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The Barn, South Lawn,
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Enquiries - Alison Jeffreys 861 591

Foreword from the St Laurence PCC

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. I'm writing this having just watched my youngest daughter in her Christmas concert at Appleton Village Pre-school. It was a wonderful time with the children dressed up and singing songs, arranged in a nativity scene.

Looking at the crib with the baby Jesus sleeping soundly (a testament to the wonderful singing!), I was reminded of the following story:

A girl of ten years went with a group of family and friends to see the Christmas light displays at various locations throughout the city they lived in. At one church, they stopped and got out to look more closely at a beautifully done nativity scene. "Isn't that beautiful?" said the little girl's grandmother. "Look at all the animals, Mary, Joseph and the baby Jesus." "Yes, Grandma," replied the granddaughter. "It is really nice. But there is only one thing that bothers me. Isn't baby Jesus ever going to grow up... he's the same size he was last year."

Despite the increasing commercial focus of Christmas, the story of the baby Jesus, born of the Virgin Mary in a stable and visited by Shepherds and Wise Men is still very familiar to many of us. However, do you know why Jesus was born at all? What happens in the story after the stable and why, in just four months, will 2.4 billion Christians globally be celebrating his death (yes, I did say celebrate!) and resurrection?

As you ponder the year ahead, 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 lovingly 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 are indeed curious about Jesus and want to find out more about him, why not come along to one of the regular services at St Laurence, details of which can be found on the back cover of the Advertiser and on the church website.

God bless,
Stuart
St Laurence Churchwarden

Who to call

For enquiries about Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals, Pastoral care, Holy Communion at home, Church buildings, please contact Roger Mitty, Churchwarden on 655737, 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:
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Rosemary 864808



All Age Services

Sunday 5th January

9.45 am: All Age Epiphany Service

Thank You

‘So many people enjoyed the beautiful sight of the Christmas Tree in Church which was generously donated. We would like to say a big thank you to David Gow and family for this lovely gift.’

Alison Jeffries

Appleton's Handmade Christmas

What a fabulous evening. The Village Hall was transformed into a Christmas flower shop! With greenery everywhere, over 50 ladies settled down to make their very own Christmas wreaths.

Under the expert tuition of Szilvi Watson of Sew Good Oxford wonderful wreaths appeared all over the room. The writer of this piece was a bystander and was truly amazed at the talented creations that grew from nothing!

Huge thanks must go to Church Mums, Sara, Toria, Ellie and Helen and their helpers for putting together this thoroughly enjoyable event. All that greenery from Appleton gardens, those glasses of wine and the delicious canapés, teas and coffees didn't just appear by magic, a lot of hard work had gone into making the event so enjoyable.

The evening was capped with a thought-provoking short talk from Lara Buchanan from The Zacharias Trust in Oxford. We were reminded that the circular shape of the wreath represents eternity and called on to remember that the evergreen symbolizes growth and everlasting life in preference to the plastic commercial Christmas which surround us.

Jane Cranston

Update from Appleton Village Pre-School

The children really enjoyed celebrating Christmas at pre-school, both at a Christmas party (complete with roast turkey dinner) and at their Christmas concert. The latter took the form of a nativity, with the children performing songs on stage to an audience of family, friends and staff. It was a really lovely event. Thanks must go to all those organisations which generously supported our fundraising activities in December: Millets Farm (and Sprouts Play Barn), Blenheim Palace, The Ivy, Frilford Heath Golf Club, Mollie's Diner, Oxford Playhouse, Oxford United Football Club, Collagin, plus many more. A full list can be found at <http://www.appletonvillagepreschool.co.uk/fundraising>.

We're really grateful to all of them for supporting us, and to everyone in our village and beyond who placed bids.

The next fundraising event for pre-school is going to be some workshops led by the award-winning animation studio, Aardman Animations, on 8th February in the Village Hall. A separate notice can be found in the Advertiser with more information.

Meanwhile, a very happy new year from everyone at Appleton Village Pre-School.

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



For our December Meeting we held our usual Christmas Social with a Beetle Drive, a Quiz with wine and soft drinks and a buffet with plates of festive food provided by club members. We had a convivial festive evening. Thanks to every one who helped to put the evening together.

January's lecture will be on Wednesday 8th January at 7.30 pm in the school hall and will be given by Annette Pursey on "The Scented Garden". Annette is a tutor at Waterperry Gardens. Visitors are always very welcome to attend our meetings for a £2 charge. We look forward to seeing you at this meeting.

Hon. Secretary
Janet Hutton
01865 865269

Appleton website is now
www.Appleton-eaton.org
appletonandeaton@gmail.com

Besselsleigh Wood Group - HELP!

2020 Planting

The BWG are undertaking a planting programme for 2020 and there are some 140 mixed deciduous trees that need to be planted in January. As many helpers as possible would be very much appreciated on the following two dates:

Saturday 18th January at 1.00 pm : To prepare the ground

Please come armed with all or some of the following: Spade/Fork/Mattock/Strong Gloves.
Sunday 26th January at 1.00 pm: to plant the trees.

Please come armed with a spade.

For any children coming on 26th bring a plant label and mark your own tree so that you can watch it grow!

Monday Work Group

If anyone would like to join John Page's regular Monday morning working group (9.30 for 2 ½ hours) please contact John on 864808.

Annual General Meeting - Save the Date

The AGM will be held on Thursday 12th March at 8pm in the Plough

Jane Cranston

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Applicants should apply by email or in writing to the above address. Enquiries welcome.

Come and join the Appleton with Eaton History Group

AwEsome Histories no. 7, our new compilation of stories and researches, is on sale in Appleton Community Shop, price £3. It contains an account of Appleton in 942AD; the mystery of a lost trackway through the village; the lives and times of the family occupying the chest tombs in Appleton churchyard; a great grandfather's house for sale; the church brass project inspired by a school trip; an update on the village's archaeological project, and more besides.

We'd love to have new members join the group. We normally meet at John and Rosie Page's house, 27 Badswell Lane, on the first Thursday of the month but our **next meeting is a week later, on the 9th January**. We look at old maps and documents, and discuss what we have been finding out about the history of Appleton, Eaton and nearby areas. Why not come along and join us?

For more information, email Roger Gilkes rhgilkes@gmail.com or phone John Page 01865 864808.

Appleton WI

Our January meeting will be held on Thursday, 16th January at 2pm in the URC hall in Cumnor.

Please note the earlier time and the different venue. The hall is next door but one to Cumnor village hall.

This will be our only meeting in the afternoon, and our only meeting in Cumnor.

Our speaker will be Liz Woolley, who will tell us about Olive Gibbs, once mayor of Oxford.

There will be a raffle, but not a stall.

Elaine Flint
01865 861838

Appleton with Eaton Tennis Club



The club would like to wish everyone a Very Happy New Year!

Club Christmas Meal and Presentation Evening

Thanks to everyone who came to the meal and presentation of the trophies in December and a big thanks to **The Plough** for hosting us again.

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.

NB The next session will be 8th January (due to the first Wednesday being New Years Day!).

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:

appletonwithheatontennisclub@gmail.com

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

<http://cspark.at/apple6>

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Opening hours:

Shop

Monday–Friday: 7am–7pm

Saturday : 8am–1pm

Sunday: 8am–12noon

Post Office

Monday & Thursday

9am–1pm



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

And a Message from our Chairman Jane Cranston

It must be New Year!

The request to write the 'From the Chairman' that I'm asked to do early in December always tests me. What will Christmas have brought to the Shop? Will sales have broken a record? Will everybody be feeling up beat and ready for 2020? Will it be warm and wet or cold and sunny?

There's no guessing but what I do know it that the holiday season will have provided the usual trusty band of volunteers to ensure that (ok for shorter hours) the shop remains open for business even as others are in work-free holiday mood.

Our village shop really is a remarkable example of how a community can work together for the benefit of all and, as always at this time of year, a really huge thank you to Staff, Volunteers and Customers alike for the commitment, patience and good humour with which we make our Community Shop one of the best!

Volunteers may have noticed that they've not been invited to a January 'thank you' party. We haven't forgotten you! However, 2020 brings the 20th Anniversary of the foundation of the Community Shop and the Directors have agreed that a bigger and better celebration early in May (ideally on 1st May – the big birthday, but time and date to be confirmed) would be a different and better way to say a big THANK YOU this year.

So, as we head towards completing our twentieth year, thanks and congratulations to

MONTHLY TURNOVER

	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20
May	20,267	22,428	24,532
June	22,795	24,483	24,276
July	23,809	27,343	28,976
Aug	20,750	23,774	25,199
Sept	19,963	21,849	23,131
Oct	20,732	22,625	23,504
Nov	19,896	22,583	22,107
Dec	22,315	23,486	
Jan	18,154	20,000	
Feb	17,937	19,782	
Mar	22,387	22,305	
April	19,107	21,570	

Shop Opening Times over New Year:

Wednesday January 1st 9 am-11 am

No paper deliveries or saves - buy from the shop.

Thursday January 2nd 8am-5pm.

Friday January 3rd 8am-5pm

Otherwise in January:

Monday-Friday 7am-7pm

Saturday 8 am-1pm

Sunday 8 am-12 noon

Post Office

Thursday January 2nd 9am-1 pm

Otherwise Post Office opens in January:

Monday and Thursday 9 am -1 pm

everyone in Appleton - directors past and present, staff past and present, volunteers past and present and ALL customers. We have a great Community Shop, thanks to you all. Let's keep it that way.

HAPPY NEW YEAR and here's to all future directors, staff, volunteers and customers.

Shop Accounts – Year ended 30th April 2019
For those who are interested in the detail, the Shop's financial year ending 30th April 2019 broke records all round.

The turnover, at £271,740 (2018 £251,127) was the highest ever and a post - tax profit of £8,065 (2018 £3,714) was almost the highest ever. (There was one that was double that in 2008 and I've never quite worked out why!)

The important figure for villagers to know is the gross profit margin of 24.6% and this is something that villagers should note and be pleased about. A profit margin of under 25% in the food retail world is low indeed and for a small shop it is remarkable.

Should ever prices appear to be high on certain products, it will be because we don't have the purchasing power but certainly not because the margin is too high. Across the board, we are able to work on the minimum sensible margins and can continue to do this for the foreseeable future due to overheads being kept to a minimum (£58,047 – In 2018

£55,706). This is thanks to the huge volunteering input together with the careful control of stock levels and costs from the employees. The benefits achieved from this are passed on to the Village in keeping the margins low.

Another good year. Thank you to everybody! PS If anyone would like to see the full accounts they are available – please ask in the shop or e-mail Jane Cranston on jane@cranstonjane.co.uk and a copy can be forwarded to you.

Make a New Year's Resolution!

Meet up with friends at the shop and stay for a coffee, tea or hot chocolate and some of Laura's delicious home-made cake.

Volunteers Needed for 2020

To join our casual list and cover an occasional two hour slot behind the till when regular volunteers are away.

Come and shadow a regular volunteer and learn how our shop works as an insider! Get in touch with a staff member or Dave Dymock.

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

APPLETON ART GROUP

We shall start our meetings in 2020 on Monday 20th January from 1.45 until 3.45 in the Village Hall.

If you would like to join us or would like more information please contact:

Barbara Kimsey on 01865 83262

Solo Ladies

Our next Lunch will be held on Thursday 23rd January 2020 at The Greyhound.

Ladies on their own are always welcome and if you would like any information please contact:

Barbara on 863262
(barbara.kimsey@outlook.com)

News from the Appleton with Eaton Parish Council

VE Day Celebrations 2020

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.

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.

Allison Leigh, Parish Clerk

01865 865 876 / parishclerk.appletonwitheaton@gmail.com

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Any questions, contact Tian Davidson: 01865 864578
or tiandavidson@gmail.com

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Don't need it? Donate it!



This winter, why not spread some warmth to our village school? Each cold season it costs around £3,500 to heat the school buildings. This is paid for from our very stretched, Government set school budget. If the money spent on heating could be raised another way, the school would have the much needed funds available to invest in new equipment and learning resources – this would have a direct and hugely beneficial impact on our children's learning.

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Suitable for ages 5+.* Tickets are £10 per person (for one session).

To book tickets, please email aardmaninappleton@gmail.com.

All proceeds to Appleton Village Pre-School.

<p>Session 1 11:00 – 12:00</p> <p>Learn how to make Shaun the Sheep</p> 	<p>Session 2 12:30 – 13:30</p> <p>Learn how to make Gromit</p> 	<p>Session 3 14:00 – 15:00</p> <p>Learn how to make Shaun the Sheep</p> 
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ST LAURENCE, APPLETON

Sunday 5th 8 am Communion Service (BCP)
Epiphany 9.45 am All Age Service
 Followed by coffee at the Manor
 6 pm Evensong

Sunday 12th 10 am Communion Service (CW)

Sunday 19th 10 am Communion Service (CW)
 6 pm Evensong

Sunday 26th 10 am Communion Service (CW)

Morning Prayer on Thursday mornings at 9.15 am.

Who to call:

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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.

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



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