

Appledore Parish Magazine



March 2025

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Donations received in February—Mrs R. Fassum and three anonymous. Thank You.



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A year's advertising (11 magazines) is £35 per 1/6th page. The magazine is delivered to 400 houses and is available to visitors via the Village Shop and church.

This month there are requests for volunteers both for the Parish Magazine (see below) and also CARM (see page 11) can you help?

There is a lot of information on forthcoming events in the Village including the Parish Meeting, which although Chaired by the Chair of the Parish Council it is not a Parish Council Meeting. It is a meeting where Village Organisations, Clubs etc give reports on their activities and how you can get involved. Whether you are new to the Village, or a long term resident, it is an opportunity to learn what happens within the Village and a chance to meet people.

In this issue as well as the usual items, there are fun quizzes to get the grey matter stirring, a Resident's experience of moving to Appledore and a gardening article on what needs doing this month.

Our thanks for those who have contributed items for publication this month. If you would like to submit an item for the magazine then please email it to the magazine, and subject to space, and the editors' approval it will be published.

Tessa & Brian (Temporary Editors)

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Urgently Required - Volunteer Editor(s) and a Treasurer.

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 on 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.

Also required is a Treasurer to deal with the Parish Magazine finances.

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

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Appledore Village Diary – March 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

Monday 3 rd March	APC Meeting 7.30pm Main Hall
Saturday 8 th March	Film & Curry Night 6pm for 7pm
Tuesday 11 th March	CARM 10am – 11.45am
Thursday 13 th March	Appledore Annual Parish Meeting 7pm Main Hall
Friday 21 st March	Ramble, Recreation Ground 1 pm
Saturday 22 nd March	Craft Fair 10am – 2pm
Sunday 23 rd March	Antique Fair 10am – 4pm
Tuesday 25 th March	CARM 10am – 11.45am
Tuesday 25 th March	Gardening Cub 7.30pm – 9pm
Saturday 29 th March	Baby Event 9am – 4pm
Sunday 30 th March	Mothers Day Service Appledore Church 11am

**Appledore residents
invited to:**



**Appledore
Annual Parish Meeting**

**13th March 2025, Village
Hall, Appledore,
7.00pm**

**Meet representatives of
local societies &
organisations**

Refreshment available

email: enquiries.apc@gmail.com

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 MARCH

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.

Sunday 2nd March: The Sunday Next Before Lent

11am Morning Praise (*Appledore Church*)

6pm A Celebration of Spring (*Stone Church*)

Wednesday 5th March: Ash Wednesday

10am Holy Communion with the Imposition of Ashes (*St Michael's Church*)

7pm The Eucharist with the Imposition of Ashes (*Wittersham Church*)

Saturday 8th March

9am Cross Purpose: A Reflective Service for Lent (*Tenterden Church Hall*)
followed by optional breakfast at 9.30am

Sunday 9th March: The First Sunday of Lent

11am The Eucharist (*Appledore Church*)

Saturday 15th March

9am Cross Purpose: A Reflective Service for Lent (*Stone Church*)
followed by optional breakfast at 9.30am

Sunday 16th March: The Second Sunday of Lent

11am Celtic Morning Prayer (*Appledore Church*)

6pm Benefice Choral Evensong (*Ebony Church*)

Saturday 22nd March

9am Cross Purpose: A Reflective Service for Lent
 (*St Andrew's Catholic Church*)

followed by optional breakfast at 9.30am

Sunday 23rd March: The Third Sunday of Lent

11am The Eucharist (*Appledore Church*)

Saturday 29th March

9am Cross Purpose: A Reflective Service for Lent
 (*Tenterden Church Hall*)

followed by optional breakfast at 9.30am

Sunday 30th March: The Fourth Sunday of Lent and Mothering Sunday

11am A Celebration of Mothering Sunday (*Appledore Church*)

6pm Churches Together Service (*St Andrew's Catholic Church*)

From the Ministers Desk

As I write this letter, at the beginning of February, the sun is shining and the grass is very frosty. We've just finished the wonderful time of Advent and Christmas, so we now step forward in our journey to Easter. Lent is a solemn time, but also very full of opportunities. Some years ago I decided to do away with giving up something tasty and concentrating on doing something positive for others. This can involve including a long lost friend in my communications or sitting with someone I know is lonely and with whom I've been rather neglectful. You surely have other suggestions for your own positive contributions. In all this we must focus on our relationship with our Lord. Life often becomes so busy that we forget to pray to and praise our God who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Prayer is the means by which we bolster our journeys of faith. People sometimes tell me that they don't believe their prayers are being answered. We must have faith that Gospel is in charge and He may well answer our petitions in a way that, in retrospect, is wise and fruitful. Lent is a time when we can think deeply about our trust in God...and be very thankful. After all, we will soon experience again the sacrifice of God as we view the crucifixion and then sing our hymns of Easter as we celebrate Christ's resurrection. May we all experience God's wonderful love in our lives and give thanks.

Margaret

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March Church Rota 2025

Date	Sides person	Reader/ Intercessor	Refreshments
2nd March	Denise	Thelma / Brenda	Brenda/ Eileen
9th March	Helen	Michael / Frances	Fay
16th March	Jo	Jane / Chris	Donna
23rd March	Judith	Vicki / Tony	Eileen
30th March	Philippa	Helen/ Donna	Donna/ Jo

MOTHERING SUNDAY

Also known as MOTHER'S DAY

Sunday 30th March

Mothering Sunday is a special day when we celebrate our mother's love and all that she means (or meant) to us. In a short and straightforward church service, beginning at 11.00, we give thanks and receive a token posy of flowers to give to our mother or to keep in her memory. Do please join us and stay for light refreshment too if you have time.

Look forward to seeing you.

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 will be on Saturday 1st March at 9.30 and the first Saturdays of subsequent months. Come any earlier and 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. However, please note that opening time on cake bake day is 9.30 to enable us to set up and for the freshly cooked goodies to cool down!

Thank you for your support. J.C.



**We need *volunteers*
at Appledore!**

Caring Altogether on Romney Marsh are a local Charity who aim to reduce loneliness and isolation in older adults. CARM Meeting Points are your local place to drop in, have a cup of tea and a chat, meet people, make friends, enjoy games, speakers, and the occasional outing.

We are looking for more volunteers to help run the Meeting Point at Appledore Village Hall on **Tuesday mornings** twice a month* **10am – 11.30am**. *We hope to reopen weekly if enough volunteers can be found.



Do you like to listen, and talk? Do you make a good cup of tea?! Would you like to meet people and get involved? Can you spare a few hours twice a month to make a difference in your local community?



Call **Katie** on **01233 758122**

email: katie@carmromneymarsh.org.uk

website: www.carmromneymarsh.org.uk

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On Friday, 11th October 2024, a highly informative and entertaining talk was given by local resident Michael Steed, on The Royal Military Canal – How and Why was it Built. The talk was organised by Appledore Local History Society. Over 90 people attended. Reluctantly ALHS were unable to accommodate many others who applied for tickets. In response to requests by those who were unable to attend last October and with Michael Steed's generous co-operation, a further opportunity has been organised for a repeat of the talk on Friday, 4th April 2025. You are encouraged to secure your tickets well ahead of the event.

The Story of 'Mr Pitt' s Ditch'

**Back by Popular Demand,
Appledore Local History Society have Arranged with Local
Resident Michael Steed MA (Cantab) to Represent his Talk on
The Royal Military Canal – Why & How It Was Built**

Friday, 4th April 2025 7:30pm to 9:00pm -Appledore Village Hall - Doors Open 19:00Hrs

Avoid Disappointment Book Early

**Tickets @ £6.00 Each Only Obtainable
In Advance from Brian Knight:
T: 01233 758319 - E: ThrKng@aol.com**

**Selection of Refreshments for Sale
On the Night**

**Event Open to Appledore Residents and
Anyone Else with an Interest in
Local History**



This is a Fundraising Event for Appledore Local History Society



GRAPEVINE : **MARCH 2025**

We begin by issuing an amendment to last month where a welcome was extended to 'Hair by Lucy' at No.10 The Street. We omitted to welcome Charlotte. No.10 is in fact 'Hair by Lucy' and 'Precision Aesthetics and Beauty by Charlotte'. We wish you both every success in your new premises.

A warm welcome to the Palmer family who have moved into The Street, from Hamstreet, and we hope you will all be very happy in your new home in Appledore.

Wendy and Mike O'Shea, who together with their lovely dog, have moved to Appledore from the Bromley area and we wish them happiness in their new surroundings.

It is with great sadness that we report the passing of Mick Burgess on Monday 17th February.

Mick was a Borough Councillor from 1991 until 2023, when he stood down after eight successive terms as councillor. Originally a Borough Councillor for the Stone and Wittersham Ward, and after boundary changes, for the Oxney Ward, which included Appledore. He continued to support the communities of the Isle of Oxney even after standing down as a councillor.

He was made an Honorary Alderman of the Borough in 2023, and was the longest serving councillor at the time. As well as a former chairman of many council committees, he was Chair of the Friends of the Stocks Mill, among others.

The Parish Magazine was in need of a replacement printing machine in 2020 and Councillor Mick Burgess arranged for a Ward Member Community Grant to help purchase the new machine, for which we are eternally grateful.

We send our sincerest condolences to Mick's family and friends and in closing we acknowledge and give thanks for the unerring support he readily gave, both at his many attendances at Parish Council meetings, and for always being available in providing his vast experience in all matters concerning the Borough. He will be sorely missed.

APPLEDORE GARDEN SOCIETY

March AGS Members'/Invite to Non-Members' Event –

Tuesday 25th March 7.30 pm Village Hall

A presentation on 'No Sex Please – We Are Gardeners'

(Members – free entry. Non-members - £5 pp)

Wine/soft drinks and cheese and biscuits available for a small donation.

April AGS Members'/Invite to Non-Members' Event –

Friday 25th April – Visit to Hole Park in Rolvenden for the glorious Bluebell Season

Whilst potentially open to non-members this is an AGS group booking and a definite commitment/deposit would be required from non-members. We would love you to join us but for further details please contact one of the Secretaries :

Tina – 01233758475 or Jo 01233357459

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 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

Colin Jackman - The Passing of a Legend by his Daughter Nicola

Colin Jackman, my Father, sadly passed away at 11:00pm on New Years Eve. Most of you will know him as PC Jackman who lived and served in Appledore from 1976 to 2022. He latterly resided at Madeira Lodge, Littlestone, where he spent much of his time reminiscing his life as a Local Bobby.

My Father leaves behind his Wife Rosemary and his two Daughters, myself Nicola and my Sister Angela, along with his four Grandchildren Chelsea, Louise, Will and Hannah.

Dad served as a member of Kent Constabulary for 30 years, stationed at Cranbrook, Sevenoaks, Tenterden and other smaller villages, including Appledore and Lydd. He was determined to remain a Constable on the beat, where he would have first-hand contact with the community and where he believed he could make the best contribution.

Without doubt, he loved his life in Appledore, after having initially visited as a child with his parents, he always knew that he wanted to one day become an Appledore resident, but back then, he never expected to routinely win the Miss Appledore competition, dressed in his biker boots, suede skirt and balloons for boobs, or that he had an unfulfilled ambition to play Frank'n'Furter in the Rocky Horror Show.

Many young people owed much to his sincere guidance and encouragement and as some will have experienced, the occasional 'clip around the ear'. He operated an 'open house' style police station. He also ran Youth Clubs, frequented the local pubs, both in and out of uniform, and on occasions served behind the bar as he gathered knowledge on 'his community'.

Dad had the occasional whisky or brandy and enjoyed his home-made wine and beer. He also enjoyed a 'roll-up' cigarette and would share the makings with anyone who couldn't afford their own.



He was a big family man enjoying every opportunity for family gatherings. His favourite group were the Beatles, (he even once visited the Cavern Club in Liverpool). He also enjoyed musicals. His hobbies and interests included, bicycles and motorcycles. He would use motorcycles for holidays with Rosemary, during their pre-parent days, travelling as far afield as Spain. He later owned an old Bedford van, used for touring with the whole family, on similar journeys abroad. Dad also enjoyed running with his beloved dog Bruno. He was an excellent swimmer and played rugby and cricket and the occasional game of cards. He was also an excellent harmonica player.



Dad loved bird watching, there were a few times a year where he would not come home until he had spotted 100+ different types. He was observed by many people hiding out with his Binoculars.

He was a firm but fair Dad, ensuring that we were alerted to the dangers and pitfalls of life. He had a happy and smiling disposition, both at home and at work, he was also a wonderful Grandfather, particularly to Chelsea, with whom he spent a great deal of time on long walks, describing every aspect of the countryside. In summary, he was widely recognised as a really nice guy, who will be greatly missed!

Thanks to everyone for the messages and memories that you have sent to me.

Nicola Whiting (née Jackman)

PUZZLETIME JUST FOR FUN

Animal Quiz – Who Lives Where?

A group of 10 animals and 10 abodes

Draw a line between each animal to where it lives or sleeps



Alligator

Shell

Camel

Tree

Snail

Nest

Bear

Desert

Duck

In the sea

Monkey

Burrow

Fox

Cave

Rabbit

Water

Lion

Burrow

Turtle

Den

Winter Vegetable and Fruit Quiz. True or False?

- | | |
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| 1. Broccoli is technically a flower | True/False |
| 2. Brussel Sprouts are named after the capital city of Belgium | True/False |
| 3. Carrots contain around 40% water | True/False |
| 4. The world's biggest onion weighed more than 19lb(9kg) | True/False |
| 5. An average lemon contains 14 seeds | True/False |
| 6. A parsnip contains more Vitamin C than an orange | True/False |
| 7. Sweet potato skins are safe to eat | True/False |
| 8. Leeks are the national symbol of Scotland | True/False |
| 9. Kale contains more calcium than whole milk | True/False |
| 10. There are more than 5000 varieties of potato in the world | True/False |

*Answers on Page 24

CLASSIC MARGHERITA



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GOATS CHEESE



TUESDAY NIGHT

FEB / MARCH

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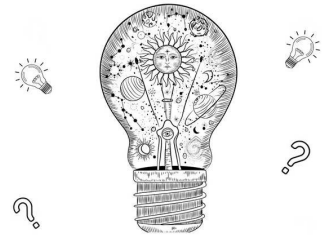
Quiz night
WEDNESDAY 19th MARCH
Starts at 7pm




MAX 6 PERSONS PER TEAM
£2PP ENTRY



CASH PRIZE FOR WINNERS CHARITY
BOOK EARLY TO AVOID DISSAPPOINTMENT




JOIN US ON
Pancake Day
TUESDAY 4TH MARCH 2025



THE BLACK LION

DINE WITH US

THROUGHOUT FEBRUARY & MARCH 2025 WE ARE GIVING AWAY REWARD VOUCHERS FOR YOUR NEXT VISIT

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Thinking of moving to Appledore (Kent)?

It's a very friendly village. I've lived in six different places in my life and have never felt so welcomed to somewhere new.

I moved to Appledore from a busy town. There was some trepidation as I only knew the person I was moving with. We were worried everyone would be third or fourth generation Appledorians and we would be unwanted strangers. How wrong we were. On the very first day two neighbours knocked, one with a bottle of wine. On the second day we had a card from another friendly neighbour and we were welcomed to the neighbourhood. On day three yet another lovely local told us about the Sale of Produce in the church porch, advising us to hurry there to take a look. We did, arriving without cash and ended up leaving an IOU for the meringue and chutney we took away with us. Delicious!

We walked into the pub and the bar didn't go silent (like it did in the film *An American Werewolf* – anyone remember that?), the food was good and the pub cosy. Since then the owners have changed, the pub has been improved and the ambiance and friendliness is even better. Music, Quiz nights, Special Menus, lots of celebrations.

We went to a Village Hall Meeting that same week, heard all about the clubs and goings on. There is actually quite a lot happening for somewhere that to others could seem a sleepy place. We chose to launch ourselves into village life but equally there are others who prefer to keep on the periphery. It seems no one can resist the Flower Festival in August.

If you are looking at moving here, I'd recommend it.

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Thank you to everyone who contributed their loose change to the collection tin on our shop counter. The contents this time (3rd September 24 to 12th February) amounted to an amazing £31.34. 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



DO YOU OWN, MANAGE OR KNOW OF SPRUCE TREES IN YOUR LOCAL AREA?

If so, they could be at risk of infestation by the highly destructive tree pest *Ips typographus*.



Breeding gallery

Pests and diseases are a continual threat to the health of trees and woodlands. The eight-toothed spruce bark beetle (*Ips typographus*) is a serious pest of spruce trees, and we need your help to deal with it.

If this pest becomes established in England, it will have a major impact on our environment and wood-based industries. By actively managing woodlands, we can increase their resilience, protect them against future threats and prevent this and other pests from spreading further afield.



Windblown, snapped, stressed trees

Recently windblown, snapped, stressed, dying and sawn trees are particularly susceptible to infestation. The Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs and the Forestry Commission encourage proactive management of spruce to remove or reduce the risk of beetle establishment. [Watch our video guide for more information.](#)

Ips typographus was first identified in Kent in 2018, with further outbreaks found in the South East in 2021, 2022, 2023 & 2024, also in 2024 breeding populations were found in East Anglia. An extensive surveillance programme is in place to locate and eradicate all *Ips typographus* establishments.



Ips typographus

Spruce trees

Control measures exist in the *Ips typographus* Demarcated Area (DMA) for spruce to be inspected and authorised before any forestry operations. If you are in the DMA you need to:

1. Monitor your spruce and remove stressed, dead and dying material wherever possible.
2. For any planting, movement, felling or other forest operations on spruce, all landowner or managers must seek authorisation from the Forestry Commission.
3. Report any suspect findings to TreeAlert.
4. Conduct swift destruction of any spruce timber that is left in situ, either by burning or chipping, especially in the *Ips typographus* flight season (April – September).

All Landowners or managers looking to stack timber in situ to season (dry out) must also seek authorisation first from the Forestry Commission before adopting any approach of timber stacking.

Guidance and information on support can be found on the GOV.UK *Ips typographus* webpage. Grants are available through the [Tree Health Pilot scheme](#) to manage or fell your spruce trees, restock your woodland and maintain your newly planted trees.

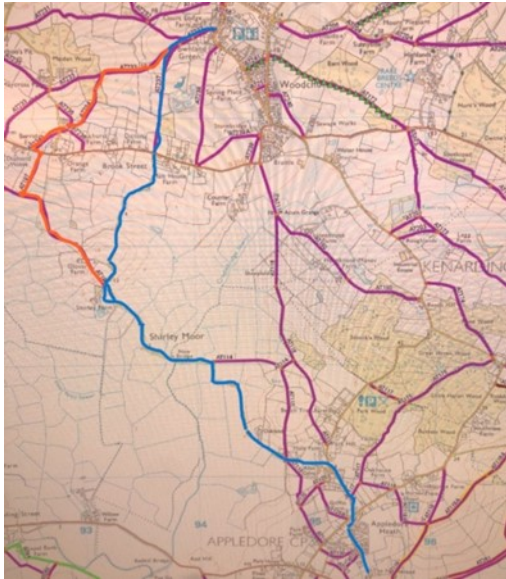
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Please submit any reports of susceptible spruce to TreeAlert using the QR code.



Ramblers January 2025 walk



This map was included in the write up on the Appledore Community Facebook page along with more photos. We thought walking along Moor Lane and then into Woodchurch would make an easier new year walk rather than plodding through too much mud.

There is only one stile to negotiate along the whole route (highlighted in blue). It must be said that this stile is at an odd angle! All of the other entrances into field etc are provided with kissing gates, making it a very easy walk for dogs and the not so nimble.

Tracy Morgan

The Ramblers Walk 21st February 2025

It's ramble day again and today has probably been the warmest day so far this year with temperatures reaching 14 degrees. This month we meet at the rec for an onward journey to Woodchurch where we park in the village hall car park. We are pleased to welcome Graham, who is well known in Appledore, to our group and to Sophia who is on half-term and is accompanying Grandma Angela. Also Bruno who is Brenda's gorgeous new Golden Retriever dog and who is now deemed well enough behaved to join us!

So 13 of us and 3 dogs set off across the Green in Woodchurch taking the road that runs down to Lower Road which we cross. We take a small lane that tells us it is not suitable for vehicles and start to walk up a long hill. The actual footpath AT206 goes in on the right after a short distance, but there are two very big cows in this field and so on the recce we decided we would avoid them and stick to the lane which ends up in the same place! We carry on up the hill past Hillside Farm enjoying beautiful views on our left looking towards Woodchurch Windmill. After about a mile the tarmac underfoot disappears and becomes a track through a wooded area. As well as the weather feeling Spring like today we spot primroses out, which lifts everyone's spirits and hopefully Winter is nearly done.

The track we are on leads us straight into the middle of the Rare Breeds Farm. There is a big sign saying 'No entry to the Rare Breeds' and to go to the main entrance. We however, according to the Ordnance Survey Map, are on 'other routes with public access' and are just passing through the farm. We carry on along the track and ahead the Rare Breeds big blue tractor tows its trailer full of excited children and not so excited adults! We walk along the back of the play park with the big wooden fort and twisty tubes where I have spent many an hour with my grandsons. The track takes us through Hunts Wood and then ends when we reach the B2067.

Continued

We now turn right and with Angela leading the way having donned her high visibility jacket, which caused a fair bit of hilarity. This was because she insisted on wearing it on her front like a surgeon's scrubs so it could be seen really well by the oncoming traffic! We quickly walk along the road, passing the Rare Breeds entrance and after a couple of hundred metres dive back in the woods. We are now on footpath AT172 which after a bit comes out in an arable field. We follow along the edge of the field and spot a buzzard circling overhead. To our left are beautiful views looking towards Shirley Moor so we stop for a photo opportunity. The path continues to a bridge which we cross and then through one more field with a garden gate at the end. We go through this and along a narrow path to the first stile of our walk but which has been cleverly designed with an opening door in the middle for our four legged friends. We are now back in Lower Road so turn right and walk back across The Green to the car park. After a quick change of our very muddy boots we hit the Post Office Coffee Shop for a very welcome drink and piece of delicious cake which we feel is well deserved! Hope to see you all on the 21st March for the next Village Ramble!

Jo Weeks

Ramblers February 2025 walk

This map was included in the write up on the Appledore Community Facebook page. Due to the continued muddy conditions, we kept to a fairly short circular walk in Woodchurch made up partly by a country road. We could have followed AT206 and AT204 through some fields but there were some hefty looking cows in one of the fields and there were 3 dogs on our ramble, so we kept to the road.



The country road evolves into a track and leads you along the edge of the Rare Breeds Centre. At the end of the track, you have to be careful as you have to go a short distance along the edge of the B2067 but you are on the correct side of the road at least, facing the traffic. AT172 is easy to follow back to the village.



Here's the group heading towards Woodchurch;

Tracy Morgan

The Book Club

Our book for last month was “The List of Suspicious Things” by Jennie Godfrey. This debut novel is set in West Yorkshire, where the author was raised, and it has achieved No. 1 Sunday Times best seller status.

It is challenging to say that everyone enjoyed the book, given its background during the unsettling period of the Yorkshire Ripper murders. However, it is an impressive first novel and an absorbing read. Initially, the plot was somewhat elusive, requiring a few chapters to become fully engaging. The story vividly captures the tumultuous essence of the 1970s, a time marked by horrendous predacious behaviour and pervasive hate, which we all found quite disturbing.

The protagonist, Miv, navigates numerous complex issues including the murders, domestic abuse, suicide, and racism. These challenges permeate her home life and school environment. Miv's domestic situation is grim, with a mute mother and a non-maternal aunt caring for her. In an attempt to understand her world and gain some control, Miv, along with her best friend Sharon, decides to investigate the murders themselves.

Their investigation leads the girls to uncover more about their community, build friendships, and learn harsh lessons about life as secrets are revealed. The story demonstrates that not everything is as it seems; some individuals are inherently malicious, while others possess an incredible capacity for kindness. The novel is wonderfully crafted and stands apart from typical mysteries, with an ending that is simply shocking.

Our next read is from the celebrated author of *The Nightingale* and *The Four Winds* by Kristin Hannah “The Women”. *The Women*, is about a young woman coming of age during the turbulent 1960's in America, who joins the Army Nurse Corps and serves in Vietnam.

This is the story of one woman gone to war, but it shines a light on all women who put themselves in harm's way and whose sacrifice and commitment to their country has too often been forgotten. A novel about deep friendships and bold patriotism and we look forward to engaging with the heroine and seeing her developing courage and idealism grow throughout the book.

Philippa

Quiz Answers: Who lives where?

Alligator – Nest, Camel – Desert, Snail – Shell, Bear – Cave, Duck – Water,
Monkey – Tree, Fox – Burrow, Rabbit – Burrow, Lion – Den, Turtle – In the sea

Quiz Answers: Winter Vegetables and Fruit

1. True, broccoli is a flower
2. True, brussels were named after Brussels
3. False, carrots contain around 85% water
4. True, in 2023 the world's biggest onion was grown and weighed more than 19lb
5. False, an average lemon contains 8 seeds
6. False, a parsnip has about a third amount of Vitamin C compared to an orange
7. True, sweet potato skins are safe to eat. Vitamins A and C and full of fibre.
8. False, leeks are the national symbol of Wales
9. True, there is slightly more calcium in Kale compared to whole milk
10. True, there are more than 5000 varieties of potato. What's your favourite?



Hello all

I was asked a few months ago to put something in the magazine about gardening and so I will give it a go this month!!

March is a very busy month to get your garden right for the year ahead and one of the things you should do this month is to prune your wisteria. If you haven't already done it one of the main things is to cut out last year's new growth, so if you didn't cut them back to 7 buds during the summer, you now need to cut back to 2 buds from the main framework. Basically you're trying to create fruiting spurs as you do with Apple trees. Don't let your Wisteria get overcrowded – 'more is less and less is more'

You should also finish pruning your roses now. I like to do mine before Christmas then you're not paddling about on the soil, but yet again, don't let your roses get overcrowded. You only end up with a lot of disease in them because there's no airflow.

It's time to cut back your ornamental grasses, before those new shoots appear. Also cut back your dogwoods to ground level, alternatively leave two or three stems which later in the year will produce flowers, but if you want that winter colour you want new fresh growth each year. Try not to get excited about sowing tomato seeds - not until the end of the month, or even better, April.

This is also your last opportunity this year to cut back those footpath hedges hard, before the new growth starts. It might look drastic but by the end of April it should be fine unless you've got a conifer which you cannot cut back into old wood. The public footpaths in this village are a disgrace with overhanging hedges. It's not fair on young mothers with push chairs, or people in wheelchairs. If someone gets scratched by that bramble the homeowner is liable and it's not worth the hassle, and there are plenty of solicitors out there who are quite willing to take it on a 'no win no fee'!!

That's all for now, folks



Yours - Happy Gardening



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