

This month's Foreword is written by guest contributor Stuart Gibson, who is one of the wardens at St Laurence church.

As I begin, let me first wish you all a Happy New Year; I trust that it will be a happy and joyous one for you. It is often at this time of year, stuffed full of turkey, mince pies and mulled wine that we consider everything we are going to be better at in the coming year. Have you set any New Year resolutions?

The dawn of a new year stirs the desire in many of us for an improved me, yet how successful are we at achieving this? In 2018, 68% of us made a New Year resolution with the vast majority, unsurprisingly, resolved to improve our health, whether through increased exercise or healthier eating. However, 66% gave up by the end of January and 80% by the end of March. I write this as someone who has spent years confidently setting New Year resolutions only to fail within the first few months. All this experience has led me to conclude that there's little point.

However, as I ponder my own failings, I find reassurance and encouragement that while I am indeed weak there is another who makes up for my weakness every day. As one writer in the Bible put it, *"The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness."* Since the beginning of the universe, the Lord had a plan for me and for all who trust in the Lord Jesus Christ. No matter how tough I find life, his love never ceases. No matter how bad my day, he blesses me anew every morning. I have countless examples where I have seen the Lord at work in my life and this not only encourages me to live in the light of those mercies today but gives me confidence that new mercies will be there tomorrow.

What does the New Year hold for you? Whatever it is, I would encourage you to be curious and to find out for yourself who the baby was that was born in a stable 2000 years ago. Explore the life he led, the man he became and, ultimately, the sacrifice he made so that everyone who puts their trust in him may experience new mercies every day in this life and the life to come.

If you're interested in finding out more about Jesus, why not come along to a Christianity Explored course? To find contact details or times for our Sunday services at St Laurence, please refer to the back cover of the Advertiser and on the church website.

God bless,

Stuart

"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 huge Thank You to all who worked so hard before and during the Church Bazaar, those who donated so generously and all who came on the day. We made a great total of £2,630 which will be a great help towards the years expenses.

Thanks again,

Mary Blake

Women's Breakfasts

at St Laurence Church, Appleton. Please note that the planned January 2019 breakfast meeting has been postponed.

Contact Jennie Revell for further details: 863611

Appleton website is now

www.Appleton-eaton.org appletonandeaton@gmail.com

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

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The January 2019 meeting will take place on Thursday, 17th January at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. We shall be entertained by a magician. There will be a competitionsomething beginning with M. We were unable to organise a trip to Windsor in December, it was such short notice, but we are planning to arrange one in March. If you are interested, please phone Christine Harris on 01865 862434

> Elaine Flint 01865 861838

Solo Ladies

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

Our January lunch will be held on Tuesday 22nd January 2019 at The Plough.

Future Dates are: Wednesday 27th February 2019 and Thursday 28th March Venues to be advised.

If you would like any information please contact: Carol (863759, carolbateman59@gmail.com) Barbara (863262, barbara.kimsey@outlook.com)

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Newly Out!

AwEsome Histories no.6 has just been published. Topics in this year's issue include the story of cricket in Appleton, a Victorian lady's cycle rides through the village, an excavation of Appleton's oldest residence, evidence of medieval villages in Tubney and Besselsleigh, all the news from the AAARP archaeology project, and some curious discoveries in a garden shed. The new AwEsome Histories can be purchased in Appleton Community Shop price £3.

A date for your New Year's diary: on Thursday 21st March 2019 at 7.30 pm in the School Hall, Dr Jane Harrison and the archaeology project team will be updating us on all the discoveries of the past year in Appleton and plans for the future. Once again, there will be a display of finds and plenty of opportunities to find out more and get involved. Everyone's welcome.

The History Group holds informal meetings to discuss and share information about local history. 2019 meetings will be at 27 Badswell Lane on the following Thursdays: 10th January, 7th February, 7th and 21st March, and 4th April, all at 7.30pm. If you are interested in joining the Group, you would be very welcome. Give me a ring or just come along.

Roger Gilkes Appleton with Eaton History Group Tel. 863640



The 6 week consultation has been delayed and will only start in January 2019. This is so you can all enjoy the festive season and we can have a bit more time to make small but important changes to the Neighbourhood Plan.

In January 2019 look out for the banners around the village with information about how to comment on the Neighbourhood Plan. Everyone's comments are very important. Information will also be posted on the village website: www.appleton-eaton.org AWE Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group aweneighbourhoodplan@gmail.com

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	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	
Jan	17,788	18,154	
Feb	17,233	17,937	
Mar	19,656	22,387	
April	14,742	19,107	

New Year Opening Hours

New Year's Eve Mon 31st Jan 9 am – 12 noon (Post Office Open 9am-12 noon) New Year's Day Tues 1st January 9 am - 10 am

(NB Paper collections only on 1st January - no deliveries)

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

Come and use our shop –it is an Aladdin's cave of plenty!

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

Try some of our new lines in local fresh food or make time to meet up with friends and stay for a coffee, tea or hot chocolate and some of Laura's delicious home-made cake.

We now stock Fresh Goats Cheese from The Little Village Dairy, Stoke Lyne, Bicester. This delicious artisan cheese is made with milk from Rosie the goat –her picture is on each package!

Message from our Chair of the Directors - Jane Cranston

As I pen this for the Advertiser I note that a year ago today (10th December) it was snowing hard and in our January news we wrote:

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

Well I'm delighted to report that many of you have 'remembered' and that our turnover is now consistently up month on month. Thank you! It makes such a difference to our ability to run the shop smoothly if there is enough profit being generated to mend, clean and replace fixtures and fittings as well as to hold stock and pay salaries and bills. It also means that we're able to hold prices in the face of some (not all!) of the increases we receive which is an advantage for all of us.

Highlights of 2018 include the wonderful new bread supplier (hoorah!), an increase in the offerings of fresh meat, pasta and vegetables, new locally sourced home-made frozen meals and delicious products from a couple of new local cheese makers (which have been added to our very popular and great value array of cheeses).

There has also been a ridiculous increase in the turnover of hot pasties and pies, as we appear to have built up quite a following amongst the local building trade! I'll bet too that your own home deliveries now arrive in the morning as delivery drivers have spotted the best place to buy their lunch!

Behind the scenes, we've also refurbished the very tired kitchen area and we can't talk about highlights without mentioning the replacement front door, which has made visiting the shop less of a work out for those with less than wrestling strength muscles! This has been the year that we've really been put on the map (maybe as a result of the amazing coverage we had in the summer on BBC Radio Oxford) for local cyclists and walkers, with many of them making the most of our coffee, cake and Wi-Fi. We've discovered too that commuters traveling into Oxford (even one cyclist all the way from Swindon) now stop by to get a coffee and croissant on their way in to work. I fear that with the ever more regular traffic problems on the A420, the back route through Appleton will increasingly be used and whilst cursing the traffic, wearing my Director's hat, hope that they all stop and spend money in our shop!

Once again, and it can't be said too often, thanks to Claire, Angela, Finola, newspaper delivery girls and boys and ALL our volunteers. Our shop is a wonderful asset to the village and it is thanks to us all that it works so well. The Plunkett team might have left us as runners up in the 'Community Story of the Year' Award – but we think we're winners!

A pat on the back all round and a very Happy New Year to everyone from all of us at the Village Shop. **Party for our**

Party for our Volunteers

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 15th January 6 - 8pm

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

Crockery and Cutlery

There is a large amount of crockery and cutlery kept in the Barn at South Lawn, Netherton Road. It was given to the village by the late Mrs Molly Rose and Mrs Rosemary Dick. If you wish to use it at any time please ring 862434 and make a small donation to Appleton Church.

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



Appleton with Eaton Parish Council

Parish Clerk

Susan Blomerus will be leaving as Parish Clerk as of the 31st December 2018. The Parish Council would like to thank her for her 4 years as clerk and wish her well for the future.

The council would also like to welcome Allison Leigh as the new Parish Clerk. Allison has lived in Eaton Village for the past 6 years with her family and has been a parish clerk in other parishes for the past 2 years. Please feel free to contact her at any time.

Staying safe

With the shorter days upon us, the council would like to encourage residents to stay safe by making sure they are visible in the dark. High visibility jackets, strips, etc. are some very helpful ways to enable drivers to see pedestrians, dogs and cyclists.

Allison Leigh, Parish Clerk

Parishclerk.appletonwitheaton@gmail.com



Appleton Village Pre-school

Appleton Village Preschool is based at Appleton Village Hall, Oaksmere, Appleton.

The pre-school currently has spaces for children to start in January 2019.

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News From Appleton C of E Primary School

New School Library Opened

At the start of the autumn term, pupils and teachers were thrilled to see their new school library.

With a specially designed portable shelving system for books, and attractive furniture in matching hues of pale green and blue, the space has been transformed into an exciting and welcoming environment, which is sure to inspire all pupils to enjoy reading.

Trees and woodland animals decorate the walls and reflect the theme used to support school values and academic achievement. Mr Toby Blackwell, who donated the new library, attended the school at the end of November for the presentation to pupils. He was thanked for his very generous gift to the school and was presented with cards written by pupils, including 'Wow' words, which best described their reaction to this wonderful new school facility.

There will be an official opening of the new library in January 2019.

Beyond Sport Poetry Competition- the winning Poem!

Earlier this year, Appleton School took part in the 'Beyond Sport Poetry Competition' and were thrilled when one of our pupils- Lilou (aged 6 years) had been chosen as the winner and read her poem about teamwork 'Let's all work together' to a huge audience at the Oxfordshire School Games County Final. In November, Lilou was again invited to read her poem, this time at the prestigious 'Sport England Summit' in Coventry, attended by national school sports organisations, the Youth Sport Trust and sporting celebrities. Lilou recited her poem before an even bigger audience at this event and was treated as a VIP for the day.

An amazing achievement and a performance to be very proud of!

Local MP visits Appleton School

On Friday 2nd November, Layla Moran, MP for Oxford West and Abingdon, was welcomed to the school to plant a tree, as part of the Queen's Commonwealth Canopy Project, which has already led to the planting of three million trees across the UK. The children taking part in the tree planting had an exciting day and were pictured with Layla in the Oxford Mail.

Liz Gilkes

Gardening Club



The Club's December meeting was the Christmas social and, despite it being a frosty night, there was a good turnout of members to enjoy the wine, buffet and general jollifications.

In January, our lecturer will be Timothy Walker (former Director of the Oxford University Botanic Garden, and see <u>http://</u> <u>www.timothywalker.org.uk/</u>). The title of his talk will be "On top but never in control – tales from a small garden". Those who have heard him speak before can testify to the high probability of an entertaining evening! The meeting will be on Wednesday 9th January at 7.30 pm in Appleton School Hall, and guests are very welcome at £2 each.

> Hon. Secretary Diana Gordon 01865 864536

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Mary Carey

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ST LAURENCE, APPLETON

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Sunday 13 th	10 am Communion Service (CW)
Sunday 20 th	10 am Communion Service (CW) 6 pm Evensong
Sunday 27 th	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



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