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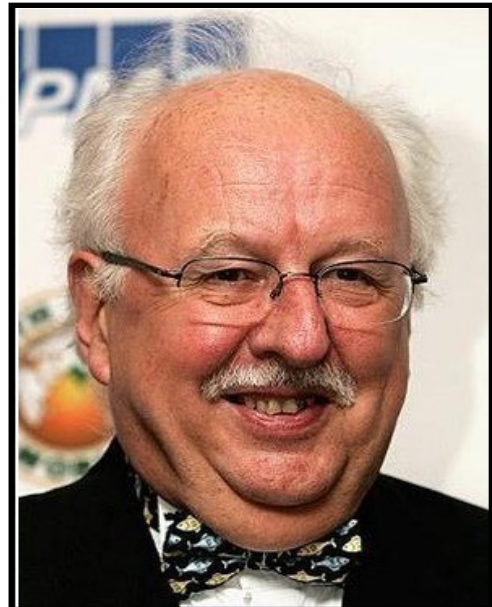
Local History Society

The Great Storm of 1987

On 7th October 2023, an interesting and entertaining talk on The Great Storm was delivered by Bob Ogley, a well known authority on the subject. The talk was very much based on his personal experience and how it became a pivotal change point to his professional and personal life. Bob Ogley's presentation was delivered without visual aids, yet through his engaging style, he managed to convey the ferocity of the event and the impact on so many during the days that followed.

During the Q&A session, members of the audience shared their personal experience of that eventful night and the immediate aftermath.

ALHS will continue to organise interesting and appropriate talks in the future. If anyone has thoughts and/or suggestions in this regard, please get in touch via secalhs@gmail.com



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Welcome to the November edition of the Parish Magazine.

Next month will be a joint December and January issue, so we will have 2 months worth of events in the diary, 2 months worth of church notices, and so on. Last year I was inundated with each society wishing the village a happy Christmas, which ended up taking up a lot of space in the magazine. So this year, I will compile a greetings page from all the groups in the village to each other, which I think is enough good will for everyone!

My recent editorials have been quite serious. With the world in such a critical state at the moment, I thought a bit of frivolity is called for this month. There are two articles about bonfires further on, so I thought I would recall my memories of Bonfire Night from my early childhood..

The fun would start a week before when my Mum would persuade Dad to part with an old pair of trousers and an old

shirt. We would stuff the shirt and trousers with old newspapers and then make a ball of paper for a head and put a plastic shop bought mask on it. At this point Mum would take a photo of the guy and us kids. We have a whole series of these photos showing us growing up. Many people looking at these photos thought it was Dad on the ground, not our guy!

We would then visit the local newsagent where we would choose fireworks from a large selection. Dad liked plenty of rockets. Mum and I liked pretty fireworks. My brothers liked bangers and jumping jacks.

On the night itself, we all had to wait for Dad to get home. Then Mum would light this enormous bonfire she had been accumulating for months with the poor old guy perched on top. It always burnt well, in my memories. We would put a banger in the guy's shirt pocket but I have no recollection of ever hearing it go off.

We would always start the fireworks with a rocket, to indicate to the world that the Smiths were starting their fireworks!! Then we would take it in turns to choose a single firework. Dad was the firework lighter and we would really enjoy watching him crazily jumping around when he had to light a jumping jack. Catherine wheels never worked for us. They just refused to go round! After we had finished all the fireworks, we would end with a rocket, before lighting the sparklers from the gas cooker in the kitchen. We'd then take them outdoors and make patterns or write our names. Finally we would end with a cup of cocoa before bed.

This is one of the photos mentioned. It was the last photo taken of my sister Jo who died 3 weeks later at the age of 15 months. It has pride of place in my house. No prizes for guessing which is me!

Ruth

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Appledore Village Diary – October 2023

Monday	Parent & Toddler Group	10am - 1pm
Monday	Aerobics	6.15pm - 7pm
Tuesday	Hamstreet Surgery Prescription Collection	10.15 - 10.45am
Tuesday	Art Class	1pm - 4pm
Tuesday	Pilates	5.55pm – 6.55pm
Wednesday	Aerobics	6.15pm - 7pm
Wednesday	Lindy Fit	7.30pm - 8.30pm
Thursday	Pilates	9.45am – 10.45am
Thursday	Mulberry Zingers	11.30am -1pm
Thursday	Spinning	6pm - 7pm
Friday	Tai Chi	10.15am - 11am (not on 3rd November)
Friday 3 November	Harvest Supper	6.30pm for 7pm
Saturday 4 November	Church Bake Day	9.30am Church
Monday 6 November	APC Meeting	7.30pm
Thursday 9 November	History Society—Talk on Commonwealth War Graves Commission	6.45pm
Saturday 11 November	Act of Remembrance	10.55am Church
Sunday 12 November	Remembrance Day Service	10.50 Church
Tuesday 14 November	CARM Meeting Point	10am – 11.30am
Friday 17 November	Ramble—	1pm Recreation Ground
Saturday 18 November	Multi Stall Market	9.30am – 3pm
Sunday 19 November	Antique Fair	9am – 3pm
Friday 24 November	Garden Society	7pm - Speaker Kevin Tooher - Interest in the Winter Garden
		7.00 p.m. Village Hall : Cheese and Wine - All welcome
Tuesday 28 November	CARM Meeting Point	10.00 - 11.30am
Saturday 2 December	Christmas Bake Day	9.30—12.30pm Church

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 AUGUST

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

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

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

[Connect Up | The Church of England in Tenterden, Rother & Oxney
\(tentroxchurches.co.uk\)](https://www.tentroxchurches.co.uk)

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<https://www.tentroxchurches.co.uk/>

Sunday 5th November: All Saints' Sunday

11am Morning Praise (*Appledore*)

4pm Sung Evensong (*Stone*)

Saturday 11th November: Remembrance Day

10.55am Act of Remembrance (*Appledore*)

Sunday 12th November: Remembrance Sunday

10.50am Service of Remembrance (*Appledore*)

10.50am Service of Remembrance (*Stone*)

4pm Sung Evensong (*Tenterden*): Live streamed and online thereafter

Sunday 19th November: The Second Sunday before Advent

11am Celtic Morning Prayer (*Appledore*)

4pm Sung Evensong (*Tenterden*): Live streamed and online thereafter

Sunday 26th November: Christ the King

11am The Eucharist (*Appledore*)

From the Vicar's Desk

November 2023

Safeguarding. There, now I have said it! But I would urge you please to read on.

Safeguarding...

We keep hearing the word, we keep talking about it. Safeguarding permeates ALL that we do in all of our churches. But what is it? Why do we need to talk about it? What has it got to do with God and Church?

First of all, here is what Safeguarding is NOT. It is absolutely NOT a slight or indictment on any individual. It is NOT a pointing finger. This is a common misconception, as if a judgement is being made.

Safeguarding is the general term we use to refer to the TRAINING that is necessary for members of our churches to be as sure as they can that the church they attend is a place of welcome, love and safety.

The training usually (but not always) takes the form of a one and a half hour course that can be completed online in your own time – but there are also some occasions when it can be done face to face. This training is designed to give participants a good understanding of the signs of abuse that are sadly all around us – from spiritual abuse and neglect to sexual abuse and coercion – and also information about the mechanism for reporting this. This training covers both children and vulnerable adults.

Once basic training is done the participant is in a far better position to be aware of what could be going on around them because the problem is that abusers do not enter our communities and announce their intentions - and church communities, because of their openness to anyone, are sadly places where offenders can try to infiltrate. So, the more eyes and ears we have, the better.

Over the coming months, we will be talking with a variety of different groups within our churches to ensure that everyone who needs to be trained is able to access a means of training that works for them and can therefore be compliant with the expectations of the Diocese of Canterbury and the Church of England. We have now completed training for all serving members of our PCCs and bellringers and soon will be talking with welcomers and sidespeople and anyone engaged in any form of pastoral work – from preparing and serving lunches to visiting.

God calls us each to care for one another and to look out for the most vulnerable in society. We see Jesus doing this in his life and ministry and we have a responsibility to do so too.

Safeguarding is not just something to talk about and write about – safeguarding is something that it is incumbent on as many of us as possible to DO!

Jeanette Kennett

Your church has its own Parish Safeguarding Officer – check the website and the church noticeboard for more information about them and also what to do if you should have any concerns about an individual.

Ed. The Safeguarding Officer for Appledore Church is Donna Clifton. If you have any concerns about someone or some activity involving the Church, take your concerns to Donna. Phone number in Who's Who.

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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 November at 9.30 followed by Saturday 2nd December 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 for your support. J.C.

Methodist Worship

The Methodists still meet regularly in each others houses to worship in the same manner as they did in the Methodist Chapel. Every fourth Wednesday, a Minister comes and takes a Holy Communion Service. If you prefer a more informal service of Christian Worship, please call Brenda for details—758322

November 2023**Church****Rota**

	<u>Sidesperson</u>	<u>Reader/Intercessor</u>	<u>Refreshments</u>
5th November	Denise	Roger P/Donna	Eileen/Brenda
Saturday 11th November	Donna	TBC	N/A
Armistice			
12th November	Jo	Michael/Chris	Fay
Remembrance			
19th November	Frances	Philippa/Tony	Philippa
26th November4	Judith	Jane/Frances	Jane

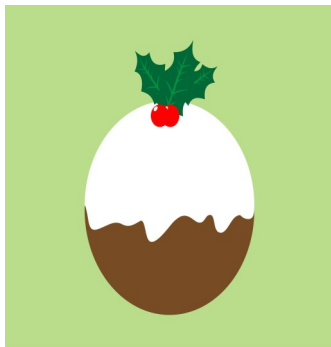
November 2023**Flower****Rota**

	Altar	West End	Porch
5th November	Julie Flawn	Lynn Marston	Wendy Thomas
12th November	Frances Smith	Carley Amey	Paddy Moseley
Remembrance			
19th November	Linda Hiskey	Dawn Prance	Donna Clifton
26th November	Sally Linnington	Judith Clifton	Julie Wooding
24th DECEMBER	Fay Steed	Kate Stevens	Helen Hennig
Horne	Chapel	Judith	Clifton

Advent begins on 3rd December and there are no flowers in church during that period.

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).

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! Would you like to join us on the flower rota? If so please contact me on the above number. J.C.



CHRISTMAS CAKE BAKE

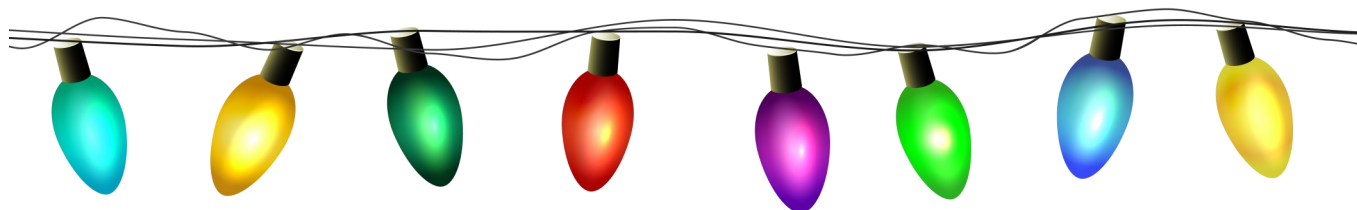
Saturday 2nd December

9.30—12.30

In the Church



Festive foods—Christmas Puddings in 2 sizes, brandy butter, mincemeats; crafts, decorations, gifts, cakes, savouries, cards, hand knits, preserves, wreaths and more. Refreshments will be available throughout the morning so why not come and browse and see the goodies we have on offer. As is our usual practice all items and ingredients are donated in aid of church funds.



DO NOT FORGET

Harvest Supper:

**Friday 3rd November 6.30 for
7.00pm in the Village Hall**

Three-course meal with a vegetarian option, coffee and a licenced bar.

The menu:

Parsnip and Apple Soup

Hearty Autumn Casserole with creamy mash and seasonal vegetables

(Vegetarian option – Vegetarian Shepherds' Pie with seasonal vegetables.)

Fruit Medley Crumble

The cost is £15.50 for the meal and £1.50 for coffee



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Parish Council Update November 2023

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

Funding projects from Section106 monies – MUGA

The Parish Council has some funding available from Ashford Borough Council for specific projects. We are working with local groups as the funding is focused on several focused areas including allotments, young people's play space, natural green space and outdoor space. We hope to provide you more details of the project in future newsletters.

Allotments

The Allotment Trustees have been overseeing clearance of the allotments, including allotments that are not currently being maintained. Work to bring them back to a manageable condition will continue through the winter and it is hoped that new allotments will be available in the spring of 2024.

Footpaths

With the help of the Friends of Appledore Footpaths, quite a few issues with footpaths have been found. These include footpaths that have been blocked or deviated by landowners/developers, and those that are difficult to use because of the state of stiles/gates or overgrowth of vegetation.

The issues are being raised with Kent County Council so they can ensure that footpaths can be used by all residents and walkers.

Car Parks

A group of volunteers led by Sharon and Simon Marsh and other Parish Councillors worked with members of the Appledore community spent a Saturday morning clearing and smartening the surrounds to the Village Car Park. We hope this will become a regular event, if you would like to join in, please contact us. Kent Highways will be putting up the new Court Lodge car park signs over the next few weeks.

Tenterden Town Plan

Tenterden has proposed a new plan for the Tenterden area, you can find details on the Tenterden website on <https://www.tenterdentowncouncil.gov.uk/en/page/selective-neighborhood-plan>

Christmas Meal

The Parish Council has donated some funds to ensure that the Over 60s Christmas lunch is able to take place again this year.

Also, an indication of what is coming up in our November meeting

Planning Applications

The Council will be discussing the following applications at the November meeting:

Sunset Lodge, Woodchurch Road. Conversion of an existing garage into an annexe

The Old Surgery, The Street. Two-story side extension and installation of solar panels

There are also changes to the following applications:

The Old Bakery, Court Lodge Road. Changes to conditions on windows and roofing on a current application

Land to the northeast of Prospect House, School Road. Changes to materials and walls/fences

The Ferry Inn. Changes to materials, roof lights and rainwater collection

Land at Rawnie Farm. Changes to material, bicycle storage, enhancing biodiversity, foul water strategy and archaeologist watching brief

Next Meeting

The next parish council meeting will be on Monday 6th November at the Village Hall. Please come along and join us.

Julian Kenny, Parish Clerk



Cranbrook Choral

CRANBROOK SINFONIA

Director of Music : Jeffrey Gray

Benjamin Britten's SAINT NICOLAS & HYMN TO THE VIRGIN

Tenor Soloist - Sam Harris as Saint Nicolas

The Pickled Boys - Choristers of the Godfrey Searle Choir
from St Mary's Choir and Prep School

Saturday 18th November 2023 7.30pm
St. Dunstan's Church, Cranbrook



Tickets £15 (£7.50 students)

Available by phone: 01580 714828 and online at
www.cranbrookchoral.org.uk or on the door on the night.

The Ramblers Walk 20th October 2023

The year gallops on and already it is October ramble time! This month we have decided to do the 'station walk'. Tracy and I have had this in mind for several months but it is difficult to time it right, as either the crops are too tall or the ground too wet and muddy! When we carried out the recce last week the conditions were perfect, but then at the beginning of ramble week the weather forecasters started giving out amber weather warnings and announcing Storm Babet was on the way. Some of our ramblers thought we should postpone for a week but I am forever optimistic and thought the worst of the weather would miss us! We meet at the rec. and although we have had rain overnight and parts of Scotland are badly flooded the sun is shining down on us in sunny Appledore. Today there are 8 of us and we are really pleased to welcome Brenda to our group, who used to ramble in the days when Ken organised the walks.

We set off along the street towards the pub, going through the narrows and over the bridge. We cross the road and pick up the footpath AT126. The first part of this walk is across 4 arable fields that look as if they are planted up with some sort of kale. We do not want to damage the crop and so walk round the edge of the fields, we are soon sporting heavy boots where the wet mud is sticking to them! It is quite easy to see where the footpath goes and there are sturdy bridges crossing the ditches between fields. We pass along the back of a couple of houses that sit very close to the road but have gardens out the back enjoying wonderful views across the farmland. Just before Blackmore Farm the footpath pops up onto the B2080 road. Here you can turn right and walk to the station but we turn left and carefully walk along a section of road until we see a footpath sign on our right.

The footpath goes through a field gate and now becomes the AT127A. It meanders through many sheep fields and this area is known as Blackman's Arm. The path follows alongside the Blacksmith's Arm Drain which is said to be the remnants of a formal tidal creek that once entered the sea near Hythe. This is one of the many drains in the Romney Marshes. The scenery here is amazing and all around us there are flat green fields full of sheep. We pass a family of swans making their way along the drain, the 3 cygnets are just starting to lose their grey feathers and turn into beautiful white swans. This part of the ramble is easy walking and we manage to lose all the extra mud stuck to our boots. The sun is shining down on us and we all keep removing layers of clothing as it is so hot! There is much frivolity as Angela insists on giving us a mere flash of her new, specially purchased, khaki coloured rambling knickers!!

Eventually the footpath takes a left turn and after negotiating a couple of gates we pop up in the now locked car park at Snargate Bridge which had caused us problems in a previous ramble! We turn left and are now walking along the Royal Military Canal on the AT127. We follow the canal for about 3 miles and eventually end up by Pumping Station Cottage. Here

we can cross the road and make our way to the Black Lion for a much needed drink and sit down after our 6 mile ramble through the beautiful Kent countryside.

Next ramble is November 17th – meet at Appledore Recreation Ground at 1.00 pm – all welcome!!

Jo Weeks.





Blast from the Past

Parish Magazine, November 1961.

THE VILLAGE BONFIRE

The traditional Bonfire on the Recreation Ground has been steadily growing during the past few weeks, thanks to the efforts of our local lads. The boys are planning to give a firework display, and would be very grateful for donations either of fireworks or cash. They intend to make a collection at the display in aid of the Recreation Ground Fund. Gifts may be handed to George Miller or to Mr Sweetman, who has agreed to act as Treasurer for the boys.

News and Views

The Village Library, a branch of the Kent County Library, is open at the Hut in the Garden of Bennetts, the Street from 2pm – 4pm on Thursdays and Sundays – but will be closed for book exchange on Sunday Nov. 5th.



Appledore Local History Society

BONFIRE NIGHT IN APPLEDORE IN 1880

Bonfire night wasn't a risk-assessed event in a field; it happened in The Street, and in 1880 it led to thirteen young men appearing in court.

The event had attracted more than 500 people, and it was said that nearly everyone in Appledore was throwing fireworks. This proportion may be no exaggeration, because just twenty years before the population was recorded as 640 (in 132 houses). The Street must have been packed, from the Red Lion to The Swan, with both doing a good trade. There were probably food stalls and vendors selling fireworks. It ran from nightfall until after midnight.

There was a bonfire, presumably in the widest part of the street, and a processional display of fireworks, accompanied by a band. Then things became a little more freewheeling. Lighted tar barrels were rolled up the street, while the crowd held Roman candles and threw squibs (firecrackers). Everybody had a good time, nobody was injured and there was no damage to property, so why did it end up in the Magistrate's Court in Ashford?

Edwin Cock, Esq. was a wealthy farmer who lived at Court Lodge. Giving evidence, Superintendent Noakes confirmed that Appledore's police constable was usually withdrawn on Bonfire night, but Mr. Cock had requested that they were present, otherwise he had to get men to protect his property. Mr. Cock also said that he had offered the use of a field, together with a 10 shilling donation to the event, which was flatly denied by all of the defendants. Policing the event had fallen to PC Alfred Thomas Sandom, who probably wished he was somewhere else. Every time he tried to make an intervention a lighted squib fell at his feet, hissing and exploding.

One of the defendants, Henry Pearson, said that nearly all of Appledore's residents were against the proceedings being taken by the police. The event had been attended by respectable ladies, and he should be glad if the Bench would hear what the Vicar of Appledore, who was present, had to say about the matter.

The Vicar (The Rev. Mr. French) said the 5th of November in Appledore was a sort of saturnalia, for which people were not brought to account, as long as there was no trouble. He had contributed to the cost of the tar barrels, and had congratulated the organisers on the success of the event. If their funds did not quite meet their expenses he would contribute further, making up the amount. Some of the persons before the Bench were among his most respectable parishioners; there were gentlemen among them whom any clergyman would be glad to have in his parish. It wasn't just the Vicar that had contributed to the cost - so had most of the residents of Appledore.

But the law had been broken. You couldn't light tar barrels on the highway. The tar barrel lighters were fined one penny each, plus costs. The costs amounted to 6s. 5d.

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

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***Do you have green fingers?
Do you want to grow your own?
Then why not try an Allotment...***

There is an allotment garden in the village run as a Charity by a group of Trustees, who at the moment are actively engaged in raising funds through grants to allow much needed work to be carried out.

The work will be carried out over the winter and spring with the intention to offer 12 new allotments of approximately 100 square metres, 3 children's allotments of 12 square metres and 3 with raised beds which will be accessible for people with limited mobility.

The gardens will be fenced for security and to prevent rabbits getting to your veggies! At some stage, soon we hope, we intend to introduce a water supply.

If you are interested in becoming an allotment holder please contact one of the Trustees or send an email to appledoreac@gmail.com and we will get back to you.

Grazing Land for Rent

13 acres of grazing land is available in Moor Lane, Appledore under a 3 year lease (364 days per year) for the grazing of sheep. Interested parties should send sealed offers to the Appledore Allotment Charity, 94 The Street, Appledore TN26 2AE.

Deadline: 30th November 2023

The successful applicant will be advised soon after by letter.

The Appledore Allotment Charity

'May you get your hands dirty, enjoy the fruits of your labour and make the most of peace and quiet in our lovely village?'



Appledore Christmas Celebrations!

The Over 65's Christmas Lunch 2023

Saturday 9th December

12.00 noon arrival, for 12.30pm lunch

Appledore Village Hall

A new committee is taking on this year's Christmas Lunch! Linda and Jenny have done a brilliant job over the last few years and hopefully we can too!! Your new committee consists of Philippa, Jean, Tina and Jo.

This year we have decided to raise the age to the over 65's living in Appledore, as think this is more in line with current working trends. We will be offering a free, traditional four course, home cooked Christmas Lunch with all the trimmings. A vegetarian option will be available on request. The dessert is Christmas Pudding or Trifle, do let us know your choice when you book. There will also be fun entertainment and a fabulous raffle to make it an exciting afternoon of festivities! Although the lunch is free if anyone wished to make a money donation it would be very welcome, either before or on the day.

We do hope you can join us but booking is essential before December 1st 2023. To book your place, please contact Jo on:

Phone: 01233 758420 or text: 07949 357459

FROM THE SHOW COMMITTEE



Jo and I wanted to keep you planning for the Appledore Village Show 2024 throughout the whole of the year, so our intention is to make this a regular article in the magazine.

This month, we thought a little bit about the multiple cups and awards available to win at the Show and some of their background, if known.

When the show first started as just a gardening club show, there were no cups, but very soon someone entrusted to us, the old genuine silver plated cups, which had been presented to the Appledore Gardener's Society and date back to the 1900s. We found to our amazement that there were several sweet pea cups. Obviously, this village must have specialised in growing sweet peas back in the 1920s. So we designated them as the Appledore Cup, the S.P. Cup and the Fruit Cup. How do we tell them apart? By the names engraved on them. Having been with the show from the beginning, I can tell which cup is which by the list of engraved names!! There was also a larger cup which we designated as the Society Cup.

So the Appledore Cup is for the best flower arrangement across the flower classes, which usually include a miniature arrangement, an arrangement in some odd container and two named arrangements. The S.P. Cup is for the person who accumulates the most points in all the individual flower classes—the annuals, the perennials, the dahlias and the roses. The Fruit Cup is for the person who accumulates the most points across the fruit classes—eating apples, cooking apples, pears and any other fruit. The Society Cup is for the person who accumulates most points across the vegetable classes—onions, runner beans, tomatoes, parsnips, shallots, carrots, beetroots, any other vegetable and the selection of vegetables.

There is another accumulative award, the Cookery Spoon, which was presented by Graham in memory of his mother, J.E. Selmes, who was a good cook. This is for the person who accumulates the most points through the cookery classes—the 4 bakery classes, the jams, chutneys etc and the homemade beverage.

Once the show became an established feature, other cups were donated, Trevor Cornelius donated a plate for runner beans, Trevor Gough, a dahlia enthusiast donated a cup for dahlias, Liz Owen donated a very small cup for the winner of the miniature arrangement class. This is the only one which is not engraved each year as it is much too small for that. Lindsay Hammond, our Vicar at the time, donated a cup for the first time exhibitor who had accumulated the most points right across the show. Derek Winter donated a cup from his company, Barcol for the best handicraft exhibit across the embroidery, knitting and any other handicraft classes. This year I donated the Smith Award for the best photo across the two photography classes.

The children's classes have best boy and best girl cups for the boy and girl who accumulates the most points across the 4-5 children's classes. This doesn't include any points they might get from an adult class. The children's awards are kept by the child and do not have to be returned.

Then there are the top cups. The Calladine family donated the Calladine Cup after their younger son Louis passed away. Louis was a child with one of those horrid life-limiting diseases who passed away in mid childhood. For the years his family lived in Appledore, he was a regular attendee at most village events. This cup is awarded to the best child exhibit.

Finally the Patricia Roe Cup, in honour of Wendy Selmes' mother, is awarded for the best exhibit across the whole show. This is decided by all of the judges discussing their first prize winners together and this discussion which can take a long time, eventually comes down to one winning exhibit. The judges have never got acrimonious about this decision—yet.

Some cups are regularly won by a small group of people and you can follow the rivalries by looking at the names on the cups—Graham Selmes and Andrew Elphick winning the Society Cup, Mary Hyde and Wendy Selmes winning the Cookery Spoon. I do have to say that the Fruit Cup has been dominated by my mother Joyce Smith and myself, but that is because we have the fruit trees to enter lots of the classes. The Best Boy Cup and the Best Girl Cup were won for many years by Daniel Smith and Skye Boorman. The Hammond Cup is of course won by a different person every year, and is usually a pleasant and encouraging event for the winner.

How to win a cup?—either you have to be the best across several classes or you have to enter as many classes as possible in either the vegetable, the fruit, the single flowers or the cookery classes. The more classes you enter, the better your chance of winning a cup. Some people who enter lots of classes have won cups so frequently that others enter the show merely to beat them!! Looking forward, it is going to be many peoples aims to beat Martin and Jo Weeks. Good luck with that ambition. I would love someone to beat me with their superb fruit.



Appledore Local History Society

Thursday, 9th November 2023 – Appledore Village Hall

Doors Open at 18:45Hrs – Talk Commences at 19:00Hrs

Commonwealth Graves Commission

This is a 60-minute talk organised for ALHS members, however we are conscious that other residents of Appledore might be Interested to learn of the excellent works undertaken by the CWGC.

There will be no charge for attendance, although donations to the CWGC would be most welcome.

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission's Mission is to ensure those who died in service, or as a result of conflict, are commemorated so that they, and the human cost of war, are remembered for ever.

Refreshments will be available to purchase on the evening.



Harvest Picking at Gusbourne 2023



Well, what a great experience that was, grape picking at Gusbourne at the end of September!

Living in the village of Appledore I have always fancied getting involved for the grape picking season.

So I turned up on the first day and met so many wonderful people from all different walks of life. Among them were newly retired people, actors, father & sons, students, journalist to name but a few.

My days worked at Gusbourne were hard work, but fulfilling, with plenty of chat between new and old friends.

We were all given snips, gloves, high vis., vests and of course the buckets for filling!

You work in pairs to make sure the grapes are picked both sides of the vine. I paired up with a lovely lady called Linda. We enjoyed working together and very much looked forward to our mid-morning break and lunch times! Nice to take the weight off your feet for a little while!

Over the three weeks of harvest at the Appledore site it soon became apparent that it was a **record-breaking bumper year!**

Gusbourne invited everyone to join them for cheese & wine as a chance to say thank you for all the hard work! What a lovely gesture.

I thoroughly enjoyed my time here picking and will be back next year!



There may even be a few Appledorean's next year, who knows?

Cheers everyone!
Deborah Coates



NORMAL SERVICE HAS BEEN RESUMED - at last

We're nearly back to normal activities and "well on the mend", or that's what I keep hearing, and about time too, I say to myself. Truth to tell we are enjoying some proper outings at last. Some recent walks in the woods, a ramble alongside the canal, another visit to the beach, it's what I'm used to and the sort of exercise I need. I played with my ball for a long time on the beach that day. We could hardly see the sea water. Then we sat and watched as it got closer and closer before heading back to the safety of the car.

I love being out with my friends but there's nothing to match the thrill of tramping through the countryside with my mum. I just keep running back to make sure she's keeping up with me. And then this morning she said "I've found my feet at last, Brodie." Well, if only she'd asked I could have told her where to look!

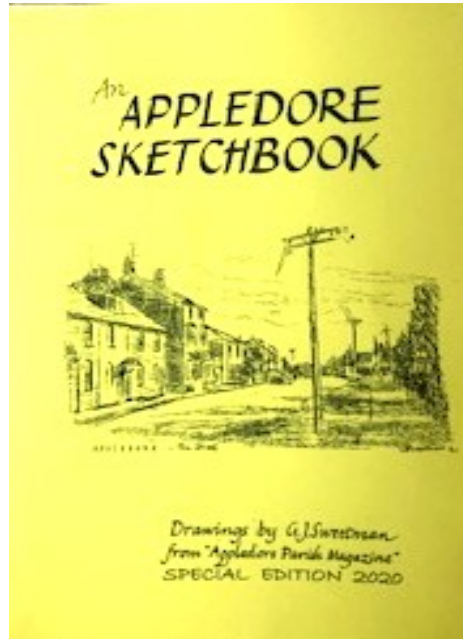
I'm a regular visitor to the church now. I sit at the back on my best behaviour and I keep very quiet. There's always the outside chance I might get a biscuit at the end of the morning. I did notice a few apples on display once and was just about to wander over for a sniff and inspection when there was a sharp tug on the lead and I was told in no uncertain terms that they were out of bounds. Pity, they're my favourite snack. Still if you don't try your luck.....

I've been to have my annual check-up. I thought I'd done well on the diet, losing a few pounds, but no. Snacks between meals are off the menu. I mean, when I hear the toaster in action at breakfast time what am I supposed to do? I sit looking longingly and occasionally my patience is rewarded. A nice crispy piece of toast is difficult to resist. But I suspect that may be a thing of the past!

Til the next time then, stay safe and warm, love from Brodie x



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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