

# Appledore Parish Magazine



## NOVEMBER 2025

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## Letter From The Editor

*My apologies for any misprints in the last issue of the magazine. Yes, I am human, mistakes happen. I am not a robot or AI.*

*I asked my mother in law recently if she knew what AI actually meant. "Is it something to do with finance?" she said.*

*This kind of explanation can easily be found on the internet; AI refers to the development of computer systems capable of performing tasks that typically require human intelligence, such as reasoning, learning, decision-making and perception.*

*We may have been interacting with AI for some time – think of when you purchase something online and an extra suggestion pops up and says 'if you like X then you may also like Y', that's not a person writing, it's AI. Then you ring a helpline and the 'person' who answers isn't actually a person but a machine that responds to your queries (sometimes with both positive and negative results from that!)*

*We live in an advancing technological world, there's no escaping it. However, there is still a world for us to be part of. You can't beat this time of year, the joys of the changing autumn colours, scrunching through fallen leaves or conkers on a brisk walk or casual meander. We might be performing our outdoor chores a little quicker. We might wonder if the laundry we bring in at the end of a blowy day is actually dry or just cold. We've chopped logs, we're making warm soups and stews. AI can't do that. Us mere humans can!*

*Many of us take in our surroundings every day but there are those too who have such a busy life they forget to look up, to stop and to take a deep breath. Life is short. Try and have a moment in the 'now' whilst you can.*

*As for activities and what's coming up in Appledore – read on!*

The Editor  
Tina  
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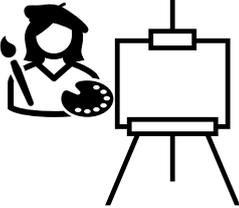
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## APPLEDORE DIARY NOVEMBER 2025

Monday	Baby Class Yoga & Sensory 1pm – 2pm (Small Hall)	
Monday	“Yoga Class for All” 7.30pm – 8.30pm (Main Hall)	
Monday	Aerobics 6.15pm - 7pm (Main Hall)	
Tuesday	Hamstreet Surgery Prescription Collection 10.15 - 10.45am	
Tuesday	Art Class 1pm - 4pm (Main Hall)	
Wednesday	Baby Massage Class 12pm - 2pm (Main Hall)	
Wednesday	Aerobics 6.15pm - 7pm (Main Hall)	
Wednesday	Lindyfit 7.30pm – 9pm (Main Hall)	
Thursday	Pilates 9.45am - 10.45am	
Thursday	Citizens Advice - By Appointment	
Friday	Tai Chi 10.15am - 11am	

### Other Appledore Events – October 2025 and soon after – Venues as Listed

Monday 3rd November	APC meeting 7.30pm - 9pm Small Hall, Village Hall	
Thursday 6th November	Table Tennis 2pm – 4pm, Main Hall, Village Hall	
Tuesday 11th November	CARM 10am – 11.45am, Small Hall, Village Hall	
Thursday 13th November	Table Tennis 2pm – 4pm, Main Hall, Village Hall	
Thursday 13th November	History Society meeting 7pm - 9pm, Main Hall, Village Hall	
Thursday 20th November	Table Tennis 2pm – 4pm, Main Hall, Village Hall	
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> November	Village Ramble, 1pm, Meet at Recreation Ground	
Tuesday 25th November	CARM 10am – 11.45am, Small Hall, Village Hall	
Tuesday 25th November	Appledore Garden Society Meeting 7pm – 9pm, “Our Disappearing Orchards” - Main Hall, Village Hall	
Thursday 27th November	Table Tennis 7pm – 9pm, Main Hall, Village Hall	
Saturday 29th November	Big Quiz Night 7pm – 10pm, Main Hall, Village Hall	
<i>COMING SOON details inside magazine</i>		
Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	Festive Food Fair, Appledore Village Church	
Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	Over 65's Christmas Lunch, Village Hall	
Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	The Rockitmen, Village Hall	



## CHURCH FLOWER ROTA November 2025



### ALTAR

### WEST END

### PORCH

Nov. 2nd & 9th	Fay Steed	Helen Downing W	Lynn Marston
Nov. 16th & 23rd	Paddy Moseley	Wendy Selmes	Donna Clifton

### Horne Chapel: Judith Clifton

There will be no flowers in church during the period of Advent which begins this year on 30th Nov.

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.

### November 2025 Church Rota

<u>Date</u>	<u>Sides person</u>	<u>Reader/Intercessor</u>	<u>Refreshments</u>
2 <sup>nd</sup> November	Denise	Vicki/Brenda	Brenda/Eileen
9 <sup>th</sup> November Remembrance	Philippa	Thelma/Donna	Donna/Jo
16 <sup>th</sup> November	Jo	Michael/Helen	Fay/Eileen
23 <sup>rd</sup> November	Judith	Philippa/Tony	Philippa
30 <sup>th</sup> November	Helen	Jane/Chris	Donna

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## 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 NOVEMBER

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

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Holy Communion will be celebrated in St Michael's Church every Wednesday and in Tenterden Church 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!

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

#### Sunday 2nd November All Saints' Sunday

11am Morning Praise (Appledore Church)

2pm Forest Church (Rolvenden Churchyard)

6pm Evensong (Stone Church)

6pm Service of Light (Wittersham Church)

#### Sunday 9th November Remembrance Sunday

10.50am Service of Remembrance (Appledore Church)

6pm Service of Healing and Wholeness (Tenterden Church)

#### Tuesday 11th November Remembrance Day

10.55am Act of Remembrance (Appledore Church)

**Sunday 16th November  
The Second Sunday before Advent**

11am Celtic Morning Prayer (Appledore Church)

6pm Benefice Choral Evensong (Newenden Church)

**Sunday 23rd November  
Christ the King**

11am The Eucharist (Appledore Church)

**Saturday 29th November**

9am The Art of Anticipation: Hope (Appledore Church)

A reflective service for Advent followed by optional breakfast in the church at 9.30am

**Sunday 30th November  
The First Sunday of Advent**

11am Celtic Morning Prayer (Appledore Church)

6pm Advent Carol Service (Tenterden Church): LS

This service is for the churches of our benefice and Churches Together in Tenterden



**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 1st November 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 (758285) or Donna (758256) who would be delighted to hear from you. As always every item (and ingredient) for sale is donated so all proceeds go directly towards the upkeep of our beautiful church.

The porch is open every day from 9.00 am until late afternoon where you will find our usual range of preserves, books, plants, flowers and other desirables. However, please note that opening time on cake bake day is 9.30 to enable us to set up and for the freshly cooked goodies to cool down! JC

**Dear Reader ... We welcome your news and views.  
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Dear Friends,

From the Minister's Desk

*A few days ago, the British Library honoured the Irish writer, Oscar Wilde, by reissuing a reader's card in his name, 130 years after Oscar Wilde's original was revoked following his conviction for 'gross indecency'.*

*The celebrated novelist, poet and playwright was excluded from the library's reading room in 1895, after he had been accused of engaging in homosexual relationships - a criminal offence at the time.*

*The new card, which was collected by the writer's grandson, Merlin Holland, is intended to acknowledge the injustices and immense suffering that Oscar Wilde faced. Merlin Holland described the new card as a "lovely gesture of forgiveness. I'm sure his spirit will be touched and delighted".*

*Oscar Wilde described Jesus as a poet and went on to write that what makes Jesus a poet is that he makes poets of us all.*

*I wonder if Oscar Wilde meant by this that Jesus goes about his work in a way that brings out the possibilities inherent in ordinary men and women, enticing them into responding more fully to the love and grace of God. In this, Jesus is suggestive rather than insistent. He offers people the freedom to say "yes", or "no", or "maybe", or "it's hard", or "I wish I could". But still he draws out of us the poem that only we can recite.*

*Perhaps this is Christian ministry - what we all do for one another as the people of God, our companions in the church. Isn't the task of ministry to try to recognise what God is doing in the world, and in those around us, and help make it conscious, articulate, so that they find their God, their poem and their gifts? That is much harder than baldly stating the truths of Christianity or pressing home moral certainties.*

*There are few things more important than to do this for one another. We can never know how much a little word of encouragement can mean to someone else: "thank you", "that touched me", "God spoke to me through what you did for me." Words and gestures like these are so often how God gives us the gifts and the strength to carry on serving him as followers of Jesus. It means being open to other people, responsive to them in their tentativeness and lack of confidence, glimpsing what God is doing and could do through them. There are those who have done this for us. How can we not do it for others.*

*This is how the church is built up as we respond together to 'one hope of our calling'. Who knows whether there is someone somewhere, waiting for us to prompt them, nudge them, and encourage them to write the poem that only they can write.*

Lindsay



## *Grapevine..*

*We would like to welcome baby Clarence to the Whitten Family in The Street, a new baby for Reid and Clemence, a brother for Raphael and Eloise.*

*We also say a sad Goodbye to Jill Monk-Smith of Appledore Heath as she moves to live near her daughter in Bristol in November. Good luck with your new adventure, Jill.*



**Friends of Appledore Station is a Local Community Group, Established in 2018 to 'Improve the Image of Appledore Station by Providing a More Attractive User-Friendly Facility and thereby Encourage an Increase in the Use of the Marshlink Rail Service'.**

**FoAS are not Rail Enthusiasts although we do on occasions Commute by Rail. It is however our wish that All Appledore Residents, Commuters and Visitors to Our Village Enjoy their Experience of using Appledore Station.**

The planters were given a complete overhaul with new name plates purchased and installed during the Spring.

Our Team of Volunteers then worked hard to create the flower arrangements and tending to them on a rotational basis during the Summer months.

We have been delighted with the compliments and expression of good wishes from passengers and members of the train crews when our work parties coincide with the arrival and departures of the trains, along with the positive comments expressed on social media platforms.



We are always keen to add to our team of volunteers, who tend to the planters, particularly during the watering season. If you can spare approximately an hour every couple of weeks, please get in touch for details of what is involved and how you might be able to help.

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## ***Appledore in Autumn: A Toast to Tradition and Twice-Baked Soufflés*** ***By Philippa Perkins***

The Harvest Supper, held at the Village Hall, was orchestrated by our magnificent duo, Linda and Jenny - Appledore's answer to Ant and Dec, but with better table settings. They outdid themselves with a hall transformed into an autumnal wonderland: rich seasonal colours, twinkling festoons of lights, and tables dressed to impress.

The menu was ambitious (rumour has it there was a spirited debate over serving a hot first course - the details remain deliciously vague). Proceedings began with a charming amuse-bouche: a chilled shot of pea soup, vibrant and velvety. Although, in a moment of culinary confusion, a few guests mistook it for a solid - resulting in some rather puzzled expressions and a few accidental green moustaches.

Next came the pièce de résistance: a hot twice-baked soufflé, light yet indulgent, followed by roast pork with all the trimmings, including homemade apple sauce that tasted like autumn in a spoon. And then, of course, pudding - a glorious finale, a true autumn classic, Eve's Pudding with a stylish twist of blackberries. Served with lashings of custard, which makes you nostalgic for school dinners but tastes far better than memory allows. It was the perfect end to a meal, celebrating the season in every bite.

As the evening drew to a close - with laughter echoing through the hall and perhaps a few loosened waistbands - it was clear that the Harvest Supper had been a triumph. Enormous thanks must go to Linda and Jenny, whose tireless efforts and impeccable teamwork made the night so special. Also, a heartfelt thank you to their wonderful support crew - the servers, kitchen, and bar team - whose cheerful dedication reflects the spirit of working alongside our fab duo and truly embodies the community spirit that makes Appledore so special.

Jenny has announced that this will be her final hurrah, retiring from her role with well-earned applause. She leaves behind a legacy of beautifully run village events and a partnership with Linda that has been nothing short of legendary. Appledore salutes you both — with gratitude, admiration, and perhaps just one more helping of apple sauce.

### ***A Harvest Supper Thank you from Linda Hiskey***

*The Harvest Supper last Saturday, October 11<sup>th</sup> 2025 was a great success. Thank you to all who supported us on this occasion. The evening was tinged with sadness as this was to be the last venture for Jenny who has decided to retire!*

*We have worked together through the pandemic, the refurbishment of the village hall, on take away and eat in Christmas dinners, coffee mornings and many more memorable occasions for us both and hopefully for you.*

*I will miss working alongside Jenny. We have had fun, laughs, sharing of all that came along but, never arguments, amazingly!*

*As to the future of the Village Hall evenings, please just watch this space!*





## A Fond Farewell

*I folded up my apron and tucked away my "special memories" of the time spent with my lovely friend Linda, planning and catering for events in the Village Hall.*

*We share so many of those "special memories" and I couldn't have wished for anyone better. Linda always puts her heart and soul and total energy into every event, large or small. Hardworking, fearless and fun!!!*

*From two fairly OK home cooks to catering for the paying customer was very scary to say the least. We learnt on the job.*

*I'm not one to use the word "proud" especially about myself. However, I am so proud of what we achieved together. From starting the Internet Cafe progressing to a monthly Lunch Club, the OAP Christmas Lunch and many stand alone events.*

*I cannot say "farewell" without thanking you all for supporting us over the years. I know I speak for Linda as well when I say how extremely grateful we are for that support.*

*Last but not least thank you to all our volunteers, friends and family who helped us out in immeasurable ways.*

*And finally, THANK YOU all for giving two "old ladies" the opportunity to go on a journey that brought us so much fun, laughter and giggles.*

*And finally, final my biggest thanks to Linda. We started out as new acquaintances and ended up as firm friends. We had such a good time didn't we. Good luck with your new adventures.*

SEE YOU ALL SOON.  
JENNY XX



### BLAST FROM THE PAST November 1965.

Appledore Youth Club. On Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> October several girls organised and ran a Jumble Sale in aid of Club funds. Our thanks go especially to the girls concerned, but also to other members of our community for both giving jumble and cakes so generously, for donations, for buying so much of the goods. Proceeds, £26.3s to be shared between the Youth Club and The Girl Guides.

Illustration: Girl Guide Uniform circa 1960's/1970's

2025 - To find your nearest Girl Guiding Group is visit this website <https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/>



## The Ramblers Walk 17th October 2025

For this month's ramble we decided to walk to the Garden Centre at Reading Street, Tenterden, via Chapel Bank. We have walked this route before but not since April 2023. We set off from the rec having welcomed two new walkers, Helen and Trevor, to the group. We head to Court Lodge Car Park where we meet the rest of the gang making 16 of us and 4 dogs.

Avoiding the difficult stile up the steps and instead going through the gate at Court Lodge Road we pick up footpath AT125 walking down the hill to the Ferry Pub. The Ferry Helicopter is parked in the lower field so we stop to admire that before crossing the road and going through the car park to the footpath that follows the Reading Sewer. We then turn left and make our way to the concrete road which leads to the bottom of Chapel Bank. Along the road which is really only for farm vehicles, there is a good native hedge which is full of bright red hawthorn berries and rose hips. Some of us could remember being given rose hip syrup as kids and how thick and sweet it was! There also seems to be an abundance of blue-black sloes in the hedge and our thoughts turn to sloe gin!

We walk up the steep hill of Chapel Bank taking in the beautiful views around us. We study the very green rather delicate looking crop through which we are walking and after checking with the local farmer have it confirmed that it is Winter Linseed which will be covered in mauve flowers from May next year. Richard our chief birdwatcher points out a Red Kite flying above us. We all watch as it circles overhead and then we spot a Buzzard circling even higher in the sky. We carry on to the top of the hill and stop to have a look at the gravestones left behind when the Church was moved down to Reading Street, opposite the Garden Centre in 1858. Every year since 1958 there has been an annual pilgrimage, usually on the first Sunday in September from St. Mary's Church up to the old site of the Church on the top of Chapel Bank. We carry on down the



hill on the A260 footpath which after a few hundred metres goes left through a hedge. We walk through a couple more fields and negotiate a solid stile and bridge and then reach the little road that comes out by the Garden Centre. We all head to the café to enjoy tea and cake before walking through the Christmas Department which is already decked out with all sorts of decorations and very jolly singing reindeer!!

We take a slightly different route back, skirting round the bottom of Chapel Bank on the AT94 rather than going back up the hill! We are treated to another amazing flight display by a Red Kite that keeps taking off and landing again. We also spot a family of swans on the Sewer and a heron so felt we had done well for bird life on this ramble. We get back to the Ferry but decide not to stop as think it best to tackle the last big hill up to Appledore before enjoying a drink at the Black Lion.

### *Jo Weeks*



This photo shows Sir Donald Sinden and Rev. Anthony Towse leading pilgrims to Chapel Bank in 1980.

Our grateful thanks to Appledore Local History Society for providing the photo and information.



# BIG QUIZ NIGHT!

**SATURDAY 29TH NOVEMBER 7.00PM**

**VILLAGE HALL**

**£5 PER PERSON**

**Bring your own  
drinks and nibbles.**

**Prizes (no cash) & Raffle**

**GENERAL KNOWLEDGE QUIZ  
– NOT A GARDENING QUIZ!**

RAISING FUNDS FOR THE APPELDORE GARDEN SOCIETY

**Have you booked your table?  
Ring Tina on 01233 758475  
Or Jo on 01233 758420**



**Test Your Brain. Just for Fun.** Around Appledore(ish)

1. Apart from both Appledores in Kent and Devon there is one other in the world – where is it?
2. Canterbury is the only city in Kent. There was one other, but it lost city status in 1998. What was it?
3. The southernmost tip of Kent is now classed at The Channel Tunnel. What year did the current tunnel open to passengers?
4. The Tollgate across Tenterden High Street was taken down in 1880. The tollhouse served afterwards as a lock up, then was replaced by a brick built police station. The building still has internal prison bars. What is that building used as now?
5. You can see evidence of a key WW2 engineering project called Operation Pluto in Appledore. What was Operation Pluto ?
6. Rye is only 6 miles from Appledore. You may have heard of Henry James, Author who lived at Lamb House, now a National Trust Building. Who was Thomas Lamb?
7. St Dunstan's Church, Cranbrook is known as The Cathedral of the Weald but which church is known as The Cathedral of the Marsh?
8. Ian Fleming who wrote the James Bond novels lived in an art deco seafront house at St Margaret's Bay. Which famous playwright and actor lived there before him?
9. Ellen Terry, Actress lived in Tenterden from 1899 to 1928. The Beetle Wing dress, a famous outfit she wore during the Victorian production of Macbeth has been painstakingly preserved and is on display until November 2025 at Smallhythe Place. What were the green 'beetle wings' made from?
10. A well known actor who appeared in Pirates of The Caribbean and the Lord of The Rings Trilogy, who also has a child with singer Katy Perry was born in Canterbury. Can you name him?

See Page 21 for answers



## **Appledore Christmas Celebrations!**

**The Over 65's Christmas Lunch 2025**

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December**

**12.00 noon arrival, for 12.30pm lunch**

**Appledore Village Hall**

So the year has whizzed by and it is almost time for the Over 65's Christmas Lunch! We will again be offering a free, traditional four course, home cooked Christmas Lunch with all the trimmings. A vegetarian option will be available on request. The dessert is Christmas Pudding or Lemon Delight, please let us know your choice when you book. There will also be fun entertainment and a fabulous raffle to make it an exciting afternoon of festivities! Although the lunch is free if anyone wishes to make a money donation it would be very welcome, either before or on the day. Also any donations of raffle prizes would be very gratefully received.

We do hope you can join us but booking is essential by Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2025 so do not delay make sure you ring! Looking forward to seeing you all on the 6<sup>th</sup>,

*Philippa, Tina, Jean and Jo.*

To book your place, please contact Jo on:

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Charles Wilkinson, who loves to travel. A conversationist with a keen interest in being part of where he lives. He also loves politics.

One evening on the way to Rye, Charles and his lovely wife, Denise saw Trellis House was up for sale. Coming back, about midnight, they stopped and took down the Estate Agents details. They hadn't planned

to move to Appledore but that night just drew them here. Charles was considering retirement and the house and location seemed perfect.

Charles started life in Northumberland. He moved into Surrey, then London and eventually Great Chart in Kent in 1986. He had an expansive 40+ year career with Wiggins Teape, a speciality paper manufacturer and merchant with networks in many countries. Charles found the opportunity to travel very appealing. He moved to Rhodesia in the mid 1960's, spending time in what is now known as Zimbabwe, then a further time in Zambia. He stayed for 5 years and has many happy memories, some of which have served him well. For instance, whilst in hospital recovering from hip surgery a few years ago he had a great rapport with a Nigerian nurse who was amazed to hear someone had actually visited the little town she came from, not just the country or the continent.

When Charles first moved to Appledore it took a while before he decided to volunteer within the Community. As soon as he did there was no stopping him. He led the making of the Appledore Parish Plan in 2008/2009. This document summarised the state of the Parish and it's hopes for the next 5-10 years. 221 households corresponded to the survey and it provided the Parish Council with a structured record and guide for the future, as well as giving Ashford Borough Council 'supplementary planning guidance'. Charles also instigated the siting of the oak posts along the verges of The Street to stop verge parking. He was key in planning and enabling the location of the Car Park in Court Lodge Road and served on The Parish Council for 7 years as the member responsible for Highways Matters. Charles has also been part of The History Society and is still in The Garden Society which he enjoys very much.

Charles is married to Denise and they had four sons. When Denise was in hospital having their third child they both had the shock of their lives when not just one baby arrived, but two! So twins it was. One son, Philip moved into Appledore with them but has since sadly passed away. They have 7 grandchildren ranging in age from 17-22 years and Charles is a very proud Grandpa.

There is so much to celebrate about Charles. He is a gentleman, perhaps a bit of a romantic too. Before we parted company he was recounting a story of being a young married man when someone asked what his wife did as a job. Charles was happy to say she worked at home, had the hardest job of all, raising 4 boys all under aged 4 years. He also let slip that he proposed to Denise within 10 days of meeting her and she said 'yes'! He was due to go to Africa for 10 weeks and couldn't leave without the promise of a future with this lovely Irish girl he'd been introduced to through work.

Charles may be well travelled but there is still much of the world to explore. Even this year Charles and Denise have been to Morocco and in Helsinki, Finland they visited a grandson who was on a study trip.

Say hi to Charles if you see him around. He loves a chat – much preferable to a text or an email.

Tina, The Editor



***If you would like to see someone local or something local Spotlit then tell the Magazine team and it will be considered for a future issue of the Magazine – email [appledoremagazine@hotmail.com](mailto:appledoremagazine@hotmail.com)***

# **Festive Food Fair**

## **Appledore Church**



**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December**  
**9.30 – 11.30am**

**Delicious home-made food items for sale,  
rich Christmas cakes, flavoursome puddings, traditional mincemeat,  
and an array of delectable cakes and preserves.**

**\*Hand-made crafts, wreaths, decorations, hand knits, cards, gifts  
and much more\***

**Savour our home-made refreshments while enjoying the music of  
our accordion player.**

**\*All items & ingredients donated in aid of church funds\***

**For more information: Judith Clifton 01233 758285**



## Open Day - Appledore School

On Saturday, 27th September 2025, Appledore Village Hall was transformed into a living time capsule as the Appledore Local History Society hosted an Open Day celebrating the legacy of Appledore School.

A constant stream of visitors - former pupils, their families and friends, many of whom hadn't seen each other in years, along with others who live in the village, came to discover or rediscover, information on Appledore School, which sadly closed in 1991.

The event was more than just a reunion; it was a celebration of shared history. Guests wandered through exhibits that traced the school's journey from 1511 to 1991, leafing through scrapbooks, reading personal memories and spotting familiar faces in old photographs. A film from the late 1960s played on a continuous loop, offering glimpses of school outings, the opening of the swimming pool and a student-crafted model of Appledore Church.

One of the highlights was the booklet *A History of Appledore School*, written by Alan Tribe, who is a long standing Member of ALHS, which sparked the idea for the event. Copies were available to read, download, or buy.

Many attendees were thrilled to rediscover the school badge, an emblem that stirred fond memories.



With refreshments flowing and stories shared, the hall buzzed with warmth and nostalgia. It was rewarding for ALHS Members to see so many happy, smiling faces and to overhear memories and stories exchanged.

ALHS were overwhelmed by the turnout and deeply grateful for the enthusiasm and generous support shown by the community. It was a day to remember and a reminder of the enduring spirit of Appledore School.

We have been contacted since for copies of the booklet and the school badge, which we will continue to fulfil. We have also been asked if we would hold a repeat event, but we feel that this was a very special, one off occasion.



## Appledore Local History Society

*Some lovely comments were received by visitors on the day. Val Paine, her father, her sister, her two brothers and her two sons were all pupils. Val was there in the mid-late 1950's, her sons, Stephen and Mark in the 1970's.*

*Val said, "It was absolutely amazing! I didn't know what to look at first. I met up with so many people. I bought several of the booklets about the school and it's going to be such fun to read everything. Well done, History Society. A brilliant event!"*

## **The Rockitmen**



**Appledore Village Hall**

**Christmas live Music Night**

**Saturday 20th December 8pm**

**Tickets £15 available in advance.**

**Bring your own drinks and nibbles.**

**Raffle in aid of Appledore village hall**

**for tickets call Marilyn on 01233758586**



### October Book Club Review

#### Our last book was: *The Vanishing Act of Esme Lennox* by Maggie O'Farrell

Our group found this novel both intriguing and unsettling. The writing style initially baffled a few of us—think literary Sudoku—but once decoded, it flowed well and added to the layered storytelling.

Set against the backdrop of the 1930s, the book exposes the appalling treatment of women who didn't conform. Esme Lennox, the central character, suffers a series of harrowing injustices: raped, institutionalised, and separated from her child, she is effectively erased from her family's life for over sixty years. We were particularly struck by the chilling portrayal of how mental health and morality were weaponised to silence inconvenient truths.

As for the ending—did Esme kill her sister? The majority of us gave a thoughtful nod (and a few raised eyebrows) to “yes.”

A compelling read that sparked lively discussion, moral outrage, and admiration for O'Farrell's ability to weave mystery into melancholy.

Our next read, *The Family Remains* is a taut, intricately woven psychological thriller that picks up threads from Lisa Jewell's earlier novel *The Family Upstairs* yet stands on its own.

With her signature blend of suspense and emotional depth, Jewell explores the lingering shadows of a long-buried crime, and the ripple effects it has on a cast of characters bound by blood, secrets, and trauma. Intelligent, atmospheric, and morally complex, this is a story about identity, accountability, and the haunting nature of family ties.

Looking forward to discussing it when we next meet.

Philippa x



#### Test Your Brain. Quiz Answers. See Page 15 for questions

1. Appledore Island is a small, beautiful island in the United States. It is near the coasts of New Hampshire and Maine. This island is home to a rich history, diverse wildlife, and stunning natural beauty.
2. Rochester
3. 1994
4. William Charles hairdressers
5. Operation Pluto (Pipe-Lines Under The Ocean) was a World War II operation by British scientists, oil companies and armed forces to construct undersea oil pipelines under the English Channel between England and France.
6. Thomas Lamb, Mayor of Rye, elected several years, a notable figure in Rye Society.
7. The Church of All Saints, Lydd
8. Noel Coward
9. Beetle wings – from an insect called a jewel beetle. That sounds grim to us now!
10. Orlando Bloom – or to give him his full name, Orlando Jonathan Blanchard Copeland Bloom

## APPLEDORE PARISH COUNCIL



### November 2025 Appledore Parish Magazine Update

#### **A “Call” for Volunteers**

Linda Hiskey does a great job selecting and maintaining the baskets of plants and flowers situated at the Appledore village gateways. Linda is now seeking help from others to ensure these plants and flowers look their best throughout the year. Anyone willing to assist with maintenance e.g. watering / weeding, should call Linda on 01233 758097.

#### **Are your complaints being dealt with?**

The following issues have recently been reported to APC:

- Parking on Court Lodge Road Junction double yellow lines
- Vehicles obstructing the footpath outside Wesleyan House
- Potholes on Kenardington Road between The Wish House and Gusbourne

APC has referred these complaints to the relevant authorities e.g. Ashford Borough Council Parking Customer Care Team for the double yellow line contraventions, The Community Police Team for the pavement obstructions and KCC Highways for the pothole issue.

If you have not witnessed any action or improvements to the above issues, or to any other issues that you have raised with other authorities, then please do not hesitate to contact [enquiries@appledoreparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:enquiries@appledoreparishcouncil.gov.uk).

#### **County Councillor Wayne Chapman update on Local Government Review and Devolution (LGR&D)**

The LGR&D process has been initiated by central government. It requires all councils in Kent to review their structures. As a member of the KCC LGR&D Committee, Wayne has been part of discussions for restructuring options. Some councils are exploring their own ideas, while KCC has developed a “**Hybrid 1A Model**”: a single unitary authority with three local assemblies beneath it. It’s believed this option maintains the resilience and efficiency of KCC while devolving greater powers to local assemblies.”

You can read the full KCC report pack here:

<https://democracy.kent.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=979&MId=9845&Ver=4>

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Apologies from the Parish Magazine for misprinting Parish Council contacts in the last issue of the magazine.



## Rye Bonfire Night

Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> November 7.00pm – 8.15pm

Rye Town Salts, Rye

We'd recommend car sharing and going early to get a parking space within walking distance of Rye – and take a torch!

*Fireworks can mark a time of celebration. November brings Bonfire Night and festivities that celebrate The Gunpowder Plot. Every year thousands of animals suffer due to noise levels and sudden flashes of fireworks, sometimes literally scaring them to death. Think carefully about where you live before you hold your own bonfire party or firework display.*

*Better still - Why not go along to an organised Event where the surroundings have been vetted for minimum disturbance? A huge plus is that you'll probably enjoy the night sky full of whizzes and colourful streamers, rather than the few pops and fizzes you'd get from a cheap box of home fireworks.*

*Stay safe.*

*And remember sparklers can be fun for little ones (and grown ups!) . Have a bucket of water handy to douse the sticks afterwards.*



## A Message from Peter New

### Kent Police Volunteer and Community Neighbourhood Watch

May I start this newsletter by thanking everyone who has been in touch to join **Appledore Neighbourhood Watch**, since my first newsletter article. It's completely free and helps keep the area safe and secure. Thank you!

We need to be constantly vigilant about **ROGUE TRADERS & BOGUS WORKERS**.

Never ever agree to unsolicited work on your doorstep no matter how cheap and attractive the price is. These criminals can be very pushy and often become aggressive as any price they quote soon increases. Roof repairs, driveway cleaning and garden work are very common.

If in doubt do not even open the door. If you do, do not be tempted to engage, ask them to leave and call the police on 999 immediately giving as much a description of the persons and any vehicles they are using. If you have any CCTV footage of them indicate to the police on the 999 call and then also contact me and I will also submit an intelligence report.

Remember! You may be strong and resist but further down the road a more vulnerable person will become a victim.

These criminals are the lowest of the low. They will look for our elderly, our disabled and our vulnerable they will especially look for persons who live alone.

Not only is their work poor and shoddy and vastly overpriced they often fly tip items for work they have done just down the road.

PLEASE BE ALERT and VIGILANT.....always report to the police.

I also work closely with your local MP, Katie Lam, who is a great supporter of Neighbourhood Watch and ensuring the rural communities are safe and secure and keeping them crime free and residents free from the fear of crime also.



Thank you.

Peter New [peternew1@aol.com](mailto:peternew1@aol.com) and 07768437422

Kent Police Volunteer and Community Neighbourhood Watch



## APPLEDORE VILLAGE HALL

### CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS

In 2026 our Village Hall will have been providing a meeting place for residents of the village for 100 years

This is a momentous occasion for us all to celebrate.

The plan is to celebrate with :-

A day of celebration with various displays by those organisations which use the village hall on a regular basis. Also a display of art work depicting village life through the ages.

If you have any information relating to the past 100 years of village life please get in touch.

For email addresses refer to index in Parish Magazine.

Event Management Committee

Derek Winter  
Linda Hiskey  
Brian Knight  
Marilyn Ray

Paula Thornton  
Gary Kinsley  
Denise Stephens  
Terry Blaney

## Harvest Festival Thank you

St Peter & St Paul Church would like to express their thanks for your kind donations of non-perishable food items at the Harvest Festival service on Sunday 5th October. The Ashford Food Bank were incredibly grateful to everyone who contributed.



The Appledore Parish Magazine is distributed to every household in the village free of charge. It is also available to purchase in The Village Shop and in the Church. Are you new in the village? Would you like to receive regular issues? Contact us to be added to the distribution list.

[appledoremagazine@hotmail.com](mailto:appledoremagazine@hotmail.com)

### There will be ONE more Parish Magazine for 2025

Email your articles to the Magazine Team by 20<sup>th</sup> November for the December ('25)/January ('26) issue.

Late entries may be bumped to the following edition. All entries are subject to the Editor's decision. Anonymous articles are not accepted.

The first 2026 magazine will be issued at the end of January and articles should be emailed to the team by 20<sup>th</sup> January



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