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Dear Friends

For my gap year travels I was the proud owner of a mini-Primus made of brass and fuelled by paraffin. We are talking the late-70's here! It was a thing of beauty, as well as producing an impressive amount of heat. But it sat unused for many years in its tin as other makes and models stole the limelight for weight and ease of use.

During lock-down and our great sort out of accumulated stuff, its bright red tin came to light. Try as I might, nothing I did got it going! It would flicker encouragingly, only to then die on me. After several attempts I finally admitted defeat. But it taught me a valuable lesson about life. I learnt that trusting the untrustworthy is a heart-breaking exercise. I learnt that faith only ever works when it's placed in something (or someone) that is faithful. And I learnt that careful thought is required when it comes to where you put your faith.

All this has implications for being a Christian because, as you may have noticed, 'faith' seems to play a pretty big role in Christianity. For example, whenever the apostle Paul writes to a church, more often than not, it's their faith he's concerned about. He thanks God for their faith, he prays for their faith, he boasts about their faith and he expresses his desire to safeguard their faith. Indeed, faith is so important that sometimes the Bible uses the word 'faith' as a way of referring to the Christian message itself. So, faith must be a pretty big part of being a Christian.

So, in the new, 6-part series that we're running throughout November, we're going to try and come to a fuller understanding of what Christian faith is all about. We'll be thinking about questions like: What makes faith so crucial? What exactly are we meant to have faith in? What were God's reasons for making our faith so important? What difference should our faith make to everyday life?

It's a topic well worth grappling with because of the importance of faith. A naïve or misplaced faith will only ever lead us into confusion and disappointment. My Primus experience certainly showed me that!

I hope you'll join us for the series at Sunday@10 each week. There's a creche on offer for pre-school children and children's groups for those at Primary School. There's also fresh coffee and home-baked cakes! I look forward to welcoming you.

With every best wish
Phil Parker
Rector



Colouring Competition

Join in the fun at the Bazaar by entering this year's Colouring Competition.

There are prizes for all age groups and all entries will appear in church.

Look out for copies via Appleton School parent mail, or collect one from the village shop or print one from our website: www.stlaurenceappleton.org

Entries to be received at the Bazaar no later than 2.30pm on Saturday December 4th or at the school office by Thursday 2nd December.

Foodbank news

Up until now, I have delivered food donations from the collection boxes in the Village Shop to the Community Emergency Foodbank (CEF) which is based at St Francis Church in Hollow Way in Oxford. Between January 2021 -June 2021 it has fed 1,800 people, 700 being children. Despite such high demand for food parcels, food stocks have remained high. Thank you very much for your generous donations, they have been much appreciated.

However, many people have told me recently that they would prefer to help those in need locally rather than in Oxford. So, I'm happy to confirm that from now on any food donated to the boxes in the Village Shop will be delivered to the Abingdon Foodbank, which is based at Christ Church in Northcourt Road, Abingdon. Liz Gilkes is going to take over delivering the food donations and if you have any queries do please contact her on ecgilkes@gmail.com.

The steep rise in the cost of fuel and the recent reduction in Universal Credit payments mean that many, many people will be struggling financially this winter. Please do donate food for them if you can.

Lucinda Lewis-Crosby

Date for the diary

Friday 17th December
Barratt's Christmas Concert
St Laurence Church
More details in December
Advertiser

Opera in the Garden

We would like to say a big Thank You to all those who came to our concert back in September and to John and Chris McDonnell for hosting in their beautiful riverside garden once again. Thanks to a generous donation, in addition to ticket and raffle sales, we raised over £4000 for Sobell House. It was a beautiful evening and lovely to share this special occasion with so many friends, villagers and supporters.

Claire & Stephen Barratt

Appleton Baby and Toddler Group is Open Again!

We're very happy to announce the re-opening of the Appleton Baby and Toddler group back in the village hall: lots of toys, craft, singing, and excellent coffee. Everyone is welcome - all parents, carers, and grandparents and their newborns up to preschool age kids. Sessions will run every Friday morning, 9.30am-11.30am, term time, starting 5th November. No need to book.

We're offering free taster sessions to start with, so there's no excuse!

Email appletontots@gmail.com if you have any questions and to go on our mailing list. Also find us on Facebook/Instagram @appletontots.



Appleton with Eaton History Club

This coming Spring the group is hoping Jane Harrison, Excavation Leader of the Appleton Area Archaeological Research Project, will present finds from the dig which took place this summer in Besselseigh. The talk will be open to everyone. Further information to follow in due course.

The next meeting of the History group will be on Thursday 4th November at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall Committee Room. Everyone is welcome.

Please contact Jackie at jackielewisthame@gmail.com or 07813 602638 for further information.

*Jackie Lewis
for AwEHG*

Green Appleton

Thank you to all of those that put in such a great effort for the relaunch of Green Appleton on 2nd October. Despite the weather, we were impressed by the number of you that came along and thank you for all the great suggestions. These ranged from doing surveys of hedgerows, verges, bug hotels, etc to ideas for getting involved in repair shops.

We're keen to get going! We propose a zoom meeting on Monday 15th November at 7pm. If you'd like to be involved please let us know at the following email by Monday 8th November

Greenappleton2021@gmail.com

Ros Uren

**Appleton website is now
www.appleton-eaton.org**

Appleton WI

Our November meeting will be held on Thursday, November, 18th at 2pm in the Village Hall.

This will be your chance to shine! Bring your favourite reading or poem to share with a friendly, appreciative audience. We've had these occasions before and they are always much enjoyed by performers and listeners alike. There will be a raffle and a stall. Visitors are very welcome.

*Elaine Flint
01865 861838*

Appleton Voluntary Transport Scheme (AVTS)

If you live in Appleton, Eaton, Fyfield or Besselseigh we will try to arrange transport to a medical or dental appointment when you have no other means of getting there. We will drive to the Oxford hospitals, or to Abingdon, Wootton or Witney. The contact telephone number is 07503 447884. Leave a message if your call is not answered and we will get back to you. Please note that

- For the present Covid safety measures remain in force (masks in car, please)
- We need at least 48 hours' notice of an appointment
- There is a small charge to cover the driver's fuel, etc, costs.

Evergreen Club

Our next meeting is on Friday 12th November at 2 pm. Bingo with prizes! And our usual home-made tea. Plans aired for future meetings and outings. It was lovely to see new faces so why not ask your friends to give us a try!

The coach for Wantage commences "pick ups" at 1pm at Fyfield CrossRd and thence through Appleton and returning to the same stops after "The Sound of Music"

Trish Wagstaff

Gardening Club



In October we had an interesting talk given by Alan Down on Winter Colour in the Garden. Alan began his talk by showing us pictures of several Winter Gardens including RHS Rosemoor and Wisley Gardens, Holme Garden Centre, Cambridge Botanical Garden and Sir Harold Hillier's Arboretum. Each of these gardens has an area planted up especially for winter interest with trees with good coloured bark, dogwoods and willows with interestingly coloured stems, conifers, winter flowering trees and shrubs, grasses and winter flowering heathers.

Alan then went on to give us an idea of the kind of plants we could use in our own gardens for winter interest. We could plant up containers with winter flowering pansies and violas or plant hardy cyclamen coum which look particularly good planted in the grass under trees. Another good plant is winter flowering heather carnea which will grow well with conifers, is lime tolerant and offers pollen for bumble and honey bees when there is little else flowering. Good trees for bark include Acer Griseum, Betula utilis Jacquemontii and Eucalyptus niphophylla. Shrubs we could plant include winter Jasmine which is good in a shady corner or on a fence, Garrya elliptica James Roof which has long tassels, Daphne mezereum which flowers from January to March and several Viburnums and Hollies. Leaving seed heads on perennials such as Rudbeckia and not cutting grasses back until the spring can add interest to the borders. Other shrubs for winter interest include Witch Hazels, Pittosporum Tom Thumb, Mahonia, Hazel Contorta and Sarcococca confuse. Mass planting of snowdrops, crocus and hellebores all add colour and pollen for bees tempted out by the rising temperatures.

Our next talk will be given by Jane Perrone on Houseplants. Jane has for several years hosted a podcast on indoor gardening entitled "On the Ledge". Her talk will demonstrate many ways to enjoy and make the best use of houseplants. The talk will be on 10th November at 7.30 pm on Zoom.

Our talks are currently being held on Zoom but we are planning to hold in person talks in the spring. One of the advantages of Zoom is that we have been able to book speakers from further afield and therefore have a wider range of talks. If you would like to become a member please email aegardeningclub@gmail.com so that you can receive a link to the next talk. Membership costs £5 per year and enables you to join all our talks and events.

*Hon. Secretary
Janet Hutton
01865 865269*

Congratulations

Many congratulations to John Savings who has been awarded a National Heritage Craft Award as the volunteer of the year. For many decades his wonderful prowess has been hedge laying and teaching others throughout our fair nation, including our future king! Well done John. We are all very proud of you and do enjoy your presentation in the 'House', you have really earned it.

Trish Wagstaff

Village Hall

There is a vacancy on the Village Hall Management Committee that we need to fill and would urge you to contact us to put your name forward if you would like to contribute to village life. The role is generally helping with the ongoing running of the hall and the commitment is only a few hours each month.

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	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22
May	24,532	30,553	21,608
June	24,276	28,172	25,008
July	28,976	28,988	26,461
Aug	25,199	24,338	23,714
Sept	23,131	22,704	22,317
Oct	23,504	22,402	
Nov	22,107	22,995	
Dec	24,524	24,992	
Jan	20,700	22,924	
Feb	19,962	22,000	
Mar	27,669	24,876	
April	28,522	22,316	

Wanted

People to join the bank of those willing to serve behind the till to help out when a regular volunteer is away.

If you don't have much time to commit but would be happy to give help if needed, we'd love to hear from you. Training can be provided. Just contact one of the shop staff

NB Remember you can use the Post Office to withdraw money using your bank card.

Dear Customers,

Those of you who take notice of such things will have spotted that turnover in the Shop has dropped somewhat dramatically.

Whilst we always knew that sales would drop back to pre-pandemic figures we are a little surprised that currently we're running at 2018 levels! The drop cannot be allocated to anything in particular but is right across the board - many products, including staples such as milk, bread and eggs have fallen right back.

Can anybody tell us what's going on? Is it that some of you who were not online grocery shoppers before the pandemic now are? Is it that we are being too strict with our covid precautions? Is it that parents are not stopping on their way to and from school? Is it that we're closing at 6pm instead of 7pm? (By the way we don't think it is this as sales were never high at that time). Is it that tradespeople are dropping in less? Is it that not being able to stop and chat means fewer visits to the shop? Is it that we're not baking croissants every day? Is it that?

We can tell you that footfall is down by a bigger percentage than turnover and that since May:

- Overall milk sales are 15% below 2019 figures
- Coffee sales are 34% below 2019 figures

- Our delicious freshly sliced local ham sales are 23% below 2019 figures

Can you tell us – and please do - what you think are the reasons?

We're feeling a little sad. Having raised our game, thanks to our wonderful bank of volunteers and staff, to keep stocked and open during the lock downs, we're now wondering where all our customers have gone?!

Come back please! We miss you.

Thinking of making your own Christmas cakes, Christmas puddings or homemade mincemeat?

Why not buy your ingredients from the shop? We have what you need; Wessex Mill flour, dried fruit, glacé cherries, cooking apples and oranges etc.

Boxes of Chocolates

Following on from the ever popular standard sized Monty Bojangles Chocolates, we now have large boxes. No need to wait till Christmas for a great gift, or just treat yourself whilst curled up in front of the fire.

Shop Local

With the recent fuel shortages and rise in fuel costs, and needing to think about our carbon footprint, why not use the shop for a few more items. It's a much more personal experience

than unloading a box from the supermarket delivery van...

Bread Pudding is back

We know how much you have been missing it, so the lovely Laura has started to make it again.

Week one bread pudding had all sold out within a couple of days, so the baking will be increased.

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Thanks to the Appleton St Laurence Heritage Trust for this great idea!

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

St Laurence Church Appleton with Besselsleigh

Sunday 14th November

Church Service at

St Laurence Appleton 10:00am



**Act of Remembrance at the
War Memorial 10:50am - 11:05am**

**Refreshments in the Village Hall 11:05am
with the Community Choir**

News from the Appleton with Eaton Parish Council

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee in 2022

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee in 2022 will be an historic occasion – the first time any British monarch has ever reigned for 70 years.

The Parish Council would like to hear from anyone who would be willing to join us in a working group to plan local celebrations in the Parish.

Baby and Toddler Group

The PC is pleased to hear that the Baby and Toddler group is planning to restart on Friday mornings in Appleton Village Hall after half term.

Covid-19

The Parish Council notes that while restrictions have been eased, cases remain high and some local restrictions will remain such as mask wearing in the shop. Further information can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>.

As the Parish Council receives any new 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.

Allison Leigh, Parish Clerk

01865 865 876 / parishclerk.appletonwithheaton@gmail.com

Appleton with Eaton Tennis Club

The Tennis Club is very busy and offering a full service to all our Members. All our organised Club Social sessions are very well attended, as is Cardio tennis on a Wednesday morning. Even though we are into the Autumn and Winter, a full service will continue throughout the colder weather, and of course we have floodlights for evening sessions. Looking ahead, we will be holding our annual Presentation Evening and Christmas Dinner in the Plough Pub on Fri 17 Dec. We still cannot offer Pay and Play sessions to Non-Members. However, Members are allowed to bring along visitors for a small visitor fee.

Join Us

We are still accepting Memberships for the remainder of the 2021/22 Playing season (ends 31 Mar 22). If you would like to join this thriving club, please contact the club by email - appletonwithheatontennisclub@gmail.com . We offer individual adult, family and junior memberships.

Dates for the Diary

Wed 3 Nov - Indoor Tennis recommences at WHLTC (Abingdon). 8pm (first Wed in the month).

Fri 17 Dec - Presentation Evening and Xmas Dinner at the Plough

For more information and to contact the club:

Email: appletonwithheatontennisclub@gmail.com

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ST LAURENCE APPLETON WITH BESSELSLEIGH CHURCH SERVICES November 2021

Please consult our website www.stlaurenceappleton.org for up-to-date information.

The Church building is open every day for private prayer.

Sunday 7th	8.00 am 10.00 am	BCP Holy Communion Communion Service & creche and children's groups
Sunday 14th	10:00 am 6.00 pm	REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY All-Age Service processing to the war memorial around 10.45am followed by refreshments in the Village Hall. Evensong
Sunday 21st	10:00 am	Communion Service & creche and children's groups
Sunday 28th	10:00 am 6.00 pm	Morning Service & creche and children's groups Evensong

Who to Call:

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