



Appledore Village Show Saturday



6th September

We hope your veg has been growing well, your jam making has been successful, cakes have been practiced, flowers have bloomed, sewists have sewn, knitted have not knotted and children have coloured in and decided what favourite veg will be turned into an animal.

Looking forward to seeing lots of entries in The Show.

Coming soon ...



Appledore School Exhibition

1519-1991

Saturday 27th September



Harvest Supper

Saturday

11th October

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Letter From The Editor

Here goes My first official Editorial ...

Welcome to a Bumper Issue!

I have had many interesting chats with new friends about people from past Appledore and also about those, or with those who continue to be very involved with what's going on now. There have been several changes within the village over the years. Now there are new generations of older families and well established 'newcomers', plus several who are just moving in. Who would you consider a 'newcomer'? Anyone who's lived here less than 20 years perhaps? I am new, albeit three years in. There is also plenty of new enterprise here still. Some businesses you don't see as the way we work has altered for many, but others still have a high street presence. I like to think much of Appledore still runs with a nod to it's history.

There is a new article, Spotlight, in the Magazine - local stories worth sharing. They may make you smile or laugh out loud, (no 'Health & Safety' rules often in the past – saving one of those for another month!). Others may give you something to reflect upon. Positive vibes make the world a happier place - let's celebrate Appledore. With each storyteller's consent, I aim to focus on one or more tale. Forgive any naivety or repetition from past Parish Magazines. I have read through some archived material but with more than 60 years of the written word there is a lot to digest.

As this issue goes to print we will have just had the Flower Festival. We hope you enjoyed participating, whether it was arranging flowers with a hobby theme, manning a stall, singing in church, pouring tea, baking a cake or just going along. I hope you all got a chance to enjoy such a key Appledore event.

I welcome feedback about the Magazine. What do you like to see inside? Did you enjoy something in particular? What would you like more of or less of?

Tina O'Reilly
Editor

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BLAST FROM THE PAST ...

Parish Magazine October 2016.
The Report from The Village
Show had this comment -

The men's class was back by popular demand! We only had two entrants. (Stone had fourteen!!) I hadn't realised the men in Appledore were so shy!!

Appledore chaps don't be shy!
The 2025 Village Show is on
Saturday 6th September.

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Appledore Diary– September 2025

Regular Events In The Village Hall

Monday	Baby Class Yoga & Sensory 1pm – 2pm (Small Hall)
Monday	Starting 8 th September “Yoga Class for All” 7.30pm – 8.30pm (Main Hall)
Monday	Aerobics 6.15pm - 7pm
Tuesday	Hamstreet Surgery Prescription Collection 10.15 - 10.45am
Tuesday	Art Class 1pm - 4pm
Wednesday	Baby Massage Class 12pm - 2pm (Small Hall)
Wednesday	Aerobics 6.15pm - 7pm
Wednesday	Lindyfit 7.30pm – 9pm
Thursday	Pilates 9.45am - 10.45am
Thursday	Citizens Advice - By Appointment
Friday	Tai Chi 10.15am - 11am

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

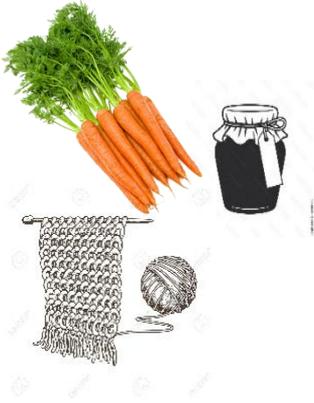


Mon 1 st Sept	Appledore Parish Council Meeting 7.30-9.30pm Main Hall, Village Hall
Sat 6 th Sept	Bake Day/Produce In The Porch 9.30am – Appledore Village Church
Sat 6 th Sept	Appledore Village Show – Village Hall - open to the public from 2pm, Trophies 4pm, Raffle 4.30pm
Tue 9 th Sept	CARM Meeting Point 10am-11.45am Village Hall
Sat 13 th Sept	Ride & Stride for Kent Churches, refreshments in the Church
Fri 19 th Sept	Appledore Ramblers – Meet at 1.00pm Recreation Ground
Tues 23 rd Sept	CARM Meeting Point 10am-11.45am Village Hall
Fri 26 th Sept	Appledore Garden Society Visit to Postling
Sat 27 th Sept	Appledore School (1519 – 1991) Exhibition 11.00am Village Hall History Society Open Day
Sat 4 th Oct	Bake Day/Produce In the Porch 9.30am Appledore Village Church
Sat 11 th Oct	Harvest Supper, Village Hall

Please Note – The monthly Sunday morning ‘Artisan & Food Market’ will no longer be taking place in Appledore Hall

Appledore Village Show

6th September 2025



This is the last reminder for the Village Show! Hopefully you have now decided what classes you are entering, so please fill in your entry forms that were in last month's magazine along with the Show Schedule. Completed forms should be put in the parcel box at the gate of Willow Green Cottage, Heath Road or handed into the Village Shop or emailed to joweeks51@hotmail.com

Please bring your exhibits along to the Village Hall between 6.00pm and 8.00 pm on Friday 5th September or between 8.30 am and 10.30 am on Saturday 6th September. Please do not be late as late entries WILL NOT be accepted! This is because the hall must be emptied of all exhibitors ready for the judging to take place. Entry fees are £1.00 per class or 6 classes for £5.00 and must be paid in cash on the day.

As well as entering the classes you need to come back to the hall from 2.00 pm. This is the exciting part where you can race around and see if you have won!! Delicious home made cakes, cheese scones and sausage rolls will be on sale along with tea and coffee. We are also holding a raffle with several prizes having been kindly donated by Gusbourne! Other raffle prizes would be very welcome and I am happy to collect. I eagerly await your entry forms so I can get the Show Cards written up and the paperwork prepared.

Looking forward to seeing you all at the Show.

Jo Weeks

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Thanks for the lavender ...

Thank you so much to everyone who cut down their lavender and gave it to our ready team who stripped it. We were able to make over 200 lavender bags to sell at the Flower Festival and will continue to produce more bags throughout the year to offer for sale in the porch.

Also very many thanks to all of you who donated unwanted and unused cosmetics which were quickly snapped up from the sale table and a very popular addition to the Craft Stall. Judith Clifton



Quick puzzles. Test Your Brain. Just for Fun! It's watery this month!

1. The Amazon River is the largest in the world in volume. It travels through which 3 countries?
2. The Mekong River is between East Asia and South East Asia. Which 6 countries does it run through?
3. The Danube River flows through four capital cities. Name them.
4. Which river is the longest in Europe?
5. Which river is the longest in the World?

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Letter From The Minister

Dear Friends,

We have had four grandchildren staying with us this term as they awaited completion on the purchase of their new home. Due to the lovely spell of dry sunny weather we have enjoyed countless dinners *al fresco* after school. It also means I don't have to sweep the floor after every meal! But with eating out of doors comes the wasp problem and so I rather reluctantly fished out my eco mixture (harmless to bees) to put in my glass wasp catcher jar. It did the trick, but today I noticed the mixture had dried up and some wasps were frantically trying to get out. Before I took the cork plug out of the top of the jar, I double-checked to see if they are pollinators – and wasps are!

What a paradox – I have nesting boxes for birds, log piles for beetles and bug hotels for masonry bees, plus a large circular patch of long grass to encourage insects, and wild flowers which need pollinating, yet in the other corner of the garden I have erected a death trap for them. So, that has come down, and today the sky is a little cloudier so perhaps we will not be bothered this evening.

On 1st September we enter the Season of Creation. This is an ecumenical church season from 1st September to 4th October – the Feast Day of St Francis of Assisi. St Francis wrote a Canticle to the Sun:

*Praised be You, my Lord, with all your creatures;
especially Brother Sun, who is the day, and through whom You give us light.
And he is beautiful and radiant with great splendour,
and bears a likeness to You, Most High One.*

*Praised be You, my Lord, through Sister Moon and the stars;
in heaven You formed them clear and precious and beautiful.*

Had I less Sharon Francis and more Saint Francis about me, I would not have needed to check whether wasps were pollinators or not. We are all God's creatures and live intricately interconnected lives in this glorious, wonderful and complex world. I have no right to go about snuffing out the life of even one of these creatures, which is simply going about its waspish business.

Despite my confession above, I am someone who has felt particularly close to nature for as long as I can remember. When I was about five years old, I was terribly excited to be collecting shiny brown conkers with my father. But he told me to stop a while, and run my fingers inside the green, spiky, abandoned conker shell (or burr). It was silky smooth, having been pressed back into a hard shell to accommodate the growing chestnut. Now, when I see fallen conkers, it is the discarded shells that draw my eye and cause me to wonder.

Let us enjoy this Season of Creation as a time to re-set our minds to love God, and love – not just our neighbour – but 'love every species as yourself'.*

Every blessing,
Rev. Sharon Francis

*A quote from *The Great Search* by John Philip Newell

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 SEPTEMBER

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

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

To access our daily online worship, visit:

YouTube

St Mildred's, Tenterden

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

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 7th September The Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary

11am Morning Praise (*Appledore Church*)
3pm Chapel Bank Pilgrimage (*Ebony Church*)
6pm Patronal Festival Evensong (*Stone Church*)

Saturday 13th September
9am Contemplative Service (*Tenterden Church*)

Sunday 14th September Creation Sunday

11am The Blessing of Animals (*Appledore Church*)

Sunday 21st September St Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

11am Celtic Morning Prayer (*Appledore Church*)
Noon Civic Celebration Service (*Tenterden Church*)
6pm Benefice Choral Evensong (*Tenterden Church*)

Sunday 28th September The Feast of St Michael and All Angels and Harvest Thanksgiving

11am The Eucharist (*Appledore Church*)
3pm Harvest Festival (*Ebony Church*)
6pm A Churches Together Service (*Tenterden Church*)

SINGLE MINDED?

As you will probably know, over the past eighteen months we have been exploring the possibility of becoming a single parish.

We have held discussions at meetings of all our Parochial Church Councils (PCCs), worked with a smaller group of PCC representatives to develop ideas, and opened everything up to our wider communities through public meetings.

In November, the members of each of our PCCs will decide if they want to support the further progression of the single parish proposal by going forward to formal public consultation.

Before this, there will be one more round of PCC meetings and three further public presentations.

These will be held on: Thursday 11th September at 7pm in Wittersham Church; Sunday 14th September at 4pm in Tenterden Church; Tuesday 16th September at 2pm in Rolvenden Church.

The content at each meeting will be identical and so please do come to the one which is most convenient for you.

Rev. Jeanette Kennett

Rev. Can. Lindsay Hammond

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Asian Hornet monitoring in Appledore August 2025 by Deirdre Issad

My background:

I relocated to Appledore in August 2024. Then excitedly enrolled on a beekeeping course. After telling a fellow beekeeper that I had killed a noisy wasp in my green house, he encouraged me to report the sighting. The dead insect was collected and analysed. It was a queen 'Asian Hornet'. It was explained to me that 'she' was looking to set up a nest in our garden.

Subsequently the BBC contacted me to do a clip for the news !!!

When Hollywood didn't call ... I was then persuaded to help with the campaign against the Asian hornet.

The facts:

These non-native insects are voracious predators. They destroy honeybee colonies, eat other insects, moths, butterflies, solitary bees and bumblebees. In France where they are now established, they are regularly seen taking meat and fish from open air markets.

In 2023, 35 nests were found and destroyed in East Kent, last year only 7. However, sightings this year are now at a higher number than at the same point in 2023. Local beekeepers are again systematically monitoring large areas and in partnership with the national Bee Unit (NBU), will find and destroy any nests when hornets are reported.

They threaten our pollinators, who are already struggling under the challenges of climate change , loss of habitat and pollution. We have this window to eradicate them whilst their numbers are small.

What can you do ?

Report sightings via the Asian Watch Hornet app. This is a free app for both Apple and android phones ...see link



Email : alertnonnative@ceh.ac.uk

What we did as a village in August

At short notice, 6 fantastic volunteers put traps in their gardens and monitored them daily. There was no cost for volunteers as the Ashford Beekeepers financed the trapping equipment.

Yes the traps attract other insects, you release them.

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I had monitored traps in my garden and around the village in the previous months. But this strategy in August was the plan for as many villages in Kent as possible.

This was to target 'worker Asian hornets' which are already in an established nest.

They fly in straight lines. THEY DON'T FLY AT NIGHT.

Therefore sightings can be triangulated, and we hopefully find the nest.

Since writing this article 217 total sightings , 64 nests found.

Kent nests: Woodchurch, Harrietsham, Stodmarsh, Wye, Cranbrook, River, Walmer, Tenterden, Weaving, Chilham, Dover, Sissinghurst Castle

Apologies this article should have been submitted in July for the purposes of giving any villagers the opportunity to participate. There will be updated findings in the October magazine. Then hopefully plan for next year..

Thanks for reading .

Deirdre

CHURCH FLOWER ROTA SEPTEMBER 2025

	ALTAR	WEST END	PORCH
Sept. 7 th	Julie Wooding	Wendy Selmes	Donna Clifton
Sept. 14 th	Paddy Moseley	Pat Bailey	Carly Amey
Sept. 21 st	Lynn Marston	Julie Flawn	Kate Stevens
Sept. 28 th	Helen Downing Waite	Fay Steed	Stephanie Wright
Oct. 5 th	Helen Hennig	Frances Smith	Denise Stephens



Horne Chapel: Judith Clifton

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



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 6th September 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!

Appledore Garden Society Visit to Postling, near Hythe

Friday 26th September

This will be our last group organised trip for 2025.

AGS Members will receive an email with more details. If non members would like to join us then please contact Jo or Tina, Joint Secretaries for the AGS on appledoregardensociety@gmail.com



Churchfield House: At the base of the Downs, springs rising in this garden form the source of the East Stour. Two large ponds are home to wildfowl and fish and the banks have been planted with swathes of primula, large leaved herbaceous bamboo and ferns. The rest of the five acre garden is a Kent cobnut platt and vegetable garden, large grass areas and naturally planted borders and woodland. **West Court Lodge:** South facing one acre walled garden at the foot of the North Downs, designed in two parts, main lawn with large sunny borders and a romantic woodland glade planted with shadow loving plants and spring bulbs, small wildlife pond.

Our first indoor meeting with a Speaker will take place Tuesday 28th October at The Village Hall. 'Our Disappearing Orchards'. All welcome. Guests £5 per person. Refreshments for a donation. Raffle prizes.

September Church Rota 2025

Date	Sides person	Reader/Intercessor	Refreshments
7 th September	Donna	Thelma/Brenda	Brenda/Eileen
14 th September	Judith	Michael/Helen	Fay
21 st September	Philippa	Judith/Chris	Eileen
28 th September	Jo	Roger P/Tony	Philippa/Donna
5 th October	Helen	Jane/Donna	Brenda/Eileen



GRAPEVINE :

SEPTEMBER 2025

We would like to welcome Allie, Dan and Skye to Donkey Lane and a special welcome to baby Felix who arrived two weeks later. We hope they will be very happy in this lovely village.

We would also like to wish Iris Bourne well on her move to Oxford. After more than 60 years in Appledore it will be a big change for her, although she is delighted to move in with her son Jonathan and be closer to family.



Ride + Stride for Kent Churches

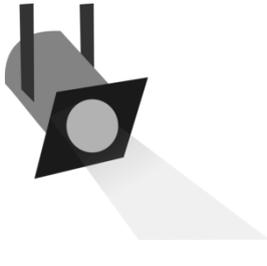
Saturday 13th September

This event is arranged by the Friends of Kent Churches. Half of the funds raised go directly to our own church in Appledore and half go towards providing grant monies to any Kent church in need.

So, please consider supporting it by collecting sponsorship to cycle or walk on the day. We also need help in the church with refreshments or to man the desk and greet cyclists.

Having cycled this for years now, I can thoroughly recommend it. You can choose your own route and cycle to as many (or as few) churches as you wish where you are sure to find a warm welcome, lovely refreshments and like-minded people along the way.

For further information or a form to take part, please contact Fay on 01233 758304. Thank you.



Spotlight

This month's Spotlight is on a lovely lady, Iris Bourne who lives in Heathside. By chance, I heard she was moving, and I got to have a chat with her just before she went and I met two of her sons, Jonathan and Michael (the other, Matthew lives in New Zealand).

At the grand age of 95, though actually still quite spritely, Iris is going to live with family. She was unwell last year and although she is very sad and slightly nervous of a huge change, she is quite pragmatic about leaving Appledore. Sorting out the house contents has been difficult and time consuming, thank goodness the family came down to help. We know all the plant pots she gave the Garden Society will come to good use and Iris was keen to think they might be kept in use locally. She was a keen gardener.

Iris moved here in 1952, married her husband Eric Gordon (known as Gordon). He was the Clerk of the Parish Council and helped run the local football team too.

She was involved in the beginning of several continuing traditions in the village. Together with her friend Paddy, she started The Flower Festival in 1961 after another friend had seen something similar in Lincolnshire. It was a great success. The church was absolutely packed! Together with Jerry Sweetman, the Headmaster at Appledore School, Iris was also key in the production of the first Parish Magazines. She used a 'stetner to help produce the magazine – very fancy in those days! The magazine had been handwritten and to make enough copies to circulate would have taken days, albeit the 'stetner wasn't exactly quick.

Iris is proud of her three boys, all of whom joined the services, the RAF and the Army. She loves children, used to run the Youth Club in the village and if there was ever a reason to dress in Fancy Dress she would join in!

So, as she departs for Oxford, I wish her well on her new adventure. She will miss the village and I know those who know her will miss Iris too. I hope she continues to enjoy the Magazine however, as she hopes to receive future copies by post just so she knows what's still going on.

Dear Readers,

If you would like to see someone local or something local Spotlighted (Spotlit?) then tell the Magazine team and it will be considered for a future issue of the Magazine.

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The Editor

Quick Puzzle Answers. See Page 7 for questions

1. The Amazon runs through Brazil, Peru and Columbia
2. The Mekong runs through Vietnam, Thailand, Laos, Cambodia, China and Myanmar
3. The Danube flows through Vienna, Bratislava, Budapest and Belgrade
4. The longest river in Europe is the Volga
5. The longest river in the World is The Nile



WELCOME from PETER NEW. NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH



INTRODUCTION

My name is Peter New I am a Police Volunteer with Kent Police and work in Community Neighbourhood Watch across the whole Ashford District. My Force number is 91725.

I would like to introduce myself and start by thanking Tina your editor of this excellent publication for inviting me to write each month to help keep residents safe and secure with crime prevention advice.

My background is the Fire Service and when I retired, I was Assistant Chief Officer Head of Operations for all of Kent and its then 66 fire stations.

That work especially the prevention side is the ethos and my thought process I have brought into this work as a volunteer.

Can I keep Appledore residents' crime free and importantly free from the fear of being a victim of crime also?

I will offer crime prevention advice and warn you of crime trends through this newsletter.

I also post on the Appledore Facebook group which some of you follow. I am also asking residents to email me their name and address so that if needed you can receive an alert straight to your home should the need arise. I don't bombard you with emails, general alerts will come on here but if needed I can write directly to you.

I already have told the editor I could have written 10 pages today, but I felt an introduction was the first next step of who I am and what I do.

I don't do boom and bust I am in this work for the longer game and working together we can keep Appledore as safe and secure as we can.

To join Appledore Neighbourhood Watch email me on peternew1@aol.com

Stay safe, secure, alert and vigilant,

thank you

Peter New

Community Neighbourhood Watch





HARVEST SUPPER
SATURDAY
OCTOBER 11th 2025
At the Village Hall

£18 for a five course meal

1. A welcoming Autumnal Punch
 2. Pea and Mint Amuse bouche
 3. Twice baked cheese souffle
 4. Roast PORK-Boulangerie potatoes-carrots, parsnips, apple sauce and “home-made real gravy”
 5. Seasonal Blackberry and Apple Eve’s Pudding with custard.
- Coffee on request- £1

DOORS WILL BE 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



BIG QUIZ NIGHT

SATURDAY 29TH NOVEMBER

7.00PM – VILLAGE HALL

£5 PER PERSON. TEAMS OF 6 OR LESS.

GUEST QUIZ MASTER. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE QUESTIONS.

THERE WILL BE PRIZES (NO CASH PRIZES).

BRING YOUR OWN DRINKS AND NIBBLES.

MORE INFORMATION WILL BE AVAILABLE ON NOTICEBOARDS, IN THE PARISH MAG
NEXT MONTH AND ON SOCIAL MEDIA.

A RAFFLE WILL ALSO TAKE PLACE DURING THE EVENING.

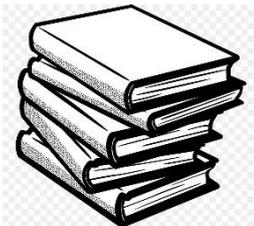
RAISING FUNDS FOR THE APPLIEDORE GARDEN SOCIETY

WE WILL TAKE BOOKINGS FOR QUIZ TEAMS

AFTER 25th SEPTEMBER

RING TINA ON 01233 758475

or JO ON 01233 758420



August Book Club

As a Book Club we all met in August at the Black Lion for their wonderful pizza evening, and a great night was enjoyed by all.

Traditionally, we do not have a summer read but of course do choose a new book for the autumn. This month it's "A Southwold Mystery" by Suzette A. Hill.

This is set around a murder, rather worryingly far too close to home. At a FLOWER FESTIVAL! So, looking forward to reading it and discussing next month.

There is no past month's book to review, so I thought that I would take you through some favourites from the past 12 months. Some by genre and some by author.

So as a standout author, we all agree that Kristin Hannah really stands out, we have read some absolutely fascinating books by her, all her books are just so well researched, they are incredible, fascinating and historically true. The Nightingale and The Women particularly stand out. "The Nightingale" is set in World War II in German occupied France, the novel outlines, the strength and courage of human resilience. A fascinating, but tough read. "The Women" is set in the Vietnam

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war and enlightens us to the terrible traumas of a combat war. And then to a home nation who does not recognise or acknowledge women serving their country. A tragic story but ultimately uplifting.

Another theme we have all enjoyed is novels based on a true story and a couple come to mind, to be honest some from previous years. This to me was definitely one of my absolutely most fascinating reads; "A Women of No Importance" by Sonia Purnell

This is based on the true story of an American women who climbed the Pyrenees, during World War II delivering soldiers to safety and she had a wooden leg! There is so much more to say about this book, it is just incredible and as I can't say more, I'll leave it at that, worth a read.

Another true story read was "Buriel Rites" by Hannah Kent, about the last women hanged in Iceland. I am mentioning this in memory of Dr Ruth Smith, this was a book that she chose. This was a completely shattering read, incredibly tragic but it makes you realise WHY YOU join a book club - - to read outside your regular reads, gain knowledge, and ultimately enjoy



Best wishes

Philippa

Following last month's article in the Parish Magazine and a very positive response to their consultation, this press release has been issued by Kent Fire and Rescue Service.

With around 40% of businesses in Kent located in rural areas, Kent Fire and Rescue Service is working to help landowners and rural businesses stay safe from fire and other emergencies.

*To support this, the service has launched a **seasonal newsletter** that will include relevant safety advice and updates - such as wildfire warning advice, changes in fire safety legislation, and the latest developments in rural firefighting equipment and vehicles.*

*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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Kent Fire &
Rescue Service

together

Appledore Flower Festival 2025

Thank you to all those who contributed and helped to make the 2025 Flower Festival so successful – supporting the church of St Peter & St Paul.

<p>B.E Ames Ltd. Builders & Decorators 01797 344241 Supporting the Appledore Flower Festival</p>	<p>Tudor Financial Options Ltd. Your local financial advisers: Pensions, Investments, Mortgages, Protection. 01580 764333</p>	<p>Phillips & Stubbs Estate Agents Rye 01797 227338</p>	<p>Simple Kent Funeral We are creative, caring, eco-friendly and local. 0780 6613297 www.simplekentfunerals.co.uk</p> <hr/> <p>Boundary Fencing Services Appledore 07885 796422/ 01233 758616</p>	
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<p>Webb's of Tenterden 'There's never a dull moment at Webb's' 01580 762 132</p>	<p>Cherry Tree Salads 01233758007 www.cherrytreefarm-kent.co.uk Quality specialist salads and herbs</p>	<p>Appledore Parish Council</p>	<p>The Old Forge Emporium Appledore Over 2,000 sq. ft of antique, vintage and collectible items</p>	
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<p>Country Canines Dog Grooming Appledore 01233 758107</p>	<p>Precision Aesthetics beauty + Hair by Lucy For professional hair & beauty visit Charlotte & Lucy at the salon nestled in the heart of Appledore</p>	<p>Rawnie Farm Thanks to Rona Ramsden for the field for car parking</p>	<p>The Black Lion Appledore A traditional Freehouse – serving fresh local produce 01233 758206</p>	
<p>To our Patrons - 'Thank You' Remembering all the visitors we have welcomed to our church throughout the Festival</p>				



Flower Festival Thank You

With only three days remaining before the launch of our annual Flower Festival, I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you in advance to our talented arrangers, committee and volunteers for everything they do. This year, we have an impressive 116 volunteers taking part, demonstrating the incredible community spirit in our village (and beyond). I wish to personally convey my appreciation to everyone for their time and effort in making this a remarkable and memorable event for all our visitors.

We are most grateful to our generous sponsors from local businesses who fund the purchase of the flowers. Thank you to our preacher, Lindsay Hammond, to Jeanette for all of her help behind the scenes, to Chris, our church warden, to Vicki covering the sponsorship, and to Michael & Fay for taking care of the proceeds. Thank you to the marquee erectors and taker downers, the amazing stall holders, numerous stewards, tea servers, posy sellers, knitters & sewers, publicity guru, money counters, musicians, bakers and to Rona Ramsden for allowing us to use her field for parking yet again.

A big shout out to the Appledore Art Group for their wonderful exhibition in the vestry.

A special thank you to Andy & Hazel Kemp and Frances for their huge contribution of jars of preserves & chutneys for the produce stall/ to Andy again for donating the tea & coffee to the refreshments stall and to Angela Pope for supplying us with milk throughout the weekend. Thank you to Judith & Paddy (and her team of lavender spriggers) for making the beautiful lavender bags from scratch, and to Pat, Julie & Annie for helping me make the dried posies. Thank you to Eileen, Philippa, Wendy and Judith for baking enough cakes, scones and quiche to run the produce stall and refreshments counter over the entire weekend!

If I have overlooked anyone, I do apologise.

All proceeds made over the weekend go towards the cost of running our ancient & beautiful church for another year and keeping us open all day, every day.

We hope you all enjoyed our splendid event. Donna x

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Highways Improvement Plan (HIP) update - You may have noticed the new playground signs by Hawthorn and the Old Surgery, accompanied by “Slow” markings on the road and the repainting of the 30mph roundels which had become faded. Installed by Kent County Council (KCC) Highways as part of our HIP - hopefully they will help to slow down traffic, particularly in the area by the entrance to Sandpiper Close and Magpie

KCC LEVI Scheme - KCC have been awarded vital Government funding for Local Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (LEVI) to significantly increase the amount of public charge points in Kent. KCC are approaching the final stages of procuring a charge point operator partner to deliver a large network of primarily on-street charge points, aiming to begin a 10-year delivery programme from mid-2026. Further information on the LEVI plan, as well as an interactive map for people to nominate public charge points for Appledore, can be found in this link <https://letstalk.kent.gov.uk/on-street-ev>



Community Policing update - Police Constable Darren Laker provided a crime update at the 4th August 2025 Parish Council meeting. This included Police response options to disrupt nuisance drivers traveling at speed on the Appledore roads late at night. Options include speed checks and vehicle stops which could lead to seizures of vehicles. Darren advised residents to ring 101 to report crime in action, or report online for “post crime.”



Local Heritage Centre - APC has recently supported the idea of a local Heritage Centre, proposed by Terry Blaney on behalf of the Appledore Local History Society. Locations including land to the rear of the Public Toilet, an extension to the Sports Pavilion, and the Ashford Borough Council (ABC) owned land at the end of Hawthorne have been considered with discussions on-going.



5 Sandpiper Close update – APC are meeting with Ashford Borough Council housing representatives in early September to seek answers to questions resulting from ABC’s recent house disposal options decision letter. This includes their offer to purchase the house for rental with priority for qualifying persons with local connections, as originally intended. APC has instructed a surveyor to conduct an independent house valuation.

Update from our new County Councillor Wayne Chapman – Please report potholes and other issues such as drainage and overgrown vegetation via the following link <https://www.kent.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/report-or-track-a-problem-on-the-road-or-pavement>. Any response issues, email wayne.chapman@kent.gov.uk.

Wayne recommends the Food Voucher Support Scheme for those in need: <https://www.kent.gov.uk/leisure-and-community/cost-of-living-support>.

Appledore School Exhibition

Saturday 27th September

11:00 am - 2:00 pm

Appledore Village Hall

Free entry - All welcome

Step back in time with us to explore the fascinating history we've uncovered about Appledore School, see class photos from days gone by, read childhood memories, and browse the special booklet we've produced.

Whether you were a pupil yourself, have family ties to the school, or you're simply curious about its history, we'd love you to join us!

Please help us spread the word to anyone you think might be interested in this unique event.



Appledore Local History Society



We are Royal British Legion Industries

Most people think they have heard of us, but they most likely haven't. Royal British Legion Industries, RBLI (charity number 210063) is a separate charity from The Royal British Legion (charity number 219279), but we share the same ethos to support the Armed Forces community.

Royal British Legion Industries was founded in 1919, originating in the aftermath of the First World War, to support and care for some of the many thousands of soldiers who returned home suffering from tuberculosis (TB). Our village in Kent was soon established, quickly becoming recognised as the leading national centre of TB care at the time, thus creating a community for veterans to receive care and support.



RBLI is proud to be the home of the UK's largest veteran village, supporting over 300 Armed Forces veterans and their families in Aylesford, Kent. Alongside housing and welfare, RBLI empowers



veterans through employment support and career development through our award-winning Lifeworks programme. Our social enterprises in Kent, Surrey, and Scotland provide real job opportunities, where more than 70% of employees are disabled military veterans or civilians. We have an online shop at RBLI where every item is made or fulfilled by veterans and people with disabilities who we proudly employ. You'll find a variety of products, including our popular Tommy range; you may have spotted our iconic

"Tommy" statues in your local area - those were created by veterans working in our social enterprise factories.

You can also buy one of our Wall of Honour Plaques, which would stand in RBLI's Garden of Honour on one of the original boundary walls of the prestigious Preston Hall estate, erected over 100 years ago. It is a place of quiet reflection to commemorate and pay tribute to those who served, a family member, friend or loved one or simply someone who has been a pillar of the community.

With new developments like the Centenary Village and ongoing investment in veteran-specific services, RBLI continues to be a place where veterans can live, work, and thrive, no matter their journey.

Jenny Skinner @ RBLI



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