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Best wishes to all our readers for

2021

**Here's hoping for
a better New Year**



Dear Friends

A young man once found a £5 note in the street. From that time on, he never lifted his eyes when walking. In the course of the years, he accumulated 29,516 buttons, 54,172 pins, 12 pence, a bent back and a miserly disposition. He lost the glory of the sunlight, the sheen of the stars, the smile of friends, the trees in blossom in the spring, the blue skies and the entire joy of living. A person's priorities matter!

And it's at the beginning of a new year that getting your priorities right matters most. At the beginning of Mark's Gospel, as Jesus began his public ministry, he was immediately inundated with demands from the sick to be healed. He was pretty much putting the NHS out of business. Following a full and exhausting day's work, he rises early and on being found by Peter, praying, says, "Let us go somewhere else – to the nearby villages – so that I can preach there also. That is why I have come" (Mark 1:38). Jesus' decision to turn his back on the sick is not a lack of compassion; rather he has decided he has even more important work to do. For Jesus, three priorities shaped his life and should guide us as a church family in our life together:

1. Words are more important than deeds

Deeds are very important, aren't they? We say, "Actions speak louder than words." But Jesus says words matter even more. You see, without his words, you can completely misunderstand his life and death. You might look at his life and think, "Here was a very good man, who lived for others." But his words claim that he was God in human form. You might look at his death and think, "What a tragic end to an impressive life." But his words claim that his death brings the offer of forgiveness and his resurrection the possibility of life for ever.

2. The soul is more important than the body

The care of the body is very important, isn't it? We rightly hold those in the medical professions in very high regard, especially when we, or those close to us, are ill or injured. And Jesus showed deep compassion and unstinting care for the sick and disabled. He could have spent every waking hour healing people's bodies, but instead, he concentrated on teaching people's minds, changing people's hearts and restoring people's souls.

3. Eternity is more important than time

Time is very important, isn't it? It's extremely valuable and once gone, it's gone forever. Time is very important, but it won't last forever. A poem that adorns a little clock in Chester Cathedral:

When as a child I laughed and wept, time crept.
When as a youth I dreamed and talked, time walked.
When I became a man, time ran.
Later, as I older grew, time flew.

Soon I shall find, while travelling on, time gone.

And when it's gone, all that will be left will be eternity – time that lies beyond death. And Jesus says, "This matters even more." So, don't be so caught up with time and all your hopes for 2021 that you fail to plan for eternity and so are not ready for it when it comes. For come it will and it's a great deal longer than time and infinitely more important.

With our very best wishes for the New Year and 2021,
Phil Parker
Rector

THANK YOU BIZARRE BAZAAR

Thank you to everyone who supported the Pop-Up Bazaar on 5th December and especially to all those who manned the trailer and stalls throughout the chilly day!

Thank you too for supporting the Quiz, buying raffle tickets and bidding in the Online Auction. It was a great collective effort in true Appleton style with many unsung heroes who donated prizes, made produce, marked quizzes and beyond, and we raised over £3,500.

ADVENT WINDOWS

A very big thank you to all the creative and inventive households who lit up the village with imaginative and beautiful windows throughout December. And thank you also to everyone who donated in support of OCCTOPUS and St Laurence Church.

St Laurence PCC

SERVICES AT ST LAURENCE APPLETON WITH BESSELSLEIGH

To help us accommodate as many people as possible, we would be very grateful if you would complete the service form to be found on our website www.stlaurenceappleton.org. This is not a booking form. It simply gives us an idea of how many may join us for any given service.

If you do not use a computer, do please ask someone to book this for you.

All services are listed on the back page

Announcement

My father Adrian Rogers passed away from COVID-19 on 19th November.

We lived in the former bungalow at 10 Park Lane for many years and we still visit friends in the Village.

Lisa Burnett (nee Rogers)

Appleton 250 Club

Because of the difficulties presented by the ongoing pandemic, we have been unable to run the Club as normal. In addition the committee has decided at its last meeting that the Club has outlived its original purpose and will be wound up. Any residual monies will be donated according to the Club rules.

The Club has been in operation since 1970 and the early prizes included bed linen sets and transistor radios but then changed to vouchers from Elliston & Cavell.

The committee would like to recognise and thank all those from Appleton and Eaton for their hard work with running and administration of the Club, collection of annual subscriptions and delivering prizes to the lucky few.

Happy Christmas

Susan Johnson

Thank You

A huge thank you from me to everyone who turned out in the cold to shop at our very bizarre bazaar stall on December 5th. Also, especially, to all who donated the things to sell. We sold absolutely everything.

Mary Blake

Appleton website is now

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

Appleton Voluntary Transport Service

The Appleton Voluntary Transport Service can now offer a very limited service. It remains the case that our drivers are either over 70, and have to be aware of their consequent vulnerability, or are in employment, but if anyone is unable to get to a medical appointment in any other way we will try to fix up a driver.

Please phone the AVTS phone on 07503 447884, and not the home numbers of drivers. Leave a message if your call is not answered, and we will get back to you. We need to have at least 48 hours' notice of any appointment.

For Oxford hospital appointments, the 63 bus service resumes on 1st September, and there is an excellent bus service from central Oxford to both the Churchill and the John Radcliffe. We hope that patients will use public transport where at all possible.

Please be aware that it may not be possible to arrange transport for patients who are not personally known to drivers.

Appleton WI

Goodbye and good riddance to 2020!

I hope you have all kept well and positive.

As I write this the vaccine is about to be distributed, and one of the advantages of being a certain age is that we will be near the top of the queue.

Let's look forward to a better time ahead, and to getting together again.

Happy New Year from your committee..

Elaine Flint
01865 861838

Gardening Club



Appleton with Eaton History Group

At our next meeting the talk will be given by Sue Fisher on Spectacular Containers for year-round colour. Sue is a well-known garden designer, writer and broadcaster. She initially worked in the nursery trade including as a plant buyer for Frosts Garden Centres. Her talk will contain many practical hints and tips on creating beautiful container displays.

The talk will take place on Wednesday, 13th January at 7.30 pm and will be held as usual on Zoom. If you would like to join us please email us on aegardeningclub@gmail.com so that we can send you a link to the talk. There is no charge for joining our monthly talks.

*Hon. Secretary
Janet Hutton
01865 865269*

Friends of Jubilee Park

The Friends of Jubilee Park would like to thank everyone who joined in with their Fund raising quiz in November. Everyone seemed to have good fun, some of the questions were easy, some more challenging!

Many congratulations to the winning team - Twin Peaks.

And many thanks again for all the generous donations. We raised very nearly £1,000 which will start by helping to replace the table tennis table and funding some attention to the Buccaneer Tower.

Sara Withers

The 2020 issue of *AwEsome Histories* is out now!

AwEsome Histories is the Appleton with Eaton Group's annual compilation of articles telling stories of our parish and its surrounding area in times gone past. This year's issue, number 8 in the series, is a bumper one. It starts and ends in Besselsleigh, with the story of the Greyhound public house, of the 'new' manor house, and of visiting American battalions during the Second World War. In between, we go back in time to the Appleton of the Domesday Book, explore the history of navigation on the River Thames, discover how the Ordnance Survey has left its marks on the parish, and how friction between King and Parliament in the seventeenth century gave us a rare record of Appleton people. It also contains an update on the Appleton Area Archaeological Research Project. *AwEsome Histories* 8 is on sale in the Appleton Community Shop, the perfect read to snuggle up with on a long cold winter evening!

Meanwhile, History Group meetings resume via Zoom on Thursday 7th January 2021, when we will be discussing the various topics we are researching and helping each other with ideas and tips. It is very informal and discovering Appleton and Eaton history is a lot of fun. If exploring any aspect of local history is one of your New Year's resolutions, why not join us? Everybody's welcome.

Contact Roger Gilkes (awe hg1@gmail.com or tel. 01865 863640) if you would like further information, and for details of how to mail order *AwEsome Histories* 8.

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MONTHLY TURNOVER

	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21
May	22,428	24,532	30,553
June	24,483	24,276	28,172
July	27,343	28,976	28,988
Aug	23,774	25,199	24,338
Sept	21,849	23,131	22,704
Oct	22,625	23,504	22,402
Nov	22,583	22,107	22,995
Dec	23,486	24,524	
Jan	20,000	20,700	
Feb	19,782	19,962	
Mar	22,305	27,669	
April	21,570	28,522	

Shop Opening Times over New Year

Friday		Open	Close	Post Office	Papers
New Year's Day	1 st January	9am	11 am		Collection only
Saturday	2 nd January	9am	1pm		As normal
Sunday	3 rd January	9am	Noon		As normal
Monday	4 th January	7am	6pm	9am - 1pm	As normal

Happy
New Year!

Message from our Chairman

I'm not sure how many times since March that I've written a piece for the shop's Advertiser page but I am certain that almost every one of them began either with 'by the time you read this' or 'at the time of writing'. Well that was 2020 and what's new for 2021? by the time you read this we either will or won't have a deal with Europe, we either will or won't all have caught Covid off our loved ones over Christmas and we either will or won't be locked down again.

As for the weather (and weather makes a big difference to the footfall at the shop) it may or may not be warm or wet or muggy or foggy or windy or freezing or snowing or bright and sunny. Who knows?! Planning too far ahead is a thing of the past, as is trying to be spontaneous but hey, what do Appleton Community shop mind? We're here, we work hard, or rather Laura, Claire and Angela work hard, to stock what you want and our volunteers continue to step up to the plate and undertake all manner of tasks. Trying to anticipate what's coming next, or what there might be a shortage of, can be tricky (and a no deal with Europe would no doubt cause a few of those) but everyone has done a remarkable job throughout 2020.

So often too when I write, I write a thank you and this time is no exception. Our Volunteers of all ages have been amazing, our Directors wonderfully supportive and our Staff right on the button.

2020 has been a testing year for all of us but we're so lucky to live in lovely supportive, caring Appleton (with of course Eaton and Besselsleigh) and you, our customers, have been patient, polite and supportive. No swearing or rudeness here! Thank you. Thank you very much.

As we put 2020 behind us (thank goodness) and look forward to 2021 may I, on behalf of the Directors, the Staff and the Volunteers wish you all a Safe, Healthy and Happy New Year.

Jane Cranston

New in the Shop for 2021 For Coffee Lovers:

Customers can now use their own cups for the coffee machine.

A disposable cup charge will begin again in January.

Our New Sandwich Supplier

New sandwiches and baguettes from Sandwich Express, Fyfield, are proving popular. Flavours include old favourites Tuna and cucumber, egg Mayo, with Cumberland sausage/egg Mayo and curried chicken/mango chutney/mixed leaf and a couple of the new exciting varieties too.

Volunteers Needed for 2021

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

Get in touch with a staff member if you are interested.

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

And Follow us on Facebook
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Shop Tel No: 01865 863191

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Appleton with Eaton Tennis Club



Happy New Year from us all!
We are delighted to say that the courts have re-opened after Lockdown2 for all members to use and we are back with our usual regular club sessions and playing league matches. We have updated our Rules and Guidance in line with LTA and Government policies and these can be read on our website.

Our floodlights allow members to play all year round from 9am until 9.30pm with tokens available from various locations around the village.

AGM 2021

If you already have your 2021 diary, please add 25th February as the date for the 2021 AGM. All paperwork will be sent out closer to the time, but if anyone is thinking of joining the committee, get in touch with Alan or Alice via the club email.

Coaching

The club is now planning the next term's coaching so if you are interested in registering yourself for adult coaching or your youngster for junior coaching for the next sessions, please email us. Coaching will restart after the spring half term break.

Junior coaching caters for pre-school level up to 16+ and no previous experience is needed. The next session will start on 26 February but please book with the club first.

Adult coaching dates will be posted on the club website.

Private coaching with Head Coach Craig Amison-Smith is also available, please contact him directly: craigstenniscoaching@gmail.com
Mobile: 07719599582

Join Us

If you would like to join this thriving club, please contact the club by email - appletonwitheatontennisclub@gmail.com. We

offer individual adult, family and junior memberships.

British Tennis

Don't forget that all LTA affiliated club members can join British Tennis with a free membership which has benefits including access to the Wimbledon ballot, regular newsletters with information and advance ticket sales for professional tournaments. www.lta.org.uk/member/benefits/

The LTA Members Ballot Opt In window for The Championships 2021, will open early in the New Year (rather than September as per prior years).

For more information and to contact the club: Email:

appletonwitheatontennisclub@gmail.com

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

<https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/>

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News from the Appleton with Eaton Parish Council

Covid-19

At the time of printing, England remains in Tier 2. The Parish Council asks that residents please continue to follow these guidelines – and/or any new guidelines from the government. Further information can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>.

As the Parish Council receives more information on any other measures, we will communicate with residents via e-mail and noticeboards. If you wish to receive e-mails from the Parish Council please visit appleton-eaton.org and scroll to the very bottom of the home page to subscribe to the mailing list.

If you need any assistance related to Covid-19, please contact the clerk who can direct you to the appropriate Coronavirus Appleton Besselsleigh and Eaton Support Group (CABES) person.

Photo Competition

Thank you to all who submitted entries to our photo competition. We have thoroughly enjoyed seeing the village through your eyes!

We have 2 joint first prizes which go to Anna Yalci for her photo of a deer in Besselsleigh Woods among the bluebells and Jerry Uren for his photo of a full rainbow over Rainbow Bridge. Third prize goes to Monica Price for her photo of the War Memorial in snow. Congratulations!

We will be showcasing these photos on our new website and will also be displaying photos from each of the entrants throughout the new site.

Many thanks again for sharing these photos with us. They will help to bring Appleton with Eaton to life on our new site!

Hedges

In various parts of the village, the footpath/pavement runs right next to home owners' hedges. There are some cases where the hedges, although trimmed and looked after, have grown out over the footpaths/pavements through the years and made the foot path narrower. There are also over hanging trees and brushes.

We would like to remind people to please keep their hedges trimmed so the footpaths/pavements aren't obstructed or narrowed. Thank you in advance for your assistance on this!

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

The Comet Minibus

The Comet minibus service has restarted on Monday mornings, running from Appleton to Abingdon via Fyfield. It leaves Appleton at 10.10am and returns from Abingdon at 1pm.

Numbers are strictly limited to 6 passengers and a passenger list has to be provided three days in advance.

Face masks must be worn on the bus.

We are very grateful to Jerry Avery, our VWH District Councillor who has made a valuable grant towards funding the service this year, at a time when passenger numbers are very restricted.

We do ask that passengers contribute £2.50 per return journey to help us fund the service.

If you are interested in using the minibus, please contact Mary Carey on 07812 354496 or Betty Griffiths on 01865 863255

Advertiser

Deadline for Feb issue:

12.30, 19th Jan (19th of the month is the usual deadline)

Notices for village organisations

All printed copy to the shop or by email to

editor.advertiser@gmail.com before the deadline. Please email if you can!

No formal payment is required but we ask for a donation towards the running costs of the Advertiser: between £5-50 depending on the length and frequency of entries. Please try to restrict your item to half a page maximum.

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ST LAURENCE APPLETON WITH BESSELSLEIGH CHURCH SERVICES January 2021

All services will be held in Church where possible, otherwise by Zoom or YouTube. Please email rector@stlaurencechurchappleton.org
Please complete a 'Service Form'. This is not a booking form, but to comply with current Covid guidelines it helps us welcome the maximum possible number of people. You will find this on the website. www.stlaurenceappleton.org together with updates about Services and events.

We bring your attention to the following:

- Face masks must be worn at all times. Please bring one with you.
- Children must remain seated with their parents.
- Your name and telephone number will be requested to comply with track and trace.
- Social distancing guidelines must be observed.
- Hands must be sanitised before entering the church using the dispenser in the porch

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	10.00 am	All Age Epiphany Service
	6.00 pm	Evensong
Sunday 10th	10.00 am	All Age Service followed by a short Communion Service
Sunday 17th	10:00 am	All Age Service followed by a short Communion Service
	6.00 pm	Evensong
Sunday 24th	10:00 am	Communion Service
	6.00 pm	Bible talk via Zoom

Who to Call:

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(CW) Common Worship.

(BCP) Book of Common Prayer.