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## Letter From The Editor

*I know some people like lists.*

*I am not a good list writer. A shopping list is doable, albeit never totally adhered to. A 'to do' list sometimes makes it onto a notepad (or corner of an envelope, which then gets lost!). I still very much use pen and paper so perhaps the key is to write lists on something electronic then the list can't be mislaid – unless there is no charge on your phone/ipad/laptop or no electricity to top any of that up – so you can't access your list when you need it. There's also the fact that plans may have to change or people change.*

*Some things you just can't plan for. Dramas and emergencies happen, or occasionally you are having so much of a good time that you carry on doing whatever you are doing and you forget to do what you had planned to do! Plans go awry.*

*In March, within my own extended family, plans went belly-up because of the escalating conflict in the Middle East. Family emigrating to Australia had to leave the UK early, travelling via a different route and with the overhanging threat of a fuel crisis. One of our own Parish Magazine Team Members was also delayed returning to the UK after visiting family in the UAE, due to the same conflict.*

*On a lighter note, how about recipe plans? Has anyone started cooking then realised they had forgotten to buy a key ingredient?! Steak au poivre – without the steak? Or have you boiled a pan dry when cooking something because you wandered into another room, got so absorbed in a fascinating tv programme that you forgot about the pan? (That last one might just be one of my own personal foibles!).*

*So, Appledore in March - The Appledore Annual Parish Meeting - did you enjoy hearing all about the clubs and societies? Did you go to the Defib Demo? Did you show off your dance moves in the pub?*

*April – Easter comes early! Spring lamb! Hot Cross Buns! Simnel Cake! Daffodils! St George's Day! Earth Day! World Penguin Day...!*

*Tina xx*

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*Do you stand like a **White Crane**?  
Do you **Spine Stretch**? Do you do  
**Downward Dog**? Perhaps you  
smash a ball like **Marty Supreme**?  
Does any of that make sense to you  
or is it all gobbledegook?*

*If one or more of those is something  
you do at a local club  
**maybe you'd like to write about it?***

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### Appledore Diary – APRIL 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 – APRIL 2026 – Venues as Listed



Easter Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April Cake Bakes, Church Porch 9.30am

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April APC meeting 7.30pm - 9pm Small Hall

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April CARM 10am – 11.45am

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April Appledore Ramblers. Meet at the Recreation Ground at 1pm

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April Appledore Garden Society Visit to Penns In The Rocks 2pm

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> April CARM 10am - 11.45am

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> May Cake Bakes, Church Portch 9.30am

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May APC Meeting 7.30pm – 9pm Small Hall

### April Church Rota 2026

Date	Sides person	Reader/ Intercessor	Refreshments
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> April GOOD FRIDAY</b>	<b>Donna</b>	<b>Andy/Frances</b>	<b>Donna</b>
<b>5<sup>th</sup> April EASTER SUNDAY</b>	<b>Jo</b>	<b>Roger H/Brenda</b>	<b>Brenda/Eileen</b>
<b>12<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Judith</b>	<b>Jane/Helen</b>	<b>Jo</b>
<b>19<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Denise</b>	<b>Roger P/Chris</b>	<b>Donna</b>
<b>26<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Helen</b>	<b>Frances/Donna</b>	<b>Helen</b>
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> May</b>	<b>Donna</b>	<b>Vicki/Brenda</b>	<b>Brenda/Eileen</b>



## Grapevine...

Grapevine was alarmed to hear of yet another accident at the School Crossroads.

Two of our residents were returning from a trip to Tenterden and on approaching the crossroads they were terrified to see a car travelling from the School Road – and with no hesitation – driving straight out in front of them towards the Stone road. The driver of our friends' car had the tenacity in that split second to swerve slightly to the left, thereby protecting her passenger from a full sideways impact which could so easily have been a devastating occurrence. Despite taking this action her car was seriously damaged.

This is not, by any means the only incident at these crossroads, and it is only recently that Duncan Gray had a similar experience.

We urge anyone travelling in this area to be especially vigilant. It has been reported to our Highways representative on the Parish Council, in the hope that this dangerous area is investigated, and something done to improve awareness and visibility, before a fatal accident becomes yet again just another statistic.

### Letter From the Minister

*Hello everyone.*

*At the time of writing, the missiles have been leaving their vapour trails across the Middle Eastern sky for just a few days. I hope that, by the time you read this, it will all be over, and that people will be able to return to the streets once again or fly home. But, for now, everybody has been told to remain indoors. It's too dangerous, to go out.*

*On the evening of the first Easter Day, the disciples also remained indoors. It was too dangerous, to go out. And so, they slammed the door and locked it firmly.*

*The rolling away of the 'door of the tomb' opened the future to the disciples. New hope and a new future out of defeat. Initially, the disciples locked themselves out of their future? What was it that kept them locked in – kept them from taking that first step into a new life, into a new way of being, into a new way of engaging with life, into a new way of seeing the world, others, themselves?*

*And, for that matter, is there anything that locks us out of our future? Fear, old habits and routines, tiredness, a lack of imagination, the uncertainty of the present and the future, a reticence to take responsibility for ourselves and our lives, sticking with the life we have, even if it's not the one we want?*

*We often talk about what Easter, the resurrection of Christ, the empty tomb, has given us. But what if Easter is also asking something of us? If Easter declares anything, it is that God believes we are worth the effort. Do we believe that we are worth the effort? And how about others? Are they worth a little effort from us? Is our church? Is our community?*

*It's Easter. What effort can we make today?*

*Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!*

*Lindsay*

## 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 APRIL

*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 at 10am. The service will last about twenty-five minutes. Thursday morning Holy Communion services at Tenterden Church have been suspended during the work to install lighting in the church.

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](http://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.

#### Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April

##### Wednesday of Holy Week

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

#### Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April

##### Maundy Thursday

**7pm** The Liturgy of the Last Supper and Vigil (*Tenterden Church*): **LS**

#### Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April

##### Good Friday

**10am** Good Friday Service (*Appledore Church*)

#### Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April

##### Easter Eve

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

**7pm** Service of Waiting and Expectation (*Rolvenden Church*)

#### Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April

##### Easter Day

**6am** Dawn Service (*Smallhythe Church*)

*followed by optional breakfast*

**11am** The Eucharist (*Appledore Church*)

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**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April**  
**The Second Sunday of Easter**  
**11am** The Eucharist with Baptism (*Appledore Church*)

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April**  
**The Third Sunday of Easter**  
**11am** Celtic Morning Prayer (*Appledore Church*)  
**6pm** Benefice Choral Evensong (*St Michael's Church*)

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April**  
**The Fourth Sunday of Easter**  
**11am** The Eucharist (*Appledore Church*)  
**6pm** Churches Together Service (*St Andrew's Catholic Church, Tenterden*)

### **Church Flower Rota For April**

	ALTAR	WEST END	PORCH
April 5 <sup>th</sup> (Easter)	Julie Flawn	Fay Steed	Donna Clifton
April 12 <sup>th</sup>	Frances Smith	Stephanie Wright	Kate Stevens
April 19 <sup>th</sup>	Helen D.W.	Paddy Moseley	Lynn Marston
April 26 <sup>th</sup>	Linda Hiskey	Carly Amey	Wendy Selmes
May 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Judith Clifton	Julie Wooding	Helen Hennig



Horne Chapel: Judith Clifton

If you are unable to take your turn please telephone Judith on 758285 or text 07840 356681 – and the same numbers if you are unable to crack the code for the kitchen / Glory Hole for oasis etc. Please take the old flowers home with you or place in the black bin at church (not the green recycling one). Would you like to join us on the flower rota, we would love some extra helping hands? If so please contact me on the above number. J.C.

We shall be decorating the church for Easter on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April from 10.30 onwards, the same time as cake sales are taking place!

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.



### Do You Play Bridge?

Following on from last month's Parish Magazine article on U3a ...

Tenterden U3A welcomes members, and we have a Friendly Bridge group, meeting in Appledore every Friday morning. 9.45 for coffee/tea and 10am start of play, till noon.

It is at my house, Park Hill, and we welcome – indeed need - new members. We have capacity for 3 tables, booking essential (email below, and all levels welcome.

Love from Frances (Smith)

Email: [Fmks33@gmail.com](mailto:Fmks33@gmail.com)

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GARDEN SOCIETY

### Appledore Garden Society – Our first outing for 2026

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April , 2pm - Penns In the Rocks, Groombridge, Tunbridge Wells**

A large garden with a spectacular outcrop of natural sandstone rock formations, 140 million years old. The grounds include a lake, temples, and woods. Daffodils, bluebells, azaleas, and magnolias. An old walled garden, pool and pond gardens. Part C18 house (not open) once owned by William Penn of Pennsylvania.

This is a private visit for the AGS Group. There will be an introduction by the owner, followed by a talk from the head gardener then free time to explore.

We travel independently, though many of us buddy up for the journey. Entry is £12 pp in cash on the day.

Please call Jo for more details about this trip or for more information about becoming part of Appledore Garden Society (annual membership is only £15) - Jo 01233 758420 or Tina on 01233 758475

*Looking for a new coffee stop? Pop into The Nest, a great café and community space!*

*The Nest, formerly The Romney Marsh Visitor Centre, Dymchurch Road, New Romney, reopened last August. The walls and shelves show beautiful artwork made locally, items knitted, sewn, painted, photographed and more, plus books written by local authors – all for sale if you need a gift for someone (or yourself). Coffee and sandwiches are great too. Really friendly staff. There are workshops and community groups – there's a lot going on if you are looking for something to join. If you've time, you can stroll around the nature reserve as well. Visited midweek, a fresh morning, comfy sofas, log burner on ...*





## Appledore Ramblers Report – 20<sup>th</sup> March 2026

It's ramble day again and thankfully the weather Gods are back on our side and it's a beautiful sunny day. 12 of us and 2 dogs meet at the Recreation Ground and set off across the sheep field at the back of the Rec. We are very pleased to welcome Fiona and Mr Milo, her gorgeous spaniel and Paul Ripley, who has been our local Footpath Warden for many years.

We pick up footpath AT119 and walk up to the top of Mill Hill taking in the beautiful views. At the top we turn left taking the AT118A down past the lake and Horne's Place Chapel – this bit is always really muddy and we carefully negotiate a route through the mud! At the bottom we cross the road and take the cut through to Oakhouse Farm, where the ever-enthusiastic Bruno the Golden Retriever and his human Mum Brenda, are eagerly awaiting us. Brenda suggests we nip through their garden as the actual footpath that runs along the side is very uneven. We happily agree and cut through ending up back on the footpath which leads into the woods. We go over the stile and follow footpath AT117 which takes us into the main part of Park Wood. We turn left and walk along the edge of the woods, the ground is carpeted with white wood anemones and bluebells are just starting to come out and it looks quite magical. Above our heads, the creamy white flowers of Blackthorn blossom are coming out showing us Spring is really here. This path we are on is not a proper PROW footpath, but the woods are full of KCC made paths that you can follow. The path pops out opposite Beech Tree Farm on the Woodchurch Road. Two of us, one at the front and one at the back put on high-vis jackets and we quickly walk along this busy stretch of road. We safely make it to the high and rather awkward stile at Munks Farm. Some of us go over and we are just debating who looks the fittest to lift the dogs over, when Phil and Gwen who live here and are well known for all their hard work on the Ancient and Modern Stall at the Flower Festival call out. They offer us to bypass the stile and walk through their garden which is much appreciated.

We are now on AT116 and walk through a field of sheep with a dog friendly stile and then a couple of pasture fields with proper metal gates. A rickety stile that had almost fallen completely over, has been replaced by a shiny metal footpath gate which is good to see. The views from the top here, looking over Shirley Moor one way and towards Woodchurch the other way, are absolutely beautiful and we are certainly very lucky to live in such a peaceful part of the World. We follow the path across two fields of broad beans, across a drainage ditch and then another field of broad beans. Apparently they are grown because they are hardy and improve soil health by fixing nitrogen into the soil. We reach another stile and then carry on through two more small fields, spotting a heron coming into land. The 3 dogs are having great fun chasing each other round and they must have covered miles!

As we step off the end of the bridge we spot a large raven that is pecking at something on the ground that it has obviously caught.



*We reach a bridge and I make everyone line up so I can get a photo of our motley crew!*

Then overhead we see a Red Kite and a Buzzard who are performing aerial stunts in the sky. We walk up the hill and come out behind the Brattle Estate in Woodchurch. We make our way through the village and end up at the Post Office Coffee Shop where everyone is refreshed with tea and delicious cake!

Jo Weeks.

## Defibrillator and CPR Awareness Training

17<sup>th</sup> March 2026



**On the 17th of March, a South East Coast Ambulance Service (SECamb) Volunteer Community First Responder - from the Wealden Community First Responders team - proudly delivered CPR and defibrillator awareness training to 21 of us in the village hall. Arranged through the Parish Council, which donated £50 to the Wealden Community First Responders, this session gave us awareness of the skills needed to respond in an emergency.**

*In the UK, just one in ten people survive an out-of-hospital cardiac arrest. Without CPR or defibrillation, the chance of survival decreases by around 10 per cent with every passing minute. This is why bystander intervention is critical. By being able to recognise the signs of a cardiac arrest and feel confident to act, you can help save more lives.*

*A cardiac arrest occurs when an electrical problem in the heart causes it to stop pumping blood around the body and brain. When this happens, every second counts. Immediate CPR gives the person the best possible chance of survival.*

*Defibrillators are also vital in these situations. These life-saving devices can restore the heart's rhythm when used alongside chest compressions. Public access defibrillators are now more widely available than ever, but some people may hesitate to use them, believing they are only for trained professionals. This is not the case! Anyone can and should use a defibrillator when cardiac arrest is suspected.*

***In Appledore, public access defibrillators can be found outside the toilets next to the Recreation Ground and in the old phone box opposite The Black Lion Pub.***

*If you witness a cardiac arrest, call 999 immediately and begin chest compressions. The call handler will guide you through what to do and inform you of the nearest defibrillator, which someone else can retrieve where possible while you continue CPR.*

***Learning CPR could one day help you save the life of a loved one. For free CPR training, visit [www.secamb.nhs.uk/cpr](http://www.secamb.nhs.uk/cpr) or email [cpr@secamb.nhs.uk](mailto:cpr@secamb.nhs.uk).***

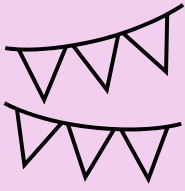
*The evening was a great success, and we hope to arrange more awareness training sessions later in the year. Watch out for more information.*

Hello, some of my friends call me 'pub cat' although that is not my real name. When my mummy goes out at night, I often like to go to the pub where its warm and dry. I get stroked and scratched, and everyone likes to guess if I am a boy or a girl. When I hear my mummy's car, I skittle back to greet her and pretend I have been waiting patiently all night by the front door. Little does she know; I have spent a lovely evening in my favourite pub. I have quite a social life, have you seen me on my travels?



(If my photo isn't very clear here then you should know I am quite camouflaged against the browns and creams in the pub! My fur is dark and light brown, I *think* I heard someone say I was a tortoiseshell but I am no tortoise and I haven't got a shell so maybe they were talking about something else entirely)

**PUB CAT**



### Appledore Village Hall Centenary Celebrations

As part of the forthcoming Centenary Celebrations of the Village Hall we would like to display a selection of pictures of events held in the Hall over the years. Family events such as Wedding Receptions, Christening Parties, Family Parties etc, or Public Functions/Events like Concerts/Plays, Dances, Film Shows, Christmas Parties etc. If you have any photos that we could borrow to copy for the event, please get in touch.

Brian Knight Tel. 01233 758319 or Denise Stephens Tel.01233 758952



### Spotlight on ..

Lynn Marston

“Being FLO was the favourite part of my working life,” said Lynn.

I interviewed Lynn, a long-standing resident of Appledore and she said it was pretty amazing to still be living here after 34 years. Beforehand, she had only ever lived somewhere for 2 years maximum in this country. “It must be a special place to keep me here,” she said, giggling. In fact, there were giggles all the time whilst we chatted. She started life in Yorkshire, the daughter of a Naval Officer. They lived in Portland, Dorset for 2 years, before going off to South Africa for 3 years between the ages of 7 and 10, then returned to the Maidstone area in the UK. From the age of 11 Lynn went to what was then known as Pitmans where she was eventually trained to be a secretary – which she never really excelled in! In her early twenties she got on a plane and went travelling alone around the world, visiting the USA, New Zealand and eventually Australia where she stayed in Melbourne for eighteen months.

Coming back to the UK again, she landed a P.A. job at TVS in Maidstone Studios and when they lost the franchise joined Meridian TV based in London. She loved London life, albeit as a commuter via Headcorn station. She had a horse by then and before she set off into town each day she still had to see to the horse. She worked for the same TV documentary maker for 30 years, but also on shows such as Basil Brush.

Lynn adopted 2 boys in her early 30’s and life became super busy. She joined Friends of The Earth in Tenterden and was on the Committee of Woodchurch Scout Group for some time. She sat for years on an Adoption Panel and became friends with the late Dr Ruth Smith who had become a mum at a similar time. Both boys loved living in Appledore and although her eldest is no longer with her they both had good memories of growing up in our lovely village.

Lynn later met her husband Rob and to their total surprise Lynn became pregnant with Elliott in 1998. She had never thought she could have children naturally. Elliott is a joy and he still lives at home.

It seems my interviewee never sat on her laurels. She joined a primary school in Lydd as a FLO (Family Liaison Officer). Supporting families suited her to a ‘T’ and despite leaving in 2019, she still misses the school and children often. She has also helped run an association for charity lawyers with a friend for the last ten years, finally taking total retirement just before Christmas 2025.

We chatted about her best parts of being in Appledore. She loves flower arranging, and has taken part in The Flower Festival for about 12 years with her friend Annabel. Last year’s display of Shooting Stars has been her personal favourite.

Continued ...

Lynn is also a member of the church flower rota. Her love of flowers showed through when she spent more on blooms for her wedding than she did on her wedding dress. She married Rob in Appledore Church, her children were all christened there.

As for anything she thinks is missing from our lovely village – she mentioned perhaps it would be nice to see a safe cycle route to the station. Otherwise, life is just as lovely as it should be.

Tina  
Editor



**'Spotlight'** - Who do you think might be happy to share a tale or two? If you put forward someone's name we need to know they are ok with it. We share the drafted article before printing to make sure it says what they want to share and that there are no unintended mistakes. Email: [appleodremagazine@hotmail.com](mailto:appleodremagazine@hotmail.com)



## Book Club Corner by Philippa P

### A Single Thread by Tracy Chevalier

Despite hopeful expectations, this one divided the room. Tracy Chevalier's attention to historical detail was very much in evidence yet the gentle, reflective style, a strength for some, was not for others.

Violet Speedwell's journey has moments of quiet interest, and the character of Miss Pesel is particularly compelling - calm, accepting, and quietly ahead of her time in contrast to the period's more uncomfortable prejudices, which are portrayed rather starkly.

Perhaps the biggest surprise is that this comes from the author of *Girl with a Pearl Earring*, a novel so widely loved. On this occasion, however, the magic didn't quite translate for our group.

In summary: beautifully written, thoughtfully researched — but, for many of us, simply too slow. A lesson learned - next time, I promise to choose a book with a little more pace and a little less embroidery!

After much animated discussion, we explored a range of suggestions for our next book. We remembered *The Housemaid* by Freida McFadden, which led us to another of hers, *Do Not Disturb*: a fast-paced psychological thriller where nothing is quite as it seems. Expect secrets behind every door, unreliable characters, and plenty of sharp twists designed to keep you guessing.

*Love Is Blind* by William Boyd was also considered - a sweeping, romantic tale of music, obsession and European adventure - but was (very politely!) left on the table for another day.

We also discussed *Friends of Dorothy* by Sandi Toksvig - a warm, witty and uplifting story centred around a group of women forming unexpected friendships, exploring identity, belonging and second chances. With a little research, I discovered that - for those also wondering - "Dorothy" isn't an eccentric aunt, but a subtle nod to Dorothy Gale from *The Wizard of Oz*, and a long-standing phrase linked to belonging, community, and finding your people. I am sure many know the phrase, but not me!

And in a first for us (clearly we're becoming wildly adventurous), we have chosen two books this month: *Friends of Dorothy* and *Do Not Disturb* — leaving it entirely up to you which you fancy.

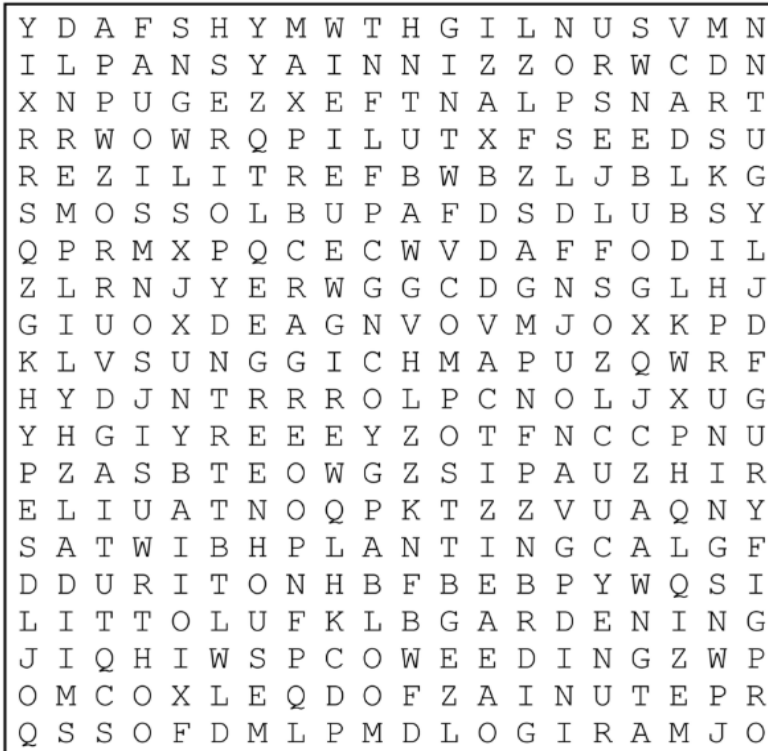
Fingers firmly crossed that *Do Not Disturb* lives up to *The Housemaid*, and that between the two, we've struck the perfect balance of thrills and charm.

And if not... well, I promise I didn't choose this time! Enjoy the options.

**Best Wishes, Philippa .**

## And Now For Something Different ...

### Spring Gardening



#### Word list:

ANNUALS	GARDENING	PERENNIALS	SUNLIGHT
BLOOM	GREENHOUSE	PETUNIA	TRANSPLANT
BLOSSOM	HOE	PLANTING	TROWEL
COMPOST	LILY	PRUNING	TULIP
DAFFODIL	MARIGOLD	SEEDS	WATERING
DAISY	MULCH	SOIL	WEEDING
FERTILIZER	PANSY	SPROUT	ZINNIA



How to Wordsearch - Find the words from the list in the grid, horizontally, vertically or diagonally.

#### And now more words to think about..

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#### Spring has sprung

Ah, the beautiful smell of freshly cut grass ...

Trim your lawn to encourage new growth, if you haven't done it yet then now is the time.

#### Time for a Spring Clean?

Refresh your living spaces, remove winter dust and organise clutter. Search out those hidden skirting boards, vacuum the upholstery, open windows and let the air blow right through!

#### How about new goals?

Winter might not have been the best time to kickstart New Year's Resolutions – Spring could be your time to bloom! Don't be too hard on yourself if you've been in a winter slump. Spring symbolises fresh starts. Join that new group, try that exercise class, ever fancied 'meatless Monday' (or Tuesday or Wednesday, it's *your week, your month, your time*)!



All the answers to the puzzles are on Page 19

What would you like to see on the 'Something Different' Page? Email: [appledoremagazine@hotmail.com](mailto:appledoremagazine@hotmail.com)

**'A BLAST FROM THE PAST'**

This article was part of a publication by The Shell and BP Farm Service in 1962

'Life on 3 of Britain's Leading Farms'

(Unfortunately electronic copies of The Appledore Parish Magazine are without photographs)

**A Request from Appledore History Society ..**



## APPLEDORE PARISH COUNCIL



### **Sale of 5 Sandpiper Close - getting the best deal for the community**

Appledore Parish Councils (APC) recent sale of the 5 Sandpiper Close house to Ashford Borough Council (ABC) is a “win win” deal. ABC will prioritise this affordable rental house to those with clear connections to Appledore. APC has invested the £330, 528 proceeds via Church, Charities & Local Authorities Investment Management (CCLA) low-risk Public Sector Deposit Fund. The interest is to be funded back to the community. The funding process will be agreed and published in due course. Anyone interested in renting the house should log-on to the Kent Home Choice webpage.

### **New parking charges at Appledore Station Car Park**

APC has made a formal complaint to Govia Thameslink Railway on behalf of the community concerning the new car park charges. The grounds for complaint being the remote location of the car park, with no alternative parking within the vicinity, and lack of safe walking / cycling path alternatives. Update to follow.

### **Car Park Safety-Lighting, and Electric Vehicle Chargers**

Financially viable safety lighting options for the Village Hall rear Car Park are being pursued with an update to follow. The use of the 2 Electric Vehicle Chargers installed at the Court Lodge Road Car Park continues to increase monthly, achieving a £175 profit over a 1-year period to 28<sup>th</sup> February 2026.

### **Future Funding and Projects**

The community funded Precept remains at £29,510 for Financial Year 2026/2027. The sale of 75% of Martello’s open market houses will trigger S106 access to £51,720 for the Allotments and the Recreation Ground Play Park, Green Space and Sports. It’s anticipated the investment of 5 Sandpiper Close proceeds will achieve a yearly yield of up to £9,000 for re-investment into the community. APC remain committed to the Appledore Village to Station new path / cycle route proposal, and the Appledore Local History Society’s plan to build a Heritage Centre. APC will continue tackling everyday issues, prioritising effort to mitigating those of highest risk e.g. highway accident hot spots, speeding etc.

**Appledore Annual Meeting a great success:** A big thank you to all those who attended the annual meeting on 19th March 2026 at the Village Hall. Representatives from 19 organisations updated on the array of community activities available, including the Book Club, Gardening Society, and the Appledore Ramblers. A big thank you to Clare Gladwish for providing wonderful food for the evening, and to Linda Hiskey for helping with arrangements.

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**Feedback requested:** Do you believe APC adequately engage with the community, or could we do better? Let us know via [enquiries@appledoreparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:enquiries@appledoreparishcouncil.gov.uk) or 07555393643.

**Thank you for your support throughout this financial year. We wish everyone a Happy Easter**

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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 4<sup>th</sup> April 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



## **A Message from Katie Lam, MP for Weald of Kent**

We're very fortunate to live in such a safe and beautiful rural area, but in the crime survey I ran last year, hundreds of you shared concerns about issues that chip away at that sense of security – including fly-tipping, speeding and dangerous driving, antisocial behaviour, shoplifting and unauthorised encampments.

One of the most common things I heard was that people rarely see police officers locally, and that reporting crime can sometimes feel pointless if nothing seems to happen afterwards. I completely understand that frustration, but we must continue to speak up when these problems occur. Reporting incidents helps ensure the police know where issues are happening and where their attention is needed.

That's why over the past month I've been bringing local people and businesses together with the police to discuss these concerns directly and make sure officers hear first-hand how people in our area are feeling.

I hosted two meetings on crime and policing through my clubs – one focused on rural crime with the police rural taskforce and people from our farming community, and another looking at shoplifting and antisocial behaviour on our high streets, with the Police and Crime Commissioner and local shop owners in attendance.

Alongside this, I've been highlighting to Kent's senior police leadership and local beat officers the areas where people have told me they want to see more visible policing and better follow-up when crimes are reported.

Particularly across a large rural area like ours, it's naturally difficult for the police to be everywhere at once. But many of the problems people are worried about are already illegal – the real challenge is enforcement. That's why it's so vital that the police know where problems are happening so they can respond effectively and I'll continue to highlight to police areas in the Weald that need better support.

So please do continue to report incidents, even when it feels frustrating. And as always, if you're experiencing an ongoing issue and need help, please don't hesitate to get in touch with me at [katie.lam.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:katie.lam.mp@parliament.uk).

### **Who is Katie Lam?**

*The Weald of Kent was a brand new constituency in the July 2024 General Election, and Katie was elected as its first ever MP. One of the largest constituencies in the South East of England, the Weald of Kent is a truly rural patch of Britain's most beautiful countryside. The area covers the towns of Tenterden and Cranbrook as well as well over 100 villages across three borough councils (Ashford, Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells) and 56 civil parishes.*

*She lives in The Weald with her golden retriever Bailey. Before becoming an MP, she worked in senior positions in finance, the technology industry and Government including at 10 Downing Street and The Home Office.*

*(Extract from website [Katieforkent.com](http://Katieforkent.com))*

### An Alternative Easter Egg Hunt

Are you trying to limit how much chocolate your child/children have? Or maybe you are just looking for something to do this Easter weekend?

Cut out 12 cardboard egg shapes at least as big as your palm and thread each with a ribbon or piece of string at one end. On one side of each egg shape, write down an active and fun thing your child/children could do. Here are a few examples – dance like Baby Shark, do the Floss, do a chicken impression whilst counting to ten, five roly-polys – the rest is for you to choose. Hang the eggs around the garden or indoors and let the children loose! When you/they have decided they have done enough silly actions, the game is over – and maybe the ‘prize’ could be a little Easter chocolate or cake! Later, the children could decorate the eggs and they could be hung up like bunting (that’s an extra fifteen minutes of the Easter Holidays sorted!).



Should there be more in the Magazine for the children in the village?

Do you have connections with local schools or groups that might like to promote their events?

How do we get children engaged in what’s going on in Appledore? Children love to see their name in print!

Are yours planning to enter childrens classes at The Village Show in September?

Have they just achieved something special – a new piano grade perhaps? – do you want to congratulate them here?

(Nothing would be printed without parents/carers permission and vetting.)

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## Answers

### Now for Something Different

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1) There is a word in the English language in which the first two letters signify a male, the first three letters signify a female, the first four signify a great man, and the whole word, a great woman. What is the word? **HEROINE**

2) What four-letter word can be written forward, backward or upside down but still be read from left to right? **NOON**

3) What word, pronounced as one letter, is written with three. It has only two letters in it. It can be read from both ends. It might be blue, brown, green or black. **EYE**

*There is no completed wordsearch grid here – we trust you can do it. However, if it’s foxed you, please let us know and we can email you a copy!*

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By  
**CARE OF**  
*Clare*

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Christenings  
Anniversaries  
Birthday Celebrations  
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