

Appledore Parish Magazine

October 2025



HARVEST SUPPER
SATURDAY 11th OCTOBER

Autumn's Embrace

*With leaves aflame in harvest's glow,
The air turns crisp, and whispers flow,
In autumn's arms, a sweet refrain,
Where seasons shift, and dreams remain*

(Anonymous)

BIG QUIZ 29th NOVEMBER

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We really appreciate all donations. Thank you!



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Letter From The Editor

GreatHello Appledore,

Firstly I would like to say thank you to everyone who congratulated me on taking over as Editor of the Magazine. I really appreciate all the kind words and encouragement. I know many of you look forward to receiving each issue and I hope the Magazine will continue to include articles you like to read, puzzles you want to do and information you need to know.

The new 'Spotlight' article has been mentioned positively. On that note – I have been making enquiries as to **who'd like to be 'Spotlit'** and there are a few shy ones among you. Please don't be timid – we all have something about us that others find interesting! As we go to press the **Appledore School Open Day** is due to take place. It makes me think of one of my Art Classes at school in Hastings. I spent the whole lesson riding around the room on roller skates and not drawing, painting or sculpting at all. A fun memory, although not exactly an afternoon of essential education!

As last month began we had just had the Flower Festival – but there was no rest for many of us. **The Village Show** was on 6th September and there were over 200 entries. Well done! You should be proud of any commendations and winning rosettes. If you weren't lucky this year then you can always try again next year!

This month we have the **Harvest Supper** to look forward to. There is also good news for users of **The Recreation Ground** (see Page 9). As autumn begins there is **The Big Quiz** in November – open to everyone, (see Page 12 on how to get tickets). Plus we start planning a little further ahead into December and Christmas (whispering quietly!) (See Page 21).

The Editor
Tina
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'Every little helps!' (I borrowed that tagline from a well-known supermarket brand. I did also consider 'Just Do It' - from a Sports Brand and also 'The Happiest Place on Earth' – Disney!)



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APPLEDORE DIARY – OCTOBER 2025

Regular Events in The Village Hall

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 (Main Hall)
Thursday	Citizens Advice - By Appointment
Friday	Tai Chi 10.15am - 11am (Main Hall)



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

Thursday 2nd Oct	Table Tennis 2pm - 4pm – Village Hall
Saturday 4 th Oct	Bake Day/Produce In the Porch 9.30am Appledore Village Church
Monday 6th Oct	APC meeting 7.30pm - 9pm Small Hall, Village Hall
Thursday 9th Oct	Table Tennis 2pm – 4pm – Village Hall
Saturday 11th Oct	Harvest Supper 6.30pm doors open for a 7pm start - Village Hall
Tuesday 14th Oct	CARM 10am – 11.45am – Village Hall
Thursday 16th Oct	Table Tennis 2pm – 4pm – Village Hall
Friday 17 th Oct	Village Ramble, Meet at Recreation Ground 1pm
Saturday 18th Oct	Mother & Baby Event 9am – 4pm – Village Hall
Thursday 23rd Oct	Table Tennis 2pm – 4pm – Village Hall
Tuesday 28th Oct	CARM 10am – 11.45am – Village Hall
Tuesday 28th Oct	Gardening Club Meeting 7pm – 9pm – Village Hall
Thursday 30th Oct	Table Tennis 7pm – 9pm – Village Hall
Saturday 1st Nov	Bake Day/Produce In the Porch 9.30am Appledore Village Church



Future Events-

Saturday 29th November Big Quiz Night

Saturday 20th December Christmas Dance with The RockitMen

HARVEST SUPPER



SATURDAY OCTOBER 11th 2025

At the Village Hall

DOORS OPEN 6.40 pm

WHEN THE BAR WILL BE OPEN

BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL

call Linda on 07884001143 or 01233758097

This event will be our final swan song together; a celebration of the many joyful times spent with you and to thank you for the support you have given us

Have You Booked??



Produce In the Porch

Thanks to everyone who leaves used jam jars, flowerpots, 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 4th October 9.30am and the first Saturdays of subsequent months. Come any earlier and you may not always find that the sausage rolls have arrived as they are too hot to package!

If you feel the urge to make a cake / cookies / bread / savouries please contact either Judith (01233 758285) or Donna (01233 758256) who would be delighted to hear from you. As always every item (and ingredient) for sale is donated so all proceeds go directly towards the upkeep of our beautiful church.

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

October Church Rota 2025

Date	Sides person	Reader/Intercessor	Refreshments
5 th October	Philippa	Jane/Brenda	Brenda/Eileen
12 th October	Jo	Roger H/Chris	Helen
19 th October	Judith	Michael/Donna	Fay/Eileen
26 th October	Helen	Roger P/Tony	Donna
2 nd November	Denise	Vicki/Brenda	Brenda/Eileen

The Village Show 2025



Wow, well done Appledore for providing such a wonderful array of exhibits for the Village Show. At the beginning of the week leading up to the Show, I was really worried as hardly anyone had entered, but then the entries flooded in! We had an amazing 211 entries by 44 exhibitors over 53 classes. It was particularly nice this year to welcome several first time exhibitors, two of whom did really well. Craig Godden won the Hammond Cup for the best First Time Exhibitor and two year old Rupert Shaw-Dunn who won the Calladine Cup for the Best Child Exhibit.

The Judges were all very impressed with the standard of the Show. The Vegetable Judge said how well the vegetables looked especially as it had not been a good growing year due to the lack of rain. There were some really clever Floral Art arrangements using welly boots and sparkly shoes and some beautifully made handicraft entries. The photographic classes were very popular and the Cookery Judge methodically tasted everything before making her decisions. Once the judging had been completed there was an exciting discussion over who deserved to win the Patricia Roe Cup for the best exhibit in the whole show. Each Judge decides on the best exhibit in the classes they have judged and then each Judge argues their corner. It reminded me of the young farmers ring at the Kent Show when the Champion Lamb, Champion Pig, Champion Dairy Calf and Champion Beef Calf all went up against each other to decide on the Supreme Champion and how difficult that was for the Judges!!! Our Judges heatedly discussed and decided between them that the winner was the Appledore Sunday Lunch from Graham Selmes.

Cup and Trophy winners :

Cornelius Plate for Best Runner Beans – Jo Perkins
Trevor Gough Cup for Best Dahlias – Judith Clifton
Owen Cup for Best Miniature Flower Arrangement – Donna Clifton
Hammond Cup for Best First Time Exhibitor – Craig Godden
Society Cup for most points in Vegetable Classes – Graham Selmes
S.P. Cup for most points in Flower Classes – Philippa Perkins
Fruit Cup for most points in Fruit Classes – Jan Calladine
Appledore Cup for Best Flower Arrangement – Donna Clifton
Cookery Spoon for most points in Cookery Classes – Jo Weeks
Children’s Trophy for Best Girl – Violet Norris
Children’s Trophy for Best Boy – Isaac Weeks and Elliot Weeks
Barcol Cup for Best Handicraft Exhibit – Kate Stevens
Smith Award for Best Photography Exhibit – Brian Knight
Calladine Cup for Best Child Exhibit – Rupert Shaw-Dunn
Patricia Roe Cup for Best Exhibit in Whole Show – Graham Selmes

Finally, to the Parish Magazine for the printing, to those who helped set up and clear away, to those who baked, those who served the refreshments, to the washer-upper and till man, to those who sold and folded raffle tickets and to those manning the donations pot a huge THANK YOU – you were all absolutely brilliant. Thanks also to everyone who came and supported us and helped make it a GREAT Village Show.

Jo Weeks x

Appledore Recreation Ground Committee



Good News! Our Recreation Ground will remain under local management. Gary Kinsley has recently agreed to come back on board as Recreation Ground Committee Chair and looks forward to moving things along together with a team of volunteers.

The Recreation Ground has recently had a refurbished Pavillion and some new installations in the Playground. Changes still need to be made to the area around the remaining playground equipment before it can be used once again, hopefully within budget. The old 'springy toys' have now been replaced with new ones. Fencing around the play area is also in need of replacement. The Parish Council has ringfenced £4,812 for playpark maintenance, managed by Ashford Borough Council, to include annual inspections, not capital for replacing equipment. Equipment will be paid for with Recreation Ground Committee current funds mostly raised from the annual Car Rally.

Shadoxhurst Football Team continues to play on the pitch and uses the Pavillion facilities on Saturday mornings. Our pitch is of a very good standard, it meets current FA regulations, with home and away facilities. The Shadoxhurst team love it! The Appledore Veterans play every other Saturday afternoon and they are looking for new members.

The Pavillion can be booked for more use by other individuals and groups. There is a new booking system. There is a kitchen and toilets and some storage space if a regular group needs it. The main room can seat approximately 30 people. There is already interest from an animal first aid group and St Mildred's Community Shop returned from mid September on Wednesday mornings.

The MUGA (Multi-Use Games Area) is not up for renewal due to extremely high replacement costs. Current MUGA maintenance charges now are £2054.

Another Pizza takeaway van has started to park up on Thursday nights at the Rec from 4pm-8pm. This is a different service to the previous one, with better advertising. Follow Antonio Mennecillo on Instagram at toniospizzeria or see his ad on the Appledore (Kent) Village Facebook page.

Appledore Parish Council had previously ringfenced £5,000 towards a Linear Park which was to visually link the new properties at Sandpiper Close to the Recreation Ground. However, this plan has been shelved. There is now a new proposal, agreed by the Parish Council 1/9/25 for a Memorial Garden with seasonal changes, hopefully starting with a WW2 display. Benches will be installed with name plaques available to be inscribed. This garden will be within the area next to the Pavillion and the toilet block.

The defibrillator on the toilet block has been tested and is in working order, despite the housing flashing 'red' which may confuse potential users. A defib is a key asset to the village. If you don't know how to use one, then don't worry as the machine gives audible, clear instructions so you do not need to have medical knowledge. This of course, does not replace professional assistance, paramedics or an ambulance.

Lastly – there WILL BE ANOTHER CAR RALLY next year. Plans are already in progress.

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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 OCTOBER

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 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:

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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.

Sunday 5th October

The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity and Harvest

11am Harvest Morning Praise (*Appledore Church*)

6pm Harvest Evensong (*Stone Church*)

Sunday 12th October

The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

11am The Eucharist (*Appledore Church*)

6pm Taize Service (*Newenden Church*)

Sunday 19th October

The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

11am Celtic Morning Prayer (*Appledore Church*)

6pm Benefice Choral Evensong (*Appledore Church*)

Sunday 26th October

Bible Sunday

11am The Eucharist (*Appledore Church*)

3pm Service of Light (*Tenterden Church*): **LS**

6pm A Churches Together Service (*Church on the Weald*)

From the Minister's Desk October 2025

October sees our first benefice Taizé service in a while and it seemed like a good time to be reminded of the work of the Taizé Community.

It was out of the horrors of the Second World War, the community of Taizé was born. Its founder, Roger Schutz Marsauche, was the 25-year-old son of a Reformed pastor. At the start of World War two, he left his native Switzerland to help people in France. In Taizé, near the demarcation line that cut the country in two, he welcomed refugees, particularly Jews, fleeing the war.

In his younger years, Roger had conceived the idea of creating a community and the experiences of offering hospitality and care in the War gave him the basis for its foundation.

Today, the Taizé Community has an international outreach, and its music is known throughout the world. It comprises around eighty brothers from different church and international backgrounds – Catholic, Anglican, Protestant.

In addition, throughout the year, the community welcomes tens of thousands of young adults from around the world to experience prayer, biblical reflection and life together.

The very existence of the Taizé Community is a tangible sign of reconciliation between divided Christians and separated peoples and its unique style of music and silence has enabled many people to explore their faith in a new and different way. Because Taizé songs have so few words and are repeated multiple times, it's easy to sing them even if without speaking the language or being particularly musical. These meditative, simple songs typically feature a line or two from the Psalms, creating a kind of Biblical reflection in music.

In a world of noise and division, war and hatred, I simply want to commend our benefice Taizé evening to you. In October the theme of the service will be remembering with some readings on the theme scattered amongst the chants and the silences. And there will be candlelight. It will take place at Newenden Church on Sunday 12th October at 6pm.

Jeanette

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BIG QUIZ NIGHT!
SATURDAY
29TH NOVEMBER

7.00PM – VILLAGE HALL

£5 PER PERSON. TEAMS OF 6 OR LESS. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE QUESTIONS. GUEST QUIZ MASTER.

THERE WILL BE PRIZES (NO CASH PRIZES).

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A RAFFLE WILL ALSO TAKE PLACE DURING THE EVENING.

**NOW TAKING BOOKINGS
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Ring Tina on 01233 758475
Or Jo on 01233 758420**

RAISING FUNDS FOR THE APPLEDORE GARDEN SOCIETY



Ride + Stride for Kent Churches

Saturday 13 September

Not the best weather this year for the Ride & Stride! Heavy rain in the morning which meant we drove to Tenterden and walked to the churches there. After lunch the sun finally came out and we were able to cycle to three or four churches on the marsh which was great.

We would like to say a big thank-you to all our generous sponsors, everyone that filled our church rota on the day, both on the desk and serving refreshments. Thanks also go to those that made lovely cakes and other goodies.

We are very pleased to report that we have raised approximately £1,400; at the time of writing, some sponsor money is still coming in.

Our church receives half of this amount and the Friends of Kent Churches retain the other half enabling any Kent church, including ours, to apply for a grant for a specific project or repair.

Please consider cycling this next year. It will be on the second Saturday in September.

Fay & Donna x

Hello all

While sitting relaxing on holiday, I've been asked to write a little bit about the many jobs waiting to be done in the garden in October.

As we all know gardening is always dependent on the weather so there's never any hard or fast rules when it comes to gardening chores. You have to take your opportunities when you can. October offers the last real chance to get the lawn ready for the winter. If it is still warm enough you could try scarifying your lawn to get rid of the thatch and moss in it and apply some autumn feed and moss killer to set it up for the spring. If you haven't got a very big patch of lawn and you want some exercise you could aerate it by pushing the tines of your gardening fork into the ground at regular intervals. This will help in moss control BUT if it becomes cold, leave well alone.



In the vegetable plot it's time to plant garlic and onion sets. Garlic requires a cold snap to crop well, plant 2 inches deep and 6 inches apart. Personally I avoid it because garlic is prone to rust which can quickly spread to many other plants. For the trouble growing garlic can cause I would recommend buying it in the supermarket! Sowing onion sets early will produce an early crop of onions which can be harvested and stored releasing space in the garden for a late crop of French beans. It is always good to increase the productivity of your garden space.

Now is the time to clean and disinfect your greenhouse and if possible change the soil for new. Any remaining tomatoes are unlikely to ripen on the plant now, place on a sunny windowsill for that last flush of ripe tomatoes, or alternatively use them to make chutney. Waste as little of your produce as possible. Finish cutting any remaining hedges especially conifer and yew as they do not like being cut in cold weather

Spring bulbs should be planted now. Start with daffodil and crocus. A word of warning, don't let the squirrels see you plant your crocus as they enjoy them as a tasty snack! Leave tulips until November as this helps avoid tulip fire.

As the leaves start to fall don't waste them. Either put them in plastic bags, prick with a fork and leave in a corner to rot down. Alternatively, just make a nice big pile in a sheltered spot. If you have time during the rest of the year turn the leaf mixture. By next autumn you will have a substance which can be used as a mulch on your garden, which is one of the best things you could ever do.

That's all for now time to go back to the bar!

Yours,

The Happy Gardener

APPLEDORE



GARDEN SOCIETY

Our Autumn Programme Begins with a Speaker

**Tuesday 28th October,
7pm, Village Hall
“Our Disappearing Orchards”**

Members free entry.
Guests £5 per person.
Refreshments available afterwards for a
donation.
Raffle also held the same evening.
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Asian Hornet Update

Hello again.

As many of you might have been aware, in August there was an organised strategy in villages across Kent to combat this non-native species of wasp.

Here in Appledore 6 fantastic volunteers set traps in their gardens and monitored them throughout August. This was an attempt to trap ‘worker’ hornets who were already in an established nest.

The good news...only European hornets were caught...bigger in size ..

The slightly less good newsit was a bumper year for wasps....so lots of wasps caught ..but hey...that kept them off your fruit trees and out of your Pimm’s ?

So to date this year...only 1 sighting reported in Appledore ...my garden.

The worrying news...where are those pesky insects ? See the stats below..

As of 19th September, the Animal and Plant Health Agency’s National Bee Unit (NBU) received further credible reports of YLH’s.

Nests found and destroyed in Kent :

Herne Bay, Royal Tunbridge Wells, Dover, Shottenden, Stelling Minis, Whitstable 2 nests !! Ivy Hatch, Graveney, Hartley, Sutton Valence, Ashford Cemetery, Kennington

This means that currently there has been a total of 462 sightings in 2025.

118 nests have been found and destroyed this year.

What can we do ? Short answer...do it all over again next year..

If you can help trap, contact me for further information.

A massive thank you to our volunteers in Appledore and Ashford beekeepers who provided the trapping equipment and bait.

Deirdre Isaad

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Test Your Brain. Famous Quotes. Who said each of these? Just for Fun.

1. What do I wear in bed? Well, Chanel No 5 of course.
2. I told you I was ill.
3. If you want others to be happy, practice compassion. If you want to be happy, practice compassion
4. My dear girl, there are some things that just aren't done, such as drinking a Dom Perignon '53 above a temperature of 38 degrees Fahrenheit.
5. 'Tis better to have loved and lost than to never loved at all
6. Life is like a box of chocolates, you never know what you are going to get
7. Life is short, Break the rules. Forgive quickly, Kiss Slowly. Love truly. Laugh uncontrollably. And never forget ANYTHING that makes you smile.
8. You will face many defeats in life, but never let yourself be defeated.
9. Don't think about making art, just get it done. Let everyone else decide if it's good or bad, whether they love it or hate it. While they are deciding, make even more art.
10. Courage is what it takes to stand up and speak; courage is also what it takes to sit down and listen.

Answers on Page 24



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BLAST FROM THE PAST

1965

This article about the FF appeared in the September 1965 Parish Magazine

FOURTH ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF FLOWERS

The Flower Festival combines worship and beauty, joy and fellowship, and sheer hard work. It was a success in three ways:

First, it was an artistic success. The church looked lovelier than ever; and the Horne Chapel, with its arrangement of white and blue picking up the colours of the ancient glass, was breath-taking.

Second, it was a social success. Throughout the weekend there was a happy atmosphere as friends met each other; and it was clear that the Festival is becoming increasingly well-known and that people are coming back here year after year and even arranging their holidays to make sure of seeing it.

Third, it was a financial success. The details can be seen elsewhere in this magazine, but even with two generous donations the final figure is remarkable.

THE FESTIVAL OF FLOWERS : FINANCIAL REPORT

Total raised for the Church Restoration -

		<u>£592 -- 3s -- 6d</u>		
Church collection plate		186	18	9 ½
Children's Corner Plate		40	0	3 ½
Antiques and Curios exhibition		57	7	3 ½
Teas		47	3	10 ½
Coffee		4	7	0
2 £100 cheques		200	0	0
"Red Lion" box		7	10	0
Church Services collection	8 a.m.	2	6	0
	11 a. m.	33	7	8
	6.30 p.m.	6	10	1
Additional donations received		6	2	6
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		£592	3s	6d

The Appledore Village Fete's contribution of £42.10s. to the Parish Church brings the total of money raised recently for Restoration to £634, 13s 6d.

..... See overleaf for financial results Now

The Church Flower Festival – financial results

Appledore church has been asked to share the Flower Festival (FF) financial results.

Every year, the FF results are published in our annual accounts and are in the public domain. They are pinned to the church notice board and are freely available. Nothing is hidden.

We are still working through the last details of the 2025 FF and therefore these have not been approved and audited, so in this article I will run through the 2024 results. The 2025 results are expected to be a bit ahead of the 2024 results and will be published in due course.

For the 2024 FF, we took £16,791 (through donations, sales and sponsorship) and our expenditure was £3,220, so our profit was £13,571.

What did we do with this money?

If you look at our 2024 accounts (in the church porch), you will see that our big expenditure over the year to 31 December 2024, was as follows:

1 We have to contribute to our clergy salaries and housing costs. We are in a group of 9 churches and we pay a proportion of that. In 2024, this came to £13,893 (an average clergy salary is about £33,000, to which you need to add National Insurance contributions, housing and pensions costs).

We also hugely benefit from having volunteer clergy who do not charge for their services and this helps with our costs.

2 We have to run the church and in 2024, this came to £9,921. This includes insurance, heating and lighting, cleaning, our contribution to the group running expenses (which includes the costs of our group administrator (who frees up a lot of clergy time), clergy travel and minor repairs.

3 Like all medieval churches the upkeep of the church building itself is very expensive and we are hugely grateful to the Friends of Appledore church who continue to bear the greater burden of our unavoidable capital expenditure on our building fabric (like the tower repairs late in 2024).

Looking at the wider picture, let's look at the church's place in the community.

We are open for more hours per day and week than any other village institution.

There is a service in the church every single Sunday of the year and at every major festival. This is not the case in many village churches that may only have worship once a month. We also host additional services such as the benefice choral evensongs, Armistice Day and the Lent and Advent Reflective services.

Those who are housebound are able to receive Holy Communion at home monthly and the bereaved receive contact from the Benefice Bereavement Team following the funeral of their loved one.

Our clergy are effectively on call 24 hours a day to provide support to villagers (you don't have to be a regular church goer).

If your children want to get married in Appledore church, they can do so. If your family wants your grandchildren to be baptised, we can do this. If an Appledore resident wants to be buried in the churchyard, or have ashes interred, we can help arrange that.

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In the wider community, we ran an Auction of Promises in 2024, which raised £8,164 for the Pilgrims' Hospice.

We have the annual carol singing outside the pub in December which raises money for the Salvation Army.

We collect at Remembrance Sunday for the Royal British Legion and our hugely popular Christmas Eve service raised over £300 for the Childrens' Society.

We support a young Ethiopian girl (she is called Mekedes) through her schooling as her family is unable to afford her school fees. Education is everything and that support will change her life and that of her family forever.

We are currently scoping a new kitchen in the church with the architects, as the current kitchen is no longer fit for purpose. This will be bigger than that which we have at present and our intention is to make the church much more of a village community asset. A back of the envelope calculation suggests that a new kitchen, with the associated works, would cost at the very least £25,000 and that will come out of our church funds (the Friends help look after the fabric, but not something like a kitchen).

Like many rural parishes, we have a small congregation and despite that, we had voluntary receipts of £11,549 in 2024 and we were able to claim Gift Aid on many of those donations.

It all helps, but we need to husband our resources as we are only here for our lifetimes, so we have to look well into the future financially.

But the big take-away for us, is that the FF is one of the village's biggest events and although it takes a huge amount of effort, it's worth it at every level.

We have over 100 volunteers who cover the rotas; without that support, the FF would not be anywhere near as big and successful as it is.

We have a small army of bakers and cake-makers who supply food for us and we are hugely grateful to them.

We have a near continuous programme of volunteer musicians and singers to entertain the visitors. And of course we have a wonderful team of flower arrangers who delight our visitors with their floral skills.

A very significant number of visitors come every year, both from within the village and outside and we hope that the FF will run for many years to come.

I hope that helps. If you want any further information about our finances, have a look at our published accounts and/or come and talk to me.

Michael Steed
Treasurer



The Great Appledore Bake-Off: Tales from the Cake & Quiche Frontline

By Philippa Perkins

Well, the dust has almost settled from this year's Flower Festival. I say "almost" because, as you'll soon discover, dust — particularly of the icing sugar variety — has a way of lingering. But more on that later.

As many of you know, I have the honour (I'm not so sure) of running the Flower Festival's cake and produce stall. And while it may sound like a sweet little operation, allow me to lift the apron on what is, in fact, a full-blown culinary mission in my kitchen!

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When I first took on the role, I was promised that baking skills were entirely optional. “You don’t need to make cakes,” they said. “Just gather them.” Simple enough, I thought. Appledore is full of generous souls with flour-dusted aprons and cake tins at the ready. I could be the cheerful collector of confections.

Then came the revelation: previous stallholders had personally baked around 100 cakes. One hundred. That’s not a stall — that’s a patisserie empire. And I, dear reader, had never baked a cake in my life.

So I pivoted. Quiches! I could make quiches. How hard could it be? Cue the bacon. Five hundred rashers of it. No, that’s not a typo. That’s a bacon bonanza. And while the quiches have since become a beloved staple — with vegetarian options now gracing the menu — I’ve learned that enthusiasm and logic don’t always mix well !

Over the years, I’ve bravely ventured into the world of cake-making. This year, I managed to produce over 80 cakes. That’s more than 300 eggs cracked, whisked, and folded in. My wrists may never be the same again.

And let’s not forget: the Church tea stall also needs cakes. So yes, it’s a full-scale production line. Which brings me to the heart of this message — a huge, heartfelt thank you to everyone who contributed. Your daily deliveries of magnificent cakes were not only delicious but essential. We sold out every single day. Next year, we’ll need it all again — so if you fancy joining the ranks of Appledore’s magnificent bakers, please do get in touch. Your sponges could be the stars of 2026.

Now, back to the dust. All my catering missions come with eccentricities — over-purchases, underestimations, and the occasional buttercream catastrophe. This year’s highlight? A batch of icing gone rogue. Picture this: a simple mix of butter and 2kg of icing sugar. I accidentally turned the mixer to extra fast. Whoosh. A blizzard of sugar. I couldn’t see the off switch. I couldn’t see anything. The kitchen was engulfed. The result? A white-haired yeti roaming the streets of Appledore, trailing buttercream footprints and muttering about cake ratios.

So yes, the dust has almost settled. But the memories — and the sugar — will linger a little longer.

I do hope that some of you will join the cake production next year and if so please do get in touch.

Cake Wishes

Philippa (M) 07880 841192

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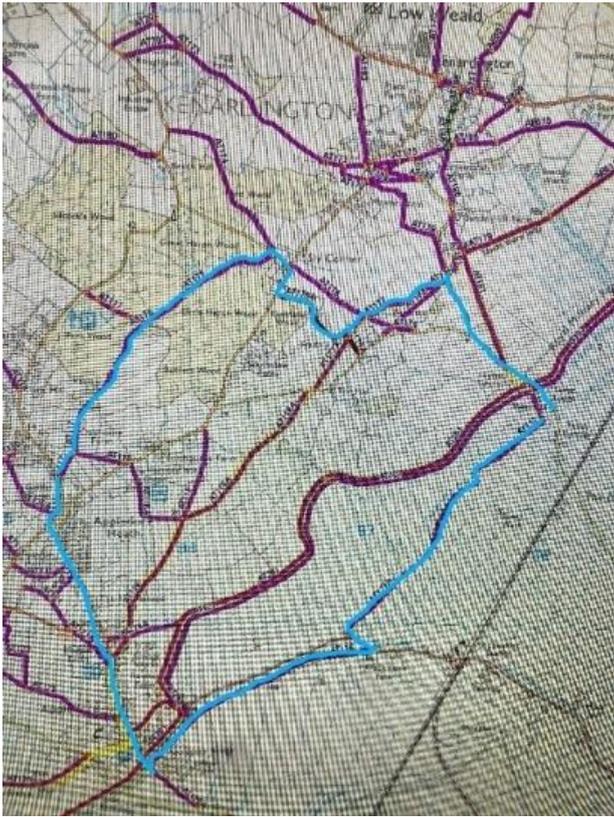
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Oct. 5 th	Helen Hennig	Judith Clifton	Denise Stephens (harvest)
Oct. 12 th	Wendy Selmes	Donna Clifton	Sally Linington
Oct. 19 th	Judith Clifton	Paddy Moseley	Carly Amey
Oct 26 th	Julie Flawn	Kate Stevens	Julie Wooding
Nov. 2 nd	Fay Steed	Helen Downing Waite	Lynn Marston



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.

Appledore Ramblers Report September 2025



Today we (12 plus 1 dog) met at the recreation ground at 1pm as usual and as usual (despite a lack of our jolly leader, Jo) the sun came out and it was a lovely warm day!

Walking along the Street, through the Narrows and over the bridge we met footpath AT126, taking us along the road and then across fields towards Appledore station.

At Rhee Wall, there was a careful short walk along the (fast, bendy) road which we then crossed to join footpath AT127A. We saw a heron, swans and a raven along this lovely part of the walk, as well as lots of sheep of course!

At Sheepfold (where John Wickens of the village built wooden sheep pens in the 1990's!), a slight diversion is required due to a gate being completely blocked. After some clambering and dog lifting over a 5-bar gate we joined Snargate Road to turn up Church Lane.

We then cut across the fields (seeing a Hobby – small falcon - attempt to catch a smaller bird mid-flight) on AT177 to reach the Byway (AT176A) with lovely old trees along it.

Carefully crossing Kenardington Road at Sly Corner we entered the woods. Some yellow tape was placed on trees during the recce to guide us along AT175 then AT176. Some trees are piled up like giant Jenga in there!



A sumptuous cream tea was consumed towards the end of our ramble with thanks to Keith and Brenda for hosting!

Tracy





Spotlight

This month's Spotlight is on Carly Amey who is the proprietor of Miss Mollett's High Class Tea Room. I asked Carly how she ended up living here and running a business in The Street.

"It was a bit of a fluke really," she said. She'd been living in Hythe for 5 or 6 years and heard about the business being up for sale but Covid was upon us.

She drove into Appledore and by chance saw the owner inside and cheekily asked if she could take a look. The shop was quite different then and she had two ideas; to turn it into a florists or to make it into something like 'A Mad Hatter's Tea Party'. Luckily for us she decided to retain it as a tea room and hearing the history, to keep the name too.

Carly had moved to Hythe and sadly was diagnosed with breast cancer, a very difficult time for her and her partner, Luke. It made her reassess life and ultimately led her to Appledore. She knew the area a little as her parents live in Wittersham. She got the shop in May 2021 and had lots of family help setting up. Her Dad made the counter, the window boxes and the window panes. Carly always knew she wanted baby pink and pistachio walls, adding her Aunt's dresser which she painted pistachio too. They hung the bunting and all the lovely decorations, even included some family photos and knick-knacks.

Carly was originally a florist and is from Peckham, London. Her Mum, Brenda still has a florist shop there, and customers can order her flowers and floral displays via Carly at Miss Mollett's – it's more than just a Tea Room! Cakes and savouries are baked mostly in-house, the menu changes frequently and people come from far and wide, old visitors and new – but not on a Monday as the staff have a day off! Sarah has been with Carly since 2021, Jo has since joined them one day a week and they have extra Saturday/casual staff.

The Villagers extended a warm welcome to Carly from Day One. Business took off! Then Covid Lockdown came again and the shop had to close. Eventually, the UK got up and running and you could say 'the rest is history', new history perhaps as Miss Mollett's as we know it now. The tea room has appeared on a Channel 4 TV show called 'Along for the ride' where comedians, Richard Ayoade and David O'Doherty cycled through this part of Kent – the TV team spent a lot of time in the shop. That was followed by an article in The Guardian newspaper. Dominic King of BBC Radio Kent also did a feature on Miss Mollett's as part of their 'Kent Coffee Stops' slot. Even famous people find Miss Mollett's and our little part of Kent – two years ago Carly was asked to open up for a visit from Clare Balding and friends as they were hiking locally – a treat as Ms Balding was charming.

Miss Mollett's High Class Tea Room has been part of Appledore for many years. With Carly in charge it should continue to give us joy – and plenty of cake! You can follow Miss Mollett's on Instagram and Facebook.

Thank you for chatting to me, Carly.

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

Save the Date

Super Santa Saturday 6th December
Morning Magic
Christmas Fair at The Church 09:30 to 11:30
Homemade Festive Food & Unique Gifts

Afternoon Merriments
The Over 65's Christmas Lunch
12pm at The Village Hall

Full Details in the November Magazine.

Appledore Village Hall



Christmas live Music Night

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Saturday 20th December 8pm

Tickets £15 available in advance.

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The Appledore Beacon Lights Up for VJ Day 80th Anniversary



On Thursday, 14th August, the Appledore Beacon was once again lit in a poignant ceremony marking 80 years since VJ Day – Victory over Japan Day. VJ Day, celebrated annually on 15th August, commemorates the day in 1945 when Japan surrendered, bringing the Second World War to an end. For millions, it signified relief, remembrance and the return of peace after years of global conflict.

The beacon's location owes thanks to Mike and Belinda Massey, owners of Hornes Place, who generously granted permission for its siting on their land in 2017. This year, their young grandson, Jack, aided by his father James, proudly held the torch which lit the beacon – a living link between generations.

Historically, beacons have played a vital role in Britain's communication and celebration. Placed on hilltops and high points, these fires formed a chain of light visible across great distances, used to signal warnings or mark great events – from the defeat of the Spanish Armada to royal jubilees. Today, they continue as powerful symbols of unity and remembrance, reminding us of the sacrifices made and the peace secured.

A small crowd from the village gathered to witness the lighting. As the fire took hold, a hush fell over the group, the glow reflecting in faces young and old. Many felt its deep resonance – a tribute to lives lost and a beacon of hope for the future. As the Appledore Beacon burned bright, it connected past and present, honouring those who served and ensuring their legacy endures.

It was a powerful reminder of the sacrifices that secured our freedoms and the underlying strength of community spirit.

APPLEDORE PARISH COUNCIL**October 2025 Appledore Parish Magazine Update****Proposed Natural Green Space & Heritage Centre**

Appledore Parish Council (APC) has agreed an Appledore Recreation Ground Management Committee led, Section 106 funded, Green Space project including plants and outdoor seating to be situated between the existing Pavilion and the Public Toilets. A further proposal was also agreed for a new Heritage Centre to be situated behind the Public Toilets, led and funded by The Appledore Local History Society.

Terms and conditions still to be agreed for both proposals.

EV Charging

A reminder that the electrical vehicle chargers are fully operational in the Court Lodge Road car park. Full instructions are displayed on the charging station equipment. Note also that we have recently installed reserved parking signs for the two bays set aside for EV charging.

Highways Improvement

We have made some good progress recently with initiatives to improve road signage and speed in the village, but we would like to deliver more. To help us, particularly with our liaison with Kent County Council (KCC) Highways, we would like to establish a database of any incidents that occur in the village. Please report anything - however small - to our Parish Clerk on enquiries@appledoreparishcouncil.gov.uk.

County Councillor update

Wayne Chapman confirmed a section 128 agreement now signed between Vistry Homes and KCC means Vistry are responsible for resurfacing assigned stretches of the Appledore Road between William Judge Close and the bottom of Beacon Oak Rd before any dwellings are occupied.

Planning Applications recently supported by APC

PA/2025/1378 - Braeburn Cottage, proposed first floor extension.

NOT/2025/1269 - Barn at Monks Farm, prior approval for the change of use and conversion of an agricultural building.

PA/2025/1313 - Park Farm Barn, new drive/access road to serve holiday let

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Appledore Local History Society

**Can you help us uncover the history of
Avery's Store in Appledore?**



We've been researching the history of Avery's, the former shop now known as 42-44 The Street. We've discovered quite a bit about its time as Avery's, but after it was sold in the 1940s the trail goes cold. We're especially interested in who owned the property after that time, how long it continued operating as a shop, and when it was converted into a private residence.

**If you have any information, memories, or
photographs - whether from the Avery's era or later
- we'd love to hear from you!**

Please email Jo at secALHS@gmail.com,
call 01233 758 405, or contact us via our website
appledorehistory.org.uk.

Following the last two month's notices in the Parish Magazine; Kent Fire and Rescue Service has had responses from many of you, however with less than one month to go on this consultation – there is still time for local residents to contribute their views on the plans that will affect them.

*The aim is to help farmers and rural business owners **prepare, act, and protect what matters most.***

*You can sign up to this newsletter
- <https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/UKORGKF/signup/46917>*

*There's also now a dedicated web page with lots of useful guidance and advice
- <https://www.kent.fire-uk.org/farms-agricultural-and-rural-businesses>*

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There will be two more Parish Magazines
for 2025

Email your articles to the Magazine Team
by 20th October for the November issue

And by 20th November for the
December ('25)/January ('26) issue.

Quiz Answers - Just for Fun - See Page 24 for Questions

1. Marilyn Monroe
2. Spike Milligan
3. Dalai Lama
4. James Bond
5. Alfred, Lord Tennyson
6. Forrest Gump
7. Mark Twain
8. Maya Angelou
9. Andy Warhol
10. Sir Winston Churchill



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Then Look in the coloured
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