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THE OBSERVER

Candlemas



In last month's Advertiser Pete talked about the Christian Feast of Epiphany and noted that January 6th, as the twelfth day after Christmas, is traditionally the day when we take down the Christmas decorations. I wondered then whether you have ever been involved in the argument as to whether the Christmas decorations have to be down **by** or **on** 6th of January? Well, if you follow the Christian calendar you don't need to take them down until 2nd February, 40 days after the birth of Jesus!

Candlemas, also known as the Feast of the Presentation of Jesus Christ, commemorates the presentation of baby Jesus (in accordance with Jewish law) at the Temple 40 days after his birth and it falls on 2nd February. (Luke 2: 22-40) It marks the end of the Christmas-Epiphany season and in many Christian countries Christmas decorations are taken down at Candlemas and not, as is usually the case here in the UK, at Twelfth Night which is Epiphany Eve.

It is also the date, in some protestant countries, that Christians take their candles to their local church where they are blessed then used for the rest of the year. Candles serve as a symbol of Jesus Christ who is the Light of the World. At St Laurence we do not use donated candles, but the donation box is still there for the candles which are being sent on to Ukraine to make 'trench candles' for use by soldiers on the front line and civilians sheltering in bombed out basements who are without heat and light. So why not bring your used Christmas candles to St Laurence and donate them to 'Candles for Ukraine'. We began collecting candles last June and so far have sent three large boxes of them to the charity 'Inlight Ukraine', and we have another two boxes ready to go. Please put your old candles in the box by the door just inside the church.

Thank you!

Jane Cranston
Churchwarden



**St Laurence, Appleton with Besselsleigh
Tuesday 13th February 2024**

St Valentine's Eve

Tea and Fellowship at 4pm in the Church Building

We would be delighted if you could join us in our Church building for tea and fellowship on Shrove Tuesday as we come together to remember loved ones who are no longer with us.

Please bring a favourite reading if you would like to share it.

No need to reply – just come.

PS. We were intending to choose St Valentine's day for this get-together but as 14th February falls on Ash Wednesday this year we feared some of you might have given up cake!

Any queries or if you'd like a lift, please ring Jane on 01865 863681

Appleton Bellringers March 4th Celebrations

The original ring of six bells were given to the village on 4th March 1818, by the then Lord of the Manor, Robert Southby. On Saturday 2nd March the bellringers will be celebrating the 206th Anniversary of the bells by attempting a peal in the morning, starting at 10.00 am; this is expected to last until about 1.00 pm.

In the early evening, local members of the Appleton Society will be joined by ringers from around the country for a dinner in the Village Hall, after which there will be handbell ringing and traditional ringers' songs, including the March 4th Song composed by John Harding in 1818, will be sung.

Appleton WI

Our February meeting will be held on Thursday, 15th February at 2pm in Appleton village hall. It will be a real treat because we have a harpist coming to entertain us. We shall also be voting on which resolution we would like to be discussed at the annual meeting in the Albert Hall.

There will be a raffle and a bring and buy stall.

Visitors are always welcome.

Elaine Flint

01865 861838



The Plough

Rob & Will would like to thank everyone who has come out to support the Pub since our arrival in November. It has been a pleasure to meet everyone and receive such a warm welcome to Appleton.

This year will entail some exciting events and news for The Plough, beginning with the long awaited exterior refurbishment for the gardens and the pub itself, hopefully commencing around April/ May time 2024.

We have completed our maintenance work in the kitchens allowing our Chef Doug to produce his renowned Sunday roasts, served every Sunday 12am—5pm as well as some more complicated dishes to add to the menu.

We have some interesting dates for February & March -

Open 9am every
Wednesday for Coffee

Morning (during school terms)

13th February - Bingo Night

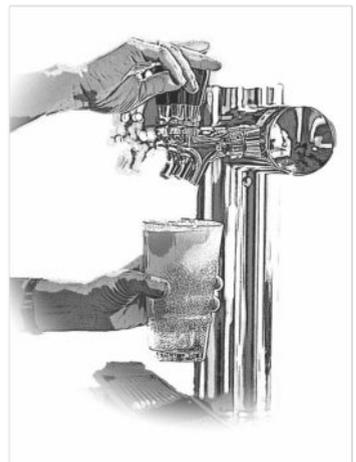
14th February - Valentine's Set Menu (Pre-booking only)

27th February - Quiz Night (Booking essential)

10th March - Mothers' Day Set Menu (Pre-booking only)

12th March - Bingo Night

26th March - Quiz Night



Laughter is the Best Medicine

There is a very friendly Table Tennis club in Appleton, namely, Appleton Table Tennis for Seniors. It runs 2 mornings a week and has about 20 mixed ability members, playing mainly mixed ability games.

The really good thing about the club is that most of the membership fee, goes to charity. Weekly subs are £1 each per session which covers tea/coffee and biscuits. Scores are never recorded. No league playing is involved. It's just a relaxing, fun loving club and the laughter can be heard far and wide. It has been said many times that members tend to come away after the session, feeling refreshed, happy and ready to tackle the rest of the day.

One member, like some, has had her fair share of ups and downs during her lifetime. However she stuck rigidly to her maxim, "Laughter is the best medicine."

One day, the above-mentioned member arrived, carrying a very old fashioned portable cassette player. Everyone assumed that they were to be treated to music whilst at play: not at all!

"I am recording all the fun and laughter we have when we play Table Tennis. "she said, "I intend to play my recording to all the people who belong to the same clubs as me and to all of my friends!. After all, Laughter is the best medicine!"

(Jenny Mead)

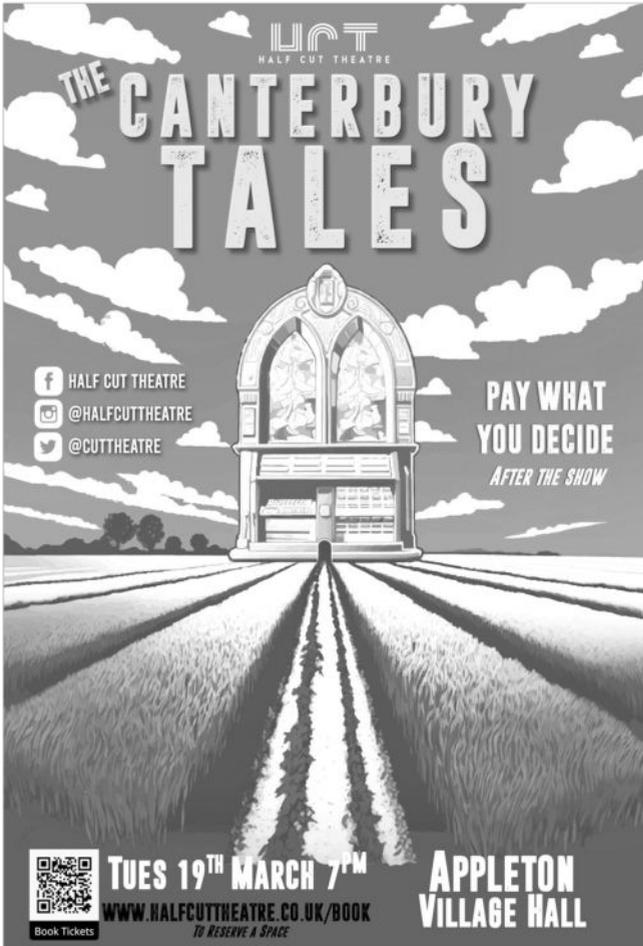
Appleton Voluntary Transport Scheme (AVTS)

We try to arrange transport to medical and dental appointments in Abingdon, Oxford, Witney, Faringdon 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.



HALF CUT THEATRE

The Canterbury Tales

**Tuesday 19th March, 7pm -
Appleton Village Hall**

We are delighted to be returning to Appleton with our brand new adaptation of some of the most romantic, ridiculous and raucous stories you've ever pretended to have read: Geoffrey Chaucer's *The Canterbury Tales*.

All good stories start down the pub, and this one is no different. A mismatched group of travellers ready themselves for a gruelling journey. Some have an axe to grind but all have a tale to tell. Can Harry, behind the bar at The Tabard Inn, keep

control? What secrets is the Wife of Bath about to spill? Are we ready for Tim Pardoner's latest get rich quick scheme? And will anybody actually make it to Canterbury? There's only one way to find out...

Following our previous visit to Appleton with *A Christmas Carol in 2022*, we cannot wait to share this show of mayhem, music, laughter and love with you all!

As ever, tickets are free to book (halfcuttheatre.co.uk/book) and then **Pay What You Decide** after the show. But hurry, places are going fast!

See you there!

The HCT team

Appleton history – a near miss

Hatford is a small hamlet about eight miles west of Appleton.

The peace of the hamlet – population c100 over the last 1,000 years – has been upset twice. Recently in WW2 a German bomb was dropped on it – probably dumped as excess payload; it killed three youngsters – two of whom had been evacuated there from London.



Bigger bangs had occurred in 1628. The people around heard two great explosions and the rushing of air before two sky borne rocks crashed into their fields. One weighing about 65 pounds and a lesser one of 25 pounds. Given their estimated direction of flight they may have passed over Appleton seconds earlier that day – 9 April; the explosions were sonic booms.

The events were quickly attributed to divine intervention - God had set up celestial cannons to warn English folk of the dangers of their unholy life style. Rumours evolved rapidly together with illustrations of the account; news of the event spread far and wide.

Two farmers approached the larger rock – in their minds God's rock - and tried to dig it out of the ground – watched in awe by the gathered villagers. The younger of the two fainted from emotional stress.

Despite the attention it received no remnants of the meteorites are known of. They are thought to have been stony meteorites and may have merged into the landscape.

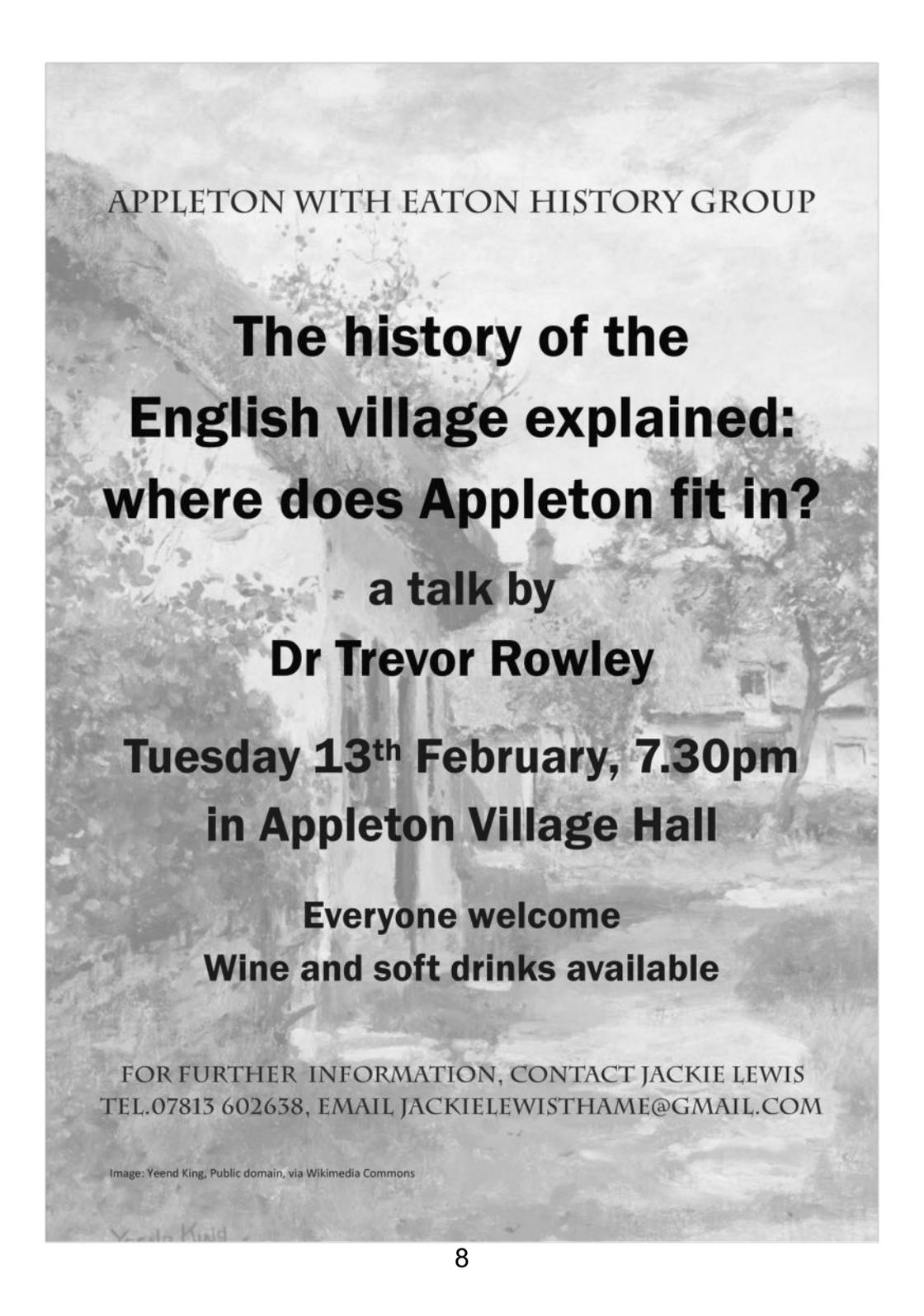
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Appleton Christmas Bazaar

A huge thank you to everyone who came and supported our Christmas Bazaar in December. Also especially to those who helped run the stalls and/or donated everything. We had some really wonderful things to win or buy.

We raised a fantastic £3,112.

Mary Blake



APPLETON WITH EATON HISTORY GROUP

**The history of the
English village explained:
where does Appleton fit in?**

a talk by

Dr Trevor Rowley

**Tuesday 13th February, 7.30pm
in Appleton Village Hall**

Everyone welcome

Wine and soft drinks available

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT JACKIE LEWIS
TEL.07813 602638, EMAIL JACKIELEWISTHAME@GMAIL.COM

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Appleton with Eaton History Group resumes its meetings on Thursday 1st February at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall. Everyone is welcome.

Please contact Jackie Lewis (jackielewisthame@gmail.com) for any further information.

News from Appleton with Eaton Tennis Club – Feb 2024

Notices to Members

The Tennis Club Annual General Meeting 2024 will take place on Friday 23 February 2024 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Doors will be open and complimentary drinks (wine and soft drinks) will be served from 7pm.

Members are reminded that the Committee took the unusual step of

writing to all Members, in early January, outlining the continuing, underlying challenges that we face for the running, and administration, of the Club. Please do re-read and consider the letter carefully:

Firstly, we need as many Members as possible to attend AGM 2024 to discuss and debate the critical, very real, imminent issues that we face. Secondly, we need Members to join the Committee and help take on responsibility for running your Club. For those who have considered joining or been approached to join the Committee, the time is NOW and not

sometime in the future!

(New General Committee members and a Secretary particularly needed)

For more information and to contact the club:

Email: appletonwithheatontennisclub@gmail.com

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

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/AppletonwithEatonTennisClub>

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Appleton Community Shop news

February 2024

Sorry ... if volunteers and customers found the shop a bit chilly at the end of January – hopefully all will be repaired and warm by the time you read this.



Marmalade! Seville oranges!

It's time to don those Paddington Bear hats and duffle coats. The shop has lovely Seville oranges just right for marmalade (and other recipes). But if you don't have time, treat yourself to Carole's marmalade – Orange, Thick Cut, Three Fruit, Ginger and Orange, and Passionfruit and Orange. Lovely.

Valentine's day

Don't forget those you love on the 14th. Treat them (and yourself) to the gorgeous boxes of Monty Bojangles chocs, and perhaps a bottle of wine. We also stock plenty of cards so you can pick one that's perfect.

Shrove Tuesday pancakes

We have everything you need to enjoy a pancake-filled day on 13th February: flour, eggs, lemons, milk... Why not try the recipe below which uses Carole's marmalade to make a pancake feast.

Marmalade pancakes

100g plain flour : 2 eggs : 300ml milk

1. Mix everything to a smooth batter – leave it to rest for about 20 minutes (it will thicken).
2. Heat a frying pan and wipe it with oiled kitchen paper (or melt butter in the pan and wipe it out). When hot (not too hot), pour in a large spoonful of the batter and roll around the pan, it will be cooked underneath when dry on top. Flip over to cook the other side. (The first one is usually a failure!) Repeat.
3. To serve, gently heat the marmalade of your choice and pour over generously.

Is there any better way to start and finish the day?



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Monthly turnover

	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
May	£21,608	£23,699	£27,338
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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	£26,318
Nov	£21,844	£24,697	£26,600
Dec	£24,552	£26,788	£27,354
Jan	£20,223	£22,995	
Feb	£18,923	£23,195	
March	£22,318	£27,445	
April	£21,454	£23,622	



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

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

News from the Appleton with Eaton Parish Council:

Appleton with Eaton Flood Group

As you will all be aware, there was a flooding incident in early January. The Council thanks all of those who came out to assist.

Appleton with Eaton has a Flood Group which is a working group of the Parish Council. The group meets at least once a year to review action plans, discuss equipment needed, etc.

This group is looking for more members. If you would be interested in joining this group, especially if you have been affected by the recent floods, please email/phone the Clerk (see details below).

There will also be a WhatsApp group for the Flood Group as well as anyone who would like to be a part of it for reasons such as communicating any issues, asking for assistance, etc. Please contact the Clerk if you would like to join this group.

The Council will be purchasing (and may have purchased by the time of delivery of the Advertiser) 150 aqua sacs which will be kept in the Village Hall. The Council will also be purchasing additional flood signs.

The Council would also ask that anyone who has ditches affecting drainage to keep them clear so as to assist in the event of heavy rainfall which is bound to be a more regular occurrence.

20mph survey

The results of the speed survey were discussed at the meeting of the Parish Council on Monday the 8th January. The Council has put together all of the results and comments and sent those to Oxfordshire County Council for their information in preparing their consultation.

The results can be found in the news section of the website and on the noticeboard outside the shop.

D-Day

The Council is looking to hold an event to commemorate the 80th anniversary of D-Day in June 2024. It has been suggested that a D Day Dance, with period dress encouraged, would be a fitting way to mark the occasion. If anyone would be interested in helping to plan this event, please contact the Clerk via the contact details below.

Parish Councils demystified!

This month's information focuses on Oxfordshire County Council (OCC). There are several areas that affect Appleton with Eaton which are not the responsibility of the Parish Council, but rather OCC. Some of these are:

- Highways – This includes pothole repair, road maintenance (including making the Parish Council aware of roadworks), road markings, street lights, some overgrown vegetation.
- Rights of Way – This was covered in last month's Advertiser.
- Education
- Public transport – Parishes can have a Parish Transport Representative who can act as a liaison between the Parish and OCC as to local needs. Appleton with Eaton is very fortunate to have Betty Griffiths as our representative. To get in touch with her, please email bettyjordan70@gmail.com or ring 01865 863255.
- Waste recycling centres

The County Councillor for Appleton with Eaton is Juliette Ash and her email address is juliette.ash@oxfordshire.gov.uk.

The Parish Council can communicate with OCC on how the above issues affect the parish, if they are known/made known to the Parish Council, but residents are also encouraged to report any issues themselves. Some of these ways would be:

- Fix My Street: [FixMyStreet \(oxfordshire.gov.uk\)](http://FixMyStreet.oxfordshire.gov.uk): Here you can report issues affecting highways noted above.
- Countryside issues: [Countryside | Oxfordshire County Council](http://Countryside.OxfordshireCountyCouncil.gov.uk): Here you can report issues such as those affecting rights of way and trees

Allison Leigh, Parish Clerk

07767 596 650 / parishclerk@appleton-eaton-pc.gov.uk

Appleton Evergreen Club

The next meeting will be on February 9th at 2pm in the village hall. All welcome.

Why not come for Tea and Chat?

THE CEILIDH IS BACK — SAVE THE DATE

Everyone welcome: Any age, any ability, new to Scottish Dancing or the village, enthusiasts.....

FRIDAY 22 MARCH at South Lawn Barn 6.30pm doors open dancing 7.00pm

Tickets (to include supper) on sale in village shop from beginning of March.

Profits to St Laurence's Church and Motor Neurones Disease (in memory of Christine Harris)

WHY NOT GET INVOLVED - Any help welcome: contributions to supper, raffle prizes, help setting up, clearing up. Please contact Jess Adams on 07813267149 for more info.



Green Appleton

SAVE THE DATES!

Monday 18th March, 7.30pm at the Village Hall - TALK AND INTRODUCTION TO iNATURALIST - the app already being used by many villagers

It would be great to have more people sign up to this amazing app, recording the nature on our doorsteps. Already 500+ species have been identified.

Join us for a drink, get help with downloading and using the app and hear from James Sprinks (Earth Watch) about the wonders and excitement of using iNaturalist.

We'll present our discoveries so far and we're hoping to have a really exciting announcement on the night!

Saturday 6th April, 10.00-12.30 at Southlawn - SPRING EVENT FOLLOWED BY A SPECIALLY ARRANGED LUNCH AT THE PLOUGH.

Join us for our spring event suitable for everyone. We hope to have activities in the barn as well as outside - seed planting, making bird boxes, repair shop, jumble sale, plants, pre-loved toys, books, Wild Oxfordshire, Treasure hunt exploring the fields and hedges

Can you help us with a stall? All contributions and help welcomed. More details in the March edition.

Please contact greenappleton2021@gmail.com. We'd love to hear from you.

Next meeting: 21st February, 7.30 at Southlawn. Everyone welcome.

February Days

by Ellwood Roberts

The icy northern blast sweeps by,
From wild wastes of the Arctic snow;
Above us droops a wintry sky,
A bleak white landscape lies below.
But, 'neath the chilly Polar blast,
A low, sweet undertone I hear:
"The wintry storms will soon be past,
And pleasant Spring-time days are near."

In Winter's stern and icy grasp,
Are river, pond, and rill, to-day;
Like iron bonds his fetters' clasp,
Like despot's rule his frosty sway.
But only yesterday I heard—
Though all the landscape was so
drear—
The sweet voice of a lonesome bird:
"The Spring-time days will soon be
here."

The air is icy, keen and chill,
All Nature lies in sleep profound,
That seems like death—so cold, so
still—
But flowers are biding underground.
The sun mounts up, from day to day,

His beams each morn more full of
cheer.

And to our hearts they seem to say:
"The Spring-time days will soon be
here."

The ice and snow will soon be
gone,
The Spring-time waits the sun's
warm rays,
Already we can trace the dawn
Of brighter, warmer, sweeter days.
Each morn we watch for signs of
Spring,
Each evening feel its coming near.
All Nature's voices seem to sing:
"The Spring-time days will soon be
here."
And though an Arctic wind sweeps by
From wildest wastes of ice and snow,
And though above us wintry sky,
And desolate white fields below—
Beneath the wind's wild organ-blast,
A low, sweet undertone I hear:
"The wintry storms will soon be past,
The sunny Spring-time days are near."

Letter to the PM about Oxford Flood Alleviation Scheme

Rishi Sunak visited Oxford and Abingdon on January 7 and announced the government was investing £5.2-billion in flood defenses. Now residents have written to him challenging him to back up the pledges with decisive action.

They said that the proposed Oxford Flood Alleviation Scheme (OFAS) is not a good solution, and also that the proposed channel is unnecessary (when alternatives exist). Canon Sugden said: "We wanted him to know that these local schemes are often rushed through without full public consultation, and all too often, cheaper and quicker alternatives are overlooked"

The current CPO (Compulsory Purchase Order) public enquiry into the OFAS ends on 26 January.

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Appleton Village Hall

Many thanks to everyone who came to our Quiz night in January. We'd expected about 50 people and a fantastic 80 of you turned out to raise money for the village hall!

Over the next few weeks there's plenty going on in the hall

13 February Appleton with Eaton History Group – a talk by Trevor Rowley on “Where Does Appleton Fit In?”

23 February - tennis club AGM

25 February – launch of Appleton Village Cinema

2 March – Bellringers Dinner

9 March – Terence Blacker – “The Shock of the Old”

19 March – Half Cut Theatre – “The Canterbury Tales”

23 March – APROCK

Weekly meetings include yoga; fitsteps; dance class and baby and toddler group.

Monthly meetings include the WI; the Evergreen Club and the History Group

For more details see the notice board outside the hall.

Appleton Village Hall Committee



Oxfordshire Art Teacher in Great Pottery Throwdown

Are you a fan of the Great Pottery Throwdown? (If you're not, it's pretty much like BakeOff but in clay.)

Whether you are or not, did you realise that we have an Abingdon representative among the contestants? We do indeed, and the person in question is Steven Broughton, who is 33 and a ceramic artist and art and design teacher at Abingdon and Witney College. He is newly married, and his favourite person to pot with is his three-year-old daughter.

He has survived the first two weeks of the competition, making a roast dinner set, inspired by his Nan's home, and a gluggle jug (a jug that traps a bubble of air in the handle, so it makes a distinctive “glug” sound when poured).

It's very friendly viewing, so I for one will be following Steven's progress through the competition, ready to be amazed by the creations these highly talented people produce.



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Appleton with Besselsleigh
SUNDAY SERVICES
February 2024**

Sunday 4th	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP) (Rev Wealands Bell)
	9.45 for	All-Age Service (Will Stonham)
	10.00am	Coffee & Pastries before the Service
Sunday 11th	10.00am	Holy Communion (Rev Kevin Mentzel)
Sunday 18th	10.00am	Holy Communion (Rev Preb Jane Haslam – Associate Archdeacon of Dorchester)
Sunday 25th	10.00am	Holy Communion (Rev Wealands Bell)
	4.00pm	Evensong (BCP) (Pete Day)

Please note earlier time

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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