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APPLETON VILLAGE HALL
SATURDAY 8TH OCTOBER 2022

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Dear Friends

Oracle, Arizona, lies 38 miles northeast of Tucson. It's a small, mountain town near where Buffalo Bill Cody once owned mines. Oracle later became famous as the location of Biosphere 2, an experimental structure designed to demonstrate the viability of a self-sustaining closed ecological system for supporting human life in outer space.

Complete with its own rain forest, ocean, grassland, wetland, and desert, Biosphere 2 enabled scientists to experiment with farming and innovation. Findings from this tiny, closed world led to a number of new ideas related to food production, plant growth, recycling of wastewater and air purification.

Biosphere 2 opened to great fanfare in 1991 when the first scientists were sealed in the facility and two years of experimentation began. As with any new endeavour, the scientists ran into unexpected problems and challenges. One of the most mystifying tests came when the trees began falling. Beautiful, majestic trees failed to mature fully within the closed ecosystem and began falling at alarming rates.

The trees toppling were totally unexpected. So what happened? Why would otherwise healthy conifers and palm trees simply collapse? The answer turned out to be simple: the lack of wind in the biosphere. The importance of wind in the development of the plant's life was among the most interesting things the researchers learned during the two-year experiment.

It turns out that physical stress presented by storms and winds is necessary for a tree to become strong. In the wild, wind and the occasional storm keep the tree moving as it grows, causing it to develop something called 'reaction wood' or 'tension wood'. This strong inner wood enables the tree to bend without breaking and survive stressful loads. Reaction wood also helps the tree adapt to its environment, including contorting towards the best light. Strong and stormy winds help the tree grow and thrive, even when bent into awkward shapes.

People are like trees. We need the winds of adversity and the pressure and challenge presented by crisis to sharpen us. Our stormy times and even failures can strengthen our inner beings and cause us to mature and thrive. Unexpected adversity is often painful yet crucial to our success and to developing true resilience.

With my very best wishes

Phil Parker
Rector

Appleton WI

Our October meeting will take the form of a Harvest Lunch.

We will meet in the Village Hall at 12 for 12.30 on Thursday, 20th October. There will be a raffle and a bring and buy stall.

A pleasant, relaxed time to spend together before the usual build up to Christmas.

Elaine Flint
01865 861838

Evergreen Club

We are having Evergreen as usual .

Visitors welcome to come and join us for tea and chat.

Why not give it a try. It would be nice to see new faces.

Ann Biles

9th Abingdon (Appleton) Scout Group

Cubs Tuesday 6.15-7.45

Scouts Thursday 7.00-8.30

Appleton Scout Group welcomes girls and boys aged from 7 1/2 to 10 1/2 (Cubs) and 10 1/2 to 14 (Scouts). We meet at Appleton Sports Fields for evenings packed full of fun and learning. If anyone is interested in joining as a child or a parent helper please contact Anna Dashwood.

annadashwood@hotmail.com

Scouts.org.uk

Appleton Village Hall

Suitable for meetings, parties, dances and wedding receptions.

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Appleton with Eaton History Group

The next meeting of the Appleton with Eaton History Group will meet on Thursday 6th October st 7.30 pm in the Village Hall. Everyone interested in local history is very welcome.

Please contact Jackie Lewis if you would like any information

(jackielewisthame@gmail.com or 07813 602638).

Green Appleton



The next meeting of Green Appleton will be on Wednesday 12th October, 7.30 pm at South Lawn.

We will be discussing our plans for the future. We look forward to seeing you.

In the meantime, if you have any questions or items you would like to discuss please contact us at: greenappleton2021@gmail.com

APPLETON WITH EATON HISTORY GROUP

The River at War

a talk by historian **Bill King**

**Find out how the River Thames
contributed to the defence of our country
during the Second World War**

**Thursday 20th October 2022 at 7.30pm
in Appleton Village Hall**

Everyone welcome, admission £4

Cash bar available

For further information, contact Jackie Lewis
(07813 602638 or jackielewisthame@gmail.com)

Appleton with Eaton Tennis Club



Club Finals Day was held on Sunday 11 Sep, and the weather stayed kind. We had a good turnout and some hard fought matches. Congratulations to all our Champions!

Ladies Singles: Lucy Ingram (runner-up Jane Bowen-Morris)

Ladies Plate: Tracey Palfreyman (runner-up Alice Parker)

Mens Singles: Aiden Casey (runner-up Paul Line)

Mens Plate: Andy Eastgate (runner-up Derek Neal)

Womens Doubles: Jane Cranston/Lucy Ingram (runners-up Rochelle Easgate/Alice Parker)

Mens Doubles: Andy Eastgate/Paul Line (runners-up Rik Gunderson/Robin Owen)

Mixed Doubles: Paul Magoris/Jane Cranston (runners-up Derek Neal/Lucy Ingram)

We are now heading into the Autumn/Winter season but being a hardy lot, the Club will be as busy as ever, and having the floodlights means that we can continue with all our evening as well as daytime activities. For a full range of sessions, and coaching opportunities, please see our Clubspark Website: <https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/> AppletonwithEatonTennisClub

We will be running our Indoor session at the White Leisure and Tennis Centre (Abingdon), through the colder months, on the first Wednesday of each month from 8-10pm, commencing on Wed 5 Oct. Look out for a Netcall e-mail with full details.

Opportunities for Non-Members

Unfortunately, we still cannot offer general Pay and Play sessions to Non-Members. However, our Adult Beginners Coaching session will be open to Non-Members as 'taster' sessions (with a view to joining the Club if they enjoy the tennis). The sessions are on Monday evenings, from 6.30-7.30pm and will be on a 'Pay and Play' arrangement at a cost of £10 per session. If you are interested in joining these sessions, then please contact Adrian Willett: adrianwillett@gmail.com or mob no: 07786 260765. Non-Members are also welcome at our Tennis Cardio session on Wednesdays from 9.30-10.30am at a cost of £7.50 per session. These sessions offer a friendly work-out and you only need very basic tennis skills. Also remember that Members are allowed to bring along visitors, at any time, for a small visitor fee. Finally, if you are not a Member but would like to join our thriving Club, please contact us by email - appletonwitheatontennisclub@gmail.com – we are now offering memberships at 50% full rate through to the end of the annual season (31 Mar 23).

For more information and to contact the club: Email:

appletonwitheatontennisclub@gmail.com

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

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MONTHLY TURNOVER

	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23
May	30,553	21,608	23,699
June	28,172	25,008	25,008
July	28,988	26,461	27,427
Aug	24,338	23,714	25,651
Sept	22,704	22,317	
Oct	22,402	21,125	
Nov	22,995	21,844	
Dec	24,992	24,552	
Jan	22,924	20,223	
Feb	22,000	18,923	
Mar	24,876	22,318	
April	22,316	21,454	

Thinking of Getting Involved?

If you would like to know more about volunteering, please contact the shop (01865 863191) or email: appletonshop@gmail.com

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Take a look at the Community Shop home page on the village website at: www.appleton-eaton.org

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Energy Price Increases

You may notice some strange goings on in the shop!

We are currently undertaking an exercise to see what options are available to us to reduce our electricity bills. Unless we can find ways of cutting our usage, our energy costs are in danger of rising to £20,000 a year. We are therefore currently checking how much energy each appliance uses.

We would like to give many thanks to James Barrett for several hours of his time spent installing the new energy monitors.

(You may already have noticed that the fruit and vegetable chiller is currently turned off).

When we have checked each appliance, we will know better whether old equipment uses much more electricity than new, whether we are charging enough for hot sausage rolls and pasties, whether we could manage without one of the freezers in the winter months, whether we need the aircon on all the time, or whether solar panels (even on the small amount of roof space we have) would be worth the investment.

It feels at the moment that every time we place an order there are price increases coming through and we are very conscious that with the huge rises in food costs, we want to do all we can to keep the increases we have to pass on to a minimum and reducing our energy usage will help us to do just that.

So when you see equipment being turned off, or being used in a different way – don't worry.

We're experimenting!

Appleton History – Appleton to Balmoral and beyond .

In about 1915 a young woman from Appleton answered a job advert in The Lady magazine. She wrote a pristine letter of application and sent it off together with two testimonials from people of standing. She got the job – at Balmoral Castle - working in the household of King George and Queen Mary.

For a daughter of Appleton this was a hugely prestigious step-up for the young woman - Norah Stimpson; a step-up that would change the rest of her life.

Norah was born in 1897 the daughter of George and Edith Stimpson. Just two years later a great fire destroyed their home – opposite Yew Tree Cottage. Norah spent four years at Balmoral mostly attending one of Queen Victoria's granddaughters. But Norah clearly didn't let the grass grow beneath her feet for she left Balmoral for a new job - in Australia!

Again this was probably secured by postal replies to magazine adverts; applying for a job from Balmoral Castle would have given her great credibility.

Norah spent the next ten years as lady-in-waiting to Dame Nellie Melba – an Australian operatic singer who was a global superstar. Norah would have travelled the world with her from Australia to America, Britain and Europe – all by ocean liners.

Dame Nellie's health went downhill – possibly a complication of early plastic surgery; she died in 1931. Norah returned to Britain and worked

looking after gentlefolk on the south coast.

When she retired she came back to Appleton and built a home on the site of her parent's – from Appleton to Appleton – via The World. I'm very grateful for the help of Peter Stimpson.

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.

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.

We are in need of more volunteer drivers. If you are interested in helping out, please call us and we will contact you with the relevant information

News from the Appleton with Eaton Parish Council

Books of Condolence

The books of condolence for Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II are now closed. They will remain in the Parish for the time being until future guidance is given for future safe keeping.

Access to the Northmoor Lock and the Thames Path

As many of you will know, the Parish Council applied for a Definitive Map Modification Order to secure access for residents and others to the Lock and Thames Path from the Appleton Landing. We have recently heard that this application, and the subsequent appeal, have not been successful. The PC would like to thank all those who submitted statements and who worked on the application.

The PC is aware that easy access to the Thames Path from the Parish is something in which residents retain a strong interest. We still hope for some resolution in the future.

Litter at the Sportsfield

There has been a recent report of a party at the sportsfield after which much litter was left behind.

The Leisure and Recreation Committee is delighted the facility is used for recreational purposes, but asks that users please clear up their litter – preferably taking the litter home but using the bins provided if not.

Walking after Dark

As the days begin to grow shorter, the council would like to remind people who are walking at night to please carry a torch and wear reflective clothing. This is for everyone's safety.

Allison Leigh, Parish Clerk
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Gardening Club



At the end of August, we went to Chivel Farm near Enstone to visit their lovely garden. Despite the drought we have experienced over the summer the garden was full of late summer perennials in full flower. The garden merges with the farmland giving wonderful views across the landscape. After an introduction we were escorted round the garden by the owner who explained in detail the progress of the garden over the years. Once we had wandered around looking at the colour themed borders, we had tea and cakes sitting on the terrace. A lovely afternoon enjoyed by all.

Our winter programme of lectures begins again in October. Details are listed below:

12 October 2022 Val Bourne The Living Jigsaw Explained – in the School Hall

Val is a very well-known organic gardener and garden writer. She has visited us before and, on this occasion, will explain how a diversity of wildlife brings a natural balance to the garden.

9 November 2022 Michael Holland Five Plants That Changed The World – on Zoom

Michael is an ecologist, educator and author whose mission is to explain to us all the vital role that plants play in our daily lives. He spent 17 years as Head of Education at the Chelsea Physic Garden.

11 January 2023 Joe Wainwright How To Take Better Garden Photographs – on Zoom

Joe is an award winning professional garden photographer whose work has been widely published in a range of gardening and other

publications and on websites both here in the UK and abroad. His talk will be for all of us, including beginners, using any camera.

8 February 2023 Andrew Mikolajski Shakespeare's Plants And Gardens – in the School Hall

Andrew is an experienced gardening author and speaker who has recently been a horticultural adviser to a project to revise the RHS Encyclopedia of Plants and Flowers. He has a particular interest in garden history.

8 March 2023 Rosy Hardy Spring Flowering Perennials – in the School Hall

Rosy founded and runs Hardy's Cottage Garden Plants in Whitchurch, Hampshire which specialises in herbaceous perennials. She has visited us before and will bring a selection of plants for sale.

12 April 2023 Roselle Chapman Why Wild Bees Matter – in the School Hall

Roselle is a conservation manager and since 2017 has been a Community Ecologist at Wild Oxfordshire. She has a PhD in Ecology from UCL. One element of her studies was the conservation of bumble bees in urban areas.

All the lectures begin at 7.30 pm and are free to all. If you are interesting in joining us do get in touch with aegardeningclub@gmail.com for the link to lectures being held on Zoom.

*Hon. Secretary
Janet Hutton
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October 2022

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The Church building is open every day for all to visit.

Sunday 2nd Harvest Festival	8.00 am 10.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP) All Age Service & Creche
Sunday 9th	10.00 am 6.00 pm	<i>Know your place-Genesis 1:26-30</i> Holy Communion & Creche Evensong (BCP)
Sunday 16th	8.00 am 10:00 am	<i>More on the 'image'-Genesis 1:26-30</i> Holy Communion (BCP) Morning Service & Creche
Sunday 23rd	10.00 am 6.00 pm	<i>Completed & resting - Genesis 1:31-2:3</i> Communion Service & Creche Evensong (BCP)
Sunday 30th	10.00 am	<i>The secret of flourishing-Genesis 2:4-17</i> Morning Service & Creche

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