

Rebecca Fearnley

From: David Carter [REDACTED]
Sent: 08 June 2020 23:28
To: Rebecca Fearnley
Subject: RE: Local History / Knowledge

Dear Rebecca

Thanks for your email.

I do have some aerial photographs of Appledore taken in 1945, and these clearly show no disturbance in this field.

In the course of my research, I can tell you that the only 'bombing' which took place in the area, is described thus: *"During WW2, the only bombs dropped near Appledore, came from a German Aircraft which had apparently lost direction, and jettisoned its load of about 13 bombs, before trying to return to base. Summer 1940. Coming over the hill from behind the church, the first bomb just missed the school, and the others fell in a line across the estuary towards Instow. The plane was spotted by the 2nd gunner Billy Richards on the green at Western Hill, who requested permission to fire, but he was refused by his commanding officer, as it would have given away their position! Some houses in Instow were damaged by the bombs, but apart from that, Appledore was otherwise unaffected by direct air or naval action."*

I hope this helps.

Regards
David

From: Rebecca Fearnley <rebecca@flarchitects.co.uk>
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Dear David,

I hope you are keeping well.

I am writing to you so see if you have any knowledge or suggestions of where I may be able to find any information. I know you have written many books about Appledore History.

My clients, have planning permission to develop 10 houses in the field to west of Polywell in West Appledore. Some neighbours who live next to the develop say that the site is known historically for having WW2 bombs or munitions dropped on it. We have had the ground scanned to find hidden services, which have showed no evidence of this. We also haven't been able to find anything on the UXO maps that suggest that this field specifically has a history of this.

I was wondering if you could shed any light on this, or perhaps point us to any records of this? It is quite tricky, because the residents who have residents this, were also the biggest objectors to the development as its right next to them.

Any help would be greatly appreciated.

Kind Regards

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