

APPLEDORE PARISH MAGAZINE

MAY 2025



MANY PEOPLE IN BRITAIN DIDN'T WAIT FOR THE OFFICIAL DAY OF CELEBRATION AND BEGAN THE FESTIVITIES AS SOON AS THEY HEARD THE NEWS ON 7TH MAY. AFTER YEARS OF WAR-TIME RESTRICTIONS AND DANGERS — FROM FOOD AND CLOTHES RATIONING TO BLACKOUTS AND BOMBING RAIDS — IT WAS UNDERSTANDABLE HOW EAGER THEY WERE TO FINALLY BE ABLE TO LET LOOSE AND ENJOY THEMSELVES. COLOURFUL BUNTING AND FLAGS SOON LINED THE STREETS OF VILLAGES, TOWNS AND CITIES ACROSS BRITAIN. ON THE EVE OF VE DAY, BONFIRES WERE LIT, PEOPLE DANCED AND THE PUBS WERE FULL OF REVELLERS.

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Editor's Letter

May has always been associated with renewal and merrymaking.

'Bringing in the May' has been celebrated in many forms. According to folklore it was claimed that "a maid who rises early on May morning and washes in the dew from the hawthorn tree, will ever be handsome be." So, look out for any neighbours enjoying their garden at dawn on May Day and the results!

Another way people celebrated meant leaving their homes the night before May Day, gathering flowers and greenery in the countryside, then returning noisily with gunfire, horn tunes and cheering. They would decorate living spaces with their findings of foliage. Styles may change, but there are still modern interpretations of 'Bringing in the May', perhaps with a little less noise disturbance. You might notice doors with May wreaths this year around and about now the Easter decorations have been taken down.

There is still Maypole Dancing and the Crowning of May Queens in England but sadly not in Appledore anymore. Most of you will remember at some time either seeing or taking part in a dance or two perhaps at your own schools. Take a look at the Tapestry in Appledore church and find the May dancing of yesteryear forever stitched into our history.

Of course, this May Day the nation commemorates 80 years since VE Day (Victory in Europe Day). It is estimated that between 70-85 million people died during the war, more than 50 million of those were civilians.

The war resulted in widespread destruction and long-term consequences for many families. As a country, we should never forget.

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– we should love to hear from you.

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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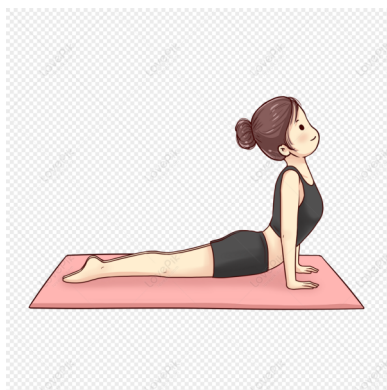
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Appledore Village Diary – May 2025

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 12pm - 2pm (Small Hall)
Wednesday	Aerobics 6.15pm - 7pm
Thursday	Pilates 9.45am - 10.45am
Thursday	Citizens Advice - By Appointment
Friday	Tai Chi 10.15am - 11am
Thursday 1 st May	Polling Day 7pm - 10pm
Saturday 3 rd May	Cake Bakes. Church Porch 9.30am
Tuesday 6 th May	Appledore Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm Main Hall
Wednesday 7 th May	Annual Church Meeting 7.00pm
Friday 9 th May	Katie Lam MP Surgery 3pm – 4.30pm By appointment only
Tuesday 13 th May	CARM 10am – 11.45am
Friday 16 th May	Ramble, Meet at The Recreation Ground - 1pm
Sunday 18 th May	Food and Artisan Market 10am – 1pm
Tuesday 27 th May	CARM 10am – 11.45am
Friday 30 th May	Garden Club visit to King John's Nursery, Etchingham 2pm
Saturday 7 th June	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 MAY

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 4th May: The Third Sunday of Easter

11am Morning Praise (*Appledore Church*)

2pm Forest Church (*Rolvenden Churchyard*)

No Evensong at Stone Church

Sunday 11th May: The Fourth Sunday of Easter and Good Shepherd Sunday

11am The Eucharist (*Appledore Church*)

6pm Choral Evensong (*Wittersham Church*)

Sunday 18th May: The Fifth Sunday of Easter

11am Celtic Morning Prayer (*Appledore Church*)

6pm Choral Evensong (*Smallhythe Church*)

Sunday 25th May: The Sixth Sunday of Easter

11am The Eucharist (*Appledore Church*)

4pm Farewell to Andrew, Rhona, Arthur and Rowan (*Rolvenden Church*)

6pm Churches Together in Tenterden Service (*Church on the Weald*)

Thursday 29th May: Ascension Day

10am Holy Communion (*Tenterden Church Hall*)

7pm The Eucharist (*Rolvenden Church*)

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LEAVING SO SOON?

The time has almost come when we must say goodbye to Andrew, Rhona, Arthur and Rowan. This has come as no surprise because we knew they would be with us for only three years at the most. Andrew has served his time as assistant curate and must now take up the reins elsewhere. And so, in June (on a date to be announced soon) Andrew will become Priest in Charge of Blofield and Broadside, a group of parishes a little east of Norwich. Andrew's last Sunday here will be the 25th May and we will be holding a farewell service and tea at Rolvenden Church at 4pm, to which you are all invited. Andrew is someone of who we are all very fond and we will miss him. His ministry here has been exemplary, and he will be a fine parish priest. We wish Andrew, Rhona, Arthur and Rowan every happiness, and a fulfilling life in their new home.



CHURCH FLOWER ROTA MAY 2025

	ALTAR	WEST END	PORCH
May 4 th	Lynn Marston	Judith Clifton	Pat Bailey
May 11 th	Julie Flawn	Denise Stephens	Helen D.W.
May 18 th	Frances Smith	Sally Linington	Carly Amey
May 25 th	Fay Steed	Julie Wooding	Kate Stevens
June 1 st	Judith Clifton	Wendy Selmes	Donna Clifton

Horne Chapel: Judith Clifton

If you are unable to take your turn please telephone Judith on 01233 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.

May Church Rota 2025

Date	Sides person	Reader/ Intercessor	Refreshments
4 th May	Helen	Jane/ Brenda	Brenda/ Eileen
11 th May Family Service (Lay-led by Chris & Donna)	Jo	Michael/ Helen	Fay/ Eileen
18 th May	Denise	Thelma/ Chris	Donna
25 th May	Judith	Frances/ Tony	Helen
1 st June	Donna	Roger H/ Brenda	Brenda/ Eileen



GRapeVINE : MAY 2025

After going to print last month we were saddened to then learn of the passing of Roy Crane on Wednesday 26th March. Roy was a much loved and respected member of our community and will be well remembered for his beautiful and greatly talented paintings. Many commissions were requested by locals, and these will continue to give meaning and pleasure in our homes today. Roy's wife Sylvia, and daughter Linda wish to convey their thanks to everyone for their kind thoughts, cards and sincerity throughout this sad time.

On the same day we were shaken to hear that Rosemary Jackman had tragically died at home. Rosemary was the wife of Colin Jackman, our ex-village policemen, who died on New Year's Eve. Both Rosemary and Colin were central figures in the village and gave a great deal of time over the years to the many fund raising activities taking place. During their time in Appledore they made many friends and will be sorely missed by all.

We send our deepest sympathies and condolences to all families who are suffering through their bereavement following the death of their loved ones.

We wish Denise Wilkinson a speedy and full recovery from a recent hip replacement, and look forward to seeing her out and about very soon.

Digital Voice Home Phone Service

Digital Voice is BT's new home phone service that uses your broadband to make and receive calls. It's a big upgrade to keep everyone connected now and in the future. You'll keep your current phone number, and your contract and broadband plan won't change. The main difference is you'll need to dial the full area code (01233) for all local calls.

Parts of the village have been upgraded already and we should be interested to learn what impact this may have had on you. If, as is still the case in many households, you do not have the facility to incorporate this new technology, what is BT's solution?

A further concern is **some healthcare devices or medical pendants won't work with Digital Voice**. If you have any of these devices, such as something you'd press for help in an emergency, and you have had notification of the changeover they will provide a contact number to enable the device to work. You'll also need to speak to your equipment provider to check if your device will work when you switch to Digital Voice. This will also apply to burglary alarms.

If there's a power cut - If this happens, you won't be able to make calls, including calls to 999. This is because Digital Voice works by using your broadband, which needs power. The same would happen today if you had a cordless phone plugged into a power socket. We recommend keeping a fully charged mobile phone handy for emergencies.

3 minute Puzzle Time

Words are confusing! How's your word knowledge? Delete as appropriate.

1. I went to the corner shop to buy some *stationery/stationary*.
2. Under her daughter's bed she found a *horde/hoard* of sweets.
3. The new rug was said to *compliment/complement* the newly decorated room.
4. Capable of being easily ignited or burning quickly. Is it *Flammable/Inflammable*?
5. A tasty side dish served with gammon is *Peas/Pease/Peace* pudding?
6. In my garden I have fruit trees; cherry, plum and *pare/pear/pair*.
7. Broccoli is a brassica. *Cauliflower/cauliflour* is another.
8. Use *ceiling/sealing* wax when *fixing* a *sealing/ceiling* crack.
9. She was *already/all ready* to go to the Ashford Outlet Centre.
10. Mrs Smith was going to *alter/altar* the flowers on the church *alter/altar*.

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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 will be on Saturday 3rd May 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.

Rosemary (Rose) Jackman by her Daughter Nicola



Rosemary Jackman, my Mother, passed away on 26th March 2025. Most of you will know her as Rose and as the Wife of PC Colin Jackman, who passed away on New Years Eve 2024.

Mum was also known affectionately by many as Mrs Bouquet, in view of her resemblance, in looks only, to Hyacinth Bucket in the TV series 'Keeping Up Appearances'. Never was this more apparent than on my wedding day.

Mum and Dad lived in Appledore from 1976 to 2022, initially at the Police Station House and later at 'Rhee Wall Papillon'.

Mum was born on 22nd January 1949, in Warrington, Cheshire, where most of her early life was spent.

Whilst on a visit South she met my Dad and although she returned home, she stayed in touch with Dad and later moved back South to be with him. They were married for over 55 years.

My Mother leaves behind two Daughters, myself Nicola and my Sister Angela, along with her four Grandchildren Chelsea, Louise, Will and Hannah. Sadly her death occurred just ahead of the imminent birth of what would have been her Great Grandson.

I write this with recollections of my childhood and youth uppermost in my mind, as these were by far the happiest of my memories of my relationship with my Mum. Sadly, later in life, we drifted apart.

In addition to being a good Mother for my Sister and me, during the early years of our lives, she was always an excellent Grandmother and will be sadly missed by her Grandchildren, in particular my Daughter Chelsea, with whom she was and remained particularly close.

Our home was always pristine as Mum was very house proud. She was a really good cook both at home and at work. Over the years, Mum worked in the kitchens of each of the village pubs in Appledore, providing excellent meals and snacks.

As the Wife of a local Policeman, there were often unpredictable incidents that drew her into supporting my Dad in his work. Naturally the family learned to expect the unexpected. On one occasion returning home from searching for a suspect, my Dad found him having a cuppa in the kitchen with my Mum – he had decided to turn himself in.

Holidays were always fun. There were numerous trips around the UK and I remember the three of us having a particularly great time whilst holidaying in Spain.

As a girl, I recall how Mum was very keen on the singer Billy Fury; she would play his music over and over, and at full blast. She, along with my Dad, also enjoyed a tippie.

Mum was notably someone that you would not want to cross. She was certainly firm and from the perspective of some, not always fair.

It would be good to think that Mum and Dad are now reunited.

Nicola Whiting (née Jackman)



May 2025 Update

(<https://appledoreparishcouncil.gov.uk/>)

Michael Hill OBE Kent County Councillor says farewell after announcing his retirement

At the April Parish Council Meeting Councillor Roger Hiskey (Chairman) thanked Mike, on behalf of the Appledore community, for his lifetime dedication to public service. You can see more of Roger's tribute to Mike on the next page of this Magazine. We wish Mike all the best in his retirement.



Litter Picking update – A safety review during September 2024 identified the need to limit the areas of deployment for our employed Litter Picker Dennis Haylen, to the extent that the role was deemed no longer viable. Our thanks to Dennis for undertaking the role, and we wish him all the best for the future. This does not prevent residents from litter picking. However, please deploy safely by following risk assessment guidance readily available on the internet, or email enquiries.apc@gmail.com for more information.

New Contract Gardener

APC are pleased to welcome Carl Wallis, an experienced gardener, who has commenced a 1-year contract to maintain the Court Lodge Road and Village Hall car parks.

Village Parking

Some residents have informed us of their concern of a notable increase in parking on the double yellow lines at the junction with Court Lodge Road and The Street. This is clearly a very dangerous area, and APC would like to remind people that parking is free of charge in the Court Lodge Road car park, where reserved accessible parking bays are also available.

Electrical Vehicle Charging Stations – Court Lodge Road Car Park

As reported in last month's edition, two Electric Vehicle chargers have been installed in the Court Lodge Road car park – you may have seen them just to the right of the entrance. As this was a community project, we were successful in being awarded UK Government funding through a UK Shared Prosperity Fund/Rural



England Prosperity Fund Grant. In addition, APC are grateful to KCC for their grant contribution, and to Voltshare for generously providing the equipment free of charge. Please let neighbours and friends know this resource is available – the equipment is easy to use and operates via a QR code system. This is a long-term initiative which will be of great benefit not only to residents in the village but for visitors to Appledore. As we look to the future, having these chargers is clearly an advantage in an area where such infrastructure is lacking.



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Councillor Roger Hiskey (Chairman) pays tribute to Michael Hill OBE who has retired from his Kent County Councillor role

Like so many public servants, whether Members of Parliament, County Councillors, Borough Councillors or Parish Councillors, Michael Hill has always had time to deal with requests for assistance. He has been our County Council representative for nearly 25 years and has always been accessible, approachable, and most willing to help.

A soldier for 35 years: Michael became Brigadier. He served in Northern Ireland during the troubles for 4 years when he was engaged in building Police Stations. In less troubled times, Michael was Captain of Rye Golf Club.

It was in 2001 that he became the Tenterden representative on Kent County Council, of which he was a Cabinet Member from 2005 until 2023. He was responsible for Community Services which embraced responsibility for Libraries, Community Safety and Youth Services. Michael gained considerable satisfaction from being able to support individual residents with their issues and problems, especially helping children to gain entry to their desired school. Michael helped numerous cases when Parents went to appeal over school placements.

Highways was a further responsibility for Michael who played a significant role in reducing speeding and thereby deaths on roads. He has installed much of the road furniture we see, such as the white gates which delineate entering a community.

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Gardening Time

Hi all, May is the time for all that lovely blossom where you can love it or hate it if you suffer from hayfever.

Now that your forsythia has finished blooming and generally any other spring flowering shrubs is the time to prune them as next year's flowers will be on this year's growth try and take out a third if you can it always seems very drastic and over the years clients have turned around and said, "oh no look what you've done to my shrub". Four weeks later they never notice because it has grown so fast.

It's time to deadhead your tulips and daffodils but do not cut off the foliage. Leave it until it goes brown. If you want them to flower successfully next year most tulips need to be dug up every two years unless it's the old varieties generally the red and yellow tulips can be left alone and if you have bulbs growing in the lawn, you'll have to put up with the mess until at least June.

The vegetable plot you should be earthing up your potatoes to cover up those new shoots to protect them from late frost.

At the end of May into June if your broad beans are in full flower it is worth taking out growing tips which will help control blackfly.

Now you can sow your sweetcorn seeds directly outside

Or if you have been to the garden centre and bought plants now is the time to pop them in the ground along with marrows and courgettes but try and keep them protected from the cold.

Considering the increased cost of water, wisely water your plants at the base and only at night at least then it has time to soak into the ground and feed the plant, not the sun.

I'll be back later in the year maybe.



Appledore Garden Society Event May 2025

King John's Nursery and Garden in Etchingam, East Sussex -

Friday 30th May

The King John's team took on the garden in 2020. After 50 years of neglect the clay soil was thick with ground elder, brambles, creeping thistles and nettles. They aim to pin them back, to control them, leaving a natural edge where wildlife is safe and where the garden sits naturally within the wild Weald. The team aim to add biodiversity by bringing in more plants. The idea is to create a tranquil green space to be enjoyed.

There is also a small nursery where they try and grow as many plants as they can on site and a licensed café serving light refreshments.

We hope our Society Members are keen to come along!

For any more information please email the Secretaries of the Appledore Garden Society, Tina O'Reilly and Jo Weeks on appledoregardensociety@gmail.com or give Tina a ring on 01233 758475.

The Ramblers Walk 11th April 2025

So this week has been a mixed weather week of sunny days but also bitter winds. However it's ramble day and today is hot and sunny! We have planned a 5 mile route around Hamstreet, where we as a group have never walked before. We leave Appledore Rec by car and meet other members at the car park by the Pavilion in Hamstreet. So 17 people and 2 dogs set off along the B2067, we quickly cross the road and pick up footpath AE384 which goes past some lovely little cottages, Hamstreet Bowls Club and a wonderful stall where you can buy from a selection of various coloured chicken and duck eggs. The footpath ends at the Ruckinge Road and then we turn left and walk along until we get to Bourne Lane. Next we turn right and walk up to the car park for Hamstreet Nature Reserve. Behind the car park is a big new building and on the recce we learnt that this is the workshop of Hamstreet Men's Shed. There are Men's Sheds all over the country and they have been set up to help men who are retired or alone and who want to meet up with other men and make things out of wood.

We enter the Nature Reserve and take a wide track on the left which takes us along the edge of the woods. The trees offer us some lovely dappled shade and the woods are carpeted in white and pink wood anemones. Bluebells are just starting to flower and there are still primroses and patches of purple wild violets. We carry on to the end of the woods and go through a kissing gate into a field with sheep in. We walk across this to Hollybush Farm and follow the footpath along the edge of another field. We contend with a rather dodgy stile which we then have to lift the dogs over. This is fine in Ted's case but Bruno is a lot bigger and it takes 3 of us to lift him over, he however is not at all worried and keeps wagging his tail! To our right is a high fenced secure paddock. It looks as if it is a dog walking field that you can probably hire so you can let you dog off lead to have a good run around.

We carry on and our next obstacle is a quite high narrow bridge over a stream. There are no rails to hold on to making it all rather exciting! One of our new guys asks if I'm secretly training them for the S.A.S. which causes quite a giggle!! With everyone safely over we continue until we reach a small paddock with several horses in. The path now goes round the edge of this and into the stable yard. We exit through the main gates and come out on to Poundhurst Road. We turn right and after 20 metres take a narrow footpath on our left which goes up between the hedges of 2 houses. This is footpath AE561 and comes out in an arable field which we walk along the edge of. This brings us back to a wood and we follow the footpath right which according to the map is called The Greensand Way. The path is rather rough but at the end we are amazed to see 4 beautiful wooden lodges that must surely be holiday lets. The path takes us on past fields with horses in and across another arable field. We come out on to a lovely little lane and walk right until we reach Gill Lane, we carry on, admiring lovely converted barns and several equestrian properties. The path takes us left over a cattle grid and back down towards the woods again. We spot a strange looking plant and identify it as Mare's Tail which is one of our most ancient plants and which dinosaurs loved to eat! We follow the edge of the wood for a while before re-entering it. Here the bluebells are all out and we end up by a beautiful oak bench with far reaching views over the Marsh. The path takes us through a field that is being cut for turfs and we come out by a house nestling in the woods. We take footpath AE569 and are now back in the Nature Reserve. We make our way back through the woods to the car park in Bourne Lane. Then it is just a short walk to the Dukes Head, where we enjoy a nice drink in the sunshine in the secluded garden at the back of the pub.

Jo Weeks



A RESIDENT'S LETTER TO THE PARISH COUNCIL AND THEIR REPLY

Steve/Roger,

Firstly, it is recognised that negotiations and execution of the contract of the sale of the village took place prior to your taking your respective seats on the Parish Council. That being said the Parish Council per se, is responsible for the actions it takes.

At the time negotiations for the sale of the village land were underway, myself and a number of the parishioners asked the Parish Council for sight of the proposed contracts given our extensive experience in contract and business management. Our requests were refused by the Parish Council.

There are two key issues as follows:

only now are you receiving legal advice that APC renting out 5 Sandpiper Close is ultra vires. Surely, this advice should have been obtained at the outset of the negotiations to sell the land. It seems to me that inadequate due diligence was undertaken by the Parish Council, specifically as the rationale for the sale of the land was to, in part, substitute the village field for a property to be owned by the village (via APC). Have you considered taking legal action against the law firm that advised you?

the parishioners have been told that APC, nor any parish council for that matter, cannot hold significant funds in their accounts. That being the case, what will the Parish Council do with the sale proceeds, to avoid breaching this rule?

Given the magnitude of this issue, as a parishioner I would like to propose that an extraordinary general meeting be convened by the Parish Council, open to the general public so that this matter can be properly debated. I would also ask that the previous Parish Councillors (who executed the contract) also be asked to attend.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards

Garry Morgan

Dear Garry

Reference 5 Sandpiper Close

You have raised 3 points in your email dated 18th March 2025 which I have answered below:

1) Regarding the initial legal advice provided to APC to purchase a house (now known as 5 Sandpiper) for social rental: Have APC considered taking legal action against the law firm that provided this advice?

Answer: APC's priority at this stage is to identify the most appropriate and legal alternative option that enables 5 Sandpiper to serve as an affordable rented house for the benefit of the community. Once this is achieved then councillors will have the opportunity to identify "lessons learnt," which will likely flag up what went well / what didn't go well, and actions to take.

2) In the event of selling 5 Sandpiper and the difficulty of Parish Councils not being able to hold significant funds: What will APC do with the sale proceeds, to avoid breaching this rule?

Answer: APC has taken advice in respect of how to manage proceeds in the event of the sale of 5 Sandpiper. The current position is that APC can bank and ringfence the proceeds, and agree a process for allocation of funds for the benefit of the community. Options will continue to be considered, and, at the right time, consulted with the community.

3) Proposal for an extraordinary meeting for a proper debate

Roger Hiskey (APC Chairperson) has considered your proposal for an extraordinary meeting. He has concluded that such a meeting is not necessary at this time as it would likely hinder the essential prioritised work to identify an alternative means of renting 5 Sandpiper.

This written response is supported by the Sandpiper Working Group members.

5 Sandpiper will for the time being remain a standing agenda item at APC's monthly meetings at which there is the opportunity for members of the public to attend and participate. The next meeting is 7th April 2025.

Regards Steve



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A Belated Easter Message from Katie Lam MP

Few things are more beautiful than our countryside in spring. The snowdrops and daffodils are in bloom, and the cold winter is finally coming to an end. Easter is a time of change, renewal and hope.

It's also a time when people come to their local parish churches, not only to worship but also to catch up with friends and neighbours. In villages throughout the Weald of Kent, parishes are at the heart of both spiritual and civic life. They offer support and sanctuary all year round – even if it's often at Christmas and Easter that we come to appreciate them the most.

Most of the work churches do is down to a few selfless volunteers, who do everything from ring the bells to run Sunday schools and play groups. Church wardens are also at the forefront of fundraising to protect our historic buildings. But they can't do it all on their own – a church roof can easily cost £20,000 to repair.

That's why, earlier this year, I joined other Conservative MPs in fighting to renew the Government's Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme. It's not (confusingly) actually a grant scheme, but a tax rebate, refunding VAT paid on maintenance and repairs to listed churches. Thankfully, the Government listened, and will be extending the scheme for another year. But there's more to be done. I'm working to protect the long-term future of the scheme, since I know how vital it is for parish churches like Appledore.

In Parliament, I've also questioned the Church Commissioners on why they are spending millions of pounds on divisive political projects, and less and less on parish churches. Parishes *are* the Church of England: the Church Commissioners' funds should go to protect these centres of faith, history and community, and the clergy who devote their lives to them. Along with our local councillors, farmers, teachers, doctors and business owners, they are crucial to the flourishing of the Weald of Kent – we can't take them for granted.

It's not just our churches that need investing in. The state of our roads and public transport is something I'm really worried about, especially after reading the results of the Transport Survey I sent last month. I'd like to thank everyone who took part; your feedback will help me work with Kent County Council to fix our potholes, put an end to disruptive street works, and get our villages better connected by public transport. I'll also be holding the Government to account on their promises to improve transport services across the country, making sure rural areas like the Weald of Kent don't get left behind.

As ever, if there's anything you'd like to speak with me about, don't hesitate to get in touch. You can email me at katie.lam.mp@parliament.uk, or speak to me on 01580 388344.

Appledore Village Show

6th September 2025



Well the year is whizzing past and now the weather is improving it's time to start thinking about the Village Show. The date is set for 6th September and as usual it will be held in the Village Hall. Sadly Ruth, who normally organises the Village Show is not so well at the moment. However, I know she would want the Show to carry on, so hopefully with Village support we can put on a show to make her proud.

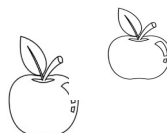
So please read the Show Schedule to decide what classes you are able to enter. There is still plenty of time to plant vegetable seeds or get your tomato plants going. The vegetables and fruit section are the same as last years. We have some new titles in the flower arranging classes and this year we have classes for an indoor foliage plant as well as an indoor flowering plant.

Please practise your cooking skills for the cookery classes and hopefully the Men Only class of Two Cornish Pasties will be popular. We had some lovely entries from children last year so please support your children to enter these classes. The set colouring picture will be printed in the August magazine so look out for that.

The Handicraft Section has been updated and hopefully our local village craft group will enter lots of the classes. All you budding photographers have plenty of time to capture 'Dawn or Dusk' or to get an interesting shot for 'In My Garden'.

We also have the Sponsored Classes as normal where you have the chance to win some money! Open Classes can be entered by anyone wherever they live. The other classes can only be entered by Appledore Villagers except for children who can have any connection to a Villager.

Look out for more information in future magazines and get busy everyone!



Show Schedule on pages 21 & 22

Appledore Village Show Schedule

6th September 2025

VEGETABLE SECTION

1. Three Onions
2. Six Runner Beans
3. Four Tomatoes (Open)
4. Four Cherry Tomatoes (Open)
5. Two Parsnips
6. Five Shallots (Open)
7. Three Carrots (Open)
8. Three Beetroots
9. Two any other Vegetable not separately classed
10. Appledore Sunday Lunch – 3 Potatoes, 2 different vegetables (number of each unspecified), bunch of flowers from exhibitor's garden and bunch of herbs from exhibitor's garden

FRUIT SECTION

11. Three Dessert Apples
12. Three Cooking Apples
13. Three Pears
14. Three of any other fruit (Open)

FLOWER SECTION

15. Three Stems of any kind of Annual
16. Three Stems of any kind of Perennial
17. Three Dahlias
18. Three Roses
19. A Miniature Arrangement
20. V.E. Day Arrangement
21. An Arrangement to include Footwear (Open)
22. An Arrangement titled 'Something Old, Something New'
23. An Arrangement in a Cup and Saucer
24. Indoor Foliage Plant (owned for a minimum of 3 months)
25. Indoor Flowering Plant (owned for a minimum of 3 months)

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COOKERY SECTION

26. Four Cheese Scones
27. A White Loaf of bread – approx. 500grms – not cooked in a breadmaker
28. Jam filled Victoria Sandwich Cake (Open)
29. Four Chocolate Brownies
30. MEN ONLY – Two Cornish Pasties
31. One Jar of Chutney (any type)
32. One Jar of Marmalade (any type)
33. One Jar of Jelly (any type)
34. One Jar of Jam (any type)
35. One Jar of Curd (any type)
36. One Bottle of any Homemade Beverage

CHILDREN'S SECTION

37. An Animal made from Fruit and Vegetables
38. A Homemade Halloween Card
39. Colouring – Set Picture Printed in the Parish Magazine
40. Three Butterfly Cakes (Open)

HANDICRAFT SECTION

41. An item of Embroidery, Tapestry or Stitch Work (Open)
42. An item of Knitting or Crochet
43. Any other Handicraft item
44. Any other Textile based Handicraft (eg. Quilt, Soft Toy)
45. An Illustrated Poem – the Poem can be written by someone else
46. Painting – 'My Favourite Place' (Open)

PHOTO SECTION

47. 'Dawn or Dusk'
48. 'In My Garden'

SPONSORED CLASSES

49. Longest Runner Bean sponsored by the Weeks Family
50. Heaviest Onion sponsored by the Perkins Family
51. Best Plate of Four Potatoes sponsored by the Selmes Family
52. Perfect Rose sponsored by the Clifton Family
53. Oddest Vegetable sponsored by the Smith Family

ANSWERS TO PUZZLE TIME:

1. Stationery, 2. Hoard, 3. Complement, 4. Both are used, 5. Pease, 6. Pear,
7. Cauliflower, 8. Sealing, Ceiling, 9. All ready, 10. Alter, altar

THE CUCKOO



Late April, early May is the time for listening out for the cuckoo – maybe you have already heard it echoing around the village? Arriving in April, the robin-sized bird sings its melodies throughout the night and day until late May and early June,

The cuckoo is a summer visitor to the UK, arriving from April onwards. They do not spend long here, with many having flown south to Africa by the end of June. The once-familiar call of the cuckoo is disappearing from the British countryside, as **cuckoos are in decline and on the red list for their UK conservation status**. Loss of natural habitat and scarcer insect food in the UK have played a part, but cuckoos are now also facing increasing problems on migration to Africa.

Our **cuckoos winter in the forests of the Congo** after an epic journey, flying at night and crossing the Sahara in one 50-60 hour continuous flight. Curiously, they take just one of two routes to reach their destination; one southeast through Italy, where food reserves seem to be good, and one southwest through Spain. Unfortunately increasing droughts in southwest Europe have made it difficult for these cuckoos to put on sufficient fat reserves and only half of the tracked birds survive the long desert crossing, having a serious knock-on effect on cuckoo populations in England.

Whilst they may not be our favourite species due to their habit of laying eggs in the nest of an unsuspecting host, we should surely marvel at their efforts and endurance in travelling to our shores.

If the cuckoo is heard for the first time with the right ear, it is a sign that all that person's undertakings for the year will be lucky. But if heard with the left ear the reverse will be the consequence !!

APPLEDORE FLOWER FESTIVAL AUGUST BANK HOLIDAY WEEKEND 23-24-25 ANCIENT AND MODERN STALL

On the move? Or maybe you have recently moved into the village?

We have the ideal answer to those items that you now find you no longer need !!

Time to go through those cupboards and attics and release all the items that have been stored away for so long – now is the opportunity for them to see the light of day and become proudly displayed on the stall at the Flower Festival, where they will be lovingly bought and given new homes !!

If you have anything suitable then please contact Donna Clifton for details on drop-off or collection. We take anything household, garden items, toys, games, CD's and DVD's, jewellery, etc.

May we politely request that all goods are in a saleable condition as no broken or unusable items will be accepted. We look forward to hearing from you.

Contact Details M.07770407052 e-mail: donnacliftonfarming@hotmail.co.uk



V. E. & V. J. Day

During the Second World War Miss Dorothy Johnston who lived in Hall House kept a diary. Whilst she did not write something every day the following are the last few entries in her diary.

1945

May 7th – Monday.

Helped Mrs. Penfold put up summer curtains. Miss Lee came, and we both worked on the kitchen garden.

About 7.30, heard the official announcement that tomorrow would be Victory in Europe Day, that Mr. Churchill would be making his announcement at 2.00pm and the King's speech would be at 9.00pm.

May 8th – Tuesday – V. E. Day

Bells started at 7.00am. Put up what flags I had, and the village had quite a number. Went to 7 o'clock service and all the pews in the church were full.

May 9th – Wednesday.

Attended a meeting at the Hall at 7.30, called by the Parish Council to draw up a scheme to welcome home the Appledore men and women. Mr. Pendrey was in the Chair. A committee was drawn up, including Miss Clement and myself; Major Shapland as secretary and Mrs. Cock as Assistant Secretary. Much divergence of opinion.

May 31st – Thursday.

The Tenterden Ambulance took away the six mattresses, mattress covers and pillows which the A.R.P. had stored here.

August 15th – Wednesday – V. J. Day

Heard the bells ringing when I got up. The news of the Japanese surrender was given out by Mr. Attlee at midnight.

There was a bonfire in the evening on Mill Hill, and I could see three out to the east, and one to the north-east.

August 16th – Thursday. V. J. Day 2.

There was a bonfire in the Cricket Field.



A Remembrance at Eighty

The bells of Appledore, a joyful chime,
 Ring out again, the passing of time,
 A song of victory, a tale to tell,
 Of courage shown, where heroes fell.

Eighty years have flown away,
 Yet echoes linger of that May,
 A day of triumph, a world reborn,
 Where darkness faded, and new days morn.
 We stand with hearts filled with deep grace,
 For those who fought, in time and space,

Their sacrifice, a light so bright,
 Guiding us still, in darkest night.
 We remember faces, etched in our minds,
 The brave who fought, the freedom we find,
 A legacy strong, a promise to keep,
 To honour the fallen, from slumber deep.

So let the bells ring, a joyous sound,
 As we reflect on the sacred ground,
 Where heroes stood, with unwavering might,
 And brought the darkness to a long-awaited light.



It is with deep regret we have
to announce that due to
unforeseen circumstances

**we will be closing the
Appledore Weekend Fairs**

Our last fairs at Appledore
will be Saturday 12th April 2025
and Sunday 13th April 2025


We would like to take this opportunity
to thank all our loyal customers
stall holders, friends & family
who have supported us
over the years.

**Our Tenterden Fairs will still continue
and we hope to see you there.**

Thank you everyone
Kindest Regards

John & Carolyn
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