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Dear Friends

‘J S Bach – a Passion for the Cross’

Easter has inspired some of the world’s finest choral music. One man who understood the powerful significance of that first Easter weekend was Johann Sebastian Bach. One of his greatest skills was to present Christian ideas through music that touches both heart and mind.

After Jesus breathed his last, the centurion watching didn’t cry out, *‘I’m so sorry about this, he was such a good man. Let’s be quiet now as I lead us in a time of reflection and meditation.’* No! There’s just been a total eclipse of the sun in the middle of the day, an earthquake, tombs split open and the temple rendered obsolete! Rather, the centurion declared, *‘Surely this man was the Son of God.’*

And so if you listen to Bach’s *Matthew Passion*, notice the way in which Jesus is portrayed musically – not as a weak, sorrowful figure, but as one who is sovereignly sure of where he has come from and where he is going. When the ordinary characters speak in the narrative, they are accompanied by just a keyboard. Jesus, however, is always surrounded by a ‘halo’ of three violins. Every time Jesus speaks, the halo is there. He is God’s dearly beloved Son, the apple of his eye, his most precious treasure, absolutely pure, perfectly holy, the image of God himself.

But then listen to Jesus as he hangs on the cross, the burden of the world’s sin on his shoulders. He is drinking the cup of God’s wrath as our substitute. When he cries, *‘My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?’* listen for the halo of violins. You will notice that the violins have gone. He becomes just like an ordinary person, bearing the full weight of each of our rebellion. God’s dearly loved Son, the apple of his eye, forsaken for us.

Bach knew and wanted us to understand that Jesus fully paid the price of our rejection of the Creator. Jesus was taking our place, the perfect Lamb becoming like sinful man so that we could be restored into God’s loving arms. The point of Good Friday is that we recall the good news that we can be rescued from God-forsakenness, and can have the full weight of our sin emptied onto Christ. Bach wasn’t just writing beautiful music. He was communicating the greatest message the world has ever known and could ever know.

We are very much hoping that St Laurence will be open in good time for the Easter weekend and services on Good Friday (2nd April) at 10am and Easter Sunday (4th April) at 8am and 10am. More details to follow in the April ‘Advertiser’.

With love and best wishes

Phil Parker

Besselsleigh Wood Group

BWG is a fully constituted group (November 2010) dedicated to the conservation of Besselsleigh Wood for the benefit of our community. The group arose originally in 2008 to formalise a liaison with the owners, VOWHDC, that had been in place since 1999 with representatives from Appleton, Besselsleigh and Oxfordshire Woodland Project. A small group of volunteers meet together to maintain and enhance this much-loved ancient woodland.

Annual Meeting

to be held on Wednesday 3rd March on Zoom at 7.30 p.m

The chairman will report on the year's activities, Accounts will be presented, key role holders appointed and a vision for the future of the woods discussed.

Talk by Ryan Mitchell on Thursday 11th March on Zoom at 7.30 p.m

Ryan works for Oxford University's Natural History Museum and as a keen entomologist living in Cumnor he spent many an hour in Besselsleigh Woods during the 2020 summer lockdown. You may have come across him wandering happily about the woods armed with a butterfly net! Ryan's particular area of interest is flies and he has kindly agreed to come to talk to us about what he has seen and learnt about Besselsleigh Woods. His most exciting find was the sphaeroceridae fly *Minillimosina Secundaria* which was thought to be extinct in Britain having not been recorded since 1909, and is very rare in Europe. Ryan is one of life's enthusiasts and this promises to be a very enjoyable evening.

Mailing List and Zoom details

Zoom details for the Annual Meeting and the Lecture will be circulated by e-mail to all members. Anyone interested in attending the meeting and/or being added to the mailing list should e-mail: jane@cranstonjane.co.uk

Monday Working Groups 9.30 am

Throughout the summer working groups happen on a Thursday evening at 6pm but during the rest of the year John Page heads up a small band of helpers on a Monday morning. They meet at 9.30 am at the Besselsleigh Gate. This volunteering is permitted to continue during lockdown and volunteers work separately or in socially distanced pairs to clear and improve the paths, saw up trees for firewood, coppice and otherwise maintain the wood for everyone's enjoyment. More volunteers would be very welcome and if anyone would enjoy lending a hand please contact John Page on 864808.

WoodFest in September

We are much hoping to be able to hold a WoodFest again this year. Most of you don't need telling what a fun day out this is for all the family. Bushcraft, guided tours of woods, story-telling, Forest School activities, wood whittling and much more all helped along by a BBQ and a cake stall!

The date will be confirmed in the Advertiser nearer the time.

FLOOD PROTECTION IN APPLETON WITH EATON

Many villagers will remember the floods in 2007 when over 40 properties were significantly affected. Following this, the main problem areas were identified, remedial drainage works carried out, water courses, ditches and drains were cleared, structural work undertaken to replace pipes and culverts. The risk to these properties is much lower. However, one or two areas remain susceptible to flooding on the roads after exceptionally long periods of heavy rain. As everyone knows this is most likely when the ground water levels are already high but can also follow prolonged dry spells when the ground is too hard to absorb sudden downpours.

Villagers are reminded that Appleton has a store of equipment available for use in an emergency:

Two petrol pumps, two submersible pumps, three 100m reels of hose, one Aqua vac for shallow water on carpets and a supply of Aquasacs. These sacs are dry storage flat packs, which swell in contact with water to form an effective barrier acting in a similar way to sandbags. They take up little room, are easy to handle and are available to all householders who are aware of flood risk to their properties. It is also important to remind villagers that everyone whose property borders a water course or ditch is responsible for keeping it clear. Where ditches have been filled in this adds to the problem. It also helps to report any blocked drains to the Parish Council. Where there is a flooded road PLEASE drive slowly to avoid forcing water into adjacent properties or endangering the public.

If you need help in an emergency or advice on protecting your property, please contact any of the volunteer flood wardens listed below. All live in Appleton, have access to the equipment and know who can operate the pumps.

Center Village and Oaksmere

Nick Hester 07759230966

Adrian Willet 07786260765 Oxford 864691

Adrian Carey 07717851831

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Richard Prickett 07714271350

Eaton

Nicki Clarke 0781192219

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 has resumed, 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.

Gardening Club



In February we had a very interesting talk by Ruth Madder who is the Director of Bridewell Gardens in West Oxfordshire. The talk was on the social and therapeutic benefits of gardening and the work undertaken at Brideswell. The charity provides a mental health recovery service using the gardens to support people with severe mental health problems. People usually come to the gardens for 1 or 2 days each week for between 6 months and 2 years and are referred by Oxfordshire Mental health Services.

The gardens consist of a walled garden with a forge and a vineyard and the staff are helped in their work by a group of volunteers. There is a schedule of work for the day and people are encouraged to help wherever they wish, with encouragement to try new activities – the kind of work includes gardening, landscaping, blacksmithing, cooking with the produce grown in the garden, woodwork, willow weaving and land-based crafts. The vineyard was planted 20 years ago and is certified organic. Everyone helps with the harvest and the grapes go to a winemaker in Kent to produce a sparkling white wine. The wine is sold at Open Days and other local outlets including Burford Garden Centre and the income provided helps to cover some of the costs of running the centre.

Due to Covid19 this year has been difficult but every effort has been to offer support to the people using the garden for therapeutic purposes. A small team of staff and volunteers have been maintaining the gardens so that they continue to be available to continue their important work in the future. As spring approaches the talk also reminded us of the value of our own outdoor spaces.

Our next lecture is on 10th March at 7.30 pm, via Zoom when Jackie Bennett will talk on

Island Gardens – Journeys around the British Isles. Jackie is the author of several books on British gardens and in this illustrated talk she will refer to her 2018 book on Island Gardens. If you would like to join us please email aegardeningclub@gmail.com so that we can send you the link. There is no charge for joining this meeting.

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From our Chairman

By the time you read this it will be almost a year since I wrote a piece for the Advertiser setting out all the steps that had been taken to ensure that the Shop was able to stay open to support and serve the village. I ended by saying to our older volunteers who had had to step back. 'We hope that we're just saying au revoir to you and that you'll all be back on duty as soon as possible' and added 'don't get used to doing nothing. We'll need you back! We just don't know when'. Well, a year later and we still don't know when. Please make sure you don't forget us!

We've remained open and the news is slowly getting better. Many of our volunteers (although not all are old enough!) have had their first vaccination and life, shop wise, has settled into a steady Coronavirus routine – no more 'scurrying about' as reported a year ago.

Let's hope and pray that it stays that way with no further shocks until we can take down our screen, put back the bar stools and all stand around inside and have a jolly good chat! Who knows where we will be at by the time you read this? School back in action? Hope so. Holidays being planned? Hope so. Masks still being worn? Expect so. Social distancing still required? Expect so. Hugs allowed? Really hope so.

Demand for coffee and cake back? Hope so! **Our most recent 'excitement' was that, in the middle of February the Village Shop had a visit from the Vale of White Horse Covid Compliance Marshall!**

You'll be delighted, and we hope not surprised, to learn that we passed with flying colours. The Marshall arrived with a check list

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	24,992
Jan	20,000	20,700	22,924
Feb	19,782	19,962	
Mar	22,305	27,669	
April	21,570	28,522	

Mothering Sunday 14th 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.



and was particularly impressed with our signage and the fact that not only did we have a risk assessment completed but that it had been transferred onto the official HSE form. She said that it was the first one she'd seen 'so well used'! We did wonder why it had taken almost a year to visit us and were told that a visit had been attempted previously but that the Shop was very busy at the time so it was not possible to do more than check the signage on the outside. Bravo Team! Thanks to all involved. Keep going everyone – spring and summer will be back soon, hopefully rapidly followed by 'normality'!
Keep safe and well.
Jane Cranston

New Volunteers to help behind the counter always welcome!

Just ask one of the staff members.

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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A rare opportunity to become the local authority governor at Appleton C of E Aided Primary School will become available this year. If you are interested in being a governor, here's your chance.

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If you are interested in finding out more, please contact the school on Oxford 862794 or

office.3850@appleton.oxon.sch.uk

to be put in touch with a current governor, or go to the School Governors section of the Oxfordshire County Council website.

Appleton with Eaton History Group

Our next meeting is on Thursday 4th March at 7.30pm on Zoom. If you are interested in exploring any aspect of our local history, why not join us. We meet on Zoom to discuss the various topics we are researching and help each other with ideas and tips. It is very relaxed and informal, and everybody's welcome. Email Helen Stedman (helen_stedman@yahoo.co.uk) for a Zoom invitation.

Want to treat Mum to a good read for Mother's Day? AwEsome Histories is the Group's annual compilation of articles about our local area, written by professional historians and archaeologists and by Group members. The latest issue tells the story of the Greyhound public house, of the 'new' Besselsleigh manor house, and of visiting American battalions during the Second World War. We also 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. There's also an update on the Appleton Area Archaeological Research Project. AwEsome Histories 8 is on sale in the Appleton Community Shop price £5, where all past issues can also be purchased, price £3. Contact Roger Gilkes (awehg1@gmail.com or tel. 01865 863640) for more information about the History Group, and for details of how to mail-order AwEsome Histories.

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Appleton with Eaton Tennis Club



Courts Closed

At the time of writing the courts remain closed until further notice in line with the national lockdown. We await the outcome of the Government's announcements on the roadmap out of lockdown. We hope that tennis might restart at some stage in March but, is only likely to be singles play initially. Courts will re-open as soon as possible but fully in line with Government and LTA guidance.

Coaching

If you or your junior would like to take part in the next season of coaching, please contact the club by email.

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. The new Membership season starts on 1 April.

For more information and to contact the club:

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Appleton WI

Well, another month has passed, things are looking more hopeful, and spring is on the way. You have probably received an email from Sally, by now about our annual meeting, and she asks that you respond promptly. We are hoping that restrictions will be lifted soon, and we will arrange a get together of some sort as soon as we are allowed. Keep well.

Elaine Flint
01865 861838

News from the Appleton with Eaton Parish Council

Covid-19

At the time of printing, England remains in a national lockdown. The Parish Council asks that residents please continue to follow government guidelines. Further information can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>.

As the Parish Council receives information, we will communicate with residents via e-mail, noticeboards and the website. 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, because for example you are isolating or shielding, please contact the clerk who can direct you to the appropriate Coronavirus Appleton Besselsleigh and Eaton Support Group (CABES) person.

Appleton with Eaton Neighbourhood Plan By Claire Salmon, Chairman, Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

Hopefully by the time you read this you will have heard that the Neighbourhood plan has reached the next stage, Regulation 16 Consultation Phase.

The consultation is run by the Vale of White Horse District Council, began on the 17th February 2021 and runs until midnight on the 7th April 2021. You can find out more at www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/awenp. To view paper copies of the documents, please feel free to contact Allison Leigh, Parish Clerk either on 01865 865 876 or parishclerk.appletonwitheaton@gmail.com to make an appointment.

If you know anyone you think would be interested in this consultation, who is shielding or does not have access to the internet, we would appreciate your help in telling them about it. Please ask them to call us on 01235 422425 or email haveyoursay@southandvale.gov.uk to discuss the proposals and get support to access the consultation materials.

The quickest and easiest way to comment is by using the Vale's online comment form.

Comments can also be made by:

emailing planning.policy@whitehorsedc.gov.uk

writing to Planning Policy, Vale of White Horse District Council at the following address: 135 Eastern Avenue, Milton Park, Milton, OX14 4SB

completing a comment form (available on request) and posting or emailing it back to us.

So, all comments should be made in one of the above methods directly to the Vale of White Horse District Council.

Next steps

After the publicity period ends, we will send your response to an independent examiner to consider. As the neighbourhood planning process includes an independent examination of the plan, your name, postal address and email address (where applicable) are required for your comments to be considered by the examiner. The opportunity for further comments at this stage would only be at the specific request of the examiner.

Most neighbourhood plans are examined without the need for a public hearing. If you think the neighbourhood plan requires a public hearing, you can state this in your comments, but the

examiner will make the final decision.

Please clearly state in your comments if you wish to be notified of our decision on whether we formally adopt the neighbourhood plan.

As Chairman of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group I would like to say thank you to everyone who has since 2016 contributed to the plan. Without you we would not have a plan. It's been a longer process than first anticipated but I hope you agree it will have been worth it. Please take the opportunity to make comments during the consultation details above.

State of Footpaths

As you may have noticed in walking around the village, many of the footpaths are extremely muddy, making them quite hazardous. As you can imagine, this is due to the wet weather and the number of walkers during lockdown.

We ask everyone to take caution and advise that if you feel a path is hazardous, to not take the risk in proceeding.

Hopefully we will have an early spring and restrictions eased in the not too distant future!

Thank you to the Flood Group

We want to thank the Flood Group volunteers and many other villagers for all of their hard work in and around Oaksmere on the weekend of the 30th January. It was a tremendous effort in very cold conditions and is much appreciated!

Contact details of the Flood Group can be found on the noticeboard outside the village shop as well as on www.appleton-eaton.org.

Allison Leigh, Parish Clerk

01865 865 876 / parishclerk.appletonwithheaton@gmail.com

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Services will be held by Zoom, YouTube or in the church building. Please consult our website
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At the time of going to print, we are pleased to announce that all services will be held back in the church building. Do consult the website for up to date information. www.stlaurenceappleton.org

Please use the service form to help us welcome as many as possible and of course, please follow the Covid government guidelines also to be found on our website.

Church will be open each Sunday for private prayer.

If you would like to join us on Tuesdays via Zoom for the Prayer meeting or 'The Bible Talks' email events@stlaurencechurchappleton.org and we will send you the link.

Tuesday 2nd	7.45 for 8.00pm	Prayer Meeting via Zoom
Sunday 7th	8.00 am 10.00 am	Communion Service All Age Service
Tuesday 9th	7.45 for 8.00pm	The Bible Talks via Zoom
Sunday 14th Mothering Sunday	10.00 am 6.00 pm	All Age Service followed by a short communion Evensong
Tuesday 16th	7.45 for 8.00pm	Prayer Meeting via Zoom
Sunday 21st	10:00 am	All Age Service followed by a short communion
Tuesday 23rd	7.45 for 8.00pm	The Bible Talks via Zoom
Sunday 28th Palm Sunday	10:00 am 6.00 pm	All Age Service followed by a short communion Evensong

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