





# **Best wishes to all our readers for**



Here's hoping for a better New Year





#### Dear Friends

I was very struck today by 'Five Helps for the New Year' given one year by the then Bishop Michael Ramsey to his clergy:

- Thank God. Often and always. Thank him carefully and wonderingly for your continuing privileges and for every experience of his goodness.
   Thankfulness is a soil in which pride does not easily grow.
- 2. **Take care about confession of your sins.** As time passes the habit of being critical about people and things grows more than each of us realize.
- 3. **Be ready to accept humiliations**. They can hurt terribly but they can help to keep you humble. (Whether trivial or big, accept them he says.) All these can be so many chances to be a little nearer to our Lord. There is nothing to fear, if you are near to the Lord and in his hands.
- 4. **Do not worry about status.** There is only one status that Our Lord bids us be concerned with, and that is our proximity to Him. "If a man serve me, let him follow me, and where I am there also shall my servant be" (John 12:26). That is our status; to be near our Lord wherever He may ask us to go with him.
- 5. **Use your sense of humour.** Laugh at things, laugh at the absurdities of life, laugh at yourself.

Ramsay added: 'Through the year people will thank God for you. And let the reason for their thankfulness be not just that you were a person whom they liked or loved but because you made God real to them.' There is much wisdom in these 'helps' and I would commend them to you as you head into 2022 and all that it holds.

With love and best wishes Phil Parker Rector

# THE ABINGDON BRIDGE



As we start the New Year, we would like to thank everyone in Appleton who has been supporting TAB throughout the pandemic. We are well aware just how difficult it has been to organise fund raising events yet we have still received donations from people and organisations throughout the village. We are particularly grateful to the PCC at St Laurence Church for their continuing support. As a registered charity, we rely entirely on donations, grants and fund raising events which enable us to support young people in the towns and villages in our area.

TAB has been providing support, advice and guidance to young people aged 13 – 25 for over 25 years. During the pandemic, the demand for our services has continued to grow. There has been a significant increase in the number of young people requiring support to cope with mental health issues particularly regarding stress, anxiety and personal relationships. The negative impact of social media continues to be an issue for many young people which can lead to social isolation. Other young people may have problems with alcohol and substance abuse and want to adopt a healthier lifestyle.

If you know someone who might need our help, encourage them to get in touch. We are only a phone call away: 01235 522375. Leave a message and we shall be back in touch. We are here to help.

Chris Bryan

# **Appleton WI**

A good way to celebrate the arrival of 2022 would be to come and join us at the Village Hall at 2pm on Thursday, 20th January for an afternoon of Old Time Music Hall. You could even dress up!

There will be refreshments, a bring and buy stall and, of course, a raffle. you would be very welcome.

Elaine Flint 01865 861838

# **Evergreen Club**

No meeting in January.

Hopefully will meet on February 11th in the Village Hall.

A very happy and healthy New Year to you all and your families.

Trish Wagstaff

# 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 well into the Winter, a full service will continue throughout the colder weather, and of course we have floodlights for evening sessions.

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 -appletonwitheatontennisclub@gmail.com . We offer individual adult, family and junior memberships.

# **Dates for the Diary**

Wed 5 Jan - Indoor Tennis recommences at WHLTC (Abingdon). 8pm (first Wed in the month).

For more information and to contact the club:

Email:

appletonwitheatontennisclub@gmail.com Website: https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/ AppletonwithEatonTennisClub Facebook: www.facebook.com/ AppletonwithEatonTennisClub/

# Jubilee Park Toddler Tower

The Friends of Jubilee Park are pleased to announce that the park now has a lovely piece of play equipment for the youngest among us. The new 'Toddler Tower' has two climbing routes to a slide, a play panel and a little seating area underneath.

A huge, heartfelt 'thank you' to everyone who supported our fundraising; those who took part in a quiz, came along to the Dog Show, to some very generous individual donors and to Appleton Village Shop.

We hope the little ones get much enjoyment from it, for many years to come.

The Friends of Jubilee Park

# Appleton with Eaton History Club

Appleton with Eaton History Group wishes everyone a very Happy New Year. Don't forget, if you haven't done so already, to get the latest exciting edition of AwEsome Histories from the Village Shop.

The next meeting of the group will take place in the Village Hall on Thursday 6th January at 7.30 pm. Everyone is welcome!

Please contact Jackie at

jackielewisthame@gmail.com or 07813 602638 for further information.

Jackie Lewis for AwEHG

# Gardening Club



Our next event will be a talk given by Tony Russell on Tall Stories - The Amazing World of Trees and will be held on Wednesday 12th January at 7.30 pm on Zoom. Tony was Head Forester at Westonbirt Arboretum for 14 years and he then moved into forest and garden consultancy, writing and broadcasting. He has been a Garden Consultant for the National Trust since 2009 and leads garden and plantbased tours all over the world which includes organising and leading three tours for Cumnor Garden Club. If you would like to join us. please email aegardeningclub@gmail.com so that you can be sent a link to the talk. Membership of the club is £5 per year and enables you to join all our talks and events.

We hope to hold a social event for members next year as we decided cancel our Tea Party in December.

If you are interested in joining us membership is £5 per annum which allows you to take part in all our events. Please email <a href="mailto:aegardeningclub@gmail.com">aegardeningclub@gmail.com</a> for the link to the talk and for further information.

Hon. Secretary Janet Hutton 01865 865269 Appleton website is now www.appleton-eaton.org

# 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.

# **NEWS FROM**

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## **MONTHLY TURNOVER**

	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	21,125
Nov	22,107	22,995	21,844
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	

# Post Office opening times in January:

Closed on Monday 3rd January (Bank Holiday)

Otherwise:

Open Mondays and Thursdays 9 am -1 pm



# Message from our Chairman Jane Cranston

Before writing this, I looked at what I wrote in January 2021 and all I can suggest is that those of you who keep past copies of the Advertiser do the same! Nothing much has changed either in the regular changes of Covid status going on around us nor in our grateful thanks to so many many of our friends and neighbours who continue to give hours of voluntary support to the Community Shop.

I'll repeat just one paragraph from last year. 2021 has been (another) 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.

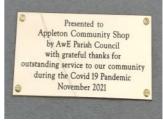
As we look forward to 2022 may I, on behalf of the Directors, the Staff and the Volunteers wish you all a Safe, Healthy and Happy New Year!

# Presentation to Appleton Community Shop from Appleton with Eaton Parish Council

Our thanks to the Parish Council for the wonderful new table which has appeared outside the

shop

We are enormously grateful for and humbled by the words on the plaque which read



'With grateful thanks for outstanding service to

our community during the Covid 19 Pandemic'.

The key words are surely 'Community Shop'. Our shop is run for and by the community and in thanking 'The Community Shop' the Parish Council are thanking all the many people in the village who stepped in to pick up purchase orders, run extra warehousing space, do extra shifts in the shop, run errands for customers, set up accounts, deliver newspapers, make dozens of signs, set up traffic light systems, stand patiently in queues etcetera etcetera etcetera.

We, the Shop, couldn't have done it without you, the Village, and we are very grateful to the Parish Council for this thoughtful and useful gift.

Thank you everyone.

The Directors, Staff and Volunteers

# Forget 'Dry January' and try one of the following from our carefully selected range of wines!

2019 Shiraz, 16 Stops, South Australia £9.99

A youthful and vibrant Shiraz, with a lovely

dark fruit and spiced plum character. It is ripe and silky, giving the wine a texture that is unusual at this price.

Perfect for warming you up on a cold winter's evening!

# 2020 Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc, Ribbonwood, New Zealand £12.90

Aromas of grapefruit peel, a hint of thyme and gentle stony minerality.

It's summer on the other side of the world and this will remind you what that means!

## **Volunteers Needed for 2022**

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 www.facebook.com/appletoncommunityshop Shop Tel No: 01865 863191 appletonshop@gmail.com

# **Shop Opening Times over New Year**

Day	Date	Shop Opens	Shop Closes	Newspapers
Saturday New Year's Day	1 <sup>st</sup> January	9am	Noon	Collection only
Sunday	2 <sup>nd</sup> January	9am	Noon	As normal
Monday Bank Holiday	3 <sup>rd</sup> January	9am	11am	Collection only
Tuesday	4 <sup>th</sup> January	7am	6pm	As normal

# 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 celebration weekend will be the 2<sup>nd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> June 2022.

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.

There will be a meeting for *all* village organisations regarding the Jubilee that will be held via Zoom on Monday the  $24^{th}$  January at 7:30pm. The clerk will send you the link closer to the time. If you would like to attend this meeting, please contact the clerk.

# **Oxfordshire Treescape Project**

The Parish Council will be supporting Green Appleton in consulting with Oxfordshire Treescape Project to carry out a survey of trees and hedges in the village, and then to examine the scope for further planting of trees for the Queen's Green Canopy in 2022.

## Covid-19

As the Parish Council receives any new information regarding Covid-19, we will communicate with residents via e-mail, noticeboards and the website. Further information can be found at <a href="https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus">https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus</a>.

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.appletonwitheaton@gmail.com

# **Bats and Bugs**

One evening our cat came in with a catch in his mouth. He let me take it and I saw his mouth

was covered in blood – as was my hand – and his catch was a bat! Bat blood is awash with viruses from Ebola to Covid type – so we had a bit of a clean up. Ten days later he does it again – a dead bat but no blood.

I had a chance to weigh it -5 grams and check its wingspan -20cms. It was easy to identify as a Long Eared Brown bat - see picture.

Some years ago - in summertime - I picked up a large brown leaf off

our drive and found myself holding a rather sick bat. I set up a makeshift bat sick-bay and looked after it for three days after which it flew away; I got some small bites while feeding it – just like mouse bites.

A few weeks later I heard of the death of a man in Cumbria following a bat bite – from rabies – a 100% fatal disease. After discussion with virus experts in London I had an emergency course of rabies vaccine – five injections over two weeks; until recently it was 56 injections.

It has since been accepted that the UK is not rabies free – it is present in some of the bat species.

Dr John EVANS

# **Advertiser**

Deadline for February issue:

12.30, **19th January** (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. Liaise with David Staunton to agree an appropriate donation.

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Contact Jennie Revell 863611

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# st Laurence appleton with Besselsleigh church services January 2022

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

The Church building is open every day for private prayer.

Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	8.00 am 10.00 am	BCP Holy Communion All-age Service	
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	7.45pm for 8	Monthly Prayer Meeting in Church	
Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 am	Communion Service & creche and children's groups Evensong	
	6.00 pm		
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup>	8.00 am 10.00 am	BCP Holy Communion Morning Service & creche and children's groups	
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	10.00 am	Communion Service &	
	6.00 pm	creche and children's groups Evensong	
Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 am	Morning Service & creche and children's groups	

# Who to Call:

For enquiries about Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals, Pastoral care, Holy Communion at home, Church buildings, please contact Rev'd Phil Parker, on 655867, or email him on rector@stlaurencechurchappleton.org