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This year is the 40th anniversary of the Falklands War, fought during the Spring and early Summer of 1982. Two posthumous Victoria Crosses were awarded during that campaign – one to Lt Col 'H' Jones and the other to Sgt Ian McKay, both of the Parachute Regiment.

After a gruelling tab (battle march) all the way across East Falkland, 3 PARA conducted a night assault on an enemy battalion in prepared positions on Mount Longdon. Whilst reconnoitring an enemy position, the Platoon Commander was wounded in the leg and command passed to Sgt McKay. It was clear that instant action was needed if the advance was not to stall with increasing casualties. Sgt McKay decided, therefore, to attack even though he was in no doubt about the strength of the enemy positions and, after quickly gathering a number of men, broke cover and charged. The assault was met with a withering hail of fire with two soldiers wounded and one killed. Sgt McKay, with complete disregard for his safety, continued the charge alone and on reaching an enemy position cleared it with grenades, thereby relieving 4 and 5 Platoons.

His medal citation continues the story:

*Sergeant McKay, however, was killed at the moment of victory, his body falling on the bunker. Without doubt Sergeant McKay's action retrieved a most dangerous situation and was instrumental in ensuring the success of the attack. His was a coolly calculated act, the dangers of which must have been all too apparent to him beforehand. Undeterred he performed with outstanding selflessness, perseverance and courage. With a complete disregard for his own safety, he displayed courage and leadership of the highest order, and was an inspiration to all those around him.*

I served with the Parachute Regiment between 1997 and 1999 and his name was always spoken with quiet deference and huge respect. We are able to remember him and millions of others who gave their lives in war for our and others' freedom this month on Sunday 13 November. We gather in church at 10am for an All Age Service, with children especially in mind, and then at the War Memorial at 10.45am. Please do join us.

Whenever I think of Sgt McKay, I am reminded of Jesus' sacrificial death. Deliberate and with us in view, effective in making possible freedom from the penalty that our attitude to God deserves, and a demonstration of God's love for each one of us.

With my very best wishes

**Phil Parker**  
**Rector**

## **Books for sale**

A selection of second-hand books in good condition are on sale in the church (open 9am -5pm), with all proceeds going to support those suffering as a result of the on-going war in Ukraine. Topics include gardening, mountaineering, military, sport, fiction and a few DVDs. Hardbacks £1 and paperback 50p.

## **Evergreen Club 11th November at 2pm**

### **Appleton Village Hall**

After the sad death of Trish Wagstaff who had run the club for over 40years we are still trying to keep it going.

So why not give it a try. Would be lovely to see new members for tea/chat and more. Give it a try.

## **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
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## **Service of Thanksgiving for the life of**

**Patricia Wagstaff,  
1932-2022**

**on Saturday 12  
November 2022 at  
3pm**

Friends are warmly invited to celebrate Trish's remarkable life at a memorial service in St Laurence Church, Appleton, conducted by the Reverend Bob Penman.

The service will be followed by tea in Appleton Village Hall, to which all are heartily welcome.

## **Appleton WI**

Our November meeting will take place at 2pm on Thursday, November 17th in the village hall. We will be exercising, don't worry -on our chairs, to cheerful music.

Since our last meeting we have heard of the death of a long term, amazing member, Tricia Wagstaff. She has raised thousands of pounds for charities, not for her by the usual methods. She abseiled down high buildings, jumped out of aeroplanes and tried a bit of wingwalking! We shall miss her.

*Elaine Flint*  
01865 861838

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### A FULL HOUSE

Over 60 people, of all ages, attended the Bingo evening. As well as eight tense games of Bingo participants enjoyed a delicious vegetarian lasagne.



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### EQUIPMENT

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# Appleton with Eaton Tennis Club



We are now well 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; the next session will be on 2 Nov. See Club Website for full details.

## Wimbledon 2023 Public Ballot – Members and Non-Members

The Public Ballot for Wimbledon 2023 is now open and available to all members of the General Public (ie Club Members and Non-Members alike). Applications to enter the Ballot must be submitted (on-line) by Tue 15 Nov 22. Go to:

[https://www.wimbledon.com/en\\_GB/mywimbledon/](https://www.wimbledon.com/en_GB/mywimbledon/)

(If you have a “myWimbledon” account you should already have received an e-mail concerning the Public Ballot).

## 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: [adrianmwillett@gmail.com](mailto:adrianmwillett@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 -

[appletonwithheatontennisclub@gmail.com](mailto:appletonwithheatontennisclub@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:

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[www.appleton-eaton.org](http://www.appleton-eaton.org)

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## Christmas Orders

Order forms will be available in the shop.

Turkeys are going to be in really short supply this year and at the time of going to press, the availability of turkeys to order from the shop is unknown.

When or if they become available, we will advertise this in the shop and on both the shop and the Appleton Community Facebook pages.

We will be taking orders for all your Christmas essentials, including sausage meat, pigs in blankets, and hams etc. from Michael Cain, Cornfield bread, speciality local cheese, fresh fruit and vegetables, so pick up an order form, shop local and avoid the Christmas rush.

We have a good selection of charity Christmas cards this year and we hope to have printed Christmas wrapping paper that can be recycled, also brown paper to decorate for yourself.

## Our Christmas Appeal for New Volunteers

Not everyone knows it, but Appleton

Community Shop is just that - A shop run by the community.

A remarkable 70 people volunteer to help with the shop, supporting the 4 part-time paid staff. Volunteers generously give a couple of hours per week of their time, on average, to help out. Many work behind the till, but others are 'behind the scenes' opening/closing up, sorting newspapers, baking pasties or ordering and collecting stock.

Would you like to join us...? We would love to hear from anyone with a couple of hours to spare. It could be weekly, fortnightly or ad hoc. Training is provided, so no experience necessary.

In particular, we have a regular 'gap' on Friday

## 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	24,070
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	

## Stamps are changing

As most people know, Royal Mail has changed the style of stamps to include a bar code, to make sorting more efficient. The old stamps can be swapped by going to Royal Mail online, following instructions and downloading a form.

Alternatively old stamps can be used up to the end of January 2023.

All stamps can still be used for Christmas posting. Special/picture stamps are not changing and can still be used after January 2023

afternoons serving behind the till between 1pm and 3pm and are always on the look-out for early birds who'd be interested in the 6.30am 'opening up' shift.

Could you help out? Do pop in or give us a shout on [appletonshop@gmail.com](mailto:appletonshop@gmail.com) or 01865 863191... It would be wonderful to fill these gaps for 2023.

Emma, is one of the shop's regular helpers. We're very grateful to her, and all the other brilliant volunteers, for keeping our valuable shop going strong!

Take a look at the Community Shop home page on the village website at: [www.appleton-eaton.org](http://www.appleton-eaton.org)

And Follow us on Facebook [www.facebook.com/appletoncommunityshop](http://www.facebook.com/appletoncommunityshop)

## Gardening Club



We had a very interesting talk in October given by Val Bourne called "The Living Jigsaw" which was based on a book she wrote on the wildlife in her garden, particularly the insects she has found there. Val started her career in nursing, followed by teaching before she moved into vegetable research, after which she returned to teaching and she finally went into radio and writing. She has always gardened organically and while she was working in vegetable research became more aware of the need to keep nature in balance. For instance, if you kill all the slugs and snails with chemicals, you won't attract birds into your garden as they won't have a food source. Insects need plants to feed on as well as to lay their eggs which in turn need plants to

feed. Using chemicals destroys the food chain.

Val's 1/3 of an acre garden in the Cotswolds is south facing but cold due to the elevation. She took us through the seasons from the spring garden to the winter garden showing pictures of the insects who have a home in the garden. By densely planting, helping to maintain moisture and keeping down the weeds, the garden is full of colour throughout the year. Included in the garden are wild areas which allow mammals like hedgehogs to find a home as well as allowing orchids and brown butterflies to flourish. Where the roses or paeonies are growing, they are surrounded by daisy type open flowers which give plenty of food for pollinators. Val gave us many ideas which we can use in our own gardens.

At the end of the talk Val's book "The Living Jigsaw" was available to purchase.

Our November talk will be given by Michael Holland on "Five Plants that Changed the World". 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. The meeting will start at 7.30 pm and will be held on Zoom and is free of charge. If you would like to join us, please email [aegardeningclub@gmail.com](mailto:aegardeningclub@gmail.com) so that you can be sent the link to the meeting.

*Janet Hutton  
Hon. Sec.  
01865 865269*

## Appleton Village Hall

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# **News from the Appleton with Eaton Parish Council**

## **Footpath to A420**

The Council is aware of the dangers of walking between Oaksmere and the A420. The Council would like to set up an Advisory Group to the Council to look at finding a safer route along Oaksmere for pedestrians to reach the A 420 bus stop.

If you are interested, please contact the Clerk.

In the meantime, 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.

## **Citizens Advice**

Would you welcome advice regarding dealing with the increased cost of living? Or help with managing your debts or understanding benefits available? If so, Citizens Advice may be able to help. They provide a free service giving information and advice on a wide range of issues.

See their website on [citizensadvice.org.uk](http://citizensadvice.org.uk) or ring them on 0808 278 7907, available Monday to Friday between 9am and 5pm.

## **Cost-of-Living**

The Parish Council is working with local organisations on ways to assist all residents during the cost-of-living crisis which affects everyone.

The Council is welcome to any ideas residents have as to how the village can come together to assist each other during this difficult time.

## **Tree Planting**

Frosts Garden Centre (now Webbs) kindly donated a hornbeam tree to the village. Councillor Teresa Bennett has been nurturing it in her garden and it will be planted by the scouts at the sportsfield.

## **Pop-Up Cafe**

By the time of issue, we will have had our first Pop Up Café. We hope many of you were able to attend and enjoyed it. We haven't determined the exact schedule of how often these will run, but plan to hold them regularly. So, look out for a shout out, poster on the noticeboard and on the website for details. You can also always contact the Parish Clerk for information.

*Allison Leigh, Parish Clerk*  
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The Church building is open every day for all to visit.

Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup>	8.00 am	<i>Sex in paradise – Genesis 2:18-25</i>
	10.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP) Holy Communion & Creche
Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 am	<b>REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY</b>
	10:45 am	All Age Service & Creche Act of Remembrance
	6.00 pm	War Memorial & Refreshments Evensong (BCP)
Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 am	<i>Advent – Matthew 25:31-46</i> Holy Communion & Creche
	10.00 am	<i>The fundamentals are sound – Luke 1</i> Communion Service & Creche
Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup>	6.00 pm	Evensong (BCP)

### **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](mailto:rector@stlaurencechurchappleton.org)