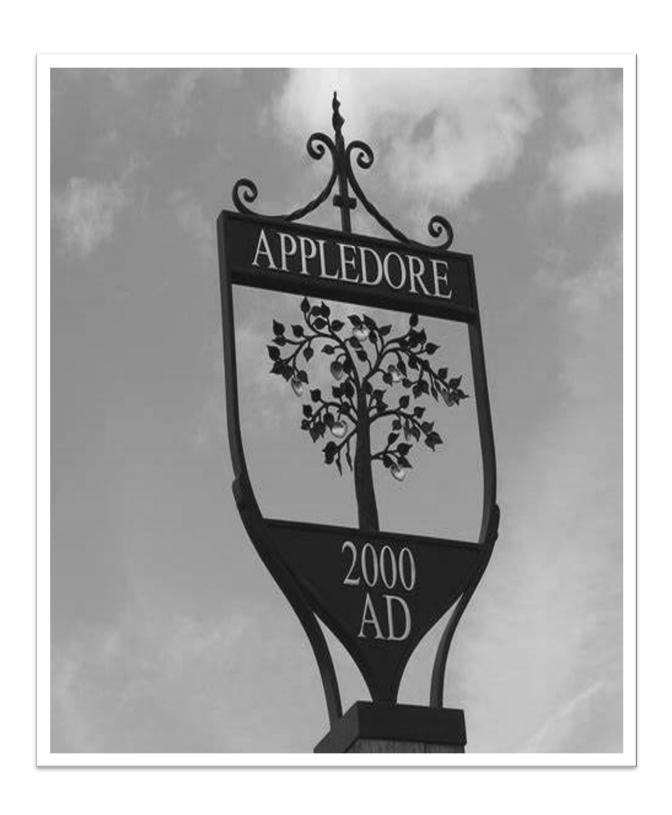
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Thank you for all the kind donations towards our new printer even in such difficult times.

Dear Appledore,

Although this is the September edition of the Parish Magazine, I wanted to think about an event taking place at the end of August – the Flower Festival, which truly does bring the village together! This was sorely missed last year and I wish the organisers the very best and good luck with the weather!

Another event to look out for is a BBQ for all the family on the Recreation Ground on 11th September — a fun event for all the family! Check out the details on page 13.

The refurbishment of the Village Hall is going well and there are some photographs on page 12 to show just this,

Finally, Brodie is back and we wish his mum a speedy recovery.

Have a good month!

Maureen

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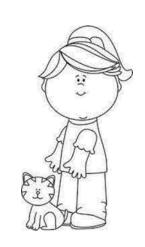
September Services

Sunday 5th September

10.30am, Pet Service

Parish Church

6pm, Choral Evensong, Stone-in-Oxney



Sunday 12th September 10.30am, Holy Communion, Parish Church 10.30am, Methodist Worship, Chapel

Sunday 19th September

10.30am, Joint Family Breakfast Service, Stone-in-Oxney

(No service in Parish Church)

10.30am, Methodist Worship, Chapel

Wednesday 22nd September 12md, Methodist Holy Communion, Chapel

Sunday 26th September 10.30am, Holy Communion, Parish Church 10.30am, Methodist Worship, Chapel

Midweek Services



Holy Communion every Wed. at 9.30am
At St Peter & St Paul, Appledore

From The Vicarage

This edition is usually the one where I talk about summer holidays and the children returning to school after their break.

Hopefully many of you who take their holiday in the school break will have been able to have some sort of time away somewhere.

Of course, many people will have had to forgo their usual holiday plans, but I hope most of you will be able to get away at some point.

Taking a break is so important. Once when life had been particularly hectic for the disciples, Jesus urged them to join him in getting away from it all. He knew they needed space and a chance for rest and relaxation and more importantly he understood the value of taking that time. The need for rest is at the heart of the Creation story and it was part of the DNA of the Hebrew nation's week. So much so that they ended up misunderstanding its purpose and thought of making endless rules to ensure it worked. The rules made it anything but restful.

Taking a break enables the chance to refocus, to set aside the constant cares of this world. That is why our services take place on the day that should be a break in the week. It enables the worshipper to bring God into the refocusing. A chance to gain a bigger perspective, an eternal perspective and one that has been gathered in community and not on one's own.

As you are most probably aware I shall be retiring from my post as Team Vicar at Stone and Appledore at the end of October and my last service was to have been on the 26th September but this has now been pushed back until the 3rd October which will coincide with our Harvest celebrations. As I am not being replaced with a new minister coming into post, I will be allowed to come back and help in the Benefice after the compulsory sixth month break. So, you may well still see me at the occasional service or event.

I am very aware that many of you have devoted much time and energy in supporting both me personally and the church, and I am very grateful for that. There has been much that has been good during my time here and I hope that together we have laid a new foundation to be built on.

We must remember that the true foundation of the church is Christ, and Christ alone, no matter how large the role of any individual. It is Christ that we rely on, it is his blessing that ensures the success of any church, and Christ is here, he remains with us all.

Please do check the services' pages as things may well be changing month on month.

God Bless Tricia x



Flower Festival Thank You

I am delighted to be writing this exactly a week before our Flower Festival opens, when at one point we imagined, as in 2020, that our wonderful community event might be cancelled. As a committee, we met quite late in the year to plan, fearing that more restrictions may be put in place and that we might have to cancel at the last minute. As it turns out, it is full steam ahead and everything in the run-up to next weekend seems to be falling in to place nicely.

With regards to our rotas, Philippa, Paddy and I are so grateful for your warm responses and kind offers of help, proving what a community-spirited village Appledore really is.

A special thank you must go to the Flower Festival Committee, our very talented arrangers, the rota writers, the stall holders & servers, our bakers & cake makers, the stewards, our preacher, the advertising guru, the musicians, the poster & flyer droppers, the co-ordinator of sponsors, the treasurer and money counters, the generous donators of books & treasures, the posy & lavender bag makers, the cleaners, the painters of our advertising boards, the volunteers who put up and take down the marquees and Les Ramsden for allowing us to use his field.

A very big thank you also goes to our generous local businesses and patrons who sponsor the cost of the flowers, allowing any money raised to go towards the church's upkeep.

For those of you that live on The Street, we apologise for any inconvenience that the additional traffic may have caused.

The forecast at this point looks warm & dry so now we just pray for lots of visitors.

God Bless, Donna x



Appledore Flower Festival 2021

Thank you to all those who contributed and helped to make the 2021 Flower Festival so successful – supporting the church of St Peter & St Paul.

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Tom Henessy and Susan remembering loved ones

Remembering all the visitors we have welcomed to our church throughout the Festival as well as all those who have contributed to make the event so enjoyable and successful

September Church Rota 2021

	<u>Service</u>	Sides person	Reader/ prayers	<u>Refreshments</u>
5 th September	Family Service	Donna	Thelma/ Brenda	Donna/ Tom
12 th September	Holy Communion	Judith	Roger/ Frances	Jane
19 th September	All age worship Stone	NA	NA/ Chris	NA
26 th September	Holy Communion	Tom	Michael/ Donna	Fay
3 rd October	Harvest Family Service	Clive	Frances/ Alison	Donna/ Tom

September 2021 Church Flower Rota

ALTAR WEST END

Sept. 5th Flower Festival leftovers

Sept. 12th Wendy Selmes Judith Clifton

Sept. 19th Paddy Moseley Fay Steed

Sept. 26th Vicki Sargent Catherine Walker

Oct. 3rd Denise Stephens Wendy Thomas

HORNE CHAPEL: Judith Clifton

If you are unable to take your turn please telephone me on 758285 or text 07840 356681 – and the same numbers if you are unable to break the code for the kitchen / "Glory Hole" for oasis etc.

THREE DAYS OF FLOWERS: BY DIPPY DORA



The Flower Festival now has been

And what a really lovely scene!

Glorious flowers to left and right

Truly a quite amazing sight

Such clever artists we have here

That was always very clear

With canny use of twig and flower

They can create a fairy bower

Or even boats upon the ocean

Another interesting notion

Such ingenuity of mind

Takes a very special kind

But all of us have parts to play

To make each one a special day



Village Hall Extension and Refurbishment

Village Hall Extension and Refurbishment

Work on the project is progressing well. The project schedule has been delayed by the window manufacturers, who have extended their delivery time by two months.

Hall interior

The walls are being prepared for plaster-boarding. The conversion work to create a new office space in the loft area is complete and awaiting a staircase. First fit has started for plumbing the toilets.

Structural work

The new 'small hall' and kitchen timber frames are complete. The flat roof areas are complete. The floors for the new areas will be completed this month.

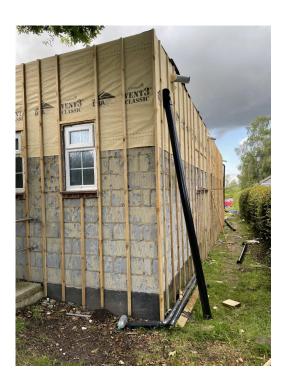
Exterior

The pebbledash has been completely removed. The new render finish cannot be applied until the windows have been fitted.

Next steps

The roof lights are due to be fitted, electrical and plumbing work to continue, together with preparation for plastering the building interior.

Work on the project is progressing well and is on schedule.





BBQ in the Recreation Ground

Saturday 11th September, 4.00pm onwards

On the patio and grass area outside the Pavilion for £4.50 we will serve burgers, sausages or halloumi in baps with potato salad and coleslaw, plus an ice cream in a cone. A family event for you, your family and friends together with your well-behaved dogs.

Please support this event.

Please bring your own drinks, we look forward to having a really good time.

Booking is essential. Please contact Linda on 01233 758097

or: 0788 400 1143

This event is organised by The Appledore Recreation Ground Committee.



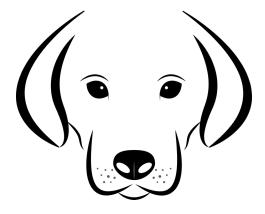
BACK AGAIN

Well, here I am back again after my absence last month for which I apologise.

I've heard it said so often you never know what's round the next corner. Oh boy that is so true. We were all ticking over quite happily I thought, regular walks with my two pals. Bonnie and Claude, when suddenly I found myself living in their house. Where was my mum and why was she not taking me for our lovely walks? Worse still I wasn't sleeping in my usual place next to her on the bed. Still, mustn't complain, I was enjoying some good playtimes in their garden and having very long walks with them and they even remembered that I just love to play ball. Mealtimes just the same, no rations, so nothing to worry about there but where was my mum? I was just getting the hang of this new routine when suddenly Claude and Bonnie's mum put me on my lead and took me home to my house. "Great," I thought, "all my toys in their regular place on my bed, everything smells the same but where is she?" And then we just sat there waiting. And we waited and waited. Waiting for what I wondered? "Be a good girl, Brodie," said Claude's mum, "not long now." Suddenly I heard the front gate being opened and that familiar voice calling my name. "Brodie, Brodie, I'm back". Lots of cuddles on the sofa. My tail nearly fell off I was wagging it so much. She's home, she's home. Oh, what joy, I was so excited I nearly knocked her over.

And now we are almost back to our familiar routine. Mealtimes the same, sleeping times the same, only difference is that although I still have my usual walks with my two pals, my mum does not come with us. But she has assured me over and over that she still loves me and will be back walking again soon. I don't know what happened while she was away, but now she's back we can get on with our lives. "Normal service will be resumed as soon as possible," she says and just laughs at me. A private joke I assume. I don't care I'm as happy as Larry whoever he might be!

Till the next time then, take care of yourselves, have some great walks and watch out - just in case something unexpected is lurking round the corner.



The Internet

I have noticed recently that if you require information from some organisations etc., it is only available via the internet. In the August Magazine on the Parish Council page there was the following:-

Public Consultation on the Future Improvement of Kent Bus Service *via the Internet*.

National Transport and Highways Survey 2021/2022 *via the Internet*. Litter Motion and Petition *via the Internet*.

Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) survey on rural network coverage (mobile) *via the Internet or email (internet) to request the survey over the telephone.*

I have also read recently that it is intended to do away with all telephone landlines by 2025. If you have no mobile phone, you will be able to have a telephone in your house connected via the Internet.

I therefore propose that we should petition the Government to provide every home in Britain (that does not already have one) with an Internet connection and equipment – computer, tablet etc, free of charge.

To sign up to the petition simply go to http://www.*+\$*%25!o.gov.uk]www.*+\$*%!o.gov.uk

The Grumpy Old Man (GOM)

A poem from Dippy Dora – Appledore's resident bard!

Lazy Summer Day

While in my garden I do sit
And contemplate a little bit
When wanders by a little toad
He really does look awfully old,
He seems to wear a doleful grin
And has a very wrinkly skin,
He settles down beside the pool
And seems to find it nice and cool
His coppery eyes don't miss a trick
One fly has gone in just a flick,
A gulp and swallow that's his dinner
Obviously a real winner.
Now he thinks his eyes to close
And have an after-dinner doze.

Dippy Dora August 2021





Parish Council Update September 2021

Pop-Up Café and Information Hub Monday 27th September 10.30 – 12.30

Come and get together with old friends and new. Have a cuppa and a delicious slice of cake.

Please help us to spread the word. **Everyone welcome** including any little ones... see you soon!

Financial Support for the Recreation Ground and Re-allocation of the Cash from the Sale of the Council Field

At the July meeting the Parish Council agreed in principle to provide financial support to the Recreation Ground Committee towards the cost of refurbishing the ground building and providing adult exercise equipment on the ground. Having obtained quotes for the planned highways work for the parish - Phase 2 of the Highways Improvement Scheme - the cost of these should be covered by the £20,000 in the bank account already ring-fenced for highways projects. As a result, the Council agreed to re-allocate the £70,000 cash from the sale of the Council field to be split £60,000 towards the Recreation Ground and £10,000 for village signage revamp. The Recreation Ground Committee is required to provide costings for the projects from suitably qualified independent contractors and provide proof that the project can be completed financially and works to be properly overseen by the Committee.

Next Council Meeting - Monday 6th September 7.30pm, in person at St. Peter and St. Paul

The Council politely requests that all who attend continue to wear facemasks unless they are speaking. Sanitiser will still be available for those who wish and please show consideration for others who may wish to have some space.



Appledore Parish Council First Quarter Financial Report 2021-2022

As at the 30th June the bank balances stood at £113,435.16 of which £70,000 is ring-fenced for capital projects, £20,000 for highways (a slight increase was agreed at the August meeting) and £13,000 reserve.

As a reminder I would like to restate the end of 2020–2021 year figures. Bank balances as at the 31st March £105,752.84 of which

£70,000.00 Cash element of the sale of the council field which can only be

used for capital projects

£19,238.00 Ring-fenced highways money

£13,000.00 Recommended reserve

Leaving £3,514.81

First Quarter Receipts

Total receipts for the period were £13,609.39. This is primarily made up of the precept, the Parish Council's share of council tax. I anticipate that, this year, there will be little or no income from the solar panels on the hall as these have been disconnected for the refurbishment. The public donations from the public conveniences reflect the slow reopening after the pandemic. There have been a couple of groups (cyclists and walkers) who have put in a larger donation with a thank you for the refurbishment of the loos and its continued cleanliness.

First Quarter Payments

Net of vat payments came to £5,759.00 which is mainly running and staffing costs as we continued with restrictions. The toilets re-opened and the repair to the verge posts along The Street started. This was completed in early August. Additionally, as the noticeboard at the village shop had to be repaired, it was refurbished at the same time along with minor repairs to the other two boards. The bill for this and the labour part of the bill for the verge posts repairs are still outstanding. The by-election was also held and the charge for this is again outstanding. As a result of chasing for a fresh water bill for the conveniences, the broken drain cover near the lay-by has been replaced and bollards to deter parking on the drain installed at no cost. Unfortunately, no bill for the water. It is now over a year's worth of water bill outstanding. The quarterly sanitary waste bill is also outstanding. The Council was credited for the time the loos were closed for refurbishment but the billing restarted in May. The cost of the signage to use the Recreation Ground as temporary parking while the hall is refurbished has been paid and is allocated to the contingency fund.

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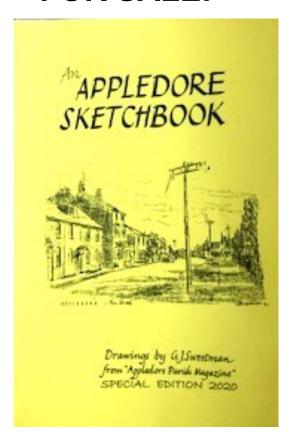
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FOR SALE!



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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