

# Advertiser

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## VILLAGE MAP APPEAL: COMMEMORATING A 70-YEAR REIGN

*Please help Appleton's appeal to raise funding for its historical map*

### Appleton with Eaton

A community through time

The village's 'working village' of Appleton is a village of ancient lands that stretch from the River Trent. Some 500 years have been found in the village, and in that time there was a substantial settlement of communities. Some of the most significant described in an English Royal Warrant of 1534 and appeared in the Ordnance Survey of 1865, suggest it was where apples and other fruit were grown for the monastic orders. The 18th English word for local game fables in name. Since 1976, this thriving community has been part of Gainsborough.

#### Siges fields, woods, trees

With 4000 trees, 10000 bushes and 10000 plants, the village is a green oasis. The trees are a mix of ancient and modern, and many are protected by law. The trees are a mix of ancient and modern, and many are protected by law. The trees are a mix of ancient and modern, and many are protected by law.

#### Recreation and sport

Appleton has a long history of recreation and sport. The village has a number of sports grounds, including a football pitch and a tennis court. The village has a long history of recreation and sport.

#### The Railway

The railway was built in 1865 and has been a major part of the village's history. The railway was built in 1865 and has been a major part of the village's history.

#### History on foot

The village has a long history of walking and footpaths. The village has a long history of walking and footpaths.

#### The Plough Inn

The Plough Inn is a historic building that has been a part of the village's history. The Plough Inn is a historic building that has been a part of the village's history.

#### The almshouse

The almshouse was built in 1534 and has been a part of the village's history. The almshouse was built in 1534 and has been a part of the village's history.

#### Appleton Community Centre and Post Office

The community centre and post office are important buildings in the village. The community centre and post office are important buildings in the village.

#### Bellringers and a bell-ringing dynasty

The village has a long history of bell-ringing. The village has a long history of bell-ringing.

#### Eaton and Bablock Hythe

Eaton and Bablock Hythe are important areas in the village. Eaton and Bablock Hythe are important areas in the village.

#### St Lawrence Church

St Lawrence Church is a historic building that has been a part of the village's history. St Lawrence Church is a historic building that has been a part of the village's history.

#### Thirty two listed buildings

The village has 32 listed buildings, which are important parts of its heritage. The village has 32 listed buildings, which are important parts of its heritage.

#### Modern Appleton

Modern Appleton is a vibrant community with many amenities. Modern Appleton is a vibrant community with many amenities.

#### A culinary heritage

The village has a rich culinary heritage, with many traditional dishes. The village has a rich culinary heritage, with many traditional dishes.

**See page 9 for details**

## **Dear Friends**

A young man once found a £5 note in the street. From that time on, he never lifted his eyes when walking. In the course of the years, he accumulated 29,516 buttons, 54,172 pins, 12 pence, a bent back and a miserly disposition. He lost the glory of the sunlight, the sheen of the stars, the smile of friends, the trees in blossom in the spring, the blue skies and the entire joy of living. A person's priorities matter!

At the beginning of Mark's Gospel, as Jesus began his public ministry, he was immediately inundated with demands from the sick to be healed. He was pretty much putting the NHS out of business. Following a full and exhausting day's work, he rises early and on being found by Peter, praying, says, "Let us go somewhere else – to the nearby villages – so that I can preach there also. That is why I have come" (Mark 1:38). Jesus' decision to turn his back on the sick is not a lack of compassion; rather he has decided he has even more important work to do. For Jesus, three priorities shaped his life and should guide us as a church family in our life together:

### **1. Words are more important than deeds**

Deeds are very important, aren't they? We say, "Actions speak louder than words." But Jesus says words matter even more. You see, without his words, you can completely misunderstand his life and death. You might look at his life and think, "Here was a very good man, who lived for others." But his words claim that he was God in human form. You might look at his death and think, "What a tragic end to an impressive life." But his words claim that his death brings the offer of forgiveness and his resurrection the possibility of life for ever.

### **2. The soul is more important than the body**

The care of the body is very important, isn't it? We rightly hold those in the medical professions in very high regard, especially when we, or those close to us, are ill or injured. And Jesus showed deep compassion and unstinting care for the sick and disabled. He could have spent every waking hour healing people's bodies, but instead, he concentrated on teaching people's minds, changing people's hearts and restoring people's souls.

### **3. Eternity is more important than time**

Time is very important, isn't it? It's extremely valuable and once gone, it's gone forever. Time is very important, but it won't last forever. And when it's gone, all that will be left will be eternity – time that lies beyond death. And Jesus says, "This matters even more." So, don't be so caught up with time and all your hopes for 2023 that you fail to plan for eternity and so are not ready for it when it comes. For come it will and it's a great deal longer than time and infinitely more important.

With my very best wishes for the New Year and 2023,

Phil Parker

*Rector*

## News from Appleton with Eaton Tennis Club – Jan 2023



Deep into winter, but we are a hardy lot at the Tennis Club and continuing with most of our evening as well as daytime activities, except when the courts have been frozen up! For a full range of sessions, and coaching opportunities, please see our Clubspark Website: <https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/>  
**AppletonwithEatonTennisClub**

For our less hardy Members, the next Indoor session at the White Horse Leisure and Tennis Centre (Abingdon), will be on Wednesday 4 January 2023 from 8-10pm. See Club Website for full details, and look out for a Netcall reminder.

The Friday Junior Coaching programme finished at the end of November, but we hope to start the Spring Courses after the February half-term holiday on Friday 24 February 2023. Please lookout for more details on the Club Website, Netcall e-mails, and the Primary School Newsletter.

### **Presentation Evening and Xmas Drinks on 9 December 2022**

The Club held its annual Presentation Evening and Xmas Drinks in the Village Hall on Friday 9 December. Thanks to James and his team at the "Interim Inn" for providing the mulled wine and mince pies. (What a great little social facility, on Friday nights in the small Village Hall whilst the Plough Pub remains shut! Please do try out, and support, the "Interim Inn" if you've not already done so).

Congratulations to all our Club Tournament winners who received their engraved trophies on the evening. In addition, special congratulations to our 2 Junior Award winners:

Sam Lee – the Most Improved Junior Player (The Gilkes Cup) and

Edward Moorhouse – the Most Promising Junior Player (The Polly Birch Award sponsored by Richard and Felicity Dick). Enjoy that new racquet, Edward!

### **The AGM - Fri 24 February 2023**

Looking further ahead - a reminder that the Club's AGM will be held in the Village Hall on the evening of Friday 24 February. Further

## Appleton WI

As we now meet in the afternoons, your committee have decided to hold a meeting at 2pm on Thursday, 19th January, 2023, in the village hall. We cancelled January meetings when we met in the evenings because members didn't like the idea of going out on cold, dark January nights. We won't have a speaker because there will be a lot to discuss including resolutions for the 2023 OFWI Annual Meeting. There will be a raffle and a stall, so bring those unwanted Christmas presents. They may be just what someone was looking for.

It will be nice to get together again after the hurly burly of the festive season.

Visitors will be especially welcome.

*Elaine Flint*  
01865 861838

## Evergreen Club

Evergreen on January 13th at 2pm in the Village Hall.

Tea and entertainment.

All welcome, just come along.

details will be sent to Members at the end of January. This event has been very poorly attended in the past. Whilst the Club is thriving, difficulties continue with the constitution of the Committee and we remain without a permanent chairman. We would therefore urge as many Members, as possible, to attend and engage in the discussions on the future management of the Club.

**For more information and to contact the club:**

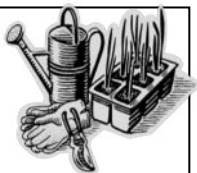
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## Gardening Club

December started with unusually cold weather – hopefully our gardens will not have suffered too much as over the past few years we have got used to growing more tender plants. On January 11<sup>th</sup> we will have a talk given by Joe Wainwright on How to Take Better Garden Photographs. 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.



In February we will be having a talk by Andrew Mikolajski on Shakespeare's Plants and Gardens.

Our meeting on 11th January will take place on Zoom and starts at 7.30 pm. If you would like to join us please email [aegardeningclub@gmail.com](mailto:aegardeningclub@gmail.com) for a link to the meeting. The link will be open from 7.15 pm.

Janet Hutton, Hon. Sec.  
01865 865269

## Hardship Fund

The Appleton Trust has some funds available to help those individuals or families in immediate hardship with no other means of support.

Please apply to clerk to The Appleton Clerk

[AppletonTrust@yahoo.com](mailto:AppletonTrust@yahoo.com)

The Appleton Trust takes your privacy very seriously and will not pass your personal details on to anyone

## Appleton with Eaton History Group

wishes everyone a very happy New Year

We look forward to welcoming new members to our group in 2023.

Our first meeting is in the village hall on Thursday 12th January at 7.30 pm when we will be discussing events for the coming year.

Don't forget to pop into the village shop for the latest edition of AwESome Histories!

For any enquiries please contact Jackie Lewis (07813 602638 or [jackielewisthame@gmail.com](mailto:jackielewisthame@gmail.com))

## Green Appleton Happy New Year!

We now have a constitution and you may be interested to read our aims and objectives.

### Aims:

Conserve and restore nature within Appleton, Eaton and Besselsleigh to tackle global environmental challenges and maximise the benefits we gain from nature.

### Objectives:

- Enhance, restore and connect local habitats
- Maintain and enhance biodiversity
- Encourage sustainable living
- Work across generations

### Mission Statement:

'Think globally, act locally' for nature.

### Upcoming events:

Green Windmill Day Sat 25th March 2023.  
Hedge Planting late January or February 2023 - Date TBC

As ever, if you have any questions or want to be involved please contact us at:

[greenappleton2021@gmail.com](mailto:greenappleton2021@gmail.com)

## **Appleton History & Mental Health**

We turned off the road in Hinton Waldrist downhill to the remote hamlet of Duxford. Here was a strikingly tall and ancient house against which was a huge store of logs. We needed logs and called on the home; we met an elderly lady who said that her son – John – sold logs and would be happy to deliver them.

Thus John BATTIS,49, supplied us with logs; he was every inch a charming countryman – he was reserved and lived alone with his mother.

Later I asked John if he could help clear our new garden and what his charges would be; I was thinking of about £6 per hour – in 1990. He disarmed me by saying he was then being paid £12 per day - I suddenly found myself talking his rate up! John seemed to be a Victorian at the end of the 20th century.

He then told me that his mother was ill – and he had no idea of how to make any sort of meal. At the end of each day he called in to the shop in Hinton and bought food for them both. A little later he mentioned the Macmillan nurses were visiting his mother - I assumed she was terminally ill. I hadn't mentioned to John that I was a doctor – I thought it might distance us.

Tragically John went home from our garden and decided to end his mother's suffering - by shooting her in her head. I've no doubt he acted as he thought best. John must have seen no future and then shot himself. Both are buried together in the extended graveyard at Hinton.

It is easy to become isolated in the countryside and rural men are at risk of committing suicide; a shotgun at home greatly adds to that risk.

John Evans

### **Dr Mary Akinola**

Dr Mary Akinola is leaving the Botley and Kennington Medical Practice. Her leaving party is Friday 3rd February 3.30 in Kennington Health Centre.

All are welcome

Chris Sugden

PPG Secretary

csugden@ocrpl.org

**Appleton website is now**  
[www.appleton-eaton.org](http://www.appleton-eaton.org)

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## Message from our Chairman- Jane Cranston



For the last couple of years I've written a New Year message only to discover that the Advertiser arrives in your letterbox before Christmas whilst the mood is still one of frenetic organisation rather than long term planning!

So may I wish you a wonderful Christmas (if you're reading this before Christmas), a chilled break (if you are reading it between Christmas and New Year) and a very Happy, Healthy and Safe 2023 (if you are reading it at any other time!)

After a demanding 2022 when turnover fell, then rose again (regrettably due to food price inflation). Your

Shop's New Year Resolutions are:

**To keep a firm eye on costs, especially energy costs, as all increased costs can only be reflected in increased prices and we're doing our best to keep our prices as low as sensibly possible.**

**To listen to what you want. Please let us know if there are any additions or changes you'd like to see. No promises in advance but please do tell us.**

**To increase our pool of both regular and stand in volunteers (PLEASE READ THIS BIT!)**

One of the reasons (amongst many) that our Community Shop works so well is that our wonderful villages produce a large pool of volunteers. This means that 'regulars' can happily say 'oops not this week', without having a guilty conscience as there is always someone in the wings who will step in and cover (we all swap about a lot!). This cover is increasingly falling onto too few people and before the resilience cracks, it would be terrific to be able to increase the number of regular and stand in volunteers. No worries if you're away a lot or can't always do the same day of the week.

You could be extremely helpful at easing the pressure at certain pinch points. We particularly notice our stress points during the periods when grandparents are on grandparent duty and in September/October when many retired villagers take their holidays. (Am also feeling nervous in anticipation of February this year too, as Australia seems to be a favoured destination in 2023 for several of our regulars!)

An extra non-working parent or two during term time? An extra recently retired person or two who don't want to commit to regular volunteering? One or two more people who could do afternoons?

Is there anyone who would like to help with non-till jobs? Putting away orders? Taking on responsibility for some areas of ordering? Baking? Closing Up? Collecting orders?

Opening up (your writer found herself doing 5 out of 8 mornings one week last year, when most of the opening up team went on holiday the same week!)?

Please do talk to one of us. Tell us what you could do and we'd love to hear from you. We know that our community (and I emphasise the word community) shop is needed, loved and valued.

Please see if you can help us to keep it that way! Your New Year's Resolution perhaps!

On behalf of the Directors, the Staff and all the current Volunteers I wish you all a

**Healthy, Peaceful and Happy New Year.**

**Shop Turnover for November 2022: £24,697**

**Shop Opening Times over New Year:**

Day	Date	Shop Opens	Shop Closes	Post Office	Newspapers
Sun New Year's Day	1 <sup>st</sup> Jan	9am	11am		Collection only
Mon Bank Holiday	2 <sup>nd</sup> Jan	9am	11am	Closed	Collection only
Tues	3 <sup>rd</sup> Jan	7am	6pm	9am-1pm	As normal
Wed	4 <sup>th</sup> Jan	7am	6pm		As normal

**Post Office Update**

**New Date for using up old style non barcoded stamps**

An announcement has been made by the Post Office that the date for using up old style stamps without bar codes will now be extended to the end of July 2023 rather than January 2023 as previously reported.

**Post Office opening times in January:**

Closed on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> January (Bank Holiday)

Otherwise: Open Mondays and Thursdays 9 am -1 pm



**Volunteers Needed for 2023 - Please see the Chair's report on Page 6**

Get in touch with a staff member if you are interested in any of the volunteer roles at our wonderful Community Shop.

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

## **Pop-Up Café**

A Pop-Up Café was held in early December and was well-attended.

The Parish Council will be holding the next Pop-Up Café on Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> January from 10am – 12noon. The craft group will be there, so feel free to join in, bring your own craft or just come for a hot drink and a chat! We hope to see you there!

## **Footpath to A420**

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.

## **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.

## **Website**

The Parish Council sends out emails to subscribers with news on a regular basis. If you aren't already subscribed and would like to be, please visit [appleton-eaton.org](http://appleton-eaton.org) and scroll to the bottom of the home page where there is a space for people to put in an email address and subscribe.

The Parish Council invites all village organisations to have a look at the website and send any updates to the Clerk. We would like to keep the website current, so any information you have to help us would be most useful.

## **Coronation of HRH King Charles III**

The coronation of HRH King Charles III will take place on Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup> May 2023. The Parish is looking for your ideas as to help the Parish celebrate this occasion. Please contact the Clerk with any suggestions you may have.

**Allison Leigh, Parish Clerk**

**01865 865 876 / [parishclerk.appletonwitheaton@gmail.com](mailto:parishclerk.appletonwitheaton@gmail.com)**



# VILLAGE MAP APPEAL



We need to raise £2500 to mount the map designed for the Platinum Jubilee in the centre of the village. It will be both a community thank-you to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, and a celebration of the village's historical identity..

The total cost of the project is almost £5000. To date we have raised half of that sum through individual gifts and pledges.

If you would like to be part of Appleton's history, **please contribute to our campaign.**

## To give now

Use our *GoFundMe* page

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/appleton-information-board>

Pay by *bank transfer* to "Appleton with Eaton History Group", Barclays Bank (Sort code: 20-97-48; Acc no: 83760227).

By *Cheque*, made payable to "Appleton with Eaton History Group", can also be sent directly to Angela Arnold (Treasurer) 13 Conifer Close, Botley, Oxford OX2 9HP

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## Appleton with Besselsleigh

A growing church eager to serve the community

### SUNDAY SERVICES

## January 2023

<b>Sunday 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b> The Ven David Tyler <i>Acting Archdeacon of Dorchester</i>
<b>Sunday 8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>8.00am</b> <b>10.00am</b> <b>6.00pm</b>	<b>Holy Communion (BCP)</b> <b>All-age Epiphany Service</b> <b>Evensong (BCP)</b>
<b>Sunday 15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b> The Revd Nigel Knights Johnson  <i>The Cup – Luke 22:39-46</i>
<b>Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>10.00am</b> <b>6.00pm</b>	<b>Morning Service</b> <b>Evensong (BCP)</b>  <i>Betrayal and denial – Luke 22:47-62</i>
<b>Sunday 29<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Communion Service</b>

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