



# Appledore Archive

## Memories and Milestones from Appledore's Past



*He also told me, "I well remember pushing that car up the hill. I had just started school and I was five or six, so it was about 1909.*

*The first Appledore resident to own a car was Mr Spur of Poplar Hall. It was a de Dion-Bouton and had huge brass headlamps. My Uncle worked as a gardener for Mr Spur and Mr Spur sent my Uncle off to learn how to drive. Poplar Cottages were built in 1913 to house his chauffeur and gardener. Soon after, the Spurs left the village."*

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## The First Car In Appledore

The following article was written for the Parish Magazine in the 1960s by Appledore resident, Shirley Puckett.

*The very first motor car came to Appledore early in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century. Moving in a cloud of dust, for the road was not metalled until 1912, it came up past the school. The whole school, with the Schoolmaster, turned out to follow it up to Mannerings Corner. There was a driver and one passenger and it had boards on each side advertising Sunlight Soap. As the road began to rise the passenger jumped out but in vain, for the engine was still not up to taking the incline and the vehicle stopped. Many small hands pushed the car up to the corner, the driver jumped in and with a wave, they headed off towards Woodchurch. So the car did not actually come through Appledore.*

*The Schoolmaster commented that the motor car would never catch on if you had to 'pook' it up every little hill! 'Pook' is a dialect word somewhere between 'push' and 'poke'. The one-time schoolboy who told me the story did not know the make of car.*

