lived at Fayre Cross Cottage – The Street, until a few years ago when he moved to a Royal Star and Garter Home (providing specialist care for RAF Veterans). As part of the RAF 100 year celebrations in 2018 Phillip recalled some of his wartime experiences as a fighter pilot. This interesting recollection can be found on the next page.

Our condolences are sent to his family at this sad time.

With lockdown still being in place at the time of writing there is a real shortage of any light-hearted news to share. Maybe for next month circumstances will have eased, and you would like to send something to Grapevine to lift our spirits as we look forward to the promise of Spring, and the hope of better times. Already Grapevine can see from the window new born lambs, daffodil heads bobbing in the breeze and the pesky mole lifting great mounds of lawn to take in the warmer air!

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

WW2 SPITFIRE PILOT SHARED HIS WARTIME EXPERIENCES FOR RAF CENTENARY

On 1st April 2018 the RAF will celebrate 100 years since its formation.

The Royal Star & Garter Homes, a charity that provides specialist care for veterans and their partners who live with disability or dementia, has been privileged to care for many RAF veterans in its 102-year history.

One such resident is Second World War Spitfire pilot Phillip Johnson. To commemorate the RAF centenary, here we share his incredible story.

Phillip joined the RAF on his 18th birthday and underwent the demanding Spitfire pilot training in the UK, Africa and Egypt. Once his training was complete Phillip was flown to Malta and joined 185 Squadron.

In 1944, 185 Squadron moved to Italy, and operated as a fighter-bomber unit supporting the Allied advance up the length of Italy. Phillip explains, *“The Army would tell us where German Tanks were holding them up. Our job was to destroy the German Army as best we could so the British Army could move on. It was critical work.”*

Phillip remembers one occasion when his plane was struck by enemy fire. *“There was a lot of flak coming from the ground. We swooped in, attacked the tanks and made towards the sea. When I landed, I noticed there was a great big hole in the rear of my plane. It would have been a very different story if it had hit me, or the fuel tank.”*

In early 1945, Phillip was posted back to the UK and joined 174 Squadron whose objective was to help with the air offensive over Germany. The aircraft flown by 174 Squadron was the Hawker Typhoon, meaning Phillip had to re-train.

Typhoon engines were noted for being ‘temperamental’ – something Phillip experienced. *“On one flight, the engine cut out. I had to find a landing place pretty quickly. I glided down to land in a large field. I got it down alright but broke the aircraft’s back. It caught fire and I got out quickly!”* When Phillip returned back to the Station, the Squadron Leader ordered him to be back up flying again in two hours’ time. Phillip explains, *“That was deliberate. It didn’t give me time to think about what went wrong.”*

Not only did the RAF provide Phillip with adventure and camaraderie, it was where he met his future wife, Doreen, who was a mechanic in the WAAF. *“As soon as I saw her I knew straight away she was the girl for me.”* Phillip and Doreen shared a happy 66 years of marriage together.

Phillip went to the Royal Star & Garter Homes in June 2017 shortly before his 94th birthday, after he finally began finding it difficult living on his own at the family home. In November, during the Remembrance Day Commemorative Service held at the Home, Phillip wore his medals for the first time in his life. The Charity’s emphasis on being part of a military family helps many veterans to reconnect with their military past, and comrades that were so important to them during their service.

When reflecting on his time in the RAF, Phillip remains very modest about his actions.

“It was just part of the career. It’s what we had to do, so we just did it”.

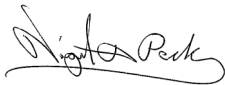
Ian Bampton

Yesterday I received some very sad news that Ian Bampton had passed away on Friday 12th February after a prolonged illness. His son asked me to inform those in Appledore as he knew that Ian had devoted a significant part of his life here with his wife, Julia, and they had very much enjoyed their time in the Parish.

I counted Ian as my friend and colleague as we spent many hours together at each other's homes and also when he served as an enthusiastic Honorary Secretary and more recently as a Trustee of the Appledore Recreation Ground Management Committee. He also helped and contributed to many projects in the village using his in-depth knowledge he had gained as a highly qualified architect. But what I shall personally remember Ian for most is being a character and a gentleman who was liked by everyone.

He and Julia recently moved to Thanet to be near to their daughter but Ian's recent illness prevented this from coming to full fruition.

On behalf of those in the village that knew Ian I offer my condolences to Julia and family.



Nigel Peck

Friend and Chairman of The Appledore Recreation Ground Management Committee

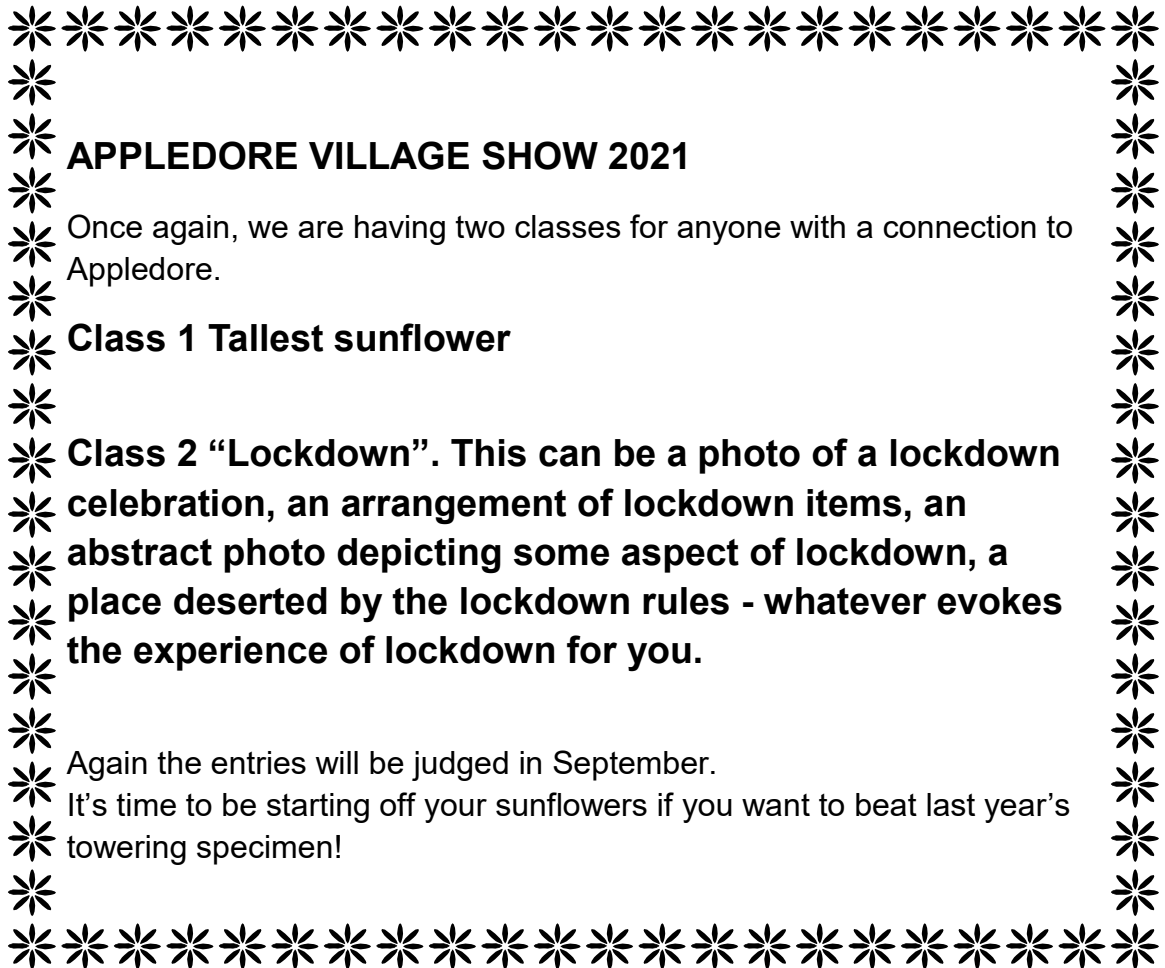
TRIBUTE TO IAN BAMPTON

I was very saddened to learn of the death of Ian Bampton who died on 12th February.

After the wish in the Parish Plan for a new car park in the village, Ian and I spent nearly ten years pursuing this objective. I am indebted to Ian for his support and knowledge and in particular his professional skills. As an RIBA (Royal Institute of British Architects) qualified architect he was invaluable in our negotiations with the agent for the Crown Estate land adjacent to Court Lodge Road. We frequently remarked that we had no idea when we started that it would take so long to achieve the eventual grant of approval of a planning application!

I am only sorry that Ian will not have the satisfaction of seeing the finished development. I will miss his cheerful voice and resilience.

Charles Wilkinson



Ashford Citizens Advice Bureau

Whenever you need advice, we're here

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

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

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Appledore Bells by Frank Wenham

After my explanation in the parish magazine last year about the bells being silenced owing to the Covid restrictions I am still being asked when will be able to ring again. All I can say to that is I don't know.

I did, in the last piece I wrote, say I would hope to do something for the Armistice service and Christmas ringing. Well as you all know that was a no go owing to the rise in cases of the virus and the church being closed for services. I, like you, would have loved to have heard the bells being rung for both those occasions, muffled for sadness and respect for those who gave so much during the wars, and rung 'open' for the joys of Christmas. Sadly, as you know, Christmas was rather different this year, but now the infection rates are beginning to fall and there are vaccinations for the more vulnerable, hopefully there is a light at the end of what has been a very long tunnel. I am not going to make any predictions as to when we will be able to get back to ringing but would hope now it is not too far away.

I must say that I was asked to toll a bell for a funeral in a nearby church last autumn. It was quite a heavy bell and to be honest the rope was too short to ring it comfortably but I did manage, albeit the tolling was perhaps a little quicker than it should have been or I would have liked. After a day or two I had found muscles that I have never found before from ringing, so from my point of view I would like to get back to it as soon as possible and free up some of the unused muscles that bell-ringing finds.

When we do get back to ringing I wonder if drinking a well-earned pint after practice on a Friday evening will find unused muscles? Just a thought!

A Warning of phone scams going the rounds from Derek Winter

- 1) Amazon Prime - some of those who use the service initially receive a recorded phone call saying their monthly payment has been increased in error from £7.99 to £799 etc (varies). Usually it seems a second almost immediate follow-up call (sounds like a bustling call centre) is made requesting you download an app from the app store to enable a refund to be made BUT IT IS SO THEY CAN TAKE CONTROL OF YOUR COMPUTER. But obviously you don't know this until it's too late! These people are persistent and keep calling. Amazon will never ring you only email.
- 2) BT or other server - A recorded phone call is received saying your router is dodgy and to contact the caller (a bit more to it but reported slight different modus from two people). I have however known BT to call in the past.
- 3) A call from the Inland Revenue telling the recipient that they are about to be arrested in 20 minutes for failure to pay the correct tax and will be taken away in handcuffs unless it's paid immediately, again modus differs slightly from different people approached.

BRODIE



Late February/early March

Hasn't it been cold ? All that snow and ice across the fields was sort of ok but oh boy I was always pleased to get back indoors and stretch out in front of the fire. Thank goodness for my warm coat, and now guess what, the rain is back so muddy walks across muddy fields and unbearable rub-downs when we get home! Never mind, winter doesn't last forever. Soon it will be Spring and the sun will be shining and we can enjoy lovely dry walks again.

We haven't had any visitors to the house for a very long time. The postman still calls so I bark at him and occasionally a big parcel arrives by special delivery. The last one was a huge box and inside a large sack of my dog food and some treats. So naturally I was on best behaviour, sitting still and wagging my tail at the same time, quite tricky you might think and you'd be right. Of course I was praised and rewarded with some of my favourite biscuits.

There has been a little bit of excitement in the garden with the arrival of some bird feeders and of course lots of visitors flying in to inspect them. I was immediately very interested and in my haste trampled over some yellow flowers waving in the wind. I got the feeling that it wasn't quite the right thing to do. Still I can't be good all the time. The birds weren't bothered by me and after a while I got bored and left them to it.

Recently we made a visit to the beach by car, I'm on the back seat watching the world go by until we arrive. It's quite a stony beach but the great thing is I get to meet lots of other friendly dogs, all out enjoying their walks. I really love being able to run and run until I'm totally worn out. By the time we arrive back home I can just about crawl up onto the sofa and sleep for England, until tea-time of course!

Cheerio till next time!





Parish Council Update March 2021

Parish Council Zoom Meetings

Currently the government is advising that the law which allows virtual council meetings will not be extended after the 7th May 2020. Until June, parish council meetings will continue to be virtual ones and can be joined through the website from the home page. The website address is <https://www.appldore.kent.org>. Although elections for County Councillors will take place in May, the present parish council term will expire in 2023. Therefore, the May elections will not include the re-election of the parish council.

Developer for Court Lodge Residential Enabling Car Park

Court Developers Limited has advised the parish council that they are going to submit two further separate applications. They advised the parish council at the same time as they started to speak with neighbouring property owners. The parish council will give its response when the applications are out for public consultation. The car park drainage plans along with those for the residential site are currently open for public comment.

Public Toilets Refurbishment

The late delivery of the new windows delayed the toilet completion but only snagging remains and so they should open soon, just as the weather improves.

Census, Sunday 21st March

A census takes place every 10 years and helps to inform government and charities to provide the right services to the right people. It is a historic document too as it describes how our households and society evolves over time. Please note that any information you give is confidential. When it comes to complete your census document, help is available from trained personnel and the various ways to get help will be given within it. Further information is available from www.census.gov.uk.

Annual Parish Meeting - Virtual Meeting - Zoom Monday 15th March 2021 at 7.30pm

An annual review of the work of County, District and Parish Council will be provided by County Councillor Mike Hill, District Councillor Mick Burgess and James Perkins (Parish Council Chairman). The link to join the meeting is <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86248647168> but if you lose your copy the information can be found on the website <https://www.appldore.kent.org>.

Remember – Hands - Face - Space

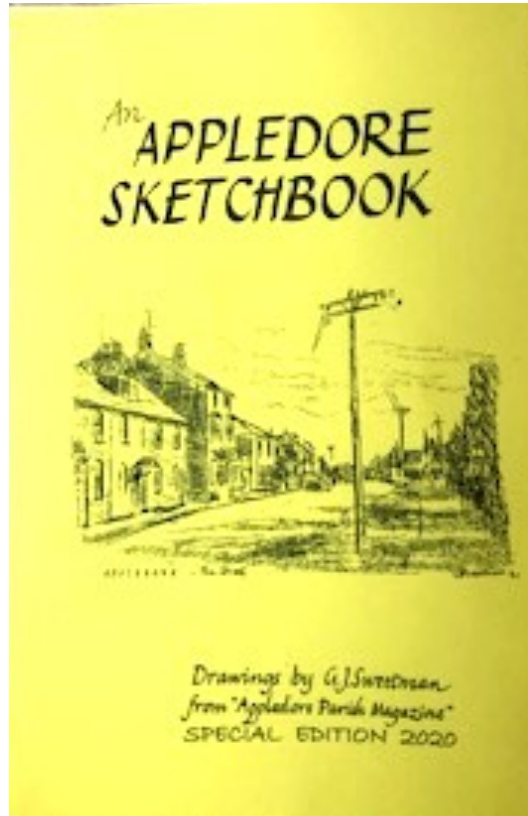
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Appledore Parish Councillors' Contact Details

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

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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.

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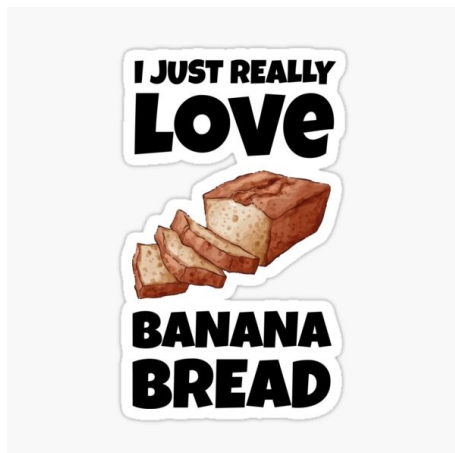
JAN BEAUMONT – Poem about the coronavirus

(previously attributed to Pam Ayres who wrote on Twitter that it isn't one of hers!)

**I'm normally a social girl
 I love to meet my mates
 But lately with the virus here
 We can't go out the gates
 You see, we are the 'oldies' now
 We need to stay inside
 If they haven't seen us for a while
 They'll think we've upped and died
 They'll never know the things we did
 Before we got this old
 There wasn't any Facebook
 So not everything was told
 We may seem sweet old ladies
 Who would never be uncouth
 But we grew up in the 60s -
 If you only knew the truth!
 There was sex and drugs and rock 'n roll
 The pill and miniskirts
 We smoked, we drank, we partied
 And were quite outrageous flirts.
 Then we settled down, got married
 And turned into someone's mum,
 Somebody's wife, then nana,
 Who on earth did we become?
 We didn't mind the change of pace
 Because our lives were full
 But to bury us before we're dead
 Is like a red rag to a bull!**



**So here you find me stuck inside
For four weeks, maybe more
I finally found myself again
Then I had to close the door!
It didn't really bother me
I'd while away the hour
I'd bake for all the family
But I've got no flaming flour!
Now Netflix is just wonderful
I like a gutsy thriller
I'm swooning over Idris
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At least I've got a stash of booze
For when I'm being idle
There's wine and whisky, even gin
If I'm feeling suicidal!
So let's all drink to lockdown
To recovery and health
And hope this awful virus
Doesn't decimate our wealth.
We'll all get through the crisis
And be back to join our mates
Just hoping I'm not far too wide
To fit through the flaming gates!**



Census March 2021
(will provide a snapshot of modern society)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Leigh Poppy - Census Engagement Manager for South East Kent

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

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