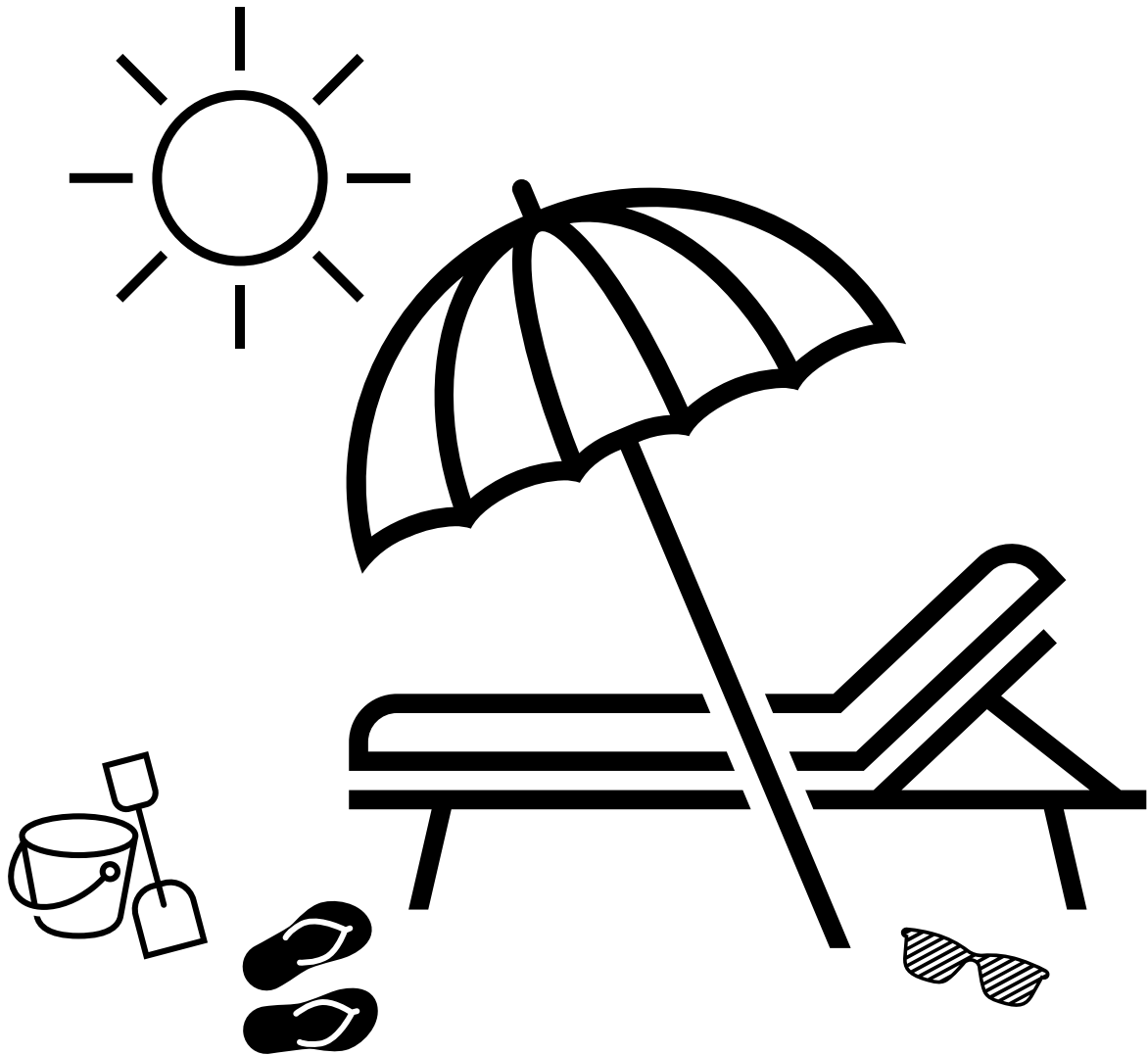


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Planning a holiday?

The EU's new digital border system requiring fingerprints and photos with a passport scan started after a six month phasing in period.

There have been reports of long queues at some European airports and warnings that delays could be worse during busy holiday periods.

Plan your travel well. Stay safe.



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Letter From The Editor

This month brought brighter than average sunny days. I hope you enjoyed spending some time outside and caught a little vitamin D, particularly around the Easter Holidays.

Lots of children played at The Rec and I saw several bike riding – sometimes a little wobbly. Do you remember learning to ride a bike?

I long for constant, warmer days. Perhaps that's why there is a slight 'holiday' theme this month, although one of my lovely neighbours says he feels like living in Appledore is like being on holiday every day and doesn't like going away.

At the moment there are extra challenges and changes afoot when planning travel. There is still the war in Iran, so flying through certain air spaces is banned. Rising fuel prices may restrict travelling under your own steam or increased airline fuel costs could mean increases in holiday fees which may put your 2026 plans on hold.

Perhaps my neighbour has a superpower and foresaw what we should all be enjoying every day – what we have here!

There is a plethora of wonderful places in and around Appledore.

The bluebells in Park Wood have been particularly beautiful this Spring. Taking a stroll along the military canal, I've seen several pairs of swans, and it was particularly special to see a pen on her nest. Many fields around us are so picturesque, with swathes of yellow rapeseed this time of year. When set against a brilliant blue- sky rapeseed is a stunning sight! The views from the top of the mound in the field walking between Appledore and Stone and from Chapel Bank are always impressive, whatever the weather. Then within 20 minutes there are beaches, the sandy shore of Camber, the beach at the end of Rye Nature Reserve, the mysterious shingle of Dungeness, Winchelsea and Pett Level too. It's hard to choose where to go sometimes.

Tina xx

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If you want to check if it's safe to swim in the sea – check online at <https://environment.data.gov.uk/bwq/profiles/>

Bathing is still not advised at Littlestone and Dymchurch.

Appledore Diary – MAY 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 – MAY 2026 – Venues as Listed

Saturday 2nd May Cake Bakes, Church Porch 9.30am

Thursday 7th May History Society – A Kiwi Drops In! 7pm – 9pm

Monday 11th May APC meeting 7.30pm - 9pm Small Hall

Tuesday 12th May CARM 10am – 11.45am Small Hall

Friday 15th May Appledore Ramblers
- Meet at the Recreation Ground 1pm

Tuesday 26th May CARM 10.00am – 11.45am

Friday 29th May Appledore Garden Society – Garden Visit to Faversham

Monday 1st June APC Meeting 7.30on – 9pm Small Hall

Saturday 6th June Cake Bakes, Church Porch 9.30am



Is there a village group you'd like to join but have been a little nervous to take that first step and go along? Try it this month—you might find you discover your tribe! See the village diary above



PLUS there are several other events advertised in the magazine for May and beyond



Appledore Garden Society would like to say a HUGE thank you to Michael Steed, MA (Cantab)

Michael came to our monthly meeting in March and gave a fascinating talk on the History of The Garden of England. We learnt lots of interesting facts including it was Henry VIII who was widely credited with calling Kent the Garden of England after eating fruit from the County. Michael had prepared informative slides and he encouraged much audience participation which got our brains working! The meeting was rounded off with wine and cheese and a raffle and was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Our very grateful thanks once again Michael it was very much appreciated.

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 Message from Katie Lam, MP

In January, after thousands of people across the Weald were left without running water for days, I wrote to every home asking people to share their thoughts on South East Water. The response was overwhelming.

More than half of you said you've been without running water three or more times over the last decade. Eighty-five per cent of people rate the service as poor or appalling, and over ninety per cent feel the chief executive shouldn't remain in post.

Thousands of replies described experiences that completely contradict what South East Water has been saying. Again and again, people told me they couldn't get through on the phone, didn't receive promised callbacks, and were left without clear information about what was happening.

What was most worrying was the total failure to support those who were most vulnerable. People on the priority services register, including families with newborn children and those with serious health conditions, reported receiving no water deliveries and, in many cases, no communication at all.

I've passed all these findings on to the regulators now investigating South East Water, and I'll keep pushing for proper accountability, a change of CEO, and a service we can actually rely on.

Now to a different survey – my crime questionnaire, in which almost everyone said they would like to see a much more active police presence. Kent Police have implemented a new neighbourhood policing model that allocates a dedicated Beat Officer to every ward. It's their job to build up a picture of the area, understand where and when crime happens, and disrupt crime and antisocial behaviour based on the information they gather and what you tell them.

They won't necessarily be the first on the scene when there's a crime, because another officer might be able to get to you faster, but they will gather intelligence, hold surgeries, and can come and meet people who live locally at parish meetings or at dedicated events.

The local ward officer for Appledore is: Darren Laker. If you want to tell them about anything you're seeing or worried about in your area, or you'd like to invite them to an event, you can do so by via the Kent Police website. Visit the 'Contact Us' section, select 'Contact an officer directly', and complete the form. You'll just need your own contact info and your ward officer's name (there are other questions, but ignore them, they're optional).

If you're just passing on information, they may not respond, but if you're asking them a question, they'll get back to you within 72 hours. Remember, though, if you need to report a crime, call 999 if it's happening now, or otherwise 101. And if you're having trouble getting in touch with the Police, you can always reach out to me, and I'd be happy to help!



● Appledore Recreation Ground Management Committee Update April 2026

Much progress has been made with the playground, pavilion, memorial garden, and field over the last few months:

Playground equipment has been upgraded to meet safety requirements. New play equipment has been added and there are still further plans to introduce more educational play equipment.

The tennis court has been thoroughly cleaned and swept and is in a very usable condition for the summer, the same will be done to the MUGA. If anyone is interested in tennis coaching, please contact Gary or Suzy the tennis coach.

Following a winter water-leak internal renovations inside the pavilion have largely been completed, again to meet safety requirements, and improve footballers' facilities.

The Mildred Trust pop-up shop which offers discounted shopping items for people deserving is open alternate Wednesday mornings and is hugely successful getting busier every month. Thank you to Linda Hiskey, Deb Coates, Dawn Kinsley, new Chef Simon and all volunteers – a superb service for the village.

The first of the 'memorial benches' has been added to the memorial garden. As a result of buying the bench, Wealden Benches have funded planting one new tree to support sustainability. Should any residents of Appledore who wish to sponsor a bench please contact Gary Kinsley or any Rec Committee member.

More use is being made of the Pavilion and field – this is encouraged. We've hosted pet first-aid class, children's birthday parties and 3 football teams play on the pitch.

Over the Mayday weekend there will be a children's fairground adjacent to the playground. This is an experimental idea to see if enough kids make it viable, but if so, we'll look to make it a larger, annual feature.



Lastly, the Appledore Classic Car show is on 19th July.

Helpers are always welcomed and we hope this year will be bigger and better than ever before.

Contact: Gary Kinsley gkinsley@rishk.net

Burglary!

A lawnmower was stolen from a property on The Heath recently. A padlock had been cut off a shed door to gain access. It may have been a one-off but be extra vigilant and keep your garden equipment out of sight and your property locked up when it's not in use.

Call 101 to report a crime and to get a crime number. You can also find Kent Police online at www.kent.police.uk/

However, if a burglary is in progress ring 999

Letter from the Minister

This month's Letter is from Father Behr, priest of St Andrew's Roman Catholic Church Tenterden

Mary and the Month of May

Since the nineteenth century the month of May has been associated in a particular way with devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of Jesus.

With May processions and hymns, celebrations and other acts of devotion, Christians have honoured the woman the Bible describes as 'Blessed among all women'. (See Luke 1:42)

Truly the words of The Magnificat echo through all of Christian history. 'All generations will call me blessed'. (See Luke 1:48)

So many aspects of our Christian culture reflect this confidence in the unique role of the Blessed Virgin Mary in salvation history. From beautiful paintings to sacred music, to breathtaking architecture—it is as if the best in all of human artistry and creativity wants to cry out and say, 'Look, here is the woman chosen by God to be the mother of Jesus, the Word made flesh'. (See John 1).

As many keen gardeners know another dimension of Marian devotion is that of the association of Mary with many and varied flowers. For example, two among so many that we enjoy are Marigold, or 'Mary's Gold' and the summer-flowering Assumption Lily which blooms around 15 August.

As we admire the beauty in art and nature inspired by devotion and gratitude to Mary, we are reminded that God is faithful to his word and that salvation is near to those who call on the name of the Lord Jesus.

The Christian faithful know that she who bore Jesus, the Saviour of the world in her blessed womb and who became the mother of all Christians at the foot of the cross (see John 19), will draw us ever closer to the person of Jesus Christ, true God and truly human. Mary, the handmaid of the Lord and the first and greatest disciple, teaches us that union with Christ and faithfulness to God's will is the indispensable condition of the grace without which we cannot hope to enter the Father's house. (See John 14).

Fr Behr

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 MAY

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

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

Holy Communion will be celebrated in St Michael's Church every Wednesday at 10am. 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 and subscribe.

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

Sunday 3rd May

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

11am Morning Praise (*Appledore Church*)

6pm Choral Evensong (*Stone Church*)

Saturday 9th May

9am Service of Contemplation (*Tenterden Church*)

Sunday 10th May

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

11am The Eucharist (*Appledore Church*)

6pm Choral Evensong (*Wittersham Church*)

Thursday 14th May

Ascension Day

7pm The Eucharist of Ascension Day (*Tenterden Church*): **LS**

Sunday 17th May

The Seventh Sunday of Easter

11am Celtic Morning Prayer (*Appledore Church*)

6pm Benefice Choral Evensong (*Ebony*)

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Sunday 24th May
The Feast of Pentecost
11am The Eucharist (*Appledore Church*)

Sunday 31st May
Trinity Sunday
11am Celtic Morning Prayer (*Appledore Church*)
6pm Churches Together in Tenterden Service (*Tenterden Church*)



Church Flower Rota For April

	ALTAR	WEST END	PORCH
May 3 rd	Judith Clifton	Julie Wooding	Helen Hennig
May 10 th	Denise Stephens	Julie Flawn	Donna Clifton
May 17 th	Fay Steed	Kate Steens	Stephanie Wright
May 24 th	Paddy Moseley	Lynn Marston	Frances Smith
May 31 st	Carly Amey	Linda Hiskey	Helen D.W.
June 7 th	Wendy Selmes	-----	Judith Clifton



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.

CHURCH FLOWERS UPDATE

For various reasons we have lost 3 flower arrangers from the rota since Easter and are now down to just 15 volunteers. We have always had fresh flowers at the Altar, the West End, the entrance porch and the Horne Chapel but, sadly, from the beginning of June we will have to reduce the number of displays. Therefore unless the situation changes, we will no longer be having flowers at the West End pillar. Sorry. J.C



No Spotlight this month – look out next month! All future suggestions will be considered, as long as that potential Spotlitee is happy to have a chat and be featured in The Magazine. Fancy being a Spotlitee yourself? We all have something we might not think is of interest to others – that's the surprise – it usually is!

Contact Tina, The Editor email appledoremagazine@hotmail.com

A Shout Out for ..



The Old Tractor Shed Farm Shop
Parish Farm, Rectory Road,
Brookland, TN29 9RH

Have you visited this lovely farm shop? There are so many yummy goodies and essentials. Sausages made on the farm (traditional recipes plus a few surprises, rhubarb and ginger anyone?), bacon, homemade pies filled to the brim, Kent and Sussex cheeses (except Snowdonia, just have to stock that!), fruit and veg, biscuits, jams, cakes, chutneys, local juice and wine, fresh bread – there is so much to choose from, just not enough space to list it all here. Open 7 days a week. 9.00-17.00hrs Mon to Sat, 10.00-16.00hrs Sunday

Plus – what a bonus – The Old Tractor Shed now also has a fully stocked vending machine (contactless payment) open from 7am- 9pm – brilliant at any time, but especially handy when other shops are closed. There's a coffee and milk vending machine too if you need a quick fix on the go.

It's the sixth generation of farmers here and what a great job they are doing! Everyone's very friendly too. Why don't you pop over to Brookland and take a look for yourself.

Check out their Facebook page too – search for 'The Old Tractor Shed Farm Shop' – or if you read the lifestyle Magazine *The Simple Things* you may already have seen The Old Tractor Shed mentioned in the April edition!

Appledore and Donald Sinden

Still new(ish) to the village, I sometimes like to research a little about Appledore and the surrounding area. One quote from an article about the late Sir Donald Sinden, actor, in Great British Life magazine in 2009 caught my eye and I'd like to share it with you here.

"I read a great deal," he says. "I have a big shed in the garden full of books, as well as in the house. I've recently read the new biography of Ellen Terry by Michael Holroyd - you can see the roof of Ellen's house from the house and I can walk it across the fields, it's only a mile." As well as his forays across the fields - admittedly less frequent these days since getting two new hips - he shops in Waitrose and Cook in Tenterden, goes as often as he can to his nearest local store in Appledore and buys apples and apple juice from the farm shop on the road to Tenterden.

"I am addicted to stewed apples," he confesses. "I don't drink any more, but I will eat at the Black Lion in Appledore and have eaten at Richard Phillips at Chapel Down. The Ferry at Stone has a lovely pub garden."

Some people still living here in Appledore may have been acquainted with Sir Sinden. For myself and others who weren't, they might be interested there was sometimes a star along our Street.

By the Editor

Appledore Ramblers Report



17th April 2026

It's ramble day again and the sun is shining as 20 of us and 7 dogs meet at Appledore Rec. We are very pleased to welcome Caroline and her dog Ralphie and Tamsin and her dog Luna. Today's ramble has been organised by Graham and we are going to Little Cheyne Court Wind Farm on the Romney Marsh. We drive down through the village and take the Beckett Road to the A259 where we turn right towards Rye. After a couple of miles there is a concrete road on our left that leads up to the Wind Farm. This is a private road and as we drive, it feels like we could be entering the set of a science fiction movie! We drive really close to the massive wind turbines with their propeller-like blades rotating round in the wind. Graham explains the farm is owned by Adrian Clifton, who has kindly let us walk round it today. Graham worked here for 50 years so knows his way around the tracks and fields rather well! There are 26 wind turbines that have been fully operational since March 2009 and produce 59.8 MW of clean, renewable energy annually. The turbines are 115 metres high and capable of powering around 30,000 homes annually. It is recognised as the South East's largest onshore wind farm.



We set off along the edge of a field planted up with beans. I am surprised how quiet the turbines are. I imagined them to be much noisier. This part of the Romney Marsh is a huge open area of Grade 1 agricultural land and the fields are mostly planted up with wheat and rapeseed. Our keen bird watchers point out a Marsh Harrier and we hear a pair of Skylarks overhead. We are led from field to track and occasionally on the PROW footpath that runs across the farm from the Woolpack at Brookland, right down to the England Coast Path at Jury's Gap Camber, or all the way to Dungeness. Our route takes us past a tumbledown farm cottage with vegetation growing out the roof. It hasn't been lived in since the 1960's but whoever once lived there would have had the most amazing views across the Marsh.



Many of the fields we walk through are edged by sewers or ditches and they provide perfect vegetation for birdlife. We spot a bright Yellow Wagtail and a Whitethroat, both of which are summer visitors and would have flown here after wintering in Africa. We reach an old farm barn which on the edge of a wheat field. The barn is open ended and inside up high is an owl box. Graham tells us barn owls live here. On the ground are barn owl pellets showing us they have definitely been here. Owl pellets are the regurgitated,

undigested remains of the prey they have eaten and they normally cough them up 6-10 hours after eating. I pick one up and carefully break it open and inside are the tiny bones and a skull with teeth of a small mammal such as a field vole or shrew. The pellets are a valuable tool for studying the owl's diets and we feel very lucky to have found them. The last part of our walk takes us past a big area of reed beds. Richard and Trevor pick out the song from a Reed Warbler, Sedge Warbler, Cetti's Warbler and Reed Bunting, I am amazed they can recognise these birds just from their songs. Finally we pass an old reservoir, now a fishing lake, which provides a peaceful haven for fishermen. We return to our cars all agreeing it has been a perfect ramble and we are very lucky to have been given the opportunity to walk this area. Huge thanks to Graham and Adrian.

Jo Weeks



Appledore Local History Society

'A Kiwi Drops In'

Presented by Geoff Piper

Appledore Village Hall- Thursday, 7th May 2026

Doors Open @ 7:00pm

ENTRY is FREE - BOOKING is ESSENTIAL*

Refreshments Available to Purchase on the Night

Hear the amazing story of a WW2 Kiwi Pilot who was shot down in the Battle of Britain and landed by parachute in Kent.

Research has shown that James Chilton Francis Hayter, DFC and Bar, escaped death 19 times through shoot-ups, crashes and an incredible escape from the German army.

Geoff Piper, a retired physics teacher will be presenting a fully illustrated, interesting and highly entertaining insight into the wartime service life of Jim Hayter, including colourised black and white photographs and some AI to bring them to life.

*

ALHS are experimenting with an on-line booking service, (TicketSource).

To reserve tickets, follow the below link. Tickets will be sent to your email address for downloading.

<https://appledorehistory.org.uk/events/geoffpipertalk/>

For anyone unable to book on-line please contact Brian Knight on 01233 758319 or Email to ThrKng@aol.com





THE FUN WITTERSHAM DOG SHOW

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11AM - 2.30PM**

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BEST IN SHOW ; CHAMPION & RESERVE CHAMPION

'HAVE A GO AGILITY' AGAINST THE CLOCK

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**IN AID OF (FRIENDS OF) WITTERSHAM CHURCH
CONTACT: WITTERSHAMDOGSHOW2026@GMAIL.COM**

Appledore Village Show 5th September 2026



Please find below the complete Show Schedule for the Annual and see what classes you could enter. You have plenty of time to plant seeds for the vegetable classes, make your jams, practice your baking, plan your handicrafts, work on your flower arrangements, take a perfect photograph and motivate your children or grandchildren to enter the children's classes. We need your entries to make a wonderful Show to look round and enjoy on the day. Please support this lovely Village Event!

Many thanks from Jo Weeks (Show Committee)

Show Schedule

VEGETABLE SECTION



1. Three Onions
2. Six Runner Beans
3. Four Tomatoes (Open)
4. Four Cherry Tomatoes (Open)
5. Two Parsnips
6. Five Shallots (Open)
7. Three Carrots (Open)
8. Three Beetroots
9. Two any other Vegetable not separately classed
10. 'Appledore Selection' –
Three types of vegetables from the list:-
Carrots (3), Cauliflower (1), Onions (3), Peas (6 pods),
Runner Beans (6), Tomatoes (6), Leeks (3), Potatoes (3),
Courgettes (3), French Beans (6), Peppers (2), Cabbage (1).



FRUIT SECTION

11. Three Dessert Apples
12. Three Cooking Apples
13. Three Pears
14. Three of any other fruit (Open)

FLOWER SECTION

15. Three Stems of any kind of Annual
16. Three Stems of any kind of Perennial
17. Three Dahlias
18. Three Roses
19. A Miniature Arrangement



20. An Arrangement inspired by the song 'Are you going to Scarborough Fair'
21. An Arrangement titled 'Drink Up!' (Open)
22. An Arrangement titled 'Summer Holiday'
23. 'Gardener's Delight' – An arrangement featuring a flowerpot
24. Indoor Foliage Plant (owned for a minimum of 3 months)
25. Indoor Flowering Plant (owned for a minimum of 3 months)



COOKERY SECTION



26. A Savoury Quiche
27. 4 Pieces of Millionaire's Shortbread
28. A Key Lime Pie
29. Cake with a vegetable as a main ingredient (Open)
30. MEN ONLY – Samosas – 3 identical – filling of your choice
31. One Jar of Chutney (any type)
32. One Jar of Marmalade (any type)
33. One Jar of Jelly (any type)
34. One Jar of Jam (any type)
35. One Jar of Curd (any type)
36. One Bottle of any Homemade Beverage

CHILDREN'S SECTION



37. 3 Decorated Rich Tea Biscuits
38. An Autumn Collage
39. Colouring – Set Picture Printed in the Parish Magazine
40. A Miniature Garden in a Seed Tray (Open)

HANDICRAFT SECTION



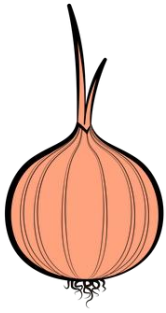
41. An item of Embroidery, Tapestry or Stitch Work (Open)
42. An item of Knitting or Crochet
43. Any other Textile based Handicraft (eg. Quilt, Soft Toy)
44. Any other Item made by Hand
45. An Illustrated Book Title
46. A Painting – 'The Garden of England' (Open)

PHOTO SECTION

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



SPONSORED CLASSES



- 49. Longest Runner Bean sponsored by the Weeks Family
- 50. Heaviest Onion sponsored by the Perkins Family
- 51. Best Plate of Four Potatoes sponsored by the Selmes Family
- 52. Perfect Rose sponsored by the Clifton Family
- 53. Oddest Vegetable sponsored by the Heritage-Smith Family in memory of Ruth Smith



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 May 1st 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



Book Club Corner by Philippa P

As a first last month, we had two books as an option to read: *Do Not Disturb* by Freida McFadden and *Friends of Dorothy* by Sandi Toksvig. Having two books to discuss certainly made for a lively and entertaining meeting.

Do Not Disturb proved to be a good, easy read, although perhaps not quite as intriguing as the first novel we read by McFadden, *The Housemaid*. It was absorbing rather than truly nail-biting, with several interesting red herrings along the way. The characters were complex, and some of our more perceptive members managed to unravel the story of the sisters well before the final reveal. Perhaps not quite as fast-paced as billed and therefore for some, a little disappointing.

On the other hand, *Friends of Dorothy* received an overwhelming thumbs up from the group. A genuine laugh-out-loud read warm, witty and hugely entertaining, even if a little far-fetched in places. Dorothy works her magic rather brilliantly, managing to acquire half a million and keep it neatly hidden from her ex-husband! I think a splendid plan... the only slight drawback being that I don't have a husband to hide anything from!

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We spent some time discussing *a local author, Emma Batten from New Romney*. Her novels are set across Romney Marsh and the surrounding areas, spanning eras from Anglo-Saxon times through to the Second World War, blending mystery and romance with a strong sense of place. Although not selected this month, we will very likely return to her work in the future.

Another title considered was *The Second Chance Book Club* by *Stephanie Butland*, a gentle and uplifting story about friendship, healing and the power of books to bring people together, but this too was left for another day.

We also revisited some old favourites, and one in particular stood out: *Out of Africa* by *Karen Blixen*. A beautifully written and evocative memoir of life on a coffee farm in Kenya, it captures both the romance and the reality of a very different time and place. Many of us fondly remember the much-loved film, *Out of Africa*, with its sweeping landscapes and unforgettable performances, though whether we are picturing the book or simply replaying scenes in our heads remains to be seen!

And finally, for something new, we have chosen *Wild Dark Shore* by *Charlotte McConaghy* — a beautifully written and atmospheric novel set on a remote island, where a small, isolated community lives closely connected to the natural world. As environmental pressures begin to mount and long-held secrets quietly emerge, relationships are tested and tensions build.

It has a strong sense of place, emotional depth and underlying intrigue — offering something a little different for us this month. Whilst it sounds thoughtful and immersive, it is not overly complicated and promises to draw us in rather than leave us flicking back through pages to work out who is who (always a bonus!).

Enjoy – Book Wishes – **Philippa**



Don't miss out!

Do you reside in Appledore?

Aged over 65?

You are invited to join in at a free traditional Christmas Lunch with all the trimmings!

Saturday 12th December 2026

Don't forget to add this date to your social calendar! More details nearer the date.



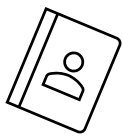
Grapevine...

We'd like to wish good health and a steady recovery to all villagers who have been rather unwell recently. We know there have been several who've had hospital visits or hospital stays and there are some who are receiving treatment for long term illnesses. We respect your privacy by not drawing attention to you personally. Please know that your local friends and neighbours are thinking of you.

Travelling Abroad in 2026?

Are you worried about longer stays abroad or planning a number of European trips?

As of April 2026, **there are 29 countries in the Schengen Area**. Knowing which countries are — and aren't — in the Schengen Area is essential for any Europe trip.



For visa and immigration purposes, the entire Schengen Area functions as a single country. That means your 90/180-day limit applies across all 29 countries combined — not per country. Two weeks in France, a month in Spain, and three weeks in Italy all draw from the same 90-day pool.

Something to be aware of – Cyprus is a popular destination – not on the Schengen List yet but it might be later in 2026.

Also, Madeira and The Canary Islands are on the List even though they are far away geographically from mainland Europe.

Perhaps you are more likely to spend time close to home and you have been thinking about how you could be more self-sufficient?

How about becoming an allotmenteer?

If you interested in gardening, growing, cooking or eating, allotments make wonderful growing spaces. You can grow a range of fruits, veges and herbs, even flowers and ornamental plants for a productive and attractive plot. Quirky sheds could become a feature, working the soil and maintaining your plot is great exercise too!

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22. At that time
23. Mound of sand
24. Snuggles
26. Baby's soft shoe
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9. Drinking vessel
12. Afternoon show
14. Stripling
16. Planet
17. Leprosy victim
19. Binman
20. Counterfoils
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23. Formal discussions
24. Male relative
25. Auction item
27. Freshwater mammal
28. Unspoken
30. Colliery worker
32. Takes a seat
33. Arrest

Who said “You only live once but if you do it right, once is enough”?

ANSWERS AND PUZZLE
SOLUTION ON PAGE 22

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APPLEDORE PARISH COUNCIL



May 2026 Update

Help needed to maintain village plants

We are seeking support from anyone willing to water the village plants situated at various locations including the Gateways to the Village. Anyone interested? Speak with Linda and Roger Hiskey or contact the Clerk 07555 393643, enquiries@appledoreparishcouncil.gov.uk.

Appledore Station response to car park charge objections

Govia Thames Link has replied to a number of local complaints, explaining the need for new parking charges as a requirement to help reduce the operational and revenue gap. They reiterated the benefit of introducing the initial 20 minutes free parking period to assist for example visits to the nearby shop.

Another great community response

The Appledore Local History Society and friends have got together to repair the Mill Hill Bench. Duncan Gray reported that the new timber has been purchased, Duncan will be casting the concrete plinths to bolt down the bench, with completion date dependent upon good weather and availability of the resident carpenter. A big thank you to all those involved.

Improving safety at The Narrows

Kent County Council Highways (KCCH) has produced a design proposal for introduction of new single file warning signs to improve the safety of vehicles and pedestrians using The Narrows. The perseverance of Roger Kimber and the Highway's Working Group is paying off.

Parking obstructions outside Wesleyan Chapel

KCCH has agreed to relook at the option of installation of bollards to prevent further obstructions of the pavement. Further update expected in due course.

New Defibrillator

Appledore Parish Council has decided it's time to replace the defibrillator situated on the wall of The Public Toilet. This will include a harder wearing casing which will prevent the current issue of the red warning light and alarm activating during various times of the day and night.

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

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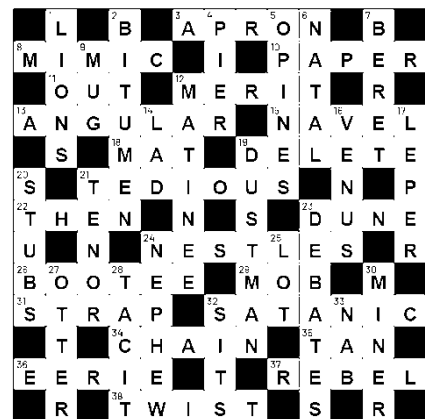
And Now For Something Different... Answers

Who's in the photo? James May

Who said the quote? Mae West

Crossword Solution

(Questions and Crossword Grid are on Page 19)





TUESDAY 11 to 12 noon **EVERYONE** Welcome

£4 Entrance to each garden includes Coffee/Tea, Cake, a raffle...and
a chat as you wander around! Three new gardens this year!

21st April	Ruth and Giles Ridley	Little Prawls, Top Road, Stone TN30 7HD
28th April	Sian and Larry Warr	Stocks Mill House, TN30 7ER
5th May	Lesley Brown & Brian Smith	Chequer Tree Farm, Acton Lane
12th May	Sara Frizell	36 Lloyds Green
	Jean Ford	21 Lloyds Green
19th May	Julia and Thierry Seblin	Wittersham Court
26th May	Wilma and Alan Lloyd Smith	Potman's Heath
2nd June	Jenny and Michael Clarke	Primrose Cottage, Rose Hill
9th June	David Hall	Hall Cottage, Swan Street
16th June	Etsuko and Ian Wilson	Oak, Top Road, Stone, TN30 7HD
23rd June	Marylyn and Tim Bacon	Ramsden Farm, Ebony, TN30 7JB
	Proceeds from today will go to Ebony Church	
30th June	Sara and Nicholas Hurst	The Lea House, end of The Street
7th July	Wittersham Community Gardens	Wittersham Village Hall, The Street
14th July	Leon and Sam Coates	Waypost Farm, Appledore Rd, Stone TN30 7JY
21st July	Sarah, Maxine, Janet, Helen	1, 3, 4, 6 The Meadows, Wittersham
28th July	Jenny and John Newton	Court Glebe, The Street
4th August	Emma and Anthony Burrill	The Granary, Acton Lane
	Jo Foakes	Little Acton, Acton Lane
11th August	John and Anne North	28c Poplar Road
18th August	Wendy and Ray Sabine	35 Swan Street, Oakwood
25th August	Jeanetta Sindall	Parker's Cottage, end of Budd's Lane
1st Sept	Angela Goodwin Day & Roger King	27 Swan Street

In case of rain, where possible the show will go on; in a garage, in a shed, in a verandah....

With huge thanks to the Openers...and we are always seeking and welcoming new gardens to open...
but just as important are the visitors.

Over £4000 was raised in 2025 to help with restoring the fabric of
St. John the Baptist, Wittersham.

Any queries, offers or additions do ring Julia on 01797 270842 or Jane on 01797 270075

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May Church Rota 2026

Date	Sides person	Reader/ Intercessor	Refreshments
3rd May	Donna	Vicki/ Brenda	Brenda/ Eileen
10th May	Judith	Philippa/ Frances	Helen
17th May	Helen	Roger P/ Helen	Eileen
24th May	Jo	Roger H / Donna	Donna
31st May	Denise	Frances/ Chris	Philippa

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