

Appleton CE (A) Primary School

OFSTED OUTSTANDING FEBRUARY 2019



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Walking on Egg Shells

As Easter approaches, and with eggs on my mind, this month's offering begins with a scene taken straight from *Through the Looking Glass*, by Lewis Carroll:

'I don't know what you mean by "glory",' Alice said.

Humpty Dumpty smiled contemptuously. 'Of course you don't - till I tell you. I meant "there's a nice knock-down argument for you!"'

'But "glory" doesn't mean "a nice knock-down argument",' Alice objected.

'When I use a word,' Humpty Dumpty said, in rather a scornful tone, 'it means just what I choose it to mean - neither more nor less.'

'The question is,' said Alice, 'whether you **can** make words mean so many different things.'

'The question is,' said Humpty Dumpty, 'which is to be master - that's all.'

Alice was too much puzzled to say anything; so after a minute Humpty Dumpty began again. 'They've a temper, some of them - particularly verbs: they're the proudest - adjectives you can do anything with, but not verbs - however, I can manage the whole lot of them! Impenetrability! That's what I say!'

'Would you tell me please,' said Alice, 'what that means?'

'Now you talk like a reasonable child,' said Humpty Dumpty, looking very much pleased. 'I meant by "impenetrability" that we've had enough of that subject, and it would be just as well if you'd mention what you mean to do next, as I suppose you don't mean to stop here all the rest of your life.'

'That's a great deal to make one word mean,' Alice said in a thoughtful tone.

Now, it seems to me that this dialogue, written over 140 years ago, has a very contemporary ring to it, for there are some very self-assured voices in our world today, battling for control of the dictionary, in order to re-define reality for their own ends. To the extent that these Humpty Dumptys have been successful, the damaging effects of their power-grab are all-too-evident, not least in the emotional confusion and instability of so many vulnerable teenagers. Lest we despair, however, we need to bear in mind that the high wall on which the Egg-Man sat was "such a narrow one that Alice quite wondered how he could keep his balance," and that the encounter ends as follows:

Alice waited a minute to see if he would speak again, but, as he never opened his eyes or took any further notice of her, she said 'Good-bye!' once more, and, getting no answer to this, she quietly walked away: but she couldn't help saying to herself, as she went, 'of all the unsatisfactory - ' (she repeated this aloud, as it was a great comfort to have such a long word to say) 'of all the unsatisfactory people I ever met -' She never finished the sentence, for at this moment a heavy crash shook the forest from end to end

Wishing you a very Happy Easter.

Yours, ever, Ken.

All Age Services

Friday 19th April 10:00 am - Good Friday Service

Sunday 21st April 10:00 am - Easter Day Communion Service

Save the Date!

Sunday 5th May: Bluebell Teas in Church

(2.30-5.00pm)

Sunday 2nd June: Open Gardens Afternoon

& 'Songs of Praise'

Women's Breakfasts

at St Laurence Church, Appleton. 8.30am-10am

> May 11th September 14th November 9th

All Welcome!

Contact Jennie Revell for further details: 863611

"Tea and Chat"

Every Monday in St. Laurence Church **2.30 - 4.00 pm.**

Need a lift? Ring: Margaret 862958 Pam 863207 Rosemary 864808



Thank You!

'A very big thank you to all who contributed to such a fun and successful 'Farmyard Race Night'. Everyone had a great time and we raised £1800 for Oxfordshire Youth and OX13+ Appleton Youth Club. It is probably one of the funniest events organised in Appleton in recent years and certainly the most difficult to describe! However, your enthusiasm and support made it one that will be discussed by those there for quite some time! Thank you again for your great support. It is very much appreciated.'

Alison Jeffreys On behalf of OX13+ Appleton Youth Club

Appleton WI

The April meeting will be held on Thursday, 18th April at 7.30pm in the village hall. Our speaker is Catherine Sampson who will tell us about Georgian cooking. There will be a competition to make 4 cheese scones, the recipe will be provided. There will also be a stall and any contributions will be welcome. Visitors are always welcome at our meetings.

Elaine Flint 01865 861838

Who to call

For Service information, Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals & Church Building enquiries, please contact:

Reverend Ken on 655737 or kencampbell@stlaurencechurchappleton.org Remember to visit your Church website at: www.stlaurenceappleton.org

Evergreen Club

The April meeting is on Friday April 5th (note early date). Bring your poems along and the winner will receive a prize. Choose our June outing. Home made teas and raffles. Gentlemen, we need more of you!

Trish Wagstaff

Gardening Club

In March, the Club welcomed Paul Green from Green's Leaves Nursery in Newent, near Gloucester, whose subject was "Plants of the season – a practical demonstration showcasing what is looking good". He had brought quite a wide range of choice specimens from the nursery with him, with the result that many members went home happily armed with pots of plants and a lighter purse. He also confirmed something I had previously suspected, namely that the sexes of holly trees are baffling: Holly "Silver Queen" is male, while Holly "Golden King" is female!

April's talk will be about "The History and Restoration of Painswick Rococo Garden", and will be given by Dominic Hamilton, who is the Garden Director of this fascinating garden near Stroud. It's on Wednesday 10th April at 7.30 pm in Appleton School Hall, and guests are as usual very welcome at £2 each.

As mentioned last month, don't forget the Club's annual Plant Sale on Saturday 25th May at 10.00 am in the Village Hall.

Schedules for the Village Show, which will be on Sunday 1st September, are now available in the Appleton Community Shop. Do pick one up if you're thinking of entering.

Hon. Secretary Diana Gordon 01865 864536

Appleton Village Hall

Suitable for meetings, parties, dances and wedding receptions. Enquiries Rachel Knight appletonvillagehallbookings@gmail.com 07584426030

At the bottom of the garden

With kids to hand we dug a hole. It was well over a foot deep in an out of the way part of our garden. I gathered a good handful of earth — maybe 50 years old - from the bottom and put it into a clear plastic bag with a little water. The closed bag was left on a plate on a sunny windowsill.

Green shoots appeared within a week – and each was transferred to a yogurt pot of soil. In time familiar plants emerged – nettle, rosebay willowherb, speedwell and ragwort.

After a month, when all such resurrections had been – a final glint of green emerged. It was very small and had three seedling leaves.

That's not normal – there should be one or two. Into a yogurt pot it went. It grew very slowly and after some months the fairy plant was potted in a sheltered spot outside.

Not having green fingers I didn't know what this plant was until year two; it was a very straggly "butterfly bush" or Buddleia. I thought it might do better in our sunny front garden.

In its new home it exploded into life and grew quickly to 11 feet. I don't know what species it is or why it started life as a rare tricotyledon. Buddleias arrived here in the 20th century – apart from one species from Chile in the late 1700s.

This was a simple form of archaeobotany that anyone can repeat – and who knows what you may find.

John EVANS for AwEHG

Walking Netball

We are in the hall from 12 o'clock to 1pm on Friday's Cost: £4 for 6 weeks It is great fun and all are welcome.

For more details, contact Jennie Revell: 01865 863611



Appleton with Eaton Tennis Club



Membership of the Club

We are modernising and you can now pay for renewal of membership ONLINE via direct debit. All members will be invited to renew this way but paper forms and cheques will still be accepted. Forms for existing members and NEW MEMBERS are on the website – see below – where you can also find the entry forms for the club Wimbledon Draw and 2019 Tournament.

Adult Mixed Doubles Floodlit Tournament – Wednesday 3rd April

If you would like to take part in this fun evening, please email the club – no partner required as pairs can be allocated on the night.

Quorn Family Tennis Cup 2019 – Sunday 7th April

We will be hosting the QFTC Red Ball event on Sunday 7 April where 10U players (ie juniors aged 10 or under) get to play doubles with an adult relative / family member in a fun and informal format – great for the whole family with loads of prizes and certificates to win.

The entry fee is £5 per double pair and you need to book in advance to be sure of a place. Matches will be played on red courts with red ball and 21" or 23" rackets. There are lots of timed matches played in round robin format with all points counting towards your tally for the day.

As a bonus, the winning pair will earn an invite to attend one of the LTA staged grass court events this summer to play in the Red Ball Festival Day events and get the chance to play another red ball event, win some goodies and watch some professional tennis at the event as well.

To sign-up please email the club appletonwitheatontennisclub@gmail.com

Adult and Junior Coaching

If you or your juniors would like to have some

tennis coaching with our Club Coach, Craig Amison-Smith, please email the club for more details:

appletonwitheatontennisclub@gmail.com **AGM**

Thank you to everyone who came along to the AGM, minutes and matters arising will be on the website shortly.

For more information or to contact the club:

Email:

appletonwitheatontennisclub@gmail.com

Website: www.appleton-eaton.org/tennis or

http://cspark.at/apple6

Facebook: www.facebook.com/ AppletonwithEatonTennisClub/

Appleton Cricket Club



Summer is approaching! Now is the time for you to dust off your gear in preparation for the new season of cricket.

Appleton Cricket Club play friendly games mainly on Wednesday evenings and Sunday afternoons. You are most welcome to join us. Preparatory net sessions start off in April, Sunday 11 am, on April 4th, 11th and 25th. The venue will be Cokethorpe School sports hall. Initial fixtures in May:

Sunday 5th v Cumnor 1 pm at home Sunday 12th v Headington Quarry at home Wed 15th v Oxfordshire CC at home Sunday 19th v Wheatley at home Friday 24th v Cokethorpe away Wed 29th v Isis at home

Please feel free to contact the captain, Hjalmar Blomerus, on 07899 080200, or Roger Gilkes, rhgilkes@gmail.com for further information.

Roger Gilkes

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- •Natural Bread Hot Cross Buns (£1.20 each) Orders need to be placed by 10 am on a Thursday for Friday delivery between now and Good Friday.
- •Cornfields packs of 4 Hot Cross Buns(£2.80) Available both on the shelves and to pre order.

MONTHLY TURNOVER

	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19
May	19,951	20,267	22,428
June	21,748	22,795	24,483
July	23,878	23,809	27,343
Aug	22,150	20,750	23,774
Sept	20,491	19,963	21,849
Oct	20,511	20,732	22,625
Nov	19,404	19,896	22,583
Dec	19,831	22,315	23,486
Jan	17,788	18,154	20,000
Feb	17,233	17,937	19,782
Mar	19,656	22,387	

A very Happy Easter to all our customers, staff and volunteers



It's time to stock up with

every delicious seasonal necessity from your village shop.

We look forward to seeing you over the holiday period! We will be stocking:

- ·Easter cards
- Chocolates and Easter eggs
- Spring plants
- •Specially selected wine and local craft beer We are happy to take orders for:
- •Fresh meat from Michael Cain (Cumnor butcher)
- Fresh fruit & veg (From Kingston Fruiters)
- •Local speciality cheese (Order early to ensure delivery)

Happy Café Customers....

Our new café already has some very special regulars who enjoy morning coffee, and more! Our suggestions box had this delightful message recently from Elodie (age 3): 'I love coming to the shop café for a mummy day.

I like having orange juice and a lollipop. The people in the shop are friendly.' What a lovely message from one of our youngest customers!

We welcome your ideas, so do use the suggestions box on the coffee bar counter and share them with us.



Volunteers wanted:

- •Someone to work behind the counter from 3-5 pm during April, while a regular volunteer is on holiday.
- •A baker for every other Monday morning (Training can be given)
- •If you would like to learn how to use the new electronic till (much easier than the old one!) just talk to one of the shop staff or phone Dave Dymock on 01865 863709.

Also a reminder to volunteers:

•Please remember to fill in the blank spaces on next week's sheet and the weekend sheet on the side of the drinks cabinet.

Take a look at the Community Shop home page on the village website at: www.appleton-eaton.org

And follow us on Facebook www.facebook.com/appletoncommunityshop

Solo Ladies

Everyone who is alone is very welcome to join us at our monthly luncheon.

Our April Lunch will be held on Tuesday 30th April

Future Dates are: Wednesday 29th May Thursday 27th June Venues to be advised

If you would like any information please contact:

Carol (863759, carolbateman59@gmail.com) Barbara (863262, barbara.kimsey@outlook.com)



News from the Appleton with Eaton Parish Council

Parish Council Elections

Have you ever thought of becoming a Parish Councillor? Do you care about what happens in our villages? Would you be happy to represent your parish in making decisions for the benefit of the entire Parish? If you want to know more, please feel free to contact the Clerk. The Vale of White Horse will hold elections on 2 May 2019. Information is posted on the noticeboard as well as on the website. This will contain the information needed for those who wish to nominate themselves for Parish Councillor. Please note that nomination papers must be delivered to the council offices at 135 Eastern Avenue, Milton Park, Milton OX14 4SB by 4pm on Wednesday 3 April 2019.

Thames Path

The Thames Path Access Group (TPAG) is looking for more members of the community who can recall experiences of walking between the end of Green Lane (Appleton Landing) and the Weir and Lock, prior to 1993.

Please contact TPAG via email to the Parish Clerk by Easter Monday 22nd April.

Dog fouling

Now Spring is coming could we send a gentle reminder to all dog walkers to please clean up their dog poo. It is becoming a problem again in the village, particularly bags of poo left around, for example near the Park Lane gate in Long Close and at the entrance to the woods. Please put the bags in your black bin or in the special bins provided around the village. Thank you.

Allison Leigh, Parish Clerk 01865 865 876 / parishclerk.appletonwitheaton@gmail.com



During May Besselsleigh Wood is filled with a glorious carpet of bluebells

On Sunday 5th May 2.30 pm - 4.30 pm

St Laurence Church in Appleton, will be serving tea and homemade cake.

Everyone is welcome to call in for refreshments.

Contact Carol Dodimead for further details 07767796071



Summer Meadow at Appleton Churchyard – your chance to get involved in encouraging and maintaining habitats for wildlife.



Open evening in the Church 23rd April 2019, 6-8pm

Over the years various ideas have come up around maintaining St Laurence's Churchyard whilst making it more wildlife friendly. We have been working with Wild

Oxfordshire and Alex White our very own well-known nature blogger (twitter @appletonwild; Instagram: Appletonwild......) and the Parochial Church Council to begin this process.

According to Wild Oxfordshire: "Old, relatively undisturbed or 'unimproved' grassland is now rare in the UK and areas of St Laurence churchyard show indicators of such habitat." The PCC have agreed that the south area of the churchyard would be ideal to start creating a wildflower area. The idea is that paths would be mown to make easy access to the wall behind the cottages where ashes are interred. Two areas of grass would be left unmown until the end of June to encourage wildflower meadows to develop. (This will take several years to develop properly).

Other ideas for attracting and maintaining habitats for bees, hedgehogs, reptiles, slowworms, toads and invertebrates are to create bee hotels, reptile mats and hibernacula and to plant the area around the new shed where the old beech hedge was removed. We will be working with the School as well and hope to inspire a love of nature and real practical learning and involvement with the children there.

We hope that villagers will want to get involved in this community project and we are therefore asking you to an open evening on Tuesday 23rd April in the Church to learn more about the ideas and how you might get involved. The evening will be from 6-8pm and Roselle Chapman and Alex White will both be there to help inspire and inform us all.

Our daughter Polly's inspiring epitaph is "Respect the world and look after the bees" so we have been wanting to do something in memory of her (her gravestone is in the Churchyard beside her grandparents).

Please come along and help start, develop and maintain something very exciting for wildlife and the community.

Contact Felicity Dick felicityddick@gmail.com



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Mary Carey

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ST LAURENCE, APPLETON

Sunday 7th 8 am Communion Service (BCP)

10 am Communion Service (CW)

6 pm Evensong

Sunday 14th 10 am Communion Service (CW)

Palm Sunday

Thursday 18th 7.30 pm Maundy Communion Service

Maundy Thursday

Friday 19th 10 am All Age Good Friday Service

Good Friday

Sunday 21st 10 am Communion Service (CW)

Easter Day 6 pm Evensong

Sunday 28th 10 am Communion Service (CW)

Morning Prayer on Thursday mornings at 9.15 am.

Who to call:

For enquiries about Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals or Church buildings, please contact Reverend Ken at Appleton Rectory on 655737, or email him on kencampbell@stlaurencechurchappleton.org

For up-to-date information on Sunday services & other events, please refer to the Calendar pages of the Church website: www.stlaurenceappleton.org



(BCP) Book of Common Prayer (CW) Common Worship