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Rainbow /Harts Bridge to be closed for repairs 2 March to 31 March

Foreword from the St Laurence PCC

On 19 November 1997, amidst mountainous seas off Shetland, a Coastguard lifeboat and helicopter answered distress calls from the Green Lilly. The 3000 ton cargo vessel had got into severe difficulty, just off the rocky coastline. All 15 members of the Green Lilly's crew were saved that day, in large part thanks to the heroic efforts of winchman Bill Deacon. Choosing to secure the final two members of the crew first, rather than attempt a dangerous three-man lift, Deacon remained alone on board whilst his colleagues hauled the stricken sailors to safety. Tragically, in the moments that followed, Deacon was washed to his death, ultimately giving his life in the place of the sailors.

I first encountered the story of Bill Deacon in 2001, when a minister likened the winchman's sacrifice to that of Jesus dying in the place of others, albeit this is an imperfect picture (more on that another time perhaps).

Why bring this up now, you may ask? At the time of writing we are celebrating Valentines Day, and the story above sprung to mind whilst pondering the notion of love. Deacon's is undoubtedly a stirring tale; equal parts heroism and poignancy. It is an example of one type of love, namely sacrificial love. The winchman selflessly laid down his life in place of the sailors. The members of the Green Lilly's crew will surely never forget Bill Deacon, and sadly in the decades that have followed there have been all too many opportunities for this to be repeated – one thinks of those who gave their lives on Westminster Bridge shielding others in 2017.

In contrast it's easy to dismiss Valentine's Day as just a commercial event, a chance between Christmas and Easter for retailers to shift more chocolate. As a typically forgetful husband, this argument usually gets desperately trotted out some time after the shops have closed on the evening of the 13th February each year!

The church can be guilty of this thinking; so keen not to embrace commerciality that it risks throwing out the baby with the bathwater. We can easily view the sacrifice of Bill Deacon as "real love", but the Bible isn't embarrassed to engage with our emotions. In fact, it contains some of the most emotive tender language ever written, and has been described as God's 'love letter' to his people. The church is variously described as "a bride, beautifully dressed for her husband" and the "apple of [God's] eye", hiding "in the shadow of [His] wings". The wonder of Christian love is that it has room for, and indeed calls for, both: tenderness **with** strength, sacrifice **and** sentiment.

Alexander Marcham

All Age Services

Sunday 1st March 10:00 am

Sunday 22nd March 10:00 am Mothering Sunday

Friday 10th April 10:00 am Good Fridav

Sunday 12th April 10:00 am Easter Day

Save the Date!

Sunday 26th April: Short service at 10:00 am at St Laurence Church, followed by APCM

"Tea and Chat"

Every Monday in St. Laurence Church

2:30 pm - 4:00 pm

Need a lift? Ring: Margaret 862958 Rosemary 864808



Thank You

A big thank you to everyone who supported the Ceilidh in the barn at 'South Lawn'. A sell out, it was the best night vet with all ages represented dancing enthusiastically under John's expert guidance. Whether you were part of the OX13 team serving supper, baked delicious treats, manned the bar or bought a ticket we want to thank you for contributing to a fun night where we raised £1600 for The Abingdon Bridge and St Laurence Church.

Alison Jeffreys'

Search for our new **Rector Update**

We are well under way in our search for our new Rector which was officially allowed to begin at the end of January.

There is a stringent process to follow and we will have met all the demands shortly. Our Parish profile is complete and two legally required meetings with key diocesan clergy will have taken place by the end of March. We are thus hopeful that we will be able to advertise for the new Rector in April.

As soon as we have further news we will update you of course.

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 enguiries 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

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

Revision of the Electoral Roll 22nd March – 7th April.

The existing Electoral Roll will be available to view in Church in preparation for the annual revision of the Electoral Roll. If you are not already on the Electoral Roll and would like to join, forms are available in the Church Porch. You have between 22nd March and 7th April to complete the form and place in the box. You are eligible to join the Electoral Roll if you have been baptised, are 16 years +, and are resident in the Parish or have regularly attended St Laurence for 6 months if living outside the Parish. Please contact the Electoral Roll Officer for further information or please email

alisonjeffreys@appletonmanor.co.uk

ST LAURENCE Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) Annual Parochial Church Meeting 2020

Please come and join us on **Sunday 26th April 10am** for a short service followed by coffee and our APCM. This is a chance for all on the Electoral Roll of St Laurence Appleton with Besselsleigh to hear updates on the life of the Church, and to vote in the election of lay members to the Parochial Church Council (PCC) and Deanery Synod. The 2019 Annual Report will be available to download from the website from 10TH April 2020

www.stlaurenceappleton.org or email the PCC Secretary, Carol Dodimead

pccsecretary@stlaurencechurch.org for a copy.

We look forward to seeing you.

Carol Dodimead, Secretary to the PCC

Churchyard Project

There really is nothing to report about the churchyard project this month as the weather has been so wet and windy. Two notice boards have been made and designed to explain the project and what wildlife might be seen in the churchyard but there is rather a long-drawn-out process for getting these approved. However, plant planning is going ahead hopefully over a drink in the pub. We have decided to postpone the children's workshop yet again until later in the spring as we think the weather hopefully will be more conducive to building the bee and bug hotels.

Thank you to all those who have got involved so far in the first steps towards encouraging wild life in the churchyard.

Felicity Dick

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

Evergreen Club

Our March meeting is on Friday 13th when the friendly folk will entertain us with songs, humour and country dancing.

Stalls, raffles and all homemade tea.

Lovely to see new faces coming to join us.

Trish Wagstaff

Gardening Club



The Club's February meeting was an illustrated talk by Sue Burge entitled Making a Garden, which took us on a journey through the creation of her half-acre wildlife friendly garden starting from a garden with a few large fruit trees. This included installing a wildlife pond which has just been refurbished having become overgrown and is now a welcoming place for their newts and other wildlife. Sue has been inspired by other prominent gardeners such as making a dry garden in part of the drive. When making alterations to the house the builders were instructed to take care of the dry garden which is flourishing again. As well as these two garden areas there is a small wildflower meadow. herbaceous borders, shrubs and trees and a vegetable plot. A very interesting and inspiring evening for us all.

Looking to the future, the Appleton Village Show will be on Sunday 6th September which is open to all residents of Appleton and Eaton. The photographic classes are:

Boats

The Garden Gate

Symmetry

Clouds

Feathered Friends

That's Amazing

March's talk will be by Rachel Siefried – A Flower Farmer's Year. Rachel produces flowers in bulk, which are cut for weddings and special events. She will also bring flower plants and seeds for sale. The meeting will be on Wednesday 11th March at 7.30 pm in Appleton School Hall, and as always guests are very welcome at £2 each.

> Hon. Secretary Janet Hutton 01865 865269

"The River at War" Appleton with Eaton History Group

A date for your diaries:

there will be an open talk "The River at War" on Wednesday May 6th at 7.30 pm in Appleton School Hall by Bill King, a local history expert and co-author of books on the Second World War.

He will refer to the role of the Upper Thames in the defence of this country, especially in relation to World War 2. Do come and join us!

AwEsome Histories no. 7:

This is our most recent compilation of stories and local history research projects. It 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 joining the group. We normally meet at John and Rosie Page's house, 27 Badswell Lane, on the first Thursday of the month.

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

APPLETON CE PRIMARY SCHOOL Are looking for two new Foundation Governors Come help us Build Wisely for Life!

Appleton CE Primary school's vision is to be: A happy and welcoming school community where the children learn to build wisely for life by following Jesus' example of love and care, and by aiming to be the best they can be for themselves and for the good of others. The School is looking for two new Foundation Governors to join the Governing Board and it is important to have a good balance between parents and non parents. The role of the governing board is to provide challenge and support to the school's leadership team to support the achievement of the school's objectives. The commitment would be to attend 8 meetings a year from 6:30 - 8:30 pm on Wednesday evenings, plus two or three school visits annually by each governor.

The School are looking for individuals who have:

- An active interest in education
- A commitment to improving quality and raising standards
- A willingness to get to know the school: its needs, strengths and areas of development
- A commitment to the school's ethos and vision and a willingness to promote it within the community
- A commitment to promoting equality and diversity

In addition, individuals with particular experience in finance and/or data analysis would be most welcome. If you are looking for an opportunity to contribute to the heart of the community please contact enquiries@stlaurencechurchappleton.org if you would like to learn more.

Appleton Village Pre-School update

Thank you to everyone in our community (and beyond) who supported our fundraising efforts in February: both via the donation of Valentine's raffle prizes (and the buying of tickets), and our Aardman Animations workshops, which saw around 150 people in the village hall learning to make a Gromit or a Shaun the Sheep. We are also truly grateful to the trustees of the Appleton Trust for their recent gift.

Our fundraising is going well this year, but is far from complete. You may wonder why we need to fundraise. In short, it's because we accept applications from children whose parents/carers are eligible for either 15 or 30 hours of funded childcare, without any restrictions on when those hours can be taken, or any top-up charges. It really is a pre-school for all. In practice, this means that the funding we receive is less than our core running costs, and so we rely on fundraising in order to cover the shortfall.

At half term, we were really sad to bid farewell to our Deputy Supervisor, Nyree Coates. Nyree joined the team in 2010 and is going to be missed by the whole pre-school community. We are grateful to Nyree for her enthusiasm and professionalism, and for her care for the children whose early years she has helped shape over the last ten years. We are grateful to Tracey Agutter and Jane Gibbs for keeping the ship steady while we seek to appoint Nyree's successor.

By the trustees of Appleton Village Pre-School

Appleton with Eaton Tennis Club



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!

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. All members are requested to check that their ClubSpark account is up to date with their current email address as this will be used to send out the renewals. Full details about the renewal process are on our website.

Coaching for Juniors

We run a full programme of junior coaching with Craig Amison-Smith. For more details please contact the club via the email address below.

Indoor Tennis

During the winter we play on the first Wednesday of the month from 8-10pm at Abingdon White Horse Tennis Centre £6 (tbc) per member. Contact the club for more details. The next session will be an Indoor Fun Tournament on 4th March.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:

appletonwitheatontennisclub@gmail.com Website: www.appleton-eaton.org/tennis or http://cspark.at/apple6

Facebook: <u>www.facebook.com/</u> AppletonwithEatonTennisClub/

Appleton WI

Our March meeting will be held on Thursday, 19th March at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. This is our AGM, but worry not, the business part will be dealt with briskly and then we have a talk by Alex Wright, our amazing local naturalist.

We are planning a coach trip to Bath on Wednesday, 29th April. this will be open to anyone who would like to join us.

> Elaine Flint 01865 861838

Advance Notice :

Future Events at the Plough Inn Appleton

Saturday 4th April at 9pm the cover band FBi will be playing live

Thursday 7th May at 8pm 'Cry Havoc' Morris will be dancing at the pub and playing English folk music afterwards

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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	24,524
Jan	18,154	20,000	20,700
Feb	17,937	19,782	
Mar	22,387	22,305	
April	19,107	21,570	

Mothering Sunday 22nd March

We will be stocking Mothers-Day cards, delicious chocolates and specially chosen wine, so be sure to remember that very important person in your life.

Greetings Cards for all Occasions

The shop stocks a large collection of high quality greetings cards, designed and printed with love by publisher Woodmansterne. They are competitively priced and usually much cheaper than you can buy elsewhere. There are cards for all age groups, seasons and tastes, as well as blank cards for your special messages.

New for the Spring, including more vegetarian and vegan lines

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• Ham hock and pea crush sandwiches and goat's cheese and beetroot relish baguettes

Vegan club sandwiches

• Protein and Snack Pots including chicken and avocado, houmous and carrot and Asian greens

Find them in the counter chiller cabinet



New Volunteers always welcome!

If you can help behind the scenes or would like to learn how to use the electronic till (much easier than the old one!) 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

Appleton website is now

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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

Solo Ladies

We are now meeting on the fourth Thursday of the month and our next Lunch will be held on Thursday 26th March venue to be advised. Ladies on their own are always welcome and if you would like any information please contact:

Barbara on 01865 863262 (barbara.kimsey@outlook.com)

Appleton Cricket Club Summer is coming!

There will be three indoor net sessions at Cokethorpe School sports hall from 11.30 am -1.30 pm on Sunday March 29th, Sunday April 5th and Sunday April 19th - the bowling machine will often be in action.

This an excellent opportunity to practise, especially if you have not played cricket recently!

Also, weather permitting, there will outdoor nets at Appleton Sportsfield on Tuesdays in April 2020 from 5.30 to 6.30 pm. Anybody, really anybody, is welcome....

The first match is at home against Cumnor on Sunday April 25th.

Please contact either Hjalmar Blomerus (07899 080200) or Roger Gilkes (863640) for more details.



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!

Looking after neighbours

With the recent storms, the council would like to ask residents to check in on neighbours in adverse conditions. We know that many of you do this anyway, so thank you!

New website

Due to new website accessibility requirements as well as looking at the Parish's current website as a whole, the Parish Council has decided to build new website for the Parish. The Council will be obtaining quotes for this. If there is anyone who is interested in quoting for this project, please feel free to contact the clerk.

Neighbourhood Plan

As you may be aware from previous communications, the Steering Group had been analysing the responses from the pre-consultation phase. The Group is delighted to have received so many constructive comments. The analysis of comments has taken a fair amount of time as there were nearly 400 comments to analyse from 84 responders and statutory consultation bodies. The Group is now in the process of addressing the comments for the next phase of the Plan, which is the Consultation Phase. The Group feels this analysis is so important as taking all of your comments into account will help ensure the Plan is *your Plan* and reflects your views as a community.

The Group will continue to provide you with updates as we near the next phase, which will be in the relatively near future.

Speed Sign

The council has had many comments about speed in the village and resolved at its February meeting to invest in a moveable speed sign for the village, partially funded by a grant from Oxfordshire County Council. Once the sign arrives and has been in use for a little bit, the council will be looking for volunteers to assist in a speed group. If you are interested, please feel free to contact the clerk.

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

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APPLETON'S KITCHEN TABLE LUNCH FRIDAY 27th MARCH IN AID OF MAGGIE'S OXFORD BOOK IN ADVANCE - ONE TICKET PER HOUSEHOLD (min. donation £5) 12 noon for 12.30 CONTACT PENNY ON 862865 Vegetarian and Gluten-free options available.

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Maggie's is asking people to raise funds for the Centre on that day, in order for them to continue with their service to families in Oxfordshire.

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Church Services March 2020

ST LAURENCE, APPLETON

Sunday 1 st	8 am Communion Service (BCP) 10 am All Age Service 6 pm Evensong
Sunday 8 th	10 am Communion Service (CW)
Sunday 15 th	10 am Communion Service (CW) 6 pm Evensong
Sunday 22nd Mothering Sunday	10 am All Age Service
Sunday 29 th Passion Sunday	10 am Communion Service (CW)
Sunday 5th April Palm Sunday	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