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Welcome to the July issue of the Parish Magazine.

I write this on a sweltering Sunday with the hosepipe ban coming in tomorrow. This will be a challenge to the gardeners growing their hopefully prize winning crops for the Show. It was a similar day for the Open Gardens but it didn't put the visitors off. Weren't the gardens beautiful?!

Sometimes, I have an editorial topic already in my head, but when I started putting together this month's magazine, my brain's Ideas Department was coming up blank! However, as I put the magazine together, I felt this overwhelming feeling of loss.

LOSS

I had already had emails advising me that Crossquote, Brodie and yoga were having a break. Inside the magazine you will find that we are no

longer going to be able to enjoy Wednesday morning breakfasts and the Church Bake Day is now dropping down to once a month. We can't restart Good Neighbours. Meeting Point is only twice a month. The Film Night never re surfaced. Grapevine is rarely sent any news. And we couldn't even organise a village street party for the Coronation!

How long all these activities will be reduced or stopped for isn't clear. Some of them started during the pandemic; or soon after in that wave of enthusiasm to get out and meet up with people. Now as we settle back into the sort of life we had pre-Pandemic, apathy reigns supreme again.

There is some light on the horizon. Jo Weeks has successfully restarted the Rambling Club. We have an active Footpath group and the station continues to have glorious flower displays. The Village Show is back. We continue to have our societies and clubs and there is still a range of exercise classes in the Hall. We even have our own singing group as well. We have new Village Gateway signage with colourful baskets, which hopefully will survive the drought.

It is now summer, and summer is traditionally the time when lots of groups have a break, only to restart in the autumn as the cold nights draw in. I hope this is the case for Appledore. In the meantime, have a fun filled summer. Get out and about with your families. Make memories as none of us know what the future may hold. And above all take care of those living near to you. When I was a Girl Guide we were encouraged to do a Good Turn every day and that is a very good resolution for everyone going forward.

Have a great summer.

Ruth

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Appledore Village Diary –July 2023

Monday	Parent & Toddler Group	10am - 1pm
Monday	Aerobics	6.15pm - 7pm
Tuesday	Hamstreet Surgery Prescription Collection	10.15 - 10.45am
Tuesday	Art Class	1pm - 4pm
Tuesday	Pilates	5.55pm – 6.55pm
Wednesday	Aerobics	6.15pm - 7pm
Wednesday	Lindy Fit	7.30pm - 8.30pm
Thursday	Pilates	9.45am – 10.45am
Thursday	Mulberry Zingers, Choir	11.15am – 1.15pm
Friday	Tai Chi	10.15am - 11am
Saturday 1 July	Cake Bake Day	Church Porch 9.30 am
Monday 3 rd July	APC Meeting	7.30pm
Tuesday 11 th July	CARM Meeting Point	10.00 – 11.30am
Saturday 15 th July	Multi Stall Market	9.30am – 3pm
Sunday 16 th July	Antique Fair	9am – 3pm
Sunday 16 th July	Car Rally	Recreation Ground
Tuesday 25 th July	CARM Meeting Point	10.00 - 11.30am
Friday 28 th July	Garden Society—Visit to Great Comp Garden,	Sevenoaks

Please Note - No Pilates or Choir on Thursday 6th July & No Tai Chi on Friday 28th July

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

Morning Prayer will be said Monday to Friday at 9am in Tenterden Church. This service will not appear online.

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.

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

To access our daily online worship, visit:

YouTube

St Mildred's, Tenterden

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCBAbfTcsSiiq4HALM0GRdWg>

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

[Connect Up | The Church of England in Tenterden, Rother & Oxney \(tentroxchurches.co.uk\)](https://www.tentroxchurches.co.uk)

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Saturday 1st July

4.30pm Andrew's First Celebration of the Eucharist (*Tenterden*)
Live streamed and online thereafter

Sunday 2nd July: The Fourth Sunday after Trinity

11am Morning Praise (*Appledore*)

6pm Choral Evensong (*Stone*)

Sunday 9th July: The Fifth Sunday after Trinity

11am The Eucharist (*Appledore*)

Sunday 16th July: The Sixth Sunday after Trinity

11am Celtic Morning Prayer (*Appledore*)

2pm Forest Church (*Glebe Field, Church Road, Tenterden*)

Sunday 23rd July: The Seventh Sunday after Trinity

11am The Eucharist (*Appledore*)

Sunday 30th July: Eighth Sunday after Trinity

11am A Service for Lammas (*Appledore*)

Minister's letter

Dear friends,

As I sit down to write this letter...with a reminder nudge from the magazine committee...I think about how life has been over these past few months and look,optimistically,at the next few months.

We all had a good old moan about all the rain we've endured and now we're worried about the lack of rain. We can be very fickle! I was standing, looking at my fridge doors, covered in magnets offering various words of wisdom, and laughed at most of them. You'll be glad to know that there are a few which bear words of faith. Several of them refer to shoes including one which features the parts of the brain, with the largest area saying 'shoes'! I can't imagine why! My favourite offers the words, 'You may comment on the dust in my house, but do NOT write in it.'

In thinking about the physics of magnets I was moved to being thankful for the 'magnetism' of my faith. Oh so real and foundational in my life. Through all the ups and downs of life we are not promised a problem free existence, but Jesus tells us that He is always with us. I find that promise so true, strengthening and comforting. So many times has that knowledge kept me going.

Yesterday's Gospel passage was the last few words of Matthew's Gospel, Jesus's great sending out of his disciples with a great message for all of us. I pray that we can all experience the 'magnetism' of our loving Lord, and stick with it through all we do and experience in this God given world.

My prayers are for you all.

God bless you.

Margaret.



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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 in this way.

A change of timetable for our well established cake-bake days. From July 1st onwards we will continue on the first Saturday of each month as follows: 1st July, 5th August, 2nd September, 7th October, 4th November and 2nd December. If you feel like making 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 and so all proceeds go directly towards the upkeep of our beautiful church.

The porch is open every day from 9.00 a.m. until late afternoon where you will find our usual range of preserves, books, plants and other desirables.

Thank you for your support. J.C.

Methodist Worship

The Methodists still meet regularly in each others houses to worship in the same manner as they did in the Methodist Chapel. Every fourth Wednesday, a Minister comes and takes a Holy Communion Service. If you prefer a more informal service of Christian Worship, please call Brenda for details—758322

July	2023	Church	Rota
	<u>Sidesperson</u>	<u>Reader/Intercessor</u>	<u>Refreshments</u>
2nd July	Donna	Thelma/Helen	Eileen/Brenda
9th July	Frances	Roger H/Chris	Jane
16th July	Judith	Frances/Tony	Helen/Denise
23rd July	Jo	Jane/Donna	Donna
30th July	Philippa	Michael/Frances	Fay

July	2023	Flower	Rota
	Altar	West End	Porch
2nd July	Fay Steed	Sally Linnington	Judith Clifton
	Wedding.....	on Friday.....	30th June
9th July	Helen Hennig	Julie Wooding	Linda Hiskey
16th July	Denise Stephens	Judy Hurren	Helen Downing-Waite
23rd July	Julie Flawn	Lynn Marston	Wendy Thomas
30th July	Frances Smith	Kate Stevens	Paddy Moseley
6th August	Donna Clifton	Wendy Selmes	Dawn Prance
Hornes	Chapel	Judith	Clifton

If you are unable to take your turn, please telephone Judith Clifton 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.

With lots of newcomers to the village I am hoping that some might like to join the flower rota? It involves committing to maybe around 5 times a year and no skills required – just enthusiasm and a wish to be involved. Full support and training given! Why not give it a go? J.C.

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Parish Council Update June 2023

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

Vandalism:

What a sad state of affairs! The Play area in the Recreation Ground was resurfaced at a cost of thousands of pounds: Before the newly laid surface had set, youngsters walked over the surface causing permanent damage. The footprints can be seen to this day as a testimonial of this poor behaviour.

Within recent weeks our public toilets have been closed, causing inconvenience to many. This closure is due to extensive vandalism to both Men's and Ladies toilets. The repair cost when finally calculated will be hundreds of pounds-if not over £1000.

Kent Police are supporting the Appledore Parish Council. If residents suspect any misbehaviour- especially in the late afternoon- please immediately telephone the Chairman of the Parish Council: Roger Hiskey 01233 758097

Friends Of Appledore Footpaths:

A detailed and quite fantastic schedule of works underway and required to Appledore footpaths has been compiled by Tracy Morgan, Paul Ripley and Friends of Appledore Footpaths. This was presented to the Parish Council.

In the schedule, areas were identified where working parties are required, due to the scale of the task; as well as repairs to the bridge leading to the Beacon, and further smaller works which can be tackled with just one or two individuals.

The Friends of Appledore Footpaths highlighted the importance of respecting existing footpaths when planning permissions are granted. Several cases of this kind have exercised the minds of the Parish Council in recent meetings.

Appledore Parish Council will continue to provide all support to F.O.A.F.

Churchyards in Appledore:

The maintenance of these Churchyards was raised at the June Parish Council meeting. Volunteers are required to assist with grass cutting and maintaining both the Churchyards of St Peter and St Paul's Church.

At present a disproportionate amount of work is being kindly undertaken by Team Vicar Reverend Jeanette Kennett and her husband Jeremy. There is the issue of volunteers being able to use appropriate equipment, so volunteers should liaise with Jeanette (caulkhead7@talktalk.net/ 758250) or members of the Parochial Church Council who are themselves addressing this issue

Next Council Meeting : Monday 3rd July 7.30 Village Hall

GUSBOURNE

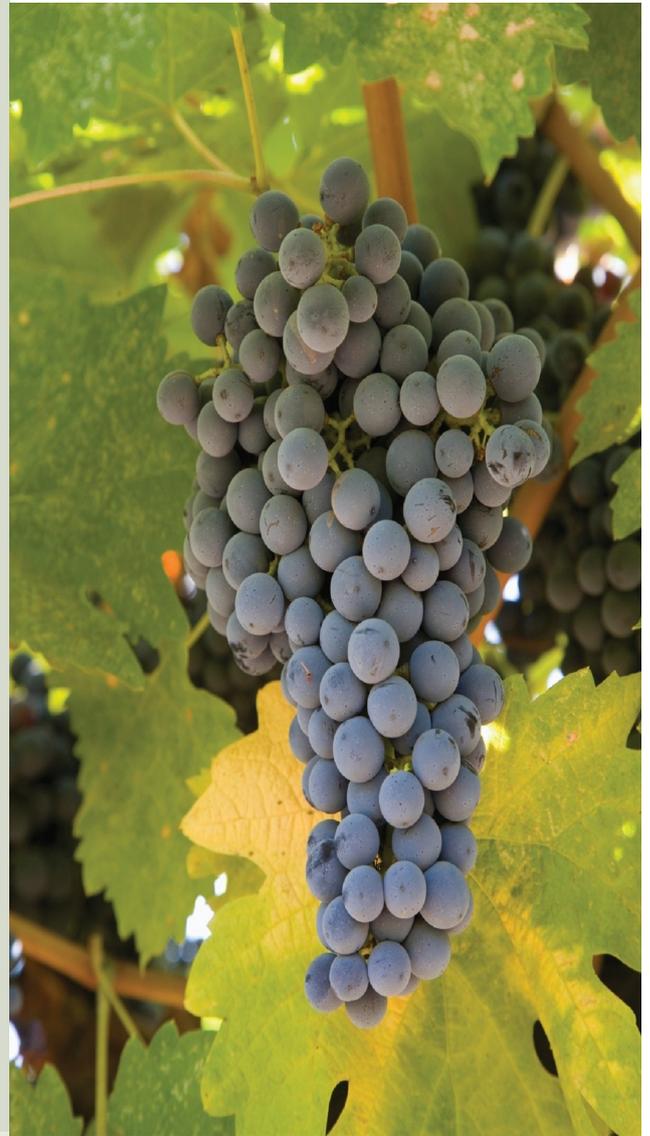
WE'RE HIRING!

We are looking for keen, enthusiastic and reliable individuals to join our grape picking team. We have positions available in both our Kent vineyard (TN26 2BE) and Sussex vineyard (PO18 0LY). Harvest usually commences around late September - weather dependant.

Duration: Approx. 12 working days over a 3-week period including weekends.

Working day: 8am - 5pm. Finish time may fluctuate.

Pay: £10.44 p/h + holiday pay.



For more information and to discuss details please contact:

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VILLAGE HALL NEWS

It is with regret that we will **not** be hosting our fortnightly breakfast get together as of July 2023.

We have tried everything possible to encourage the people of Appledore to support us over the past six years . We offer all forms of deliciously home cooked breakfast, toast, percolated coffee and tea at a very inexpensive rate, together with an opportunity to meet and greet friends old and new.

Our numbers drop on a weekly basis but thank-you so much to our regular friends and customers for your loyal support.

We have a new Village Hall, warm, comfortable and inviting but sadly it is not cost effective for us to open for a very few supporters.

We will consider whether to re open in the Autumn. Meanwhile, if any one in Appledore can suggest how we can encourage an improved attendance and support, please contact me, Linda, 01233758097/lindahiskey@yahoo.co.uk

With best wishes Jenny and Linda

Ed. This is such a pity, especially as I can vouch for the bacon butties.

Can You Spare 30 Minutes a Week this Summer?

**We're Looking for Volunteers
to Help Us Maintain
the Planters at Appledore Station**



**Call Terry on
07710 637962
if you'd like to lend a hand**

Appledore Open Gardens Thank You

On behalf of the church, I would like to say a huge thank you to our wonderful gardeners who kindly opened their gardens to the public on Sunday 11th June. We are aware of how much work goes in to the preparations for the day and we are extremely grateful.

Without you, this event would not be possible!

**Mark & Anthony - Court Barn
Judy Hurran - Old Way
John & Carol - Tudor Rose Cottage
Charles & Denise - Trellis House
Tom (our very kind late stand in!) - Henley House
Graham & Wendy - Selmeswood
Denise - Nonsuch Cottage
Brian & Tessa - Heathland House
Marcus & Jennifer - Beech Tree Farm**

A special thank you to Jo Clifton for both providing and manning the plant stall at Bridge House all day, to Michael Steed for putting up the garden posts, my hubby & his team for erecting the marquee, our ticket sellers in church, our treasurer, our advertising gurus & of course our wonderful bakers.

Thank you to Tessa & Brian for serving Pimms in their garden, to Denise for serving teas in her garden and to everyone that helped both Wendy Selmes & I with serving lunches & teas in the church and at Bridge House.

Donna xx



Blast from the Past

In the following article the words in CAPITALS are the names of properties or Families living in Appledore at the time.

Parish Magazine December 1961.

“ALICE IN SHAPLAND”

A Fantasy – with apologies to all concerned!

ROUND-ABOUT-FRIDAY Alice was walking through the MEADOWS towards the RIVERS BANKS. She was going fishing and hoped to catch some HORNE'S PLACE which were MOSELEY GRAY with WHITE GILLS, as these would nourish her LIVER MORE, and she wondered which LYNES and BATES to use.

Alice went to cross the BOURNE, reaching the HAMBROOK where she cast her line and soon had a bite. It might be a MOLLETT, she thought, but it was only a SPRATT. Her basket, which she had hoped to FILBY KNIGHT became FULLER and fuller and she had to PACKHAM in and HUGGET to herself to carry it.

As she walked she saw a GREEN BIRD HYATT the top of THE PINES where she would HATCHER eggs. One of the fish jumped and Alice had to CROUCH LOWE and pinch its GILLARD! Something jingled in her pocket and she found it was some NICHOLLS and a BUTTON. On her way, Alice saw a SWEET MAN who was very BROWN. A stranger, maybe a TURK or an OGLANDER – whence came the KING of Wizards.

As Alice reached home she thought what a PHILLIP(S) her FOSTER – MUMMER(Y) would get when she saw the fish but mamma had already exercised her CULLENary art and cooked some HAMMOND eggs!

S. and G.F.



GRAPEVINE

Welcome to David Savva and his family who have moved into The Street. We hope you settle in quickly and start to join in with village activities soon.

Congratulations to the junior football team who came top of their league.

This is the place for all your births, baptisms, weddings, deaths, life achievements etc. Please continue to send them to appledoremagazine@hotmail.com.

Foster for Kent



For more information give us a call on 03000 420 002 or visit our website kentfostering.co.uk

FOSTER FOR KENT



Vicky and John
foster carers for Kent
County Council

Call us on 03000 420 002 or visit our website kentfostering.co.uk

I am Vicky and alongside my husband John, we have been Fostering with Kent County Council since June 2020.

After having my own children, my two girls and with 19 years of nursery life experience in an early year setting. I was ready to and wanted to embrace a new adventure. Fostering had always been at the back of my mind.

We came together as a family to discuss this next adventure as it wouldn't just be John and myself, our girls would also play a huge part in our fostering role. We all felt happy to go ahead with our application and were now ready to take the next step.

The information evenings were so valuable to us learning about fostering and it was so helpful to speak with carers who had been fostering for some time. We felt very at ease asking any questions that we wanted to know and listened to the amazing stories from some of the carers.

We started the initial process and felt really connected and supported with our assessing social worker. She got to know us very well and the girls enjoyed doing lovely activities with her. When it came to the day of the Fostering Panel, I was very nervous, but they were all so welcoming and very professional in their roles and made a very nerve-racking time go lovely and smooth. It was such a memorable experience.

We chose Kent County Council to foster as we had done a lot of research and believed that this Council were the most supportive of their carers. Which has turned out to be so true! Kent lives up to that standard. As foster carers we have always felt supported by our fostering social worker and reassured that they will be on hand to answer any questions that we have via the phone or will respond to our emails as soon as they can. The six weekly supervisions are a great space to share any worries around the child/children you have at the time, and we are always asked how we are feeling/coping/managing and how our girls were adjusting to these changes at home.

When we moved on the children that we were caring for to adoption we had such fantastic support for our girls from our Fostering Social Worker. She came to our home and made lovely creative pieces for all the children to keep. They were told they could call her at any time if they needed to talk about this process. What really stood out was that Kent Fostering supported us as a family. They recognise that every member of our family is important and included in our journey.

As a very proud foster carer for Kent, I must share with you the wide range of training available and it's so easy to access such as with online training, face to face training and outstanding conferences that fill you with such knowledge. You can achieve even more by doing level 3 and level 4 Diplomas. I have found all the training of such good quality and learnt so much in such a short time. I honestly cannot rate this highly enough.

We are enjoying our roles as foster carers. It's not just a job though, you open your house, family, and heart to help these vulnerable children and being a key part in helping these children change their little lives around.....it is just so rewarding! It is hard to explain but being able to watch children grow and flourish is the most beautiful feeling in the world, and to know that we have made that happen as a family gives us such happiness.

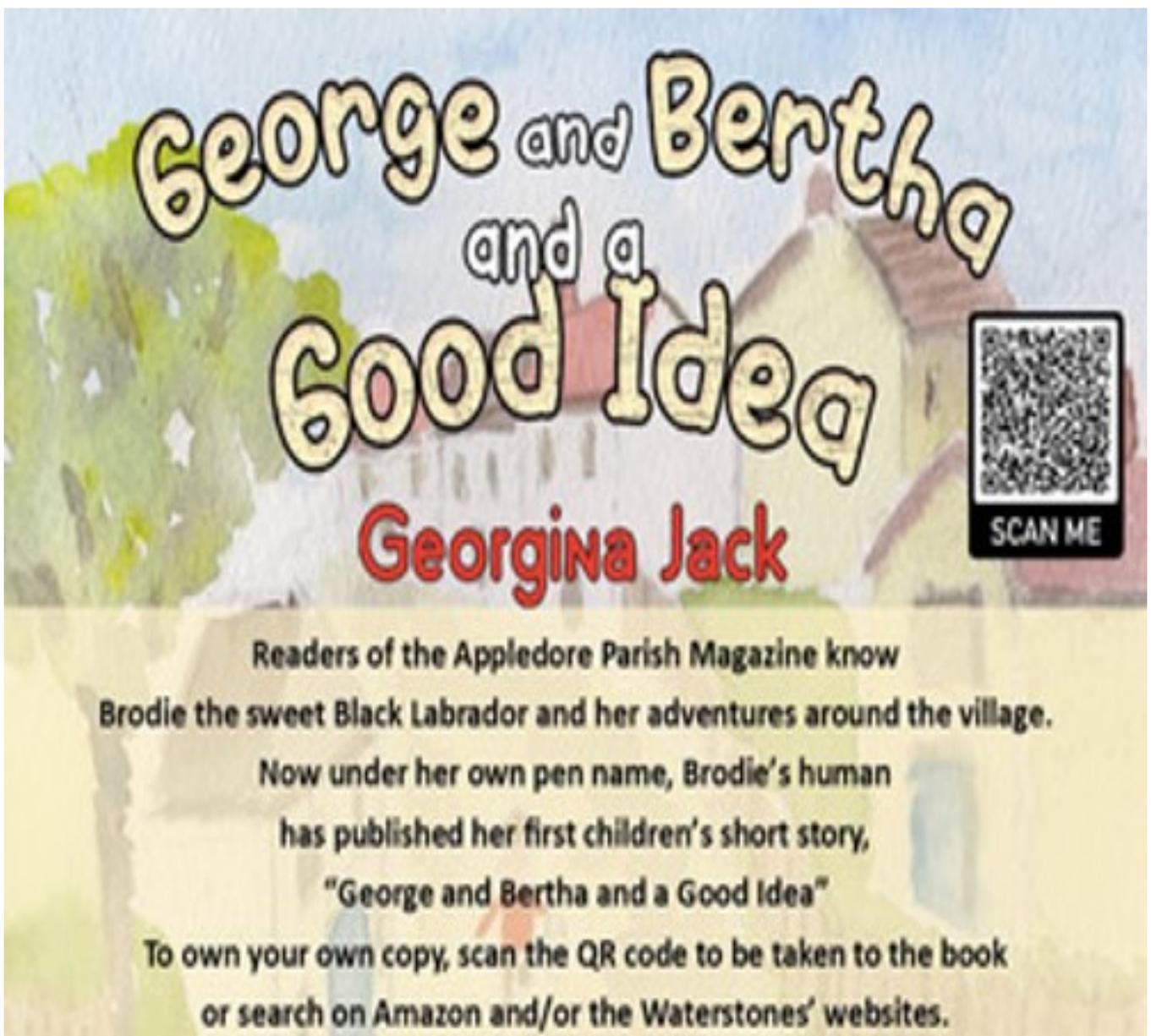
Our birth children are thanked and rewarded for being young carers. My girls join in with fantastic activities such

activities such as pizza making workshops, water sports and many more! They have made some fantastic fostering family friends and they have also joined the children Who Care Council and feel they have a strong voice in helping care for these children.

I would really encourage anyone who is thinking about fostering to do it. We have met some great friends in our fostering role, and we never feel alone. We are like a big family, and it is the most supported role I have ever had. It was and still is the best decision we made to foster and to foster with Kent, and I look forward to many more years of fostering with the Kent Fostering Team.

If you've been inspired by Vicky's story and would like to find out more, please call us on 03000 420 002, send us an email at kentfostering@kent.gov.uk or visit our website page www.kentfostering.co.uk

Ed. I have enclosed this advert from KCC in it's entirety as it is an issue I fell strongly about. I grew up with two mixed race foster sisters, who are still part of our family. As many of you know, I personally adopted a young girl called Sarah who now lives in Heathside with her husband and son.



**George and Bertha
and a
Good Idea**
Georgina Jack

Readers of the Appledore Parish Magazine know Brodie the sweet Black Labrador and her adventures around the village. Now under her own pen name, Brodie's human has published her first children's short story, "George and Bertha and a Good Idea"

To own your own copy, scan the QR code to be taken to the book or search on Amazon and/or the Waterstones' websites.



Appledore Local History Society

We are very pleased with the attendance for Andy Saunders talk on Saturday 3rd June. We sold 60 tickets, and along with donations and the sale of refreshments, we have boosted our funds, which will help us to maintain a presence albeit for the moment with no permanent home, so we are unable to share the village's history on as frequent a basis as we would like

Meanwhile, for those who wish to continue to find out about local history, you can visit our website! It is kept up to date and holds a host of topics, along with the beginnings of a number of downloadable leaflets, on interesting local history subjects. There is no specific charge but we do appreciate donations

So, to reach out to us, or to donate, here is the all-important information:

Website address - appledorehistory.org.uk

Email address - alhskent@gmail.com

Bank details - Appledore Local History Society, a Business Account, Sort Code 60-01-21, Account Number 56790945.

A date for the diary - Our next talk is on 7th October 2023, where the subject will be 'The Great Storm of 1987' We will publish further details closer to the date



Appledore Classic Vehicle Show – 16th July. 2023



It's that time of year where we get out the Autosol to shine-up the chrome, wax the pristine paintwork, smell the hot oil, and hear the rasp of finely tuned motors. As has been tradition for almost four decades, the Appledore Recreation Ground Management Committee is pleased to promote this year's Classic Vehicle Show.

As with previous years, the format remains little changed. Hundreds of beautiful cars, bikes, and other engines descend upon the Recreation Ground to share our mutual passion for admiring exquisite styling, discussing the merits of mechanical excellence (or not), and good old-fashioned tire-kicking. Last year, following Covid, was the biggest event ever in terms of classic vehicles registered, people attending, and funds raised for the recreation ground charity. This year, registrations are already higher than ever before, so fingers crossed for good weather.

The Recreation Ground is our village's asset. It's managed as a registered charity, and the show goes a long way to covering the annual running costs, including insurance, the pavilion maintenance, the MUGA and Tennis Courts, and the children's Playground.



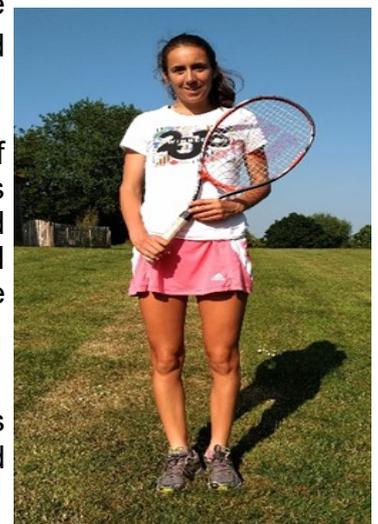
Without the diligent volunteers who dedicate their time to make the Classic Vehicle Show a success we'd either not have such a practical village asset, or the costs would need to be recovered elsewhere (increased precept anyone? – thought not!).

However, this year we aim to expand the appeal. We'll have children's rides and stalls, the Ashford Concert Band providing entertainment, and more stalls selling everything from ice-creams to car-parts.

We'll also be promoting Tennis Coaching offered by Tennis Pro' Suzy Larkin. Suzy will soon be offering tennis coaching on our tennis court(s) soon to be resurfaced and refreshed; so, young or old, this is a great opportunity to learn or relearn the pleasure of Tennis. Suzy will be inviting budding Andy Murrays and Emma Raducanus to register for a courtesy knock about.

As ever, this event would not be possible without the kind support of Iain Ramsden and family who generously allow the use of their fields for car displays and parking. Also, a huge thank you to the time and effort of volunteers on the day for directing traffic, serving teas, and ensuring the safety of all involved. So, if you feel willing, and are able to help on the day please contact gkinsley@rishk.net

Lastly, being England, much of the success of the event is determined by the weather, so here's hoping for a bright, dry, and sunny July 16th.



Calling all bakers

For this year's Appledore Car Rally a small group of us are going to be serving teas, coffees, cake and sausage rolls at the Pavilion. All proceeds will be going to the Appledore Recreation Ground. So we were wondering / hoping if any of Appledore's amazing cake makers could bake a cake for the event? If you could assist with this or can give an hour or so to help out serving on the day then please let Kate know on 07763 980404. Any help would be very greatly received. Thank you.

The Ramblers Walk 16th June 2023

The weather has been incredibly hot over the last few weeks and so with this in mind we planned a much shorter walk this month. Tracy and I had done a recce a couple of days earlier, which was just as well, as we spent 3 hours clipping back brambles and stinging nettles from overgrown paths and stiles and remarking the route with yellow tape.

Today we were a group of 5, some of our regulars are on holiday and perhaps the heat had put others off! We left the recreation ground by the back gate, crossed the sheep field and then headed up on the AT119 to Mill Mound. The Mound has recently been trimmed of some of its trees and so the views from the top over the Marsh are incredible and really make your heart sing! We could clearly pick out Dungeness Power Station in the distance and closer the wind turbines stand straight and tall as giants on the landscape.

We walk down the hill towards Hornes Place and once over the stile at the bottom follow the path that goes along by the lake. We have a laugh as the last time the ramble came along here we waded through several inches of mud and now the ground is like concrete!! We spy the two swans on the lake elegantly swimming and feeding and on the far bank the almost prehistoric outline of a heron watches our every move. We carry on, crossing over the Kenardington Road and taking the AT118 leading to Oakhouse Farm, we walk down their drive which brings us to the Woodchurch Road. We turn right out of the drive and after a short bit of road walk turn left into Donkey Lane. We pass the little paddock on the right where now two ponies reside and go along the track. The footpath follows the hedge along the left-hand side and on our right is the most beautiful row of cottages that look as if they could be a film set for a period drama set in a quintessential English village. At this point on our earlier recce we had seen a weasel that was searching for food under the red horse chestnut tree that bows over the footpath. Momentarily we got very excited as thought it was a red squirrel as it was the same rich red colour! As it moved though it was clearly a different shape and lacked a bushy tail, still a lovely sight though. The stile is by a compost heap and is rather rickety to climb over – we have added this to the 'to do list'! We follow the footpath going left which brings us out into a lovely meadow which we go diagonally across to another stile which is quite high to climb over. Luckily we had already tidied this of brambles so were able to help each other over without getting scratched to pieces. We then turned left, following the edge of an arable field which then joins up with a sheep field at Park Farm in School Road. Lastly we cut through to Heath Road for a very welcome cold drink at my house.

This walk took us 1 hour 15 minutes and we didn't rush! It is less than 3 miles and is a lovely circular walk of the Heath end of the village. Hope to see you on 21st July for the next ramble!

Jo Weeks.

Appledore Flower Festival 2023

‘God Save the King’

We are fast approaching our annual Flower Festival on the 26th, 28th & 28th August (Bank Holiday weekend). We would be grateful for offers of help with manning stalls, serving refreshments, and stewarding in church. Please ring me on the number below if you are happy to volunteer.

Calling all children....Posy & lavender bag sellers wanted

If you are able to spare an hour or two of your time and would like to be part of our team of posy/ lavender bag sellers, I would love to hear from you. Everyone is provided with a sash and basket of goodies to sell. Please feel free to opt for a shift with your friends – it’s great fun!

Refreshments/ Cakes/ Ancient & Modern/ Jewellery Stalls

We are looking for home-made cakes for the Refreshments & Cake stalls (we will happily refund the cost of ingredients), bric-a-brac for the Ancient & Modern stall, books, toys & jigsaws for the Book Stall and unwanted jewelry, handbags & hats for the Accessories stall. If you are having a clear out, please ring me on the number below and I will happily collect from you. Alternatively, there is a large area under the stairs in the church porch where you can drop your donations off.

Sponsorship

If you are a local business and would be interested in sponsoring an arrangement at the Flower Festival, please contact Vicki on 01233 758078. We will advertise your business on our individual visitor leaflet, on large posters in the church and in our Parish magazine. Alternatively, if you would like to remember a loved one or celebrate a special birthday around this time, please consider becoming a patron of the festival. For a small donation, we will include your personal wording on laminated large posters to be displayed in church and a collective page will also be included in the magazine.

Thank You, Donna Clifton (01233 758256)

SPONSORSHIP— APPLEDORE FLOWER FESTIVAL 2023

Every year this popular event attracts over a thousand visitors over the August Bank Holiday weekend...

...our many sponsors enabling us to fund the beautiful displays.

In return we acknowledge their support - with business details – in a leaflet handed to every visitor.

If you would like your business – big or small – to support the event please contact me for further information.

Vicki- 01233 758 078 / vt2316@hotmail.com

ANCIENT AND MODERN STALL

APPLEDORE FLOWER FESTIVAL

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 us, or just drop items off in our passageway and we will do the rest. We take anything household, garden items, toys, games, CD's and DVD's, and fashion accessories.

May we politely request that all goods are in a saleable condition as no broken or unusable items will be accepted. Apologies for stating the obvious but we have in the past had some donations well past their sell-by date – including unwashed, grease laden frying pans, dirty linens, broken glass and chipped crockery to name but a few.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Contact: Brian and Tessa Knight

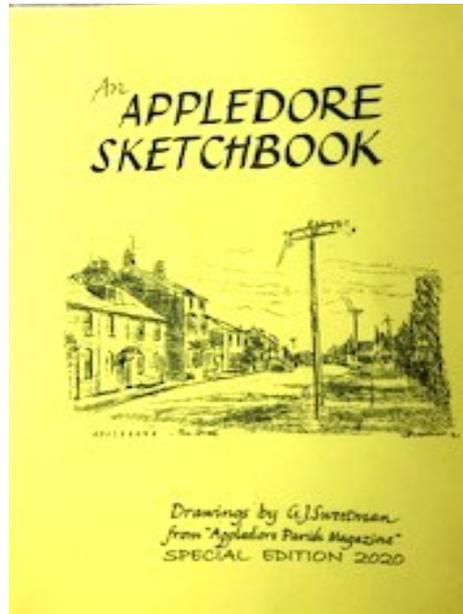
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As part of our 60th birthday celebrations we put together a sketchbook of Appledore. These are drawings done in the 1960s by the first Editor of the Parish Magazine, Mr Sweetman. It is a fascinating glimpse into the history of Appledore and what the village looked like then. Mr Sweetman travelled all around the village sketching what he saw. Many of you will recognise your homes as they looked then. You might also see what the land looked like before your house was built!

Some of the individual buildings named include: the Methodist Chapel; the Forstal; Horne's Place Chapel; Oxney House; Swan House; the cottages on Court Lodge Road; the primary school; Victoria Terrace and Griffin Cottages; Hawthorn Cottages; many views of the Church - inside and out - as well as country views along the Military Canal and Gusbourne.

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