

THE APPLETON WITH EATON

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*Congratulations
to*



on being awarded

**The King's Award
for
Voluntary Service**

‘And is it true?’

Wealands Bell, Rector of Appleton

I have to tell you that I remember very little of any of the sermons I hear. I remember even less of my own. There is, however, an exception to this general rule, involving a brief homily preached many years ago by the then Bishop of Sheffield, Jack Nicholls, on the subject of God becoming man. He told the apparently true story of a group of psychiatric patients in a New York hospital during the early decades of the 20th century. They were quite a problematic group of people, for no matter what steps were taken by the medical authorities, certain aspects of their condition seemed to remain untouched by whatever treatment they received. Eventually a young doctor was appointed to the psychiatric department who was determined to solve this mystery and find a cure for these patients. To do so he took the unprecedented step of living his entire life among them: he worked and relaxed among them; he ate his meals with them; he even moved his bed from the doctors' quarters and slept on the ward. He knew that it was only by involving himself entirely in the lives and experience of his patients that he could begin to understand them, and have any hope of finding a cause and cure for their ailments. What the church celebrates at Christmas is God making precisely this decision to take on the trials and temptations of human nature, so that he could number himself entirely with us, flesh of our flesh and bone of our bone, fully understanding what it is like to be you and me, to experience 'the heart-ache and the thousand natural shocks that flesh is heir to.' In Christ, said the bishop, 'God moved his bed on to our ward.' He said it again, and again, his Lancastrian burr adding to the sheer wonder of the proclamation, that the very heart and epicentre of all reality, the ground of our being, and source of all that is, should come among us as a human being, emptying himself in a life of humble service, while raising our flawed humanity to the level of the divine.

I don't know how much this will be on your mind as you're ladling out the sprouts and digging in to the brandy butter, but it is a fairly revolutionary thought that forces us to take human dignity even more seriously than we might already. If it is true, it raises our nature to new heights, and intensifies the need to love our neighbours as ourselves: for when we love and serve them, we love and serve the Christ whose human nature we all share, and in whose divine image we have all been made.

May the joy of this Christmas truth be yours, that (as Betjeman puts it) 'God was man in Palestine, and lives today in bread and wine.' Sounds like the cue for a carol.



Christmas Fair

THURSDAY 5TH DECEMBER

4:30PM – 7PM

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News from the Appleton with Eaton Parish Council

Walking after Dark

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

The Council would like to also remind drivers to be drivers to limit their speed along Oaksmere where pedestrians are vulnerable, especially as the days become shorter.

Thank you in advance as we are concerned for everyone's safety.

Highways and Superusers

All residents are encouraged to report road or street problems on Fix My Street, which can be found on Oxfordshire County Council's website. If it is safe to take photos, they are extremely useful when reporting.

In addition, Oxfordshire County Council (OCC) has a volunteer programme where residents can be trained and registered to inspect things such as potholes, blocked drains and damaged kerbing. Superusers can sometimes fast-track the process by ordering the defect repairs directly with OCC's contractor.

The village currently has one registered superuser but would love to have more. For more information or to express interest, please contact volunteercoordinator@Oxfordshire.gov.uk or the Clerk via the contact details below.

Date of the Next Parish Council Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Tuesday the 3rd December at 7:15pm in the Village Hall. The January meeting will be back to the usual second Monday of the month on the 13th January at 7:15pm in the Village Hall.

The Council wishes you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!

Allison Leigh, Parish Clerk

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

Village Hall – 100!

On the village Facebook page a few weeks ago some people were sharing memories of the Village Hall. Going through the hall archive we can see that one of the predecessor charities to the current one running the hall, was established in 1924. This makes it 100 years since the village has had a hall – a facility for recreation for the community.

1924 was the year when the Met Office issued its first broadcast Shipping forecast; it was the year that John Logie Baird sent rudimentary television pictures over a short distance; it was the year that the first broadcast by a monarch was made when George V opened an exhibition and it was a year in which Paris hosted the Olympics.

Much has changed since then in the wider world as well as in the village. This is particularly reflected in the ways in which the community is using the hall. There are more external calls on people's time; more sources of entertainment and an ability for many more people to travel so much further abroad than would have been possible in 1924. Today the hall continues to be used for meetings of village societies, is used for wider community gatherings and events such as the Christmas Bazaar, Bingo and the occasional quiz. Most recently the Village Cinema has been launched. But the usage will continue to change and the committee is looking to the future to ensure that as part of the wider parish community provision - including the sportsfield and the Jubilee Park as well as the pub – the hall continues to provide what the village would like it to provide.

To that end the committee will be exploring ways in which the hall will remain relevant for the next 100 years. Watch this space!

Village Hall Committee

Appleton WI

Christmas is almost here and we have decided to make our December meeting a bring and share festive tea. We will meet at 2pm on Thursday, 19th December in Appleton Village Hall. There will be a raffle and a bring and buy stall.

On 12th December there will be a celebration of Christmas at 7.15pm in the church hall of St Peter and St Paul in Botley. It will be a sing-a-long event, and there will be refreshments including mince pies. The cost is £13 for members and £15 for friends, so do come and join us.

We had a splendid group meeting in Botley in October, when we were given a lesson in playing the drums. We each had a drum, and the WI hall was soon filled with noise and laughter. Look out, Ringo, here comes the WI!

Elaine Flint

01865 861838

**Appleton Village Hall
Thursday 5 December**

Doors: 6.45^{pm} Film: 7.30^{pm}

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 Tickets on door £5 / U18s £3

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Charity Christmas Concert

Friday 13th December - 7.30pm

St Laurence Church, Appleton

*A short concert of Christmas music
and carols with the*

Appleton Community Choir

Tickets £10

Children under 16 free



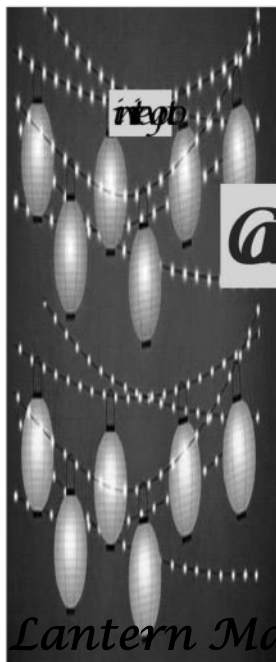
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*Concert Followed by mulled wine, hot chocolate
and mince pies*

Please contact Claire for tickets:

07767 400419 or cbarratt28@gmail.com



St Laurence

Carols around the brazier

Tidy Tidy

Lantern Making in the Village Hall - 6pm

*Please sign up for lantern making at the village shop -
£3 per child. Adult helpers very welcome!*

Mulled wine, juice and mince pies - 6.30pm

Provided by St Laurence PCC - All Welcome

Carols around the brazier in the village hall car park - 6.45pm

*All proceeds from the lantern making,
and donations for mulled wine will go
to the*



Oxfordshire Homeless Movement

GREEN APPLETON

We'd like to say a huge THANK YOU to all those who attended and helped at our inaugural repair cafe on Saturday 2nd November.

We had repairers, we had lots of tea and cake, we had stuck up posters and promoted the event far and wide but we really didn't know what to expect on the day.

But of course, we needn't have worried! We had a huge variety of repair jobs from replacing zips, to sewing machines and even a doll that needed her arms and legs fixing! Much tea and cake was consumed and it really was a wonderful community event.

Importantly, the reason for this event is to promote recycling and reusing items rather than sending them to landfill. We saved 37.5 KG of items from landfill - that's incredible. This may sound like a small amount but just imagine if many communities did this, it could be huge.



Here are some of your comments:

"Very good use of the village hall. Uniting community and experts. Much fun, shared experiences and advice....."

"Tools sharpened and hair dryer repaired. Wonderful service"

"What a lovely welcoming community space! Delicious cake and beautiful flowers on the tables. Huge congratulations to the organisers"

Are we going to do it all again? Yes we are!

Our second Repair Cafe will be on Saturday 8th February 2025, 10 - 1 in Appleton Village Hall. Save all your repairs for the day.

If you'd like to get involved either as a repairer or as help on the day we'd love to hear from you: greenappleton2021@gmail.com or you can contact us via the blog on our fabulous website: www.greenappleton.org.uk. Thank you.

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Appleton Community Shop news



Christmas orders

We have a wealth of Christmas goodies in the shop, so there's no need to panic if you forget anything. However, if you would like to pre-book your food from us, please pick up an order form in the shop to place your Christmas orders by the below dates:

Meat and cheese – by Wednesday 11th December

Fruit, veg and bakery – by Thursday 19th December

We'll take the hassle out of Christmas food shopping by preparing your orders for collection on 23rd and 24th December.

With very best wishes to all our customers for a very Merry Christmas and a wonderful festive break from The Directors, Staff and Volunteers

Shop opening hours

Please see below for our festive opening hours. You'll note that we're closed on Christmas Day and Boxing Day and our volunteers are having a bit of a break with shorter opening hours between Christmas and New Year.

Mon 23rd 7am to 6pm Post Office 9am to 1pm

Tues 24th 7am to noon

Wed 25th CLOSED

Thur 26th CLOSED

Fri 27th 9am to 1pm

Sat 28th 9am to 1pm

Sun 29th 9am to 1pm

Mon 30th 9am to 1pm Post Office 9am to 1pm

Tues 31st 9am to 1pm

Wed 1st 9am to 11am No newspaper deliveries, please collect from the shop

Thur 2nd 7am to 6pm Post Office 9am to 1pm

Fri 3rd 7am to 6pm

Shop telephone: 01865 863191

Email: appletonshop@gmail.com

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

Monthly Turnover

	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
May	£23,699	£27,338	£27,718
June	£25,008	£29,347	£28,268
July	£27,427	£28,208	£30,582
Aug	£25,651	£24,841	£25,678
Sept	£24,070	£24,479	£25,345
Oct	£24,066	£26,318	£26,522
Nov	£24,697	£26,600	
Dec	£26,788	£27,354	
Jan	£22,995	£24,690	
Feb	£23,195	£24,144	
March	£27,445	£26,109	
April	£23,622	£24,762	



The Board of Appleton Community Shop is enormously proud that the shop team has received THE KING'S AWARD FOR VOLUNTARY SERVICE

The King's Award for Voluntary Service is the highest award given to volunteer groups across the UK, is equivalent to an MBE and is awarded for life. The awards are announced every year on 14th November, the King's birthday.

This is a tremendous honour for the village and a wonderful recognition of almost 25 years of continuous volunteering in our shop, right at the heart of our community.

Not everyone will know that the shop is owned by the community and has been run by teams of brilliant volunteers since it started in May 2000. The current volunteer team numbers 72 people and includes those who get up at 6am to open the shop, those who organise the newspapers, those who clean the pasty cabinet and the coffee machine, those who bake, those who serve the customers, who collect products, who place orders, who put the stock away, who sweep the floors and clean the shelves, those who do the accounts, sort the IT and write the policies.

This is an award for all volunteers, past and present.

But we recognise that the shop wouldn't work without all its lovely customers who make the sums stack up, so a big thank you to everyone out there for your custom and support.

If anyone is inspired by this wonderful recognition of the shop's work to volunteer to join the team in any way, you would be hugely welcome. The role that is obvious to you all is serving behind the till, but there are many 'behind the scenes' roles too – lightbulbs need changing, board minutes need writing, local produce needs sourcing and delicious ham needs slicing.

Please do pop into the shop or email **Laura Olver** on laura.olver@icloud.com and let us know how you feel you could help...

You can never have too many volunteers!

Preservation – Fruit, Vegetables et al.

My mother was brought up in the Welsh borders within Shropshire and worked from the age of fifteen on family farms owned by relatives. She was orphaned at nine years old.

Later, as a farmer's wife moving to Oxfordshire in 1930, I will always remember her expertise and knowledge of fruit and vegetable preservation – all of which would have been home grown. The dairy on the back of our old farmhouse was packed with shelves of preserves and leads curing hams, sides of bacon etc.

Onions were pickled and popular with cheese for supper; red cabbage – sliced and pickled with cold meats; piccalilli containing cauliflower florets, runner beans, baby onions etc. Apples, pears and plums were bottled or jammed – currants and gooseberries from the garden were made into pies, tarts or jam. Sloes were picked from hedgerows for gin immersion and crab apples made jelly. Nothing was wasted.

A field growing many dandelions was picked and made into delicious wine, and if that was not enough, Shropshire damson plums were sent by train in a barrel to our local village station, and lo and behold! More wine!

On a weekly basis, butter was made, bread was baked with fresh yeast, together with steamed suet puddings for growing children and a hungry farmer.

Barbara Bunyan

TENNIS CLUB PRESENTATION EVENING

The Club's Presentation Evening and Christmas Drinks will be held on **Friday 6th December 2024 from 7pm** in the Appleton Village Hall. Our Chairman, Adrian Carey, will present the Tournament Trophies to the 2024 Winners, and there will also be Junior Awards for the Most Improved Junior and for the Polly Birch Award.

The Club will provide mulled wine, wine, soft drinks and mince pies for the event. Please do come along and join us to celebrate our 2024 Winners, our juniors and another successful year for our Club.

We hope to see you there!

Appleton with Eaton Tennis Club Committee: appletonwithheatontennis-club@gmail.com

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



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

Or Mrs Sue Halliday at 12, Netherton Road

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

Anniversary Peal

Staff of Whites of Appleton and members of the ringing community are ringing a peal at St Laurence, Appleton on Saturday 14 December to celebrate the 200th anniversary of the company's founding. They expect to be ringing for three hours from 10am.

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.



ALL AGE BINGO!

APPLETON VILLAGE HALL
SATURDAY 18TH JANUARY 2025
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Please get in touch:
jubileeparkfriendsof@gmail.com

Thank you!

EVERGREEN CLUB

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 10th December at the Black Horse at East Hanney, 12 for 12.30, for our Annual Christmas Lunch. Any Evergreen members not at our last meeting who would like to join us, it's not too late.

Ring Ann 01865 863658

Stars of Remembrance

£5 each and available for purchase from the Village Shop
from 9th December

Purchase your star and hang it on the Christmas Tree in the
Church

All proceeds to Oxfordshire Homeless Movement

Italian POWs

Referring to the Appleton Advertiser no. 686, I was prompted by the content in Besselsleigh Woods describing the input on a local farmer's farm by Italian prisoners of war.

I am able to add further to this subject as a farmer's daughter in West Oxfordshire in the years 1942-43 when I was about ten years old!

The farm received directions from the then Ministry of Food to plough up a rather large acreage of woodland for extra food production – to our dismay!

A lorry arrived with forty Italian prisoners of war alongside an armed sentry to clear the woodland entirely, which took about three months – at the same time depriving the dairy cattle of much-needed shade in summertime. As a youngster I spent a lot of time with Luigi – the camp cook – who provided fresh coffee in large bowls daily on site to the men. Water was fetched from the farm buildings.

In 1943 Italy surrendered and eventually many prisoners went home, but some stayed, including Luigi, and were spotted again in the Bicester area. I know Luigi enlisted with the British Army, and maybe others did, especially the younger ones?

The field was eventually ploughed up and sown with wheat, thus losing valuable trees, wild flowers and beautiful wild orchids.

Barbara Bunyan

The Snow Fairy By Claude McKay

Throughout the afternoon I watched them there,
Snow-fairies falling, falling from the sky,
Whirling fantastic in the misty air,
Contending fierce for space supremacy.
And they flew down a mightier force at night,
As though in heaven there was revolt and riot,
And they, frail things had taken panic flight
Down to the calm earth seeking peace and quiet.
I went to bed and rose at early dawn
To see them huddled together in a heap,
Each merged into the other upon the lawn,
Worn out by the sharp struggle, fast asleep.
The sun shone brightly on them half the day,
By night they stealthily had stol'n away.

Appleton History – an Italian Job – Besselsleigh Woods

At the end of WW2 the Italian POWs and Eaton farmhands returned to their homes and families. One – Mr B arrived home - near Rimini on the Adriatic coast; I've kept the full name secure for family reasons. He was reunited with his family – his wife and two children.

But all was not well – he found it almost impossible to make a living as a farmer; he actually longed to return to the life he had led in England and in particular in Eaton. Without much hesitation he wrote to Howard Cornish asking if he could arrange for him to return. This was promptly done and Mr B was soon back in England, followed by his wife and children.

At first they lived in Besselsleigh but then moved to Eaton village. Mr B returned to the farm work he enjoyed; his children went school in Botley – there they had an Italian teacher; their GP was in the surgery at The Plough Inn – as it was until the 1980s.

The family prospered and the son - Mr BJ nr moved from farming to the Morris car plant in Cowley.

My research for this story was a lot more than I usually encountered. I was given a tip off that the Italian family name could be – “B”. I heard that the family had settled in Oxford. There were about 20 such entries in the telephone directory and I started to call each one. The first five were met with very cool receptions. On the sixth call I explained, as usual, that I was trying to trace an Italian POW that had settled in Eaton. I was immediately told –

“You're talking about my Father!”

- this was Mr B Jnr. He then went on to explain the family history – as above. He was born in Italy in 1935 and came to England in 1947; he is now aged 89 with an amazing memory of life and events. He has lived a happy and prosperous life in Headington with his wife.

John EVANS je@oxmed.net

APPLETON CHAPEL

Sun 8th Dec 3pm	Family Service
Tues 10th Dec. 7:30pm	Healing Service and 'heart to heart' counselling and friendship help club.
Thurs. 12th Dec. 7pm	Sausage sizzle, Salad, Drinks etc.

Dr Ken Stallard

01235 868304

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19th August (19th of the month is the usual deadline)

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St Laurence Church Appleton with Besselsleigh

SUNDAY SERVICES December 2024

Sunday 1st	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP said)
	10.00am	Advent Sunday All Age Service Arrive from 9.40am for welcome and refreshments.
	5.30pm	Eucharist (short said service with hymns)
Sunday 8th	10.00am	Parish Eucharist
	4.00pm	Evensong (BCP)
Sunday 15th	10.00am	Parish Eucharist
Sunday 22nd	10.00am	Parish Eucharist
	5.00pm	Carol Service at St Lawrence Besselsleigh
Christmas Eve	4.00pm	Crib Service
	6.00pm	Carol Service
	11.30pm	Midnight Eucharist
Christmas Day	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP said)
	10.00am	All-Age Festal Parish Eucharist
Sunday 29th	10.00am	Parish Eucharist
<u>Sunday 5th Jan</u>	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP said)
	10.00am	All Age Christingle Service with Baptism Arrive from 9.40am for welcome and refreshments.
	5.30pm	Eucharist (short said service with hymns)

A Celebration of Holy Communion is held every Wednesday at 10.00am

(said service lasting about 25 minutes)

The church building is open every day 9am to 5pm for all to visit

For enquiries about baptisms, weddings, funerals, burials, pastoral care and home communion, please contact the Rector, Wealands Bell:

07588 598277; wealandsbell@gmail.com

For matters concerning 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