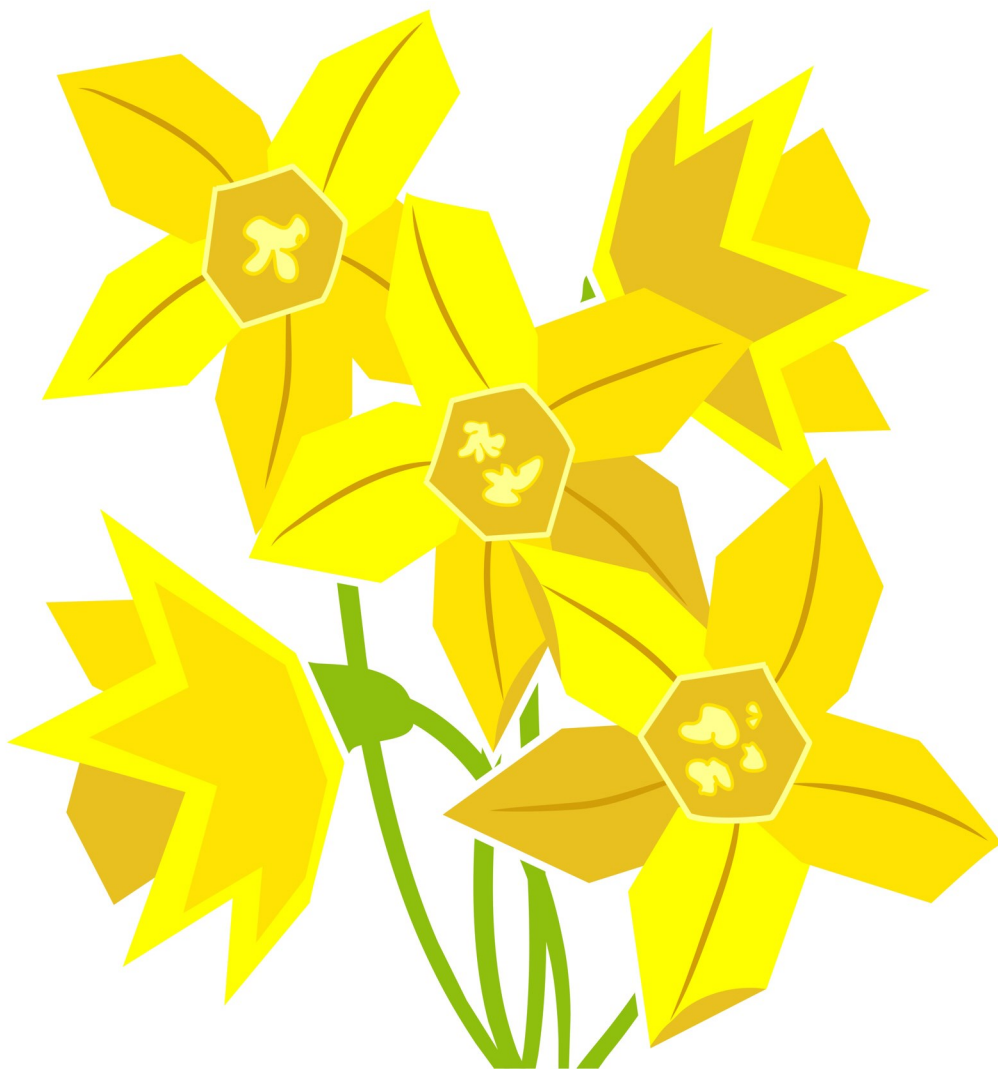


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Welcome to the March issue of the Parish magazine.

Every month, I wonder, what will I write about. Sometimes, the topic is staring me in the face, but other months, I have to let the grey matter meditate a little longer.

This month, my brain kept coming back to - destruction! Deliberate or accidental.

We have all seen graphic pictures on the TV of the destructive powers of earthquakes. 47,000 presumed dead and 1 million homeless in Syria and Turkey. It will take years and cost billions of any currency to rebuild and replace the losses, and no amount of counselling will cure the scarred minds of the people. Just imagine what being buried for several days must be like. Would you ever be truly sane again? This destruction is accidental and cannot be totally prevented.

On a similar scale of devastation we have the first anniversary of the start of the Ukraine war. Approximately 40000 civilian deaths and 200,000 military deaths with 10 million made homeless. This is deliberate man made destruction. Again the reconstruction of Ukraine will take years, cost billions and again there will be long lasting mental damage.

And what has that got to do with Appledore? During January, the Recreation Ground laid an expensive child-friendly surface under the swings. They put the swings out of action and surrounded everything with red and white tape. A few days later, the tape was broken, one swing was down and irreparable damage had been done to the surface. This will need to be replaced at the cost of £4000!

The culprits are known but not yet named. Someone has to pay for the damage.

This was destruction, but was it deliberate or accidental? No child who does not understand what red and white tape means, or that putting the swings out of action must have a reason, is mature enough to go to the playground on their own.. That first step onto the surface may be called accidental, but seeing the result of that step should have stopped this child going further. The next steps were deliberate and were vandalism. Yes the temptation would have been great to continue. I wrote in the wet cement when my conservatory floor was laid. But it was MY floor to destroy. Lowering the swing was also wrong.

Nobody is coming forward to admit their guilt. Maybe the parents are unaware of the furore on social media and in the paper, maybe they cannot afford to pay for the repairs, maybe, they simply don't care.

Parents of this child—take responsibility before the police become involved.

Ruth

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Appledore Village Hall Diary – March 2023

Monday	Parent & Toddler Group	10am - 1pm
Monday	Aerobics	6.15pm - 7pm
Tuesday	Pilates	9am – 10am Beginners 10am – 11am Improvers
Tuesday	Hamstreet Surgery Prescription Collection	10.15am - 10.45am
Tuesday	Art Class	1pm - 4pm
Tuesday	Yoga	7pm - 8pm
Wednesday	Aerobics	6.15pm - 7pm
Wednesday	Lindy Fit	7.30pm – 9pm
Thursday	Pilates	7pm - 8pm
Friday	Tai Chi	10am - 11am
Wednesday 1 st March	Breakfast Get Together	9.30am – 11.30am
Thursday 2 nd March	NO PILATES	
Saturday 4 th March	Cake Bake in the Church Porch	– 9.30am
Monday 6 th March	APC Meeting	7.30pm
Wednesday 8 th March	Breakfast Get Together	9.30am – 11.30am
Tuesday 14 th March	CARM Meeting Point	10am - 11.30am
Thursday 16 th March	Annual Parish Meeting	7.30pm
Friday 17 th March	Ramble	1pm Recreation Ground
Saturday 18 th March	Multi Craft Market	9.30am – 3pm
	Cake Bake in the Church Porch	– 9.30am
Sunday 19 th March	Antique Fair	9am – 3pm
Wednesday 22 nd March	Breakfast Get Together	9.30am – 11.30am
Friday 24 th March	Gardening Club	7pm – 9pm
Tuesday 28 th March	CARM Meeting Point	10am – 11.30am
Friday 31 st March	Curry Night	6.30 for 7pm
Saturday 1 st April	Cake Bake in the 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

Online services, can also be accessed through the daily bulletin, **Connect Up!**

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

Saturday 4th March

9am The Object of Lent: Bread (*Smallhythe*)
A thirty-minute service followed by optional breakfast

Sunday 5th March: The Second Sunday of Lent

11am Morning Praise (*Appledore*)
4pm Choral Evensong (*Stone*)
4pm Choral Evensong (*Tenterden*): *Live streamed and online thereafter*

Saturday 11th March

9am The Object of Lent: Cross (*Stone*)
A thirty-minute service followed by optional breakfast

Sunday 12th March: The Third Sunday of Lent

11am The Eucharist (*Appledore*)
6pm Said Evensong with Hymns (*Tenterden*)

Saturday 18th March

9am The Object of Lent: Coins (*Ebony*)
A thirty-minute service followed by optional breakfast

Sunday 19th March: The Fourth Sunday of Lent and Mothering Sunday

11am A Celebration of Mothering Sunday (*Appledore*)
4pm Choral Evensong (*Tenterden*): *Live streamed and online thereafter*

Saturday 25th March

9am The Object of Lent: Shoes (*Newenden*)
A thirty-minute service followed by optional breakfast

Sunday 26th March: The Fifth Sunday of Lent and Passion Sunday

11am The Eucharist (*Appledore*)

1pm Baptism (*Appledore*)

6pm Said Evensong with Hymns (*Tenterden*):

Live streamed and online thereafter

Please note that Evensong begins at a later time

**Sutton Valence Choral Society in Tenterden
with the Beresford Sinfonia**



**J S Bach
St John's Passion**

first performance in new translation

Saturday 25th March

7pm

St Mildred's Church

Tenterden TN30 6AT

TICKETS £15 including programme

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Letter from the Church

I have just returned from a ten-day trip to Alicante. Our plan to fly to Alicante and then drive into the mountains was thwarted by the ‘cold snap’ that Europe experienced in February. We ended up visiting various Cathedrals, art galleries, museums, bars and restaurants.

In Valencia cathedral I was passing through a rather nondescript chapel on my way to the exit. There were some people praying here; the chapel housed what is claimed to be the Holy Grail – the cup that Jesus used at the Passover Supper on the night of his arrest.

A quick Googling tells us there are between 38 and 116 suggested ‘cups’ which may, or may not be, the Holy Grail. The Valencian cup does seem to be top of the list when it comes to provenance. One story is that it was taken by St Peter to Rome and then taken by a Vatican soldier to Spain in the third century. It takes pride of place on the altar - well-lit, a dark cup with ornate gold handles and a base laden with precious jewels – not the sort of cup, surely, used by Jesus of Nazareth with his fishermen friends.

Unmoved, and imagining how many poor worshippers had been asked to contribute towards its beautification, I was about to leave the chapel, when I found an information card for visitors. The ornamentation was added later as it came to be revered; the actual cup is made of agate though very simple in design. Even so, an agate cup seemed an unlikely contender for a modest Passover Supper with the Servant King - but I then read that many 1st century Jewish families would have possessed a very special, often ornate, cup which was only used for Passover. This would be handed down through the generations. I had never thought that Jesus might have used anything other than a plain pottery goblet, or maybe a wooden beaker, given Joseph’s woodworking skills.

What sets this Holy Grail apart from the others, for me, is that no-one has ever claimed that it is anything other than the cup Jesus used at that Last Supper. It looks fit for a King and, as I gazed at the chalice, I recalled Pilate’s question to Jesus “What is Truth?”.

It is unlikely that we shall ever know the truth about the Valencian Holy Grail. It’s a good story and it may be true; who knows? But is it something to build our faith upon? We build our faith upon the one who gathered his friends around him, drank from a common cup with them, and the next day died for them, and for us all. Let us use these weeks of Lent to think about truth in our lives, in our relationships, in our work, and in our faith, remembering the words of the centurion at the foot of the cross

“Truly this man was God’s Son”.

Lenten blessings,

Sharon Francis



March	2023	Church	Rota
	<u>Sidesperson</u>	<u>Reader/Intercessor</u>	<u>Refreshments</u>
5th March	Philippa	Vicki/Frances	Eileen/Brenda
12th March	Judith	Roger H/Tony	Jane
19th March	Jo	Jane/Donna	Donna/Jo
26th March	Donna	Michael/Chris	Fay
2 April	Denise	Thelma/Brenda	Eileen/Brenda

March	2023	Flower	Rota
	Altar	West End	Porch
All March	No flowers	as it is	Lent

Hornes Chapel—no flowers

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 times a year and no skills required – just enthusiasm and a wish to be involved. Full support and training given! Why not give it a go? J.C.

PRODUCE IN THE PORCH

Thanks to everyone who leaves used jam jars, flower pots, plastic trays, books and knitting wool in the church porch. We gratefully use them all and hope you will please continue in this way. Our well established cake-bake days will continue on alternative Saturdays, the next ones being on 4th March, 18th March and 1st April. If you feel like making 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 and all proceeds go directly towards the upkeep of our beautiful church. The porch is open every day from 9.00 a.m. until late afternoon where you will find our usual range of preserves, books and other desirables. Thank you for your support. J.C.

CALLING ALL SEWERS!

Did you know there are still some new fabrics for sale in church? A selection ranging from fabulous furnishing material to silk and voile at bargain prices (£3 per metre or less!) This has all been generously donated by a friend who has retired from her interior design business and wishes to support our Parish Church. Do come along and have a rummage. J.C.

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Parish Council Update March 2023

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

Voting in the May Elections and Voter Authority Certificate (Free Voter Identification)_

On the opposite page, you will be able to find a list of deadline dates regarding the 4th May Elections. These dates are all in April.

The national campaign has probably already alerted you to the fact that if you are voting in person at the booth, you will need identification. There will be a long list of identification that can be used, on the back of the voting cards, being delivered to all those registered to vote.

You can see the full list of accepted identification at the Electoral Commission Website <https://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/i-am-a/voter/voter-id/accepted-forms-photo-id>

If you do not have any of these or no longer look like the photo, you can get, FOR FREE, a Voter Authority Certificate which lasts for 3 years. You will need a recent digital photo and your national insurance number to apply online <https://www.gov.uk/apply-for-photo-id-voter-authority-certificate> . The service is already running and in use by people getting ahead. You can also obtain the paper form from Ashford Borough Council if you are unable to run off a copy from the government website

Calling Second Home Owners in Appledore

Did you know that as a home owner in the parish you are entitled to vote in the Parish Council Elections. If you had 3 different homes in three different parishes you would be entitled to vote in each parish. Surprisingly, you can register to vote in all elections in multiple locations. Though, as in all elections you are only permitted to vote once. So don't forget to register to vote.

If you do register to vote in the parish election you also allow the parish council to spend a greater sum on local groups. There is a general restricted law for parish benefit that permits a parish council to spend, on local groups, an amount for the year, based on the number of registered electors for the parish. Help the parish council to keep Appledore Local Groups going by registering to vote in parish elections.

Annual Parish Meeting Thursday 16th March, 7.30pm, Village Hall

Please join us for a convivial drink be that wine or tea! Your county councillor Mike Hill will report and it is hoped that a local business will also give a brief interesting review.

Next Council Meeting – Monday 6 March 7.30pm Village Hall

Thinking of becoming a Parish Councillor!

Your nomination papers must have been checked by officers from Ashford Borough Council, at Civic Centre by 4pm on the 4th April.

Forms available from 27th March from
Ashford Borough Council
Electoral Services

May Elections Deadline Dates

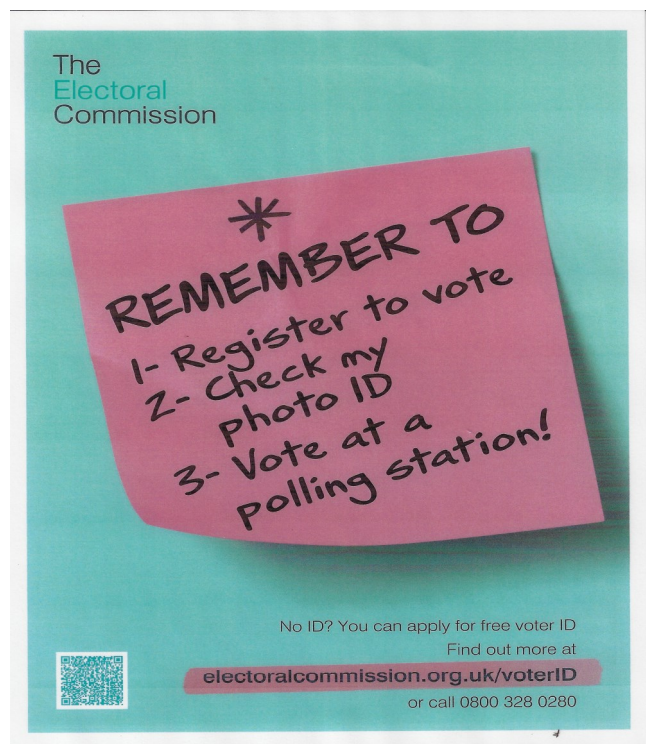
Last date to register to vote Monday 17th April

Last date for new postal votes and proxy postal applications or changes to them –
5pm Tuesday 25th April

Last date for Vote Authority Certificates – 5pm Tuesday 25th April
online application available on Ashford Borough Council website

Last date for applications to vote by proxy not postal – 5pm Tuesday 25th April

N.B. first date to apply for emergency proxy – after 5pm Tuesday 25th April





Ashford Borough Council is currently running its own ant-litter campaign – ‘Don’t be a lazy chucker!’ – and Appledore will be one of the villages to join in throughout March to try to get Spring off a spick and span start.

We’re hoping to have some banners and posters put up around the village; they have been designed by Ashford Borough Council and will be loaned to us during March.

This seems an appropriate opportunity for Appledore PC to repeat its sincere and grateful appreciation to that wonderful band of people who have rallied round our cry to clean up the village and its surroundings...and keep it that way. Day after day, the volunteers battle all weathers to go round the streets and lanes of the village, clearing up the mess that other folk have left behind.

But we’re always open to more volunteers, though, in the endless battle to fight this blight in all our lives – so we’d be delighted if you’d like to be part of our concentrated efforts throughout ‘Spring Clean March’. I’ve asked Ashford Borough Council for the loan of grab sticks and high-vis jackets should anyone want to join our fantastic volunteers!

Give me a call on my mobile (07557553626) or send me an email at apc.pthornton@gmail.com

Note: Mark Goodman, the Ashford Environmental Enforcement Officer, was due to speak to us all about their litter campaign at our next parish meeting on 6 March but unfortunately this has had to be postponed. We hope to see him at a later date.

Cllr Paula Thornton



VILLAGE HALL NEWS

This is a new designated page, so that you can easily find all the information about the Village Hall and its events.

FRIDAY NIGHT is CURRY NIGHT on

MARCH 31st 6.30 for 7pm at APPLIEDORE VILLAGE HALL

priced at £12.50 per person for a three-course meal with licenced bar.

BOOKING ESSENTIAL by Tuesday 21st March

CALL. 01233 758097

01233 758618

Linda and Jenny



BREAKFAST GET TOGETHER

every other **WEDNESDAY** at the Village Hall for Breakfast Get Together from:
9.30-11.30

Bacon/sausages, eggs, mushrooms, tomatoes, toast, and marmalade or just a coffee and a chance to meet friends old and new.

ALL WELCOME

MARCH 1st, 8th, 22nd

APRIL : 5th, 19th.

The Breakfast Get Together and CARM Meeting Point have decided to compliment each other.

CARM Meeting Point will happen on 2nd and 4th **Tuesday** of every month 10—11.30am and

Breakfast Get Together will happen on 1st, 3rd and 5th **Wednesday** of every month, 9.30—11.30

So every week you can enjoy a coffee with friends.

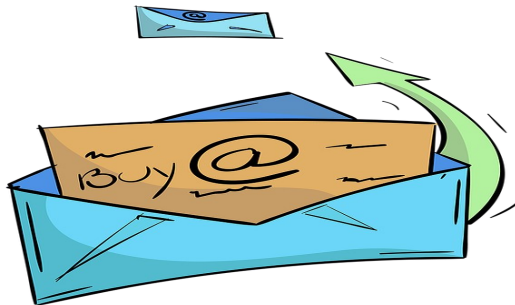
(Ed note—I can vouch for the bacon butties. Yummy!)



CARM Meeting Point is now up and running in it's new venue—the Village Hall and with a new team—Ruth Smith, Jo Killick and Nick Brandreth running it. Meeting Point and the Breakfast Get together have agreed a rota so that at least one of the two activities is running each week. So you won't be deprived of your weekly coffee and chat.

We are planning some interesting activities for the future, so do come and join us.

DO YOU WANT A LETTERS PAGE?



From time to time, I get a letter or email from someone. Some should really go to the Parish Council, the Church or the Village Hall as they relate directly to their activities. Some are just plain rude. Some are letters of thanks for certain events well appreciated and these I would love to print, and some are just interesting.

HOWEVER,

We know that Maureen resigned due to nastiness around letters, so I would have to put in place certain criteria first.

1. No obscene, racist, sexist etc etc language.
2. No derogatory remarks about identifiable people.
3. Must come as email and must have a name attached.
4. No longer than 10 lines of Arial font 12.
5. Topic must be relevant to Appledore.
6. Political and religious biased letters only printed at the discretion of the Editor. I would be looking for positive constructive realistic remarks.
7. I am NOT prepared to spend my time correcting your grammar, spelling and punctuation. The letter goes in as written!
8. And finally, the Editor's decision is FINAL. Any nastiness will be named and shamed!
9. I shall be asking for a vote at the Parish Meeting, or you email the magazine email address.

Ruth

Appledore Local History Society



Was there a spy among us?

In fact, yes, from the late 1960's until about 1980, we had two retired spies living next door to each other in Appledore!

Charles de Salis (1911-2007) lived in Church House from at least 1966 until 1980, when he and his wife moved to Rye, and Kenneth Benton (1909-1999) lived in Vine House from 1968 into the 1980's until he moved to Chichester.

This was not by some strange coincidence, however, as their career paths in MI6 were definitely linked. Both men did the same sort of job in Portugal and Spain, both were in Rio de Janeiro at the end of their careers and both reported to Kim Philby, the British spy chief and double-agent who defected to the Soviet Union in the period of the Cold War.

Philby had previously arranged the defections of Guy Burgess and Donald Maclean when they came under suspicion. All three were part of the 'Cambridge Spy Ring'. Both de Salis and Benton were also scholars, but had not been at Cambridge, like Kim Philby and the other double-agents.

Let's not forget the wives of these interesting men! Mr de Salis married Katherine Gange in 1946. She had been Kim Philby's secretary. Benton married Peggy Lambert whom he met in Vienna. She worked in the British Legation and when they returned to England in 1940, they were both recruited to work for Section V, the counter-espionage section of MI6, which handled the Double Cross system.

After life in MI6 de Salis taught at Ashford Grammar school and then taught foreign language conversation classes in Rye. Kenneth Benton is a name to add to our rather long list of authors who live/lived in Appledore. Benton became a successful thriller writer and Chairman of the Crime Writers' Association. His books included 'Single Monstrous Act', 'The Red Hen Conspiracy' and 'The Ward of Caesar'.

What interesting conversations they must have had while they were neighbours!

More of this story can be found on our most excellent website –
appledorehistory.org.uk



SPRING IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER

I've heard this said many times, but which corner? Of course I do tend to run round in circles or just straight across the field after my ball so I don't come across many corners. We've been to the beach several times recently, definitely no corners there.

I've noticed its getting slightly less cold on my walks, just as well as the red coat has not reappeared. Still waiting to be mended I guess. Also it's not quite so muddy so I don't have to go through the awful ordeal of being washed down with a cold wet cloth. I do quite like the rub down with a dry towel afterwards but that cold, wet, smelly cloth is just unbearable.

We've been on some very long walks with my two pals, Claude and Bonnie. One day it was so cloudy and a low mist across the fields I thought we were lost as I couldn't see where we were going or where we'd been. I even lost sight of my mum. Panic stations for a moment then all was well and we were back clambering over a stile into the lane and heading for home. Where I am glad to say the biscuit rations have been improved. Instead of those silly little biscuits that don't even touch the side I now get a large Bonio which I take to my basket for a serious chew.

I've got my old coat back at last, the green one with the fluffy lining, just as well as it's turned cold again. As I'm settling down for a snooze, until the next meal, I keep one eye open in case there's a visitor, and sure enough there's a knock at the door. Friend or foe I bark? I have to let them know who's in charge around here.

Brodie



APPLEDORE VILLAGE SHOW IS BACK!

Last year I was unable to get a show committee together. In retrospect, 'someone' was looking out for us as, not only did we have a drought which ruined many gardens, but the show date was the day after the Queen died and we would have had to cancel out of respect.

This year, I do have a group of willing volunteers, so it's all steam ahead.

What can I tell you at this stage? The provisional date is Saturday 16th September. The refreshments will be organised by our Hall cooks—Jenny and Linda. I hope that all of you who cooked cakes, scones etc in the Selmes or Boorman era, will continue to do so this year.

So now you need to get planting those vegetables and flowers which are at their best in September. Let's hope we don't have a drought again!

Ruth

The Ramblers Walk - 17th February 2023

Well it's the Friday of the ramble again and although the sky is grey and overcast it's not raining! I arrive at Appledore Recreation Field where there are already 3 others, we wait in anticipation for 1.00 pm and our numbers creep up to 10 - a new record for us! We have decided to walk to Kenardington Church again but this time along the other side of the canal. We leave the rec the back way and follow the canal to the end of the village, passing the new Canal View houses. We cross over the bridge, walk alongside the road and then cross over by Pumping Station Cottage onto the AT127 footpath. This path makes for good walking and the views on the right are spectacular over the marsh and fields of Romney sheep, who proudly display their coloured rumps indicating they have been visited by the ram! We carry on our way stopping to chat to two paddle boarders on the canal on our left who are struggling a bit against the wind, we encourage them with "it will be easier on the way back!!" We spot an egret circling overhead and a pair of swans majestically swim past us, we are amazed at the amount of freshwater mussel shells all along the bank that have certainly provided something with a tasty snack!

We now reach Snargate Bridge and after a stretch along a very quiet road follow the footpath along a field and there is Kenardington church. The views are amazing and we can see right over the marsh and as far as Dungeness Power Station in the distance. We explore the church and its beautiful modern stained glass windows and admire the wonderful new extension to the side of the church. We continue on our way following the AT177 which is the ancient Saxon Shore Way, which takes us across some arable fields then across the Snargate Road and into the Gusbourne Vineyards. The vines are resting at the moment while they await the arrival of Spring. However, sheep are doing a good job of grazing between the vines helping to keep the grass down. We reach Mill Hill and the beacon and here take the recently trimmed and tidied AT118a which drops down the hill and takes us past the picturesque lake at Hornes Place.

We finally walk round the edge of an arable field and pop out in Heathside. We stop off at my house where 8 of us enjoy cups of tea and coffee and walnut cake and more importantly a sit down which we are more than ready for!! The next ramble will be on March 17th - put it in your diaries as it would be great to see you!

Jo Weeks.



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The aim of Cross-Quote is to discover the text of the quotation in the grid below where the words are separated only by black squares and punctuation is ignored. To do this, solve the clues on the left and enter the answers in that grid. The letters should also be entered in the correspondingly numbered squares in the grid below. The more the quotation is revealed, the more help you will get in solving the clues ...

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The first solution column above gives the initial and surname of the author and the title of the work from which this extract was taken.

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GRAPEVINE : MARCH 2023

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

Grapevine has received the following devastating news from a heartbroken Grandad. We print as follows and send our sincerest condolences to all of Gabriella's family and friends.

“On the 24th January my beloved Granddaughter Gabriella Cook passed away at Harefield Heart Hospital. Five years ago, at the age of 13, she

developed a chest infection which attacked the heart, she was rushed to the William Harvey Hospital, who then transported her to great Ormond Street Hospital who diagnosed that her heart was failing and she needed a heart transplant. After a time with many procedures and care, a Heart Donor was found. She tried to live the best life she could but had many hospitalisations as the body was rejecting the heart, but with her strength and will power, and will to fight she pulled through. But unfortunately she caught another chest infection and her heart could not fight any more and she passed away. She leaves behind her mum Samantha, brother Reece and sister Brianna.

Gabby grew up in the village and the family has a long connection with the village, with her grandma and grandad John and Jane Cook still living at 58 The Street “

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After many years in office we are sorry to learn that Michael (Mick) Burgess is stepping down. He represents the Oxney Ward on Ashford Borough Council, and for many years as Chairman of Planning.

Mick has supported Appledore in many ways – seldom missing an APC meeting where he gave updates on current local affairs. He also readily arranged grants from his personal Council budget towards projects within the village.

He sat on many committees including the following, and will be a hard act to follow.

Appeals Committee

Council

Licensing Committee

Licensing Sub Committee

Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Planning Committee (Chairman)

Regulatory Committee

Regulatory Sub-Committee

We thank him for his diligence and friendship over the years, and wish him the very best in his 'retirement'. We now look to welcoming our new Borough Councillor, whoever the successful candidate may be, following the May elections.

ARE YOU STRANDED? CAN YOU HELP?

In 2019 Kent County Council launched a 12 month pilot scheme in six areas to provide bus services to the remotest areas. Appledore saw the arrival of the Tenterden Hopper. This gave residents access to Tenterden on Mondays to Fridays to the benefit of the community as a whole. The pandemic and subsequent lock-downs, lack of use etc., together with the current funding crisis, may all have played a large part in KCC now cancelling this service as of 12th February 2023.



Before the pandemic we had the Appledore Good Neighbours Service. Ran by volunteers, it offered free/cheap transport to the surgery, hospital, shops etc for housebound villagers. Unfortunately it never restarted and our car-less residents have struggled. Now the Hopper is out, they are stranded.

Is anyone out there willing to resurrect this service? Besides the volunteers running it, there were quite a few volunteer drivers. Passengers were taken free or for a small donation towards the driver's expenses. It was often possible to take several people together to the same destination and again you could take someone when you go into Ashford or Tenterden to do your weekly shop.



Thursday 16th March is the Annual Parish Meeting and the various Village Organisations have been invited to address the meeting with an update of the past year's activities, and to promote the forthcoming events.

Appledore Garden Society will be giving an account of activities enjoyed over 2022 as we cautiously ventured out again following the pandemic. We also have an interesting programme for 2023 – why not come along and maybe find it is something you would like to join.

Our meeting on Friday 24th March will be a speaker—Plants that Bite. Free for members, but small fee for others.

Ed note—sounds MOST interesting1



A request from the Church. Does anyone in the village have a drone and could fly it over the churchyard and the new churchyard (down Old Way) and produce some photographs for us of the two churchyards.

We are compiling an updated record of positions of graves and this would assist us with that.

If you can help, please contact Fay Steed on 758304. Thank you.



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E GILBERT - EAT, PRAY, LOVE

Here's what's strange though: I haven't seemed to be able to do any yoga since getting to Rome. For years I've had a steady and serious practice and I even brought my yoga mat with me along with my best intentions.

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