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Dear Appledore,

Having recently spent time away, I have seen many changes on my return. Things are opening up more and many events are taking place. Notably, here in Appledore, I heard that the BBQ hosted by Jenny and Linda on the Rec was a great success, bringing the young and more senior members of the village together. Hopefully the next event will do the same. This is the Scarecrow Festival, taking place during the week of 24th October – 31st October (details of the event and instructions on how to make your scarecrow are on page 18). The Festival will culminate with jacket potatoes and chilli on the Rec, again provided by the dynamic duo from 4pm onwards. If you fancy becoming the next Ronaldo, why not join – or support – the new Vets football team, learn to bell ring or perhaps join the History Society combined with the Parish Magazine team at the Methodist Hall for an Open Day? All details found inside!

Finally, many congratulations to Elodie Mitchell for her winning sunflower in the virtual Village Show and to Sarah Smith for her winning lockdown photograph.

I'm off to stuff my scarecrow!

Maureen

VILLAGE SHOW 2021

There were two classes in this year's virtual show.

The tallest sunflower was grown by Elodie Mitchell. It was an amazing 3.24m (10 ft 8 in, for us oldies!) tall. Elodie and her sunflower can be seen on the cover!

The photo class 'Lockdown' was won by Sarah Smith, with her colourful display of masks. Certainly an unfortunate essential item of clothing now!

Hopefully, next year, the Hall will be finished, I won't have a broken arm, and enough people will volunteer to help run a REAL Village Show!

Ruth Smith

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Appledore Churches

October Services

Sunday, 3rd October
10.30am, Harvest Festival, Parish Church

Sunday, 10th October
10.30am, Holy Communion, Parish Church
10.30am, Methodist Worship, Appledore Chapel

Sunday, 17th October
10.30am, Joint All-Age Worship, Parish Church
10.30am, Methodist Worship, Appledore Chapel

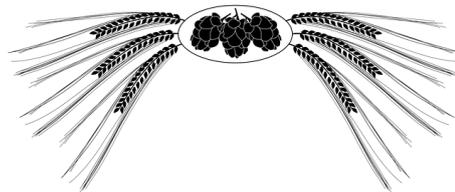
Wednesday, 20th October
12md, Methodist Holy Communion, Appledore Chapel

Sunday, 24th October
10.30am, Holy Communion, Parish Church
10.30am, Methodist Worship, Appledore Chapel

Sunday, 31st October
10.30am, Methodist Worship, Appledore Chapel

Midweek Services

Holy Communion every Wed at 9.30am, Parish Church



The Methodist Church has re-opened for services on Sunday mornings. We meet each Sunday at 10.30 except for the first Sunday in the month when we join in the service at the Parish Church. Now that there are so few of us we listen to the South Kent Methodist Circuit Podcast, which is a very good half hour service with bible readings, prayers and a talk relating to the readings. Afterwards we listen to and join in singing worship songs and hymns. We can do requests! It would be lovely to have some more people join us on Sunday mornings. You would be very welcome!

Brenda Fazzani

From the Vicarage by permission of The Rev'd Canon Lindsay Hammond

Rumour has it – Or not!

‘Rumour,’ wrote Terry Pratchett, ‘is information distilled so finely that it can filter through anything. It does not need doors and windows - sometimes it does not need people. It can exist free and wild, running from ear to ear without ever touching lips.’

We even find rumour - can you believe it - flowing through the life of our churches! Of course, rumour flourishes where information falters and so here is some information about the future of our churches which we hope will help to stifle rumour!

First, some of our ministers are leaving and some are staying. Judy Darkins, who looked after Wittersham and Ebony, has retired. Tricia Fogden, Vicar of Appledore and Stone, will be retiring in October. Chris Hodgkins, who looks after Rolvenden and Newenden, will be moving to a new post in New Romney at the beginning of October. That leaves Lindsay and Jeanette, and a wonderful band of retired ordained ministers, readers, and worship leaders. Altogether, there are around a dozen or so of us!

Second, Jeanette’s training comes to an end in the summer of next year, following which she will move to a new post.

Third, we will appoint a second full-time ordained minister to work with Lindsay. Hopefully we can do that in the very near future.

Fourth, we are discussing with the diocese the possibility of providing a training opportunity to a newly ordained minister, perhaps from next summer, for a period of three years. We wait and see.

And fifth, none of the nine parishes is without a ‘vicar’. Lindsay is Team Rector of the nine and Jeanette is assistant curate to the nine. Though they happen to live in Tenterden, they will minister across the group, working with the team as a whole to enable worship and pastoral care to happen. There are two further points to be made here. The first is that Lindsay has been Team Rector to the nine, and Jeanette assistant curate to the nine, for the past few years. The departure of other ministers in the team means that what existed on paper now becomes reality. And second, the diocese has made it clear that, while funding will enable us to have two full time paid ministers, plus a training curate, there is not the money for further paid clergy.

What are the implications for our church communities? It probably means that a very challenging situation will best be met, can only be met, with a response from us all that is enthusiastic, generous, understanding, and supportive, through which we live with a freedom, delight, and a ‘can-do’ approach. In Luke’s Gospel, Jesus says to Simon Peter, “Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.” Perhaps this is what it means to put out into the deep, rather than remain in the shallow end of narrow parochialism, concerned only with our own interest rather than that of our neighbour. We can remain in the shallows and thereby seal our fate or seize the moment and venture out (God in Jesus will supply the armbands)! If you have any questions, do get in touch.

“Shut the windows, draw the curtains, keep the rumour out!” wrote L P Hartley. Keep rumour out, by all means, but open the window, and throw those curtains wide and shout a joyful ‘hurrah’ to the future!

God Bless, Tricia

October Church Rota 2021

Service Sides person Reader/ prayers Refreshments

3 rd October	Harvest Festival	Clive/Donna	Frances/Alison	Donna/Tom
10 th October	Holy Communion	Tom	Tony/Frances	Jane/Jacky
17 th October	All-age worship Appledore	Philippa	Philippa/Chris	Philippa/ Donna
24 th October	Holy Communion	Judith	Michael/ Donna	Fay
31 st October	5 th Sunday	NO	SERVICE	IN APPLEDORE

***Our Harvest Festival service takes place on Sunday 3rd October. If you are able to bring along any non-perishable items (in a box or bag please), these will be presented at the altar during the service and then donated to the Tenterden Food Bank.
Thank you***

October Church Flower Rota

	ALTAR	WEST END
Oct. 3rd	(harvest) Denise Stephens	Wendy Thomas
Oct. 10th	Donna Clifton	Judy Hurran
Oct. 17th	Julie Wooding	Helen Downing Waite
Oct. 24th	Sally Linington	Lynn Marston
Oct. 31st	Judith Clifton	Wendy Selmes
Nov. 7th	Fay Steed	Paddy Moseley

HORNE CHAPEL: Judith Clifton

If you are unable to take your turn, please telephone J.C. on 758285 or text 07840 356681 – and the same numbers if you are unable to break the code for the kitchen / Glory Hole for oasis etc.

A Letter from the Ministry Team at St Peter & St Paul Church, Appledore

Dear Friends,

October is here again – autumn leaves floating softly, summer is over. In church it is the season of passing and remembering, and we move forward in the sad knowledge that Tricia will conduct her final service at the very beginning of this month.

We are only too aware at this time of year that ‘Time and tide wait for no man’.

Which brings me to the subject of this month’s magazine contribution:

PROVERBS. According to the dictionary, a proverb is ‘a short, well-known pithy saying, stating a general truth or piece of advice’. ‘A bird in the hand is worth two in the bush’, ‘a stitch in time saves nine’ and, particularly appropriate for those of us feeling cooped up by Pandemic restrictions, and longing to get away from it all, ‘a change is as good as a rest’. Useful for someone like me who finds it difficult to know where to start sometimes is ‘a journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step’. And some are seriously quirky. What on earth does, ‘a nod is as good as a wink to a blind horse’ mean? Examples are endless!

But did you know that there is a whole book in the Bible dedicated to Proverbs? You’ll find it in the OT. I found myself browsing through the other day and happened upon ‘the words of Agur’. Don’t ask me who Agur was! Indeed, my Bible commentary just tells us that he was ‘an unknown oracle or soothsayer’. He introduces himself as no great shakes as an academic, but muddles through because of his trust in God. And I found myself warming to him as I read on. I like his contentment with just having enough. ‘Give me neither poverty, nor riches’, he says. I love his insistence that even the small and insignificant creatures of Creation can teach us much: ‘Four things on earth are small, yet they are exceedingly wise!’ Even the lowly green lizard can influence a king! And I’m moved by his appreciation of a good woman: ‘She is far more precious than jewels’.

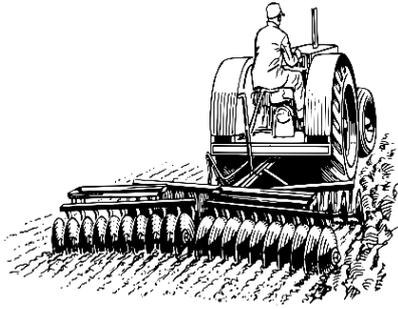
In times of uncertainty and loss, in times when we really are not sure how things will ‘pan out’, it’s good to feel that we have the wisdom of past generations for reference. Whether from Biblical sayings, or folk wisdom, there is much to give us hope. This autumn ‘season of remembering’ reminds us that we always need to keep moving on in faith of better things ahead.

Alison

You can find the sayings of Agur in Chapters 30 and 31 of The Book of Proverbs.

So be encouraged, look at what you can do and what you have and focus on that. Or as a more modern proverb might put it:

**Watch the doughnut, and not the hole.
Focus on what you have and not on what you don’t.**



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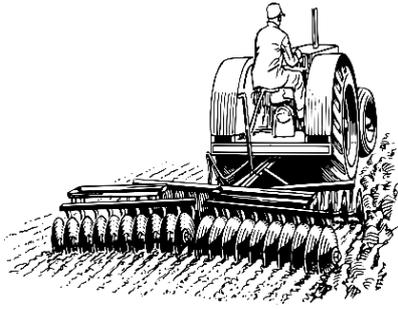
Whilst we were sorry to see Suzanne (Elphick), and her lovely dog Indigo, leave the village, we are delighted to welcome Rob and Emma Pollard, and their two children Olivia and Imogen to Badgers Brook. We look forward to meeting them, and wish them every happiness in their new home.

Suzanne was the Editor of the Parish Magazine for many years, and we send our best wishes as she settles in to her new surroundings.

Over the past few weeks we have learned of several residents who have had to have operations/hospital procedures etc., and whilst we don't wish to name them, we do hope that you are all now on the road to a full recovery. We are still living in challenging times and it is good to know that, here at least, their waiting times were fairly minimal.

Much chaos and inconvenience was caused by the closure of The Street through the Narrows. All walks of life were severely affected, and it was only just opened in time for the much visited Flower Festival. Disgruntled and confused residents were given to wondering why the 'closed road' signage appeared to give the date only for one day's closure?! Despite all the annoyance, thank you to whoever the person with the keen sense of humour was who added to the signage – Closed 'until the end of time'. It was noted that drivers were pointing and laughing, and on one occasion a group of cyclists dismounted to take photographs!

If it's excitement you seek, look no further than Appledore Gardeners' Society! Their most recent outing was to Scotney Castle to enjoy a leisurely stroll around the beautiful gardens, followed by the usual abundance of drinks and cakes. Not, unfortunately this time. One couple set off and noted in the distance great plumes of dark smoke, later to learn of the tanker on fire on the A21. On arriving at the Lamberhurst crossroads everywhere was locked down with a plethora of emergency vehicles. Being stopped by the police and told there was no access to the village, bar residents, our cheeky driver explained that they 'had an appointment at the Castle' – he let them through! Turning into the Castle grounds they came across two weary members who, coming in from another direction, had had to abandon their car due to an unrelated incident of an electricity pole having blocked their road!! By the time they found them they had walked in excess of 4 miles. Two more members were smugly seated enjoying a coffee as they had somehow missed the traffic, and were wondering where everyone was. Later it was discovered that other members had abandoned the trip and headed to Sissinghurst Castle for the afternoon. Just one more thing – on the way home one of the cars was damaged by an impatient approaching driver resulting in a £600 repair. Why not join the Society?!



GRAPEVINE *ctd*

Dippy delights us in the Mag
 With anecdotes, quips and fun
 Where would we be with no local Rag
 For a smile and a ray of sun

Thank you Dippy and keep it going
 Life needs uplifting these days
 With Boris continually to-ing and fro-ing
 We are stuck in a life of haze

Tongue in cheek and pen to hand
 We look forward to reading more
 The Magazine on our step doth land
 Who's the mystery writer? - encore



Childhood Memories of A Life in Appledore

The following appeared in the Parish Magazine for June 1960:
"We learn with interest that some young men of the village are running a successful Social Club – The Ritz – at the Lower Garage. We sincerely wish them every success with this venture and look forward to hearing more news of their activities".

The Lower Garage was at No.1 The Street, and owned by Scotland & Bates. The ground floor was a workshop and service area, whilst the first floor at the front was used as a workshop by Jack Apps, who I believe made coffins.

The rear part of the first floor, and first floor of the rear part of the building (that has recently been demolished), was used as The Ritz. Not only was it a meeting place for the local youngsters, but also attracted those from the surrounding area.

I'm sure many people have interesting memories of The Ritz !!

Perhaps the Developers of No.1 The Street would like to permanently name the building as The Ritz ?

If anyone has any news they would like to share, please forward articles to applegrapevine@aol.com no later than 19th of any month, and in the words of the GOM – if you don't have access to the internet just call 758319.



Appledore Parish Magazine & Appledore Local History Society are Hosting a Joint Open Day on Saturday, 30th October 2021 at The Methodist Hall.

The Event will be Open from 10:00am to 4:00pm
Entry will be Free and Refreshments will be Provided

Appledore Parish Magazine is celebrating 60 years of continuous publication of the Parish Magazine and would like to welcome you to visit where it is currently compiled and produced, on a monthly basis, by its team of dedicated volunteers.

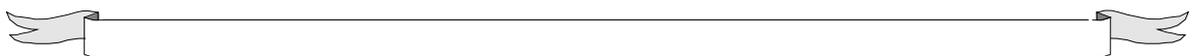
Back copies of the Parish Magazine will be available to view, along with a copy of the Appledore Sketch Book, a set of drawings by G J Sweetman, which presents a selection of past Parish Magazine covers. For those wishing to own a copy of the Sketch Book, they will be available to purchase on the day.

Appledore Local History Society will be presenting a 'then and now' display of photographs of a selection of the historic village homes, as well as a separate 'continuous loop photographic show', which will take place in the main hall.

Photographs for the above have been extracted from the Community Chest database and Archangel archiving system, operated by ALHS on behalf of the village, where pictures of artefacts and records, as well as photographs, are recorded for posterity.

If you have records or photographs that you would like to have copied, or items that you would like to have photographed and recorded, or copied for sharing with family and friends, bring them along and talk with us about how we can help you achieve your aims.

Note: Whilst entry is free, donations will be welcome.





Parish Council Update - October 2021

Village Signage Scheme

The scheme will revamp and update the following signs in an holistic way:
the historic sign in front of St. Peter and St. Paul,
two car park signs for behind the Village Hall and directional sign at the front of the Hall
two new car park signs for Court Lodge

A general scheme has been well received by all the local organisations involved and the Council selected a manufacturer at the October meeting. The next stage will be the design layout and proofing.

Highways

You may have noticed two cables running across the road between the Village Hall and the recreation ground. These will have recorded the number and speed of cars over a 7-day period. As there are no current records, the results will provide the basis for future reference.

Heathside Parking

Councillor Kinsley met the Ashford Borough Council housing officer to discuss parking issues there. The officer looked at where more spaces could be created. The Council is waiting to hear back on these ideas.

The consultation by Ashford Borough Council about building 4 affordable one-bedroom apartments on the road closed on 20th September.

Council Finances

The annual audit of last year accounts was returned by the external audit with a clean bill of health. The Parish Council, like the Borough and County Council, is preparing the budget for 2022-2023. Kent County Council is already asking residents for their thoughts on increasing their share of next year's council tax: <https://letstalk.kent.gov.uk/budget-consultation-2022-23>.

Next Council Meeting - Monday 4th October 7.30pm, in person, at St Peter and St Paul

The Council politely requests that all who attend continue to wear facemasks unless they are speaking. Sanitiser will still be available for those who wish and please show consideration for others who may wish to have some space.

BELLRINGING IN APPLEDORE

I thought I had better put you all in the picture, so to speak. There have been quite a few people asking why the bells are ringing on a Friday evening and not on a Sunday morning. I have been Tower Captain at Appledore since 2007 when Fred and Gill Pearson moved back to Derbyshire. In late 2019 one of the stalwart ringers of the tower moved away and then in March 2020 we were forced to close because of Covid and, as you know, there was no ringing at all. I do know of some towers, once church services were resumed, that just rang one or two bells, I should say “toll” one or two before the service. To me that did not seem right. I felt it sounded more like a funeral service and I like to try and make a more joyful sound.

There are eight bells in Appledore church, and I like to be able to ring five as a minimum for services. Just to make things worse, one of the ringers had an operation and will be out of action for a while. Also, some of our ringers are not happy to ring at the moment because of Covid and I can understand that. Reading the Ringing World, the bellringers’ newspaper, there are a lot of ringers nationwide who have that fear. Some are not ringing at all because of lack of ventilation in the tower. However, Appledore does have an opening window.

Now, regarding Fridays the reason you hear the bells is because we have visitors from other towers which swells the numbers. But, even then, there are normally only six ringing. Obviously, they are unable to support us on a Sunday as most church services happen at the same time.

Now as winter approaches, I am thinking of starting learner practices. So if you would like to hear all eight bells ringing out over Appledore, please consider learning. You do not have to be strong and muscular; you do not have to be musical. All you need to be is fit and well. Someone once said if you can ride a bicycle, you can ring a bell. If you have children (aged 13 or over) I would ask that they be accompanied by a parent. Just come along on a Friday at 7.30pm to see what it’s all about.

Oh, and by the way, we are all learners of the art of campanology. I learned to ring many moons ago and I am still learning.

Frank Wenham

BRODIE

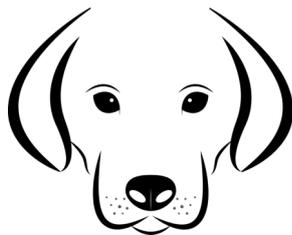
Well, it's all good news here, life has pretty well returned to a normal routine. I take a slipper or sandal and present it on the bed in the early morning. This is my way of telling her to wake up as it's time for me to go out into the garden. After that comes breakfast. Of course, I have to wait whilst she tinkers about putting the kettle on for a cup of tea. Then it's all systems go as I hear the box of dog food being opened and my bowl being placed nearby. I'm trying to sit still but my tail keeps brushing the floor, I'm so excited. As soon as the bowl is put down it only takes about a minute for me to polish the lot off and wait for my "there's a good girl" biscuit. After all that excitement I settle down for a quiet snooze before our morning walk. Sometimes it's with my two friends Bonnie and Claude but lately I've been practising my skills with a ball on the village green. After quite a chase I can now jump up and catch it in mid-air. It's taken a lot of practice but I never get tired of this game.

We recently enjoyed an exciting trip to the beach. There I was one morning with my harness and lead all ready for a walk when unexpectedly we got in the car and before long arrived at the usual parking place. I knew instantly what this meant. I could smell the salt wind and hear the waves crashing. A walk on the beach with my ball being thrown into the waves is just about my favourite thing. The beach is very long so there's loads of space for me to go chasing about in and out of the water. Sometimes we meet another dog and then I have to run even faster to make sure I get my ball before it gets snatched away from me. Then, when I'm called to return, I just go and shake myself all over her, so she knows how happy I am.

I do get very wet and the sand sticks to my coat so it's a good rub down when we get back to the car. By the time we arrive home, I'm totally exhausted and, after a long drink (the salt water makes me very thirsty), I settle down for a good sleep and dream about running along the beach and catching my ball before it floats out to sea.

Until the next time then, take care, have fun and maybe I'll see you on the beach one day.

Love Brodie x



A massive THANK YOU to all my friends and neighbours who have sent messages, cards and flowers wishing me well. I am making a speedy recovery from my sudden and unexpected stay in the William Harvey. And special thanks for all the lovely meals, treats and offers of dog walking. Brodie has been well looked after thanks to my good friend and neighbour Maree who has walked her every day. Hope to be out and about again very soon with my four-legged friend, much love and special thanks to you all from Denise and Brodie

New Vets Football team in Appledore



On October 9th the new Veterans team will be launched when Appledore Old Boys play Burton Grove Veterans at home in a 2.15 kick off.

For this season the Veterans team will be playing fortnightly friendlies home and away until next summer ..when the club then take the big step up... by joining the Kent Veterans League.

A huge number of familiar faces make up the Appledore Old Boys squad. Paul Shilling returns to Appledore after a 4 year absence to manage the team. Jim Kelly, former successful team manager, for two seasons on the bounce, takes up a back seat role of Veterans' secretary.

Graeme Campbell, ex landlord of the Swan pub, returns to local football again, after many years away from Appledore football, returning with his present company "Appledore Antiques", appropriately named, to sponsor the Old Boys side next season.

Existing club members Eddie Phillips, Richard Baker, Aren Slann, plus ex semi - pros Billy Rice, Liam Whiting, Gary Mickleborough, have all been invited to take part in the opening game.

Then, on Oct 23rd in a 2.15 kick off, Appledore Old Boys play their second game when they entertain Hamstreet Veterans in what promises to be a very hot local derby.

Supporters & potential helpers welcome to all games, to what's often described as "Social Football".

BADGER ALERT AND WARNING ALONG THE ROYAL MILITARY CANAL

Recently some residents have reported large holes when walking along the flat area adjacent to the Royal Military Canal east of Appledore towards Kenardington.

This year all vegetation has grown more than usual including grass making the holes hard to see and easy to miss.

The danger and hazard have been reported to the National Trust, the owner of the land. They state that the holes are caused by the large number of badgers which have been around for many years but are a protected species. It is, therefore, not possible to fill in the holes or put markers beside them.

To draw walkers' attention to the badger holes, the National Trust has agreed to install warning notices at the entry points to the pathway along the Royal Military Canal.

WALKERS - KEEP YOUR EYES OPEN AND TAKE CARE!

BANG-ON BBQ

You missed it! However, those of us who didn't had a great time, even the weather played ball and we sat outside the Pavilion in sunshine, and enjoyed a great BBQ of delicious bangers and burgers, with super potato salad, coleslaw, and fresh lettuce, tomatoes and cucumber, and topped off with a lovely dessert of ice-cream and fruit tarts.

A big 'thank you' to Linda, Jenny, Sean and Steve, and apologies if I missed anyone.

Here's to the next time!!

Ground Hog



FREE – For collection only from Woodchurch Road, Appledore

Fairly basic exercise bike. Display needs new batteries.

01233 758042 up to 16th October.



Ride + Stride for Kent Churches Saturday, 11 September

We would like to say a big thank-you to all our sponsors, everyone that manned the church on the day, both on the desk and serving refreshments. Thanks also go to those that made lovely cakes and other goodies.

It was a very successful and enjoyable day.

Donna and Fay x

Appledore Scarecrow Festival

This is a reminder for everyone that the week to put up your scarecrow is:

24th October until Sunday 31st October.

You may wish your scarecrows to be related to the care workers who have supported us throughout the pandemic *but this is not essential. You choose your own Scarecrow theme.*

At the end of this week, please join Jenny and Linda for a chilli and jacket potato supper (veg. option available of course) at the Appledore Recreation Pavilion on Sunday, 31st October from 4 o'clock onwards. Priced at £4.

Booking is essential. Please call Linda on: 01233758097 or 07884001143 or lindahiskey@yahoo.co.uk



Simple instructions for assembling your scarecrow

This traditional looking scarecrow is easy to assemble and can be installed in one afternoon. Start by building a cross-shaped frame, using wood or any spare material that is sturdy enough to support some weight and stand up straight. Once you've assembled the frame, hammer it into the ground. Now you can have some fun creating and stuffing the body!

HALLOWE'EN

“The last night of October, Old Year’s Night in the Celtic calendar, a night of witches and fires, was transmuted by the Church into the vigil of All Saints, or Hallowe’en – still celebrated in the North of England with disguises, divination and candlelit turnip-lanterns. Jumping for treacle scones, and ducking for apples”.

This was written in 1974 but some of these activities may still occur in places.

Dippy’s father was a Worcestershire lad, born and bred, who lived for some of his young life at Elmbridge, near Wychbold * - so he was conversant with the locals and their ways. It is thought that he may have composed the following verse:

We are three witches of Wychbold

Our magic and spells are untold

We brew and we mix

The most magical tricks

Of Hodge-Podge, Hish Pish and Umpold.

Dippy tried to research the recipes mentioned, but failed to find Hish Pish or Umpold, but the recipe for Hodge Podge is available, and if requested by sufficient numbers, may be printed in next month’s magazine.

*Wychbold is an ancient village near Droitwich, dating from approximately 692 AD.

‘Hallowe’en’ is taken from the book by Margaret Baker – “Folklore and Customs of Rural England”.

By Dippy Dora

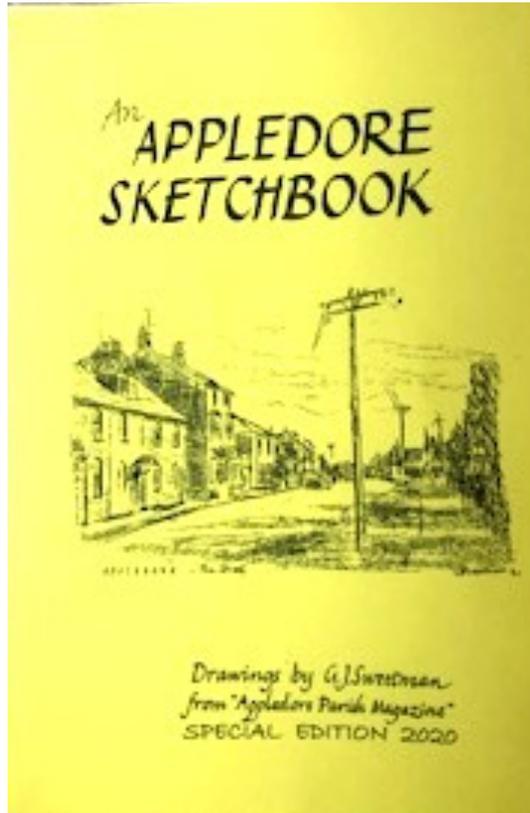


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FOR SALE!



As part of our 60th birthday celebrations we have put together a sketchbook of Appledore. These are drawings done in the 1960s by the first Editor of the Parish Magazine, Mr Sweetman. It is a fascinating glimpse into the history of Appledore and what the village looked like then. Mr Sweetman travelled all around the village sketching what he saw. Many of you will recognise your homes as they looked then. You might also see what the land looked like before your house was built!

Some of the individual buildings named include: the Methodist Chapel; the Forstal; Horne's Place Chapel; Oxney House; Swan House; the cottages on Court Lodge Road; the primary school; Victoria Terrace and Griffin Cottages; Hawthorn Cottages; many views of the Church - inside and out - as well as country views along the Military Canal and Gusbourne.

If you would like to purchase a copy - the cost is £5 - please contact either the Editor on 01233 758249 or Brian Knight on 01233 758319.

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HARVEST CELEBRATION

BARN DANCE



7PM SATURDAY
30TH OCTOBER

DYMCHURCH VILLAGE HALL
LIVE BAND — LED BY PAUL HUTCHINSON

THE CALLER WELCOMES BEGINNERS,
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EPILOGUE: BY DIPPY DORA



The Vicar's house is empty now
 She's gone to pastures new
 No longer will her scooter
 Putt past the villagers few

Her friendly chat and happy face
 No longer will be seen
 But we shall still remember
 The places she has been

She liked a cup of coffee
 And buns with lots of cream
 She always listened to her flock
 And rather liked a gorgeous frock

Her jumpers too, a joy to see
 Each a sample of Or-ig-in-al-ity

We hope retirement now will mean
 A new, adventurous, happy scene
 And sometimes, maybe, she'll give a thought
 To all those villagers – a motley sort!!



Village Hall Extension and Refurbishment

Work on the project is continuing to schedule, the only delay being that previously reported on the window delivery.

Hall interior

The staircase has been built for the loft conversion and a window opening created. Apart from storage cupboards in the new small hall and loft conversion, the interior is largely complete and ready for plastering.

Exterior

The earth bank at the front of the Hall has been cut back to create an area for wooden benches, a retaining wall will be built to stabilise the bank.

Next steps

Plastering the interior of the building and tiling the toilets.

