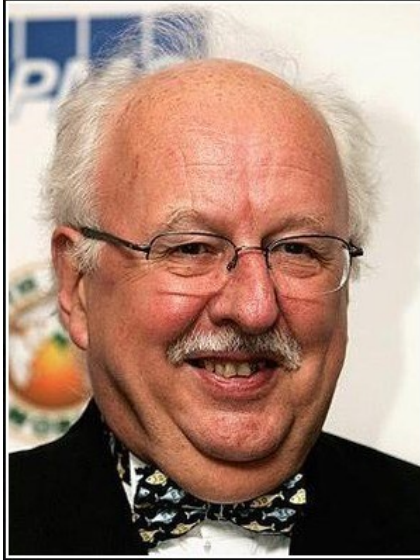




# ALHS Presents

## The Great Storm of 1987



Earlier on today, apparently, a woman rung the BBC and said she heard there was a hurricane on the way... well, if you're watching, don't worry, there isn't!

— *Michael Fish* —

AZ QUOTES

**Michael Fish and his famous announcement -  
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an evening with Bob Ogley, author of  
'In the wake of the hurricane'**

**7th October 2023 @ 7:00 pm (doors open 6:45 pm)**

**Village Hall, Appledore**

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**OCTOBER 2023**

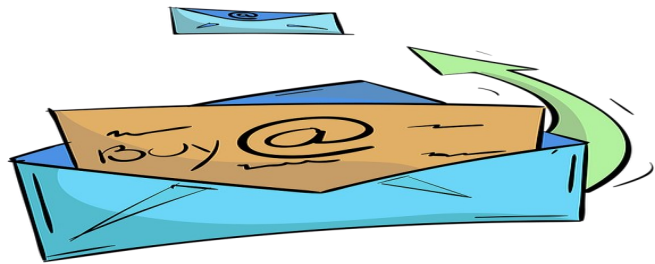
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THANK YOU

*Dear Editor*



A sincere thank you to the lovely lady and two gentlemen that came to my aid when I took a tumble outside the Church gates on Bank Holiday Saturday. Although I was shaken and had few grazes and bruises I was fortunate enough not to have to go to A & E. Lucky me.

Wendy Thomas

Ed. I did receive another letter for publication but it went against the guidelines i.e. it contained derogatory remarks about an identifiable person.

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Welcome to the October issue of the Parish Magazine,

What do you call the road from Ashford to Brenzett?

Do you call it the A2070 or do you call it the bypass?

What you call it dates you as coming to this area of Kent at a particular time. The bypass, as I call it, was opened the year my adoptive daughter aged 7 came to live with me. She is now 40! People who arrived after it's completion, and after those hundreds of trees in blue tubes grew and covered the banks of the road, call it the A2070.

The way we talk and the things we say date us and these sayings confuse others we speak to.

Similarly with this recent farewell -'See you later'. My answer to that, if I said it, would be 'No, you won't be seeing me later today, you won't be seeing me for several days!' Again, a phrase that dates one.

The pace of new developments is quite overwhelming at times. When I was ill in hospital in Israel, I sent my daughter a carefully worded text, telling her I was ill, but not to worry. She immediately Facetimed me and could see straight away that I was underplaying my state of health! She did exactly the same thing when I collapsed post op after my operation to fix my broken arm. One of these days I will learn not to let her down gently when something happens, because technology will tell her the truth soon enough. Older people than me find life even more difficult because many of them are pre-computer/on line. I recently drove north—how do you pay your Dartford crossing charge if you don't know how to go on line? On the website, it tells you that you can pay by phone, but you have to access the website to learn that! My GP surgery has filled all its flu vaccination slots and advised I got my flu jab in a supermarket—but that has to be booked on line!

There have been suggestions that this magazine should go exclusively on line, but I can reassure you that Brian and I will fight that. Currently we can advise advertisers that their advert will definitely go into 400 homes. I doubt we would get 400 homes reading it on line!

So onward and backward we go!

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
Sunday 1st October	Harvest Festival	Church 11am
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October	APC Meeting	7.30pm
Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup> October	Cake bake	Church Porch 9.30am
Saturday 7th October	History Society—Great Storm of 1987	7pm
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> October	CARM Meeting Point	10am – 11.30am
Friday 20th October	Ramblers	1pm Recreation Ground
Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup> October	Multi Stall Market	9.30am – 3pm
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October	Antique Fair	9am – 3pm
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> October	CARM Meeting Point	10.00 am - 11.30am
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> October	Gardening Club	7pm
	How to commit the perfect murder.....	
Saturday 28th October	Harvest Supper	6.30pm

## 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.

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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>

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#### Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October: Harvest Festival

11am Harvest Festival (*Appledore*)

6pm Harvest Evensong (*Stone*)

#### Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> October: The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

11am The Eucharist (*Appledore*)

6pm Sung Evensong (*Tenterden*): Live streamed and online thereafter

#### Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> October: The Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

11am Celtic Morning Prayer (*Appledore*)

2pm Forest Church (*Rolvenden Churchyard*)

6pm Sung Evensong (*Tenterden*): Live streamed and online thereafter

#### Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> October: The Twentieth Sunday after Trinity

11am The Eucharist (*Appledore*)

6pm Sung Evensong (*Tenterden*): Live streamed and online thereafter

#### Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> October: Bible Sunday

11am Celtic Morning Prayer (*Appledore*)

4pm Service of Light (*Tenterden*): Live streamed and online thereafter

# **A SERVICE OF LIGHT**



**The Parish Church of St Mildred  
Tenterden**

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2023  
4pm**

At this service, people of the communities of Tenterden, St Michael's and Smallhythe, who have died since the end of October 2022, will be remembered by name, and by the lighting of a candle.

We are very happy to commemorate other people who have died. If you would like someone dear to you to be included, then please contact Caroline:

**01580 765414**  
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## From the Minister's Desk

I've just had an early morning cuppa with Lee who is painting our conservatory; we often put the world to right over a cuppa. This morning we were discussing retirement and I began to dwell on my own two years of retirement, having been a rural parish priest for nearly 10 years. I always knew it was going to be tough. Coming late to ministry, St Thomas' Groombridge was the only parish where I was vicar and we could not have been happier there. As so often happens, I was a complete change from the person they had had before, not least their first female Vicar. John was once presented with a birthday card which read 'to the Best Vicar's Wife ever'. He treasures it still.

Unfortunately, in the week of my retirement there was a sudden resurgence of Covid in the village and so all plans for a parish picnic following my final service were cancelled. We had to quickly make our retirement-project home in East Hill look like a family home as we had family staying that weekend. We began to put up some pictures and photos to make it look like our family home. Unfortunately, I stepped back to ensure John had got the picture hook in centrally and I tripped over a wire and fell backwards, breaking my elbow and wrist. Next day, I took my final service in a sling which earned me my final Brownie points, simply for turning up! I was in a lot of pain and felt relieved that there was no party to go on to. That followed later, in September, when the weather was perfect and the village was in a better state of health.

But then home to what? My arm prevented me from getting stuck in to all the work on the house that was needed and would have pre-occupied me in those first weeks of retirement. No Mary, bringing round her lovely soup? Or Beverley, saying she was off to Morrisons and did I need anything? Or, Roz, offering to push the Hoover round. Suddenly, as a former parish priest, we were uprooted from where we lived and worked and had fun and friends, to a new house, new town, new community. It was quite strange and very lonely. It was rather like a bereavement, and I wondered if I had done the right thing.

I have often quoted Sarah James, a former Warden of Readers in Rochester diocese, who said as she retired 'It is time to blossom where I'm planted'. And now I tried to cling on to that notion. Although I felt older and slightly 'on the shelf', the diary full of various hospital and doctor's appointments, I still felt that God could use me. I'm not sure I have yet blossomed(!), but I can certainly sense new blossoms of me happening, and my life is beginning to fill up again with good things: more family time, quite a lot of decorating still to do - which includes learning lime-plastering skills, being part of the ministry team here, gardening, singing. It is important to make the effort to become part of a new community – because it will not come to us; we have to leave our comfort zone to embrace it.

My ministry in Groombridge was a ministry of love. I believe that is our first calling as Christian sisters and brothers – to love one another, as God loves each one of us. It was a two-way love: I tried to love them, even the ones I sometimes found difficult (!), and I received back from them love a hundred-fold. And now, two years on, I'm adjusting to retirement and my new life in Tenterden and the surrounding villages. There's so much going on here!

Maybe I should stop wandering up and down hospital corridors and Tenterden High Street, smiling and saying 'hello' to everyone. I could get away with it when I was wearing a dog-collar, now people probably just think I'm slightly odd. Anyway, 'Cheers' to retirement and the autumn of our lives!

Sharon Francis

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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 7<sup>th</sup> October at 9.30 followed by Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> November 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

<b>October</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>Church</b>	<b>Rota</b>
	<u>Sidesperson</u>	<u>Reader/Intercessor</u>	<u>Refreshments</u>
1st October	Donna	Vicki/Donna	Eileen/Brenda
Harvest			
8th October	Philippa	Roger H/Frances	Donna
15th October	Jo	Jane/Chris	Jane
22nd October	Judith	Michael/Tony	Fay
29th October	Frances	Thelma/Mahala	Donna

<b>October</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>Flower</b>	<b>Rota</b>
	<b>Altar</b>	<b>West End</b>	<b>Porch</b>
1st October	Paddy Moseley	Frances Smith	Kate Stevens
Harvest Festival			
8th October	Dawn Prance	Linda Hiskey	Donna Clifton
15th October	Judith Clifton	Julie Wooding	Sally Linnington
22nd October	Helen Hennig	Fay Steed	Judith Clifton
Wedding			
29th October	Judy Hurren	Helen Downing-Waite	Denise Stephens
5th November	Julie Flawn	Lynn Marston	Wendy Thomas
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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.

'Minister of the Month' October 2023

I first began to think about Licensed Lay Ministry – or Reader Ministry as it was then called – in the early 2000s. With its purpose defined as 'Preaching, Teaching and Leading Worship', it seemed a good fit for someone who had been a teacher since her early twenties. At the time, beyond training for 'The Bishop's Certificate', I pursued the thought no further. Over the years I explored various other avenues, being generously supported and encouraged by the Clergy with whom I worked. By 2007 I'd arrived back 'at base' and began the three year training towards Licensed Lay Ministry.

If I'd thought that 'ministry' was mainly about teaching, I was to discover differently, for I have *learned* far more than I think I have *taught!* Sometimes that learning has been about the darker side of life, as those with whom I come into contact have talked about sadness and loss, loneliness and personal difficulties. But I have also learned from watching others about the generosity of human nature, dedication and the sheer delight of a life of faith. Part of my job as a Lay Minister is to show that 'Church Life' and 'Life beyond Church' flow seamlessly into one another. And so the conversations that take place when out with my walking group, (for instance), are as much a part of my ministry as those in church. That's important to me!

One of the greatest inspirations to my faith has been in the natural world, and I know that so many others can identify with this. I have very many happy memories of walking in wild and lonely landscapes with husband Clive, and (now grown up) son, David. As the years pass, we aren't able to be quite so adventurous, but I've managed to 'plug the gap' through discovering a delight in photography, drawing and painting. And if I should still be 'at a loose end', I only have to look out of the window, to see the beckoning finger of a garden full of *jobs to be done!*

Being a Lay Minister has been a gift. It has changed me as a person. I hope that I've been able to give something back, too ... but I guess only God knows the answer to that!

Alison Gilbert

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Thank you to everyone who contributed their loose change to the collection tin on our shop counter. The contents (of 2 tins) this time amounted to an amazing £48.16! Your support is much appreciated and we are very grateful to the shop owners for continuing to allow us to collect funds in this way.

Judith Clifton



**WE WILL  
REMEMBER  
THEM!**

## **SERVICES OF REMEMBRANCE 2023**

### **SUNDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER**

11.15am Matins and Act of Remembrance  
*(Smallhythe)*

### **REMEMBRANCE DAY: 11<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER**

Appledore Church \* Rolvenden War Memorial \*  
Tenterden War Memorial  
all at 10.55am

### **REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY: 12<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER**

10.45am Service of Remembrance *(Wittersham)*

10.50am Service of Remembrance *(Appledore)*

10.50am Service of Remembrance *(Newenden)*

10.50 Service of Remembrance *(Rolvenden)*

10.50am Service of Remembrance *(Stone)*

10.50am Service of Remembrance *(Tenterden)*

3pm Service of Remembrance *(Ebony)*

3pm Service of Remembrance *(St. Michaels)*



## **Ride + Stride for Kent Churches**

### **Saturday 9 September**

**What a hot day it was for cycling! Probably by the time you read this, the weather will be totally different!**

**We were very pleased to be able to cool off in our lovely churches with a cold drink and something to eat to keep us going.**

**We would like to say a big thank-you to all our generous sponsors, everyone that manned our church on the day, both on the desk and serving refreshments. Thanks also go to those that made lovely cakes and other goodies.**

**It was a very successful and enjoyable day and we have raised about £830.00 between us. Our church receives half of this and the Friends of Kent Churches keep half enabling any Kent church, including ours, to apply for a grant for a specific project.**

**Donna and Fay x**

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## **Parish Council Update October 2023**

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

### **New Clerk**

We would like to welcome Julian Kenny as our new Parish Clerk. Julian was a councillor on Burwash Parish Council for seven years and is one of the management team for the Wild About Burwash team. If you would like to contact him about parish related matters, please email him on [enquiries.apc@gmail.com](mailto:enquiries.apc@gmail.com) or call him on 07813568829.

### **Planning Applications**

Recent planning applications in Appledore include a new holiday accommodation with a garden space on the site of the Methodist church and the creation of a staff car park at Scotland and Bates. The Parish Council supported both of these applications. The erection of a new fence at Hornes Place Oast was not supported as it was felt that it would be an intrusion into the local countryside.

### **Community Funding**

Local community funding is available from Ashford Borough Council via the Parish Council. The available funds include £13405 for sports pitches, £5313 for Natural Green Spaces, £9184 for Play Spaces and £2268 for allotments. Please contact the Clerk for more details.

### **Car Park Charges**

At the September parish council meeting there was a discussion about charging for use of the car parks as a way of gaining an income stream. The Council decided not to implement any charges as it was felt that any charges would lead to increased parking on the road and that people attending events at the Village Hall should not have to pay for parking while they are attending events.

### **Water Bills**

Over the last few months there have been large increases in water and waste bills for the public toilets. The Council has been liaising with the water and waste companies about the increases in the bills, as both bills have more than doubled. Moving forward, the meter will be monitored more closely now that we know where it is located. If your bills have increased, it may be worth checking your water meter readings regularly.

### **Allotments**

The Allotment Charity now has 4 active Trustees, Beverley and Duncan Gray, Iain Ramsden and Marilyn Ray.

### **Footpaths**

We have a very active footpath "team", and particular very grateful thanks are due to Jo Weeks, for re-starting, organising and ably leading the monthly village rambles, and to Duncan and Bev Gray for their hard work in repairing bridges and stiles. We are hoping to utilise some available "Green Space" funding for some of these more major projects. Apart from routine footpath maintenance, we also need to keep an eye on current and future threats to the existence of some of our paths.

### **Next Meeting**

The next parish council meeting will be on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October at the Village Hall. Please come along and join us.



## The Ramblers Walk 15<sup>th</sup> September 2023

So Autumn is here and it's time for our September ramble. This month we want to ramble around Stone as some of our group had remembered a wonderful walk they had done several years ago. We had carried out a recce earlier in the week but it had not gone well and we could not find some of the footpaths we had wanted to! So we sought advice from some Stone locals and then after another recce were good to go!!

This month there were 7 of us and we were very pleased to welcome a new Rambler – Sue, who lives in the village and who had enjoyed reading about us in the parish magazine. We decided to drive to the Ferry Inn and start our walk from there as we were a bit worried it was going to be a bit too long otherwise! We walk out the back of the car park following the Reading Sewer and then turn left, crossing over a farm bridge, next to a lovely field of sunflowers. We walk along the concrete road which comes out by Luckhurst Farm. Here we cross the road and pick up the AT93 which goes through an Ash plantation. We meander through a couple of grass fields, followed by a stretch of wood and then pop out on a stile on Catt's Hill. The footpath AT103 is continued over the road along the fence of a very beautiful blue and white house. We now make our way across fields and up to Stone Church. The views are incredible behind the church and you can see for miles over the Romney Marsh. We go inside and have a look round the 15<sup>th</sup> century St. Mary's Church, which is a typical Kentish Church, built of ragstone and featuring a Roman ragstone altar.

We head back out into the hot sunshine and find the footpath which is now the AT109 and runs along the back of the graveyard and then through Huggit's Farm. After a few more fields it brings us out on Top Road. We walk along a short bit of road before turning in on the left onto the AT112 which is the path that leads to Great Prawls Farm which is the main reason for choosing this route. The path opens out into fields and then just the most amazing views are in front of us. We can easily make out the old sea cliffs and imagine the sea lapping round the bottom of the cliff. For many centuries Stone-in-Oxney was a real island surrounded by the sea and this part of the Isle of Oxney was part of the coastline overlooking what is now the Romney Marsh. We are all totally in awe at the beauty of this place as we can see for miles looking out towards Dungeness Power Station, the wind farm, Rye and the sea. After several minutes and with our spirits lifted we continue on our way. The footpath takes a right turn and meanders past several farm buildings that have now been converted into picturesque homes. The path is now the AT112 and follows a farm road eventually coming out on the Wittersham Road close to Wattle Corner. We turn right along the road until we reach the AT102 and then cross a field and drop down into Luckhurst Wood. The path is quite well signed and after a few more fields we reach Lower Road, Stone. Here we can follow the road past Parklands and back to the footpath next to Luckhurst Farm. Then it's just back along the concrete road and soon we can see the coloured umbrellas of the Ferry Inn where we know a nice cold drink is beckoning us!!

This was just the most amazing ramble with the best scenery to date – if you get the chance to walk this one then make sure you do as you will not be disappointed! Next ramble is October 20<sup>th</sup> – meet at Appledore Recreation Ground at 1.00 pm – all welcome!!

Jo Weeks.



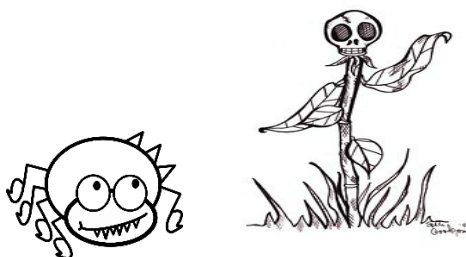


## **APPLEDORE GARDEN SOCIETY**

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2023 at  
Appledore Village Hall – 7.00 p.m.**

**Speaker : Guy Deakins**

**How to commit the perfect murder  
and put the body to good use in the garden**



**Tea/Coffee available**

**All welcome – no commitment, but if you would like to become a  
member of the AGS there will be the opportunity of joining on  
the night**

*The American Deep South comes to Woodchurch*

**BLUES, SOUL AND RAGTIME BAND**



# PORCH SWING BLUES

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*All monies raised supporting All Saints Church*

### APPLEDORE VILLAGE SHOW 2023

Saturday 9th September was the hottest day of 2023 and the day our village show returned. And what a glorious day it was. I was unsure how this year would turn out as our last show was in 2019 and since then several regular exhibitors have left the village and many people who had never experienced a village show had moved in. I need not have worried. We had over 170 exhibits and over 40 exhibitors about the same as 2019.

Cup winners:-

Cornelius Plate for best runner beans—Martin Weeks

Trevor Gough Cup for best dahlias—Graham Selmes

Owen Cup for best miniature arrangement—Donna Clifton

Hammond Cup for best first time exhibitor—Martin Weeks

Society Cup for most points in vegetable classes—Martin Weeks

S.P. Cup for most points in flower classes—Jean Boorman

Fruit Cup for most points in fruit classes—Ruth Smith

Appledore Cup for best flower arrangement—Donna Clifton for her Coronation arrangement

Cookery Spoon for most points in cookery classes—Jo Weeks

Best Boy Cup—Isaac Weeks (grandson of Martin and Jo Weeks)

Barcol Cup for best handicraft exhibit—Brigitte Watkins for her table mats

Smith Award for Photography—Kate Stevens ( new award donated by Ruth Smith for the best photographic exhibit)

Calladine Cup for best child exhibit— Elliot Weeks for his leaf print of a fish—this cup is awarded in memory of Louis Calladine

Patricia Roe Cup for best exhibit in show—Jean Boorman for her hibiscus blooms

Other statistics—17 exhibitors came first in one or more classes. There were 12 first time exhibitors.

The raffle, organised by Jo and run by Jo and Jean was an absolute hit with lots of lovely prizes. Refreshments were served by Linda and Jenny and included delicious cheese straws and lots of naughty cakes. Lots of folk helped set up on Friday evening and to clear up on Saturday—Tina, Sean, Martin, various members of the Perkins tribe. Sarah helped early on Show day receiving all the pre booked entries, and I am delighted to say we had no problem with lots of late entries on the Saturday morning. Thanks to you all.

We had no Best Girl exhibits in the Children's Classes, so the committee decided belatedly, to award the Best Girl award to our only child entrant in the adult classes, Skye (Jean Boorman's granddaughter) for her two colourings. Congratulations Skye.

I'd like to thank all the committee—Jean, Linda, Jenny, and especially Jo Weeks for all their hard work. It was a wonderful show—pity about the heat!! Roll on next year!

Ruth Smith



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

George Miller passed away on the 5th July at the age of 76. George was a village boy and a goal keeper for the Appledore Football Team. He worked for the KCC Highways Department most or all of his working life. He lived in the houses opposite the Recreation Ground until he moved to Ashford with his wife Lesley and son Karl. We send Lesley and Karl our condolences.

With sadness we record the passing of Frances Turk on 18th September. Frances was 95 years of age and lived at Heathside for many years, until moving to St.Mary's Bay. We send sincere condolences to all the family.

### **Kenneth Cyril Girkin**

#### **3<sup>rd</sup> November 1929 – 9<sup>th</sup> July 2023. A personal tribute**

On Tuesday April 1<sup>st</sup>, I had the privilege of attending the remembrance service for Kenneth (Ken) Girkin in Appledore parish church.

It was an uplifting and humbling experience. Ken enriched so many lives; as a teacher (for most of his career at Chatham House school, in Ramsgate); as a lover of the outdoors; as a fellow-traveller in the university of life, of whose fountain of knowledge he was the first and keenest to drink, and the first and keenest to impart; as a generous and able sportsman; as a musician with a fine tenor voice (he sang more than once under the baton of Sir Edward Heath, a neighbour in Broadstairs); but above all as a friend without guile or malice, determined to give all he could to others.

He retired to Appledore and he and Valerie made an enormous contribution to the life of the village. Tessa Knight spoke eloquently at the service on behalf of the village. Tessa herself (with the great support of Brian) does so much herself for the village, and has been a source of huge support and comfort to Valerie.

Ken was Appledore's footpath warden for many years, diligently reporting to the Parish council at almost every meeting. He passed the job to me, knowing I was a keen walker, but I fear I fall far short of his high standards. He led the monthly village rambles, and derived great pleasure from seeing the enjoyment of his fellow walkers. I am pleased to say that Jo Weeks and her friends and colleagues are ably carrying on the tradition.

It was through an interest in the weather that I came to know Ken shortly after I moved to Station Villas. We both had a weather station and submitted our recordings to Climatological Observers Link (COL), an organization that collates our data and publishes a monthly bulletin. Ken also produced a summary of his results for the parish magazine, together with fascinating and entertaining elements of topical interest. It pained Ken when he had, for external reasons, to miss a month, which of course he very rarely did.

He and I travelled together, to London for meetings of the Royal Meteorological Society, and to Wetherspoons pub in Tonbridge for regular meetings of a much less august body of fellow amateurs whom I called Anoraks Anonymous. It was on these trips that I was also entertained by stories of his sporting prowess. He played cricket for Suffolk in the Minor Counties league, and subsequently for Broadstairs and Selsted. He umpired for Selsted well into his 80s. He would have been typically generous, and scrupulously fair. He never boasted, but he was justifiably proud of his achievements. As he was of his children and grandchildren. His daughter Sara is a teacher at Benenden School, and son John, a Professor of Biophysics at Durham University, and Director of the Biophysical Sciences Institute at the University.

My thoughts are with them all, and with Valerie, his devoted wife of 66 years, who did so much to make all this possible.

I will miss Ken's knowledge, enthusiasm, irrepressible good humour, and above all his loyal and entertaining friendship.

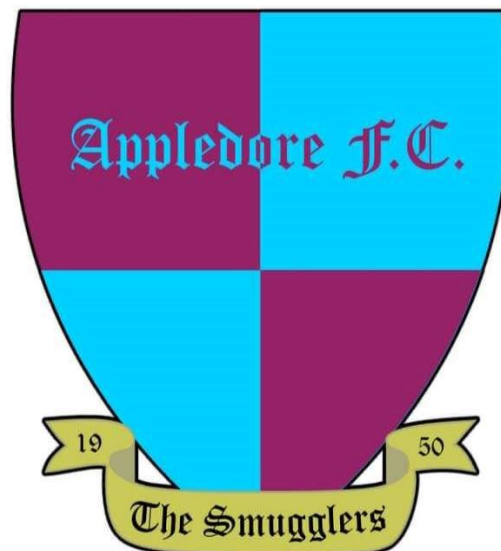
Paul Ripley

### **Smugglers Football Results**

10th September	Appledore 2	1 Woodchurch
17th September	Appledore 2	5 Mersham Reserves
24th September	Appledore 3	1 Folkestone United Reserves

Everyone is welcome to come and watch on a Sunday morning if it is a home game, and they offer free tea and coffee.

Venues of fixtures are on the Appledore Village Facebook page.





## VILLAGE HALL NEWS

### **HARVEST SUPPER - SATURDAY 28TH OCTOBER**

OUR Go-To Girls, Linda and Jenny are holding a Harvest Supper on Saturday 28th October at 6.30pm for 7pm. There will be a three course meal with vegetarian option, coffee and a licenced bar.

Bookings have to be made by 20th October by ringing Linda on 758097. The cost will be £15.50 for the meal and £1.50 for the coffee afterwards.

The menu is:-

Parsley and Apple Soup

Hearty Autumn Casserole with creamy mash and seasonal vegetables

(Vegetarian option—Vegetarian Shepherds' Pie with seasonal vegetables)

Fruit Medley Crumble.



## LONG HOT SUMMER DAYS

By the time you read this the long hot days of summer will be over. We can get back into a routine which suits me, daily walks with my mum to far distance places, not the same old, same old visit to the recreation ground. Chasing the ball across the football field is all well and good but it does get a bit boring. Thank goodness for my pal who has been taking me off for a proper walk when I need to get out and about.

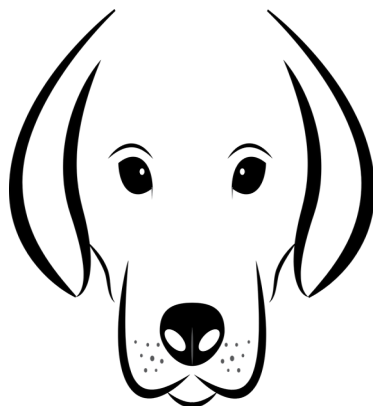
However this morning in the park we met a strange lady. I was just about to go over and greet her in my usual friendly fashion but then she called out "oh, oh, I don't like dogs." I ran back to my mum when she called me and we walked quickly away. Its a two way thing really and most people I meet are lovely and pleased to see me. If I see her again I'll remember to give her a wide berth!

Recently we had a trip to the beach, I hadn't seen the sea for ages, it looked just the same! But it was just grand to be running up and down the beach, sand, mud, stones I didn't care, in and out of the water, chasing my ball and generally going a bit mad. After a brisk rub down, back in the car and heading for home and a long rest. Perfect.

Magpies are thieves. It is well known that magpies steal all sorts of things, and I am definitely not a magpie. But just lately I have had a bit of a problem. I can't always tell the difference between something on a plate that is in front of me but not for me, and something that I am allowed to have. Recently a friend came to visit and stayed for tea and biscuits. She made a great fuss of me and as she was leaving I noticed some biscuits that had been left on the plate. What happened next I cannot account for. Suddenly the plate was empty, was it me? Did I steal the biscuits? They just sort of vanished. Needless to say I was out of favour for a short time, but by supertime all was forgotten, thank goodness.

Yesterday was interesting in all sorts of ways. Firstly a visit to the pub for lunch, not for me I might add, although I did manage to sneak a small piece of meat handed to me under the table. I just hope no one was looking! Secondly a visit to the church. Now you may think that's a bit strange, lots of dogs in church. I met up with several of my doggy friends. We had to keep quiet and be on best behaviour which of course we all did. It was worth the effort as we were given treats and made a huge fuss of individually. I could easily get used to all that attention but I got the feeling it was a special occasion.

Til the next time then,  
love from Brodie x



Ed—The Church had a Pet Service  
which I gather was a big success.



## Blast from the Past

### Parish Magazine September 1961

On 12<sup>th</sup> August Mr. Smallworth and Mr. Butcher visited the Church. These two gentlemen lived at Woodchurch at one time and worked for Mr. Bourne. Now, after 21 years, they came back to see the work they did in our Church. The interest and pride they showed in their craftsmanship was most encouraging in these days of mass production. They were the men who put up the screen at the West End and restored the Hornes Chapel and Choir Screen. They were full of anecdotes and told how, when lowering the floor in the Chapel they were asked by Dr. Cock, to open the tomb. They did so and found ten coffins. They sent for Dr. Cock immediately but, by the time he got to the Church, there was nothing left of the coffins and their contents; the action of the air had reduced them to dust. This visit, forming a link with the past was most interesting. Our good wishes to Mr. Smallworth and Mr. Butcher.

*The Bourne Family of Woodchurch were a Building Firm of many generations who have built and worked on many properties in the Village of Appledore over the years.*

### Flower Festival 1966

Another successful Flower Festival has passed and what a splendid event it was. Well done to the organisers, flower arrangers and all the helpers involved.

Below is a picture of Flower arrangers at the 1966 Flower Festival. I know the lady on the right is Ethel Knight and I believe the other ladies (L-R) are Margaret Boorman, May Browning and Monica Hambrook. If anyone could confirm this and identify the young boys it would be appreciated.

Thank you, Brian Knight. Contact email - [thrknng@aol.com](mailto:thrknng@aol.com) or via the Magazine.



## APPLEDORE LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY



So, we think nowadays we have 'horrors' to deal with like the rising cost of living, over-development, fly tipping and pot holes, but what about some of the less warm and fuzzy times Appledore has gone through in the past?! Using a few of the images within the lovely tapestry housed in St Peter and St Paul's, and facts from Sir John Winnifrith's 'A History of Appledore', we can see that things have been quite troubling at times. Happy Halloween everyone!

In 1380 probably all of the houses in The Street were burned to the ground by the French who were raiding the south coast as England's sea power had fallen into decay. The houses would have been built using wattle and daub with thatched roofs, perfect fuel for a fire!



By 1450 there was discontent in the country, including the Appledore area, and there were riots, people charged with treason and after being hung, drawn and quartered, one quarter of a man called Alan Elys of Tenterden was hung on the pillory (a wooden structure with holes for the head and hands) at Appledore!

Leaping ahead a few centuries, Appledore was affected by the threat of invasion by Napoleon, as we were at war with France until Wellington's victory at the battle of Waterloo in 1815. The threat led to the construction of the Royal Military Canal from 1804 to 1807. This was no easy job given the lack of mechanical excavators. 500 labourers and 3 regiments of militia were needed to finish the canal.

There was no invasion but the building of the canal led to the great reduction of 'marsh fever' (malaria), which had plagued the parish over the years and led to a high mortality rate.

