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SAVE THE DATES THURSDAY 2 JUNE – SUNDAY 5 JUNE 2022

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The Parish Council's Platinum Jubilee Committee are pulling together a series of events to mark Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee

The plan includes

- ▣ Service of Thanksgiving
- ▣ The Big Jubilee Picnic (on the Sunday)
- ▣ Bellringing
- ▣ Live Streaming of the St. Paul's Cathedral Service
- ▣ Sports and Games
- ▣ History Project Treasure Hunt
- ▣ Jubilee Front Garden Competition
- ▣ Kings and Queen's Scarecrow Event
- ▣ Platinum Jubilee Exhibition in the Village Hall
- ▣ Cricket Match
- ▣ and more!

Plans are advancing and more detail will be given in next month's Advertiser but if any individuals, groups or clubs, most especially those involving the oldest and the youngest in our community, are full of good ideas and would like to become involved in any way please do contact the Parish Clerk at parishclerk.appletonwitheaton@gmail.com

Dear Friends

Some days are worse than others. But every day seems to remind me that we live in a world where all is not well: infertility, death, miscarriage, divorce, cancer, depression. The Bible says we live in a world that is broken and God, through Jesus – his life, death and resurrection – is in the business of fixing it.

One of the most painful is the death of a child, whether still very young or in adulthood. Over the years I have seen people face this awful grief repeatedly. In one sense, no-one can ever be prepared for this appalling heartache, yet the faithful understanding of God's word has seen many couples endure this tragedy.

At one such funeral, a broken father spoke boldly to the congregation of the comfort he and his wife had found in the Bible book of Habakkuk. Even as Habakkuk questions God in the midst of the violence and injustice, he concludes his prayer with these words: *'Though the fig tree does not bud and there are no grapes on the vines, though the olive crop fails and the fields produce no food, though there are no sheep in the pen no cattle in the stalls, yet I will rejoice in the LORD, I will be joyful in God my Saviour.'*

Standing beside a tiny coffin, the father reminded us all of Habakkuk's words, and said, "We want to speak of our rejoicing. You know we're in pain, but we all need to hear of the joy. Our world is in turmoil, and yet we rejoice." He then listed the blessings of God they had known thanks to their child. "Even though our hearts are heavy and our souls are downcast, we rejoice in God our Saviour because we are a people of hope." He said, as he turned our attention to Jesus. "Our daughter was taken from us. God freely gave up his son, Jesus, that his people may have life. So we rejoice in God our Saviour. Although the wait is long, we rejoice in God our Saviour because the resurrection will come... and together we shall praise our God in a place free from the curse of death, without tears or mourning. We long and ache for that day but, as we wait patiently, the sovereign Lord is our strength. In him we will be joyful", he concluded.

For this couple, the days and weeks after the funeral were as hard and difficult as you would expect. But their joy in God our Saviour is the way the righteous live and wait in faith.

With my every best wish
Phil Parker
Rector

EASTER EGG HUNT

Barry and I are once again organising the Appleton Easter Egg Hunt. After such a couple of unsettling years we thought it would be a lovely tradition to reinstate.

Parents, Carers, Grandparents, Aunties and Uncles please bring your children along to **LONG CLOSE** (the field behind the Church) on **EASTER SUNDAY** at **3PM** when the fun will begin.

In the past this event has been enjoyed by so many of the children from the Parish. We have always managed to make this a free event for all and would like to do the same again this year. We fund this event ourselves and with kind donations from local organisations, businesses, and private sponsors. If you are able to make a donation, please contact Rachel or Barry who would love to hear from you. Donations can be monetary, or if you would prefer in chocolate eggs. Any donation, whatever the size would be very much appreciated.

Please come along and join us for a fun afternoon.

Rachel and Barry Knight
Tel: 01865 864977 Mobile: 07584426030
rachelknight954@btinternet.com

Keep the Date

Saturday 9th April

**The Big Appleton
Quiz**

**In aid of the Village
Hall**

**More details next
month**

Appleton WI

Our March meeting will be on Thursday, March 17th at 2pm in the Village Hall. It will be our annual meeting and we very much need a few people to join us on the committee. It's not very onerous, we meet once a month and chat and cake are always involved! Have a think about it.

Ann, our treasurer needs to collect subs at the meeting. This will be another year when we are able to subsidise the cost, so it will only be £22.40.

There will be the usual raffle and a bring and buy stall.

Any ladies who are interested in joining are welcome to come and have a look at us.

Elaine Flint
01865 861838

**Mothering
Sunday**

27th March
St Laurence Church

10:00am
All Age Service

Flowers to say thank you
Tea and coffee

Bring the family
Children's artwork on display

Appleton with Eaton Tennis Club



AGM – THURSDAY 3 MARCH 2022 – COMMITTEE NOMINATIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

The Club's Annual General Meeting will be held on Thursday 3 March 2022 at 8.00pm. (At the time of writing the venue is the Plough Pub but, may be switched to the Village Hall – a final decision on the venue will be announced on the Club Website and Facebook page).

Full details of the AGM, including all associated documents, were published to Members on Netcall on 17 February 2022 but, may also be found on the Club Website:

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

AppletonwithEatonTennisClub

Members are requested to make every effort to attend the AGM – there is much to discuss about the ongoing and future management of your Club!

JUNIOR COACHING RESTARTS ON FRIDAY 4 MARCH 2022

Junior Coaching will restart on 4 March 2022, the first Friday after the February Half Term. Coaching will be led by the Club's new Head Coach, Bart Wisniewski. He is a highly qualified LTA Level 4 Coach and has coached Oxfordshire Juniors up to County level.

The Spring Junior Coaching Course will consist of 5 Friday sessions 4th March to 1st April.

Full information is available on, and all bookings should be made on, the Appleton Clubspark Website: <https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/>

AppletonwithEatonTennisClub . (Go to Coaching Page).

ADULT COACHING RESTARTS ON MONDAY 7 MARCH 2022

Adult Coaching will restart on Monday 7 March 2022, at 7.30-9.00pm, and Mondays thereafter. Coaching will be led by our

newHead Coach, Bart Wisniewski (see above). The sessions will again be on a Pay and Play basis at a cost of £12 per session. If you wish to participate then please contact John Stedman (Session Organiser) via the Club e-mail: appletonwithheatontennisclub@gmail.com and see the Appleton Clubspark Website (Coaching Page) for further detail.

Current Opportunities for Play and Organised Coaching.

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. Full details of all sessions may be found on the Website: <https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/>

AppletonwithEatonTennisClub

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

Our new Membership for the 2022/23 Season commences on 1 April 2022. The new Membership Rates will be:

Accompanying Adult	£34
Adult	£71
Family	£148
Junior 11 and Under	£13
Junior 12 and Over	£26
Student	£26

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

Dates for the Diary

Wed 2 Mar - Indoor Tennis at WHLTC (Abingdon). 8pm (last indoor session of the winter).

Thu 3 Mar - AGM at the Plough Pub (or Village Hall – see above)

Fri 4 Mar - Start of Junior Coaching

Gardening Club



Doug Stewart gave us an interesting talk on the development of the RHS Bridgewater in Manchester for our February meeting. He first introduced himself by telling us how he had started his career in horticulture.

Doug asked us to think about what a garden was for and how that had changed over the decades. He gave us a history of the site, which had once included a large stately house, within 154 acres including an 11 acre walled garden, surrounded by landscaped parkland and woodland. The house was demolished in the 1950's and the estate is now on a long lease to the RHS. After the RHS took over the site in 2016 they set about surveying the ecosystems present in the garden to help establish key ecological goals so that new planting would enhance the local environment and support local wildlife. They recorded 282 different types of trees and plants, 42 bird species as well as small bats, newts and invertebrates. Water management was to be sustainable with rainwater collected and filtered through various habitats.

The RHS set about developing the 11 acre walled garden by looking at the original garden layout which consists of 6 terraces. A new Visitors Centre was built, Ellesmere Lake was dredged, walls were rebuilt to support the terraces, Berkshire pigs were brought in to clear the very overgrown areas and finally the hard landscaping was installed in the walled garden. The building work was based on reusing onsite materials as much as possible, with as little waste leaving the site as possible. The site includes 20 community growing spaces. 100 volunteer gardeners will help with the maintenance of the garden and there will be an education unit for children to attend free workshops. Finally, the planting could begin

with fruit trees to be trained on the walls and trees to form obelisks with shrubs and perennials in the borders. The garden opened to the public in 2021 having created 140 new jobs and with a target of 1 million visitors a year.

At our next meeting on 9th March we will have a talk by Barbara Segall on *My Top Ten (or more) Herbs*. Barbara is an award-winning garden writer with a particular passion for herbs. For 10 years she was the editor of 'Herbs', the magazine of the Herb Society, and in 2020 received the prestigious President's Award from the Chartered Institute of Horticulturalists. The meeting will be held on Zoom and starts at 7.30 pm. If you would like to join us, please email aegardeningclub@gmail.com.

We have a series of events planned for the summer months, including garden outings, summer social and taking part in the Jubilee Celebrations. We are planning to hold our April and May meetings in the Village Hall – details will be included in the April edition of the Advertiser. Membership of the club is £5 per year which enables people to join in all our activities.

Hon. Secretary
Janet Hutton
01865 865269

Evergreen Club

Next meeting is on Friday March 11th when an old friend, James Mitchell, will entertain us with songs old and new, so come along, enjoy the company and bring a friend.

Home-made teas and raffles as usual.

Trish Wagstaff

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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	24,552
Jan	20,700	22,924	20,223
Feb	19,962	22,000	
Mar	27,669	24,876	
April	28,522	22,316	

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We stock a wide selection including all the following items:

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Snacks too – gluten free and vegan:

•Lentil and hummus chips

Pancake Day- Tuesday 1st March

The shop will be stocking all the ingredients for you to make delicious pancakes, so be sure to stock up on flour, milk, eggs, syrup and lemons

Mothering Sunday 27th 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.

Help needed please!

Is anyone able to help out once or twice a month by collecting some products for the shop from one of our suppliers in central Oxford on Tuesday afternoons?

If you have a car (and maybe you're regularly in Oxford anyway on Tuesdays?) it would be brilliant to hear from you. The products are generally ready for collection from 2pm onwards on Tuesdays, but you could arrive anytime between then and 5pm.

We'd just need you to pick the products up (the supplier is based on Woodstock Road near St Giles), put them in your car (there's around 12 small boxes in each delivery, so no need for a big car) and drop them off at Appleton Shop. Could you help, maybe?

The more volunteers we have, the less frequently we'd need your help! Many thanks in advance.

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

www.facebook.com/appletoncommunityshop

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Village Life.

Every village has a hub,
Be it a church, a hall or just a pub
Appleton is no exception to the rule
Boasting also a shop, post office and primary school.

The hall probably the most versatile of all
Here are the memories I can recall.

From the days of blackout curtains
At the ending of the war
The hall served many purposes
An ever open door.

A baby clinic on a monthly rota
Cod liver oil and orange juice
You were issued with your quota
Any doubt that baby was not alright
The chance to see a doctor
Or just consult Nurse White

Tearful, fearful when it housed the dentist chair
Full of trepidation when the nurse looked in your hair.

Annually was the flower show
A chance to see perfection
Or a polling station, place to vote
In the year of an election.

Receptions and parties, we so enjoyed the chance
To quickstep across the floor or learn to ballet dance
Village life was good, it didn't seem a pity
Only one bus daily to connect you to the city
Not always for the better, things change over the years
One pub, one shop now, run by volunteers
But the hall and its purpose we hope will never die
Always being home to a continuing WI.
By Audrey Flynn 8/11/21

Audrey (Stimpson) a pupil at Appleton School in the 1940s, has composed several poems during the pandemic. We think this is appropriate as the hall is being refurbished.

- Nurse White was our resident district nurse and midwife, first call for anything we couldn't deal with at home, a diagnosis of measles, badly cut knee or baby to be delivered. (my younger brother was born at home in Netherton in February 1941).

Rum and the Navy

From Appleton Estate Rum to the Royal Navy - every sailor was given a daily portion of rum. In the beginning they were given beer, brandy or arrack. Arrack was a spirit made from coconut, rice and molasses – amongst other bases – in the Indian sub-continent. Eventually rum was chosen as the Navy standard “tot”. This custom was well set by 1850. It was readily available in the Caribbean and purchased in quantity.

In VAST quantities – generally a military secret - but records from the 1940s indicated a quantity of about 18,000,000 bottles of Rum per year. Enough bottles to stretch from London to New York.

Naval Rum was STRONG. Today our spirit drinks are usually 37.5% alcohol; Naval Rum was 50% stronger. It was a “proof” spirit – 57% alcohol. This was tested by wetting black gunpowder with the drink and putting a match to it. If it burned it was proof or over proof; if it didn't burn it was under proof.

As a student, a girlfriend returned from Ireland with a bottle labelled “Holy Water” for me. This was actually an illegally distilled alcohol produced from fermented potatoes - poteen. The tactic was – if she had been stopped in customs – that the appearance of poteen in the bottle was - “well – that's another miracle!”. The customs officers weren't prepared to argue these matters. I don't know how strong this spirit was but a finger dipped in it would readily burst into flame if lit; it was well over proof – as was the hangover after drinking it. *John Evans*

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.

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Green Appleton



Further to our piece in the February Advertiser, Green Appleton has now planted 30 metres of mixed hedging whips along the edge of Broadmoor Field (the field on the left side of the Green Lane at the first right hand bend). There were 9 of us and it took just over an hour. Thank you to all who came along and offered their time.

The whips were donated to the Parish by Wild Oxfordshire as part of their project to link hedgerows of Oxfordshire to create wildlife corridors as well as helping in a little way with Climate Change. Wild Oxfordshire (<https://wildoxfordshire.org.uk>) have been extremely supportive with their advice and guidance. Do take a look at their website to see the amazing work they do. We will be recording the

planting on the Queens Canopy Website (<https://queensgreencanopy.org>) to mark Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee. We hope to do much more planting in the coming months/years.

In the meantime, we will be organising an event in early April. Please look out for details in the April edition.

Finally, we've been thinking about what we might be able to do to reverse the effects of climate change – even small changes can help. As an example, what about reducing the temperature of your wash or even washing cold! Ariel has a cold wash challenge at the moment, inviting households to take part in the challenge and they will donate to the WWF's work.

If you wish to be involved with Green Appleton please contact:
greenappleton2021@gmail.com

News from the Appleton with Eaton Parish Council

Appleton Baby and Toddler Group

Appleton Baby and Toddler Group is back up and running every Friday morning from 9.30- 11.30 pm during term time in the village hall.

The group would welcome local volunteers to join in and help with this valued resource for the youngest members of our community, together with their parents and carers.

Volunteering could involve anything from making tea and coffee, helping with getting the hall ready, or welcoming newcomers.

You might like to help on the craft table or join in the music and singing session with the little ones at the end of each session.

If you would like to help, or find out more, please contact Steph on: appletontots@gmail.com

Besselsleigh Wood Group

The Parish Council would like to thank the Besselsleigh Wood Group for all they do to make the wood a wonderful place for us all to enjoy. Thanks for all you do!

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

APPLETON WITH EATON HISTORY GROUP



Discovering a lost manor: excavations and investigations at old Besselsleigh

talks by Jane Harrison,
Katie Hambrook & William Wintle

Find out about the latest discoveries and see some of the recent finds from our community archaeology project.

**Thursday 7th April, 7.30pm
in Appleton Village Hall, admission £4**

Wine and soft drinks, first drink included with entry ticket

Everyone welcome

The Appleton Area Archaeological Research Project team are back excavating in Besselsleigh during April, and there will be an opportunity to book a free place on a guided tour of the excavations on Friday 22nd April at 5pm or 6.15pm.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT:
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March 2022

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

The Church building is open every day for private prayer.

Wednesday 2nd	7.45pm for 8	Monthly Prayer Meeting in Church
Sunday 6th	8.00 am 10.00 am	BCP Holy Communion All-age Service
Sunday 13th	10:00 am 6.00 pm	Communion Service & creche and children's groups Evensong
Sunday 20th	8.00 am 10.00 am	BCP Holy Communion Morning Service & creche and children's groups
Sunday 27th	10.00 am 6.00 pm	All-age Mothering Sunday Service Evensong

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