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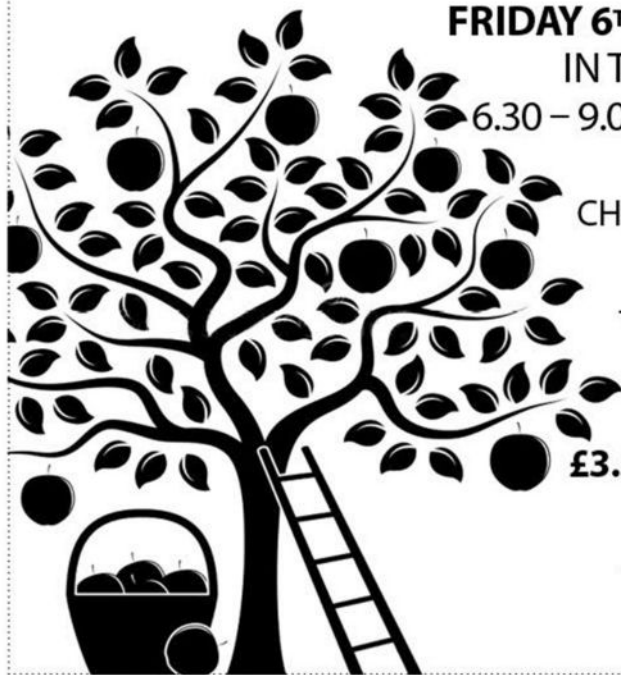
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God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ shared the life of a home in Nazareth and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself: strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and in sorrow we may know the power of your presence to bind together and to heal. Dear God, please help us to learn to forgive, even when society tells us the best thing to do is to get even. Grant us patience and understanding and help us to act out of love and kindness rather than hate and anger. Grant us peace and give us more forgiveness than we think we need.

Father you created us in your image and you desire that we live in harmony with one another. In a world scarred by conflicts, we pray for unity among the nations, that the barriers of hatred, prejudice and fear may be dismantled. Help us to see one another as your beloved children, regardless of our differences. May our shared humanity bind us together and inspire us to work towards a world where justice and equality prevail.

Grant us the wisdom to bridge divides and build bridges of understanding.

Lord, we ask you to bless and increase the sense of community that binds us one to another. Bless the work of our church that it may: give a sense of identity to those where now there is none, provide a refuge to those who feel frightened or alone, create a place of belonging where people know they are welcomed, remembered by name, valued as individuals, to celebrate a Faith that in the Word, announces that we are forgiven and accepted and in the Sacrament, gathers us again into the life of the Risen Christ.

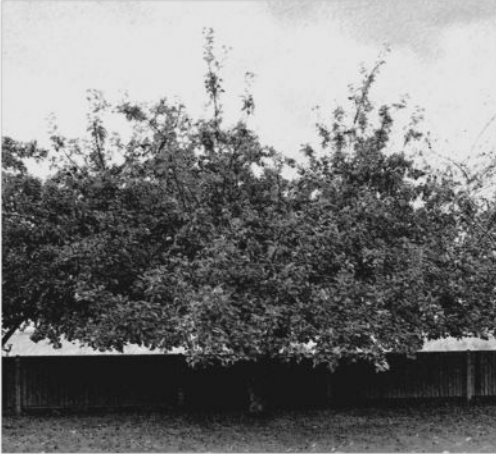
Heavenly Father, help us to rest in You, trusting in Your sovereignty and plan. May we persevere, bringing all our anxieties to You. With thanksgiving may we endure through Your strength and may we continually lift one another up in prayer. In every area of our lives we need you Lord and we ask that you would sustain us this and every day. Give us a hunger for your Word and help us to make space to listen to you.

Lord in your Mercy, hear our Prayers

Taken from the Intercessions led by Roger Mitty on Sunday 10th September

My Appleton Apple Tree –Part 1

Appleton - what a wonderful name for a village. We came across it by accident when house hunting many years ago. I knew we just had to live somewhere that bore a name which evoked so many happy memories for me.



At the very end of my garden is a magnificent Bramley apple tree. It produces an over abundant supply of apples in the autumn. I like to share my crop of apples with friends and neighbours. That still leaves plenty for our and my family's needs, scattered around the country though they are. Of course I like to leave apples on the tree to share with the local wildlife and the insect community and yes, even the wasps get a share of the spoils. The latter are vital for our existence on earth.

I spend many a happy hour peeling apples - slicing, flat packing in a sealed bag and then part microwaving. Once cooked and cooled, I stack the bags of apples in my freezer. Generally I peel the apples whilst glancing at my tree out of my kitchen window. Whilst there, I say a silent 'thank you' to my special tree. At other times I sit under its shady canopy on a hot day, peeling away. I also thank my mother-in-law for kindly buying the tree in the first place.

My tree evokes a whole host of memories; some locally based, others from further afield, going back way into my family tree's past. One local memory is always the first to spring to mind.

This is about number four grandson. As a youngster, he was always very independent and adventurous and remains so to this day. He adored my apple tree. As the tree grew, so he grew with it in spirit, stature and confidence. Each year his ascent of the tree would be higher untilOne day, upon reaching the tree's summit, he misplaced his footing and shot straight down to the tree's leafed carpet at rocket speed. Unharmd and undeterred, he scaled the tree's heights once more. Thank you tree for supplying such determination which he retains to this day.

Jenny Mead

News from the Appleton with Eaton Parish Council

Ongoing Maintenance of Public Rights of Way

The Parish Council, Oxfordshire County Council's Countryside Access officer, landowners and footpaths wardens had a very productive meeting in August as to how the Parish as a whole handles any issues with public right of way. Thank you to all who attended and those who sent apologies. We are working with the County Council and Ramblers and will provide further information on how the Parish will be working to keep the rights of way in the best order in due course.



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.

Hello from Mark Coleman, your District Councillor

I hope you all had a good summer and found some time to 'recharge the batteries'. I regularly attend the meetings of the Appleton with Eaton Parish Council, so that provides me an opportunity to keep abreast of issues affecting the village. However, I am always happy to hear personally from residents. If you wish to contact me directly, please email me at mark.coleman@whitehorsedc.gov.uk.

Footbridge across Bablock Hythe



The Council has been asked if it would conduct a survey to gain residents' views on a footbridge across the river at Bablock Hythe. The Council is considering this request. If anyone has any views on this, please contact the Clerk via the contact information below.

Good Neighbour Scheme

The Council is considering a good neighbour scheme. If anyone is interested in being part of a group to assist residents, please contact the Clerk via the contact information below.

Allison Leigh, Parish Clerk

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News from Appleton with Eaton Tennis Club – Oct 2023



We are now heading into the Autumn/Winter Season. However, with our floodlights, we can continue to offer a full range of activities throughout the colder months – you only need to wrap up warm! In addition, once a month on the first Wed, we will be offering an indoor session – in the warm! - at the White Horse Leisure and Tennis Centre (Abingdon), from 8-10pm; sessions will be on a pay and play basis at £10 per session. (Members see recent Netcall).

We are not able to offer general pay and play opportunities to non-Members. However, Membership is not expensive. If you wish to join the Club, please see the website: <https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/AppletonwithEatonTennisClub> (Join Us) for current rates and joining information. We are now offering 50% off current full rates, for a half-year membership, through until end Mar 24.

For All Parents - Junior Coaching, for the Autumn Term, restarted on **Fri 15 Sep 23** and runs through the whole Term until 15 Dec 23 with a break on 27 Oct for half-term. It may still be possible to join some of the courses, where vacancies exist, if you missed the start of the course. If you wish to join a course then please try making a booking on the Club Website: <https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/AppletonwithEatonTennisClub> (Coaching page). The 'system' will show you if there are any vacancies on the course in which you are interested, or contact the Junior Coaching Administrator, Rob Scriven, robert.scriven1@btinternet.com .

For Members – please save the following 2 dates:

Wed 4 Oct – First Indoor Tennis Session at WHLTC

Wed 11 Oct 23 – Autumn Mixed Floodlit Fun Tournament

Further details in the recent Netcall.

For more information and to contact the club:

Email: appletonwitheatontennisclub@gmail.com

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

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What a load of clutter!

What is the significance of spiders on Halloween?

Spiders supposedly assisted witches in casting spells, and eating a black spider between two slices of buttered bread gave a witch great power. However, medieval superstitions say that if you see a spider on Halloween it's actually the spirit of a dead loved one watching you. Spiders, along with black cats, bats and rats were believed to be evil companions of witches during the Middle Ages.



Arachnophobia – the fear of spiders, is a very common phobia in the UK. So why is the nation that is home to 650 species and an estimated 750 million individuals (that's one ginormous clutter) terrified of these web weaving, pest controlling, eight-legged creatures?

Despite people's fears, the world would be a much scarier place without our eight-legged friends. Although no threat to us, the giant house spider, its smaller cousin the house spider, and the daddy long-legs spider (the one that you'll have seen hanging upside down in its web in the upper corner of your rooms) consume around 700,000 tonnes of invertebrates every year. They don't just keep your house free of insects, they also eat bugs that feast on our crops and work as a natural pesticide. Spiders are amazing, fascinating to watch and as we approach winter their webs become wonderful works of art when combined with the morning dew.

The largest spider found in the UK is the cardinal spider (*Tegenaria parietina*). Male examples have been recorded with an impressive 12cm leg span. By comparison the smallest species of 'money spiders' (family *Linyphiidae*) have a leg span of little more than 2mm. All spiders can bite - that's how most subdue and kill their prey - but only a small number have fangs that are strong enough to pierce human skin.

October is a great month for spotting fungi so make time for a wander and also enjoy the autumn colours.

Knock knock knock knock knock knock knock.

Who's there? A spider.

Next month: Hooters.

Clive



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Appleton with Eaton History Group

At the Group's last meeting we discussed events we are hoping to schedule in November, January and April. Watch out for more information coming soon.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday 5th October at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall. Everyone is very welcome to come along.

Evergreen Club

The next meeting will be on October 13th at 2pm. Why not come and join us? Tea/chat and more. All welcome.

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

Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness



After the terrific heat at the start of September we are now entering autumn, so check out our seasonal fruit and veg (thanks to everyone for the courgettes over the past month and for the local apricots). And don't forget to treat yourself to Carole's cakes when the weather turns.

Volunteers

Many thanks to everyone for providing holiday cover over the summer. As schools return and things settle down the

calls to fill empty slots will (hopefully!) slow. ... Although given the number of our 'retired' volunteers who are currently on holiday that may be wishful thinking!

Vote of appreciation

Thanks were received from two chaps who have been working in the village for a few months. Sadly their work has ended but they gave the shop a thumbs up for snacks/lunch/coffee/provisions and said they would miss us. Nice to be appreciated!

Friday night supper club

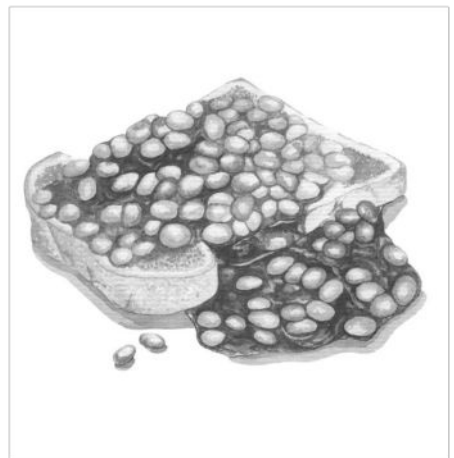
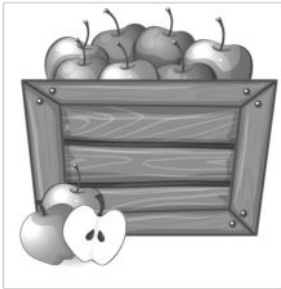
Beans on toast

Not sophisticated, not complicated, but what's not to like?

Take one Cornfield multiseed loaf (or maybe a sourdough), cut a thick slice (or buy pre-sliced) and toast. Slather on the butter and top with baked beans. Spice it up with a splash of Lea & Perrins, or perhaps a slice of bacon. All available at the shop.

If you are feeling in need of greens, cook down a pack of spinach (in the chiller cabinet) to have on the side. (Trust me, it really does go with beans!)

Enjoy!



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Aug	£23,714	£25,651	£24,841
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	

Green Appleton

Join us for Green Appleton's Apple pressing and juicing on Saturday 7th October 10am-12noon - Harvest Festival weekend—at South Lawn Orchard (Netherton Road - entrance between No 12 and Rose Cottage)

Pick and collect apples and help make your own apple juice - experts on hand!

Bring your own bottles

£5 a family or £1.50 per bottle - all proceeds to 'Band of Brothers' Charity



Appleton History - Airfields 2

One of the many airfields near Appleton in 1945 was six miles away in Cowley; in front of the Mini factory where the ring road runs. Then the Morris car factory had switched to military work – including work for the RAF - thus the runway.



Twenty miles south of Appleton is RAF Welford – it was a simple airfield in the countryside near Great Shefford. In the chill of the Cold War in 1955 the airfield was reopened as a munitions store for the USAF. It is now a massive bomb store serviced by the USAF personnel from RAF Fairford – the largest NATO store in Europe.

I have often flown around it – surprisingly there are no airspace restrictions; nevertheless the security patrols seemed to take an undue interest in me. My photo shows part of the store – half a mile wide - a huge array of some 200 bays and silos with thousands of bombs and munitions of all sorts – but nothing nuclear; rumours claimed that if Welford blew up Wantage would go too.

In 1970 the M4 was built nearby and a “secret” unmarked junction was built to connect Welford to the eastbound M4 between J13 and J14. This has been a very busy junction in past times of war in Europe and Asia when Welford has been the main source of NATO munitions.

John EVANS

Appleton Chapel

Sun 8th Oct. 3pm	Harvest Festival
Mon 9th Oct 7pm	Sale of all Harvest gifts. Very cheap!
Tues 10th Oct 7.30pm	Healing service
Tues 17th Oct 7pm	Sausage sizzle
Mon 23rd Oct 7.30pm	'Heart to heart' Counselling and Friendship Club

Christine Harris

Laurence and Clare would like to thank everyone for their support and kind messages following the sad loss of Christine. Also thanks to those who attended her funeral and made generous donations to the nominated charities.

Christine absolutely loved living in Appleton - she said it was 'the best village in the world' - and we very much appreciated all the visitors who made her life more bearable over her last months.

Appleton WI

Hard to believe but it's Harvest time again. WE shall meet in the village hall for lunch at 12.15 for 12.30 on Thursday, 19th October. The committee will provide the meal for which there will be a charge. Look out for Sally's email with details.

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Elaine Flint

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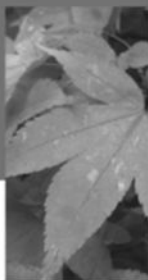
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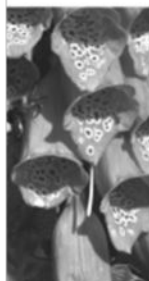
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	10.00am	All-Age Service (Will Stonham) Coffee & Croissants from 9.45am
Sunday 8th	10.00am	Harvest Festival Service (Rev Jane Haslam – Associate Arch-deacon)
Sunday 15th	10.00am	Holy Communion (Rev Wealands Bell)
	6.00pm	Evensong (BCP)
Sunday 22nd	10.00am	Holy Communion (Rev Wealands Bell)
Sunday 29th	10.00am	Holy Communion (Rev Nigel Knights-Johnson)
Sunday 5th November	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP) (Rev Wealands Bell)
	10.00am	All-Age Service (Will Stonham) Coffee & Croissants from 9.45am
	6.00pm	Evensong (BCP)

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Who to Contact:

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Pete Day: 01865 862671; p hm.day202@btinternet.com