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Saturday 6th 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.

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This month we received one generous donation, noted anonymously. Thank you so much.

We really are most grateful for all donations.

Thank you!

Advertising: email to appledoremagazine@hotmail.com (For The Attention of Roger Kimber)

Whilst we have maintained the same advertising rates for the last couple of years, costs for producing the magazine have been rising. A modest increase in our rates will go a long way to help us continue. The magazine is delivered to 400 houses and is available to visitors via The Village Shop and in the Church. The new rates, which start at £40 for a standard sized ad per annum (increased from £35), will take effect from the February 2026 edition. We feel the outreach of the magazine will still offer superb value to businesses wishing to advertise.

Standard sized advert (1/6th page) - £40
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Letter From The Editor

Hello Appledore,
December and the Christmas Season can give many people that once a year opportunity to wish each other 'Seasons Greetings' or 'Glad Tidings'. There may be no contact from family far away other than that one Christmas card a year, perhaps with a 'round robin' note inside with a yearly catch up, maybe not even that. The numbers of Christmas cards being sent is being reduced or shelved by many due to rising postage costs and the creation of email. That is a little sad on it's own but also kind of understandable.

However, the bigger question is why do many think that once a year contact is sufficient? Maybe the person you are posting a card to would really appreciate a phone call or visit at other times too.

When I was a teenager I remember a boss of mine saying he didn't give his wife a Valentine's Card as he told her he loved her every day. At the time I thought he was just a grumpy skinflint. It took a long time until I understood where he was coming from. It wasn't that Valentine's Day was unimportant, it was that EVERY DAY IS IMPORTANT. This also resonated with me when I lost both my parents and realised life can be short.

So, as we all get stuck into decorating our houses, preparing for a feast, putting on our sparkly numbers or Christmas jumpers remember others far and near. Maybe even give them a bell or invite them over.

January is just over the horizon. The shortest day of the year will have passed in December, it might not feel like it but we will be gaining a bit more daylight and it won't be long before the snowdrops appear. Keep safe and warm for now. Don't be a stranger to your neighbours.

Your next Appledore Parish Magazine will be out by the end January/beginning of February 2026.

The Editor
Tina
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Contact us by email
appledoremagazine@gmail.com
or call 01233 758475**



APPLEDORE DIARY NOVEMBER 2025

Monday Aerobics 6.15pm - 7pm



Monday Yoga Class for All 7.30pm – 8.30pm (Main Hall)

Tuesday Hamstreet Surgery Prescription Collection 10.15 - 10.45am



Tuesday Art Class 1pm - 4pm

Wednesday Baby Massage Class 12pm - 2pm (Main Hall)

Wednesday Aerobics 6.15pm - 7pm



Wednesday Lindyfit 7.30pm – 9pm

Thursday Pilates 9.45am - 10.45am

Thursday Citizens Advice - By Appointment



Thursday Table Tennis first 3 weeks 2pm – 4pm then 4th week 7pm – 9pm

Friday Tai Chi 10.15am - 11am

Other Appledore Events – December 2025 and January 2026 – Venues as Listed

Monday 1st Dec Appledore Parish Council (APC) Meeting 7.30pm - 9pm Small Hall, Village Hall

Thursday 4th Dec Table Tennis 2pm – 4pm Main Hall, Village Hall

Saturday 6th Dec **Festive Food Fair, with Cake Bakes 9.30-11.30 In the Church**

Saturday 6th Dec **Over 65's Christmas Lunch 12noon arrival for 12.30pm**

– Main Hall, Village Hall

Sunday 7th Dec Mum & Baby Event 8am – 5pm Main Hall, Village Hall

Tuesday 9th December CARM 10am – 11.45am, Small Hall, Village Hall

Thursday 11th December Table Tennis 2pm – 4pm, Main Hall, Village Hall

Friday 12th December Baby Class 12pm – 2pm, Village Hall

Thursday 18th December Table Tennis 7pm – 9pm, Main Hall, Village Hall

Friday 19th December Appledore Ramblers – Meet at the Recreation Ground 1pm

Saturday 20th December **Christmas Dance – The Rockitmen from 7.30pm – Village Hall**

Monday 22nd December Carols with the Salvation Army – 7pm Outside the Black Lion

Monday 5th January APC meeting 7.30pm – 9pm Small Hall, Village Hall

Thursday 8th January Table Tennis 2pm – 4pm, Main Hall, Village Hall

Tuesday 13th January CARM 10am – 11.45am, Small Hall, Village Hall

Thursday 15th January Table Tennis 2pm – 4pm, Main Hall, Village Hall

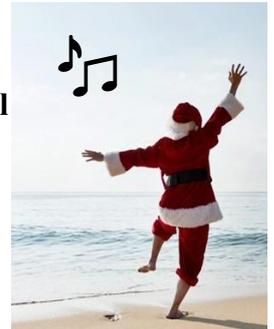
Friday 16th January Appledore Ramblers – Meet at the Recreation Ground 1pm

Thursday 22nd January Table Tennis 2pm – 4pm – Main Hall, Village Hall

Tuesday 27th January CARM 10am – 11.45am – Small Hall, Village Hall

Tuesday 27th January Appledore Garden Society AGM 7pm – 9pm – Main Hall, Village Hall

Thursday 29th January Table Tennis 7pm – 9pm





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

Appledore Over 65's Christmas Lunch 2025

Saturday 6th December

12.00 noon arrival, for 12.30pm lunch

Appledore Village Hall

Tickets must have been booked

by Friday 28th November

Any queries, contact Jo on:

Phone: 01233 758420 or Text: 07949 357459

or Email: Joweeks51@hotmail.com

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 DECEMBER AND JANUARY

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.

However, between Christmas Day and Epiphany, there will be just one online service each day, through which we will reflect upon *The Twelve Joys of Christmas*.

Holy Communion will be celebrated in St Michael's Church every Wednesday at 10am (**except on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve**), and in Tenterden Church every Thursday at 10am (**except on Christmas Day**). Both celebrations will last about twenty-five minutes. These services won't appear online.

To access our daily online worship, visit:

YouTube

St Mildred's, Tenterden

Online services can also be accessed through our free daily bulletin, *Connect Up!*
To receive *Connect Up!* please visit our website, www.tentroxchurches.co.uk and subscribe.

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

Saturday 6th December

9am The Art of Anticipation: Peace (*Tenterden Church*)

A thirty-minute reflective service for Advent followed by optional breakfast

Sunday 7th December

The Second Sunday of Advent

11am Morning Praise (*Appledore Church*)

6pm Choral Evensong (*Stone Church*)

Saturday 13th December

9am The Art of Anticipation: Joy (*Tenterden Church*)

A thirty-minute reflective service for Advent followed by optional breakfast

Sunday 14th December

The Third Sunday of Advent

11am The Eucharist (*Appledore Church*)

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Saturday 20th December

9am The Art of Anticipation: Love (*Tenterden Church*)
A thirty-minute reflective service for Advent followed by optional breakfast
3pm Christmas Carol Service (*Ebony Church*)

Sunday 21st December**The Fourth Sunday of Advent**

11am Celtic Morning Prayer (*Appledore Church*)
4pm Christmas Crib and Carol Service (*Stone Church*)

Monday 22nd December

7.30pm Carol Singing with Hythe Salvation Army Band (*Appledore*)
Outside The Black Lion

Wednesday 24th December**Christmas Eve**

6pm Crib Service (*Appledore Church*)
11pm The Eucharist of Christmas Night (*Tenterden Church*): **LS**

Thursday 25th December**Christmas Day**

11am A Christmas Celebration (*Appledore Church*)

Sunday 28th December**The Feast of Holy Innocents**

10am A Benefice Eucharist (*Tenterden Church*): **LS**

Wednesday 31st December**New Year's Eve**

6pm A Service for New Year's Eve (*Tenterden Church*)

Thursday 1st January**New Year's Day**

10am Holy Communion for New Year's Day (*Tenterden Church*)

Saturday 3rd January

9am Contemplative Service (*Tenterden Church*)

Sunday 4th January**The Feast of the Epiphany**

11am Morning Praise (*Appledore Church*)
6pm Choral Evensong (*Stone Church*)

Sunday 11th January**The Baptism of Christ**

11am The Eucharist (*Appledore Church*)

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Sunday 18th January
The Second Sunday of Epiphany
11am Plough Sunday Service (*Appledore Church*)
6pm Benefice Choral Evensong (*Wittersham Church*)

Sunday 25th January
The Conversion of St Paul
11am The Eucharist (*Appledore Church*)



Church Flower Rota December/January

	ALTAR	WEST END	PORCH
Dec 25 th	Frances Smith	Kate Stevens	Julie Flawn
Jan 4 th /11 th	Julie Wooding	Lynn Marston	Helen Downing -W
Jan 18 th /25 th	Wendy Selmes	Judith Clifton	Paddy Moseley
Feb 1 st /8 th	Stephanie Wright	Linda Hiskey	Carly Amey



Horne Chapel: Judith Clifton

During the period from Christmas until Lent please will you make sure that your arrangement lasts for two weeks.

If you are unable to take your turn please telephone Judith on 01233 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.



We shall be decorating the church for Christmas on **Monday 22nd December** from 10.30 onwards, hopefully making it a festive and joyful sight for the visitors following the **Salvation Army carols**.

Please come along with any greenery, berries, seed heads, cones, sparkly stuff and anything else you may have- not forgetting your secateurs! Just an hour of your time will make all the difference.

Thank you



From the Minister's Desk

Hello everyone!

Well, not long to go now before it's Christmas!

Through our Christmas services, we will 'enter' the stable and gaze upon the Holy Child, and we will glimpse how God works, how God is. God has given himself away so completely that we meet him in poverty and weakness, in the frail beauty of a newborn baby, entirely dependent on others for survival.



There is something shocking about this: the Creator of the Universe, of all that is - often referred to in prayer as 'Almighty God' - giving away all strength and power as these are usually understood.

But here God is revealed through the kind of love found in a helpless child in a cradle, and then, in later life, through death on a cross. In a turbulent world we human beings are all too often focussed on our own safety, our own success, on being in control as much as we can. We are used to power being used coercively or corruptly.

But Christmas tells us what Good Friday and Easter also tell us, that God freely chooses to give himself away in love. At Christmas God reaches out to us, ready to be hurt and even to die, so that new love may be born in us, our ordinary habits knocked sideways, as we learn to return that love by allowing it to shape our lives and actions.

God has given us something of his own life, inviting us to be so caught up in the self-giving life of Jesus that we want to live this way ourselves and our society to better reflect what we have seen in him. This means – by what we do, think and say – treating all people with their God-given dignity.

In the manger in Bethlehem, in the frailty of the Christ-child, we see how God is and how God works. It is a wonder, and it is worrying. It is consoling, and it is challenging. Here is the life of all things, full of grace and truth, the life of the everlasting Word of God. This Christmas and subsequently, we are all invited to share in this life, and to kindle on earth, in our local circumstances, in our nation and the wider world, the flame of this incredible, vulnerable, self-giving love.

I wish you a love-filled and peace-filled Christmas.

Lindsay

For information re Baptisms, Banns and Weddings, Funerals and other pastoral concerns,

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For practical matters, please contact Church Warden

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New Memorial Garden Beautifying Appledore

Pleased to say Appledore Parish Council in collaboration with Appledore Recreation Ground Management Committee have created a Memorial Garden on the underused space between the public toilets and the sports pavilion. The goal here was to create a pretty garden feature for seating, reflection, and sensory pleasure; visible from the road, pavements and recreation ground.

The design is a circular raised flowerbed, surrounded by a path, and four positions where park benches will be placed over time. The feature can be lit-up at night with programmable multi-coloured lights. The Memorial Garden is NOT specifically a war memorial (we have one already in the church) but our goal is to make the feature season specific. However, as we opened in November we did make the feature relevant to Remembrance day for November only.

The silhouette “Tommy” was purchased by the Recreation Ground Committee from the Royal British Legion by way of a donation to the RBL.

In December we’ll have a Christmas tree, followed by spring blooms, summer displays and so on. Beside the park benches we’ll place low shrubs and perennials to maintain colour and visual texture throughout winter. Thanks to Dean at the Pinegrove Garden Centre for helping with the design. We welcome any villagers who would like to contribute designs and thoughts on seasonal themes.

Several villagers have expressed an interest in having commemorative plaques or sponsoring park benches for past relatives on the memorial ground which we’re pleased to facilitate. If this is of interest please contact APC or ARGMC (APC.gkinsley@gmail.com). Likewise if any villagers would like to donate flowers or small shrubs please feel free, at the above contact.



Duncan Gray from the Allotments Society has very kindly donated the funds for the **Christmas Tree which will stand outside the Village Hall**. The trustee of the Village Hall would like to say a huge THANKYOU to him and the other members for their very generous donation. Such acts of kindness and support are so very appreciated particularly at this time of year
Christmas has come early this year, Thank you again Duncan

Linda HISKEY



This month's Spotlight is on Natasha Bowman, who loves horses, dogs and going on cruises.

Natasha is Landlady of The Black Lion. She was born in Hackney, East London and lived between London & Kent, later moving to Essex. Natasha's dad owned many pubs, and still has one today in Kent. Nan and Grandad were in Goudhurst so she's spent time in this part of the country for years.

Natasha has always been a bit of an entrepreneur growing up, making sandwiches at a young age in one of her dad's pubs which was quite successful. It's no surprise perhaps that as life has moved on, she is still coming up with new ideas, still in the hospitality industry, gaining knowledge from working in night clubs, wine bars & successful restaurants over the years. We hope you've been lucky already to enjoy a fun night in the pub such as 'Music Bingo' or 'Jukebox Karaoke'!

Along with owning a successful country pub in Essex, our lovely landlady has had a couple of major career changes. She trained as a Hair and Make Up Artist in the media industry, working on movies such as "Children of Men" and has primped and prettied up models and dancers, the likes of which were Germaine Greer, Anne Widdecombe, some of the Strictly Come Dancing stars and even Page 3 Girls!

She used to compete in Show Jumping, Dressage and Cross Country Competitions as a teenager and she still has two horses. Steffi has reached the grand age of 26 and is enjoying her retirement in Wittersham. Amelia the younger one is looked after in London by Natasha's daughter Chloe who is a successful fashion and fine art photographer.

Natasha's partner Brad is Brighton born. He was a child actor in Eastenders and appeared in McDonalds adverts. They used to live together in a very small village in Essex. "It didn't even have a shop," she said, "so having The Village Stores here is a real bonus."

Before purchasing The Black Lion, Natasha along with Brad, had a successful Equestrian Clothing business for over a decade where Natasha's hair & makeup skills and daughter Chloe's photography came into good use, creating all their advertising campaigns. They frequently travelled to Italy and Germany for trade shows, as well as attending the UK's top equestrian events such as Hickstead, Olympia & The Global Champions Tour in London, along with becoming a stockist in Harrods with two of their brands.

They had been searching for the perfect pub for quite some time, however Covid prolonged the search. Then Natasha's dad's heard of a pub for sale through one of his contacts in a lovely village called Appledore, and the rest is history.

The Black Lion has had an extensive refurbishment throughout the building upstairs & downstairs, along with upcycling most of the existing pub furniture using local tradesmen. They are proud to use produce within a 50 mile radius, fully supporting local producers. Their head chef Clive (from Hythe) has over fifty years' experience in the business. Natasha & Brad run the Black Lion along with their dedicated team of invaluable staff, including Wendy who has been one of the most permanent fixtures of The Black Lion & The Red Lion (original name) having worked in the pub for five different landlords, including Ray and Sandra who were there for 26 years!

If you visit The Black Lion consider writing a Trip Adviser Review. The pub is a social hub for our community. Not only do they serve good food and drink, it's a place where many neighbours love to meet up, play board games, listen to bands, support fundraising events and often just sit and chew the fat.



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



Grapevine..

We send kind thoughts to those in the village who are suffering from poor health.

We welcome Jane Miller who has moved to Appledore Heath from Wittersham.

We wish Colin Hobdell from Clifton Farm bon voyage for his new adventure in Thailand. May he always have a spare room for visitors!



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 6th December** (incorporating our annual Festive Food Fair) at 9.30am, in January it will be **on Saturday 3rd January** 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 to enable us to set up and for the freshly cooked goodies to cool down! JC

DECEMBER 2025 Church Rota

Date	Sides person	Reader/Intercessor	Refreshments
7 th December	Donna	Frances/Brenda	Brenda/Eileen
14 th December	Helen	Vicki/Chris	Jane
21 st December	Jo	Thelma/Helen	Donna/Helen
25 th December	Judith	Hannah/TBC	N/A
28 th December	No Service in Appledore Benefice service – Tenterden		

JANUARY 2026 Church Rota

Date	Sides person	Reader/Intercessor	Refreshments
4 th January	Donna	Roger H/Brenda	Brenda/Eileen
11 th January	Jo	Frances/Helen	Donna/Philippa
18 th January	Philippa	Roger P/Chris	Jo/Helen
25 th January	Judith	Jane/Tony	Donna
(1 st February	Denise	Thelma/Francis	Brenda/Eileen)

And Now For Something Different ...

Classic Boiled Fruit Cake

So things are fairly hectic in my house at the moment and I realise that as yet I haven't even thought about a Christmas cake! When this happens I know it's time to search for my mum's tried and tested boiled fruit cake recipe that is quick and easy and never fails to be good! If you're like me and running out of time for baking why not give this one a go!!

Method:

Put the butter, brown sugar, mixed dried fruit, spices, bicarbonate of soda, brandy or orange juice and the half a cup of water in a large saucepan. Bring to a gentle boil and simmer for 5 to 8 minutes stirring occasionally. Remove from the heat and let it cool before adding the other ingredients.

Meanwhile grease and line an 8 inch (20cm) round or square cake tin with greaseproof paper and preheat your oven to 160 degrees C.

Beat together your three eggs with the milk and gradually add this to the cold fruit mixture, add the orange zest and sift the flour and salt together and gently fold this in to the mixture along with the chopped nuts. Combine all together until nicely mixed. Then pour into the prepared tin and smooth out the top.

Bake for about 1 hour 15 minutes to 1 hour 30 minutes or until an inserted skewer comes out clean. Allow the cake to cool in the tin before removing.

Your cake can obviously be eaten as it is but for a complete festive look I would then add a quick layer of ready-made marzipan, using apricot jam to stick this to the cake. To finish - a batch of Royal Icing for a rough snow scene always looks good and the ancient pot of little robins and children skating figures can be gaily dotted about!!!

Happy Baking

Love, *The Crafty Cook!* xxx



Ingredients:

250g Self Raising flour

200g brown sugar

170g butter

375g mixed dried fruits (raisins, sultanas, currants, chopped cherries)

1 teaspoon mixed spice or cinnamon

½ a teaspoon of ground nutmeg

½ a teaspoon of ground ginger

½ a teaspoon of bicarbonate of soda

3 large eggs

60ml of milk

60ml of brandy or orange juice

zest of one orange

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‘Something Different’ may be a future feature page.
Send in ideas/write your own ‘something different’!
Our email address is appledoremagazine@hotmail.com**



JUST FOR FUN. THREE CHRISTMAS QUIZZES!



Quiz 1

The theme is Film/TV/Books

The answers begin with the letters in the word
C H R I S T M A S in the correct order

1. Who wrote A Christmas Carol?
2. What series of books did J K Rowling write?
3. Which actor starred in 1984's Another Country, 1997's My Best Friend's Wedding and 2002's The Importance of Being Earnest (and many other films)?
4. What character does Adam Woodyatt play in Eastenders?
5. What role did Martin Compston play in Line of Duty?
6. In 1998 what was the highest-grossing ever film with £2.2bn dollars? (superseded by Avatar in 2009)
7. In the late 1800's, Mary Ann Evans (aka George Eliot) wrote Adam Bede, The Mill on the Floss, Silas Marner, Daniel Deronda and another well known classic? (hint: begins with an M)
8. Patsy Stone and Edina Monsoon were characters in what TV series?
9. Which actor appeared in Coronation Street for 5 years, was the voice for Piella Bakewell in Wallace and Gromits's A Matter of Loaf and Death and a panellist on ITV's Loose Women. More recently she wrote Madame Blanc Mysteries. Who is she?

Quiz 2

The theme is Places

The answers begin with the letters in the word
P U D D I N G in the correct order

1. Gustave Eiffel built The Statue of Liberty in New York. What is and where is his other very famous structure?
2. Tashkent is the capital of which country?
3. What's the capital of Qatar?
4. Which UK City used to be famous for jute textiles and marmalade production? It has the first V&A Museum outside of London and is still famed for fruit cake.
5. 1947 was the year of Partition and the dissolution of the British Raj. Pakistan was created from part of which country?
6. Spanning the border between the Province of Ontario and the State of New York, a famous body of water is actually a group of three waterfalls. There is only one recorded mention of a complete freeze-up in March 1848 when no water fell for 40 hours. What do we know this body of water as?
7. In 1934 it had it's first regular passenger flights to Belfast and Paris. During WWII flying schools for the RAF operated from it. Post war, the Daily Express held airshows there to advertise it. Flights to Alderney in The Channel Islands began in 1950. Where is being described?

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Quiz 3

The theme is Appledore

The answers begin with the letters in the word T R E E in the correct order

- 1) What town, originally famed for it's wool trade, then shipbuilding, is 6.2miles away from Appledore?
- 2) Appledore was once a port on which river?
- 3) Appledore was the setting for A A Milne's poem The Knight Who's Armour Didn't Squeak. What loveable character with a long tail from A A Milne books begins with an 'E'?
- 4) Hornes Place Chapel was built for William Horne in 1366. Attached to his timber framed house, this domestic chapel saved the family travelling to the local church. It is located in a private garden. Which charity now manages the Chapel and hosts open days?

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Festive goats cheese, red onion & cranberry tart (v)
Smoked salmon with a horseradish creme fraiche (gf)

MAIN COURSE
Turkey with chestnut stuffing, and festive trimmings
Roast salmon supreme with a seafood chowder (gf)
Duo of field mushrooms topped with ratatouille & almonds (v) (vg)
Rich game puff pastry pie with roasted garlic & chestnuts

DESSERT
Spiced Christmas pudding with a brandy custard
Toffee Apple strudel with Amaretto & Cherry ice cream
Fruits of the Forest posset with short bread
Pink Champagne sorbet (v) (vg) (gf)
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ART CLUB ANNIVERSARY PARTY

On 18th November the Appledore Art Club celebrated 10 years since it began.

Membership has fluctuated over the years. We've lost some members, people moving away and gained new ones, people moving into the district.

We're currently running at about 24, and not everyone comes every week, just as well, the hall would be a bit crowded!

We've made occasional visits to the gallery in Hastings, enjoyed tuition from the experts and always put on a display at the Flower Festival in August.

"Thank you, Eileen for making us a beautiful cake complete with marzipan paintbrushes", and "thank you Michael for entertaining us all afternoon with your accordion - we loved the music".

Denise S.



The Ramblers Walk – November 2025

Here's a photo from the ramble – it was a lovely autumn afternoon



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A cold but sunny day for the ramble this month. Meeting point as always was the Recreation Ground at 1pm. No chance to do a recce this month so a tried and tested route was chosen. Total head count for today was 20 ramblers and 2 dogs.

Limited page space this month, so, the route in a nutshell, took us over Appledore Bridge, along the canal on AT261. Left at Snargate Bridge along the road to avoid the mud until turning left into Gusbourne vineyards on AT118A. At Mill Hill there are great views towards the wind farm. Down the hill and through the sheep field on AT119 to the Recreation Ground. Cosy drinks at the Black Lion for some!

We saw a flock of Egrets, made up of both Great White and Little Egrets. Global warming has made them a more common sight nowadays.

The map and photos are on the write up on Facebook as usual. For all your footpath information look up KCC PROW Map. This takes you to web.apps.kent.gov.uk.

Tracy Morgan



Book Club Corner by Philippa P

Plot Twists, Safari Hats & Skies Full of Stories

Imagine arriving at a party where everyone knows each other—and you don't. That's how our last book, *The Family Remains* by Lisa Jewell, felt for some of us. Characters popped up like old friends we'd never met, and we spent more time checking the cast list than turning pages. There were clever puzzles and dramatic twists, though a few stretched reality like elastic. Verdict? Enjoyable for some, baffling for others—and probably best not to read a sequel when you haven't read the first book!

Out of Africa by Karen Blixen, a possible future contender, sparked a lively discussion. Was it a blessing or a curse that we all liked the film starring Meryl Streep? Would that help or hinder reading the book? Opinions roamed far and wide. We also wandered into unexpected territory: syphilis, mercury treatments, and the grim reality for women infected without support. A sobering reminder that history isn't all sunsets and coffee farms.

Our Chosen Next Read

The Rivers in the Sky – Elif Shafak Step into a novel that feels like a tapestry—threads of love, memory, and migration woven across continents and centuries. Shafak's storytelling blends history with imagination, exploring how lives intersect in unexpected ways. Expect shimmering prose, philosophical musings, and characters who linger like echoes long after the last page. If you enjoy books that open doors to hidden worlds and leave you pondering the invisible connections between us all, this one promises a rich, rewarding journey.

Pack your curiosity—this journey spans centuries and skies!

A Christmas Message from Katie Lam, MP for the Weald of Kent

It's hard to believe how quickly this year has flown by, and that Christmas is nearly upon us. Over the past year, I've been out and about across the Weald, visiting schools and small businesses, hosting events with my clubs, and helping people who've got in touch with me. There's such a special feeling around the Weald at this time of year, and I love seeing our towns and villages lit up with Christmas trees and festive decorations.

One of my favourite parts of Christmas is joining the carol concerts across the Weald – and, if I'm honest, eating far too many mince pies while doing so! Last year's Light Up the Weald tractor parade was a real highlight for me, and this Christmas, I'm hoping to catch up with our local Royal Mail delivery team in Tenterden to see how on earth they manage to get everything out on time. It's a heroic feat!

But I also know that winter can be a difficult time for many. Cold homes, poor road conditions, and worries about crime all add pressure when families should be able to relax and celebrate together. That's why this month I've written to every household in the Weald of Kent to share the results of my transport survey, and to ask for your views on crime and policing.

Many people have told me they feel less safe than they used to – whether that's on our roads, in our towns, or at home. Please do take a few minutes to fill in the survey when it arrives, online or by post; your answers will help me raise the right questions in Parliament and work with Kent Police to make our communities safer.

As well as all of this, I've been running events through my Farmers, Growers, and Producers Club, Business Club, and I've unveiled my new Young People's Politics Club! You don't have to come from any particular political party - it's simply a chance for young people to learn more about politics, how decisions are made, and how they can get more involved.

To celebrate the launch, I'm running an essay competition, so if you know anyone aged 16 to 22 who might be interested, please do encourage them to sign up and enter! All my clubs are free to join, and I'd love to see you at an event - you can sign up at this link: <https://www.katieforkent.com/clubs>

Wishing you and your family a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! And as always, if you ever need any help, would like me to visit your business, or just have a question, you can always write to me at Katie.lam.mp@parliament.uk.

Football at the Rec – The Vets

Appledore veterans recorded a 3.0 home win over Loose FC vets, and then lost 4.2 at home to Ashford Pilgrims during November.

As we go to Press the Veterans will soon be travelling to Hythe on Nov 16th to take on Hythe Grovellers. the final game this year takes place on Saturday Dec 6th at 1.30 pm when the vets host Wye veterans at the Recreation Ground.

No games again until early January.

Spectators & old players always welcome to attend, or meet us for a drink after at the Black Lion.

The Veterans aged 35+ now have a squad of over 30 players registered with the club and have their own group chat.

Anyone who wishes to play or join the management team should text Craig Foreman on 07713024499.



Appledore Garden Society
Annual General Meeting (A G M)
Tuesday 26th January 2026, 7.00pm
Village Hall, The Street, Appledore

Invitations to all members of the AGS, PLUS anyone who would like to come along to see what the Garden Society is all about. We briefly review our activities of the past year. We look at proposed plans for 2026 including speakers in the winter/autumn seasons plus summer visits out and about. We've had some great speakers, visits and events – bluebells, wildflowers, a native tree planting project, Pimms and a cream tea to name a few!

After the meeting there will be refreshments available for a small donation.

Please come along.

If you would like to know more about Appledore Garden Society before the event please contact us
on email appledoregardensociety@gmail.com

or call one of the Secretaries - Jo 01233 758420 or Tina 01233 758475

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BLAST FROM THE PAST



A mouse was stuck in a trap in the church porch in full view of everyone coming in!

What a nasty shock!

It was a prank – for it was a knitted church mouse who may/may not have been 'trapped' by a certain bellringer. It caused quite a giggle with ditties being exchanged between those who discovered it and the perpetrators!

What other pranks did those bellringers get up to?



Christmas Quiz Answers. See Page 14 for questions

Quiz 1 CHRISTMAS

Charles Dickens
Harry Potter
Rupert Everett
Ian Beale
Steve Arnott
Titanic
Middlemarch
Absolutely Fabulous
Sally Lindsay

Quiz 2 PUDDING

Paris
Uzbekistan
Doha
Dundee
India
Niagara Falls
Gatwick Airport

Quiz 3 TREE

Tenterden
River Rother
Eeyore
English Heritage

APPLEDORE PARISH COUNCIL



December 2025 Appledore Parish Magazine Update

Memorial Garden Update: Gary Kinsley (Parish Councillor) has announced near completion of the Appledore Memorial Garden, designed as a place for reflection across multi-themes e.g. Remembrance Day during November and Christmas Day during December. Gary is seeking sponsors for purchase of 4 memorial benches. Please email Gary at apc.gkinsley@gmail.com for sponsorship requests, and / or your ideas for other themes to remember.

Play Park Update: The final stage of the upgrade to the Play Park, involving making safe the base of the multi play equipment, is imminent. Once completed the entire play area which includes new toys and reinstated older toys/apparatus will be available for use. **In the meantime, it is important that children do not access the taped cordoned areas.** Further update to follow.

Crucial road repairs - Kenardington Rd: A big thank you to the Ashford based Highways Maintenance Team for their recent repair of at least 12 road edge defects on the stretch of road between The Wish House and Gusbourne. This section of road has now been deemed as “not causing a hazard.” This is a good example whereby a local resident took the initiative to report the problem, followed by APC escalating the issue. If you want to report a highways related problem then search [Kent Highways Report a Problem](#).

Improving our highways: On the 8th January, Kent County Council Highways will be installing new improved signs that will warn drivers of the narrowing bend outside The Wish House. This improvement is a result of the good work of the Highways Improvement Plan Working Group of residents and councillors led by Roger Kimber (Parish Councillor).

Don't forget to pick up your dog's poo: There have been increased incidents of dog poo left on pavements, verges and the recreation ground. Amongst other things, this presents a danger to others, particularly to young children who use the rec ground / play park. I would be grateful for your views as to how to decrease incidents e.g. do we need new warning signage, increased number of bins or better located bins or anything else you can think of? Please let me know by emailing enquiries@appledoreparishcouncil.gov.uk.

Keeping your home warm, efficient & safe: please read important Appledore Resilience Team guidance on the next 2 pages..

APPLEDORE RESILIENCE TEAM
(In line with Kent Resilience Forum)

Keeping your home warm, efficient and safe

- Try to heat the rooms you use to at least 18°C if you can, as this reduces the risk to health of someone wearing suitable winter clothing.
- Overnight, people who are 65 and over or who have pre-existing health conditions, may find bedroom temperatures of at least 18°C are good for their health; this may be less important if you are a healthy adult under 65 and have appropriate clothing and bedding.
- If you can't heat all the rooms you use, heat the living room during the day and your bedroom just before you go to sleep.
- Get your heating system and cooking appliances checked and keep your home well ventilated.
- If you have an electric blanket, use it as instructed and get it tested every 3 years. Never use a hot water bottle with an electric blanket.
- Do not use a gas cooker or oven to heat your home; it is inefficient and there is a risk of carbon monoxide poisoning which can kill.
- If you are not on mains gas or electricity, make sure you have a good supply of heating oil, LPG or solid fuel so you do not run out in winter.

Keep the warmth in:

- Fit draught proofing to seal any gaps around windows and doors.
- Make sure you have loft insulation. And if you have cavity walls, make sure they are insulated too.
- Insulate your hot water cylinder and pipes.
- Draw your curtains at dusk and tuck behind radiators to help keep heat inside.
- Make sure your radiators are not obstructed by furniture or curtains.

Look after yourself

- Sitting or sleeping in a cold room is not good for you and increases the risk of heart attacks, stroke and breathing problems.
- Keep your bedroom windows closed on a winter's night; breathing cold air can increase the risk of chest infections.
- Exercise is good for you all year round and it can keep you warm in winter. Keep moving if you can, this will help keep you warm. Try not to sit for more than an hour, get up and walk around, make a hot drink and spread housework throughout the day.
- Wear a few layers of thin clothing rather than one thick layer; this will trap the heat better to keep you warm. Thin layers of clothes made from cotton, wool or fleecy fibres are particularly good for maintaining body heat.
- Wear shoes with a good grip to prevent slips and falls.
- Make sure you have spare medication in case you are unable to go out.
- Food is a vital source of energy and helps to keep your body warm so have plenty of hot food and drinks.
- Aim to include 5 daily portions of fruit and vegetables. Tinned and frozen vegetables count towards your 5 a day.

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- Prepare for cold weather. Stock up on tinned and frozen foods, warm clothes and any medication so you don't have to go out too much when it's cold or icy.
- Power and utility companies have schemes which make at-risk groups a priority for reconnection following power cuts. [Find out more and how to sign up on the Ofgem website.](#)

If you need to go out:

- Wear shoes with slip resistant, good grip soles.
- Make sure you are not caught out by snow and ice; stay tuned to the weather forecast and plan ahead with food supplies.
- In periods of severe weather such as snow and ice, do not travel unless necessary. Get up-to-date traffic information on the [Kent Travel Information website.](#)
- People are urged not to go to A&E or call 999 unless it's an emergency. If you are in any doubt NHS 111 can help you get the right treatment.

Roger Hiskey (Chairman) 01233 758097

**The Parish Council would like to wish you all
A Very Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year**

Steve McIntyre(enquiries@appledoreparishcouncil.gov.uk)(<https://www.appledoreparishcouncil.gov.uk>)

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Kent Fire and Rescue Service (KFRS) is asking people across the county for their views on the level of Council Tax they'd be prepared to pay towards their fire and rescue service for 2026/27.

Council Tax is a significant source of funding for KFRS, currently covering around 66p in every £1 of the service's daily budget.

At the moment, a Band D property in Kent pays around **£1.82** a week towards KFRS — roughly the cost of a box of eggs or a loaf of bread — about 4% of the overall Council Tax bill.

Our short survey takes just five minutes to complete - https://eu.surveymonkey.com/r/kfrs_ctax2627

We want to hear from all parts of our community which is why we've come to you.

Community magazines and newsletters are the link to the people this message needs to reach, so your support in sharing this will help ensure representation from all communities.

Attached is a graphic for your use, and please do get in touch if you've any questions about sharing this important message.

Our full story is here: [KFRS invites views on Council Tax plans | Kent Fire and Rescue Service](#)

Thank you.

Sam

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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.

If you have any information relating to the past 100 years of village life please get in touch with the Event Management Committee:

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For email addresses refer to the 'Who To Ask' Pages in the Parish Magazine



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This is the last Parish Magazine for 2025

We hope you have enjoyed reading all the news and views this year.

The Magazine Team has changed a little. Brian Knight retired from being 'Temporary Editor' – he did so much more than just edit! I took over as Editor this Autumn. We have new members within the Accounts and Collating Teams. Our Printing Team has reduced in size but continues to do a great job. We have a wonderful group of deliverers – they contend with all sorts of weather and traffic/roadworks particularly those who deliver outside the main thoroughfare. Thank you to those extra deliverers and helpers who stepped in this year to cover holiday or sick days as well as the permanent ones. Without you all, there would be no magazine.

Put your feet up, enjoy a break – Jo, Martin, Phil, Sally, Roger, Jo, Rona, Brian, Tessa, Alan, Geraldine, Jenny, Sean, Andy, Catherine, Lesley, David, Jonathan, Roger, Linda, Peter, Lesley (and Andy), Denise, Jean, Liz, Dom, Stephanie, Lynn and Helen. (Apologies if I have missed anyone.)

Thanks also go to those who contribute with articles and adverts. We love hearing about what's going on around and about and we try to include as much as we can, keeping the Magazine informative but also entertaining. We welcome input and feedback from individuals not just local organised groups and societies.

We could not sign off without also extending our thanks and gratitude to those who have given donations to help with costs. Again, thank you to The Parish Council and the Parochial Church Council who continue to support us. Also, to the Village Shop who stocks copies for sale.

If you have something you would like to see in the next issue please Email your articles to the Magazine Team for the February 2026 issue by 20th January 2026. The email address is appledoremagazine@hotmail.com

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

Wishing you Seasons Greetings from
Tina, Editor Appledore Parish Magazine



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Do You Need to Stock Up On Logs for
the winter ?

Are you wanting new rugs or carpets?

Do you need a sparky (electrician)?

Have you broken a window and need
new glass to keep the chill out?

Do you fancy a theatre trip by local
coach ?

Lots more contacts here for all sorts of
needs!

Look in the coloured pages of
this magazine!