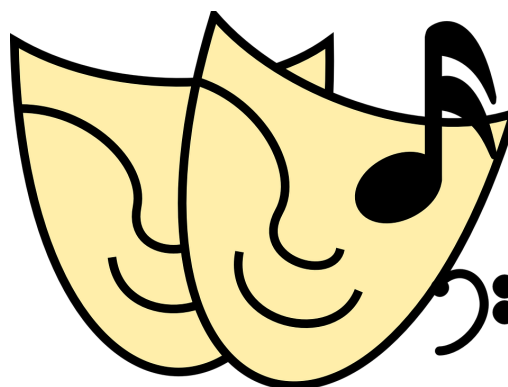


# **APPLEDORE PARISH MAGAZINE**

**May 2021**



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Dear Appledore,

As we come into May, hopefully the UK roadmap out of lockdown will move forward a little bit more as indoor hospitality, cinemas, museums, spas and theatres begin to open – amongst other things! Certainly, we can be optimistic but cautious too, I think. The vaccine roll-out continues and many in the village have already had their second vaccine.

Some will have enjoyed a glass or two of something at the Black Lion or another hostelry wrapped up for the cold outside from April 12<sup>th</sup>. You might find my interview with Ray and Sandra from the Lion on their experiences over the past year on pages 15-18 interesting. Personal interest accounts of shared experiences like the pandemic are always welcome. Are there any other businesses, or indeed individuals, who have a story to tell about the last year? Do let me know at the email address below. One experience I remember vividly is Ruth Smith's accounts from near the frontline of the pandemic in the magazine last year.

Work has begun in earnest on the refurbishment of the Village Hall. Please note that the car park is closed for the time being.

Parish Council officer elections will take place by 24<sup>th</sup> June. I hope to have more information in the magazine next month. They are mentioned in the Parish Council Report on page 21 and nomination forms can be obtained from Ashford Borough Council Democratic Services Department or from the Clerk.

The sun is shining, and my garden is calling me.

Stay safe.

Maureen

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## **May Services**



### **Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> May**

10.30am, Joint Anglican/Methodist All-Age Worship,  
Parish Church

### **Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> May**

10.30am, Holy Communion, Parish Church

### **Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> May**

10.30am, Joint Family Service

### **Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> May**

10.30am, Holy Communion, Parish Church

### **Midweek Services**

Holy Communion every Wed at 9.30am

At St Peter & St Paul, Appledore

For further details and for Baptisms, Weddings and Banns or for any pastoral concerns which you would like to discuss,

please contact

Rev'd Tricia Fogden on 758250 or [patricia.fogden@btinternet.com](mailto:patricia.fogden@btinternet.com)

## From the Vicarage

I'm writing this just a couple of days after hearing the news of the death of His Royal Highness Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh. With people across the nation and the Commonwealth and beyond we share their sense of loss and offer our condolences to Her Majesty the Queen and her family.

Prince Philip has been someone who has been beside the Queen, who has been, she said, her strength and stay for all the years which have been the longest reign our nation has ever known. It's hard to think of the royal family without him. And first our thoughts and our prayers are for our sovereign lady Queen Elizabeth and all members of the royal family in their bereavement.

There was no model for Prince Philip to follow as consort when, at a young age, the Queen succeeded to the throne. Perhaps that was no bad thing, since Prince Philip has always been his own person too.

With his early and notable career in the Royal Navy and his lifelong engagement with the armed forces, the interests and causes that mattered to him, the awards scheme for young people that he founded and which bears his title, to industry, conservation, and the World Wildlife Fund, in so many ways he expressed throughout his long life a faithful dedication and high sense of duty and a willingness to serve.

And he did this with a twinkle in his eye and sometimes a ready and challenging word.

For all that, the fact is that today we see the debt that we owe him.

For his death to come at the end of Easter week I believe can help us. For Christians this above all is the season when we know that we are never left without hope, hope for this world and hope for the world beyond it.

For Christ is risen and we can count on God to strengthen us to walk with Christ in his risen life. That is the promise offered to all who would receive it, it is in that risen life that we put our trust today.

As we, hopefully, continue to head towards a more normal way of living, we continue to thank God for all those who have worked so tirelessly to bring us through this pandemic. The nurses and medical staff, all hospital workers, those who have worked on the vaccination and the roll-out of it, to our shop workers and all those who have done 'their bit' to help others. A huge heart-felt thank you from us all.

God Bless

Tricia

## May Church Rota 2021

	<u>Service</u>	<u>Sides person</u>	<u>Reader/ Prayers</u>	<u>Refreshments</u>
2 <sup>nd</sup> May	Family Service	Tom	Tony/Alison	N/A
9 <sup>th</sup> May	Holy Communion	Philippa	Philippa/Frances	N/A
16 <sup>th</sup> May	Joint all-age worship	Clive	Michael/Donna	N/A
23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Holy Communion	Judith	Jane/Chris	N/A
30 <sup>th</sup> May	FIFTH	SUNDAY	NO	SERVICE

### CHURCH FLOWER ROTA

	ALTAR	WEST END
May 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Lynn Marston	Linda Hiskey
May 9 <sup>th</sup>	Denise Stephens	Catherine Walker
May 16 <sup>th</sup>	Paddy Moseley	Frances Smith
May 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Vicki Sargent	Fay Steed
May 30 <sup>th</sup>	Wendy Selmes	Wendy Thomas
June 6 <sup>th</sup>	Donna Clifton	Judy Hurran

HORNE CHAPEL     Judith Clifton

If you are unable to take your turn, please telephone me on 758285 – and the same number if you are unable to break into the kitchen / “Glory Hole” for oasis etc. J.C.





## Appledore Local History Society

### Welcome to Appledore!

Appledore Local History Society would like to extend a very warm welcome to everyone who has recently moved to Appledore.

We are open to anyone who has an interest in Appledore and its history and we welcome new members. We hope to recommence our regular monthly meetings in the summer but, in the meantime, if you are interested in finding out about the history of our village and its surrounding areas, or would perhaps like help with tracing the story of your house (if it is one of the older properties in the village), please contact our secretary, **Jo Killick, on 758405 or [secALHS@gmail.com](mailto:secALHS@gmail.com)**.

### CHURCH FLOWERS

During the past year of shutdown some of our church flower arrangers have moved away and I am now on a recruiting drive! What does being on the rota involve? It means taking your turn to do a simple arrangement in church every 7/8 weeks or thereabouts. Obviously, the more on the rota, the less often your name will come up. No skills are required and full training will be given and this offer is open to all, male and female, young and old! If you think you would benefit from a tranquil half hour in peaceful surroundings, please let me know.

Judith Clifton 758285



# GRAPEVINE

*May 2021*

We recently heard of the sad passing of Reg Hambrook. Those of you who remember Reg are probably already aware, but notification was too late for the April edition of the magazine. Reg, Marie and their children lived at Silver Birches, School Road. We take this opportunity of sending our sincere condolences to the family.

The news that Hazel (Fazzani) had been admitted to hospital was, of course, of great concern, but we are pleased to be able to report that following the fitting of a pacemaker Hazel is much improved, and we look forward to hearing that she is back home and continuing to recover well.

Elizabeth has moved from Bayleaves, and we welcome the new owners David, Polly and their two children, to the Village. We also extend our best wishes to Elizabeth for the future, and are pleased to see that for the time being she has remained in the Village.

With the retirement of the previous owners, coupled with the pandemic causing the cessation of trade, we have greatly missed Miss Mollett's Tea Room. But now it looks as if we have something to celebrate at last! - Carly is hoping to open the doors sometime during May, and we wish her the very best as they embark on their new venture.

## **Childhood Memories of A Life in Appledore**

In the early 1950s when Hawthorn Estate was completed and the first families moved in, only one family had a car, Mr & Mrs Chapman at Number 21. This meant that, apart from the occasional delivery vehicle, the road was traffic free, giving the children their personal playground.

Many a child learnt to ride a bicycle and roller-skate up and down the road in Hawthorn. It was also ideal for homemade go-karts.

For the youngsters it was as good as a sports stadium. On the kerb outside, where Hawthorn House is today, was a black painted line, from here to the kerb in front of Numbers 14 & 15 (at the bottom of Hawthorn) it was 100 yards, the distance for many races.

Where the lamp-post is today, a rope would be placed across the road, one end secured to the lamp-post (which was on the opposite side of the road then) and the other end fixed on the top of the opposite bank. This was considered a suitable net for playing tennis. Other sports such as football and cricket were also played on the road.

When the Council cut the grass it could be raked into large piles and used for jumping over or landing on when practicing somersaults.





***Coffee and Luncheon Club is  
back!***

**We are delighted to announce that our Coffee and Luncheon Club will open again from Wednesday, 12 May, 10.00am – 12.00pm, albeit with a New Look.**

**We will be housed in a different venue: the Trustees of the Appledore Recreation Pavilion have kindly offered us the use of the Pavilion on a temporary basis. Our Clubs will be outside (weather permitting) on the patio area where social distancing will be possible and it will allow us to provide for your safety.**

**Tea and coffee will be served together with bacon sandwiches, cakes and biscuits.**

**Once a month, on a Wednesday, we will be serving a two-course lunch commencing May 26 (12.00 – 2.00) at the cost of £6.**

**We look forward to seeing all our regulars and meeting newcomers to Appledore.**

**Linda and Jenny**

# Look Out – There are Thieves About!

## Security of Vehicles and Valuable Assets

Prompted by PCSO Kate Richards' March Newsletter, I took the decision to add security markings to my garden machinery, to supplement the home security systems that we already have installed, and I highly recommend that other Appledore residents consider this option.

Having purchased a Vehicle Marking Security System last year from RETAINAGROUP (an Ashford based company), I revisited their website ([www.retainagroup.com](http://www.retainagroup.com)) and ordered a 'Business Assets Pack' from their online store.

The process of using the system is very easy and provides for security marking on all garden machinery and other valuable home assets. It is inexpensive at £16.80 per pack, with the capability of permanent security marking for 20 items.

The company maintain a secure register of all recorded items on their own accredited, secure database. It is a lifetime, free-of-charge record.

Criminals are at maximum risk of being caught and prosecuted if they steal a protected item as police and members of the public can check if a marked item has been reported stolen by calling the register's 24/7 telephone number, included within each mark. This enables the recovery and return of stolen items to their rightful owners.

Terry Blaney

### **Community Warden**

Jo Vos, your Community Warden, has returned from maternity leave.

She is ready to help you with any issues

Contact her on [joanna.vos@kent.gov.uk](mailto:joanna.vos@kent.gov.uk),  
telephone 07980 770578

SUPPORT YOUR VILLAGE PUB DAY



**MADDIE HART & HAYLEY HARPER**

PRESENT

**GIG ON THE GREEN**

Saturday 26th June 2021

at The Black Lion Pub, Appledore

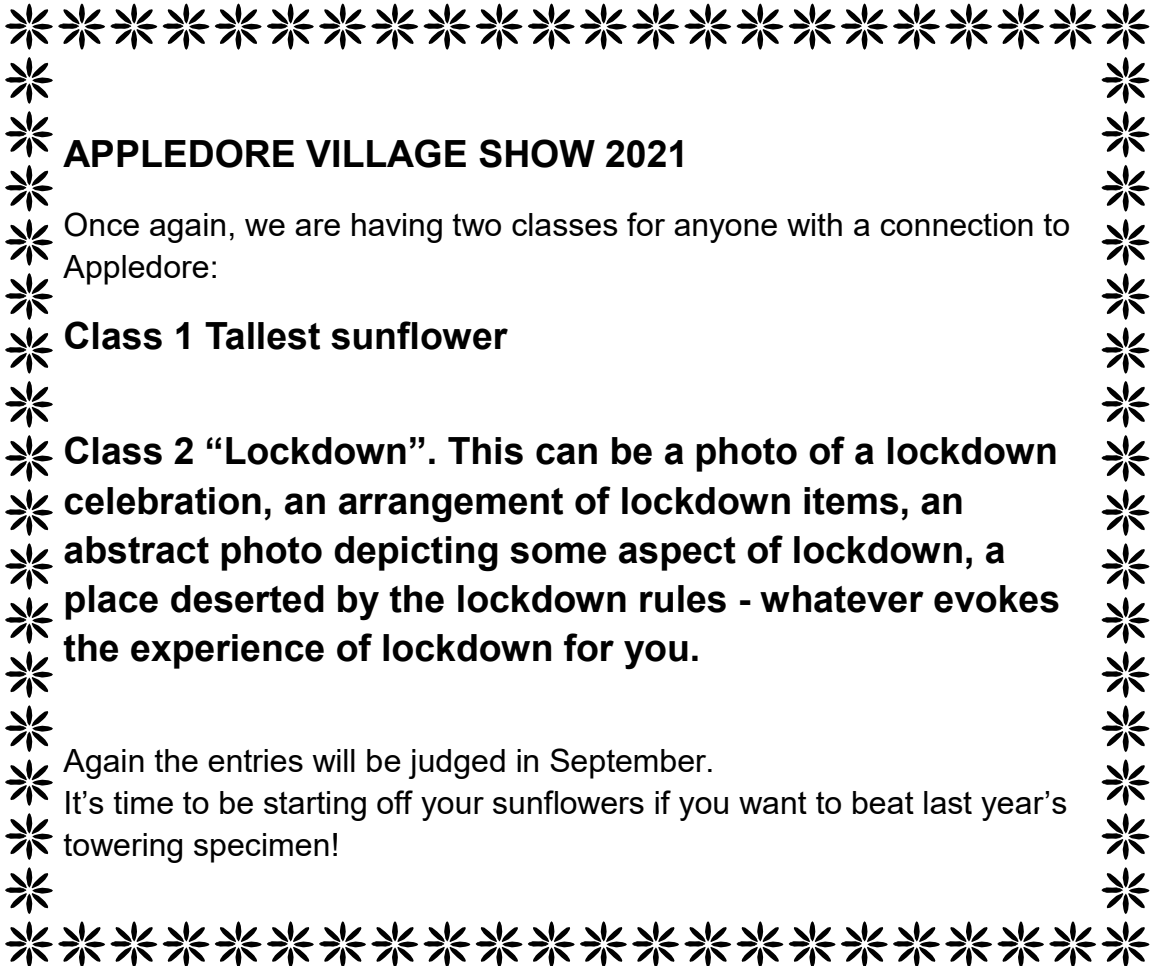
BBQ served from 4pm

Live singing from Hart & Harper from 5pm



**THE BLACK LION**

A P P L E D O R E



## 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.

We have access to pro-bono solicitors for family and immigration matters.

### **Legal Aid in Housing**

Ashford Borough Citizens Advice has been awarded a contract by the Legal Aid Agency to offer free, confidential and independent legal advice in matters relating to housing, i.e. homelessness, disrepair, possession, judicial review, loss of home.

### **Email & Telephone Advice Service**

Tel. no.: 01233 626185, Email: [ashfordadvice@gmail.com](mailto:ashfordadvice@gmail.com)

### **Opening Times**

**Monday – Friday 9.00 am – 4 pm**

Seabrooke House, Church Road, Ashford, Kent TN23 1RD

Website: [ashfordadvice.org](http://ashfordadvice.org).

## **An interview with Ray and Sandra from The Black Lion**

A week after Sandra celebrated her 73<sup>rd</sup> birthday and Ray celebrated his 75<sup>th</sup> birthday, I had the pleasure to sit down with them to ask how they had fared over the past very difficult year. The Black Lion is at the heart of our village and they have been here 25 years.

### ***How have you both been?***

Ray: Health-wise we have been not too bad. We have both had our second jabs but it has been hard, as it has been for everyone.

Sandra: Yes, it has been hard for everyone - everybody is in the same boat...

### ***Except you have got a business that involves, or should involve, the whole village.***

Ray: The village has been really supportive, and we are very grateful. There is no way we would have survived if it hadn't been for the regulars supporting our take-away business.

The first lockdown was much easier because we had all the sunshine and the summer, and I was able to deliver. The second lockdown was a lot harder – it was winter, and delivery was very difficult. Sometimes I couldn't see the houses – being older and it being so dark, I couldn't see so well! Then it had to be collection only. People probably didn't feel like coming out to collect – it was freezing cold...

### ***I was wondering – were you ever scared about your own health?***

Ray: No, not really. We took all the precautions that were necessary, sanitizers everywhere, we made sure the people did the track and trace.

Sandra: And we didn't go out anywhere or come into contact too much with other people.

### ***I'm thinking – how do you weigh up business with your own personal health?***

Ray: We did think about that, but as I say, we took all the precautions you can take – it's the luck of the draw to a certain extent as well.

Sandra: There's not much really you can do about it... you've got to survive; you've got to do what you can to earn.

### ***Do you think you've had to become more creative in finding ways to keep the business going?***

Sandra: Yes, I think so. We did some specials to keep people interested, you know, especially the regulars who come every week. And the specials went very well.

### ***What were your highs and lows of 2020? (Pause...) Were there any highs?!!!***

Ray: (Laughter) – I think on the first lockdown we were very, very positive as we were very, very successful! We probably made more money being closed! It was only the two of us.

The staff were all furloughed, we were working 15-16 hours a day, 7 days a week. We were up at 7 in the morning and working till 9 o'clock at night. Sandra was making all the food, and then there was all the cleaning as well of course!

Sandra: It wasn't just answering the phone, doing take-away beers – you've got all this other stuff going on in the background. If I was cooking till 8 o'clock at night, I was so tired, I couldn't wash up as well because I was dead on my feet, so I got up early in the morning and blitzed through before the rest of the day when you are prepping up for the evening. So, It's like a continuous thing...

***Did you know how much food to get in?***

Ray: The wastage was higher than normal

Sandra: Yes, it's very hard to judge it you think, "Am I going to be that busy this week?" I'd better prep all the potatoes and everything... and then you don't get the orders...

***So what did you do? Does it just have to be thrown away?***

Sandra: Yes, much of it did – such a shame...

***So that was a high (laughter) – what about the lows?***

Ray: Easter 2021 was a disaster. Our worst in 25 years. We geared up for a really busy Easter Sunday. Sandra put four different roasts on and it was the worst Easter we've ever had.

***Why do you think that was?***

Sandra: I think it was probably because people were getting together with friends and families outside in gardens – I don't know..

Ray: I think families got together in gardens because the weather was quite reasonable.

***And that was because the government had made the decision to open up – so you are juggling all the time with decisions that sometimes have to be made quite suddenly?***

Ray: Yes, for example, after the Eat Out to Help Out we carried it on and this was really successful and everybody appreciated that and so we were getting more and more stock in, I was getting more beer in, Sandra was getting all stocked up and then suddenly, we're closed again at a day's notice. So probably £300-£400 food got put in the bin. Luckily, the brewery gave us a refund on any untapped beers but even that was a very complicated process. I had the big beer delivery on the Friday and on the Saturday, they closed us down. That was a low – that was a really bad low...they closed us down right out of the blue.

Sandra: Yes, but everybody was the same - we are all going through the same scenario and everybody is struggling.

Ray: The Government grants have helped, they were most welcome.

Sandra: But I think overall we have been very fortunate – we didn't have a rent to pay or a mortgage. We own it outright – if we had had to find the money for those things...

Ray: We would have gone bankrupt – without a shadow of a doubt.

Sandra: A lot of people have been in that situation and I feel really sorry for them because they have lost their business. So really and truly we have been very lucky

Ray: Last Monday when we opened, I could not believe the number of people we had – We were wondering whether to open at all. Sandra didn't think anyone would come out in the cold, but I said, well, let's give it a try.



I got a couple of staff in and it was rammed! People with scarves on and heavy coats on – but they were there! I brought my camera down to take photos, but I didn't get time to take any!

***What has kept you going?***

Sandra: Survival – you've got to, so you just keep going. Basically, you just get on with it. You get a bit depressed sometimes but then you...got to survive. Ray gets more down than me sometimes, but we've got each other to say, "Come on – keep going!"

***What about Christmas and New Year – was that a bad time? Were you all set up for that?***

Sandra: Well, the worst was not being able to see family. I went to see my son to just pass presents over the fence! Like for everybody else, it was hard.

Ray: I haven't seen my daughter for over a year – and my granddaughter had a baby last week too!

Sandra: I have a daughter in Cyprus I haven't seen for four years. We text and speak on the phone but it's not the same...

Ray: At Christmas we thought we were going to be open but we thought "No, we can't take any bookings – we cannot risk it. We'll play it by ear." We thought we can always get turkeys last minute and can put a menu together quite quickly. But as it turned out, we were closed anyway!

***So, moving on to the next big event at The Black Lion – in June – the GIG on the Green! Tell us about your plans for that.***

Ray: We did a charity event two years ago and raised about £1500. One of the singers – a professional – has had no work for a year – she helped in the bar for a while. She approached me and said they'd like to do a gig here and that they didn't want any money. We are going to do something outdoors, weather permitting and indoors if not. I'm going to do a pig roast and possibly a paella as well. The barbecue will start at 4pm and the singing from 5-7pm.

***And what about the big opening when people can eat inside again. What plans have you got for that?***

Ray: We have some ideas - plans are coming to fruition. All the precautions are in place as before. Each table has the Track and Trace for the phone – though we do have the cards to fill in for those without phones.

***How do you see the Future?***

Ray: Well, we are going to retire. We actually had a buyer for the pub about a month before the first lockdown came; the price was agreed, they had a surveyor sorted to come. This didn't happen and it all fell through. We are going to put it back on the market pretty soon.

So really the future ...looking forward to retirement.

Sandra: I'm looking forward to just having a normal home where I can just sit in the garden in the morning and have breakfast outside in the summer and maybe do a bit of gardening! All these little things! I'm also looking forward to seeing the family more. They'll get fed up of seeing us I bet!!!

Ray: It's four years since we've had a holiday!

Sandra: Everyone is yearning for a holiday! It'll make us appreciate it more when we get one!

***Finally, have you got a message for the people of Appledore?***

Sandra: Just thank you very much – you have been wonderful.

Ray: Yes, just a really big thank you for all the support they've given.

Sandra: And without them we wouldn't have survived – we wouldn't be here – we wouldn't have survived. Yes, very grateful. Thank you.

***The Editor***



**As beauty salons and hairdressers reopen, Dippy Dora has something to say about being positive about our looks!**

**By the way - who is Dora? Hint: It is not the Editor!!!**

### Positivity

Age is such a wondrous thing,

It brings so many changes.

Who wants a smooth and boring skin

When there's one with many ranges?

Who wants a silky tan

When you can have such fascinating furrows

With that lovely crêpy look

That is the envy of many others?

The bones now draped in rhino hide,

Two chins that wobble when you speak,

Those full and lustrous lips

Now thin and rather weak,

But what character is written on that face!

Just think where it has 'bin'!

But I'd rather keep the smooth look

With a young, elastic skin!



# BRODIE

APRIL

I don't know what to write this month, save to say it's so cold today it feels like winter again and I'm back to wearing my warm coat when we are out walking. But that's not the whole story. We have had some very hot days too when we have been spending rather a lot of time at the allotment which means only one thing as far as I'm concerned - rabbits! I can smell them but they are too fast for me to catch. I try to help as much as I can by digging a few holes, but I don't think my efforts are appreciated as they always seem to get filled in again.

We've been having some lovely walks alongside the canal with my two friends Claude and Bonnie. I usually have my new squeaker ball with me which was a present from them. I don't know why but they don't seem interested in chasing the ball or trying to catch it mid-air so it's all down to me and I never get tired of this game.

My family came to visit me which was very exciting. They make a big fuss of me and I got lots of treats and cuddles. We always go to the beach when they visit, it's one of my favourite walks. I run into the sea and chase after stones they throw for me. Then I come out and give everyone a good shake of my coat as I'm rather wet. They all laugh a lot so they must enjoy it, then it's back to the car for a good rub-down and more cuddles.

By the time we get home it's my tea-time and yes, you've guessed it, they've brought me another treat. I guess I'm just a very lucky dog. I miss them when they've gone, the house seems so quiet without them and I hope they come again soon.

Until next month then, have fun and stay safe,

Love Brodie





## Parish Council Update May 2021

### Parish Council By-Election/Call for Residents to Stand for Election

As many of you will already know, Lyndsey Jenkins resigned from the Parish Council last month. The Council thanked her for her contribution to the Council and community which included overseeing the buddy scheme to support residents shielding or isolating due to Covid-19.

Following the posting of the Notice of Casual Vacancy, as required when a councillor steps down, ten residents contacted the Borough Council and requested a by-election to be held for a replacement councillor. The election will be held towards the end of June 2021.

A further notice will be posted very shortly asking for residents to stand. Nomination forms can be obtained from Ashford Borough Council Democratic Services Department or from the Clerk. Should you need any help please contact me or the Democratic Services Department.

### Village Hall Refurbishment and Hall Car Park

The works to upgrade and modernise the Village Hall are going well with foundations already dug for the rear extension to the hall. While this work is ongoing, please use the temporary car park at the recreation ground. Yellow directional signage will be going up to direct car users.

### Litter – Keep Britain Tidy, May 28<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> June

Again, another thanks to those that have been out collecting litter and to Tom who, assisted by Helen Hennig, collected the rubbish left at Mannerings Corner which included a whole bin.

As part of Keep Britain Tidy, we would like to organise a litter pick of the more far afield roads around the parish so, if interested, please let me know. We will be provided with bags and litter pickers by Ashford. Your own transport will be needed. (Mary Philo 01797 270 790 or [apc.mphilo@gmail.com](mailto:apc.mphilo@gmail.com))

### Next Council Meeting - Annual Meeting - Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> May, 7.30pm – Zoom

The law permitting virtual meetings for parish councils will end on 7<sup>th</sup> May. However, there is a court case challenging this and the outcome will be known by the end of April. St. Peter and St. Paul will be the venue for any initial face-to-face council meetings.

### Remember – Hands Face Space

Social distancing rules still apply to, at the earliest, 21<sup>st</sup> June

**Wash your Hands, Cover your Face and Make Space**



### **The Council Year in Review (What you get for 72p a day!)**

<b>INCOMINGS</b>		
Precept – Parish Council share of council tax		£26,000
Grants – one-off and others ceasing this year		£ 2,594
Sale of Council Field Cash Element for capital projects only		£ 70,000
Other – toilet donations, wayleave, refund on share administration costs with Iden PC and Pett PC, bank interest, solar panels, VAT refund		£ 3,379
<b>TOTAL INCOMINGS</b>		<b>£101,973</b>
<b>TOTAL OUTGOINGS</b>		<b>£ 24,107</b>
<b>Council Assets</b>		
	Public Conveniences: Installation of new water and electric meters were delayed by covid and no bill for water produced. Billing is yet to be consistent to allow for yearly costs to be known. The Council was excluded from the furlough scheme whilst the facilities were closed. Refurbishment works (complete overhaul inside with new doors and windows) started in November 2020. Delivery delays meant it reopened in March 2021. Estimated running costs £3,149	
	New Car Park Court Lodge Road: Communications with the developer regarding car park specifications, drainage and directional signage to the car park. Correspondence and site visit with Kent County Council to provide electric charging points.	
	Sale of the Council Field: Communications with Ashford planning officers and lawyers, the developer and architect to bring the planning permission approved in August 2020 to a legal signed conclusion on the 12 <sup>th</sup> March 2021. The approval includes the provision of an affordable home owned by the Council (right to buy removed).	
<b>Council Services</b>		
	Working with local organisations: last hall loan payment £5,049	
	Street Cleaning to keep the village free of litter and fly tipping	
	New data-rules-compliant website providing information	
	Highways: The outstanding works of the Speed Reduction Scheme have just been completed. Rationalisation of signage can now be moved forward along with gateways to remind drivers to slow. Reporting potholes, failed lights, broken kerbs plus minor works	
	Responding to planning applications and residents' queries	
	New non-essential works were not allowed.	

Full financial report available at <https://www.appledorekent.org/financial-information>

## 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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## **Gary Kinsley: Nominee for a position on the Parish Council**

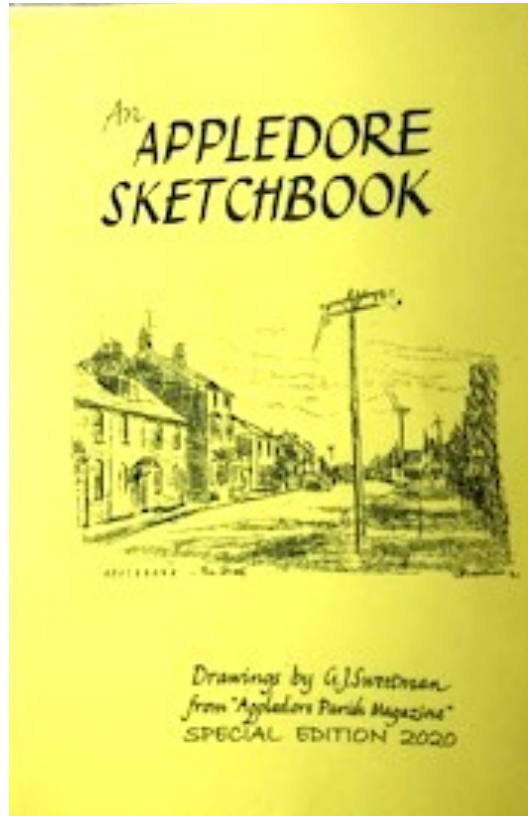
Romney Marsh could hardly be considered the hub of the universe, but I'm proud it is my birthplace and where I spent the first eighteen years of my life. Appledore to me then was a lovely village my delinquent friends and I would drive/ride to in order to enjoy a few pints without the risk of bumping into any of our parents. Later, when dating my girlfriend (now long-suffering wife of 25 years), she remarked what a pretty village Appledore was as we travelled through it on infrequent visits home. Now, fast forward 30 years, Dawn and I have settled in Appledore, bought a lovely home on The Street and plan to dally along while our teenage kids finish school, and we settle, disgracefully, into late-middle age.

Returning to England from 30 years working abroad, mostly in Asia, I was keen to embrace village life and fancied assisting with the village administration given I now have a little spare time on my hands. Hence, here I am, offering myself as a candidate for the Parish Council. Quite what the duties of the Parish Council involve is something I'll "learn as I go along" to quote the Chairman, James Perkins. However, being amenable, and not having any preconceived opinions, I hope I can contribute to the efficient running of the village.

My personal values include protecting the beauty of the village and village life, improving on environmental issues and the preservation of this lovely natural habitat – for both humans and wildlife (one of the attractions of moving to the village). But that's not to say I'm hostile to progress. Clearly the speed of data and phones is a critical element of life today and I hope I can apply my background in IT, communications, and cybersecurity to the benefit of the village while continuing to enjoy a pint in the village pub...



# 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.

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(Notice 2: This notice is for publication in local newspaper if Certificate C or D is completed)

### Proposed development at:

Name or flat number	<input type="text"/>
Property number or name	Land Adjacent May House
Street	Tenterden Road
Locality	Appledore
Town	Ashford
County	Kent
Postal town	<input type="text"/>
Postcode	TN26 2AL

### Take notice that application is being made by:

Organisation name	<input type="text"/>			
Applicant name	Title	Mr and Mrs	Forename	Adrian and Suzanne
	Surname	Pearton		

### For planning permission to:

#### Description of proposed development

Construction of 4 bedroom detached residential dwelling with attached Garage
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Local Planning Authority to whom the application is being submitted:	Ashford Borough Council
Local Planning Authority address:	Planning & Development Ashford Borough Council Civic Centre Ashford

Any owner of the land or tenant who wishes to make representations about this application, should write to the council within 21 days of the date of this notice.

### Signatory:

Signatory	Title	Mrs	Forename	Suzanne
	Surname	Pearton		
Signature	<input type="text"/>			

Date (dd-mm-yyyy)

**Statement of owners' rights:** The grant of planning permission does not affect owners' rights to retain or dispose of their property, unless there is some provision to the contrary in an agreement or lease.

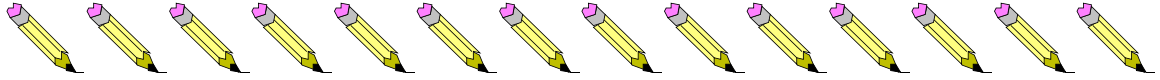
**Statement of agricultural tenants' rights:** The grant of planning permission for non-agricultural development may affect agricultural tenants' security of tenure.

'Owner' means a person having a freehold interest or a leasehold interest the unexpired term of which is not less than seven years.

'Tenant' means a tenant of an agricultural holding any part of which is comprised in the land.

This notice is for publication in a local newspaper.

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### Primavera

The frost lies thick upon the ground,  
The tulips hang their heads,  
Despite the sun there is no sound,  
The world seems almost dead.  
But slowly warmth returns,  
The birds begin to sing,  
Blossom drapes the hedgerows  
And suddenly it's Spring!



### Joy

The sky so blue, the sun so bright,  
At last the swallows are in full flight.  
They swoop and soar  
To Summer's door  
And Winter's cloak is now no more.

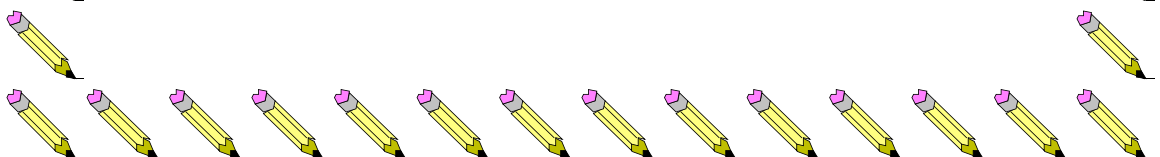


### A Thought for Ewe

We mustn't think of mutton  
When lambs gambol in the Spring,  
Their little tails a-wiggling  
As to the udders they cling.  
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### Dippy Dora

















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