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## **The Season of Allhallowtide**

Did you know that Halloween is called Hallowe'en because it is the Eve of All Hallows' or All Saints' Day and did you know that it is part of the three days known as Allhallowtide?

31<sup>st</sup> October All Hallows' Eve

**1<sup>st</sup> November All Hallows' or All Saints' Day**

2<sup>nd</sup> November All Souls' Day

### **Halloween**

The current English name *Halloween* traces back to medieval Christianity. The word *hallow* is derived from the Middle and Old English words for holy. As a noun, it can also mean *saint*. In those days, the Christian holiday we know as All Saints' Day was called All Hallows' Day, and the day before, when an evening mass was held, was All Hallows' Eve. That name eventually got shortened to Halloween.

### **All Saints' Day means ALL Saints' Day**

Canonised saints have individual feast days so All Saints' Day recognizes those saints only known to God. The date of All Saints' Day differed from country to country and from denomination to denomination and it wasn't until the 9<sup>th</sup> Century that Pope Gregory VI standardised the date to 1<sup>st</sup> November.

### **All Souls' Day**

Makes up the third day of Allhallowtide and is the day for commemoration of all the faithful departed. Historically for those baptised Christians who were believed to be in purgatory (thought to be a place of suffering inhabited by the souls of sinners who were being purified of their sins before going to heaven).

### **ALL Saints' Day at St Laurence – 1<sup>st</sup> November 4pm**

In St Laurence we are meeting together (or maybe will have met together by the time you read this) at 4pm for tea and fellowship to remember in friendship all those dear to us who are no longer here with us. If you read this in time ..... do come and join us. We would be delighted and you would be most welcome. If you were not with us please know that we prayed for ALL Saints so be assured that your loved one was included.

*(Sources: Wikipedia and other sources on the internet)*

Best wishes

Jane Cranston - Churchwarden



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## A Place for Prayer

Some years ago, Lyn who was our Rector then thought we should have a special Prayer Corner in church and asked me to help set it up. It made me think: what is prayer? I looked it up on Wikipedia. It said: Prayer is communicating with God. The word comes from an old French one meaning to ask earnestly.

The Prayer Corner lapsed during Lockdown and now it's been reinstated. So why is it there? Yes, of course, we can pray anywhere, any time, not just in church, not just in one place in church. But people come into the church looking for peacefulness and a place to communicate with God and it's important that there should be somewhere set aside for times of private prayer.

So you will find there a place with a pew and a table, with a bible and books of prayers and poems, and a pad of paper to write or draw on if that helps. There is a notepad and a box to put your prayer requests into, if you would like members of the church to pray for anyone who is ill or in trouble or about anything that particularly worries you.

The church is open every day, 9am to 5pm.

Barbara Payne

### **My Appleton Apple Tree – Part 2**

So now, let's delve back in time to the beginning of the twentieth century when my wonderful and sorely missed Grandmother Riley was born near Spinkhill in Derbyshire. Grandmother came into this world as one of the younger members of a tribe of eighteen brothers and sisters, all of whom were adored equally by their parents. Sadly, some of my grandmother's siblings did not survive into adulthood.



This loving family was not wealthy. Life was hard for them. Everyone had to muck in and help, with the older siblings being willingly dispatched to work to keep the family afloat. They lived in a crumbling, disused windmill which had ivy and all manner of foliage circling around its circular walls. It was minus its sails. The windmill sat in the centre of a field where proudly stood several Bramley apple trees. These trees stood the family in good stead. Each autumn, hordes of local children were sent to the Riley's family windmill to buy apples. Money was scarce so very little was charged for the apples.

Young girls wore pinnies in those days to protect their well-worn dresses. So on arrival at the windmill they would ask for a half-penny's worth of apples. Grandmother Riley always used to say "Hold up your pinny and close your eyes". Needless to say, they went away with more than one pinny could hold!

## **Appleton's Advent calendar – call for windows!**

We invite volunteers to take part in this year's living advent calendar. As before, a new window will be unveiled each day during December, culminating in the church window on Christmas eve. We have had some fantastic windows in past years – big and small, simple and complex – and we hope this year will be just as wonderful. If you are interested in participating or want more information, please contact Pippa Smart: [pippa.smart@gmail.com](mailto:pippa.smart@gmail.com) , T:864255, or leave a message at the shop.



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## **What did the Romans do for us? They had a river crossing**

If you were taking goods to market in Roman Oxford in 946, or bringing precious metals upriver to your Saxon lords a century later, or if you were a 13<sup>th</sup> century monk travelling between the Benedictine abbeys in Eynsham and Abingdon, you were able to cross the Thames at Bablock Hythe.

The exciting news is that the County Council is actively considering a new footbridge there, to reinstate this centuries-old river crossing. This is part of the Strategic Active Travel Network.

This would be fantastic for local residents in widening the walking and cycling opportunities. Imagine if you have just bought an e-bike, or you have a young child who has just learnt to ride a bike and you are looking for quiet roads for a ride. With a bridge at Bablock Hythe, a whole network of lanes and villages becomes accessible. Playground? Check (Standlake, Stanton Harcourt). Pub? Check (The Harcourt Arms, The Red Lion, The Black Horse....) Afternoon tea? Check (Eynsham, Aston Pottery). Or maybe your teenager wants to spread their wings and go to sixth form in Eynsham, which would be easily reached by bike or e-bike. There would be better access to local footpaths, and we could connect much more with communities on the other side of the river. Some of those villages must have Aunt Sally teams...

It would be wonderful if residents supported this, we have so much to gain. Please do write to our local County Councillor Juliette Ash at [juliette.ash@oxfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:juliette.ash@oxfordshire.gov.uk) with your support.

Thank you!

Alice Parker

## Hooters

Settle down chaps, I know The Plough has just reopened (or is about to at the time of writing) but it won't be that sort of hostelry or will it? This month, great tits... sorry I mean owls.

There are five resident owl species found in the British Isles, four of which are native (barn, tawny, long-eared and short-eared) and one (little) was introduced in the 1800s. Did you know that not all owls hoot? In fact, the characteristic 'twit-twoo' can be attributed to just one British owl species; the tawny. The females do a sharp 'ke-wick' while the males make a wobbly 'hoo-hoo.' I quite often hear tawnys in the Manor grounds opposite me. Just the other night I heard this owl hooting a lot. I thought, that's got a bad case of irritable owl syndrome.

My personal favourite and the one I love to see especially in flight is the barn owl (pictured) They are often seen hunting at dusk and dawn, quartering along linear features like hedgerows, although they can sometimes be seen in the daytime during the winter months when food supplies are low.

Have you ever found an owl pellet?  
These consist of the parts of the prey

that owls can't digest, such as fur, bones, teeth and feathers. Owls swallow their prey whole and the pellets are regurgitated later. Besides the remains of small mammals, which are the most frequent prey, pellets can contain remains of birds, bats, amphibians, insects and earthworms.

Last month we had a clutter of spiders.

Well, a group of owls is called a parliament, wisdom, or study, and baby owls are known as owlets.

What do you call an owl with a sore throat?

A bird that doesn't give a hoot!

Next month: The second day of Christmas

Owl be back!

Clive

Charwood House



### **Appleton Evergreen Club**

Please note that the next meeting will be on Thursday 2nd November at 2pm in the Village Hall.

All welcome

## **Appleton Chapel**

Sun 12th Nov. 3pm	Remembrance Service with military followed by a meal.
Tues. 14th Nov 7:30pm	Healing service
Thurs. 23rd Nov. 7pm	Applejack Club
Tues 17th Oct 7pm	Sausage sizzle
Mon 27th Nov. 7.30pm	'Heart to heart' Informal chat, friendship, sharing needs. Refreshments etc.
Ken Stallard	01235 868304

## **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 Trust 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 the Trust Clerk by email at

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

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

## **Appleton Community Shop news**

### **Adieu**

At the end of September we were sad to say goodbye to Angela Lawless who has been one of our shop managers for almost six years, before which time she was a volunteer. She was warmly thanked by us all for the time and commitment she gave to the shop over many years and we all wish her all the best as she flies to the United States to her son's wedding and finalises her plans to move to the Highlands of Scotland. Good luck Angela!

### **Welcome**

Every cloud has a silver lining and we are delighted to welcome Debbie White as our new joint Shop Manager. Debbie is well known to many of you and will be an old hand in the shop by the time you read this as she joined us on 10<sup>th</sup> October. We are delighted to have been lucky enough to appoint someone who both has the skills needed to help the shop to develop and grow and who is already one of our community. Welcome Debbie!

### **Hello chillers!**

Have you seen our new chillers? Apart from looking very smart, they'll be lowering our carbon footprint, reducing our electricity consumption and taking up less space. What's not to like?

Come and have a look (and you can buy something from one of the chillers whilst you're looking). Huge thanks to Duncan and Claire who masterminded the operation, including having to arrange to have the door taken off to get the old, electricity guzzling fruit and veg chiller out! We're all still wondering how on earth they ever got it in... . Our thanks to, to those who have helped us with the purchase.

### **Christmas (already?)**

November is the month where we in the shop must start thinking about all things Christmas. It will soon be time to start ordering your cheese, meat etc., for your Christmas festivities from us. So thinking caps on please.

### **Shop opening times**

Monday-Friday: 7am–6pm

Saturday: 8am–1pm

Sunday: 8am–12noon

Shop telephone: 01865 863191

Email: [appletonship@gmail.com](mailto:appletonship@gmail.com)

Follow us: <https://www.facebook.com/appletoncommunityshop>

### **Post office**

Mondays and Thursdays, 9am–1pm





## 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	£28,208
Aug	£23,714	£25,651	£24,841
Sept	£22,317	£24,070	£24,479
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	

### Appleton with Eaton History Group

will next meet on Thursday 2nd November at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall. Everyone is very welcome to come along. Please contact Jackie

Lewis [jackielewisthame@gmail.com](mailto:jackielewisthame@gmail.com) for information.

## Appleton Village Hall

Suitable for meetings, parties, dances and wedding receptions.

[www.appletonvillagehall.com](http://www.appletonvillagehall.com)

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

#### Defibrillators

The Council would like to ensure that residents are aware that there are currently 2 defibrillators in the village at the Village Hall and at the Sportsfield. The Council will be purchasing one for Eaton and is waiting to hear about a grant from the County Council.

If anyone is interested in a training course for the defibrillator – this largely covers CPR as well – please contact the parish clerk .

#### Walking after Dark

As the days begin to grow shorter, 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.

Allison Leigh, Parish Clerk

07767 596 650 / [parishclerk@appleton-eaton-pc.gov.uk](mailto:parishclerk@appleton-eaton-pc.gov.uk)

## Appleton History – the colour blue

In doing some DIY at home a flake of paint came clean off some bedroom woodwork. As the room is about 200 years old I wondered if this flake held a record of the room's paintwork. I cut the flake across with a fine blade and put it under a microscope. I could just about make out 17 layers of paint – so the average age of a layer was 12 years. The youngest paints were mostly bright whites – the oldest were very thin pale browns, yellows and greens.

But there was a dramatic thick layer of BLUE paint – about seventh up – maybe late 1800s; then a second very similar layer eleventh up – early 1900s?

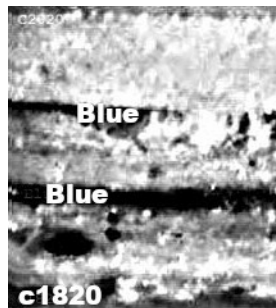
Blue paint pigment had been known for millennia – but it was very rare and expensive - equal in cost to gold. It was mined secretly in north-eastern Afghanistan and traded its way to Europe; it was known as Ultramarine – meaning “from beyond the sea”.

In the 1820s artificial blue pigments were created in France and Germany. Blue paint very slowly became available as house paints. On this evidence a blue paint had arrived in Appleton by the late 1800s at the latest.

Before the 1820s Ultramarine use was limited to churches and prosperous artists; if an artist had a commission that needed blue they would have to charge a great deal to buy the pigment. In the painting “Girl with a Pearl Earring” c1665 the girl wears a blue headband of Ultramarine that cost Vermeer a small fortune.

John Evans

je@oxmed.net



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## Village Hall News

The committee is pleased to let you know that they have now acquired a projector which can be easily linked to a laptop if you want to use the hall for a presentation. Please let them know when you're making your booking if you want to use the projector.

Dates for your diaries for events in the village hall:

History Group – 2 November

Scouts Table Top Sale – 8 November

Remembrance Day refreshments – 12 November

Church Christmas Bazaar – 25 November

History Talk – 28 November

Appleton Christmas Market – 9 December

Village Hall Committee

## **Appleton School's Macmillan coffee morning – a huge success!**

On the last Friday of September, pupils of Appleton School were ready and eager to welcome parents, friends and local residents to their Macmillan Coffee Morning.

The hall was soon full of people enjoying coffee and delicious home-made cakes, cooked by the pupils and parents at home. Refreshments were served with great care and lots of smiles by the older children.

Entertainment was provided while people enjoyed their coffee, with money raising fun competitions and by some very talented piano players from the school. It was a really enjoyable event attended by lots of happy customers and all for a very good cause.

**A grand total of £623 was raised for Macmillan Cancer Support.**

**Pupils in the top class, Grace and Fin reported the event in their own words:**

'We all made cakes and brought them in on the day for people to donate money and enjoy a drink and a cake.

Some people played music on the piano. They were Rebekah, Evelyn, Leo, Grace and Alice. Others socialised with members of the community. It was a fun thing for us to do because we did so well. We even got to choose a cake to eat!'

**Thank you to all those who attended and contributed on the day.**



## **Appleton WI**

We had a moving and inspiring talk at our September meeting by James Ross, chairman of the trustees of Flexicare. Flexicare is a small, local charity, founded by Sue Kendrick, which provides trained volunteers to be with profoundly ill and disabled children so that their parents or carers can have some free time. There was complete silence in the hall while he was talking, and a few tears. If you see an appeal for Flexicare, give generously, you might change someone's life.

Our November meeting will be held on Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> November at 2pm in the village hall, when we shall have a talk entitled Variety is the Spice of Life. There will be a raffle and a bring and buy stall. Come and spend a pleasant afternoon with us.

Elaine Flint

01865 861838

## **GP practices replacing Botley & Kennington**

The Botley and Kennington Surgeries closed at the end of September 2023, with patients being transferred to 19 Beaumont Street and The Manor Group, Headington. The former PPG executive group together with the managers of the Beaumont Street and The Manor practices have formed a Special Interest Group (SIG) to aid the transition.

### **Beaumont Elms Practice**

The 19 Beaumont Street team work at both 19 Beaumont Street and Elms Road and the organisation is known as Beaumont Elms Practice. The practice phone number is 01865 240501 and the website is [19beaumontstreet.com](http://19beaumontstreet.com). Dedicated covid and flu vaccine clinics are taking place.

### **The Manor Surgery**

The Manor Surgery took over the running of GP services at Kennington Health Centre on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2023.

The NHS app can be used to request repeat prescriptions, to book appointments for flu and covid vaccines and to book blood tests .

To request an appointment fill in the simple forms on the website [www.manorsurgeryoxford.co.uk/consulting-room](http://www.manorsurgeryoxford.co.uk/consulting-room) . Please call 01865 762535 for all enquiries.

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## **Appleton Cricket Club needs your help!**

Appleton Cricket Club recently embarked on an ambitious Crowdfunding campaign to raise funds for a new set of cricket pitch covers. **Thanks to the amazing support of the community, we smashed through our target of £10,000.** So, we have decided to set our sights higher and aim for our ambitious '**stretch target**'.



We are asking the community to help us reach our new fundraising goal of **£15,000**. The extra funds will be put towards acquiring a much-needed **gang mower**. With a gang mower, we can look forward to much **improved outfield conditions, enhanced player safety**, and an asset which will put the **club in control of outfield maintenance**. Your contribution can make all the difference!

There are exciting rewards to choose from when you contribute to our campaign, including your name printed on the new covers for all eternity!

To learn more and to donate, please visit our crowdfunding website:

<https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/appleton-cc-protection-drive>

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# **St Laurence Church Appleton with Besselsleigh**

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## **SUNDAY SERVICES**

**November 2023**

<b>Sunday 5th</b>	<b>8.00am</b>	<b>Holy Communion (BCP)</b> (Rev Wealands Bell)
	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>All-Age Service</b> (Will Stonham) Coffee & Croissants from 9.45am
	<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>Evensong (BCP)</b>
<b>Sunday 12th</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Remembrance Sunday Service</b> (Rev Kevin Mentzel) Followed by Ceremony at War Memorial with Silence at 11.00am and Laying of Wreaths
<b>Sunday 19th</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b> (Rt Rev Gavin Collins - Bishop of Dorchester)
	<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>Evensong (BCP)</b>
<b>Sunday 26th</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b> (Revd Wealands Bell)

**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:

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