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From the TEMPORARY Editors

Tuning into the news these days is a very depressing pastime with a great deal of our world in turmoil. But come nearer to home and what a joyous sight as we drive around our countryside and come across an abundance of yellow daffodils and primroses, with catkins swaying overhead as they immerge from their winter sleep. Even the sun has fleetingly dared to peep from behind the clouds, and we also welcome the arrival of the first lamb to appear in the field at the rear of our garden.

With Easter just around the corner, we send best wishes to our readers as you enjoy this lovely time of the year. The magazine lists the church services and you can find an Easter quiz/colouring sheet for the children, and not to be outdone, a local quiz for the adults.

The Art Club is poised again to amaze us with their skills at the forthcoming exhibition, and by popular demand we are pleased to learn that the Appledore History Society's talk on Mr Pitts Ditch, 'why and how the Royal Military Canal was built', is being repeated for all those who were unable to attend or obtain a ticket last time. Also look out for the Wonky Donkey poster – an evening in the village hall to learn about the all-important facts of caring for our much beloved equine.

We are still urgently in need of an Editor and a Treasurer. If you think either of these roles is something you might be interested in please contact us just for a general chat – no commitment.

Tel: Brian and Tessa : 01233 758319 – we should love to hear from you.

Happy Easter

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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 – April 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
Friday 4 th April	History Society Talk on Military Canal 7pm – 10pm
Saturday 5 th April	Cake Bake Day 9.30am Church Porch
Monday 7 th April	APC Meeting 7.30pm Main Hall
Tuesday 8 th April	CARM 10am – 11.45am
Friday 11 th April	Ramblers Recreation Ground 1pm
Saturday 12 th April	Craft Fair 10am – 2pm
Sunday 13 th April	Antique Fair 10am – 4pm
Tuesday 15 th April	Preventing the Wonky Donkey 6.30pm for 7pm start
	Further details within the Magazine
Tuesday 22 nd April	CARM 10am – 11.45am
Saturday 26 th April	Art Exhibition 10am – 4pm
Tuesday 29 th April	Gardening Club 7.30pm – 9pm
Thursday 1 st May	Polling Day 6.30am – 10pm



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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 APRIL

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

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

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

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

To access our daily online worship, visit:

YouTube

St Mildred's, Tenterden

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

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

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

Saturday 5th April

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

Sunday 6th April: The Fifth Sunday of Lent and Passion Sunday

11am Morning Praise (*Appledore Church*)
2pm Forest Church (*Rolvenden Churchyard*)
6pm Sung Evensong (*Stone Church*)

Saturday 12th April

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

Sunday 13th April: Palm Sunday

11am The Eucharist (*Appledore Church*)

Monday 14th April: Monday in Holy Week

7pm Cross Purpose: A Reflective Service for Holy Week (*Appledore Church*)

Tuesday 15th April: Tuesday in Holy Week

7pm Cross Purpose: A Reflective Service for Holy Week (*Appledore Church*)

Wednesday 16th April: Wednesday in Holy Week

10am Holy Communion (*St Michael's Church*)

10am Holy Communion (*Tenterden Church Hall*)

7pm Cross Purpose: A Reflective Service for Holy Week (*Appledore Church*)

Thursday 17th April: Maundy Thursday

7pm Eucharist of the Last Supper and Vigil (*Rolvenden Church*)

Friday 18th April: Good Friday

10am Good Friday Service (*Appledore Church*)

2pm Good Friday Service (*Smallhythe Church*)

6pm Service of Contemplation (*Wittersham Church*)

7pm Cross Purpose: A Reflective Service for Holy Week
(Tenterden Church Hall)

Saturday 19th April: Holy Saturday

9am Cross Purpose: A Reflective Service for Holy Week
(Tenterden Church Hall)

followed by optional breakfast at 9.30am

7pm A Service of Waiting and Expectation (*Rolvenden Church*)

Sunday 20th April: Easter Day

6am Churches Together Dawn Service (*Glebe Field, Tenterden*)

11am The Eucharist (*Appledore Church*)

6pm Benefice Evensong (*Rolvenden Church*)

Sunday 27th April: The Second Sunday of Easter

11am The Eucharist (*Appledore Church*)

6pm Sung Evensong (*Stone Church*)

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April Appledore Church Rota 2025

Date	Sides person	Reader/ Intercessor	Refreshments
6th April	Philippa	Vicki/ Brenda	Brenda/ Eileen
13th April	Donna	Roger H/ Chris	Helen/ Donna
20th April	Jo	Michael/ Donna	Fay/ Philippa
27th April	Judith	Frances/ Tony	Donna
4th May	Helen	Jane/ Brenda	Brenda/ Eileen

APPLEDORE CHURCH FLOWER ROTA APRIL 2025

	ALTAR	WEST END	PORCH
April 20 th (Easter)	Paddy Moseley	Sally Linington	Helen Hennig
April 27 th	Wendy Selmes	Fay Steed	Donna Clifton
May 4 th	Lynn Marston	Kate Stevens	Steph Wright

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.



GRAPEVINE : APRIL 2025

This month Grapevine is delighted to be able to report on some good news, having received the following article:

“Congratulations to the Selmes family who announce the engagement of David Selmes and Kelly Gray. David met Kelly whilst working on Love Island in Majorca, and finally after finishing work on Love Island in South Africa this year, David arranged a romantic proposal whilst on Safari. Luckily the lady said yes - and the lions lost out !!

Two days later Stephen and Alex Selmes welcomed a son, Hudson Arthur George, into the family. Hudson arrived two weeks early and weighed in at 8lb 13oz. The happy family are all doing well and enjoying their time together “

Thank you for sharing this with us, Graham and Wendy, and we wish them all every happiness for the future.

We are sorry to learn that Daphne Waters has recently suffered a fractured elbow, and a consequential stay in hospital. We send her our best wishes for a speedy recovery.

At the time of going to print we are sorry to hear that Jean Penfold is in hospital and wish Jean all the best in her recovery.

Sandwich Board Man receives award ... in recognition of his continual community work we congratulate Duncan (Gray) on receiving an award from KCC. This was presented at the recent open Parish Meeting by KCC County Councillor Mike Hill, and was with particular reference to the outstanding success both Duncan and his wife Beverley, with others, have achieved in their amazing restoration of the allotments. Well done and we look forward to seeing your dedication come to fruition over the coming months.

Wishing you all a very happy Easter



From the Minister's Desk

“Let us pray that this upcoming Jubilee may strengthen us in our faith, helping us to recognise the Risen Christ in the midst of our lives, transforming us into pilgrims of Christian hope.” Pope Francis

Pilgrims of Hope

In December of 2024 Pope Francis opened the Jubilee door to symbolically mark the start of a Jubilee Year of Grace.

The biblical roots of the jubilee come from the book of Leviticus (Lev 25:8-13) with the encouragement to take stock, rest in God's mercy and forgive debts.

Every 25 years we have a Holy Year to renew our faith and trust in Jesus and reflect on our journey of faith.

In John's Gospel, Jesus says “I am the door; if any one enters by me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture.”(Jn 10:9 RSV) Walking through the door requires a step in faith.

The theme for this Jubilee year is ‘Pilgrims of Hope’. We live in times that present both great challenges and new opportunities to share the good news about Jesus. Every time someone we care about turns to us to express their frustration or sorrow with the crosses of life we have an opportunity to invite them to walk through the door of faith; to find hope in Christ's promise of eternal life in him.

We don't know what the future will hold. Since the pandemic in 2020 there has been a spirit of fear and anxiety which has led to many people struggling with mental health and wellbeing. The uncertainty of life in both global geo-politics and our own lives in England can make some people retreat into their own world. So this theme of ‘Pilgrims of Hope’ has particular poignancy for our times and is very much needed.

As Archbishop John Wilson reminded us at the beginning of the Jubilee Year, Christian hope is the ‘desire for the kingdom of heaven and eternal life. It means relying on Christ's promises and the help of the Holy Spirit.

We are invited to live this trust in Christ's promises every day of our lives, in carrying out the simple duties of our state in life with love and concern for all those in our community. God has prepared something wonderful for all those who love him and we do not place our hopes in politics or the economy, as necessary as these are, but in the promise of Christ who has proved himself to be trustworthy and true.

This July our parish deacon Jolyon Vickers will retire from active ministry. He has been a tremendous source of comfort and Christian hope to the bereaved and sick. The faithful have enjoyed his sermons and his passion for ecumenism has reminded of the urgent task of working toward real unity with all Christians. Jolyon's tireless work as Chair of Churches Together in Tenterden has brought all the local Christian communities closer together in prayer and mutual respect.

This Jubilee year of 2025 is a special time of grace for all Christians and all people of good will. With Jesus, the door is always open and he will not turn anyone away who comes to him. We commend all those who are sick or in need to the merciful heart of Jesus.

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope. (Rom 15:13 ESV)

Fr. Behr



Holy Week

13th April – 20th April

Holy Week begins on Palm Sunday and ends on Easter Day and tells the story of the last week of Jesus' life on earth.

Holy Week is crucially important. So important, that about one-third of the gospel story focuses on this week.

We often think of Holy Week as the commemoration, one at a time, of a series of events in the life of Jesus. But Holy Week is really a single observance with an integral unity of purpose and proclamation. Holy Week is like a procession, which begins with palms and branches on Palm Sunday, and continues throughout the week as we follow Jesus to the cross and to the glory and wonder of his resurrection.

Will you follow Jesus faithfully in the whole procession of Holy Week? If you do, it will be your privilege to share in some of the richest rites and ceremonies of the Christian Church and so be fed and nourished spiritually by drawing closer to Jesus, our Messiah and Lord. Elsewhere in this issue of the magazine, you will find the services for Holy Week.

Preventing the Wonky Donkey

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place




BELL EQUINE
VETERINARY CLINIC

Tuesday 15th April
Arrival for 6:30PM

Appledore Village Hall, Appledore,
Kent, TN26 2AE





Hello All

April is an exciting month as you can really go for it! Sow those seeds, take cuttings for propagating, plant the last of those shrubs that you never got round to in March but don't leave it any later.

If you didn't take advantage of the dry weather in March then now is the time to get those potatoes in the ground.

Basically you can now sow 90% of all Veg seed and flower seeds. However there is one seed I advise you not to plant until the end of April going into May and that is sweetcorn.

Sweetcorn does not like it cold. One of the best varieties I find is Swift, if you sow it outside please make sure you sow it in a block 12-18 inches apart in all directions, not in a row as sweetcorn is wind pollinated.

BUT be warned I have found it for sale at RHS Wesley Garden Centre in March. I took it up with them and they turned around and said "oh our customers like to buy early". Meaning you like to con-your customers making them buy it twice ?

I also can't understand why some of these garden centres sell carrot and parsnip plants, as in my experience neither replant well and a much better success rate is achieved from direct sowing of seeds and then thinning them out.

I suspect it is just another way of making money from the unsuspecting public!

Just one final word of caution watch out for box blight and box caterpillar in your box hedges. Many hedges were decimated in Appledore last year, sadly once your hedge has turned brown, there is no coming back!

That's all for now folks, might see you again next month

Puzzle Time

**The following are places no further than 25 miles from Appledore.
Can you untangle them?**

- | | |
|-----------------|--------------------|
| 1). WREN MONEY | 2). KNOTS OF EEL |
| 3). DOG HAMMERS | 4). ANCHORED |
| 5). AGENT STORE | 6). DRAGON IN KENT |
| 7). THIEF HOLD | 8). WHITE TRAMS |
| 9). SNAG DATE | 10). PARED POLE |

APPLEDORE PARISH COUNCIL



April 2025 Update

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



Duncan Gray receives the Kent Association of Local Councils (KALC) award for services to the community

At the recent Appledore Parish Meeting of local clubs, societies, organisations and businesses, County Councillor Mike Hill paid tribute to Duncan for his considerable effort in developing the Allotments and providing support to other village projects.

This set the tone for a successful evening of presentations that demonstrated the amazing breadth of activities on offer for the Appledore community.

These included the Art Club, Garden Society, Book Club, Flower Festival, Ramblers, and the Black Lion Public House. A big thank you to all the presenters, and to Linda Hiskey, Philippa Perkins, and helpers for a great evening.

Update: new playground warning signs and electric vehicle car chargers

Appledore Parish Council (APC) and Kent County Council (KCC) have agreed road safety improvements for the section of The Street where it abuts the Recreation Ground. This includes



2 new playground warning signs, refreshed road painted 30mph and SLOW marking signs. This scheme will hopefully go some way to slowing the traffic entering this stretch of road, including reducing the excessive tractor speeds, as recently reported.

2 x Electric Vehicle chargers have been installed at Court Lodge Road car park. Please let neighbours and friends know this resource is available. APC are grateful to KCC for their grant contribution, and to Voltshare for providing the equipment.

APC priorities 2025 – 2026 (below), email enquiries.apc@gmail.com with your thoughts

- **5 Sandpiper Close:** ensure an acquisition option that best serves the community
- **Recreation Ground:** replace / upgrade the playground
- **Linear Park Completion**
- **Highways and Byways:** improve road safety / pathway accessibility
- **Village to Station Cycle / Footpath:** see project through to completion
- **Car Parks:** find maintenance, EV charger & lighting solutions
- **Community engagement:** closer working with Village Hall & Rec. Ground Trusts
- **Community Events:** facilitate and support
- **local Government Devolution:** monitor impact on APC and the community

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The Book Club

For last month we read a book from one of our favourite authors, Kristin Hannah. This time it was "The Women", previously we have read "The Nightingale" and "The Four Winds" and it certainly did not disappoint. "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. "The Women" follows 20-year-old Frances "Frankie" McGrath, story joining the Army Nurse Corps and going to The Vietnam war. Frankie was raised in idyllic Southern California by conservative parents, and this was not what her family had planned for her. It was commendable for her brother to go to war but not for her. The war in itself was over whelming, tragic and horrific but worse was to come when returning home. Frankie was ostracised and shunned by her own parents and expected simply to fit back into her previous life. Despite how badly she is treated Frankie never loses the capacity to battle on and eventually finds her place in this changed world. The characters are extremely vivid, and the description of the war zones detailed and realistic creating a poignant journey. The forming of deep friendships and bold patriotism, that we were expecting really shone through, creating a fantastic read. Everyone thought that this was an incredible novel and an amazing story about a very distressing time in history, we would highly recommend it.

Our next read is "The Fury" by Alex Michaelides. This is reviewed as a fast-paced thriller about a reclusive movie star and her famous friends whose spontaneous trip to a private Greek island is upended by a murder. This is a tale of murder, but maybe that is not quite true?

We all love the Greek islands and love a thriller, so can't wait to read and report next month.

Philippa

Annual Church Meetings

Introduction

Every year, before the end of May, each of our churches has to hold a series of three meetings. The three meetings are held on the same day and collectively they are known as the Annual Church Meetings. They are more than business meetings, but rather occasions when we can give thanks to God for all that we have, by God's grace, managed to do during the past year, and commit ourselves to the continuing work of building God's kingdom of love during the year ahead.

The three meetings are:

- Meeting to Elect Churchwardens
- Annual Parochial Church Meeting
- First Meeting of the PCC

Meeting to Elect Churchwardens

This is quite a short meeting and its main purpose is to elect the churchwardens for the coming year.

Each parish has two churchwardens who, in co-operation with the incumbent (i.e. Lindsay), are generally responsible for the day-to-day functioning of the parish, maintenance of the church building and ensuring the smooth running of the church.

Legally, churchwardens have joint responsibility for the contents of the church and are obliged to produce annual reports on the fabric of the church, a terrier of church lands and an inventory of all articles appertaining to the church. They also have to maintain a logbook into which all additions and repairs are entered, and, when the need arises, produce 'faculties' to request permission from the Diocese to make alterations to the fabric of the church.

The following people are entitled to attend this meeting and vote to elect the churchwardens:

people whose names are entered on the church electoral roll, and

people resident in the ecclesiastical parish whose names are entered on a register of local government electors.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

This is the second meeting, at which statutory reports are presented and members of the Parochial Church Council are elected.

The APCM takes place immediately after the Meeting to Elect Churchwardens. It begins with apologies for absence and approval of the minutes of the previous years' APCM. This is followed by the Annual Report, covering worship, mission and ministry, finance, and buildings.

Following the reports, the members of the new PCC are elected.

The PCC is a team made up of members of clergy and also lay members of the church. Together they are responsible for the overall wellbeing of the church (practical as well as spiritual), the church members, and the church buildings.

The PCC is entitled to be consulted on matters of general importance to the parish, to be informed of any proposed changes thereto, to have the opportunity to express an opinion on those changes, and to vote on them.

At the end of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting the first meeting of the new PCC is convened.

The following people are entitled to attend and vote at this meeting:

people whose names are entered on the church electoral roll.

First Meeting of the PCC

This is the final meeting of the evening. It is a brief meeting at which the PCC Secretary, Treasurer and Vice Chair are elected, members of the Standing Committee are selected, and welcomers appointed. Finally the date of the next PCC meeting is set, and the PCC meeting is closed.

The following people are entitled to attend and vote at this meeting:

members of the new PCC.

Date of the Annual Church Meetings

The Annual Church Meetings of the Parish of St Peter and St Paul, Appledore, will take place in Appledore Church on Wednesday 7th May at 7pm.

The Annual Church Meetings of the Parish of St Mary the Virgin, Stone in Oxney, will take place in Stone Church, on Tuesday 6th May at 7.30pm.

Please think about serving on the Parochial Church Councils or even becoming churchwarden! If you are even slightly interested but would like to find out more before definitely deciding, please contact Lindsay or Jeanette.



Appledore Local History Society

**CALLING ALL FORMER APPLEDORE SCHOOL PUPILS,
TEACHERS, AND PARENTS!**

Did you attend Appledore School? Do you have memories or stories to share? We're considering an **Appledore School Exhibition** at our Open Day later this year and we'd like to gauge interest.

This will be a great opportunity to reconnect with old classmates, reminisce, and share memories. We also invite teachers, staff, and parents to join, as they bring a unique perspective on those school years.

If you're interested or have memories, photos, or memorabilia to contribute, please let us know!

Email Jo at secALHS@gmail.com, call 01233 758 405, or visit appledorehistory.org.uk.

APPLEDORE ART CLUB



Appledore Art Club is holding an
exhibition in the Village Hall

26th April 2025

11.00am - 4.00pm

Free admission



Paintings by local artists
cards and paintings for sale

refreshments available



BELLRINGING AT APPLIEDORE

I suppose most of the village heard the bells on the morning of March 15th, and wondered what was going on. I am fairly certain some of the village could tell the difference between the different standards of the ringing, some good and some rather clashing bells. Let me explain.

Appledore is a member of the Kent County Association of Change Ringers, (KCACR), Ashford district and every third Saturday of the month there is a meeting at a church within the district. There are 41 towers in the district with 5 or more bells, so the next meeting here will be in about 4 years time. The meetings cater for ringers of all abilities, some who have just learned to handle a bell and just want some rounds so as to gain confidence whilst others, who are very skilled, can ring the most complicated methods with the greatest of ease. I could at one time ring two or three of the more complicated methods but as I have not done it for a long time it is a distant memory.

Going back to about 15-20 years ago Appledore had a band of ringers who could compete with some of the best ringers in the district and in the ringing room there are certificates to prove it. All of the ringers apart from me lived in the parish but unfortunately things began to change. The tower captain and his wife, both very good ringers, moved away, and soon after another ringer moved away. Then Covid came along and some never came back to ringing after that. The church introduced safeguarding, which upset a lot of ringers and several left through it, although it did not affect Appledore too much.

If there is anyone in the village who would be interested in having a go why not pop along on a Friday evening and see what it is all about. Although some of the bells weigh more than half a ton once they are in the ringing position they ring quite easily with just a gentle pull on the rope.

Frank Wenham

In November the bells fell silent as the local builder BE Ames Ltd carried out the long awaited structural repairs in the church tower. For those that don't know the tower is divided into 5 levels and BE Ames were asked to replace the 4 steel beams in the ringing chamber two of which support the church clock.

The ends of the original beams had delaminated and effectively rusted away and therefore the only solution was to totally replace them.

The ringing chamber had to be emptied for the work to take place. Carpet taken up, peel boards, some of which are over a hundred years old taken down, wrapped in bubble wrap and stored away safely. As the works progressed Aston took photographs, a copy of which has been given to the history society for future generations.

Although the works were completed a couple of days before Christmas the decision was made to let the lime mortar cure fully over the Christmas period and have a fresh start in the New Year. In early January both ringing and bell chambers were thoroughly cleaned and everything carefully reinstalled by Aston, Jan and Richard. The bells were serviced and ropes lowered back down to enable ringing to commence once again. Our church bells are a valuable village asset and we are indebted to the Calladine family for all their work and expertise in making the sure the work was carried out satisfactorily.

Denise Stephens

Check your smoke alarms are in date!

Kent Fire and Rescue Service (KFRS) is urging people to check the expiry date on their smoke alarms, as they only have a lifespan of up to ten years.

Between 2022-2024, approximately 6,600 expired smoke alarms were discovered at properties in Kent and Medway during Home Fire Safety Visits carried out by KFRS with some residents unaware that they expire or how to check them.

The service has now launched its own campaign to raise awareness that smoke alarms expire, how to check their date and how to replace them.

Having an in-date smoke alarm is important in helping keep homes safe, as once they expire the sensors in the alarms become less reliable. This means that they might fail to sound in an emergency or could go off for no reason and could impact how effectively they work if there was a fire.

Rachael Spencer, Safe and Well Manager at KFRS, said: "Whilst many residents in Kent and Medway are great at checking their smoke alarms work, which we recommend testing once a week, we found an increase in the amount of expired smoke alarms on our checks as people don't realise, they have an expiry date.

"Making sure your smoke alarm is in-date is so simple to do and provides an extra level of safety in your home that could make a real difference in case there is ever a fire."

How to check your smoke alarms

The expiry dates for smoke alarms, whether battery-powered or wired-in, should be on the back or side.

To check it, you might need to remove the alarm from the ceiling. Depending on the type of alarm you have, here's the most common ways how:

- twist it counterclockwise to remove from the base; or
- use a screwdriver to unscrew it from the base; or

(for some wired alarms) push a screwdriver into the slot to release it.

If there's no expiry date, it means you'll need to replace the alarm and even if the smoke alarm still sounds, if it has expired then it needs replacing as soon as possible.

If your smoke alarm is out of date, you can buy a new one on any reputable website or in a hardware shop.

If you can't change the smoke alarm safely, we recommend asking a friend or family member for help. But if that's not possible, give us a call on **0800 923 7000** for advice and to book a free [Home Fire Safety Visit](#).

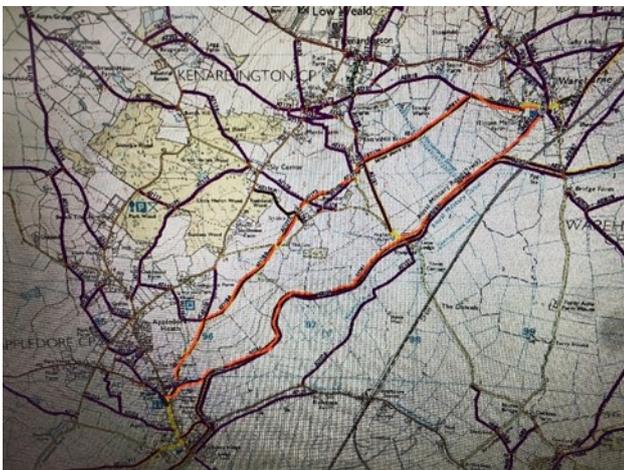
For more information visit: www.kent.fire-uk.org/smoke-alarms-10-year-lifespan

Appledore Ramblers 21st March 2025 walk

We met up as usual at the recreation ground at 1pm and were thrilled to see new faces of Colin, Richard, Tina and Jane! The ramblers and 3 dogs walked along the Military Canal in the Hythe direction and had a refreshing stop at the Woolpack in Warehorne, which was half way along our 6-mile route.

One of the eagle-eyed ramblers spotted a car key along the way and picked it up to see if anyone might come along looking for it. With this still in mind sitting outside the pub, a lady came over and asked if we had happened to have walked from Appledore. Yes, we replied – to her relief, as she then asked if we had spotted a car key! We made her day by handing it over to her. What luck!

Here's the map of our route, with most of the return journey following the Saxon Shore Way, which runs from Gravesend to Hastings and is approximately 160 miles long. It was built by the Romans and follows what used to be the shoreline years ago. It gets its name from the fortifications that were built along the route by the Romans during the third century AD to keep the Saxon pirates at bay.



Please Note

Due to the dates for Easter this year, April's ramble will be on the SECOND Friday, 11th April.



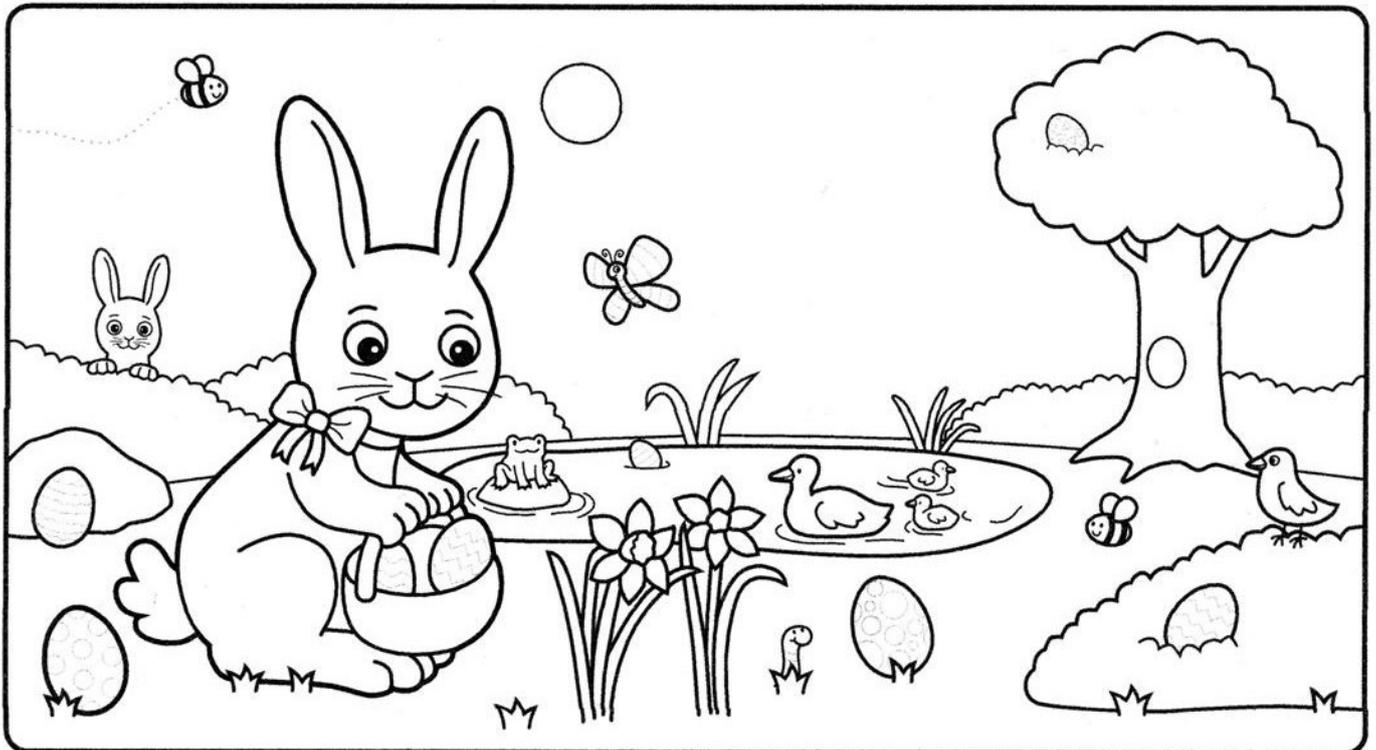
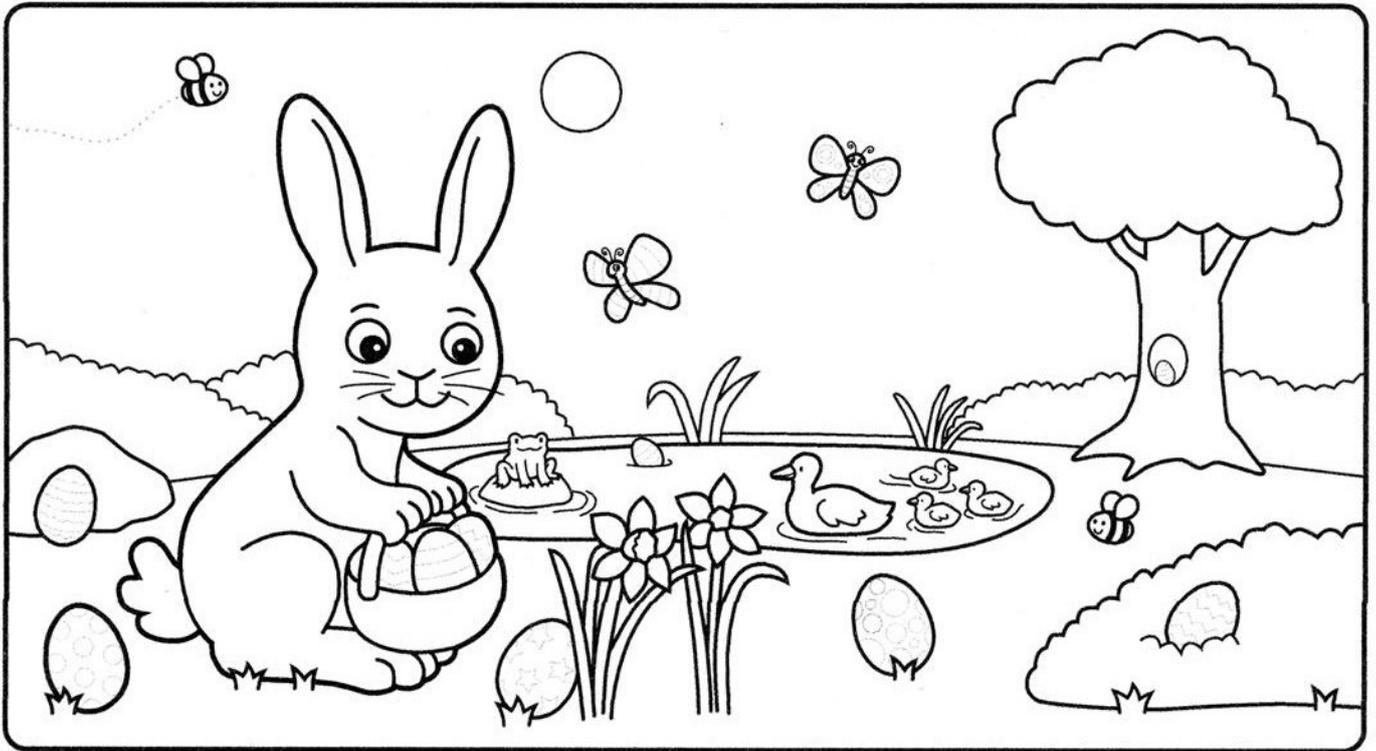
Here are some of us going along the canal bank - and then some of us coming back through the Gusbourne Vineyards;

Answers to Puzzle Time

1. New Romney, 2. Folkestone, 3. Godmersham, 4. Headcorn, 5. Greatstone,
6. Kenardington, 7. Hothfield, 8. Wittersham, 9. Sandgate, 10. Appledore

Easter Spot the Difference

The Easter Bunny is out hiding some eggs. See if you can spot the 10 differences in these two pictures. Circle the differences, and then colour in the picture.





Appledore Garden Society

Our First Group Visit for 2025 - Friday 25th April - Hole Park at Rolvenden

We hope to see carpets of bluebells, swathes of tulips and more wonderful vistas throughout the meadows and woodlands. It is a beautiful time of year to visit.

Included is a private tour with Edward Barham, the owner.

For wheelchair users, the gardens are accessible in many parts, but not all. Transit chairs (with four wheels) may be declined as there are wheelchairs available for hire.

Whilst potentially open to Non-members, this is a group booking and a commitment/ deposit is required to reserve a non member ticket.

For further details please contact one of the

AGS Secretaries : Tina 01233758475 or Jo 01233357459

May Group Visit – Friday 30th May – King John’s Nursery & Garden, Etchingham

The gardens at King John’s Nursery have been developed over the last few years and are blossoming into a collection of very special tranquil areas. With experimental planting and creative use of old materials a walk around always provides the visitors with ideas and inspiration. The gardens showcase a lot of the great herbaceous plants sold in the nursery and also sit perfectly within the wild landscape of the High Weald.

More Visits/Events to come throughout 2025 ! There will be plenty of *flora, garden design, historic gardens, new gardens, Open Gardens, gardens that challenge, gardens that inspire, and of course, we are a sociable group so camaraderie and there are often refreshments too!

**Flora is plant life; fauna refers to animals. Fauna derives from the name of a Roman goddess, but the handiest way to remember the difference between flora and fauna is that flora sounds like flowers, which are part of the plant world; fauna, however, sounds like "fawn," and fawns are part of the animal kingdom.*

BLAST FROM THE PAST

Appledore Parish Magazine September 1960.

Attached inside was a copy of 'The Sign' a Ministry News Letter with an item called -

Vanishing Britain

Britain is disappearing. Or, at any rate, the Britain which our forefathers knew. It is becoming a suburb. Every year more and more acres disappear under bricks and mortar. Everyone is familiar with the remorseless manner in which towns spread out into the surrounding countryside. All of us know villages which, once tightly self-contained, are now becoming dormitory areas for some neighbouring city. It is said, indeed, that it is scarcely possible to fly from the south coast to the north of England without, for any long period, not seeing some sprawl of buildings below.

Nothing foreseeable is going to stop this progress, unless perhaps we begin to extend our towns vertically instead of horizontally, and become more accustomed to live in high blocks of flats. Even that is not likely to affect the sprawl of industrial areas which are a part of our material prosperity. The fact remains that every time a new motorway is driven across the countryside, that every time a new suburb is created, that every time a new building of any sort is laid down some more of the good earth has disappeared for good. Thousands of square miles have vanished in this way since the war.

Basically, of course, the whole process is part of the enormous increase in our population. We live in a pint sized island, and more and more of us are seeking living space and working space within it. In 1805, the year of Trafalgar, there were less people in the whole of the British Isles than there are now in Greater London alone. And Greater London itself contains more than the whole of Australia.

(Seems familiar even now. Ed)

Appledore Parish Magazine June 1960.

APPLEDORE FOOTBALL CLUB 1960

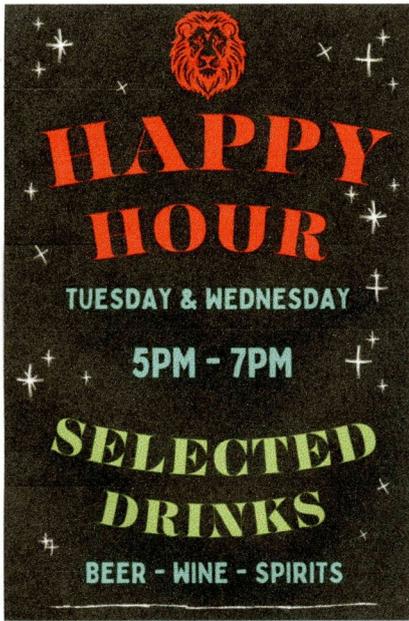
This last season was a patchy one for the soccer team and they finished half way up in Division 2 of the Weald of Kent League. Their record is:-

P 20. W 8. D 2. L 10. Goals For 64. Goals Against 89.
 Leading Goalscorers: D. Gill 16 (inc. 6 in one match)
 R. Gill 12. G. Bourne 11

Biggest Win 13 – 0 v St. Michaels. Away.
 Heaviest Defeat 3 – 14 v Shadoxhurst Away.

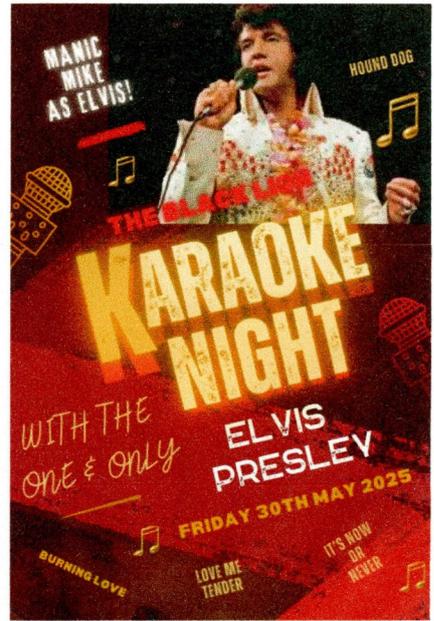
The Team entered 5 Cups but did progress far in any of them. They lost the only friendly game played.

(Does the current Football Club have any interesting results or achievements to share with the magazine)



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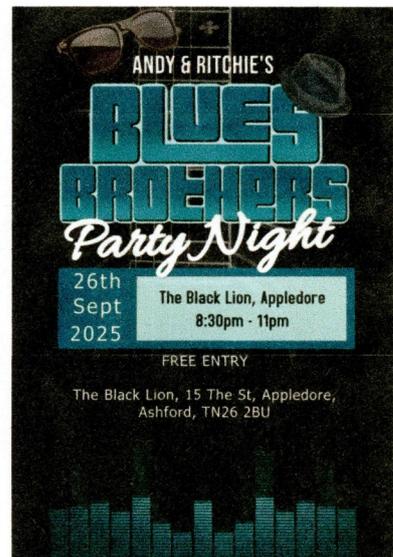
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