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As January turns into February the first few signs of spring are emerging. We are enjoying the promise of what is to come. Crocuses are coming up around the village. We soon won't have to drive to work in the dark.

Although these are great things, my favourite sign of spring approaching is the start of the Six Nations Championship. This annual sporting festival is a wonderful opportunity to reignite old rivalries and write the next chapter in the rugby history books. The grand slam. The wooden spoon. Bill McClaren (sadly no longer) saying "they will be dancing in the streets of Edinburgh tonight" after a Scottish victory. Along with Bill's much missed but at times

Along with Bill's much missed but at times extravagant commentary, such as "Doddie Weir, on the charge like a mad giraffe", the sound of games is not complete without passionate hymn singing. I'll be cheering on the English and hoping to be singing Swing Low Sweet Chariot once spring is fully here! Perhaps best known among the hymns of the Six Nations is 'Guide me o thou great Redeemer'. There's great truth in these words. As we celebrated at Christmas, our great Redeemer was born in a stable. We will celebrate later on at Easter how, having shown us how to live, this perfect man redeemed us, the imperfect, by dying in our place on a cross.

William Williams, the author, asks the great Redeemer to guide us as pilgrims "through this barren land". God provides for us on this journey. We are fed by "bread of heaven" that he gives us to sustain us every day. We are shown the way to go not by the "fiery, cloudy pillar" that guided the Israelites in the wilderness after they had been led out of slavery in Egypt, but by the Holy Spirit. The Spirit guides those who answer his call until we reach heaven. Once there, "songs of praises, songs of praises" will echo around even more magnificently than 70,000 voices at The Principality Stadium after a Welsh victory.

If you'd like to learn more about this great Redeemer, Jesus' death and his resurrection, you'd be very welcome to join us at a service at St. Laurence's church.

Foreword from the St Laurence PCC

Guide me, O thou great Redeemer, Pilgrim through this barren land; I am weak, but thou art mighty; Hold me with thy powerful hand: Bread of heaven, bread of heaven Feed me till I want no more. Feed me till I want no more.

Open thou the crystal fountain Whence the healing stream shall flow:

Let the fiery, cloudy pillar Lead me all my journey through: Strong deliverer, strong deliverer Be thou still my strength and shield. Be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, Bid my anxious fears subside; Death of death, and hell's destruction.

Land me safe on Canaan's side: Songs of praises, songs of praises I will ever give to thee. I will ever give to thee.

Ben Elvidge

All Age Services

Sunday 2nd February 9:45 am Sunday 22nd March 9:45 am: Mothering Sunday

Save the Date!

Friday 7th February 6:30 pm-9:30 pm; Ceilidh at The Barn, 'South Lawn' for hot supper and dancing!

Women's Breakfast

At St Laurence Church, Appleton 8:30 am – 10:00 am Saturday 14th March All Welcome

Contact Jennie Revell for further details: 863611

Our Beautiful Churchyard

Signs of early Spring are upon us, but the ground is very wet. A little more clearing has taken place over winter, mainly to remove nettle roots, as we want to give native flowering plants the chance to flourish and attract bees and butterflies. You'll start to notice some planting up of these pollinator plants as we go further into Spring.

The workshop for children will be taking place in late March, and details will be published in the next issue of the Advertiser. Plans are also afoot for a visit from an urban beekeeper, who can teach us all about bees and the amazing contribution they make to our living systems, and a botanist to inspire us to protect and encourage the amazing plants growing in Appleton soil; details of these sessions will be published soon.

Don't forget to let us know if you would like to be included in email communications for the project. (Contact

fionasmithbyemail@gmail.com)

Do join us in caring for our beautiful churchyard as we go into spring and summer.

Felicity Dick

Christmas Bazaar

With apologies for missing the January Advertiser, a huge THANK YOU to everyone who donated so generously or cooked, collected and served and especially to all who came on the day. You all helped to raise a fantastic record sum of £3,000.

Mary Blake

Who to call

For enquiries about Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals, Pastoral care, Holy Communion at home, Church buildings, please contact Roger Mitty, Churchwarden on 863794, or email him on:

enquiries@stlaurencechurchappleton.org Pastoral enquiries will be forwarded on to an appropriate contact whilst we are in this period of vacancy awaiting the appointment of our new Rector. Remember to visit your Church website at:

www.stlaurenceappleton.org

"Tea and Chat" Every Monday in St. Laurence Church

2:30 pm - 4:00 pm

Need a lift? Ring: Margaret 862958 Rosemary 864808



Church Website

For information about future services, events and more, you can visit the St Laurence Church, Appleton with Besselsleigh website at http://www.stlaurenceappleton.org

Gardening Club



The talk at our January meeting was given by Annette Pursey entitled *The Scented Garden.* Annette gave us a very informative and entertaining talk with excellent slides explaining the importance of scent in the garden, but particularly during the winter months. This is how insect pollinators seek out the nectar from plants as winter flowering plants often have rather small flowers. Scented leaves are also important in the garden as the scent deters insects from feeding on the leaves. Annette brought along some plants and cuttings for us to smell and it was interesting to hear how differently people perceived the smell particularly from the leaves of the plants.

Our next meeting will be on 12th February when Sue Burge will give us a talk on *Making a Garden* which will be about how she created a half acre wildlife friendly garden near Otmoor. As usual the meeting will be at 7.30 pm in the Appleton School Hall. Guests are always very welcome at £2 each – do join us if you can.

Hon. Secretary Janet Hutton 01865 865269

Evergreen Club

Our meeting is on Feb 7th at 1.30pm in the Village Hall.

Bingo, raffles, stall, home-made tea.

A happy and healthy 2020 to all our members.

Trish Wagstaff

Victoriana

The Victorians were great innovators. In the 1860s they created the first postcodes – for London. As villages merged to make greater London, many village road names were duplicated. Thus London was divided up into eight simple postcode districts.

A century later the Post Office introduced the modern postcodes – primarily as a marketing tool. Each postcode identified about a dozen dwellings - with known socio-economic features. Thus it was possible to target postal advertising to selected types of homes. Nowadays Google, Facebook and others do the same with online IP addresses.

Our Parish has – I think – 27 postcodes OX13 5 - J/L/P etc.

Another Victorian creation was the Limited Company – with the Limited Liability Act 1855. This allowed entrepreneurs and investors to form a Company that protected them from any personal liability should the Company fail. But – such "Private" companies had to put their details into the public domain. Thus anyone thinking of dealing with a Company could view the details of the Directors and accounts and decide if they wanted to work with them. This transformed Victorian business life. By searching the Parish postcodes the number of Limited Companies based here can be found. In total there are 27 Limited Companies in the Parish – about average for the UK. These Companies are economically very important as a major source of employment – a massive Victorian inheritance.

> Dr John EVANS for AwEHG

Appleton with Eaton Tennis Club

Club AGM – date for your diaries

Our AGM will be on 25th February – full details will be sent out to members by NetCall.

Courts Resurfacing

Both courts will be resurfaced with work starting on 16 March. It will take about 5 weeks in total and other arrangements for playing will be sent out to members. We will try to keep any disturbance to a minimum. Once the courts are ready there will be a grand re-opening - more details nearer the time!

Indoor Tennis

During the winter we play on the first Wednesday of the month from 8-10pm at White Horse Tennis Centre £6 (tbc) per member. Contact the club for more details. The next session will be 5th February and there will be an Indoor Fun Tournament on 4th March **Joining or Renewing Your Membership** This year renewals will be done through our ClubSpark website with online payments but there will be one session at the clubhouse on 25th April for those who would prefer to pay by cheque or cash, or for new members to join.

Exercise Sessions

If you need a bit of help to get in shape for the new year, we run a Cardio Tennis session each Wednesday from 9.30 – 10.30am. Cardio Tennis is a fun, sociable group fitness class set on a tennis court and open to people of all ages and abilities – you don't have to be able to play tennis to take part! There is a warm up, then some drills to get you moving and hitting balls and a cooling down session – don't forget to bring some water.

This is a 'pay and play' session open to all, so non-members are welcome too. £6.50 for members and £7.50 for non-members. Please come and join us.

For more information and to contact the club:

Email:

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appletonwitheatontennisclub@gmail.com Website: www.appleton-eaton.org/tennis or

http://cspark.at/apple6

Facebook: www.facebook.com/ AppletonwithEatonTennisClub/

Appleton WI

Our February meeting will take place on Thursday, 20th February at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Sheila from Oxford Aunts will tell us about their work.

The competition will be a hand knitted item, and there will be a bring and buy stall. Visitors are always welcome.

Elaine Flint 01865 861838

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2017/18	2018/19	2019/20
20,267	22,428	24,532
22,795	24,483	24,276
23,809	27,343	28,976
20,750	23,774	25,199
19,963	21,849	23,131
20,732	22,625	23,504
19,896	22,583	22,107
22,315	23,486	24,524
18,154	20,000	
17,937	19,782	
22,387	22,305	
19,107	21,570	
	22,795 23,809 20,750 19,963 20,732 19,896 22,315 18,154 17,937 22,387	20,267 22,428 22,795 24,483 23,809 27,343 20,750 23,774 19,963 21,849 20,732 22,625 19,896 22,583 22,315 23,486 18,154 20,000 17,937 19,782 22,387 22,305

The month for Valentines and Pancakes! Valentine's Day – Friday 14th February

Buy a card and gift for that special person in your life and make it a memorable day! What about a box of chocolates or a bottle of bubbly or choose from some of our fantastic range of wines now in the shop.

Did you know that Shrove Tuesday or 'Pancake Day' will soon be here on 25th February?

Come and buy all the ingredients you need to make perfect pancakes.

We stock eggs, flour, milk, lemons and syrup, so don't forget to stock up!

We are a Five Star Shop!

We are delighted to report that our shop has again been awarded 5 stars by the Food and Safety Team, from the Vale of White Horse District Council. An unannounced inspection visit was made in January, during which one of the regular volunteers was interviewed. Congratulations to all the management team, staff and volunteers who have worked so hard to maintain these high standards. This is a great achievement for the shop and we should all be very proud.

'Free From' Foods

We are now stocking a wider selection of 'Free From' foods, both gluten free and vegan. Look for the shelves at the end of the aisle opposite the ice cream freezers.

Dog friendly

It's not just you we love to see, we welcome four legged fluff balls too, but politely request they are left outside at our new poochie watering stop. We've even provided a simple to use hook on a chain to attach them to.



Volunteers are always needed to work behind the counter serving customers and we would really like to hear from anyone who could fill in occasionally, when regular volunteers are away.

If you would like to learn how to use the new electronic till (which is in fact much easier than you might think) just talk to one of the shop staff or phone Dave Dymock on 01865 863709

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

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Village Hall News

Following an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Village Hall Management Committee on the 3rd December many long-standing committee members stood down and a new team was elected as follows.

Chair Colin McGuire Treasurer Nick Trinder Alison Trinder Secretary Bookings Secretary Juliet Carter

Ali McLeod James Mansfield Adrian Willett Susan Staunton **David Staunton** Representative Members Trish Wagstaff (Evergreen Club) Jennie Revell (WI) Angela Arnold (Beavers & Rainbows)

The Village Hall Management Committee would like to extend very many thanks to former members Sara Murray, Tracey Agutter, Rachel Knight, and Iris White for the years of dedicated service given to the running of the Village Hall..

David Staunton

News from the Appleton with Eaton Parish Council

The 8th May 1945 was the day peace emerged in Europe after nearly six years of war, so the 75th anniversary on 8th May 2020 represents an important milestone in our history. To commemorate this important occasion, there will be village celebrations over the bank holiday weekend (8th-10th May 2020) and we are looking for volunteers to help organise and co-ordinate the events so that our whole community can join in and celebrate this special weekend. St Laurence Church will be marking the occasion and the Plough will be the centre for some of the celebrations.

If you are interested, please contact the clerk, Allison Leigh, at the contact information below, or speak to a Parish Councillor.

There is also a suggestion box in the Village Shop for people to add suggestions for the celebration weekend. We look forward to hearing from you!



Walking after Dark

The council would like to remind people who are walking at night to please carry a torch and wear reflective clothing. This is for everyone's safety.

2020 Tour Dates of Waste Facilities

Tours are available of the waste facilities in Oxfordshire. Tours are limited to 15 people per date, and places will be allocated on a "first come, first serve basis". With this in mind if you are interested in any of the below dates, please send an email to waste.team@southandvale.gov.uk with the name of the attendees, contact numbers for attendees, and an emergency contact. All tours start at 10am.

Viridor Energy Recovery Facility, Ardley (Black Bin)

Monday August 24th Tuesday October 6th Wednesday December 2nd

Severn Trent Green Power Anaerobic Digestion Plant, Wallingford (Food Bin)

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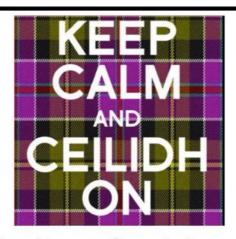
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ST LAURENCE, APPLETON

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9.45 am All Age Service

6 pm Evensong

Sunday 9th 10 am Communion Service (CW)

Sunday 16th 10 am Communion Service (CW)

6 pm Evensong

Sunday 23rd 10 am Communion Service (CW)

Morning Prayer on Thursday mornings at 9.15 am.

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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

