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March 2026

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19th March 2026

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Letter From The Editor

What kind of person are you?
Are you 'glass half empty' or 'glass half full'?

When we question it about ourselves then it can depend on the mood of the moment, although some of you may have already worked it out in general.

We can be challenged by what life brings us but it's how you deal with it that makes a difference. This winter a few curve balls have already been thrown my way. I tend to wear my heart on my sleeve and I am quick to react, not always positively and not always quietly either! Showing emotion is not a bad thing, some say it's more healthy than keeping it all in. So whether you shout loudly or cry softly (or vice versa, can you shout softly?) don't be afraid to deal with it and seek help where you need it. Sometimes even just sharing it with a friend makes things seem a little better.

On the same wavelength, do you look forward or always look backwards? Doing both can be a good combination, finding comfort from the past but also anticipating positive events.

Recently I was talking to a new acquaintance about a letter his late father had written to his Nanna thanking him for pocket money of a penny in 1935. He cherished that letter.

You will find an article on the University of the Third Age (U3A) in this magazine. Perhaps you were thinking of finding a new social group or would like to try something new. Why not give it a go?

This month's magazine contains a little of the past, the present and the future. I hope you enjoy reading it.

Tina
The Editor

Appledore the name is first recorded in the 10th century as **apuldre** (meaning apple tree in Old English).^[5] Alternatively, a Brythonic origin from or connected with "dwr/dor", meaning water, has been posited.

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Church Rota

There is no rota in this month's magazine. Contact Donna Clifton for more details.

HELP !!!

**No dog?
Need an excuse to go for a walk?**

**How about delivering a
few Parish Magazines
occasionally?
Your body will thank you.**

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or call Tina on 01233 758475**

APPLEDORE PARISH COUNCIL



March 2026 Update

Annual Parish Meeting 19th March 2026 19:00 hrs Appledore Village Hall

Its time again for the Annual Parish Meeting. This is a great opportunity for residents to meet local organisation, club, society representatives in a more informal setting. We look forward to seeing you.

Pot Holes

The recent and continuing heavy rain fall is taking a toll on our roads with the reemergence of pot holes. The best action to take is to report potholes to **Kent County Council (KCC)** who are responsible for road maintenance. Use the **KCC online reporting tool** for non-urgent issues, or call 03000 418181 (Mon-Fri, 9am-5pm) and 03000 419191 for emergencies.

Defibrillator and CPR Training – Spaces Available

Cllrs Paula Thornton and Roger Kimber have arranged free defibrillator and CPR training to residents on 17th March 2026 at Appledore Village Hall. Two sessions are available; 18:00 to 19:00 and 19:30 to 20:30. Places are limited so please email paulathornton@appledoreparishcouncil.gov.uk to book the session you would like to attend. Our thanks to Wealden CFR's Community First Responders for offering this training.

Court Lodge Car Park – Removal of Plants from the Flower Bed

The decision has been made to make the centrally located flower bed maintenance free. This means removal of all vegetation, replacing the soil with a geotextile membrane and shingle. This will significantly reduce time and expense for maintenance requirements such as removal of weeds.

Thank you to those of you who have contributed plants to this flower bed. Maintenance work will go ahead sometime after 15th March 2026, providing time for those who have contributed, to remove their plants for reuse if they so wish.

Contribute to the Local Government Review

Have your say in how Medway and Kent Local Government should be organised. To take part in the government's consultation, visit: <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/local-government-reorganisation-in-kent-and-medway/proposals-for-local-government-reorganisation-in-kent-and-medway>. Closing date 26th March 2026.

Steve McIntyre: enquiries@appledoreparishcouncil.gov.uk or 07555393643

Did you know in the UK more than 30,000 people a year suffer a cardiac arrest when away from hospital or other health care facilities? When a bystander starts CPR immediately before the arrival of the ambulance, the patient's chances of survival double.

Wealden CFRs
Community First Responders

Free Training

Places will be limited so please email Paula Thornton at paulathornton@appledoreparishcouncil.gov.uk to book your slot

APPLEDORE DIARY MARCH 2026**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 – MARCH 2026 – Venues as Listed**Monday 2nd Mar. APC Meeting 7.30 – 9pm Village Hall, Small HallSaturday 7th Mar. Cake Bakes. Church porch 9.30 amSaturday 7th Mar. Pregnancy & Wellness Day 9.00am-4pm, Main HallTuesday 10th Mar. CARM 10-11.45am Village HallTuesday 17th Mar. CPR & Defibrillator Training X 2 Sessions – 6pm-7pm & 7.30-8.30pmThursday 19th Mar. Annual Parish Meeting 7pm-10pm Village Hall, Main HallFriday 20th Mar. Appledore Ramblers. Meet at The Recreation Ground at 1pmTuesday 24th Mar. CARM 10-11.45am Village HallTuesday 31st March Feb.730 – 9.30pm A Short History on The Garden Of England ,
Appledore Garden Society.Easter Saturday 4th April. Cake Bakes. Church porch 9.30am

APPLEDORE



GARDEN SOCIETY

Tuesday 31st March 2026**7.30pm, Village Hall**

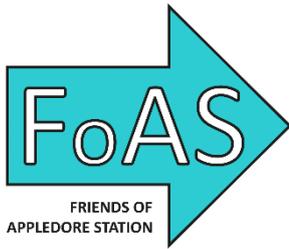
We have a local speaker on

‘A Short History of The Garden of England’

This will be followed by refreshments and a raffle.

All welcome. Non members £5.

Here are two important notices for those who use Appledore Train Station



Car Parking Charges at Appledore Station

We have been advised that GTR, the Train Operators for the Marshlink Line, have decided to introduce Car Parking Charges at certain stations, including Appledore. This will come into effect from 30th March 2026.

Below is the relevant part of the text message we received on 2nd February 2026:

I'm writing to update you on our plans to introduce car parking charges at some of our stations on our network.

Charging will be introduced from Monday 30 March 2026. These rates have been set to be comparable to nearby stations. I have attached a table below with information on the changes to the stations on your lines.

Station	Monday to Friday	Evening	Weekend
Appledore	£4.00	£2.00	£3.00

Parking for Blue Badge holders will continue to be free.

The introduction of car park charging brings these stations into line with the vast majority of our other car parks where parking charges already apply. Income from our car parks is passed to the government – it supports the railway's running costs and contributes towards the maintenance of, and investment in, our car parks. As the railway is publicly funded, covering costs as far as possible is important to reduce the reliance on taxpayer funding.

To give car park users notice before the change takes effect, our car park managers APCOA will be displaying information around the station, website details will be updated, and we will email relevant customers who have signed up to our database. We will also let station partners know about these changes.

If you have any questions about this, please don't hesitate to get in touch with us.

Kind regards,

Alec Brown

Head of Public Affairs and Community Partnerships

Please relay your thoughts and/or comments on the above directly to GTR Public Affairs and Community Partnership Team:

Alec Brown alec.brown@gtrailway.com or John Barman john.barman@gtrailway.com

... And more – this affects those travelling from/to Appledore station overleaf from Hampden Park Station. Recent updates sent by our partners at Network Rail ..

From Saturday, 7 February until mid-April the footbridge at Hampden Park station will be closed for significant refurbishment work, to keep it safe, reliable and attractive for the long-term. This means there will be no footbridge within the station to cross from one platform to the other. Access between the two platforms will therefore be via alternative walking route, at street-level and using the nearby level crossing.

During the footbridge closure, those customers who normally start their journeys from Hampden Park, will need to ensure they enter the station from the correct side:

- **For Trains Towards Lewes/Brighton/London/Hastings/Ore/Ashford International:** they will need to enter platform 1 via the Main Entrance on Station Approach.
- **For Trains Towards Eastbourne:** customer will need to enter platform 2 via the footpath leading from Mountfield Road, next to the level crossing (or Brampton Road)

Depending on which side of the station customers are coming from, they may need to allow extra time to reach the platform they require.

Those customers who normally change trains or cross between the platforms at Hampden Park will need to use the alternative walking route, at street level. This involves a walk of approximately 330m. This route will take longer than normal, meaning some changes with a short connection time may not be possible.

Because of this, we are advising customers to avoid changing trains at Hampden Park and to do so at Eastbourne instead. Journey planners such as national rail enquiries have been amended to reflect the increased connection times at Hampden Park while the works are taking place.

The bridge span is planned to be reinstated into place over Easter weekend, with the refurbishment is expected to be completed and the footbridge re-opened by mid-April.

For further information and travel advice, please visit the dedicated page we have created on the Southern website.

As always, if you have any questions, please let us know.

Kind regards, Ben Thomas

Special Projects Communications Manager - Govia Thameslink Railway

Contact the GTR Stakeholder Team at: GTRPublicAffairs@gtrailway.com

**These articles were shared by
Friends of Appledore Station**

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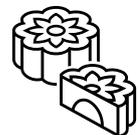
PRODUCE IN THE PORCH

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 7th March 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 9.30am to enable us to set up and for the freshly cooked goodies to cool down! JC



From the Minister's Desk March 2026

Be honest...how well are you doing so far with 'giving something up for Lent'? Are you still chocolate free, biscuit free, Facebook free, swearing free? Or have you managed to slide back into old habits and routines and decided to give up giving up?!

It is a challenge to give something up for Lent, but I would like to suggest that all is not lost. There is still well over a month of the season of Lent left, and as we begin March, I would like to offer an alternative.

The month of March begins with St. David's Day. The patron saint of Wales who fought dragons and is remembered in leeks and daffodils, is believed to have left this world uttering something like this: 'Be joyful, keep the faith, and do the little things that you have heard and seen me do.'

This is such a positive phrase! Aside from the joy it conveys, it talks about *doing*...rather than *giving up*. Doing the 'little things' seems to me to be an attractive alternative to *not* doing. It is also a more outward looking approach to the season of Lent.

Whilst it is important to focus on ourselves and our relationship with God during Lent, perhaps another way to do this is by thinking of others... how we can share more love, kindness, generosity or goodwill. Perhaps this is also a good time to think of someone for whom you are thankful and to use this time to let them know.

In these 'little things' we too can bring joy and be joyful, we can keep the faith, and do the little things that bring some light, love and hope to each other – and to the dark and loveless places of the world.

During this time of Lent, I pray that you will take heart from the 'little things' of life and the big differences that we can each can make to the people among whom we live and work, and love.

Jeanette

For information re Baptisms, Banns and Weddings, Funerals and other pastoral concerns,
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Or Rev. Jeanette Kennett

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For practical matters, please contact Church Warden

Chris Self 01233 758078 / chris.self45@gmail.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 MARCH

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 at 10am, and in Tenterden Church every Thursday at 10am. Both celebrations will last about twenty-five minutes. These services won't appear online.

To access our daily online worship, visit:

YouTube

St Mildred's, Tenterden

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

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

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

Sunday 1st March

The Second Sunday of Lent

11am Morning Praise (*Appledore Church*)

6pm Choral Evensong (*Stone Church*)

Saturday 7th March

9am Celtic Lent: A Reflective Service (*Tenterden Church*)

followed by optional breakfast

Sunday 8th March

The Third Sunday of Lent

11am The Eucharist (*Appledore Church*)

6pm Service of Healing (*Tenterden Church*)

Saturday 14th March

9am Celtic Lent: A Reflective Service (*Tenterden Church*)

followed by optional breakfast

...continued overleaf

Sunday 15th March

Mothering Sunday

11am A Service for Mothering Sunday (*Appledore Church*)

6pm Benefice Choral Evensong (*Rolvenden Church*)

Saturday 21st March

5pm Celtic Lent: A Reflective Service (*Tenterden Church*)

Please note the change of time on this occasion

Sunday 22nd March

The Fifth Sunday of Lent

Passion Sunday

11am The Eucharist (*Appledore Church*)

Saturday 28th March

9am Celtic Lent: A Reflective Service (*Tenterden Church*)

followed by optional breakfast

5.30pm Diocesan Service to Welcome Archbishop Sarah
(*Canterbury Cathedral*)

Sunday 29th March

Palm Sunday

11am Celtic Morning Prayer (*Appledore Church*)

6pm Churches Together Service (*Tenterden Church*): **LS**

Monday 30th March

Monday in Holy Week

7pm Celtic Lent: A Reflective Service (*Tenterden Church*)

Monday 31st March

Tuesday in Holy Week

7pm Celtic Lent: A Reflective Service (*Tenterden Church*)

MOTHERING SUNDAY

You are warmly invited to the “all age” service on 15th March at 11.00am. There will be posies of fresh flowers for the children to give to their Mums, and a candle to light if your own Mother is no longer with you. The service will last for approximately 45 minutes and light refreshments will be served afterwards.

Do please come and celebrate this special day.



Church Flower Rota For March

There will be no flowers in church during the period of Lent.

April 5 th Easter)	ALTAR	WEST END	PORCH
	Denise Stephens	Fay Steed	Donna Clifton

HORNE CHAPEL: Judith Clifton

We shall be decorating the church for Easter on Saturday 4th April from 10.30 onwards (in amongst the cakes!!!)

Please come along with any foliage, catkins, spring flowers etc (not forgetting your secateurs). Just an hour of your time will make all the difference.

Thank you. JC



Appledore Village Show -5th September 2026

This year's Appledore Village Show will be held on Saturday 5th September at the Village Hall.

We have been busy working on the Show Schedule and although most of the classes in the Vegetable, Fruit and Flower Section stay the same each year, class titles in other sections do change.

Probably the classes you need to know about first so that you can start planning and making or painting are in the Handicraft Section, so here is a heads-up of some of this year's titles:



41. An Item of Embroidery, Tapestry or Stitch Work (Open Class)
42. An Item of Knitting or Crochet
43. Any other Textile based Handicraft (eg. Quilt, Soft Toy)
44. Any other Item made by Hand
45. An Illustrated Book Title
46. A Painting – 'The Garden of England' (Open Class)

Open Classes mean they are open to residents from outside the Parish of Appledore.

So that you can keep your eyes open for the perfect photo opportunity, the titles in this year's Photo Section are:

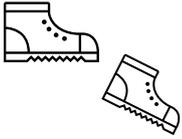
47. A Funny Animal or Bird Photo
48. 'Harvest'



So - get thinking and planning your entries and look out for further information and the full Show Schedule in future copies of the Parish Magazine.

Jo Weeks
Village Show Committee

Appledore Ramblers Report – 20th Feb 2026 – By Jo Weeks



Well, it's ramble day again and although it was bright this morning, as we stand at the rec waiting for everyone it starts to rain! Today in a bid to avoid the mud, that a record-breaking wet January and February have brought, we are driving to Rye

Nature Reserve. Richard has kindly helped with the ramble recce this month for which I am very grateful. We park in the big car park at the bottom of Harbour Road and 11 humans and 3 dogs set off. We walk back along Harbour Road and after passing the houses we turn left into Oyster Creek. According to the East Sussex Council Public Rights of Way Map, this footpath is called ICK/15/7 and it quickly turns to a shingle track which is known as Nook Road. We follow this along and apart from avoiding large puddles on the track it is easy walking. A huge lake is on our right and runs the length of the track. A lot of the pools and lakes at Rye Harbour Nature Reserve are former gravel pits that were excavated between the 1930's and 1970's and have since filled with water.

At this point the sky goes grey and the rain starts coming down driving straight into our faces! We bravely carry on and I remind everyone that this is the first wet ramble we have ever had in 3 years 4 months which is quite a record!! We pass the remains of what was probably a World War 2 Pillbox that has disintegrated in the elements and now from a distance looks like a giant bison walking along!!! We spot a Marsh Harrier flying low over the reed beds hunting for a small mammal for his tea! The rain lets up and the track runs along in front of some very nice individually designed houses, this area is known as The Ridge.

The track follows the same course as the Public Right of Way footpath and we follow it almost to the end, where we take a left and walk along a very muddy path until we reach the sea road. We are now on a proper small road that runs right through the Nature Reserve. The beach and sea are just on our right and various pools and lakes are on our left. We stop to admire the bird life and Richard points out Wigeon, Shoveler and Teal ducks, we also spot Oystercatchers which are wading birds. We carry on our way and now the rain starts again lashing into our backs and soon soaking us! We pass the Mary Stanford Lifeboat House which is a memorial to the 17 crew who lost their lives while attempting to rescue a ship in distress in 1928. We continue but soon have to get off the road as a convoy of 6 CAT Dumper trucks drive towards us. The trucks are managing the coastal erosion and each Winter spend several weeks moving shingle from areas where it is in excess to areas where it has eroded in order to rebuild natural sea defences and protect against coastal flooding. We are now all absolutely soaked and it is windy and pretty unpleasant walking. The front of the group is fast disappearing into the grey murk ahead and the thought of a hot coffee at the Discovery Centre are spurring us on.



We finally reach the café only to be told they are closing in 5 minutes! Crestfallen, we continue onto the car park. We have certainly been aggressively humbled by British weather today, although I prefer to call it character building! Most of the group head straight for home and hot baths but 5 of us decide we need cheering up and walk over to the William the Conqueror Pub for a drink. A couple who has prime position in front of the log fire see how wet we are and kindly give up their seats and we all sit steaming in front of the roaring fire. We enjoy jolly banter and everyone's spirits are lifted. We can't believe that our luck finally ran out on always having good weather for the rambles, but I remind everyone that this is one ramble we will never forget even if it's for the wrong reasons! Hope to see you on March 20th for the next ramble.



Book Club Corner by Philippa P

Our February Book Club Meeting

Our book club's latest read, ***The Seven Sisters* by Lucinda Riley**, certainly gave us plenty to talk about! From the very first pages, with the death of the enigmatic Pa Salt and the gathering of his six adopted daughters at their lakeside home, we knew we were in for an epic journey.

We all agreed it was a great read, though there was *an awful lot* going on! With Maia's voyage to Brazil, the sweeping historical love story was set around the building of Rio's iconic Christ the Redeemer. The historical detail felt well-researched - perfect for those of us who like our fiction with a solid grounding.

We were especially charmed by the lovely touch of all the sisters being named after stars - adding a magical quality to the family dynamic which gave us plenty to speculate about (and yes, a few of us may have Googled constellations afterwards!).

If we had one shared disappointment, it was that we're still none the wiser about *why* Pa Salt originally adopted the girls. The mystery kept us hooked, but we found ourselves wanting just a few more crumbs of explanation. All in all, it felt like the beginning of something truly epic. Will we read all seven books?! If the rest are just as engaging, we just might be tempted.

Choosing our next book proved almost as entertaining as reading one! We were tempted by the wonderfully quirky *A Short History of Tractors in Ukraine* by Marina Lewycka (proof that you should never judge a book by its title) — apparently, it's hilarious! and *Heartburn* by Nora Ephron, which promised sharp wit, heartbreak and plenty of laughs. Decisions, decisions!

But after much lively debate, we settled on ***A Single Thread* by Tracy Chevalier** — and it sounds utterly irresistible. Set in 1930s England, the novel follows Violet Speedwell, a “surplus woman” in the wake of the First World War, who finds purpose and quiet rebellion by joining a group of women embroidering kneelers for Winchester Cathedral. It promises friendship, independence, love, and beautifully stitched secrets — all wrapped up in Chevalier's trademark rich detail.

We all agreed that no self-respecting book club could possibly meet without raising a glass to **Jilly Cooper**, whose wonderful life was celebrated at Southwark Cathedral last month. Between us, I think every member has, at some point, devoured at least one gloriously escapist Jilly novel — and laughed out loud more than once.

The service sounded entirely fitting for the queen of sparkle and scandal. Two lines in particular captured her perfectly: “*A champagne soul, of good vintage and sparkling for all its worth*” and “*Champagne is being popped in heaven today.*”

And popped it certainly was — an astonishing 127 magnums of Moët & Chandon were consumed. Honestly, could there be a more Jilly-esque farewell? What a send-off — effervescent, extravagant, and utterly unforgettable.





Grapevine..ish

'After Eight' beware of this man!

Caught on camera. James Perkins may look 'asleep' but apparently he was trying to eat the chocolate without touching it ...

A jolly Burns Night Supper was enjoyed with a couple of party games, James Perkins you made us laugh!



(For those of you who don't know how to play – grab a box of After Eight Mints. Set a timer (suggest 2 mins). Place a mint, flat side down, on your forehead and somehow get it into your mouth by squishing up your face and moving the mint downwards – all without touching it with your hands. Sounds easy? It isn't!)

What is U3A?

U3A (University of the Third Age) is an international movement that provides learning, social and community opportunities for older adults, primarily those retired or semi-retired, typically aged 50 and over though there is no minimum age.

It's a network of learning groups aimed at encouraging older people to share knowledge, skills and interests in a friendly, non-competitive environment. Members can participate in a wide range of activities including arts, languages, physical exercise, discussion groups and games – depending on what your local group can offer.

Joining U3A offers opportunities to learn new skills, to meet like-minded people and to make new friends. If you are interested in finding a local U3A group then you might like to consider one of the two chosen below as Appledore is located midway between both Tenterden and Rye.

Tenterden U3a

Our branch is based in Tenterden and St Michael's but draws its members from a far wider area that includes surrounding towns and villages. We are a friendly and welcoming self help organisation that provides educational, creative, social and leisure activities. We have a full and varied programme that including a monthly meeting, with a guest speakers, outings and study mornings. We also have more than forty interest groups covering a wide range of subjects and interests. Most groups meet in a member's house, some in public venues, and some out of doors. More details are available on our website.

<https://tenterden.u3asite.uk/>

Sometimes groups become full. If there is sufficient demand, we try to set up another group dealing with the same subject.

We organise occasional Study Mornings on subjects we hope will be of interest to members and the wider public.

More overleaf ..

Our next Study Morning is on 14 March.

Modern Medicine and the Future of Healthcare

The Study Morning begins at 09.00 at the Sinden Theatre, Homewood School, Ashford Road, Tenterden TN30 6LT.

The morning will look at the way science and technology have revolutionised surgery and medicine. Treatments have advanced in ways that would amaze our grandparents. At the same time, we are confronted daily by stories about a crisis in the NHS. For lay people and patients, the picture is at once inspiring, worrying and bewildering.

The Study Morning brings together three eminent surgeons to tell the story of medical development, explain recent advances and point to ways ahead for healthcare in the post Covid world and Neil Pillai, senior GP Partner at Ivy Court Surgery, Tenterden, who will bring a local perspective to the round table discussion.

Programme

- 09.00 Doors Open, Registration
- 10.00 Welcome - Rennie Halstead
- 10.05 Key Developments in Medicine - John Nicholls
- 10.30 Technical Advances - Paris Tekkis
- 11.15 Coffee
- 11.45 UK Healthcare at the Crossroads - Sir Neil Mortensen
- 12.30 Round Table Q&A with the Speakers
- 13.00 Summary and Close - Rennie Halstead

To book your place for this very popular study morning, contact Rennie at info@tenterdenu3a.org

TENTERDEN U3A

And Now All about Rye U3A ...

RYE and DISTRICT u3a

MONTHLY MEETINGS: Third Mondays, 2.00 p.m. Rye Community Centre, Conduit Hill

Future Meetings include:

- 16th March: Robert Smith: Shipwrecks in the Thames
- 20th April: Jay Ashworth: Ashburnham Place, 1066 to Today
- 18th May: Guy Bartlett: History of the Red Arrows

Website: <https://rye-district.u3asite.uk>

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GROUPS NEWS IN BRIEF - February 2026

Bridge Group If anyone would like to join this group, please contact Brian Guest who would like to restart the group if possible.

Potential New Group: Computers and Technology *Linden Thomas is starting up a technology and computing group. This is for anyone who has any questions. Initially, we will meet informally at the Kino café once a month. Linden would like to get your ideas of what you would like this group to be – anything from how to access things on your mobile or tablet to learning a spreadsheet or word processing. Her email is lindenthomas@gmail.com. Let her know if you're interested. Or contact Georgina Lowe georgina.c.lowe@gmail.com*

Bird Watching and Wildlife Group. For the first meeting of the year, four members turned up at the main entrance to the Dungeness RSPB Reserve. After spotting a Kestrel atop a tree they walked to the Hanson hide to look over the wide expanse of water that borders the road from Lydd to Lydd-on-Sea. There were plenty of duck to view, brightly-coloured drake Shovelers and Teal plus one Shelduck. A Marsh Harrier provided a good view as it drifted over while a low-flying Grey Heron passed majestically by. The highlight of the visit was the discovery of a Bittern over the far side of the lake. The Bittern is an iconic bird but is very secretive so is not always seen even when it is present but the best chances are when cold and icy conditions force it into the open.

There were a very considerable numbers of birds in the fields, Canada Geese, Grey Lag Geese and a big flock of Wigeon. By Keith Hillier-Palmer.

Rye u3a Our Treasurer is Mike Taylor, email: mike8anita@gmail.com. For subscription transfers contact Patrick Bonham, Membership Secretary, u3aryesecretary@gmail.com



Maybe there are other things that keep you occupied each week?

Do you play golf? Do you play Bridge? How about walking football? Do you regularly go to the cinema in Rye on 2 for 1 Tuesdays? Have you attempted new DIY projects? (Successful or otherwise!). Maybe you don't think what you do is very interesting but others might! Some retirees say they just don't know how they fitted a job into their lives as they are now busier than ever!

Would you like to write about it or to talk about it and let someone else write about it?
Contact: Tina Editor appledoreparishmagazine@hotmail.com

SEAN'S 80TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION



Thanks to everyone who joined me and the 4 o'clock Club ("The Old Grumbles") in The Black Lion to celebrate my 80th birthday. Where did all the time go!!!!

Thank you for all the generous gifts and cards. So unexpected. I had an absolutely fabulous time sharing it with you all. Who knew at the age of 80 I still knew 20 to 30 people to invite to my party!!!! I'm so lucky.

Thanks to Natasha & Bradley for the food which everyone thoroughly enjoyed.

See you all soon. SEAN (McLAUGHLIN)

And Now For Something Different ...

SUDUKO PUZZLES

Sudoku is a logic-based number placement puzzle. The objective is to fill a 9X9 grid with digits so that each column, each row and each of the nine 3X3 boxes contain all of the digits from 1 to 9.

Various puzzle levels are available in books. Give these a try!

EASY

2	3	4			5
8	9	1	6	7	4
	6		3		1 9
7	2			3	6
	8	2	5		
	1	6		7	2
		7		5	9 2 6
9	3		7	2	
6			9		4 7

MEDIUM

1			3	4			8	
	7		6	8			3	
		8	2	1		7	4	
	5	4		9		6	8	
9	1		5		8		2	
	8		3				5	
3		5	9		6	8	7	1
		6					4	
		1		7		2		

The answers can be found on Page 19

OLYMPIANS BORN ON 23rd MARCH

Chris Hoy 23.3.76 Cycling Track
Steven Redgrave 23.3.62 Rowing
Roger Bannister 23.3.29 Athletics
Shelley Rudman, 23.3.81 Athletics
Mo Farah 23.3.83 Athletics
Jason Kenny 23.3.88 Cycling Track

Current Winter Team GB Members with March Birthdays

Grant Hardie 27.3.92
Curling
Matt Weston 2.3.97
Skeleton
Andrew Musgrove 6.3.90
Cross Country Ski-ing

Milano Cortina 2026 Winter Olympics

Team GB
5 medals

3 Gold
1 Silver
1 Bronze

Something Different' is a current page/article with a different vibe to the usual information/goings on. One month you might find a puzzle, another you might find a useful recipe of household hint!

What would YOU (dear reader) like to find here?

Your ideas and comments are welcomed! **email to appledoremagazine@hotmail.com**



Appledore Archive

Memories and Milestones from Appledore's Past

Miss Mollett's
Tea Rooms,
Guest House
& Antiques
Emporium at
Old Way
House
c1933



Miss Jessie Mollett

Jessie Blanche Mollett was born in 1881. Well known in art circles as an authority on antiques, she moved to Appledore in 1921.



She owned several properties in Appledore, but is best remembered for her Tea Rooms, Guest House and Antiques Emporium at Old Way House.

In an interview with the Kentish Express in 1965, Miss Mollett recalled "In the 1920s Appledore was a very quiet and out of the way village with no through traffic. Life was very primitive but we had good shops for such a tiny place. Our water supply came from wells, and when it was analysed, it was found unfit to drink. But still I seem to have come to no harm at 83".



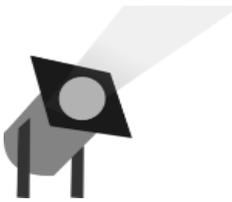
Jessie lived in Appledore until her death in 1970, but she is not forgotten. Today, just across the road from Old Way House, her name lives on at Miss Mollett's High Class Tea Room.



There is no “Spotlight” this month – but there will be another in April! If you would like to suggest someone for a future issue (subject to the Spotlitee agreeing) then let us know!

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Tina, The Editor



Answers to Suduko Puzzles. The puzzles are on Page 17

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4	7	6	5	3	8	2	1	9		5	3	8	2	1	9	7	6	4
7	4	2	9	1	3	5	6	8		2	5	4	1	9	7	6	8	3
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The Black Lion
Jazz

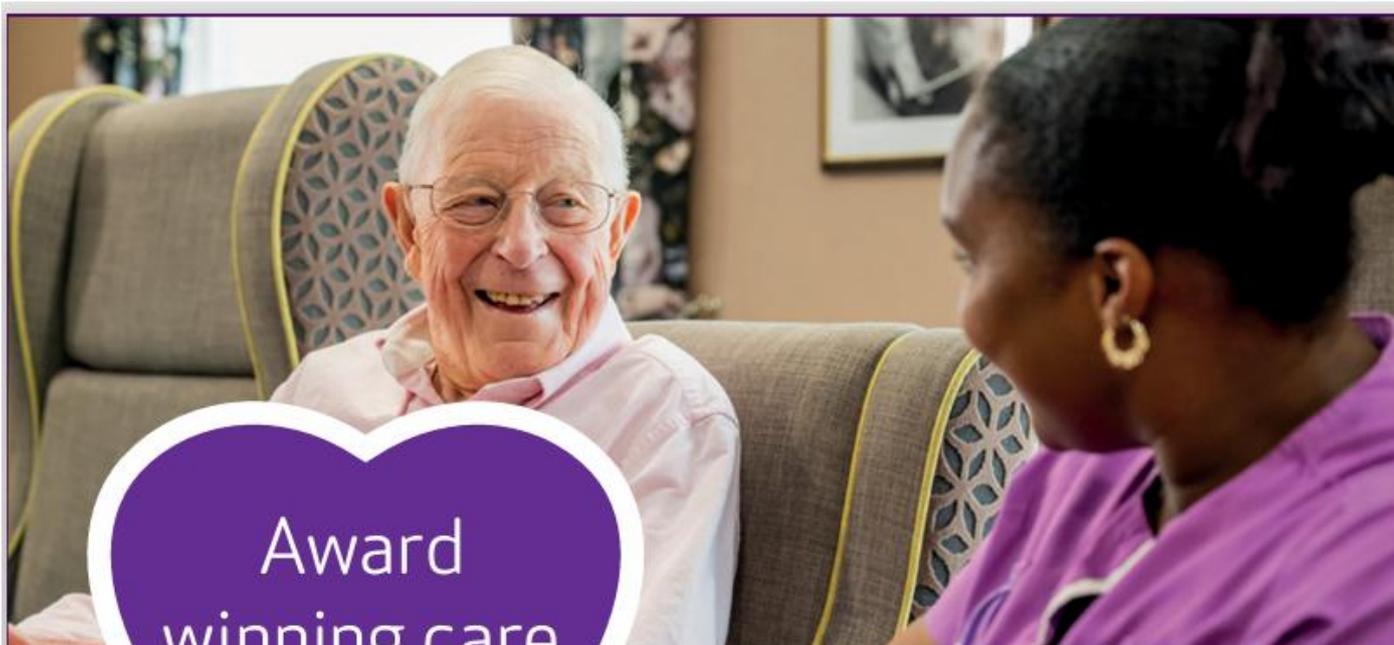
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The Ellie Babies

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