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Epiphany

Most people today recognise January 6th as the twelfth day after Christmas, when traditionally we take down the Christmas decorations. But it is also the Christian Feast of Epiphany. Epiphany is one of the earliest Christian festivals and pre-dates Christmas, which wasn't established as a separate time to celebrate Jesus' birth until the end of the 4th century.

Epiphany means "appearance" or "manifestation". At Christmas we celebrate the birth of Jesus, when God came to be with us as one of us, as a human baby. At his birth, he was visited by local shepherds, symbolising that he came for God's original chosen people, the Jews. At Epiphany, we celebrate that in the birth of Jesus, God also came for the Gentiles (non-Jews), represented by the visit to the child Jesus of the mysterious Wise Men, Magi or Kings from the East.

Epiphany is then a time of revelation. Through the birth of Jesus, God reveals himself to both Jews and Gentiles – to all humanity; to all peoples, regardless of race or religion. And the visits of the lowly shepherds and of the wise men bringing their expensive gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh symbolises that God comes to us for all people, regardless of wealth or position.

God doesn't have favourites. He freely and unconditionally offers his pure, saving love to every one of us: a gift of 'good news' for all. How will we respond to this offer?

If you would like to hear more about the love of God revealed to us in Jesus, why not join us for the All-Age Epiphany service at St Laurence Church, 10.00am on Sunday 7th January. Coffee and pastries will be served from 9.45.

Appointment of New Rector

Several people have asked me when we will have a new Rector. After careful consideration, the PCC has agreed our parish profile, which sets out what sort of church we are and want to be and what sort of person we think our new Rector should be. The position will be advertised in January and interviews will be at the beginning of March. We therefore hope to be able to announce who our new Rector will be in March although it's unlikely they will be able to take up the appointment until the summer.

On behalf of St Laurence Church, may I wish you all a very happy New Year.

Pete Day

Churchwarden.

RAINFALL IN APPLETON IN 2023 (up to Dec.10th)

It has been a soggy year. But how wet? At 96.8cms (38ins) that's the wettest for at least 13 years, and well above the annual average for Oxford, which is around 63.5cms (25ins). March was the wettest month with 15.5cms (6ins) followed closely by October, 15.2cms (6ins). In contrast, February, traditionally a month of rain and snow, managed a mere 1cm. There were fine spells lasting three weeks in May and June, and odd dry weeks in September and October, but otherwise it has been a good year for umbrella sales. It is not a proper winter without snow, and Appleton had just enough of the white stuff to cover the ground on two occasions, but it did not lie. Our heat waves were similarly short-lived.



Green Appleton

Happy New Year!

A review of 2023

It's been a busy time for Green Appleton. Here's what we did in 2023:

26th February - Planted hedging

25rd March - Green Windmill Day

4th April - Fun 'Wild' Morning

10th April - Big Help Out Day

1st July - Bio-Blitz at the School Fete

17th September - Woodfest

......and we are now officially a part of Community Action Group Oxfordshire.

And for 2024?

10th January - Meeting to discuss events for 2024. 7.30pm at Southlawn.

21st February - Presentation at the Village Hall about i-naturalist. More information in the February Advertiser.

Lots of people have been recording their nature findings in i-naturalist. It's a brilliant app that's really easy to use. We already have 546 observations which is fantastic and they cover a huge range of findings - but we need more! It's likely there'll be a paper published from the data which is very exciting. Come along to our presentation and find out more about how you can record the nature that lives on our doorsteps.

April - Spring event. More details later in the year.

Everyone is welcome to all these events. We look forward to seeing you at all of the above.

In the meantime if you have any questions our email is: greenappleton2021@gmail.com



No one needs to be cold this winter, next winter or any winter

Ensuring residents have a home which is warm, safe and supports their independence is a key building block to their health. Cold, damp, dangerous housing is responsible for increases in respiratory problems, cardiovascular ill health and problems in childhood development and costs the NHS £2.5 billion a year.

There is support available to all residents to help them stay warm and independent in their homes, but we know it can be time consuming and confusing to navigate. To help, we have pulled together various resources to help you and residents reach the support they need.

WHY IS THIS SO IMPORTANT?

Archbishop Desmond Tutu once said -

"There comes a point where we need to stop just pulling people out of the river. We need to go upstream and find out why they are falling in."

Ensuring someone's home maintains and improves health is one of the key ways to go "upstream" and reduce the chances of them falling in.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

Support is available, but making sure our residents know that, and know how to reach it, is a significant challenge. Your organisations, networks and communities are key to making sure no one in Oxfordshire who needs support is missed.

We've created a toolkit of communication materials designed to help you promote this support, which includes newsletter copy, social media resources and printed materials which you can order.

Please use these where you can, so as many people as possible can hear about the help that is on offer— and if there are any other organisations, community groups or individuals you think would also be able to pass on the good news, please share the toolkit with them too!

Download your toolkit from:

https://mailchi.mp/oxfordshire.gov.uk/bhbh-toolkit?e=0f2cdedb70

Thank you in advance,

Rosie Rowe

R.F. Pave

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Appleton with Eaton History Group wishes everyone a very Happy New Year.

Have you picked up your copy of the latest AwEsome Histories? It's full of interesting articles about our local history and is available in the Village Shop for only £5.

The Group isn't meeting in January but we will resume on Thursday 1st February in the Village Hall at 7.30 pm. As always, everyone is very welcome.

Please save the dates for our upcoming events:

Tuesday 13th February

"The history of the English village explained: Where does Appleton fit In?" with Professor Trevor Rowley

Thursday 7th March

"A history of what the English have eaten" with Professor Diane Purkiss, author of 'English Food, a People's History'

Both events will be in the village hall at 7.30 pm. Entry £4. Wine and soft drinks available. We look forward to seeing you there.

Contact Jackie Lewis for any further information. jackielewisthame@gmail.com

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.

News from the Appleton with Eaton Parish Council

20mph survey

The results of the speed survey will be discussed at the meeting of the Parish Council on Monday the 8th January at 7:15 in the Village Hall. All are welcome.

The Inns!

The Council would like to welcome Will and Rob to the village! We have been so pleased to see the warm lights on in The Plough Inn again and have enjoyed seeing all of the successful exciting events held.

We are so pleased they are here and thank them for their warm hospitality and delicious food and drinks!

The Council would also like to thank James Mansfield for his organisation of The Interim Inn. It filled a huge void while Appleton was without a pub and was a huge success. Many thanks, James. It was much appreciated by all.

Walking after Dark

Many residents have expressed concern for those walking after dark. The Council would like to remind people who are walking at night to please wear reflective clothing. Carrying a torch is also useful to help the walker see where they are going, but often drivers cannot see this as it is facing away from them. Thank you in advance as we are concerned for everyone's safety.

Thank you!

Thank you to all of those who worked so hard on the recent pond clearance. It is much appreciated.

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 about parish councils is on rights of way. 'Public Rights of Way' is the term for footpaths (for walkers only), bridleways (for walkers, horse riders

and cyclists), restricted byways (for walkers, horse riders, cyclists and horse-drawn carriages) and byways (for walkers, horse riders, cyclists, horse-drawn carriages and motor vehicles). Due to the budget constraints and lack of resources, the Countryside Access team encourages parish councils to keep an eye on local public rights of way.

Appleton with Eaton Parish Council had a very positive meeting with landowners and the Countryside Access team in 2023. Following that meeting, Richard Prickett has become a Parish Path Warden through Oxfordshire Area Ramblers. There are 2 other local residents who are working with the Parish Council to walk footpaths and make the Council aware of any obstructions or other issues.

Parish Path Wardens keep an eye on local public rights of way, reporting issues noticed to the Countryside Access team. Stiles and gates are the responsibility of the landowner. Bridges are the responsibility of the County Council.

If you do come across any issues with regards to rights of way, please contact the Parish Clerk.

Thank you to landowners, wardens and all who are assisting in making our rights of ways enjoyable for all.

Allison Leigh, Parish Clerk

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



Resistance to the Oxford Flood Alleviation Scheme (OFAS) continues

The Oxford Flood Alleviation Scheme is being proposed by the Environment Agency (EA) to reduce flooding of the River Thames, particularly in the Botley and Abingdon Rd areas. They aim to introduce new wetland habitat to the west of Oxford as well as reducing flood risk.

The EA are attempting to progress nearly 1,000 Compulsory Purchase Orders. However, opponents of OFAS claim that they have failed to ensure that those affected have been given enough time to respond. They also say that the way that the orders have been publicised is "not fit for purpose" and want the Environment Secretary to order the Notice Period be re-started in the new year, using more diverse methods used to engage all members of the electorate. Social media must be used, they claim, if all the electorate are to be engaged in democracy.

The Ferry Hinksey Trust and the Oxford Flood Environment Group are trying to save Hinksey Meadow, They say that the EA is expected to provide land comparable to that purchased, in compensation. Most of the land that the EA has suggested, however, is already public land, and so there is a "net loss to the public realm".

Taken from Ferry Hinksey Trust Press Release 12 December 2023

Appleton Community Shop news

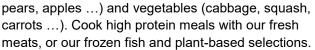
January 2024

Christmas detox ...

We hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas, and enjoyed the Christmas-time feasting and the New Year celebrations. We had a busy time in the shop fulfilling Christmas orders and selling mince pies and other festive goods.



Now we are into the New Year, balance the rich diet of the holidays by taking advantage of our more healthy options. Watch your waistline with plenty of fruit (satsumas,





APPLETON COMMUNITY



Or if that all feels a bit much after the hectic holidays, settle down with one of our fantastic frozen meal selections – lasagne, stuffed pancakes, fish pie and other winter warmers.

Friday night supper club

Mushroom gratin

This looks impressive, but is pretty easy!

Ingredients: mushrooms: onion: garlic (c.2 cloves): white sauce (butter, flour and milk – or cheat with a mushroom soup): herbs: breadcrumbs: cheese

- 1. heat oven to 180°C or 160 fan
- 2. Clean the mushrooms, cut large ones into half add to a deepish oven proof dish.
- 3. Finely chop onion and garlic and fry until clear and soft. Add to mushrooms
- 4. Either pour over the mushroom soup, or make a white sauce (the consistency of single cream lots of guides on the internet), add herbs (?oregano), salt and pepper and pour over mushrooms.
- 5. Sprinkle the breadcrumbs and grated cheese over the top
- Bake for 30-40 mins and eat with lots of Cornfield bread.

Perfect comfort food for the new year.



Monthly turnover

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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	£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		
Jan	£20,223	£22,995		
Feb	£18,923	£23,195		
March	£22,318	£27,445		

£21.454

£23.622

Shop opening times

NOTE:

1st Jan 9-11am (paper collection only, no deliveries)

Then all is back to normal from 2nd Jan

Monday-Friday: 7am-6pm

Saturday: 8am-1pm Sunday: 8am-12noon

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NOTE: special opening, Tuesday 1st Jan,

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April

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.

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ClerkAppletonTrust@yahoo.com
The Appleton Trust takes your privacy very seriously and will not pass
your personal details on to anyone

Appleton WI

When you read this the excitement and busyness of Christmas will be over, and we'll be looking forward to new experiences and adventures.

Our January meeting will be held on Thursday, 19th January at 2pm in the village hall. We will be discussing the proposed resolutions which are to be debated at the Albert Hall at the annual meeting of the UK wide Women's Institute.

Once the serious business is over we will have a poetry reading time, so bring your favourite poem and share it with everyone. There will be a raffle.

Elaine Flint 01865 861838

News from Appleton with Eaton Tennis Club –Jan 2024

Notices to Members

A Happy New Year to all our Members! It may be cold out there, but all our activities, weather permitting, are continuing as normal, - just wrap up warm and carry on!! If you really can't face the cold then why not try our monthly Indoor session at the WHLTC, in Abingdon, on the first Wed in the month.

INDOOR TENNIS – Our Indoor sessions at WHLTC will go ahead on Wed 3 Jan 24 (please note this session will now go ahead) and Wed 7 Feb 24, from 8-10pm. Cost is £10 per head, per session, payable on the night. If you wish to play in either session then please advise John Stedman via the 'Wednesday WhatsApp' group or by e-mail to john.stedman192@btinternet.com – so that John has an idea of numbers

AGM 2024 – The Committee has taken the unusual step of writing to all Members. The letter, which should arrive in the first days of January, outlines the continuing underlying challenges we face for the running, and administration, of the Club. Please do read and consider the letter carefully; it is a precursor to the AGM 2024 process and is critically important to the future of the Club. The AGM, further detail to come, will take place in the Village Hall on Fri 23 Feb 24, and we need, and encourage, as many Members as possible to attend.

For more information and to contact the club:

Email: appletonwitheatontennisclub@gmail.com

Website: https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/AppletonwithEatonTennisClub
Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/AppletonwithEatonTennisClub
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This is the last you are going to read about trees!

As the hymn says, 'We blossom and flourish like leaves on a tree.'

There are crafters and grafters And people who make tea.

There are bakers and makers Who are all important to me.

There are colours of Nature So vivid to see.

There are animals on land And fish in the sea.

There is our world and its beauty A joy like a tree.

So let's work together And that is my plea.

To set our world free.

We give thanks to our village people Who planted the fruit bearing trees.

What a great name Appleton is And that you must surely agree.

Jenny Mead



Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening Robert Frost

Whose woods these are I think I know. His house is in the village though; He will not see me stopping here To watch his woods fill up with snow. My little horse must think it queer To stop without a farmhouse near Between the woods and frozen lake The darkest evening of the year. He gives his harness bells a shake To ask if there is some mistake. The only other sound's the sweep Of easy wind and downy flake. The woods are lovely, dark and deep, But I have promises to keep, And miles to go before I sleep, And miles to go before I sleep.



High Sheriff's Awards



Applications are invited for nominations for the High Sheriff's Awards for the year 2023/2024

Every year the High Sheriff of Oxfordshire invites nominations for approximately 20 High Sheriff Awards in recognition of individuals in Oxfordshire who have made outstanding contributions to the communities in which they live and work. Nominees will usually have had a high impact on the lives of others over a sustained period of time and will be recognised by other people working in the nominee's area as inspirational and as setting an example for others to follow.

High Sheriff's Awards will not normally be made to people whose work and commitment has already been recognised by the award of a National Honour or by bodies such as the Police, the Fire and Rescue Service and Oxfordshire Charity and Voluntary Action. Nominations can be made by anyone who lives or works in Oxfordshire or who is representing an organisation in the public, voluntary and charitable or private sectors. All nominations will be treated in the strictest confidence and nominees should not be informed that they have been nominated as it can be very disappointing to raise expectations which are then not met.

The Nomination Process

All nominations should be made on the downloadable form which has been prepared for this purpose and should include the contact details of the nominee as well as the nominator together with a brief summary (400 words max) of the reasons why the nominee merits a High Sheriff's Award.

The deadline for nominations is Friday 5th January 2024. Successful nominees will be contacted early February and the High Sheriff Awards will be conferred at a ceremony in central Oxford on a date to be confirmed to which nominators, families and friends will also be invited.

Nominations should arrive with the High Sheriff BY 5th JANUARY 2024 and sent via email to oxfordshire@highsheriffs.com or by post to Mrs Sally Scott, High Sheriff of Oxfordshire, The Limes, Shenington, OX15 6NH.

Please do share this with anyone else who may wish to nominate someone. We look

forward to receiving your nominations.

With many thanks and best wishes, Sally Scott

High Sheriff of Oxfordshire oxfordshire@highsheriffs.com

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St Laurence Church Appleton with Besselsleigh SUNDAY SERVICES January 2024

Sunday 7th	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP) (Revd Wealands Bell)	
	9.45 for 10.00am	All-Age Service (Will Stonham) Coffee & Pastries before the Service	
Sunday 14th	10.00am	Holy Communion (The Venerable David Tyler – Archdeacon of Dorchester)	
Sunday 21st	10.00am	Holy Communion (Revd Wealands Bell)	
Sunday 28th	10.00am	Holy Communion (Revd Kevin Mentzel)	
	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:

Jane Cranston: 01865 863681; jane@cranstonjane.co.uk or Pete Day: 01865 862671; phm.day202@btinternet.com