



Appledore Local History Society *Newsletter*

Our meeting this month was rearranged from 12th to 10th October, to facilitate attendance by some members at an event in Ticehurst, organised for the benefit of the Royal British Legion. The event features an interview with Squadron Leader George 'Johnny' Johnson MBE DFM, the last of The Dambusters.

Our **Web Site** has 'gone live' and continues to have content developed and added. We urge you to visit www.appledorehistory.org.uk and let us know what you think.

Members have undertaken assignments to prepare additional content e.g. The Two World Wars, the Military Canal, the Railway Station, PLUTO, Windmills, St Peter & St Paul's Church etc. Participation by Non-Members would be welcome.

Draft signage commemorating the WW2 pipeline, known as **PLUTO**, has been produced and once turned into an all-weather format, will be installed close to the two visible remnants in Appledore.

Construction of the **Beacon** is nearing completion and will be ready and installed well ahead of time for the village to participate in the Nationwide celebration in November 2018.

Our **Community Chest** project continues to develop with the digital recording of information, artefacts and photographs, which had hereto been stored in cardboard boxes. It is intended to develop the recording for posterity and for periodic display. Anyone with something of potential historic interest is encouraged to share same with us in order that we can record and return the items.

We continue to seek a more permanent location, for a **Heritage Centre**, which would serve as a secure

repository, as well as afford us the opportunity to display items.

Ideas on how we might encourage **New Members** to join the Local History Society continue to be discussed. The Associate Membership concept alluded to previously, needs further refinement. Meanwhile, a Membership Fee of £10 per year is quite a modest amount to join a really enthusiastic group who are determined to preserve and promote the history of Appledore.

The Appledore **Heritage Trail**, (0.6 Miles), was one of the first of what is developing into a National network. It is intended that 100 people will walk each of the Heritage Trails over the weekend of 27th/28th January 2017.

We are researching suitable speakers for our **Next Talk**, which will be on the Royal Military Canal, specifically as relates to Appledore. We anticipate being able to hold the event at the end of Q1/18.



If anyone has other drawings or images of Appledore we would be delighted to have copies.

If you have any suggestions for projects, would like the history of the building you live in explored, or if you would be interested in joining ALHS, please contact :
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