

Appledore Archive

Memories and Milestones from Appledore's Past

Turks Bakery

Across the road from the Black Lion stands No. 8 The Street. This charming Grade II listed building, now a private house, was once home to Turks Bakery and Tea Room.

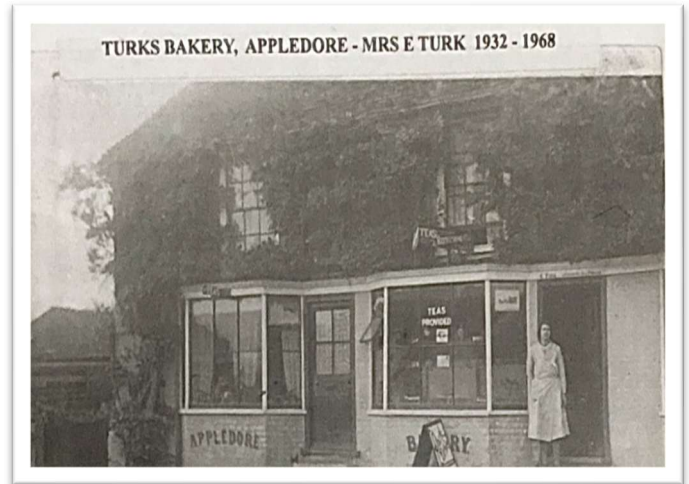


During the Second World War, the bakery and its tea room provided catering and entertainment for military personnel stationed in the area.

Brenzett Aeronautical Museum has on display the piano that once stood in the tea room. The following is an extract from the accompanying text:-

“... MR & MRS E. TURK - PROPRIETORS 1932-1968

The piano was an integral part of entertainment for military personnel stationed in Appledore during WW2.



In the 1940s, the Bakery/Tea Room was designated to catering for the servicemen stationed in the village. Mrs E. Turk and her daughters Gladys and Freda Turk prepared food for the morning and midday breaks “Tea and Wads” and beans on toast for suppers.

After Dunkerque, Appledore became a frontline village. Troops occupied Appledore until D-Day June 1944. A minefield was laid in front of the Royal Military Canal, past the pumping station, extending 1½ miles towards Appledore Hop Garden (Rye Road). One soldier was killed in the minefield and buried in Appledore churchyard.

100's of military personnel visited the Bakery Tea Room and enjoyed playing the piano during sing-along entertainment in the Tea room...”

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