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Letter from the Editor

I have been thinking about the English Language, Modern English as it is now. I am not a linguist, so for professional linguists reading this, I apologise if anything in this editorial sounds ridiculous to you.

I learnt French and German at school. For a while I wondered if I might venture into a career using a foreign language. Unfortunately I didn't, although my French has come in handy over the years. I don't think I have made too many faux pas except when asking for a tomb in a newsagents' rather than a postage stamp!

As a family we have many friends not native to the UK and my husband had a very international job. He was often one of only a few Brits in a crowded room. Between us we could recount several tales of language confusion. For instance, a French friend driving to Slough, stopped to ask a passer-by how to find 'Sloff'.

One can totally understand how a non-native might get confused pronouncing Slough vs Cough vs Though.

Then there's the one about a Japanese chap who told everyone he'd been 'hardly working' rather than 'working hard'...

*So why do cats purr – not per?
Why are hobbies such as knitting and sewing not written as nitting and sowing?
Why do humans have hair, not hare? Then there are hares – that have hair but we refer to it as fur.
Confusing, eh?*

There are words we have always used in one way but now they can also be used differently. A mouse used to just be a small rodent but now it helps make our computer work. A cookie is no longer just a delicious treat – it helps run your computer system.

Our language changes and grows due to global and cultural influences, it doesn't just stand still. Well that's something for you to think about for now.

I hope you find something interesting to read in this month's magazine. We try to include articles for everyone – hopefully hitting the target !

I'll sign off for now, taking a bow whilst tying a bow.

Tina XX


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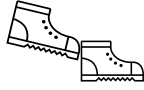
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THINK PEOPLE IN APPLIEDORE
SHOULD KNOW ABOUT – A
CELEBRATION/ SUCCESS OR EVEN
SOMETHING WORRYING THAT YOU
DON'T WANT TO CHAMPION ALONE?
WRITE A LETTER OR ARTICLE AND SEE
IT IN PRINT IN THE PARISH MAG!**

Appledore Diary – JUNE 2026

Monday	Aerobics 6.15pm - 7pm	
Monday	Yoga Class for All 7.30pm - 8.30pm (Main Hall)	
Tuesday	Hamstreet Surgery Prescription Collection 10.15am - 10.45am	
Tuesday	Art Class 12pm - 4pm	
Wednesday	Baby Massage Class 11.45 – 12.45 (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 4 th week 7pm – 9pm	
Friday	Tai Chi 10.15am - 11am	

Other Appledore Events – JUNE 2026 – Venues as Listed

Monday 1 st June APC Meeting 7.30-9.30pm, Small Hall	
Wednesday 3 rd June The Mildred Trust 10.00-11.00am, Main Hall	
Saturday 6 th June Cake Bakes, Church Porch 9.30 am	
Tuesday 9 th June *CARM Meeting Point 10am – 11.45am Small Hall	
Saturday 13 th June Mom & Baby Event 9.00am-4.00pm	
Wednesday 17 th June The Mildred Trust 10.00am-11.00am, Main Hall	
Friday 19 th June Appledore Ramblers – Meet at the Rec Ground 1pm	
Tuesday 23 rd June *CARM Meeting Point 10.00am – 11.45am	
Friday 26 th June Appledore Garden Society – Two Garden Visits in Tenterden. Contact AGS for more details	
Saturday 4 th July Cake Bakes, Church Porch 9.30am	
Monday 6 th July APC Meeting 7.30pm-9.00pm, Small Hall	



*What is CARM ? See Page 15

Appledore Village Hall, The Street, Appledore, Ashford, Kent TN26 2AF
Free Parking behind the Village Hall and also in Court Lodge Road Car Park



Grapevine ...

Our very best wishes go to Richard and Julie Flawn who, along with their little dog Floki, will sadly soon be moving away from Appledore for pastures new. They have lived in the village for the last 4 years but were both born in Kent and got to know Appledore when they started visiting Bridge Farm in their motorhome. Julie is a regular flower arranger each month at the Church and a great help at the Flower Festival, always producing a beautiful floral display. Richard is an enthusiastic bird watcher and a keen member of Appledore Ramblers, where lately he has helped plan and recce the monthly walks. Recently Richard and Julie reformed their Rock Band 'Sticky Fingers' and treated many of us to an incredible evening in the Black Lion. Julie was totally brilliant on the drums and Richard, absolutely amazing on lead guitar and vocals. His brother John completed the group and was very impressive on the bass guitar. If only we had known we had our own Rock Group in the village we could have had many more fantastic evenings dancing the night away!

We wish you both every happiness and the very best of luck in your new adventure in Louth, Lincolnshire. Please remember that you will always be warmly welcome to visit us again in Appledore.

On 19th May we heard the lovely news that Lizzie, daughter of Helen and Robert Hennig had a baby boy, Edward (Teddy) Freddie. He was born a few weeks earlier than expected but mother and baby are doing well. May we wish Lizzie and Charles Foskett many congratulations.

SEASONAL WORK AVAILABLE

LOCAL FARM, Moor Lane, Appledore, Kent

Courgette Pickers Wanted

Work available 6 days each week from Mid June through to October - approximately 4 hours each morning, starting at 7.30am.

If this is something you are interested in, then please contact:

Tina on Mob: 07887 946249 Tel: 01233 758007

or email - info@cherrytreefarm-kent.co.uk for more information.

KNITTING IN THE PORCH



For many years we have had knitted mice for sale in the Church Porch, raising funds towards keeping our lovely building in good repair. They live in a basket amongst the jars of marmalade, potted plants, greetings cards and other such delights and are a great favourite with our visitors who probably buy them as souvenirs. The original mouse family were knitted by the late Muriel Holdstock followed by Iris Bourne and then continued by a steady stream of volunteers.

Are you a knitter with time to spare and, if so, would you be willing to add to the collection? Pattern, wool and stuffing happily provided. Please contact Judith on 01233 758285

From the Minister's Desk June 2026

In the Bible, the number forty generally stands for a time of trial, testing or probation.

For example, Noah's flood lasted forty days and nights; Moses fasted forty days on Mount Sinai; the spies explored Canaan for forty days; Goliath taunted Israel for forty days and Jesus fasted in the wilderness for forty days

Forty years too, is significant: it was the amount of time that Israel wandered in the wilderness; the land had rest under the Judges for forty-year periods; Moses' life was divided into three forty-year segments.

Forty years is also the length of time for which our Team Rector, Lindsay, has been ordained. I am not sure if he would class this as a time of 'trial, testing or probation', but it is fair to say that it is a significant amount of time to have been in ministry!

If the time that we in this benefice have been a part of his ministry is anything to go by, then it has been forty years of selfless and unstinting service to God and the local community, carried out with good spirit and a willingness to faithfully serve, day in, day out.

It has been a ministry of blessing to regular congregations; a ministry of compassion to those celebrating a birth or a marriage and those in the confusion of grief; a ministry of fellowship to those walking anew the path of faith. It has been a ministry of support to the local community, and his colleagues in the diocese; a ministry of nurture to the local schools.

All this is done in a self-effacing manner and with genuine humility – and when appropriate a jolly good sense of humour!

Please do join with friends, family and parishioners and colleagues past and present to give thanks for all that Lindsay has done in his ministry over our special celebration weekend.

The weekend will start in the belfry of St. Mildred's, when the bellringers will show their appreciation through ringing – one of Lindsay's own pastimes.

We then have three key events that you are welcome to attend. These all take place at St. Mildred's in Tenterden:

Saturday 20th June: 6-9 an evening social event

Sunday 21st June 10am: Benefice Eucharist with Bishop Rose as preacher and Lindsay as celebrant.

Sunday 21st June 6pm: Songs of Praise. A chance to round off the celebrations with a selection of hymns and music chosen by Lindsay.

We conclude with a prayer of thanksgiving for Lindsay's ministry:

God our Father, we thank you for Lindsay's ministry and his tireless dedication to walk in the footsteps of Jesus for the good of others. We thank you for every life touched or changed and every door of faith opened.

Be with Lindsay now as he celebrates 40 years of ordained ministry. May he continue to know your love and grace, showing it in all he says and does. May he never forget that you are the one who calls and gives us all we need to live a life of faithful dedication to you. Amen.

I look forward to seeing you at one of our celebration events.

Jeanette
(Team Vicar)

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 JUNE

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 and at Tenterden Church every Thursday, both services beginning at 10am and lasting about twenty-five minutes.

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 June

The First Sunday after Trinity

11am Morning Praise (*Appledore Church*)

6pm Choral Evensong (*Stone Church*)

Sunday 14th June

The Second Sunday after Trinity

11am The Eucharist (*Appledore Church*)

6pm Taizé Service (*Newenden Church*)

Sunday 21st June

The Third Sunday after Trinity

9.30am Forty Years of Ministry: A Celebratory Benefice Eucharist
(*Tenterden Church*): **LS**

6pm Songs of Praise (*Tenterden Church*)

Sunday 28th June

The Feasts of St Peter and St Paul, and St John the Baptist

11am The Eucharist (*Appledore Church*)

6pm Patronal Festival Evensong (*Wittersham Church*)

June Church Rota 2026

Date	Sides person	Reader/Intercessor	Refreshments
7 th June	Judith	Vicki/Brenda	Brenda/Eileen
14 th June	Philippa	Frances/Chris	Donna
21 st June	WHOLE BENEFICE	SERVICE AT	ST MILDREDS
28 th June	Jo	Roger P/Frances	Helen
5 th July	Donna	Jane/Brenda	Brenda/Eileen

**Church Flower Rota For June 2026****ALTAR**

June 7th Wendy Selmes
 June 14th Fay Steed
 June 21st Helen Hennig
 June 28th Julie Wooding
 July 5th Kate Stevens

PORCH

Judith Clifton
 Donna Clifton
 Annie Miles
 Paddy Moseley
 Stephanie Wright



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. Thank you. J.C.

PRODUCE IN THE PORCH

Thanks to everyone who leaves used jam jars, flower pots, plastic trays, books and knitting wool in the church porch. We gratefully use them all and hope you will please continue to donate in this way

Our next Cake Bake Day will be on Saturday June 6th 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 (01233 758285) or Donna (01233 758256) who would be delighted to hear from you. As always every item (and ingredient) for sale is donated so all proceeds go directly towards the upkeep of our beautiful church.

The porch is open every day from 9.00 am until late afternoon where you will find our usual range of preserves, books, plants, flowers and other desirables. However, please note that opening time on cake bake day is 9.30 to enable us to set up and for the freshly cooked goodies to cool down! JC



The Black Lion Pub, Appledore Congratulations! The Tenterden Lions Club trophy has been returned to the pub for the second year for raising the most money from all the pubs participating in their yearly Easter Egg Raffle. Thanks to all customers who dug deep. Follow The Black Lion Appledore on their Facebook for events coming up.



Appledore Table Tennis Group



Come and join us for some friendly games of table tennis at the Village Hall on Thursday afternoons 2-4pm, apart from the last Thursday of the month 7-9pm. We have 2 tables and bats and balls are provided. We look forward to welcoming you.

For further information contact Alan Birch tel. no. 07496 883744

Are you thinking of entering a cooking class at THE VILLAGE SHOW on 6th September?

Class Number 31 – One Jar of Chutney

Some things need to be made ahead – have you made yours yet?

The scope of chutneys is endless. It can be sweet and tangy. It can be gentle on the palate or it can be zingy! Made from fruit or vegetables (or both), with herbs, spices, salt, sugar and vinegar, you usually make it ahead of time and keep it for at least a couple of months to improve the flavour.

There are hundreds of recipes in books and on the internet. Here's a basic onion chutney recipe just for an idea – this recipe is *not* THE recipe you *have* to use!

Ingredients:

2 kg onions, finely sliced
4 tblspn sunflower oil
100g dark brown sugar
150g white sugar
350ml vinegar (distilled white or malt)
1.5 tspns salt
Half tspn ground black pepper

Notes:

- Prepare 4/5 jars beforehand – sterilise (an easy way is in a hot dishwasher cycle, or a hot handwash followed by 15 mins in a hot oven)
- You will need a large cooking pan, perhaps a preserving pan/jam pan (or make less if you do not have a large pan!)
- You will be cooking the onions in batches, keeping the cooked batches together in a bowl before recombining them in the pan.

Method:

1. Cook the onions gently, about 500g at a time with 1 tblspn of oil each batch. Cook until they are soft and reduced in size then increase the heat and cook until browned but not burnt
2. When one batch is cooked, place in a bowl and repeat step 1 until all the onions are cooked.
3. Return all the onions to the pan, add the other ingredients and simmer, stirring occasionally until the contents are syrupy – the sugar granules should not be visible.
4. Carefully pour the chutney into the jars. Seal tightly. Store for minimum 8 weeks. Once open, keep in fridge and use within 4 weeks.





Appledore Local History Society

Keeping Appledore's History Alive

A busy month for ALHS

May was a busy month for ALHS, with an excellent guest talk and an evening tour of Tenterden Museum.



A Fascinating Evening at the Village Hall

We would like to extend our thanks to Geoff Piper for his fascinating talk on Kiwi pilot Jim Hayter, DFC and Bar, who flew for the RAF throughout WW2, and who cheated death an incredible 19 times.

Geoff's knowledge and enthusiasm made for an excellent evening that was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone who attended.



Guided Museum Tour

A small group of our members enjoyed an exclusive evening tour of Tenterden Museum, followed by a bite to eat at The Vine. Special thanks to our guide, Peter, who did a brilliant job bringing the history of Tenterden to life.

**** Community Thanks ****

Our sincere thanks go to Tenterden & District Museum for generously donating a display cabinet to ALHS.

We would also like to thank local removals firm DC Groves & Son for collecting and transporting the exceptionally heavy cabinet free of charge - a huge help and very much appreciated!



Appledore Ramblers Report – 15th May 2026

Well, it's ramble time again but before I launch into the May report of our adventures in the Kent countryside, I want to go back to last month's walk! Shortly after the Parish Magazine was dropped through everyone's door in April, I received a letter from a lovely lady called Diane who has lived in Appledore for 23 years. I was really pleased to receive her letter because it means that at least one person in the village reads my report but also because it was interesting and poignant! This is what Diane wrote:

"You mentioned on your last ramble that you passed an old farmhouse. My Father was born there in 1916, along with 6 sisters and 3 brothers. At the age of 16 he and one of his brothers walked to Hastings and joined the army. Both served in the War and both were awarded the Military Medal, presented by the King at Buckingham Palace."

What a wonderful piece of local history to uncover, Diane and her family must be immensely proud of her father and uncle. Having seen how small the farmhouse was, I found it remarkable that 12 people once lived there. Also, the fact that the two brothers walked all the way to Hastings, which is miles away, to join the army fills me with great respect for our forebearers. Thank you so much for sharing this with us Diane.

So now to the May ramble where 15 of us humans and 6 dogs meet at the Rec. We are pleased to welcome Philip Colthup and his lovely black lab Darcy to the group. Philip now lives in Whitstable but grew up in the village, living at Heathside but spending much time with his grandparents at Colthups in The Street. After much deliberating over who should go with whom, we drive to Ivychurch and park either in front of the Church or in the Village Hall Car Park.

Our walk starts on footpath HM 77 which goes out the back of the Churchyard. We immediately spot a Green Woodpecker with its bouncing flight and almost laughing call. The first part of the footpath is a fenced off path so it's very easy to follow, this then comes out in a wheat field where the footpath has been sprayed. We then take a left turn and walk until we reach Melon Lane which we cross. The footpath now follows along next to the Brenzett Sewer or Drain. We walk through several more arable fields planted up with wheat or sometimes peas. Our birdwatchers spot Skylarks taking off from among the crops, they build their nests on the ground making them susceptible to predators and to destruction by farm machinery. One hovers above us performing his beautiful complex song which we all stand and listen to. A little further on we spot 2 Swans fiercely protecting their cygnets, they hiss at us and place their wings around their babies, so we quickly leave them in peace.

We carry on and again cross over the Melon Lane and then another arable field until we reach grassland where ewes and their now very chunky lambs graze. A bridge brings us out in Frostland Lane opposite Norwood Farm Caravan and Camping Park. We turn right walking along the lane and then at the junction turn right again into Norwood Lane. Richard dons his high vis jacket to keep us all safe on this bit of country road. After a few hundred metres we take a left through a farm gate and back into more sheep fields. We quietly cross these fields with all dogs on short leads. We continue on, often having to cross the traditional Marsh wooden bridges which go over the sewers. We also have to regularly flex our muscles to lift the dogs over the stiles, the 3 smaller dogs are easy, but the 2 labs and Bruno the Golden Retriever are more of a challenge. We have to resort to 2 'lifter-uppers' and 2 'goods inwards' staff to receive the precious cargo the other side of the stiles. I am sure I saw Bruno, through gritted teeth, say to his Mum Brenda that he assumed a full Health and Safety Risk Assessment had taken place before we set off!!!

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We continue on our merry way and finally reach Pickneybush Lane (what a wonderful name!) where we turn right and then walk along to The Star Inn at St. Mary in the Marsh. We have walked 4 miles and are all ready for refreshment. The Star is a traditional country pub with the building dating back to the late 15th Century. It was named 'The Star' in 1732 when often inns and taverns that stood near parish churches were given names reflecting religious meanings. We enjoy our drink and rest but then need to rally the troops as we still have 2 miles to walk. We pick up footpath HM 131 which is almost diagonally opposite to The Star. We cross more arable fields where although the crops have been sprayed to show where the footpath goes, we are all very worried about the huge cracks underfoot. It makes for very tricky walking but obviously shows just how dry the ground is and how little rain we have had this Spring. We carry on across more fields, bridges and a couple of tiny country lanes, only stopping when Richard points out Swifts flying overhead. Swifts migrate to the UK from Africa each year in late April but mostly in May, apparently they are the last birds to arrive and the first to leave. They spend almost their entire lives in flight, eating, drinking, sleeping and even mating on the wing, only landing when it's time to nest.



At last we recognise the path where we started and finally we reach Ivychurch Church which is next to The Bell Pub. It has been a great walk with beautiful scenery, but it certainly took a lot longer than expected! It is now 6.15 pm which means, excluding our pub stop, we have been walking for more than 4 hours which seems an awful long time for a 6 mile walk!! I can only think it is due to the very parched and cracked earth we have walked over which must have considerably slowed us down. Everyone is very tired and we are extremely happy to climb back into our cars and head for home.

Meet us for the next ramble on June 19th 1.00 pm at Appledore Recreation Ground.

Jo Weeks

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GARDEN SOCIETY

Appledore Garden Society

Our next afternoon out will be on Friday 26th June. We are staying local this time. We will visit two gardens in Tenterden. One is Townlands which some might already know. The other is another beautiful floral garden, being opened just for the AGS, a true labour of love and hard work by the owners.

If you'd like to know more about the Appledore Garden Society

Ring Jo 01233 758420 or Tina on 01233 758475.

Annual Membership is only £15

We have a full Spring/Summer Programme of garden visits.



A different kind of Spotlight this month.

Celebrating someone creative ...

Frances Yonge, Song Writer, Pianist

Frances is a songwriter, creative dance pianist/accompanist and music educator. After a brief stint in Advertising, she then decided to follow her love of music as a career. She completed a piano diploma and a music degree at the University of Southampton. Her work and passion involves learning music, composing music and sharing music. She says making music all feels very natural to her.



She is currently the pianist for three (fairly) local choirs – all of which are quite different – Cranbrook Choral Society, Melody in Mind and Wealdon Consort. Frances also creates live piano music at The Royal Opera House, for instance on Family Sundays, and she does educational ballet workshops at The Royal Ballet School.

She loves to write songs for herself and has written and produced eight albums. Her latest song is The Dragon's Eye, in collaboration with poet, Natalie Farrell, due out in May 2026 (which will be available on all major platforms, then Spotify and YouTube). She lives between Tenterden and Rolvenden and she records with her husband at their home studio in Tenterden. She has always lived in this part of Kent. Her father was Chairman of Kent and East Sussex Railway.

<https://francesyonge.co.uk/>

Spotlights in The Parish Magazine

Dear Readers,

Tell me who *you'd* like to be featured in future Magazines. All suggestions considered, as long as they are happy to have a chat – I don't bite – it's quite informal – and the Spotlitee get to see what I write before it goes to print. I already have a couple of interesting people of Appledore waiting to be interviewed watch this space.

Contact Tina, The Editor email appledoremagazine@hotmail.com



Book Club Corner by Philippa P – May Reviews

Our main read, *Wild Dark Shore* by Charlotte McConaghy, proved to be an atmospheric and compelling novel with a strong narrative pull. The shifting perspectives, each chapter told by a different character, took a little time to settle into, but ultimately added depth and intrigue to the storytelling.

Set on a remote, windswept island near Antarctica, the story follows a grieving father and his children, living in isolation while caring for a vital seed bank that safeguards the world's plant life. Their fragile existence is disrupted when a mysterious woman washes ashore during a violent storm. As she recovers, long-buried secrets, both hers and theirs, begin to surface.

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The children's upbringing, entirely removed from modern distractions, was particularly striking. With no screens or social media, they are deeply connected to the natural world, living alongside seals and penguins, and shaped by strong family bonds and an instinctive sense of care and responsibility.

As the island operation prepares to close, the family must ready the seeds for evacuation ahead of a naval collection. Orly, the youngest, throws himself into the task with passion, but quietly follows his own agenda, selecting seeds he finds beautiful or unusual, rather than those deemed most essential, no wheat or maize for him! A small but telling act of individuality and hope.

Moments of lightness are woven throughout. Rowan's (slightly embellished) tale of wombats sheltering other animals from bushfires raised a smile, along with the entirely true and much-discussed fact that wombats produce square droppings, preventing them from rolling away when marking territory. A surprising nugget, apparently documented in the *Journal of Mammalogy*, and one that raised a smile.

Themes of loss, survival, trust and the power of nature build to a tense and emotional conclusion. A few readers, particularly those who have visited Antarctica, found the references to historic whaling distressing, but for most this was a powerful and thoroughly engaging read.

Our "old favourite", *Out of Africa*, was enjoyed by one lucky member in suitably atmospheric surroundings, African art, sunshine... and paella, rather than buffalo! Not quite authentic, but certainly immersive.

We had lively discussions when choosing our next reads. Santa Montefiore's *Here and Now* was considered but didn't quite fit the mood. *Butter* by Asako Yuzuki, dark, unusual and centred on food, obsession and a notorious case, was revisited but felt a little long for now (perhaps one for a more leisurely summer read).

We eventually settled on *A Schooling in Murder* by Andrew Taylor, a *Times* Book of the Year. Set in the final days of the Second World War, this historical mystery unfolds within a school where a teacher has disappeared. His replacement, an amateur crime writer, suspects something far darker, intriguing, beautifully written and quietly haunting. We shall see.

We may also delve into Graham Greene's *Monsignor Quixote*, an unusual choice, reputed to be both witty and unexpectedly hilarious.

Enjoy, and happy reading.

**Book wishes,
Philippa**



What is CARM?



CARM (Caring Altogether on Romney Marsh) is an established local charity tackling social isolation across Romney Marsh, Tenterden and surrounding villages. We make a difference through creating connections and lasting friendships for older people.

We aim to improve people's health and well-being, bring joy into their lives, form friendships and to help people remain independent for longer. CARM offers services such as Befriending, Reminiscence and Meeting Point.

CARM Meeting points are social drop-ins, run by volunteers, supported by a CARM co-ordinator. Everyone is welcome and refreshments are available.

Appledore Meeting Point is on the 2ND and 4th Tuesday of the month. 10am to 11.45 am
at The Village Hall

To find out more about further support. Call Katie on 01233 758122
or visit the website www.carmromneymarsh.org.uk

Caroline Conquers London Marathon Heat for CARM



There was pride, determination and no shortage of perseverance as Caroline joined over 59,000 runners at the 2026 London Marathon - all in support of a cause close to her heart.

Taking on the iconic 26.2-mile challenge through the streets of London, Caroline ran to raise money for CARM, helping to fund the charity's vital services for lonely and socially isolated older people. At the heart of her efforts is a simple but powerful goal: to ensure that older members of our community feel connected.

For Caroline, the challenge was not only to complete one of the world's most famous races, but to do so in conditions that tested every participant's endurance. Despite the heat and the enormity of the task, she crossed the finish line in 5 hours and 14 minutes - a remarkable achievement that reflects her commitment and resilience.

Although the marathon may be over, Caroline's fundraising page is still open. There is still time to support this important cause. Every donation, no matter the size, will help fund CARM's services for lonely older people. The money raised through Caroline's efforts could, for example, support one of CARM's Meeting Points for an entire year, providing regular connection, friendship and support to those who need it most. Every additional contribution helps extend that impact further. The more money that is raised, the greater the difference CARM can make in the lives of older people in our communities.

Caroline's Fundraising Page



Scan here

Please consider supporting this important cause by scanning the QR code included alongside this article. Your generosity will help ensure that more older people in the local area feel connected and less lonely.

Everyone at CARM, and the wider community, sends heartfelt congratulations and thanks to Caroline for her remarkable effort and for helping to make a lasting difference where it matters most. **Caroline is an Appledore Resident.**

And Now For Something Different ...



← Wordsearch

Find the words in the puzzle. Words can go in any direction. Words can share letters as they cross over each other.

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|-----------|---------------|
| challenge | comprehensive |
| conundrum | crossword |
| decipher | difficult |
| easy | enigma |
| fluster | phrase |
| poser | puzzle |
| quick | quiz |
| simple | stumped |
| testing | trivia |
| trivial | |



There is a 20th word – 11 letters long – doing this puzzle is one – can you find it? See Page 22.

Colourful Bands or Song Names

Complete the following with colours – the bands and songs aren't related.

Go on, give it a try!

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| THE MOODY _____(S) | _____, ____ WINE |
| ____ FLOYD | PAINT IT _____ |
| _____ SNAKE | LILY THE _____ |
| _____ DAY | LADY IN _____ |
| DEEP _____ | _____ RAIN |
| _____ JUICE | ____ MOON |
| SIMPLY _____ | LA VIE EN _____ |
| _____ 5 | _____ EYED GIRL |
| ____ OYSTER CULT | ____ SUEDE SHOES |
| ____ EN EARRING | _____ FLAG |
| KING _____ | TRUE _____ |

ANSWERS ON PAGE 22

MAY – Was it an entertaining Month for you?

FA Cup Final – Chelsea vs Man City

Women's Rugby Union – Grand Slam

Formula 1 – Grand Prix Season – Round 4 Miami, Round 5 Canada

And not forgetting The Eurovision Song Contest. The UK's entry this year was Sam Battle with 'Look Mum No Computer' ... NIL Points. Was that entertaining???

Notable Dates this month

National Carer's Week 8th-14th June. An annual campaign that raises awareness of the challenges faced by unpaid carers and their vital contributions to families and communities.

Father's Day June 21st. Will you celebrate with your Dad or someone who has been a key influence in your life?

21st June 1982 – Prince William Arthur Philip Louis was born – Current heir to the throne. Did you know he didn't officially have a surname? At school and in the Forces he used 'Wales', but also 'Mountbatten-Windsor' for official documents. When he married, he and Catherine were known as 'The Cambridges' (Duke and Duchess of Cambridge, their children had Cambridge as their surname) but since Queen Elizabeth II died William and Kate both use 'Wales'.



Katie Lam MP's Weald of Kent Awards 2026

One of the things I love most about being the MP for the Weald of Kent is that it genuinely is one of the most special places in the country. Our farms, village shops, pubs and cafés, growers and producers are some of the best in Britain, and I'll always do whatever I can to support them.

That's why I'm so pleased to open the nominations for the Weald of Kent Awards 2026, my annual celebration of the very best of our corner of Kent. There are five categories: Local Hero of the Year, Independent Shop of the Year, Local Business of the Year, Farmer, Grower or Producer of the Year, and Pub, Café or Restaurant of the Year.

The awards recognise everyone from individuals and community groups who go above and beyond, to the businesses, pubs, cafés and producers that make the Weald such a special place to live.

Across the Weald, there are so many people and groups who work quietly and tirelessly to hold our villages and parishes together. Alongside them are brilliant businesses that work around the clock and which stand out as some of the best in Britain, even when the pressures on them have never been greater.

Last year, we received more than 100 nominations and over 1,000 of you cast your votes. I'd love to beat that this year. There's so much to be proud of in the Weald, and I'd love for more of the people who make the Weald what it is to get the recognition that they deserve.

So, if there's a local business that's gone the extra mile, a farm that grows particularly delicious fruit, or a community hero that deserves recognition, please do nominate them. You can do so at www.katieforkent.com/weald-of-kent-awards and nominations close on 13th July at 5pm with voting to begin shortly after.

Let's use this as a chance to celebrate everything that makes the Weald so special, and the people and businesses who help keep it that way.

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APPLEDORE PARISH COUNCIL



May 2026 Update

Councillor Resignation - Sharon Marsh has decided to leave the council in order to focus on a PhD qualification. Sharon said, "I have greatly valued the opportunity to serve the parish and to work alongside such dedicated fellow councillors on behalf of the community." We all wish Sharon well in her endeavours and are grateful for her much appreciated contribution on behalf of the community during her time in office.

Interested in becoming a Councillor? Select "News Page" on Appledore Parish Council website.

Appledore Highways Priorities - The Appledore Highways Working Group has reviewed those areas posing the greatest risk as follows (based on for example recent accident data / speed data / local knowledge):

Priority 1 – Heathside-Four Wents / School Road-Tenterden Rd crossings (accident hot spots)

Priority 2 – Station Road – approach to Appledore Station (high speed traffic, recent accident)

Priority 3 – Heathside to Hawthorn – (high speed traffic)

Priority 4 – The Narrows – (insufficient "narrow road warning signs")

Priority 5 – Wesleyan Chapel – (vehicles obstructing pavements)

The working group will be seeking Appledore Parish Council (APC) approval of these revised priorities at the 1st June 2026 APC meeting. For further information, email: rogerkimber@appledoreparishcouncil.gov.uk or enquiries@appledoreparishcouncil.gov.uk.

Court Lodge Car Park Mystery Volunteer - The mystery person maintaining the plant bed at Court Lodge Car Park has now been identified. He remains anonymous for the time being but is a local resident who wishes to continue plant maintenance. This wish has been granted, APC expressing their appreciation for his volunteering for the benefit of the community.

Quick Reminder - Hedge Cutting - Owners of hedges obstructing the roads / pavements should ensure they're cut back to the extent that vehicle and pedestrian safety is restored. APC would like to thank residents who have already undertaken this task.

Heritage Centre – the Appledore Local History Society has provided notice to APC of a planning application for the Heritage Centre submitted to the Borough Council. Updates to follow.

Thank you for reading this Parish Council update. Please provide feedback via 07555393643 or email: enquiries@appledoreparishcouncil.gov.uk.

APPLEDORE CLASSIC CAR SHOW

19th July 2026
Appledore
Recreation
Ground
TN26 2AE
10am to 4pm

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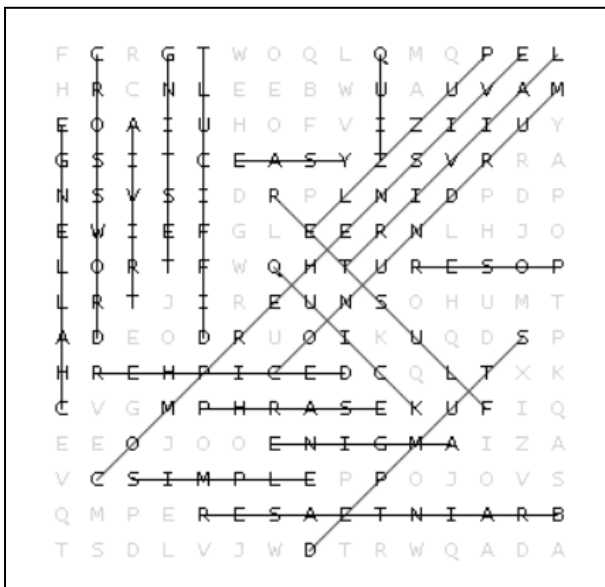
Admission: £6 per adult (£5 concession)
£12 per family (£10 concession)

With classic car: £8 in advance or £12 on the day



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See Page 16 for And Now for Something Different/Puzzles .
Wordsearch – the 20th word is brainteaser



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| THE MOODY BLUE(S) | RED, RED WINE (UB40) |
| PINK FLOYD | PAINT IT BLACK (The Rolling Stones) |
| WHITE SNAKE | LILY THE PINK (The Scaffold) |
| GREEN DAY | LADY IN RED (Chris de Burgh) |
| DEEP PURPLE | PURPLE RAIN (Prince) |
| ORANGE JUICE | BLUE MOON (Covered by many
artists, incl The Marceles and
Frank Sinatra) |
| SIMPLY RED | LA VIE EN ROSE (Edith Piaf) |
| MAROON 5 | BROWN EYED GIRL (Van Morrison) |
| BLUE OYSTER CULT | BLUE SUEDE SHOES (Elvis Presley) |
| GOLDEN EARRING | WHITE FLAG (Dido) |
| KING CRIMSON | TRUE BLUE (Madonna) |

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