

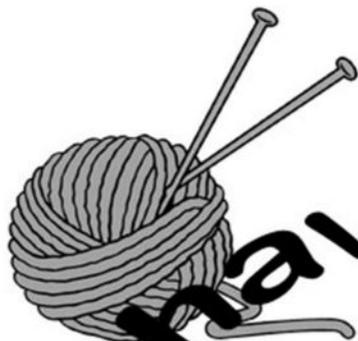
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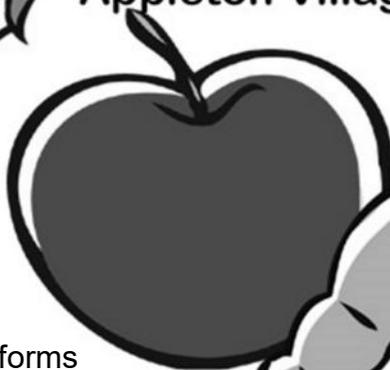
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have a go village show

Sunday 10th September
2 - 4pm
Appleton Village Hall



Schedule and entry forms
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A

friend and I recently discussed how life is often best measured in eras, rather than years. These eras tend to be marked by an overarching theme; the place we live, our children's schooling, the health of our parents, our stage of career or how we choose to spend our retirement.

The changing of an era can sneak up on us and pass subtly or be marked by a single defining event. The death of a loved one is often the hardest shift to adjust to. The era of life with that person is a world apart from life without them and many in our community live with that adjustment daily.

All of us though will have some experience of the changing of the seasons of life; indeed it is said that "change is the only constant in life". Parents will have felt a pang of sadness in amongst the celebrations as their youngsters finished school for the final time this Summer – mourning the passing of childhood. Those new to our communities will have a sense of excitement, but also of trepidation as they remember with familiarity the homes they have left behind. And retirement can be a daunting prospect for those who, for many years, have found a purpose in the daily pursuit of work.

The community at St Laurence have started our own transition period over recent months. Having said goodbye to our Rector, Reverend Phil, we now look forward with prayer and anticipation to whomever is to be appointed as our new incumbent. In all of this, we take great comfort from the message the bible speaks into changing times, just as into times of stability. It is so often exactly what we need to hear, giving us a unique (and eternal) perspective on our own experiences.

The eras of modern history are split most fundamentally into B.C. (Before Christ) and A.D. (Anno Domini – the year of our Lord). For ancient historians the coming of Jesus changed everything, marking a fundamental transition point for all humanity. Perhaps surprisingly though, the bible claims that what is true for the world at large is also true for each and every one of us on an individual level. Life 'B.C.' is fundamentally different to life 'A.D.' and it is this distinction, above all others, that marks the two great eras of our lives. This distinction is so essential that Jesus talks of it in terms of having "crossed over from death to life", and of becoming a "new creation". Join us on Sundays over the coming months to find out why....

On behalf of the St Laurence PCC



Green Appleton

We are continuing to look at the flora and fauna in Appleton, Eaton and Besselsleigh by using i-naturalist. We need your help.

We'd like you to get involved and tell us what you find. It's so easy to do and your results are verified by experts. If we get lots of the community involved we should get some interesting results. We also hope that many of you will join us at Woodfest on 17th September where we'll be asking you to find minibeasts amongst other things. Download the app now and get practicing!



If you haven't already downloaded i-naturalist you'll find it by scanning the QR code below:



If you need further help, have a look at the website here: <https://www.appleton-eaton-pc.gov.uk/club/green-appleton/>

Churchyard

The churchyard has had its first mow of the season. There'll be a final cut in September. The cuttings are left for a while to allow seeds to fall to the ground, and then they are cleared.

Apple Pressing coming in October -

Look out for more details in the October edition

As always, please do contact us at: greenappleton2021@gmail.com

NOTE: The deadline for entries to October's Advertiser is 12th Sept—a week early—as the editor is away.

Westmill Solar Community Benefit Fund



Our Community Grants Scheme is open again for new applications. This initiative aims to support projects for local community organisations within Oxfordshire or within a 25 miles radius of the Westmill Solar Farm. We've received some good applications so far and it looks to be another successful year.

Our grants aim to fund projects that:

- Raise awareness of climate change, its solutions and how to reduce its impact,
- Reduce greenhouse gas emissions of individuals, organisations and communities, through energy generation, energy efficiency, or more efficient use of resources,
- Reduce fuel poverty to ensure everyone can access and afford the energy they need.

Applications for grants of up to £5,000 will be accepted until midday **Monday 25th September 2023**. The full criteria for applications can be found in the guidance notes at <https://westmillsolar.coop/westmill-community-funding/>

Get in touch via email at info@westmillsolar.coop for further information.
Tom Parkinson, Chair of Westmill Solar Co-operative

Appleton WI

Our meeting on 17th August was a splendid afternoon tea. The tables were laid with the best cloths, there were posies of flowers at intervals, plates of delicious sandwiches, and dainty cakes, on cake stands (of course).

With all WIs across the country we were raising money for cancer charities, and our enjoyable tea party raised the excellent sum of £190.

We have two events in September, a lovely coach ride around the Cotswolds followed by a special afternoon tea at Milton under Wychwood on 14th, and our monthly meeting at 2pm in the village hall on 21st.

September is the month when we choose a charity to support, and this year it will be a very local one-Flexicare. Our speaker will tell us about their work supporting families in Oxfordshire who have children with life limiting illnesses. I'm sure it will be an inspiring afternoon.

The proceeds from the raffle and from the stall, plus a donation will be given to the charity.

Elaine Flint,

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News from Appleton with Eaton Tennis Club Sep 2023



Did you know that, with over 240 Adult and Junior members, the Tennis Club is by far the largest Club/Society within the Village! 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!

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.

Unfortunately, we have had to suspend our Cardio Tennis Sessions, which were also open to non-Members, on Wednesday mornings. This has been due to a lack of demand and the future unavailability of our Head Coach on Wednesdays.

For All Parents - Junior Coaching, for the Autumn Term, will restart on **Fri 15 Sep 23** and run through the whole Term until 15 Dec 23 with a break on 27 Oct for half-term. This is an extension on previous years but should be fully achievable with the Club's floodlights. Bookings and payment should now be made on the Club Website: <https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/AppletonwithEatonTennisClub> (Coaching page).

For Members – please save the following 2 dates:

Sun 24 Sep 23 – Maintenance Day (please help to keep your Club in tip top condition!)

Wed 11 Oct 23 – Autumn Mixed Floodlit Fun Tournament

Further details in the recent Netcall.

For more information and to contact the club:

Email: appletonwithheatontennisclub@gmail.com

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

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Evergreen Club

The next Evergreen meeting will be on Friday 8th September.

Memories of living in Appleton

I had the idea that if I sang and played a whole variety of music all day long to my children whilst they were in the womb, after they were born each one would turn out to be musical. Sure enough, or by some fluke, all three are true music worshippers.

Our daughter has always loved singing and when she was 5 years old, she found out that her friend had become a member of the Appleton Church Choir. So she was desperate to join too.

'Too young,' I was told. Undeterred, our daughter dragged me down to the church to watch a Friday rehearsal. Patty Tuckwell, the then choir mistress, greeted us warmly and asked who the singer was. Our daughter stood up!

'Don't sit there,' Patty said. 'Go and sit with your friend over there.' Success! Our daughter never looked back.

The following Friday, being short of a babysitter, I had to take our middle son down to the rehearsal.

'Don't sit there,' Patty said. 'Go and sit next to your sister,' That was him in the choir.

For the third rehearsal, I had to take our eldest son with me.

Guess what? Yes, he became the third new member of the choir!

Then Patty said to me, 'Don't sit.....' And that was me in the choir.

There was one final question Patty asked

'By the way, can your husband sing?'

'No', I replied!

That was the start of our many years of shared passion. We rarely missed a rehearsal or Sunday service.

Wonderful times.

Jenny Mead



Appleton with Eaton History Group

The History Group will be holding its first meeting after the summer break on Thursday 7th September at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall. New members are always very welcome - just come along. You can attend the meeting via zoom too if that works for you.

We will be discussing what events to hold over the next few months so please keep an eye out for further information.

If you have any questions please contact the Secretary, Jackie Lewis at jackielewisthame@gmail.com.

Time Capture Project

We are still collecting information about life today, and would love to have more input from everyone - of every age. Response cards are available at the shop, the village hall and the Eight Bells. We don't even need your name, just your thoughts

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

Energy Costs for Freezers and Chillers

You may have noticed that we have not one, but two broken chillers in the Shop: one from Coca Cola which we've had for years and one of the chillers against the far wall. The breakdowns are not linked but have presented us with a timely opportunity to rethink the amount of chiller and freezer space the shop really needs.



For reasons you will all be fully aware of, our electricity bill has more than doubled from around £7,500 a year to over £15,000 (and still rising) and is rapidly becoming unsustainable without increasing our margins to cover the increased costs. The shop's directors and management don't want to take this course of action and, as we don't foresee any significant price reductions coming along any time soon, we will both be replacing the two old and high energy units for newer more efficient ones and also reducing the total amount of chiller and freezer space available in the

shop. We hope to do this without any significant decrease in the lines we offer.

Over the coming few weeks you will notice some changes which we hope to manage with the least inconvenience to you, our customers – however, persuading different suppliers to remove old equipment and replace it with new equipment at the same time seems to be a big ask! Therefore, please don't be concerned if you see spaces appearing where you don't expect; it is all part of the master plan to keep your shop sustainable, solvent and supplying the village with what it needs for many years to come!

Thank you for your patience.

Friday night supper club

Italian sausage balls with pasta

- Michael Cain pork sausages
- 1 large teaspoon fennel seeds (grind them a bit)
- Onion (finely chopped)
- 1 large clove (finely chopped)
- 1 tin chopped tomatoes
- Pasta – your choice



1. Cut sausages into quarters and fry until brown
2. Fry onions in olive oil until translucent, add chopped garlic when almost done.
3. Mix all ingredients in the pan, add salt and pepper, bring up to boil then turn down and leave bubbling slowly on low heat for 30 min to cook through
4. c.15 min before the end of cooking time fill a large pan with water and bring to boil, add salt and pasta and cook for 1 min less than it says on packet. Drain, but keep c.1-2 tablespoon of cooking water. Add pasta back to pan with cooking liquid and add meatballs and sauce. Stir to mix and serve with grated Parmesan cheese.

Buon Appetito

On the radio!

Tune into Farming Today from 1st August on BBC Sounds and hear Angela and Liz being interviewed about the Community shop (fast forward to 0435-0852).



Shop opening times

Monday-Friday: 7am–6pm

Saturday: 8am–1pm

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	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	£28,208
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	

News from the Appleton with Eaton Parish Council

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 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.

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.

Allison Leigh, Parish Clerk

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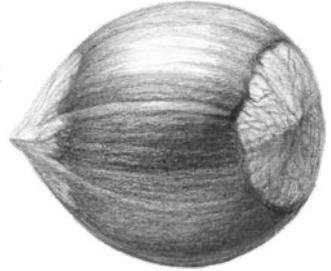
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“Nuts, whole hazelnuts, uumh!”

Cadburys won't be taking mine and covering 'em in chocolate because the local squirrels have polished most of them off. But just what has been nibbling at your nuts? Have you ever picked up discarded hazelnut shells and found a smooth, round hole in its side? That would have been made by a dormouse or hazel dormouse and it can take 20 minutes for one to gnaw through it. Two birds that love a hazelnut treat are the nuthatch and the greater spotted woodpecker. These sometimes wedge a nut into the crevices of bark so that they can hammer at it more easily.



Still on the nutty theme but this time acorns and jays. This is a great time to see jays as they will be collecting and caching thousands of these to see them through the leaner months. Not all are retrieved and some go on to become oak trees. There are no jays without acorns and far fewer oaks without jays. The Latin name for the jay is *Garrulus glandarius*, 'garrulus' meaning noisy or chatty and 'glandarius' meaning 'of acorns'. Acorns are the primary food source for a jay.

And how can you not love a conker fresh from its shell - the colour and sheen is like a fine piece of antique Cuban mahogany.

As dusk gets earlier why not head out and look for badgers feeding on fruit and nuts, and digging for worms and insect larvae. Head to a sett before sunset and sit quietly – you may be lucky to see them emerge and feed!

Archaeologists have recently found a mummy while excavating a tomb in Egypt. Oddly enough, the mummy was covered in chocolate and hazelnuts. They believe it to be the tomb of Pharaoh Rocher.

Did you figure out last's months brain teaser? The answer is Chicago.

Next month: What a load of clutter!

Toodle-pip.

Clive.

Charwood House



Harvest Supper Friday 6th October

6.30pm – 9.00pm in the Village Hall

St Laurence Church will be hosting the annual Harvest Supper in the village hall on Friday 6th October 6.30 – 9pm.

All funds raised will go to Medic Assist International to support their project in Embo in Kwa Zulu Natal, South Africa and we are delighted that Pastor Leonard Gcabashe from Embo Community Church will be there to give us an update on the vital work of the clinic and church caregivers in their community.

Tickets available from the Shop from 15th September

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Deadline for October issue:

12th September (Note the earlier date, the editor is away!!)

Notices for village organisations

All printed copy to the shop or by email to editor.advertiser@gmail.com before the deadline. Please email if you can!

No formal payment is required but we ask for a donation towards the running costs of the Advertiser: between £5-50 depending on the length and frequency of entries. Please try to restrict your item to half a page maximum. Liaise with Wanda Todd to agree an appropriate donation.

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There are exhibitions about the historic Abingdon missal, plus a local artist, Oswald Couldrey. You can also be taught some painting techniques and try your hand at lacemaking. There will be the usual exhibitions, open historic buildings, walks, talks and trails. You can find the full programme at

<https://www.abingdonheritage.org.uk/festivalprogramme>



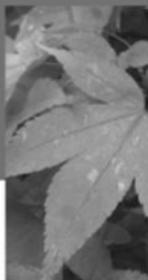
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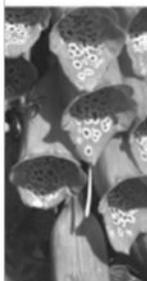
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	10.00am	All-Age Service Coffee & Croissants from 9.45am (Revd David Tyler – Archdeacon) Followed by a time for you to share your views on the future of St Laurence church
Sunday 10th	10.00am	Holy Communion (Revd Kevin Mentzel)
Sunday 17th	10.00am	Holy Communion (Revd Andrew Bowyer)
	6.00pm	Evensong (BCP)
Sunday 24th	10.00am	Holy Communion (Revd Kevin Mentzel)
Sunday 1st October	8.00am	Holy Communion (Revd Charles Chadwick)
	10.00am	All-Age Service (Will Stonham) Coffee & Croissants from 9.45am

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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:

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