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Welcome to the first issue of the Parish Magazine for 2025 and we take this opportunity of sending best wishes to all our readers as we enter the New Year.

We would like to welcome the new volunteers who have joined the magazine production and delivery teams. Thanks also to all the existing volunteers who ensure the magazine gets to your door.

Unfortunately Ruth has had to step down as Editor for health reasons and we thank her for all the hard work she has carried out as editor for the last two and a half years.

This does mean that a new Editor(s) is/are required, details below.

We welcome a new business to the Village, Hair by Lucy at No.10 The Street , and also belatedly wish the team at Blush every success in their new premises in Tenterden.

This month we have several reports and thanks from village organisations and events. A new item which will be of interest to book readers- Not What to read but Who to read, on page 14.

Tessa & Brian (Temporary Editors)

Volunteer Editor(s) Required.

Could you help out at the Parish Magazine as Editor(s). It could be one person or two people sharing the duties between them, or taking turns in alternate months. Knowledge of Publisher software would be beneficial but training could be given.

The editing of the magazine takes place during the fourth week of the month.

If you would like to volunteer or wish to know more of what is involved then please contact Brian Knight Tel: 01233 758319 or email: thrkng@aol.com

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Appledore Village Diary – February 2025

All events take place at the Village Hall
unless indicated otherwise

Monday Baby Class Yoga & Sensory 1pm – 2pm (Small Hall)

Monday Pregnancy Yoga 7.30pm – 8.30pm (Small Hall)

Monday Aerobics 6.15pm - 7pm

Tuesday Hamstreet Surgery Prescription Collection 10.15 - 10.45am

Tuesday Art Class 1pm - 4pm

Wednesday Baby Massage Class 1pm - 2pm (Small Hall)

Wednesday Aerobics 6.15pm - 7pm

Wednesday Lindy Fit 7.30pm - 8.30pm

Thursday Pilates 9.45am - 10.45am

Thursday Citizens Advice - By Appointment

Friday Tai Chi 10.15am - 11am

Saturday 1st February Cake Bakes. Church Porch 9.30am

Sunday 2nd February Baby Event 9am – 4pm

Monday 3rd February APC Meeting 7.30pm Main Hall

Tuesday 11th February CARM 10am – 11.45

Saturday 15th February Craft Fair 10am – 2pm

Sunday 16th February Antique Fair 10am – 4pm

Tuesday 25th February CARM 10am – 11.45am

Tuesday 25th February Gardening Club 7.30pm – 9pm

Saturday 1st March Cake Bakes. Church Porch 9.30am

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 FEBRUARY

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.

Tenterden Church will be closed for refurbishment until the end of July 2025. Services that would normally take place in St Mildred's will be held in Tenterden Church Hall opposite the church.

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

To access our daily online worship, visit:

YouTube

St Mildred's, Tenterden

Online services, can also be accessed through our free daily bulletin,
Connect Up!

To receive *Connect Up!* please visit our website, www.tentroxchurches.co.uk, and subscribe.

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

Saturday 1st February

9am Women of the Nativity: Anna's Story (*Wittersham Church*)

Sunday 2nd February: Candlemas

11am Morning Praise (*Appledore Church*)

4pm Candlemas Eucharist (*Newenden Church*)

6pm Sung Evensong (*Stone Church*)

Sunday 9th February: The Fourth Sunday before Lent

11am The Eucharist (*Appledore Church*)

Sunday 16th February: The Third Sunday before Lent

11am Celtic Morning Prayer (*Appledore Church*)

6pm Benefice Choral Evensong (*Wittersham Church*)

Sunday 23rd February: The Second Sunday before Lent

11am The Eucharist (*Appledore Church*)

6pm Churches Together in Tenterden Service (*St Michael's Church*)

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For practical matters, please contact Church Warden

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February Church Rota 2025

Date	Sides person	Reader/ Intercessor	Refreshments
2nd February	Judith	Vicki / Brenda	Brenda/ Eileen
9th February	Philippa	Jane / Frances	Donna
16th February	Helen	Philippa / Chris	Philippa /Donna
23rd February	Jo	Michael / Donna	Fay
2nd March	Denise	Thelma / Brenda	Brenda/ Eileen

CHURCH FLOWER ROTA FEBRUARY 2025

	ALTAR	WEST END	PORCH
February 2nd/9th	Stephanie Wright	Kate Stevens	Donna Clifton
February 16th/23rd	Carly Amey	Lynn Marston	Frances Smith

Horne Chapel: Judith Clifton

For the period between Christmas and Lent please will you keep your arrangement going for 2 weeks. Lent begins on Wednesday 5th March and there will be no flowers in church until Easter

If you are unable to take your turn please telephone Judith 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 recycling one). Would you like to join us on the flower rota, we would love some extra helping hands. If so please contact me on the above number. J.C.

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 1st February 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.

COLIN JACKMAN

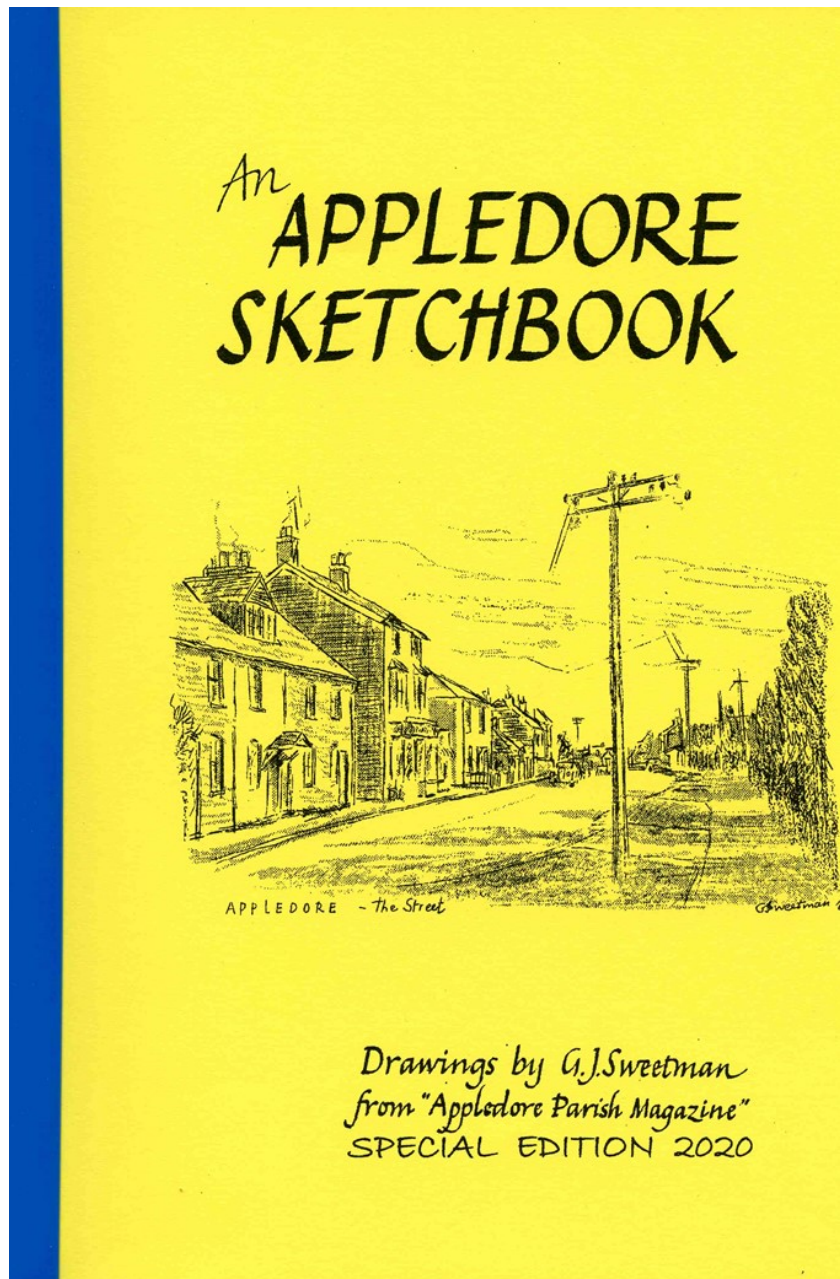
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Thank you to so many who have been in touch, sent flowers, cards and wonderful tributes following the sad passing of my husband, Colin. Each and every one was received in recognition of the true and fair man he was with a keen sense of humour, and I take comfort in knowing he will be sorely missed and remembered with great affection.

My beloved husband

My heart and all my love go with you always

Your wife – Rosemary xx



In June 2020 the Appledore Parish Magazine had been produced and published in the Village for 60 years.

At the beginning of 2020 it was decided to have an Open Day in June to mark the occasion. The event was to take place in the Methodist Chapel (where the magazine was produced at that time) where visitors could see how the magazine was produced and put together, as well as viewing some of the early magazines.

When the magazine started in 1960 Mr Sweetman (the Village School Headmaster) sketched various scenes around the Village which were used for the front covers of the magazine. It was decided, with Mr Sweetmans permission to reproduce his sketch's in an A4 Booklet to be on sale at the Open Day in June 2020. Unfortunately the Open Day was unable to take place due to Covid restrictions.

Some of the Sketch Books have been sold but we still have several left. If you would like to purchase one at £4.00 please contact Brian Knight, Tel: 01233 758319 or email thrknng@aol.com

APPLEDORE PARISH COUNCIL



February 2025 Update

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

Clearing the Ice - 1 tonne of salt has been delivered to Mannering Corner. Appledore Parish Council (APC) will be re-distributing some of the salt which will give residents the option to collect from salt bins at Heathside and the Village Hall Car Park. This salt is available for all residents to help make the village a safer place during icy periods.

Improving road safety - Thank you to everyone who responded to the “Have Your Say” article seeking residents’ opinions on which roads present the highest safety risk. The responses were supportive of APC’s proposed improvements to **The Street (Hawthorn / Rec. Ground), The Street (The Narrows), Heathside (Woodchurch Road to Fourwents Junction) and Kenardington Road (Hornes Place / The Wish).**

The responses also highlighted other potential speed related risks on School Road and Station Road (B2080), initial speed data since requested from Kent County for APC consideration.

Hedge maintenance - One of the most common complaints reported to APC is “overgrown hedges” and the risk these present to road and pavement users. This is not a new problem as pointed out by a member of the Appledore Local History Society who kindly offered the following extract from a back issue of the Parish Magazine:

We are very pleased to see that ‘cat’s eyes’ are being installed on the Tenterden Road. Originally invented by north country businessman, (Percy Shaw of Booth Town, Halifax, West Yorkshire), this device is probably the greatest boon known to road users.

There is a simple way in which many of us can help to improve road safety and this is by seeing that hedges, particularly on bends and blind spots, are kept trimmed. A ragged hedge can also be a menace if it encroaches on the footpath, especially in a village which has no street lighting.

Attention to these details would not only contribute to public safety but also scotch the frequent complaints which greet the Parish Council at many of their meetings.

New electric vehicle points - As part of the “Have Your Say” consultation, concerns were raised in relation to APC having to part-fund this new infrastructure. The good news is that Cllr. Kimber has successfully bid for additional funding as well as renegotiated the overall supplier price meaning that APC’s contribution to capital costs is currently just £5.00.

Timescales for build, and terms of use will be advertised in due course.

Annual Parish Meeting Thursday 13th March, 7.00pm, Village Hall

Please join us for a convivial drink! Representatives from Local Organisations, County and Borough Councillors will provide updates and answer questions.

Next Council Meetings – 3rd February and 3rd March, 7.30pm, Village Hall

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Appledore Residents are invited to the
 Appledore Annual Parish Meeting
 13th March 2025 at 7.00pm
 At Appledore Village Hall

Meet Representatives of
 Local Societies and Organisations
 Refreshments available

Email: enquiries.apc@gmail.com

Katie Lam MP

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Not What to read but Who to read?

First Edition

I am a lover of fiction and have spent so many hours immersed in stories that transport you from the mundanity of everyday life to sometimes exotic, fantastical, scary and historical environments. Over the years I have discovered many writers, some a lucky one off, but more commonly a literary discovery that keeps you on the hook, and keenly awaiting the next amazing story, for years as you read not one but a whole collection of great story-telling.

The first writer is

William Boyd CBE

Boyd has written 17 novels spanning foreign adventures, fictional biographies and a James Bond thriller. Of himself he says when asked which book to start with

‘There are no runts of the litter as far as I’m concerned, all of them came out as I planned’

So, I am a fan and this is why

He is a master of the saga, a writer who is totally committed to the story and his characters. A vivid imagination brings to life and romps through different continents and times with so many keenly observed places and people. You never quite know where you are going to be taken to but you always know that it is going to be worth the ride. There are recurring themes and motifs, which once familiar with you begin to look for.

What Boyd describes as ‘whole life’ novels and my personal 3 favourites are

Any Human Heart – Also a great TV series starring Jim Broadbent and Matthew Mcfadden, tells the story through a series of journals of the irrepressible Logan Gonzago Mountstuart who we follow from his school days in 1923 to 1991. He sees the Spanish Civil War, meets Ian Fleming, becomes involved in the New York art scene in the 60s, joins the SPK and reports on the Biafran war, amongst other things!

Logan lives a life both ordinary and extraordinary as he navigates life making mistakes in search of love and happiness.

Sweet Caress tells the enthralling story of the photographer Amory Clay. We follow her as she travels to 1920s Berlin in all its seedy glory, New York in the 30s and the Blackshirt riots in London and France during the second world war, where she becomes one of the first female war photographers. Her passion for life, love and artistic expression opens up to us her life through the lens of her camera

The Romantic whose central character Cashel Greville Ross lives a wildly exciting life during the 19th century. He moves from County Cork to London, Waterloo to Zanzibar seeking his fortune. He becomes part on the East Indian Army and then after a move to Pisa involved with the poets. Love is found and lost as he travels through the 19th century in guises such as felon, farmer, soldier and father. Cashel discovers who he is truly is in the most turbulent way.

All of these stories are a great read and are also very well told as audio books.

The Diva Reader



APPLEDORE GARDEN SOCIETY

2025 New Programme

Are you a member? Would you like to be? Do you want to find out more?

You can join this friendly group for a small annual fee which goes towards running costs. During the Winter/Autumn months we have interesting Speakers in the Village Hall once a month. Last year, amongst others, we were introduced to the world of unusual fruit and vegetables by the owner of *The Wonky Parsnip Market Garden*. Who'd heard of a cucamelon before? Not us!

In Spring/Summer we plan visits to private and public gardens, often with a Private Tour (extra charges apply for outside visits). In 2024, one such visit was to Doddington Place. It's set in wooded countryside in an area of outstanding natural beauty and we had such a peaceful, sunny afternoon with much to see followed by tea and cake on the terrace. Old Bladbean Stud was an amazing place to go to as well. At the end of the year the owner strims everything in the shrub beds back to practically nothing and leaves the debris to mulch – and the next year it grows back beautifully!

It's not all about gardens, though. Last year we also went to a local brewery and learnt about hop bines and traditional beer making. Of course we endeavour to round the year off with a Christmas Celebration too.

So for more information call one of us!

Tina O'Reilly 01233 758475 or Jo Weeks 01233 357459 Joint Secretaries for the AGS



APPLEDORE GARDEN SOCIETY EVENT OPEN TO NON MEMBERS 25th MARCH 2025

'NO SEX PLEASE, WE'RE GARDENERS' is the title of the talk to be given. It's piqued our interest. Does it pique yours?

£5 charge for each non AGS Member. Venue: Village Hall, The Street, Appledore 7.30pm

There will also be wine/soft drinks and cheese and biscuits afterwards for a small donation.

CURRY NIGHT

**at Appledore Village Hall
On Saturday 8th MARCH 2025
@ 6.30pm for 7pm**

**Film to be announced.
Three course meal @ £16.50 per head**

**To begin: Naan Bread, Courgette Fritters,
Chick Pea Bhakti, Raita**

**To follow: Coconut Chicken Curry,
Vegetable Curry, Rice, Poppadoms**

Vegetarian option on request

Finally: Mango and Cardamon Trifle

The bar will be open

**Bookings Essential: call Linda 01233758097
by Saturday 1st March**

APPLEDORE GOOD NEIGHBOUR SERVICE

Many of you will remember the valuable assistance which was provided by the Good Neighbour Service for those residents within the parish who had difficulty for one reason or another arranging transportation to doctors, dentists, opticians, hospitals etc.

Unfortunately, due to covid restrictions it was not possible to continue but now, some 5 years on, a small group of volunteers is endeavouring to resume the service. As before, this will provide free door to door transportation exclusive of any parking charges which might apply.

If you are a car owner and are willing to give your time voluntarily either as a driver, for which a mileage allowance will be payable, or as a co-ordinator, then we would love to hear from you.

To find out more please telephone either Alan Birch on 01233 758725,
or Jo Killick on 01233 758405.

CHRISTMAS FOOD FAIR

Thank you to everyone who helped with the Christmas Food Fair held in Church on Saturday 7th December and to all our customers who braved the terrible weather to come and support us. To our bakers, knitters, crafters, sewers, wreath makers, marmalade/ jam/ chutney/ mincemeat cooks, refreshment providers and servers, musician, putters-up and takers-down etc. etc. A joyful occasion and a great boost to the Friends of Appledore Church fund which is for the sole purpose of supporting the building and keep it in good repair. A special mention must go to Duncan who, despite the lashing rain and gales, risked life and limb bravely patrolling the village street wearing bill boards back and front to advertise the event.

Judith Clifton



Appledore Ramblers

So since the last parish magazine we have completed 2 rambles. The first being our Christmas ramble on the 20th December which we decided to keep very local around Appledore, as everyone was very busy, because it was almost Christmas! Twelve of us walked up to Mill Hill from the rec and then turned left down AT118A past Hornes Place Chapel and then crossed the road walking to Oak House Farm. We then turned left down their drive and then when we reached the Woodchurch Road turned right and walked to Donkey Lane. The footpath goes down Donkey Lane but the stile at the bottom has been blocked and needs some serious clearing! We had to divert through an old metal gate so we could continue on the AT120 which we followed through a field next to the allotments which after another stile and a left turn brought us out by Park Farm on School Road. We then carried on along the road turning left at the crossroads and then taking footpath AT123 to the left of West End Cottages. We followed this all the way through and back up to the Street where we then finished the ramble with a very sociable drink in the Black Lion.

On the January ramble on Friday 17th we decided we would walk to Woodchurch. Fourteen of us and two dogs meet up and we are very pleased to welcome Lesley with her gorgeous dog Ted. This month we maybe cheated a bit as chose to walk the entire length of Moor Lane as knew this would be solid underfoot. Moor Lane is very pretty to walk along with lots of open countryside and far reaching views over Shirley Moor. Although it is actually a very narrow road it could easily be from a different era as along a lot of it the grass grows up the middle and you could imagine a horse and cart trotting along here!! A lot of work has been carried out clearing out the ditches and many trees that had obviously grown up in the ditch alongside the road have all been cut down.

As we walk along there is a huge equestrian looking building on our right that looks quite new and we wonder if a famous Show jumper has moved into the area! We carry on our way, in several places there are huge pot holes and puddles in the lane as a lot of water must run off the fields either side. Luckily hardly any traffic uses this tiny lane and we do not need to keep to the sides of the road. As we get close to the end of Moor Lane we pass Glover Farmhouse on our left. It looks as if the original farmhouse is being completely rebuilt as a huge new house is taking shape in the field which will enjoy beautiful views over the countryside. After about 3.5 miles we reach Brook Street which is the main Tenterden to Woodchurch Road which we cross and opposite the end of Moor Lane is Footpath AT237. We have to negotiate an awkward stile that seems like it has been built back to front and this puts us in a field of friendly horses, which on the recce came over to say hello and see what we were up to, but today they are ignoring us! We then follow a well-trodden and well-marked path with proper metal footpath gates and well-built wooden bridges. One of the bridges crosses the River Beult which pops up in several of the local villages and is a tributary of the River Medway. The Beult is one of the few clay rivers in England to retain much of its characteristic flora. This footpath turns right and then the next gate is diagonally across the next field. Another gate brings us out by a greenhouse and then the footpath goes down their drive and we pop out by some cottages almost opposite the Old Post Office Coffee Shop.

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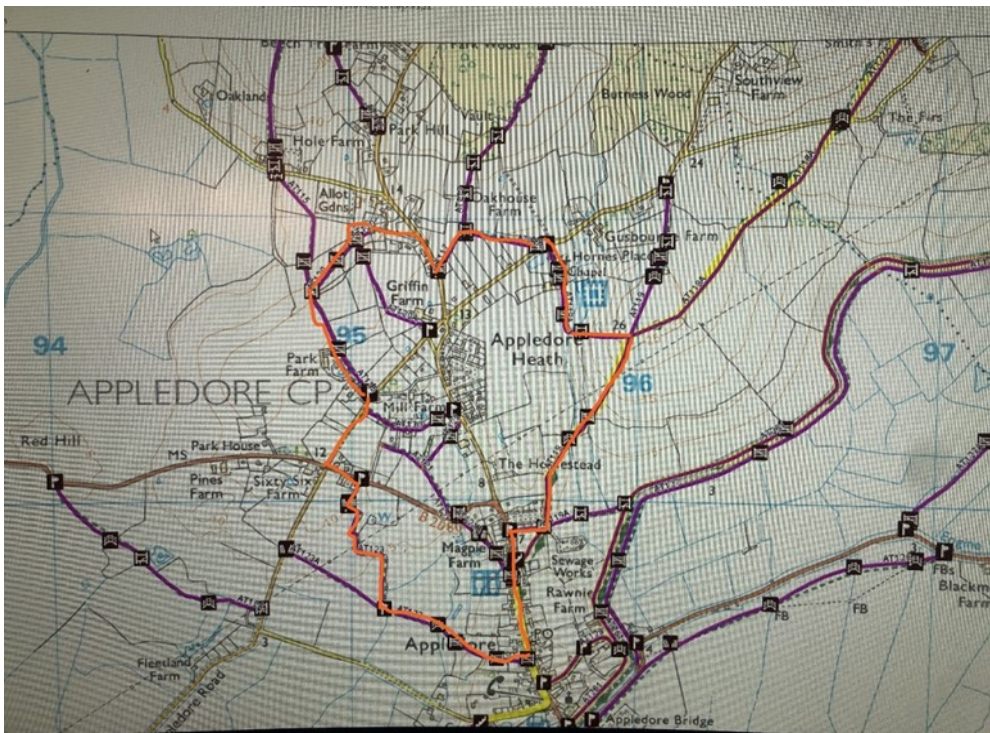
This was very convenient as we were then able to enjoy coffee and cake before heading back to Appledore by car.

See you all on the 21st February for the next Appledore ramble!

Jo Weeks

Write up from December 2024 ramble

As you know, Jo Weeks posts a write up from the monthly rambles here. Jo generally decides where we will go each month and reminds everyone on the Appledore Community Facebook page when the next ramble will be (the third Friday of every month). Once Jo has decided the route, I go onto the KCC Public Rights of Way map and print off a detailed map which includes footpath numbers and shows icons for gates/steps/stiles. So, here is the map from the Appledore village-based ramble we did in December;



We would encourage walking our local footpaths as much as possible with the mantra 'use it or lose it' in mind. If you find something that is obstructing one of our footpaths, put it on Facebook and someone might be able to do something about it. For example, it would be great if the same sort of thing- although heavy vegetation clearance is required this time - could be done at the stile shown below from both sides down Donkey Lane. Even barbed wire has been put along the top of the stile!



St Peter & St Paul Church Bell Chamber Repairs

A belated but special thank you to Aston Calladine for bringing our attention to the poor condition of the RSJ's under the clock in the church bell ringing chamber. As a structural engineer himself, he recognised the danger and alerted Chris and the PCC to it. We are pleased to say that after a long delay and some obstacles along the way, the work is now complete.

BE Ames Ltd, the contractors have replaced four steel beams, repaired woodwork and plastered and painted the walls. They have done a splendid job and the clock (which was missed) is in working order again.

Thank you, Aston for your input and diligence, and to the Calladine family for not only clearing out the chamber before work begun but also spending hours cleaning, replacing and putting everything back after completion.

Thank you, Chris, for obtaining a faculty, getting quotes and liaising with architects, insurers and the DAC to push this through. Your hard work behind the scenes does not go un-noticed!

'Happy Ringing Everyone!'

Donna (on behalf of the PCC) x



The Ringing Chamber with new RSJ's being fixed in position.

The Book Club

We always try to have a fun and light hearted book for Christmas and our book for last Christmas was: "Happy Bloody Christmas" by Jo Middleton

Although this book was billed as a hilarious whodunnit, with the caveat of, "don't read on public transport, you'll laugh so hard people will think you're a lunatic", all our group thought that it was the most ridiculous book we have ever read, with completely no credibility to the storyline. Yes, there was a murder, but the incident was so ridiculously handled by the police, that it made it totally unbelievable. When there is a murder, what police force wouldn't have sealed the crime scene and immediately taken them all in for questioning? This didn't happen, totally farcical.

For our next read we have selected: "The List of Suspicious Things" by Jennie Godfrey, this is her debut novel, set in West Yorkshire, where Jennie was raised and is a No. 1 Sunday Times best seller.

Yorkshire, 1979

Maggie Thatcher is prime minister, drainpipe jeans are in, and Miv is convinced that her dad wants to move their family *Down South*.

Because of the murders.

Leaving Yorkshire and her best friend Sharon simply isn't an option, no matter the dangers lurking round their way; or the strangeness at home that started the day Miv's mum stopped talking.

Perhaps if she could solve the case of the disappearing women, they could stay after all?

So, Miv and Sharon decide to make a list: a list of all the suspicious people and things down their street. People they know. People they don't.

But their search for the truth reveals more secrets in their neighbourhood, within their families - and between each other - than they ever thought possible.

What if the *real* mystery Miv needs to solve is the one that lies much closer to home?

Reviewed as a heart-warming novel and a great mystery. It will be interesting to hear all of our group's thoughts next month.

The main character, twelve year old Miv, tries to cope with her own challenging domestic situation, and starts THE list of people in her surroundings that she considers "suspicious", in the hope of solving the case of the serial killer that is terrorising their area.

Set in the late 1970's, the Yorkshire Ripper is at large! Mavis "Miv" a 12-year-old girl is on the hunt! Together with her best friend, Sharon Parker, they develop a list of suspicious people/places and begin to investigate.

However, people in her local village aren't nearly as simple as they appear on the surface. And, some truths are difficult to face.

This charming and stirring tale is powerful and heartwarming. It has many characters with depth, leaning into the beauty of human complexities, good people doing "bad" things and "bad" people doing good things.

Appledore Christmas Party 2024

The Appledore Christmas Party committee (Philippa, Jo Weeks, Tina and Jean) decided to be brave and wear our Chef's Hats again and in early autumn we posted the date for the Christmas Party 2024.

We thought that it was imperative to host a welcoming and friendly occasion with loads of festive atmosphere. To this end the decorating team went into overdrive. Reams and reams of Christmas bunting was made by Tina, pretty table decorations and window displays from Jo and Jean. Philippa went into spreadsheet mode with equipment, menu ideas and loads of timing sheets.

Equipment was a concern and local charity shops were scoured for gravy boats, sauce bowls, bread baskets, mince pie platters and a plethora of items. It was also soon realised that we could not deliver hot food without some additional catering equipment, professional chaffing dishes needed to be sourced, thanks to The Ferry and Sandra and Ray for loaning theirs. We received more kind assistance and "On the third day of Christmas, my true love gave to me – Three Appledore Turkeys" an incredibly generous donation, many thanks Andrew and Clive.

December arrives and from there onwards food preparation started in earnest; potatoes and carrots peeled, gravy and cranberry sauce made, and freezers became full. Tina became creative with many vegetarian ideas, hopefully Phil enjoyed testing them. Jo and Jean were then onto the mince pie mission, with lots of test tasting involved and fabulous they were.

So now to THE DAY.

The lunch started with a welcoming reception, many thanks to Gusbourne for their delicious rosé, a festive atmosphere was created with live music to entertain everyone, thank you Michael for your accordion playing. Well, no great event starts without the paparazzi! Our own "pap" Tracy Morgan took some great photos of all, please see next page.

All guests took their seats at beautifully decorated tables, adorned with festive centre pieces, crackers, and fun table quizzes. Our inhouse sommeliers, Joe and Phil held court, serving wine to all, they were certainly the ones to get to know! Cheers to you Joe and Phil.

The first course, salmon and dill mousse, were now served by our fabulous front of house team, Donna, Nicky and Fay, many thanks team. With of course assistance from Joe, as he said he was the only one who could keep the 4 o'clock club table in order.

Most Christmas stories mention The Three Kings but we had The Three Turkey Chefs, who marched in their beautifully roasted turkeys to a rousing cheer. Many thanks to Dom, Martin and James for the turkey cooking and carving and thanks also to the illustrious potato chef, P.J.

The main course was served with all the traditional trimmings, wonderful pigs in blankets, thanks Trev and homemade gravy, bread sauce and cranberry sauce. Plus, there was extra gravy for all, we even had vegetarian gravy.

Then the Flaming Christmas Pudding - which wouldn't burn!! - was presented with the team singing a lively rendition of "We wish you a Merry Christmas." Onto coffee and chocolates, served with Jo and Jean's wonderful mince pies.

With everyone comfortably satiated, the entertainment began. Immense thanks to The Rockit-men for their lively and enthusiastic playing, which was really enjoyed by all.

Raffle tickets had been sold, the drum rolled and the prizes were drawn. What an incredible and amazing collection of prizes we had. Congratulations to those who won and many thanks to all who so generously donated gifts.

No event can ever run smoothly without a very strong and dedicated back of house team. We had Duncan and he was THE team, the Chief and the Indians. Duncan you were incredible and invincible, no dish unwashed, no pot not scoured and all with a cheerful disposition.

The Appledore Committees were all very generous with their donations:
The Church, The Allotment Society, The Recreational Ground, The Parish Council.
We also received generous support from Rona Ramsden.

We know how hard work this event is and we have now only done this twice. We must admit that we are totally in awe of those who have done it previously for years and years on end. So New Year cheers to the indomitable teams of years past, Linda and Jenny, Donna and Wendy and not to forget the WI, just incredible how many Christmas lunches you all delivered.

Many thanks to all those involved, and we sign off with a toast to the Appledore Traditional Christmas Lunch!

Philippa Perkins, Jean Boorman, Tina O'Reilly and Jo Weeks

Please scan the QR code below for the Christmas Party Reel



POST SHARED ON 20 JANUARY
BY PHILIPPA_PERKINS

For many, many years the Appledore Christmas Party for Senior Citizens was organised and provided by the Appledore Women's Institute, sadly no longer in existence. It was pleasing to see that past members of the WI were able to enjoy the 2024 Christmas Party and being attended to by the younger generations.

On behalf of the Oldies of the Village, we would like to say to all those involved with the 2024 Christmas Party a big

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