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Calling all wildlife detectives!

Green Appleton is keen for everyone to start looking at the flora and fauna in Appleton, Eaton and Besselsleigh. We're interested in learning about the many different species in our community - little and large! After the success of our Bio-Blitz at the school fete, we're keen to get everyone involved (young and old). We'll feed back the results and there may be prizes for the most interesting find!

Download the i-naturalist app and get observing. You'll find all the information to get you started here:



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Dear Friends,

Appleton church is one of 245 English churches dedicated to St Laurence (or Lawrence) – the 15th most common dedication in the country. St Laurence seems to have been particularly popular in this area, with the churches at Besselsleigh, Tubney, North and South Hinksey all having this dedication.

It is likely the cult of St Laurence came to this country from Rome with St Augustine in the 6th century. Laurence is a Roman saint and was highly regarded there, with five ancient basilicas dedicated to him, including one built over his tomb. In the 7th century, Pope Vitalian sent relics of St Laurence to King Oswiu of Northumbria; and English dedications to St Laurence are known to go back to the 8th century. He is one of the few saints who survived the English reformation, with his commemoration day, August 10th, being included in the Church of England Calendar from 1552.

Who, then, was St Laurence and why did he become so popular? His existence and his martyrdom are documented but other stories about him are legend. Laurence was a deacon in Rome at the time of the Christian persecution ordered by Emperor Valerian. His bishop, Sixtus II, was beheaded in AD 258. Tradition has it that the Prefect of Rome then ordered Laurence to give up the Church's property and money to him within three days. Laurence quickly distributed what there was to the poor and sick and on the third day brought these people to the Prefect as 'the Church's treasures'. In anger, the Prefect ordered Laurence to be burnt on a gridiron over a fire.

Thus, the gridiron is the emblem of St Laurence; and he became patron saint of cooks and the poor. There are statues of St Laurence with a gridiron on the outside of our church over the South Porch door and on the lectern inside the church; and the story of his martyrdom is depicted in the Blackwell memorial window next to the pulpit.

What does the story of St Laurence mean for us today? His faithfulness to God in the face of persecution is an example for us, although in a society where we are free to believe and worship as we wish it is perhaps difficult for us to see ourselves in his place. Perhaps more relevant for us is the way Laurence saw true value and riches in the people of God, particularly the poor and sick, rather than in material possessions and monetary wealth; and that he saw the Church as being the community of God's people. Is this an example that can inspire us in the way we live and act as individuals, as a Church and as a village community.

On Sunday 13th August, three days after St Laurence's Day, we are having a Songs of Praise service at 4.00pm in St Laurence church. Please join us as part of our community to sing our favourite hymns and commemorate our patron saint, St Laurence.

(Sources: 'Why Saint Laurence', Gridiron August 1969; Oxford Dictionary of Saints.)

With my best wishes

Pete Day - Churchwarden



**St Laurence Church
Appleton with Besselsleigh**

SONGS OF PRAISE

Sunday 13th August 4pm

Come and join us to sing your favourite hymns and worship songs. There is a sheet in the church for you to give us your choice, which we will try to include; or contact Pete Day.



Bring the whole family for a joyous sing-along and bring a picnic to enjoy afterwards in the churchyard (or in the church if the weather is unkind).

ALL AGE SERVICE

Sunday 3rd September 10.00am

Come at 9.45 to enjoy coffee and croissants before the service and to meet David Tyler the Archdeacon, who will be leading our worship.



As we begin the search for our new Rector, after the service members of the PCC will be present and would like to hear your views on how you hope to see St Laurence church grow.

Jane Cranston & Pete Day, Churchwardens
Contact Pete: 01865 862671; p.h.m.day202@btinternet.com



Appleton Cricket Club



Join Us and Support our Crowdfunder for New Cricket Covers!

Are you passionate about cricket and looking for a welcoming and inclusive club to join? Look no further than Appleton Cricket Club! We extend a warm invitation to players of all ages and abilities to be part of our exciting cricket season on Netherton Road.

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Upcoming Fixtures:

- Sunday 6th August: Appleton CC vs. Cumnor (Home)
- Sunday 13th: Appleton CC vs. OUHCC (Home)
- Wednesday 16th: Appleton CC vs. Heineman (Home)
- Sunday 27th: Appleton CC vs. Hannay (Away)
- Sunday 3rd September: Captain's Pick (Home)

We invite you to come and watch our matches or even be part of it and experience the excitement, and feel the thrill of the game. If you're interested in joining our team, please reach out to our dedicated captains:

- Wayne Geller (Sunday Captain): wayne.geller@btinternet.com
- Alex Gilkes (Midweek Captain): alexgilkes@hotmail.com

At Appleton Cricket Club, we are committed to improving our facilities. Currently, we are raising funds for new cricket covers to enhance the quality of our pitch. Your support is crucial! When you contribute to our crowdfunder, we want to express our gratitude with special rewards exclusive to our donors.

To learn more about our crowdfunding campaign, explore the available rewards, and make a donation, please visit our website at appletoncc.com. Your support will help us provide an even better experience for our players and enhance the future of our club.

Join Appleton Cricket Club and be part of a community that shares your love for the game. Discover the joy of cricket, forge new friendships, and contribute to our exciting journey.

Visit appletoncc.com today to explore more about Appleton Cricket Club and our crowdfunder campaign.

Goings on at Appleton Village Hall

By the time you read this, the upgrade of the village hall kitchen will be complete – with many thanks to Adrian Willett, Nick Hester and Gary Holloway as well as to a number of volunteers who have helped with stripping the old kitchen out and decorating.

Following discussions with users, the kitchen facilities now include a dishwasher that can run a short 20 minute cycle; a water heater to the sink which is rapid response so within 10-15 minutes of being activated can provide hot water for washing up; and a new fridge-freezer so that if you want to have ice-cream for your party you can now keep it cold!

Upcoming events open to all include:

- Gardening show 10 September
- Music show 23 September
- Harvest supper 6 October
- Rock night 14 October
- Appleton Players the Vagina Monologues – 19-21 October
- Christmas Bazaar 25 November
- Appleton Players 25/27 January

Regular users of the hall include Evergreens; WI; Toddler Group; Appleton Players; Yoga; Fitsteps; the History Group; children’s dance classes and Pilates.

Sue Staunton, Chair, Appleton Village Hall Committee

Appleton WI

We shall be gathering at the sports field for our August meeting, on Thursday, 17th at 2pm. If it rains we shall ensconce ourselves cosily in the pavilion. There will be a raffle but not a stall. Bring your picnic, tea and coffee will be provided.

Elaine Flint
01865 861838

Appleton Chapel

Tues 8th Aug 7:30pm	Healing service
Sun 13th Aug 3pm	Family service and refreshments.
Tues 15th Aug 7pm	Sausage sizzle, salad, drinks and competitions.
Sat 19th Aug 7pm	CHAPEL 50TH ANNIVERSARY. Gospel, music and supper.
Thurs 24th Aug 7pm	Applejack Club

Appleton History - Airfields 1

In 1900 airfields were unknown – the Wright brothers didn't fly until 1904. Forty years later there were at least 10 airfields within 10 miles of Appleton! The growth of the RAF and the threat of war led to this. Early ones were of grass – very kind to light aircraft – as at the north end of Port Meadow in 1911. Later paved airfields – were built in huge numbers. Usually there would be a main airfield plus extra satellite, reserve and training fields.

The nearest was at Black Horse Farm at Gozzard's Ford – a simple north-south grass strip. Next was another grass airfield at Kingston Bagpuize – a relatively large double runway grass field; also used by the USAF in WW2. The present Kingston Business Park is built on the site; the original Nissen huts are now businesses and the Control Tower still stands.



Twenty miles north is Enstone Airfield – still active. In 1944 a squadron of unmarked black Lancaster bombers arrived – in extreme secrecy. The atomic bomb was designed in Birmingham and developed in Los Alamos. But – the USAF didn't have a bomber that could carry it to Japan! The Lancasters were extensively modified in preparation to bomb Japan. The US tried their utmost to make a suitable B-29 and eventually succeeded just in time. It is

said that the Enstone Lancasters were kept in reserve to carry the British atomic bomb until 1955 when the Valiant bomber entered service.

John EVANS

je@oxmed.net.

Botley and Kennington Surgeries

The practice team at the Manor Surgery in Headington will provide services to patients from the Kennington Health Centre site, while the team at 19 Beaumont Street, Oxford, will provide services to patients from the Botley Medical Centre site.

Great news

Chris Sugden, PPG Secretary

csugden@ocrpl.org

Evergreen Club

There will be no meeting in August.

The next meeting will be as usual on Friday 8 September

The Besselsleigh Wood Group
invite you to join them in the Woods
(the clearing off the central Appleton/Besselsleigh path)
between 12 noon and 4pm for the
2023 BWG WoodFest

On

Sunday 17th September

Save the Date – detailed information to follow

Grant available for local school leavers

If you previously attended Appleton Primary School and live in the Parish of Appleton with Eaton and are leaving Secondary Education this summer, you may be eligible for a grant of £100 towards University books or tools for an Apprenticeship.

To make an application, please send an email with details of your proposed course or training to Mrs Sue Halliday, Clerk of the Appleton Trust: ClerkAppletonTrust@yahoo.com

Appleton Voluntary Transport Scheme (AVTS)

We try to arrange transport to medical and dental appointments in Abingdon, Oxford, Witney and Wootton for residents of Appleton, Eaton, Fyfield and Besselsleigh, who have no other means of transport. 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

- Covid safety measures remain in force and masks need to be worn
- We need at least 48 hours notice of an appointment
- There is a small charge to cover the driver's costs.

Demand for our service is picking up again, but we are very short of drivers. If anyone would be happy to help, please do contact us.

Appleton Community Shop news



LOCAL ...

- **Cherries** from Evesham – amazingly sweet
- **Earth Ale**

From Appleton residents, we stock *American Amber* (Rich, smoked chocolate ending in a malted cookie dough flavour: amber in colour with a surprising sweet fruitiness and left to ferment for four weeks to give an added depth. Yum) and *Meadow Pils* (a bright Keller-style pilsner which has a malty bite, rounded with subtle hints of floral honey). Both natural unfiltered beers, vegan and delicious.



Are you free on Monday mornings ...?

Now Jenny Gordon has moved we are looking for an extra helper on Monday mornings to help with computer admin for the Booker delivery. If you are able to help, please speak to Claire or Angela at the shop.

Did you know ...?

We stock frozen bread and pastries, so you can stock up for emergencies (and visitors) – so if there aren't any baked already you can buy-and-cook (and even pretend they are your own ...).

Shop opening times

Monday-Friday: 7am–6pm

Saturday: 8am–3pm

NOTE that from September we close at 1pm Saturday

Sunday: 8am–12noon

Bank Holiday Monday 28th August: 9-11am - NO paper deliveries! (collect from the shop)

Post office

Mondays and Thursdays, 9am–1pm (closed on Bank holiday Monday, but open the next day, Tuesday)

Shop telephone: 01865 863191

Email: appletonship@gmail.com

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Appleton Shop monthly turnover

	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
May	£21,608	£23,699	£27,338
June	£25,008	£25,008	£29,347
July	£26,461	£27,427	
Aug	£23,714	£25,651	
Sept	£22,317	£24,070	
Oct	£21,125	£24,066	
Nov	£21,844	£24,697	
Dec	£24,552	£26,788	
Jan	£20,223	£22,995	
Feb	£18,923	£23,195	
March	£22,318	£27,445	
April	£21,454	£23,622	

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Dates for your diary:

Our AGM will be on **Monday 21st August**, 7.30 pm at Southlawn. All very welcome.

The churchyard to the south of the church will be mowed twice in the coming weeks. The first cut will be in the week commencing 24th July and the next in the 1st week of September. The cuttings will be left for a short time and then collected. This process ensures that the restoration of this area continues and hopefully an increase in biodiversity results. We will be looking for any changes in 2024.

Woodfest - we will be continuing with our Bio-Blitz theme and look forward to finding more interesting flora and fauna in Besselsleigh Woods to add to our records. The Woodfest is on Sunday September 17th, 12-4pm. We look forward to seeing you there.





Come along to **Appleton Village Hall** on **Saturday 23rd September** to hear Louise Woodgate in an on-stage solo performance.

————— Also —————

“The Shock of the Old”

A satirical look at ageing written and performed by Terence Blacker

Doors open 6.30 pm for 7.30 pm start

Bar. Raffle.

Tickets £15.00 from Julie Hester on 07876 277394

This is a fundraising event for The Archway Foundation

Appleton School Summer Fete report

On Saturday 1st July Appleton Primary School held their annual summer fete. The weather was glorious and we had a fabulous range of stalls and entertainment to keep everyone occupied, including a visit from firefighters and an engine from Abingdon Station; they even let us use the hose! The back field was buzzing with happy children and families getting their faces painted, playing games or browsing the stalls. The fete ended with the famous Appleton's Got Talent display, showcasing some of the children's amazing talents. We raised a massive £2832 on the day, all of which goes directly to supporting the school, staff and students.

Our thanks must go to all the hardworking volunteers who helped out in the lead up to the fete as well as on the day, our sponsors, and of course to everybody who attended and helped make the event such a success for our school and community. We look forward to seeing you all again next summer!

The Friends of Appleton Primary School

Greatest Of All Time

Thirty six years ago I met a very special person who soon after became my wife - her nickname was Goat or Goaty. She shares this name with some of the flora and fauna of Great Britain such as Goat Willow, Goat's Beard, Goat Moth and the good old Goat itself.



Goat Willow - also known as Pussy Willow. A native tree that can grow to 10m high and reach the grand old age of 300. It's also very beneficial to wildlife. Goat Willow foliage is eaten by the caterpillars of a number of moths. It's also the main food plant for the elusive and regal Purple Emperor butterfly. The catkins provide an important early source of pollen and nectar for bees and other insects, and birds use it to forage for caterpillars and insects.

Goat's Beard - a stately member of the daisy family. The yellow flower-heads are solitary with eight bracts united at the base. The parsnip like roots of this plant were once dug up and stored over winter to eat as a vegetable, and the young shoots were boiled and eaten like asparagus. Its folklore name is Jack-go-to-bed-at-noon because its flowers are usually open only from four o'clock in the morning till midday in June and July.

Goat Moth - the common name is derived from its caterpillars' musty 'goaty' odour. The caterpillars feed inside the trunks of a wide variety of deciduous trees such as willow, oak, apple and ash. The Goat Moth is unlikely to be mistaken for any other species in the British Isles - when fully grown the caterpillar is 100mm in length and the moth has a wingspan of up to 84mm.

Goat - here are a few Goat facts: You may know that a baby goat is called a kid, but did you know that, because of that, a goat giving birth is said to be 'kidding'? I'm not joking. Goats don't have teeth on their upper jaw. Goats have rectangular pupils. Goats have four stomachs. Goat's milk is the most popular milk worldwide. Cashmere comes from Goats.

Goaty - sadly no longer here, but truly, "Greatest Of All Time".

What is 3/7 chicken, 2/3 cat and 1/2 goat?

I started these nature ramblings back in March with notes on the Brown Hare. Well this month is a good time to see them again in the fields with the freshly cut crops but also Heather, whose tiny flowers begin to appear in mid-to-late August.

Next month: "Nuts, whole hazelnuts uumh!"

"Keep 'em peeled!"

Clive.



Charwood House.

News from the Appleton with Eaton Parish Council

20mph Survey

As you may be aware, Oxfordshire County Council is rolling out 20mph areas as a replacement for 30mph areas where there is local support. The Parish Council will be delivering a survey for residents' views on this with the Advertiser in the Autumn timeframe.

New Parish Council domain name and email addresses

The Parish Council has a new domain name. The website address is now Appleton With Eaton (appleton-eaton-pc.gov.uk). If you type in the old address, it will redirect you to the new one. All parish councillors and the clerk will have a corresponding email address and these are published on the website.

Thank you

The Parish Council would like to thank all those who organised the recent Fairy Trail in Besselsleigh Wood. Special thanks to Mina Leal-Birch for her creativity and work to make this happen. It was a lovely event.

District Councillor, Mark Coleman

The District Councillor will be in attendance at the Village Show in September and welcomes speaking to any residents who would like to raise any issues.

Cricket Club Donations

Appleton Cricket Club is looking to purchase new mobile cricket covers and would welcome any for donations for these. The Club is also working on obtaining grants to cover some of the funding. To enquire about a donation, please email info@appletoncc.com

Allison Leigh, Parish Clerk

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St Laurence Church

Appleton with Besselsleigh

A growing church eager to serve the community

SUNDAY SERVICES

August 2023

Sunday 6th	10.00am	Holy Communion (Revd Wealands Bell)
Sunday 13th	4.00pm	Songs of Praise Come and sing your favourite hymns & songs Short talk by Eve Lockett Bring-your-own Picnic afterwards (No morning service or Evensong today)
Sunday 20th	10.00am	Holy Communion (Revd Kevin Mentzel)
Sunday 27th	10.00am	Holy Communion (Revd Kevin Mentzel)
	6.00pm	Evensong (BCP)
Sunday 3rd September	8.00am	Holy Communion (Revd Wealands Bell)
	10.00am	All-Age Service Coffee & Croissants from 9.45am (Revd David Tyler – Archdeacon) Followed by a time for you to share your views on the future of St Laurence church

The church building is open every day for all to visit

Who to Contact:

For enquiries about baptisms, weddings, funerals, pastoral care, holy communion at home and the church building and churchyard, please contact one of the churchwardens:

Jane Cranston: 01865 863681; jane@cranstonjane.co.uk or

Pete Day: 01865 862671; phm.day202@btinternet.com