

# **Appleton Ceilidh**

Friday 9th February Bar! Hot Supper! Raffle!



Doors Open at 6.30pm

Dancing at 7pm sharp!!

Adults - £12 Child (5-16) - £8 Tickets from Appleton Shop No tickets available on the door Enquiries - Alison Jeffreys 861591 Dear Friends,

Confession: I've not actually read all of Jane Austen's novels and, not being a big fan of period drama on television, I cannot even remember much of what happens in those I *have* read; though I will tell you that *Pride and Sensibility* is my personal favourite. Anyway, I believe it is a truth universally acknowledged that (with the exception of one scene in *Mansfield Park*, where the author clearly forgot herself) Austen never sought to write dialogue between two or more men when there were no women present – such a situation being, by definition, beyond her experience.

Austen apparently assumed that single-sex groups relate and communicate differently to mixed-sex groups. This assumption was presumably based, in part at least, on how she and her female friends tended to behave once the men-folk had all "withdrawn" after dinner. Nowadays, the validity (or otherwise) of her assumption can no doubt be tested more scientifically, for example by linguistic experts using audio-visual recordings. Still, the phenomena of "lockerroom banter," Stag Weekends, Hen Parties, Ladies' Nights Out and (a few remaining) single-sex schools suggest that there is indeed something different – if not always better – about interaction in a single-sex context.

This is all by way of introduction to a subject that will actually be irrelevant to around half of you, namely the Women's Breakfasts at St Laurence. These events take place once-every-two-months, at 8.30 am on the first Saturday – the next one is on January 6<sup>th</sup>. They are of course, by definition, beyond *my* experience; but I do know that they offer an opportunity for women of all ages, from Appleton and the surrounding villages, to get together for a light breakfast (cereals, pastries, fresh fruit, tea and coffee etc.) with a talk or presentation from a guest speaker. The speakers come from a wide variety of backgrounds, but they all have this in common: in some way or other (and sometimes to a remarkable degree), their lives have been shaped by their faith in Jesus Christ – the Man whose miraculous birth we celebrate this month, and whose life divides history in two (B.C. / A.D.)

Sure - 8.30 on a Saturday morning is quite early to be up and about. But given the quality of the food, the warmth of the welcome, and the chance to hear ordinary people talking about their *extra*ordinary God, may I suggest a New Year's Resolution for you ladies: Don't skip breakfast!

Oh – and guys, if you're still reading, please watch this space: we'd love to get *Men's* Breakfasts up and running next year (with perhaps just a *few* tweaks to the above menu…)

With my prayers and best wishes for the New Year,

Revd. Ken.

#### St Laurence Church Pastoral Support

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Please get in touch with: Lesley on 03330 147018 or Lucinda on 01865 864779

if you need someone to talk to if you would like someone to visit you at home

if you are unwell or recovering from illness if you have recently lost someone dear to you or if you are just finding life challenging at the moment

Equally, if any of the above applies to a friend or neighbour, please ask their permission and contact us on their behalf.

#### **Important Dates**

Friday 9th February 6:30 pm – 9:30 pm: Ceilidh at the Barn South Lawn with 'Strip the Willow', hot supper & bar.

#### **All Age Services**

7<sup>th</sup> January 2018 10:00 am: Epiphany

# New Year's Day Bell Ringing

The Appleton Society of Change Ringers will be hosting the Branch Annual Event this year. The bells will sound over Appleton from 10:30 am – 12:00 noon on New Year's Day.

#### **Community Café**

First Thursday of every month!

4th January

1st February

1st March

At St Laurence Church,

Appleton

10:30am – 11:30am

Pop in -

All Very Welcome!



#### **Women's Breakfasts**

First Saturday of every other month with various speakers!

6th January

10th March\*

12th May

8:30 am - 10:00 am

\*Due to March 4<sup>th</sup> anniversary Peal

Breakfast will be moved to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday in March

St Laurence Church Contact Jennie Revell for more details: 863611

#### 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

#### "Tea and Chat"

Every Monday in St. Laurence Church **2.30 - 4 pm.** 

Need a lift?

Ring: Margaret 862958

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#### **GARDENING CLUB**

December's Club meeting was, as usual, the Christmas social and it seemed a particularly successful one. Despite the cold weather, there was a good turnout of members to enjoy the wine, the finger buffet, and the game and quiz organised by John Page and Charles Moorley respectively.

The January meeting will see a welcome return by Professor Michael Keith-Lewis. Many will remember his fascinating talk some years ago on the way that plants help solve crime. (The answer is much related to their pollen.) Continuing with the theme of pollen, on 10th January, he will talk to the Club on "Pollination – the sex life of flowers". The meeting will be at 7.30 pm in Appleton School Hall. Members are very welcome to bring guests at £2 a head. *Diane Gordan* 

## Come to the January Supper!

Enjoy a delicious 2 course meal followed by tea or coffee and mints.

The bar will be open, naturally.

You will then be entertained by a splendid ukelele band

All this for £16.

Date-20th January, 2018. Place-the village hall. Time-6 for 6.30pm.

Ring me, Elaine Flint 01865 861838

#### **Polite Notice**

It's very important that clear emergency access is always maintained to St Laurence Church. Such access – not least for emergency vehicles – is blocked when cars are parked close to either side of the gates mid-way down Church Lane.

The consequences of this if an emergency arose would be very serious and potentially life-threatening, besides totally invalidating Church insurances.

Thank you for sensible and considerate parking.

#### Thank you.....

A huge Thank you to everyone who worked so hard before and during the Bazaar , those who donated so generously and all who came and (hopefully) enjoyed the afternoon. We made a record amount this year of £2770 to go towards church expenses.

Thanks again Mary Blake

# A Celebration of the 200th Birthday of Appleton Bells

Join us at the Barn South Lawn on Sunday 4th March 2018 and learn more about the great heritage of Appleton Bells and Bell Hanging

Hog Roast and Bar

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Handbell Ringing

**Traditional Songs** 

**Morris Dancing** 

Audio-Visual Display

Exhibition

Children's competition

Bells fittings display

Try your hand at real bell ringing on a mobile peal of bells

### Sunday 4th March 2018 12 noon to 4pm

Tickets £5 available from the community shop to <u>include</u> Hog Roast (children of school age FREE) or phone 01865 865075 or 01865 863794



The Bell hangers workshop on Eaton Road will also be open from 12 noon to 4pm

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9am-1pm



#### MONTHLY TURNOVER

	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18
May	21,435	19,951	20,267
June	23,407	21,748	22,795
July	24,487	23,878	23,809
Aug	21,479	22,150	20,750
Sept	20,524	20,491	19,963
Oct	20,635	20,511	20,732
Nov	19,981	19,404	
Dec	18,393	19,831	
Jan	17,434	17,788	
Feb	17,916	17,233	
Mar	19,430	19,656	
April	18,271	14,742	

#### **New Year Opening Hours 2017**

Monday 1st January 9-11am (Post Office Closed)

NB Paper collections only on 1st January - no deliveries

## Free Wi Fi comes to Appleton Shop

New for 2018 and by popular demand – Wi-Fi will be available for all customers.

A password will be displayed on the wall by the coffee bar.

Now there is even more reason to stop for a hot drink or a cake!

#### A Happy New Year to all our Customers, Volunteers and Staff

Our New Year's message is: -Visit Appleton Community Shop every week, and not just on snow days!

Snow came early to Appleton on Sunday 10th December and roads out of the village became treacherous. With the snow, came a huge surge in shop customers! By midday on Monday, supplies of essentials ran low but our Shop Chairman managed to make a daring dash to the Co-op to replenish the stock. Staff cooked more pasties and bread which continued to fly off the shelves.

Volunteers had to contend with long queues and as always, the shop coped magnificently. Sales went up by 31% over these two days! We hope you will all continue to value our village shop and use it more regularly! Try some of our new lines in local fresh food or stay for a coffee or hot chocolate and make use of our new Wi-Fi connection.

Remember - our Community Shop is for life - not just for snow days!

It is great to have a local shop for emergencies but it makes sense to use it throughout the year too.

## Message from our Chair of the Directors - Jane Cranston

As we move into 2018 it's time to say a huge thank you to staff, volunteers and customers. The revamp which took place in May has been much admired and appreciated and I can report that our existing customers, in addition to drinking 300 cups of coffee a month, are smoking less (much less) and drinking more! Interestingly we are a stopping off point for

many local builders and delivery men, as our hot pies and sausage rolls together with cake and coffee have got quite a following in the area.

We continue to be the envy of other Community Shops who ask in astonishment 'how do you do it' when told that we have over a hundred volunteers. We shrug modestly and say 'Well it's Appleton!'

Just before Christmas, Claire Salmon was joined by Angela Lawless who has been a volunteer for a long while but who has now joined us as a manager to work alongside Claire.

We can cover more hours each day with staff, thereby freeing up volunteers to play that wonderful 'yes, I've got time to chat' role that is so much part of the shop. A big welcome to Angela who will already be well known to many of you.

I end with the plea of 'more volunteers please'. We have the hundred but there are always gaps. Are there some younger people out there who would be happy to fill in the gaps during term time or others who might have a bit of spare time during the holidays? Or even someone who suffers from insomnia and likes getting up at 6am! The more the merrier and the more volunteers there are available the easier for us all.

Thank you volunteers, thank you staff and thank you customers for another brilliant Appletonian Year. Here's to 2018 – and yes, there's some fizz available in the shop to help you celebrate.

## Happy New Year from all the Directors and Management

#### **Party for our Volunteers**

To celebrate the great contribution all our volunteers make to the smooth running of the shop, you are invited to a party at:
South Lawn, Netherton Road on
Tuesday 16th January 6 - 8pm

Take a look at the Community Shop home page on the village website at:
Shop Website
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 pub lunch. There will be no lunch get-together in December since there are so many other events. The dates for the next two months are:

Tuesday 23 January 2018 - The Plough, Appleton

We look forward to seeing you on 23 January at The Plough Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Peaceful New Year

Carol (863759, carolbateman59@gmail.com - (new email address)
Barbara (863262, barbara.kimsey@outlook.com)

Wheelchair is now available to borrow. Apply Jennie Revell 863611 jennie.revell@gmail.com

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#### Appleton with Eaton Tennis Club



**Happy New Year!** 

## Appleton with Eaton Tennis Club Junior Coaching

Our junior coaching restarts on Friday 23 February and continues until 23 March and as the sessions are so popular, we will be starting new sessions after school on Tuesdays. If you would like any information about our coaching programme either in groups or individually, please contact the Club Coaching Coordinator by email to

appletonwitheatontennisclub@gmail.com.

The Family Club Mornings will restart on Sunday 3rd March and then continue every 1st Sunday of the month from 10am – 11am.

#### **Club Notices**

AGM will be on Tuesday 6th March – more details later

Indoor tennis sessions will continue throughout the winter - 1st Wednesday of the month at the White Horse Tennis Centre in Abingdon from 8 - 10pm - £6 per person.

If any member is not receiving regular Netcall emails from the club, please email us appletonwitheatontennisclub@gmail.com to make sure you are on the mailing list

For more information or to contact the club, please email: appletonwitheatontennisclub@gmail.com Website: www.appleton-eaton.org/tennis Facebook: www.facebook.com/ AppletonwithEatonTennisClub/

Meriel Lewis

#### **BESSELSLEIGH WOOD**

Very many thanks to the twenty or so volunteers who turned out for one or both of the afternoon work sessions in the wood last month. Between us, we were able to complete a 30-yard wooden walkway over some of the worst of the mud, using timber which we bought for the purpose, and, further down the path, a rather shorter length, mostly using timber already to hand.

It is never going to be possible to eliminate all the mud on the footpaths, and nor would we wish to – these are woodlands, not a municipal park – but once the newness of the timber has worn off, these walkways will blend into the scenery, and they will make it much easier to get through the wood, especially for children, who will no longer lose their wellingtons in this mud at least! To find the walkways, take the right fork immediately on entering the wood from the Appleton end.

Don't forget that there are two sessions in January, on **Saturday 13**th and **Sunday 28**th. We shall be planting hedging on the eastern boundary – most of this side of the wood has already been planted by the Wood Group in past years, but a stretch remains to complete. Hedging plants will be provided, of course – bring a spade or mattock. Meet at the Besselsleigh entrance at 1.30 pm.

Charles Moorley

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Please give two weeks notice if you wish to borrow any items. It will then be ready for collection from the Barn on Tuesday and/or Friday mornings up to 11a.m.

C. Harris

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#### ST LAURENCE, APPLETON

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup>** 8 am Communion Service (BCP)

10 am All Age Epiphany Service

6 pm Evensong

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> 10 am Communion Service (CW)

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> 10 am Communion Service (CW)

6 pm Evensong

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> 10 am Communion Service (CW)

Morning Prayer on Thursday mornings at 9.15 am.

#### Who to call:

For service information, Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals, Church Building enquiries please contact Reverend Ken at Appleton Rectory on 655737 or kencampbell@stlaurencechurchappleton.org

Church Website: www.stlaurenceappleton.org

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

