





Welcome to the May issue of the Parish Magazine.

A few months ago, there was a national furore when the tree at Sycamore Gap on Hadrian;s Wall was cut down. Well, now we have the destruction of the Heathside tree!

My informant notified me that on 18th April, he noticed workmen cutting down a perfectly healthy tree and severely pruning the nearby hedgerow at the end of Heathside. He went to speak to them and one of them, who claimed to be an ecologist, told my informant that they were from Ashford Borough Council and that they had the relevant licences to do this work.

Under the Wildlife Act 1981, you must not cut hedgerows during the bird nesting season i.e. from March 1 to July 31. DEFRA is also clear that hedges should not be cut between March 1 and September 1. The Hedgerow Regulations 1997 protects old hedgerows and the trees growing in the hedgerows against removal or destruction. Both these laws make cutting hedgerows and trees a crime with the possibility of huge fines and/or prison sentences.

Our intrepid informant felt something was not quite right. So he contacted Ashford Borough Council and Natural England. Neither of these organisations had been approached prior to this work. NO planning permission had been sought or given to fell a tree and cut back a hedge during the bird nesting season. NO permission had been sought or granted by Natural England either.

These works might well be the first stage of the new development planned for Heathside. The tree may well be on the plans for cutting down and the hedge might well be due a massive cutback, but NOT without proper planning permission and definitely NOT during the nesting season.

IF these workpeople were from Ashford Council and I say IF, they LIED about having the appropriate permissions.

Information about these possible CRIMES have been sent to Johnny Shilton, our Borough Councillor and our own Parish Council, both of whom I would expect to take action. This information will also be passed onto other appropriate bodies.

Our countryside and its wildlife are under great threat at the moment by developers all over the country. We all need to protect this heritage for our children and grandchildren.

Ruth

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## Appledore Village Diary – May 2024

Monday	Baby Class - Yoga & Sensory 1pm – 2pm Aerobics 6.15pm - 7pm Pregnancy Yoga 7.30pm – 8.30pm
Tuesday	Hamstreet Surgery Prescription Collection 10.15 - 10.45am
Tuesday	Art Class 1pm - 4pm
Tuesday	Pilates 6pm – 7pm
Wednesday	Baby Massage Class 1pm - 2pm Aerobics 6.15pm - 7pm
Wednesday	Lindy Fit 7.30pm - 8.30pm
Thursday	Pilates 9.45am – 10.45am Swing Dance Class 6.30pm - 7.15pm
Friday	Tai Chi 10.15am - 11am
Thursday 2nd May	Polling Day for Police Commissioner 6am—10pm
Saturday 4th May	Cake Bake Day Church Porch 9.30am
Wednesday 8th May	Repton Mobile Shop 10.30-11.30 Pavilion
Wednesday 8th May	Book Club 7.30pm Black Lion
Thursday 9th May	Citizens Advice 10am – 12pm (small hall)
Saturday 11th May	Johnny Shilton Surgery Kenardington 11.30-1pm
Saturday 11th May	Art Exhibition 12noon—4pm
Monday 13th May	APC Meeting 7.30pm
Tuesday 14th May	CARM Meeting Point 10am - 11.30am
Friday 17th May	Ramblers 1pm Recreation Ground
Saturday 18th May	Books and Stamps Multi Stall Market 10am – 4pm
Sunday 19th May	Antique Fair 10am – 4pm
Wednesday 22nd May	Repton Mobile Shop 10.30-11.30 Pavilion
Saturday 25th May	Greek Evening with Food and Film. Doors open 6.30pm
Tuesday 28th May	CARM Meeting Point 10am – 11.30am
Friday 31st May	Gardening Society Visit to Brickwall Cottage 3pm

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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 MAY

**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.

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**Holy Communion** will be celebrated at St Michael's every Wednesday, and at Tenterden every Thursday. Both celebrations will begin at 10am, and last about twenty-five minutes. These services won't appear online.

To access our daily online worship, visit:

#### YouTube

St Mildred's, Tenterden

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCBAbfTcsSiiq4HALM0GRdWg>

\* LS below denotes a service which will be live streamed and then available on the St Mildred's YouTube channel.

Online services can also be accessed through the daily bulletin, **Connect Up!**  
[Connect Up | The Church of England in Tenterden, Rother & Oxney](#)  
[tentroxchurches.co.uk](http://tentroxchurches.co.uk)

To receive **Connect Up!** please visit our website: [www.tentroxchurches.co.uk](http://www.tentroxchurches.co.uk)  
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#### Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May: The Sixth Sunday of Easter

11am Morning Praise (*Appledore*)

6pm Sung Evensong (*Stone*)

#### Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May: Ascension Day

10am Holy Communion (*Tenterden*)

7pm The Eucharist of Ascension Day (*Tenterden*): **LS**

#### Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May

9am Women of Holy Week: Mary's Story (*Tenterden*)  
followed by optional breakfast at 9.30am

#### Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May: The Seventh Sunday of Easter and Bell Sunday

11am The Eucharist (*Appledore*)

6pm Sung Evensong (*Tenterden*): **LS**

#### Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May: Pentecost

11am Celtic Morning Prayer (*Appledore*)

6pm Choral Evensong (*Tenterden*): **LS**

#### Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May: Trinity Sunday

11am The Eucharist (*Appledore*)

6pm Ecumenical Service (*Venue to be confirmed*)

**No Evensong at Tenterden**



## Ascension and Pentecost

I wonder what it feels like to be called drunk at nine o'clock in the morning? It's probably not something that we've been accused of since those heady far-off days of student excess. But that was how some people described Jesus' disciples at the first Pentecost, according to Luke. Those days, running from the Crucifixion to the Ascension and then on to Pentecost itself, were quite simply extraordinary. And now along came the Holy Spirit, leaving the disciples reeling.

What the disciples didn't understand is that the coming of the Holy Spirit would close one door – the earthly life and ministry of Jesus – but, more importantly, open another – the empowering of a new and unsteady little gathering of believers in Jesus who will give birth to a church which will spread throughout the world. As T.S. Eliot would later put it, 'In my end is my beginning.' The end of one era would give rise to the beginning of another.

The Spirit is everywhere. In every act of worship, in every baptism, wedding and funeral, in every blessing. In every act of kindness towards the dispossessed and homeless. In the doggedness of church ministers, who continue, through thick and thin, to proclaim the gospel. In the lives of Christians in secular employment, who remain true to Christian values, sometimes against the odds. In the darkest places of the world, where all hope appears to be lost, caught so poignantly in the inscription on the walls of a Nazi concentration camp in the 1940s:

I believe in the sun even when it is not shining.  
I believe in love even when I cannot feel it.  
I believe in God, even when he is silent.

The Spirit is, as Jesus promised, the one who helps us, fortifies us, and empowers us to continue our Christian journey. The Spirit is our Advocate, our Counsellor, our Comforter, our teacher, the one who sets us apart to act as witnesses to God's unending love and care for the world he has created.

The Spirit is perhaps the greatest gift of God to his Church, indeed a foundation stone of that church to which it gave birth. So we should embrace it! Give thanks for it! Allow it to fill our lives with optimism and hope, even when the going gets tough.

Look on page 8 in the magazine for information about our Ascension and Pentecost services.



## **BELL SUNDAY**

Every year a Sunday is dedicated to a celebration of the contribution made by bell ringers to the life of the church, and to acknowledge the part that bells play in worship and community life all the year round.

This year Bell Sunday falls on 12<sup>th</sup> May 2024. Bell Sunday is always kept on a Sunday close to the feast of St Dunstan, known as the patron saint of bell ringers because of his experimentation in the early forging of bells in the 900s and his encouragement of the use of bells in parish churches.

Bell Sunday is designed to raise awareness of bell ringing, to emphasise the importance of the sound of bells in our communities and how bells and bell ringing can help to bring church and community together.

Bell Sunday is the perfect opportunity for us to say thank you to our own bell ringers and celebrate a distinctive and familiar part of English culture.

If you would like to know more about bell ringing or if you would like to learn how to ring, please do get in touch. We would be delighted to hear from you.

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## **THY KINGDOM COME**

**9<sup>TH</sup>-19<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2024**

*Thy Kingdom Come* is an annual global ecumenical prayer movement that invites Christians around the world to pray from Ascension to Pentecost that more people will come to know Jesus.

Since it began in May 2016, God has grown *Thy Kingdom Come* from a dream of possibility into a movement which unites more than a million Christians in prayer, in nearly 90% of countries worldwide, across 85 different denominations and traditions, so that friends and family, neighbours and colleagues might come to faith in Jesus Christ.

It is our hope and prayer, that those who have not yet heard the Good News of Jesus Christ and his love for the world, will hear it for themselves and respond and follow him. Specifically, we again invite each and every Christian across the globe to pray that God's Spirit might work in the lives of five people who have not responded with their 'Yes' to God's call.

Here in our group of churches, *Thy Kingdom Come* will form the content of Morning Prayer from Monday to Friday at 9am in Tenterden Church each day (8am on Wednesday) and of *Beginning the Day with God*, one of our daily online acts of worship. The link is available through our free daily bulletin, *Connect Up!*, which you can sign up to through our website: [www.tentroxchurches.co.uk](http://www.tentroxchurches.co.uk). Or go straight to the St Mildred, Tenterden, YouTube channel.

'In praying *Thy Kingdom Come* we all commit to playing our part in the renewal of the nations and the transformation of communities.'

*Archbishop Justin Welby*

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### **PRODUCE IN THE PORCH**

Thanks to everyone who leaves used jam jars, flower pots, plastic trays, books and knitting wool in the church porch. We gratefully use them all and hope you will please continue to donate in this way.

Our next Cake Bake day in the porch will be on Saturday 4th May at 9.30 followed by Saturday 1st June and the first Saturdays of subsequent months. Come any earlier you may not always find that the sausage rolls have arrived as they are too hot to package!

If you feel the urge to make a cake / cookies/ savouries please contact either Judith (758285) or Donna (758256) who would be delighted to hear from you. As always every item (and ingredient) for sale is donated so all proceeds go directly towards the upkeep of our beautiful church.

The porch is open every day from 9.00 am until late afternoon where you will find our usual range of preserves, books, plants, flowers and other desirables.

Thank you to all who leave items in the porch for us to sell on the Ancient and Modern stall at the Flower Festival. We are running out of storage space so please will you hang on until August when we will be very grateful to receive your "bric a brac" donations.

Thank you for your support. J.C.

**May 2024****Church****Rota**

	<u>Sidesperson</u>	<u>Reader/Intercessor</u>	<u>Refreshments</u>
5th May	Judith	Michael/Brenda	Brenda/Fay
12th May	Philippa	Roger P/Frances	Eileen
19th May	Clive	Thelma/Chris	Jo
25th May	Jo	Jane/Tony	Donna
2nd June	Donna(Jane)	Roger H/Brenda	Brenda/Eileen

**May 2024****Flower****Rota**

	<b>ALTAR</b>	<b>WEST END</b>	<b>PORCH</b>
5th May	Denise Stephens	Carley Amey	Frances Smith
12th May	Fay Steed	Judith Clifton	Sally Linington
19th May	Helen Hennig	Dawn Prance	Kate Stevens
26th May	Lynne Marston	Helen Downing-Waite	Linda Hiskey
2nd June	Julie Flawn	Wendy Selmes	Julie Wooding
	Horne	Chapel	Judith Clifton

If you are unable to take your turn, please telephone Judith Clifton on 758285 or text 07840 356681 – and the same numbers if you are unable to crack the code for the kitchen / Glory Hole for oasis etc. Please take the old flowers home with you or place in the black bin at church (not the green one as that is for recycle only). Would you like to join us on the flower rota? If so please contact me on the above number.

## Appledore Auction of Promises

### **Attention, Village Residents! Join Us for an Auction of Promises in support of Pilgrims Hospices**

- Date: Saturday 8th June**
- Time: 7pm**
- Location: Appledore Village Hall**

Step into an evening of fun and generosity as we come together to support a noble cause. Your Village Hall will transform into a hub of anticipation and goodwill as we host an auction in aid of Pilgrims Hospices, kindly conducted by Mr. Elwyn Davies, formerly of Hobbs Parker.

#### **What's in Store?**

Prepare to be amazed by a wide-range of promises awaiting your bid! From unique experiences to sought-after services, there's something for everyone. Bid on exclusive dinners, experiences, bespoke crafts, gardening expertise, and much more! We will be serving a choice of beef/ vegetarian chilli-con-carne or chicken chasseur with rice and bread, included in your ticket price. A licensed bar will be available at the event, ensuring you can relax and enjoy the evening.

#### **Support a Worthy Cause!**

Every bid counts towards providing vital care and support for those facing life-limiting illnesses. Your generosity directly impacts the lives of patients and families under the care of Pilgrims Hospices.

#### **Mark Your Calendar!**

Whether you're a seasoned auction aficionado, a first-time bidder or just want to enjoy an evening with friends, this event welcomes one and all. Save the date and spread the word! Let's rally together for an evening of compassion, camaraderie, and charitable giving.

#### **Book Your Tickets Now!** £6.00

Secure your spot at this event by calling one of the organisers below:

**Donna Clifton:** 01233 758256 or **Fay Steed:** 01233 758304

#### **Payment Details:**

Winning bidders will have the convenience of paying on the night with either cash or card. Bid with confidence, knowing that your contributions will directly benefit Pilgrims Hospices.

Thank you for your support and generosity! We look forward to seeing you there.

Donna, Fay & Philippa x

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### **Parish Council Update April 2024**

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

**Funding for Local Projects:** Appledore Parish Council and Ashford Borough Council (ABC) signed off the first of several payments relating to funding from the Railway Hotel, Station Road development. The Allotment Trustees will receive £1880.60 for the creation of 12 new allotment plots and repairs to gates. The Recreation Ground Trustees will receive £4710.99 for the Young Peoples Play Space project which includes new play equipment. These are initial payments as part of a circa £31,000. financial package which includes future funding for the Outdoor Sports Pitches and Natural Green Space initiatives.

**Appledore Parish Meeting:** A big thank you to all those who attended the Annual Parish Meeting held on the 21<sup>st</sup> March 2024. Borough Councillor Johnny Shilton and County Councillor Mike Hill provided a strategic overview including the funding challenge and how this impacts road maintenance and pot holes. Also updates on the new waste contract, ABC's review of social housing stock, a renewed planning portal and an improved process to contact ABC.

Presentations from associated parish organisation and society representatives reminded us of the great work undertaken by volunteers and how this contributes to an active and vibrant Appledore community. They included: The Reverend Canon Lindsay Hammond, Repton Community Trust, The History Society, Allotment Trust, Ramblers, Appledore Footpaths, Garden Society, Appledore Bell Ringers, Simon Honnor – Planning Alert, Village Hall Trustees, Appledore Recreation Ground Trustees, Friends of Appledore Station, The Parish Magazine, CARM and The Art Club.

**Parish Council Owned House Update:** It's anticipated the Parish Council owned house will be completed by August 2024. This 3 bedroom house forms part of the on-going development of new houses on the land opposite the recreation ground that was sold to Martello Developments. The sale of the land included an agreement that the Parish Council would purchase the house as a long-term investment for the community. The house will be let to someone on the ABC waiting list at a rent less than 80% of the market rent.

It is hoped the house will be let to a family from the Appledore area, but this cannot be guaranteed. After management charges and other costs, the rental income will go to the Parish Council for the benefit of the community.

**Next Meeting:** AGM 13<sup>th</sup> May 2024 at the Village Hall. Please come and join us.

## **Appledore Ramblers 19th April 2024**

Today I thought our luck with the weather had finally run out! At midday, as I sat and ate a quick sandwich, the rain lashed down outside and I decided waterproofs were definitely needed. As I walked to the recreation ground at 12.45 the rain had stopped and the sun was popping out from behind the clouds!! Eleven of us meet at the rec. and we have arranged to meet 2 enroute so 13 altogether today. We welcome a new guy who is obviously a serious Rambler as he has already walked here from Appledore Station! Today we have a lovely walk planned through the bluebell woods. We set off along the road towards Woodchurch and take the AT117 at Oakhouse Farm. Brenda, who lives in this beautiful farmhouse backing on to the woods, joins us at this point. We negotiate a couple of stiles and then enter Park Wood. The bluebells are absolutely amazing and everywhere you look is just carpeted in a sea of blue. Last year we never managed to do a bluebell walk as the woods were constantly waterlogged through the Spring. We follow the path through the woods which in this first part is quite well signed. There is only one bit where we need to leave the path and pop out into the vineyard for a short walk, before popping back into the wood, because the path has been blocked for a long time by a fallen tree!

We carry on over a proper decked wooden bridge and then follow the path into Heron Wood. The footpath has now become the AT175 and in places is hard to follow, mainly because there are a lot of fallen trees in this part of the woods which deviate the path. Luckily on our recce Tracy brought her trusty yellow tape and re-marked several bits. In the tree canopy above us we hear the Chiffchaff who is merrily singing out its name in its simple 'chiff chaff chiff chaff' song. We walk all the way through to Sly Corner and come out on a very small country lane. We turn left and then there is a finger post pointing to the footpath going into a field. We take this and walk diagonally across the field where there is another stile discreetly hidden behind a hedge. This takes us into another piece of woodlands which according to the map is Pond Wood. At this point, Michael who now holds the title 'Head Forager' hands me a plant which I only recognise as a weed. "Try this", he says! I hesitate and Michael assures me it is called Jack by the Hedge, also known as Garlic Mustard. It tastes really nice – peppery and garlicky and would make a welcome addition to any salad. We continue through Pond Wood and then a final field brings us down to the Woodchurch Road at Bench Hill. We turn left and after a short road walk take the footpath AT180 on the right just before Bench Hill House.

The path goes over a stile and we are straight into Silcock's Wood. Here the ground is absolutely covered in the bobbing heads of bluebells and the smell is a real treat for the senses. We come out of the woods and cross a stile into the first of many sheep fields. These ewes obviously lambed early as the lambs are big and strong and already several weeks old. We follow the footpath along the side of the field and on our right is a huge beautiful lake. We carry on past this and through several more fields of sheep. The footpath takes us through Hornbrook Farm and we arrive at a bridge across the Cradlebridge Sewer

which we have walked on before. This footpath now takes us up into Woodchurch and comes out behind the Brattle Estate. We make our way up to the Post Office Tearooms where refreshments are enjoyed by all before we get our pre-arranged lifts back to Appledore.

Jo Weeks.





## Blast from the Past

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Saturday July 2<sup>nd</sup>.

The morning broke fine and bright, though there was a cool wind. Before 9.30 stall-holders were busy in the Street, erecting tables etc. This was the beginning of the Sale for Cancer Research Fund. It is almost impossible to thank all who took part and it is to be hoped that no one has been left out. Should this happen, we feel that they will understand and know that their work was tremendously appreciated. The Stallholders went on with untiring effort, never losing an opportunity, even catching guests returning from a wedding.

Our sincere thanks go to those who gave produce, cakes, jams and all manner of goods, meaning sacrifice on someone's part, either of their time, money or possessions; for coffee served 'across the road' (a Continental touch) – this gave refreshment to many who had spent more than they intended! To the children, who left NO LITTER in the excitement of their dips; to the people who came from all parts of the village, and those who returned who had had associations with it, and those who could not come but sent donations; to those who did not want full value for the money they gave or refused their change; to Mr. Blacklock who took the photos displayed in the Information Board; thank you all!

The Stall made £97.10.0 in all. On Sunday another £17 was realised when a large number visited the Quillet Garden, bought the goods that had not been sold on Saturday, and afterwards enjoyed a cup of tea. Since then a number of gifts have been received bringing the grand total to £120 for a cause so near to all our hearts. Well done!

J.B.S.

*This event took place on the verge in front of the Houses between the Old Forge and the Tea Room. Coffee was served in front of Miss Bartlett's garage which is now the Old Coach House.*

**APPLEDORE GARDEN SOCIETY**  
**ANNUAL PLANT SALE**  
**SATURDAY 8<sup>th</sup> JUNE : 10.00 a.m. – 3.00 p.m.**  
**APPLEDORE VILLAGE HALL**

**ANNUALS : PERENNIALS : VEGETABLE PLANTS**

**BEDDING PLANTS : HERBACEOUS PLANTS**



**LARGE SELECTION OF GARDEN REFERENCE BOOKS**

**TOMBOLA**

**REFRESHMENTS**

Join us for a leisurely Saturday, meeting friends, enjoying a delicious slice or two of home-baked savouries and cakes, a coffee or tea, and wander through the array of bargain priced plants ready to give colour and long-term pleasure in your own gardens.

The Society is always ready to welcome new members and there will be application forms available on the day. You do not need a vast amount of gardening knowledge to join us – we often hear of someone considering applying but are deterred by the supposition that we all know what we are doing in the garden !! Of course we do have members who are very knowledgeable, but we have the chance to learn from them, and, coupled with talks and visits throughout the year, becoming a member provides the opportunity of joining a friendly and social loving group.

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# EXHIBITION

FREE ADMISSION

at the

VILLAGE HALL



## APPLEDORE ART CLUB

SATURDAY MAY 11<sup>TH</sup> 12 NOON-4 PM

TEA & CAKES, PAINTINGS & CARDS for Sale

**GRAPEVINE : MAY 2024**

BILL BUTCHER

***Items for insertion should be sent by the  
17<sup>th</sup> of each month to:  
appledoremagazine@hotmail.com***

I would like to take this opportunity to say a few words in memory of Bill Butcher, affectionately known as “Chicken” Bill to many of us.

I had the pleasure of knowing Bill for many years. As a regular at the Black Lion, Bill kept us all entertained with his great sense of humour and interesting and knowledgeable conversation especially the Thursday 4 O’ clock club and Saturday cheesy chip gang! Not to mention the great birthday parties Bill held at the pub over the years.

Bill with Corrie were great supporters of Appledore events from sponsoring flowers at the annual flower festival to donating turkeys for the Christmas lunch. His generosity was undeniable.

I have lost count of the numerous village events Bill (with Corrie) graced with his charming presence and have so many wonderful memories of time spent at those events.

I can honestly say that the loss of Bill has left a big hole in the lives of all his many friends in Appledore. It has been a privilege to have known you and shared so much laughter and fun over the years. You will be greatly missed.

Graham Selmes



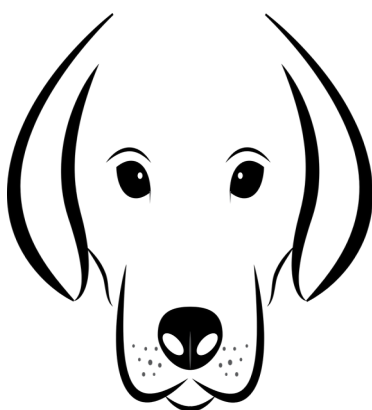
Photo of wild garlic and bluebells taken by Tracy Morgan on the Appledore Ramble.

## BRODIE - strange happenings and burglars beware

Very early one morning I heard some loud noises in the garden. Immediately I raced upstairs, jumped on the bed to wake her up but she had already heard something. Racing downstairs and growling at the same time, quite an achievement I might add, I waited anxiously for the back door to be opened. Then I shot out into the garden, not a soul to be seen, but definitely something strange had been going on. I growled a bit more, quite menacingly, just in case. After a good sniff round the back garden, then into the front garden but there was no sign of anything unusual. Oh well, back to bed and keeping one eared cocked just in case I eventually fell asleep. Next morning after a thorough search of the garden all I could find was a broken flower pot. Was it a fox or had a stranger been wandering round?

Now I must tell you about the other very strange thing that happened recently. We were on a lovely walk down to the coast. I played on the beach with my ball, racing in and out of the water until I was quite worn out then sat and watched the waves lapping at the shore. The sun was shining and it felt quite warm and before I knew it I was having a short doze. After all that exercise who could blame me. Eventually we started the long walk back and it was then I heard someone calling me and shouting my name. I looked up but no, not my best pal. On and on it went "Brodie, come here, Brodie stop it, Brodie do as you're told." A family with young children were just ahead of us. It turned out that the little boy who was misbehaving and not doing as he was told was called, guess what - Brodie! "Well that explains everything", I heard my best pal say "I couldn't understand why you were calling my dog, she is also called Brodie", and they laughed about it and we walked on. Back at the car I jumped up onto my place on the back seat and waited to be strapped in. I felt safe and secure away from those strange people. "There's nowt so queer as folk" I heard her say as we drove home. She's right about that.

Til the next time then, enjoy the sunshine,  
love Brodie.





## VILLAGE HALL NEWS



**SATURDAY 25 MAY**

**GREEK NIGHT**

**MENU—APPETISERS**

**-HERBY LEMON GREEK CHICKEN, ROASTED  
INFUSED GREEK POTATOES, GREEK SALAD**

**-RAVANI, CITRUS GREEK CAKE, GREEK**

**YOGHURT**

**FILM—CAPTAIN CORELLI'S MANDOLIN**

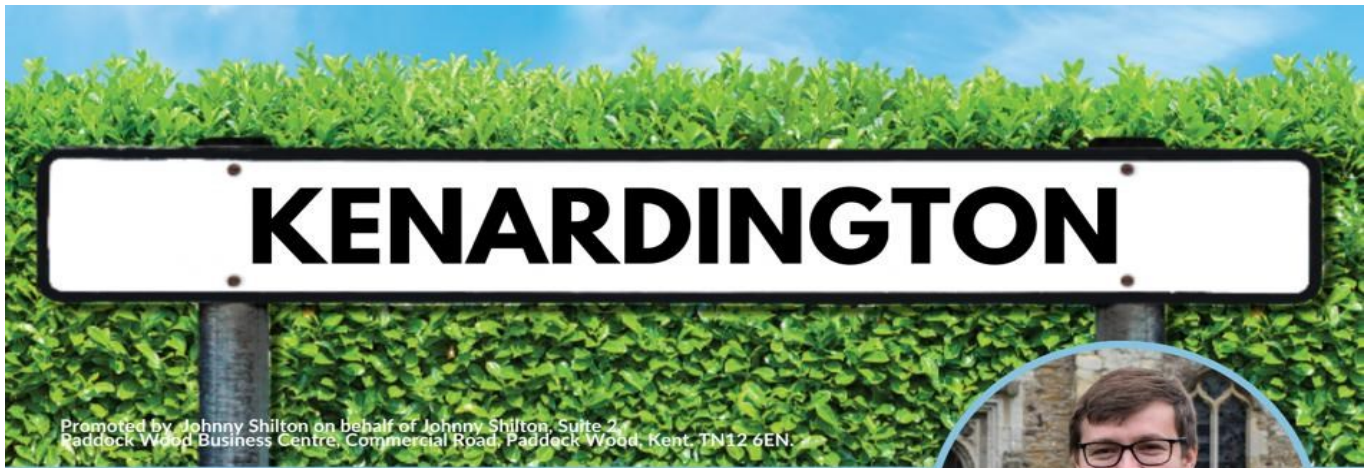
**DOORS OPEN 6.30 FOR 7PM**

**BAR AVAILABLE**

**TICKETS—£ 16.50 FROM LINDA (758097) OR**

**JENNY**





# COUNCILLOR SURGERY

Come along to meet your local Ashford Borough Councillor Johnny Shilton and discuss any issues you may have. Johnny will be in Kenardington Village Hall on **Saturday 11th May 12pm - 1pm.**

*If you wish to discuss a sensitive issue, or are not available on 11th May get in touch to book an appointment. All Oxney residents welcome.*

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## *FROM THE SHOW COMMITTEE*



At the time of writing, it is a very cold April, but let's keep hoping that spring is really on its way. By now your root crops—potatoes, carrots, parsnips etc should be in the ground and some of them may have been brave enough to show their little leaves. Mid May is normally judged to be the end of any frosts, so now is the time for all those more delicate crops—lettuce, tomatoes, squash, beans etc. If your own seeds don't come up, hopefully you will be able to buy some at the Garden Society Plant sale in June before having to buy from the expensive garden centres. Weeds are thriving despite the weather so keep them under control. The blossoms on my fruit trees are amazing so hopefully there will be a good crop of fruit.

Ruth