

APPLEDORE PARISH MAGAZINE

July 2025

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**Appledore Classic Car Show and Village Fair**

## **Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2025**

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## Letter From The Editor(s)

### How to foster a sense of belonging

Most people like to feel part of a community.  
How simple could it be?

Many want to feel part of ‘something’.  
They might not know exactly what.

‘The little I can do won’t make a difference?’  
It could.

‘I don’t regularly have free time.’  
Occasional free time is still time.

‘I don’t know many people.’  
There are different ways to get to know people.

‘Things were different where I used to live.’  
Things may differ, that could be a good thing?

You may wonder what this is all about. **Community.**

When we are part of a thriving community, we feel a sense of kinship and camaraderie. This doesn’t only mean the weekend trip to the local bar or midweek yoga class (although these can be important and can foster a sense of belonging). Within a strong community people feel valued.

We know modern life is busy. Sometimes we feel like we are running on a treadmill and just can’t stop. However, to give time to someone or something else can be deeply satisfying. Even if that time is only an hour a month or a weekend once a year the benefit you could gain from a little volunteering could make a huge difference.

Plus, many hands make light work, as they say, so it’s a win-win for everyone involved.

Check out your Parish Magazine or Appledore Village Noticeboards for volunteering opportunities.

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## **Appledore Diary – July 2025**

### **Regular Events In The Village Hall**

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
Wednesday	Lindyfit 7.30pm – 9pm
Thursday	Pilates 9.45am - 10.45am
Thursday	Citizens Advice - By Appointment
Friday	Tai Chi 10.15am - 11am

### **Other Appledore Events - July 2025 - Venues as listed**

Saturday 5th July	Bake Day/Produce In the Porch 9.30am - Appledore Village Church
& Saturday 5th July	Appledore Garden Society Visit to Winchelsea
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	Appledore Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm - Main Hall, Village Hall
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	CARM 10am – 11.45am - Village Hall
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	Clive Attrell Antiques - 1-4pm Village Hall
Friday 18th July	Appledore Ramblers - Meet at 1pm Recreation Ground
Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	Food and Artisan Market 10am – 1pm - Village Hall
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	CARM 10am – 11.45am - Village Hall
Friday 25th July	Appledore Garden Society Visit to Woodchurch
Saturday 2nd August	Bake Day/Produce In the Porch 9.30 am - Appledore Village Church

## 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 JULY

*Beginning the Day with God*, a ten-minute reflective service, will be *online only* from Monday to Saturday.

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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](http://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 6<sup>th</sup> July**

##### **The Third Sunday after Trinity**

**11am** Morning Praise (*Appledore Church*)

**6pm** Evensong (*Stone Church*)

#### **Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> July**

##### **The Fourth Sunday after Trinity**

**11am** The Eucharist (*Appledore Church*)

#### **Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> July**

##### **The Fifth Sunday after Trinity**

**11am** Celtic Morning Prayer (*Appledore Church*)

**6pm** Benefice Choral Evensong (*Stone Church*)

#### **Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> July**

##### **The Sixth Sunday after Trinity**

**11am** The Eucharist (*Appledore Church*)

## **July Church Rota 2025**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Sides person</b>	<b>Reader/ Intercessor</b>	<b>Refreshments</b>
<b>6<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Denise</b>	<b>Thelma/ Brenda</b>	<b>Brenda/ Eileen</b>
<b>13<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Judith</b>	<b>Jane/ Helen</b>	<b>Donna</b>
<b>20<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Jo</b>	<b>Roger H/ Chris</b>	<b>Philippa/ Helen</b>
<b>27<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Philippa</b>	<b>Michael/ Tony</b>	<b>Fay</b>
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> August</b>	<b>Donna</b>	<b>Vicki/ Brenda</b>	<b>Brenda/ Eileen</b>

### **CHURCH FLOWER ROTA JULY 2025**



	<b>ALTAR</b>	<b>WEST END</b>	<b>PORCH</b>
July 6 <sup>th</sup>	Sally Linington	Julie Wooding	Judith Clifton
July 13 <sup>th</sup>	Kate Stevens	Helen Hennig	Wendy Selmes
July 20 <sup>th</sup>	Pat Bailey	Paddy Moseley	Lynn Marston
July 27 <sup>th</sup>	Julie Flawn	Stephanie Wright	Helen D.W.

Horne Chapel: Judith Clifton

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.

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## *A Letter from Reverend Fazzani*

Dear Friends,

On July the third we celebrate the feast of Saint Thomas the apostle. Thomas is perhaps better known as Doubting Thomas. He gained this epithet when on being told by his fellow apostles that they had seen the risen Christ, he expressed his doubts. He said that he wouldn't believe them until he had seen and put his fingers into the wounds of Christ. In fact he did see Jesus and was so overcome that he did not insert his fingers into the wounds, he believed when he saw.

I feel that Thomas as Doubting Thomas gets a bad press and is treated unfairly. Perhaps it would be better to call him Sceptical Thomas or even Cautious Thomas. I think there is a tendency when we hear of Doubting Thomas to condemn him. But that seems very unfair, after all I ask you what would you have done?

I suppose we are all in the position of Thomas, we've heard the story of Jesus probably many times. Have we ever doubted? Are we sceptical? Do we simply think it is a story?

Before writing this, I thought carefully about my own journey of faith. I was brought up as a Christian and attended Christian schools until I was 18. When I went to university, I was president of Cathsoc, the university Catholic society. I was trying to think when that changed because change it did, when I lost my commitment to Jesus.

I imagine it was sometime during my 20s. That was when. I became what for convenience's sake I will call a Christmas and Easter Christian. Perhaps my perception of God had changed and possibly my childhood view of God was simply not as important to me, or perhaps even seemed irrational. I'm not sure I ever actually disbelieved but certainly none of it was very important in my eyes at that time.

The God that I learned of at school no longer seemed as important, and perhaps I was too busy or too lazy to do very much about it. It wasn't until many years later the faith which had always lingered was rekindled. It was meeting a particular priest whom some of you may remember Tony Towse the then vicar of Appledore. It was he that showed me a view of God that was relevant to me and to where I was in life at that time. And it was he who entered me into the Anglican Church.

Subsequently his successor as vicar, Lindsay Hammond, continued to grow my faith further.

Eventually after those several decades of floating in the wilderness and after years of training I was ordained as a priest. I am not saying that everyone who finds or re-finds their faith must be ordained! But that they will find that God has a specific job for them is inevitable. So be warned!

So as you can see from my story, my faith could perhaps be defined as having initially been found as a seed in the furnace of doubt and eventually watered and grown at the hands of companions in faith.

Thomas Merton a 20<sup>th</sup> Century Trappist monk and mystic wrote:

**" man of faith who has never experienced doubt is not a man of faith"**

Well that's certainly true in my case and in probably everyone who calls themselves Christian. It is nothing to be ashamed of we have a good friend and example in Thomas the Apostle whose doubt foreran ours. Also if they were honest, reading the accounts of Jesus' other followers on being initially told of his resurrection, they didn't all believe at first and not until they had seen evidence for themselves.

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Where was God when I was floating in the wilderness? Well Saint Augustine of Hippo describes the journey of faith as following Christ who keeps turning corners ahead of us, and we never quite catch up. In our journey of life which we can call a pilgrimage we follow Jesus, but Jesus turns corners and may sometimes be out of our sight. If we for whatever reason stop our following, then where is Jesus? Well, he's waiting for us just around the corner pausing to give us time for us to catch up.

God Bless,

Rev Keith Fazzani



### **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 5<sup>th</sup> July 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/ bread / savouries please contact either Judith (01233 758285) or Donna (01233 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!

### **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. Training will be given if required.

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



## GRAPEVINE : JULY 2025

Once again we are sad to record another passing of one of our much loved residents. Wendy Thomas, affectionately known by many as 'Welsh Wendy' had gone into Pilgrims' Hospice shortly before passing away on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> June. She had been so bravely fighting her illness for some considerable while, even following the move to her lovely residence in Tenterden, she continued to extend a warm welcome to her many visitors – a replica of her life in Appledore where her door was always 'ajar' for friends to pop in. We cannot close without mentioning her devout assistance in collating the Parish Magazine each month, even when we could see it was becoming a struggle for her. We send our condolences to her son Andrew and daughter-in-law Wendy for their sad loss.

By the time you are reading this edition of the magazine we will have said our goodbyes to Dr. Ruth Smith but we ask that you take time to read the heartfelt tribute by her daughter Sarah. This can be found on Page 15. Well done Sarah and once again we send our condolences and love to you and your family.

Month after month the brilliant group of volunteers who deliver your magazine to your doorstep very rarely find the need to call on one of our reserves. This month however we were very sorry to hear from Jonathan Ramsden that he has had an accident resulting in a fractured leg. We wish Jonathan all the best for a speedy recovery, and look forward to his return – but certainly not before he is completely mended and back on his feet!

On a more cheerful note, by the time you receive your Magazine, Black Lion visitors will have noticed the lovely young barman Joe has moved onto pastures new. We shall miss his cheery smile and efficient service but wish him well in his new job elsewhere. Thanks Joe for always looking after us!

### **Rona Ramsden and the Mouse !!**

We were concerned to hear of Rona's misfortune when an unrecognisable alarm presented itself on the dashboard of her car. A glance through the handbook came up with no solution but an expensive investigation and the knowledge of a faithful mechanic discovered the problem to be caused by a mouse, the evidence of which became apparent on opening up the bonnet and being affronted by a large hole having been gnawed through the workings.

Mice chewing car wires is a common issue that can cause significant problems, ranging from minor inconveniences to potentially dangerous electrical fires. Mice are attracted to cars for various reasons, including the warm, sheltered environment and the availability of materials to chew and build nests. They are particularly drawn to the insulation and scent of car wires, which they use to keep their teeth trimmed.

Damaged wires and holes can be easily attributed to vermin if they have very frayed and jagged edges. Some parts may be missing entirely. Be sure to also check for damaged belts or piles of debris.

If there is damage from inside of the car, some indicators you may notice are that the check engine light may be on, the electrical displays may be malfunctioning, or the car doesn't turn on at all.

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Some more subtle signs may indicate that rodents have been there, but have not yet decided to stay. These could include bad odours, a reduction to heat and sound insulation around the engine, and minuscule amounts of paper or food bits that have been stored in hard-to-see areas.

If you think you may have had rodents in your car, but aren't sure, try shining a UV light around to look for urine stains. You should also be sure to check around your car and the area you park it for rodent droppings.

### **What to Do if Rodents Chewed Your Car Wires**

The first step you should take if rodents have majorly damaged your car wiring is to take your car to a professional. Mechanics know how to fix rodent damage and can repair most issues they cause. Be aware, however, that the cost of wiring repair is usually quite high.

The next step is to take preventative measures. Many excellent products can help you reduce the risk of vermin infestations, but to keep rodents away for good, it's a good idea to hire a service to clear them out for you.

Pest control services will also have more effective and long-lasting ways of dealing with rodents than you can buy from your local store.

Thank you Rona for sharing this and we hope you have no further problem. This sorry tale may alert us all to keep a watchful eye in the future!!

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**July 2025 Update**  
**(<https://www.appledoreparishcouncil.gov.uk>)**

**Keeping safe during hot weather**

Appledore Parish Council's (APC) "resilience team" recommend following the guidance on the next page entitled "News from our Partners" to keep safe during spells of hot weather. Key messages include: stay hydrated, try to include hydrating foods such as melons and cucumber with meals, and to plan any physical activity during cooler times of the day.

Don't forget to look out for each other and check on vulnerable neighbours.

**Car park maintenance**

Carl Wallis, APC's newly appointed gardener, has taken on the responsibility for maintaining the Village Hall and Court Lodge Road car parks. This includes keeping the hedges neat and tidy, as well as keeping the parking areas weed-free. You will hopefully notice the difference over the coming months. Let us know what you think by emailing [enquiries.apc@gmail.com](mailto:enquiries.apc@gmail.com).

A big thank you to Duncan Gray who has offered his time to check maintenance requirements of the car parks' Attenuation Tanks that help to control the flow of excess water.

**APC finances 2024 / 2025**

Many Parish Councils are subject to an external audit of their financial records and processes at this time of the year. APC has now approved its financial records for year-end 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025 and sent them to the auditor. As part of this process there is a 30 working day time-period during which members of the public can view the unaudited records. Select the following link for further information:  
<https://www.appledoreparishcouncil.gov.uk/community/appledore-parish-council-20806/unaudited-fye-mar-25-agar-documents/>

**New APC website address:**

**<https://www.appledoreparishcouncil.gov.uk>**

A reminder that this new website address is now available for APC information including Agendas and Minutes of Meetings. The previous website is no longer being updated.

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## NEWS FROM OUR PARTNERS



### ***Summertime is here – is your community prepared?***

#### ***Preparedness tips to share with your parish.***

*The Kent and Medway Resilience Forum is urging parish and town councils to share key preparedness advice with residents to keep them safe and well, both in their homes and workplaces over the summer.*

High temperatures can affect anyone, yet certain individuals are more susceptible to the effects of heat. The groups at greatest risk include seniors, infants and young children, pregnant individuals, and those with pre-existing health issues.

To safeguard against severe heat during a heatwave, please help to share the following advice:

#### ***At home...***

- Stay hydrated and avoid sun exposure during peak hours, which are from 11am to 3pm.
- Include hydrating foods like cucumbers, watermelon, oranges, and yogurt in daily meals. Foods with a high-water content play a crucial role in maintaining hydration.
- Home environments should be maintained cool by closing windows and curtains in sun-facing rooms.
- Wear appropriate clothing, including hats and sunglasses, seek shade, and apply SPF30 sunscreen or higher.
- Look out for each other and check on vulnerable neighbours.

### ***Get prepared...***

Residents are encouraged to download the [Met Office Weather App](#) to monitor the weather forecast and assess the chances of any significant weather events in their vicinity. Additionally, they can stay informed about the latest UV and pollen forecasts before going outdoors.

- Check if you are eligible for Priority Service Registers to receive extra help during disruption to water or power supplies - visit [www.thepsr.co.uk](http://www.thepsr.co.uk)
- In the event of a power failure due to severe heat, it is advisable for residents to have an [emergency 'grab bag'](#) ready with necessities, including bottled water, medications, a torch, a radio with batteries, important document copies, and a change of clothes.

### ***Out and about...***

- Plan any physical activities, like exercising or walking dogs, for cooler times of the day, such as early morning or late evening.
- Prepare your vehicle for high temperatures by inspecting tyres, fluid levels, battery, and air conditioning. Keep water bottles in the car boot in case of a breakdown.



**Dr Ruth Smith (My Mum)**

I don't know where to start so I will start from the beginning.

Mum moved to Appledore in the 80's. She moved in with her parents Joyce and Frank.

During her time in the village she threw herself into village life. She was involved with the village show from the start. She joined several clubs. She was on the Parish Council and the Village Hall Committee. One charity she was involved with from the start was Carm. This was very close to her heart. She also loved being involved with the flower festival. Later in life she was the Parish Magazine Editor.

In 1990 Mum adopted me. I was 7 years old. From the start she put me 1<sup>st</sup> in everything she did. She did this even up to the end of her life. I have so many amazing memories. One fond memory from when I was very young, she was explaining some things about the Queen. She told me the Queen had two Birthdays. She then turned to me and said you will have two Birthdays also. One will be your date of Birth and the other will be the day you moved in with me and became my daughter. Another memory was when she gave me away at our wedding day. She looked amazing and her speech had everyone in tears I could not be more proud to call her my Mum.

In 2010 Daniel was born. She was now a Granny. When he was born she was the 1<sup>st</sup> person to hold him. She held him for a long while. From then on a special bond had been formed. I was living with Mum for the 1<sup>st</sup> year of his life. She had a baby around the house which she had never had before. She was so patient, caring and gentle. It was so beautiful to watch. All she wanted was for us to be happy. This is what she was like with her friends also. Her whole life she would put everyone else in her life before herself. This showed what kind of person she was.

Mum also loved Rob. She always did from the first time she met him at my Grandad's funeral in 2007. She would never have agreed to him marrying me if she didn't. He even went to ask her permission to marry me and let me tell you she didn't make it easy.

All through her life she also had lots of pets. She had dogs and cats. She had hens and she even had tortoises.

When she became terminally ill so many people came out of the woodwork to help her. She was so overwhelmed. She would say I didn't think I was liked that much and she was really moved by it. I want to say a huge thank you to you all. To those that helped Mum and to those that also helped me.

I know she will be missed by so many of us.

We will meet you again Mum, of that I am sure  
Sarah, Rob and Daniel



It's quite a while since I wrote about my life and times. But I felt I must tell you how sad I was to hear about my friend who died so suddenly. Every month I used to send her a story or a few anecdotes about my life and times for the magazine. She always replied with a funny comment or a "thank you" or even "really Brodie, are you serious?" and sometimes, "very entertaining!" Then at the end of last year I said to her I thought it was time to give the magazine a rest.  
.....and now, she's gone.

So dear Ruth this is a little story in memory of you and it's all about socks. I think it would have made you smile. My mum calls me the sock queen. I go round the house picking up socks wherever I find them. I've got quite a collection, all different colours, some with holes in, and some not smelling quite so nice, if you get my meaning. I keep them all in my bed. So now every morning, we are getting ready for our walk and I'm sitting patiently waiting by the door. Then it's "Brodie I can't find my socks. Where are my socks, have you taken them again?" I don't know why she sounds cross, after all I'm keeping them all safe and warm. You just can't please some people. Then at last we are ready, she looks funny as her socks don't match, but who cares?

I had another friend I don't see anymore either. He used to come and visit me at home. He would come in to say hello and wait for a biscuit, usually a Bonio. They were his favourites. The last time I saw him was when he came to say goodbye. He was elderly and struggled to walk very far but he was a good friend and I liked him a lot. Sometimes I walk past his house and stop to see if he is there but he's not.

So that's all for now. I've got my lead on and I'm always ready and waiting for the next walk, but it's nice to share memories, especially the good ones.

Love Brodie



## Appledore Garden Society

### Two Events for July 2025

#### **Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> July Winchelsea Open Gardens**

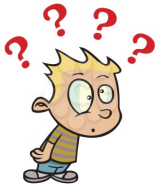
There will be a group visit to Winchelsea visiting several gardens open to the public as part of the National (Open) Gardens Scheme. The National Gardens Scheme gives visitors access to private gardens and raises impressive amounts of money for nursing and health charities through admissions and refreshments. Core beneficiaries include MacMillan Cancer Support, Marie Curie, Hospice UK and The Queen's Nursing Institute. They also support charities doing amazing work in gardens and help community projects, recognising gardens and gardening have great mental health benefits.

#### **Friday 25<sup>th</sup> July Woodchurch Cottage Flowers, Woodchurch**

Our second visit of the month (we don't often have 2) is to an artisan florist and flower grower. Lin and her team grow the most amazing English flowers, without chemicals or pesticides and with a low carbon footprint. There are wonderful old-fashioned favourites which give a real sense of nostalgia. It's a very busy time of year, wedding season, so we are lucky to be able to visit in July!

For any more information on all events or about joining our friendly bunch please email the Secretaries of the Appledore Garden Society, Tina O'Reilly and Jo Weeks on [appledoregardensociety@gmail.com](mailto:appledoregardensociety@gmail.com) or give Tina a call on 01233 758475





**Puzzle Time - Just for Fun**  
**Can you Connect Groups of Four Words?**

For example: Circle, Square, Rectangle, Star – these are all types of shapes.

Canyoning	Heart	Swing	Irish
Saute	Cajun	Diamond	Pirouette
Ace	Twist	Penche	Hiking
Bouldering	Club	Echappe	Mountaineering

*Answers on page 19*

### BOOK CLUB REVIEW

Our book club last read was **“The Island of Sea Women” by Lisa See**. An extraordinary and captivating novel, brilliant but extremely harrowing. It is set on an island, Jeju, at the foot of South Korea, an enormously important strategic island, to the Japanese, Russians and Americans. The story involves around the lives of the haenyeo, who are the female “free” divers of Jeju and their friendships, betrayals and the reliance that binds the two main characters together.

This is not only a compelling story of friendship but also an absolutely fascinating insight into Korean history and culture. I am sure like many, I had not even heard of haenyeo, just incredible, with their traditions, rituals and the dangers and struggles that they went through to achieve their unique lives. Their struggles for basic subsistence, what they had to feed their families on was just so hard, but they managed, though a low point to me was dried ox gallstones!

The historical events depicted in the book, such as the Japanese occupation, the impact of World War II, and the Korean War are traumatic and distressing but are presented with sensitivity. These events and occupations, shape the lives, choices and futures of the haenyeo. This book is a must-read for those who appreciate historical fiction, cultural narratives, and stories of strong, complex women. It is a haunting and unforgettable read, that will stay with you long after you have finished it.

As I found it so fascinating, I am interested to read further about Korean history, and I have been recommended “Nothing to Envy” Real Lives in North Korea by Barbara Demick. At the time Barbara Demick was a Los Angeles Times journalist, based in Seoul, who wrote the book from interviews with North Korean refugees who had escaped and made it to Seoul. I believe a very informative read and in 2010 the book was awarded the BBC Samuel Johnson Prize for Non-Fiction.

Our next read is, **“The Covenant of Water” by Abraham Verghese**.

Set against the lush, vibrant landscape of South India, a multigenerational tale of a family bound by love and secrets. A truly great family saga, it spans generations, cleverly weaves together different plots and intertwines personal stories with historical events. Verghese crafts an epic tale with a cast of beautifully written characters and unexpected twists. Looking forward to it and I think an easier read than last months!

Philippa xxx

## Appledore Ramblers June 2025 walk

So today, with flaming June living up to its name, we started our ramble at the Ferry Inn having met up at the recreation ground first as usual.

11 people and one dog today.

We took AT94 along the Reading Sewer turning left onto AT93 along the farm track to Luckhurst. Crossing the country road, we passed the lovely little pond and entered the cooling woods until the footpath crossed AT103. There we bore left to cross fields and continued along the edge of a wood until we crossed the road that leads to Catts Hill.

The footpath leads up to St Mary's church, Stone, still on AT103. We then took AT109 through some fields (one with cattle in it) up to Top Road then crossing over to AT112. A shaded walk opens onto the magnificent views provided by the cliff tops across to the wind farm and far-reaching countryside.



At Great Prawls Farm we turned towards Waddle Corner, passing sheep with their lambs, then turning right and walking a short distance along the side of the Wittersham Road. Soon after the bend in the road we cut through the hedge on the left and follow AT102 downhill and through a couple of lovely meadows to Lower Road. Turning right we follow the road until we get back to the kissing gate onto AT93 and then AT94 back to the Ferry Inn where cool drinks or cups of tea beckoned.

Flora; Yellow Rattle, Wild Orchids, Rye Grass, Timothy, Wheat and Durham Wheat.

Fauna; Badger, Buzzard, Yellow Hammer, Pheasant

Tracy Morgan x



## Appledore Garden Society



Appledore Garden Society have enjoyed a busy June. A group of us visited the beautiful gardens at Godinton House in Ashford. The formal gardens include wonderful herbaceous borders, a rose garden, Italian garden and an amazing walled garden that at this time of year was bursting with colour from the stunning delphiniums on display.

Our next event was on Summer Solstice day when over 50 members and friends got together for an Afternoon Tea Party at Willow Green Cottage. Much preparation had gone in beforehand in the way of mowing, weeding, the sewing of bunting and the planting of flower beds and pots to make the garden look as good as it could!! Then the day before was spent scrubbing tables and chairs that had been stored in dusty sheds over the Winter, putting up gazebo's, setting everything up and continually sweeping the deck of the tiny seeds from the Silver Birch tree!! Then as forecasters told us the weather was going to be over 30 degrees centigrade, we had to borrow more umbrellas from all corners of the village to provide us with shade.

As always at Appledore events, the bakers in the village did not disappoint!! The famous local cheese scones were in attendance along with a vast array of cakes and sweet scones served along with delicious jams and clotted cream. The best china had been dusted off for teas and coffees and Pimms and homemade Elderflower and lemon cordial proved very popular, especially as it was so hot. A selection of plants was available to buy and we had a wonderful raffle full of prizes all generously donated.

So to everyone who helped set up, baked cakes and scones, donated prizes and then came along for the afternoon a HUGE thank you. We hope everyone enjoyed themselves and we are absolutely ecstatic to say that we raised just over £500.00 for Appledore Garden Society Funds.

So if you fancy joining in the fun and becoming a member of Appledore Garden Society please contact the Secretaries – details are in the 'Who to Ask' Section of this magazine.

Jo and Tina

Appledore Garden Society Joint Secretaries



### PUZZLE TIME ANSWERS:

1. Pirouette, Penche, Saute, Echange – Ballet Moves
2. Canyoning, Mountaineering, Hiking, Bouldering – Climbing Sports
3. Heart, Ace, Club, Diamond – Playing Cards
4. Twist, Swing, Cajun, Irish – Types of Dance

(Puzzle was on Page 17)



## 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.

Donna 01233 758256

### OTHER ITEMS



Do you have any unwanted and unopened toiletries and cosmetics? If so please may we have them as an added attraction at the Flower Festival stall. Also if you are able to knit, sew, paint, crochet, or any other craft please would you consider making something for us to sell no matter how small ( or indeed large!) I can collect if you wish.

Are you cutting down your lavender any day soon? If you don't want it we do please!

Every year we produce around 300 lavender bags for the Flower Festival and the sooner we can start the better as we need to dry it and strip it before stuffing the bags all before August 23<sup>rd</sup>. No pressure!!!

I am happy to collect if you call me, Judith on 01233 758285



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## WE'RE HIRING

We are looking for keen, enthusiastic and reliable individuals to join our grape picking team at our Kent vineyard (TN26 2BE).

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**Working day:** 8am - 4:30pm. Finish time may fluctuate.

**Pay:** £12.21 p/h plus holiday pay.

For more information and to discuss please contact:

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### Seasonal Casual Work

Someone recently mentioned to me about the Seasonal Work that used to take place around Appledore. I was then aware of the advert in this edition of the magazine for Gusbourne Vineyard requiring Grape Pickers. This made me think of the various casual work that I recall around Appledore.

As a child I remember visiting grandparents who were employed picking hops down Moor Lane (nearer to Woodchurch than Appledore). With Oast Houses in the Village there were obviously Hop Gardens here as well.

Asparagus season employed several people. Out in the fields would be men cutting the asparagus whilst in the building ladies would be washing the asparagus, tying into bundles, cutting to length and boxing up.

Flower Picking involved several people in the fields of Daffodils and Tulips. The gathered flowers were then taken to one of the farm buildings where others would check the quality, cut the stems to a set length and pack into boxes ready to go to market.

I remember the cardboard boxes would be delivered as flat packs. Someone would then fold the sides up and using a stapler on a stand with a foot pedal operation, clip the box together.

Potato picking was a back breaking job, bending over putting the potatoes into trugs or wire baskets then carrying it to the scales to weigh and tip into a sack.

Whilst the above were mostly carried out by the big farms, runner beans were grown more by the small farms or small-holdings. Before the beans were ready for picking people would be employed to tie the bean plant to the bean pole with rushes. When ready the larger beans would be picked and placed in trugs, taken to the scales and weighed out in bushel boxes.

Broad beans were another crop that required casual labour. Each person took a row across the field, pulling the pod off the stalk and placing in a sack, then bending the stalk over and moving on to the next stalk.

Then of course there would be Harvest time when small farms with only one or two staff would require help with collecting and stacking the straw and hay bales.

If you have memories or experiences of casual work do send them in to the magazine.

Brian Knight

**The Dementia Experience**, a local Community Interest Company, is on a mission: to bring support, compassion, and moments of joy to those affected by dementia.

Inspired by personal experience of their own family members' dementia, Clara Hebblethwaite and her team approach dementia in a refreshingly positive and proactive way, supporting family members from feeling isolated and overwhelmed with hope and guidance.

They offer a wide range of uplifting initiatives designed to inform, support, and connect families and carers in our local community, including:

- 'Hug in a Mug' Coffee Mornings in Benenden and Woodchurch – warm, welcoming spaces for family members.
- Professional Classical Concerts in local care homes – bringing comfort and enrichment to residents.
- Tea Parties for carers, families, and people with dementia in Rolvenden – joyful opportunities to connect.
- 'Food for Thought' Information Sessions in Tenterden – providing expert knowledge and shared learning.
- Phoenix Dementia Choir in Rolvenden, in partnership with The Rhythm of Life community choir – described by participants as “medicine” for the soul.

They also produce a growing collection of free online resources and podcasts, sharing powerful stories and expert insights.

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# Hug in a Mug

*For those who have family members with dementia*

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**Friday 11th July**

**10am- 11.30am**

# Info Sharing Session

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