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# Advertiser

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# EXHIBITIONS



**SATURDAY 10 &  
SUNDAY 11 MAY**  
**10.30AM TO 5.00PM**  
**APPLETON VILLAGE HALL**



**ORIGINAL  
WORK BY 11  
LOCAL ARTISTS  
AND MAKERS**



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## Artist's Exhibition

A barn filled with great art!  
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Daily Demos at 2pm

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OX13 5JX



## Now Is the Month of Maying!

Wealands Bell – *Rector of Appleton and Besselsleigh*

May, as I learned as a pious child, is the month of the Virgin Mary. Statues of the Virgin are crowned in a riot of spring flowers and a fusillade of *Hail Marys*. And while this is not mainstream Anglican behaviour, if you'd been in Appleton any time between the 13th and the 16th centuries, you would have seen processions of the Virgin winding down Long Close or past what would one day be the school or village shop. She was the gentle and maternal power behind the divine throne, after all, and was worth keeping in with.

English Catholics going the extra mile would make their way to Walsingham on the north Norfolk coast (between Cromer and Hunstanton, where there was once, I recall, a rather disappointing joke shop). Here, in 'England's Nazareth', pilgrims could (and still can) visit the supposed replica of the house in which the Holy Family lived in Galilee, venerate the Virgin, and drink the healing waters of the miraculous well.

I tell you all this because, although my own devotion to the Virgin has largely evaporated, it still seems that she has something to teach us post-Enlightenment modern folk about living a fruitful human life.

There are always three things to say.

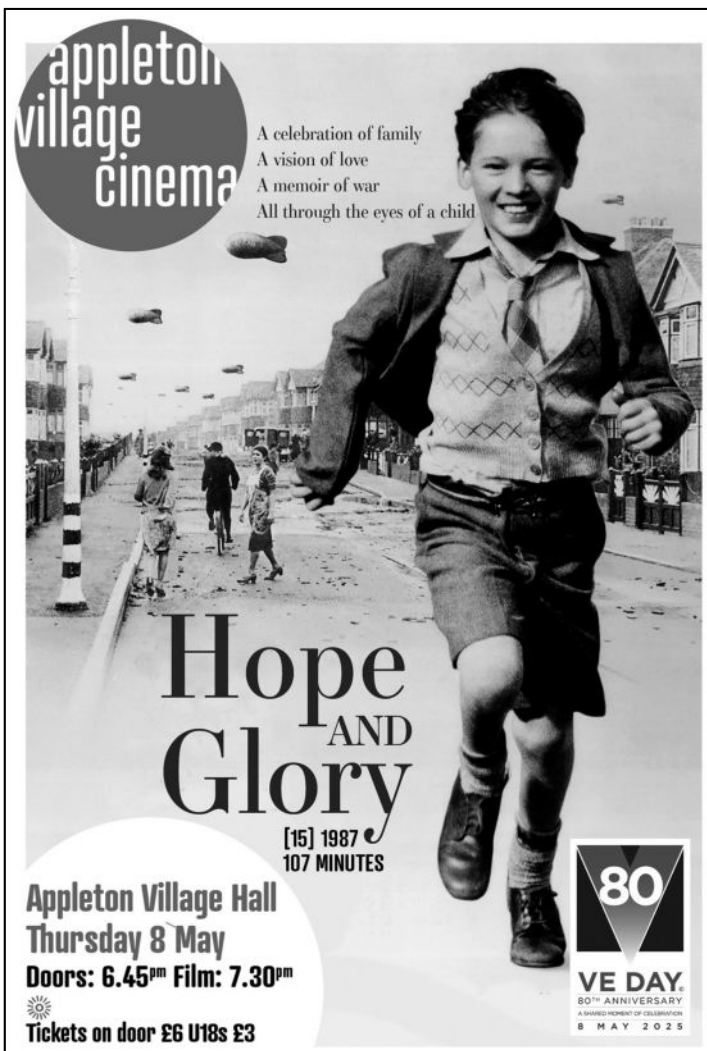
1. Mary's response to the pregnancy-announcing angel ('Let it be to me according to your word') suggests a willingness to co-operate with God's will. Although you may be less clear about what that is, it seems right to avoid a life drowning in self-centredness by rooting ourselves in what, even if we don't call it God, offers a definite moral compass, preferably one tested by centuries.
2. Secondly, although we may not readily entertain notions of a Virgin Mother, we might nevertheless admire, and even imitate, Mary's utter faithfulness and commitment to an ideal which, at the very least, she epitomises. The right sort of single-mindedness absolutely has its place.
3. Most interestingly, Mary has a robust social programme, set out in her famous song *Magnificat*, which advocates the casting down of the rich and the raising up of the humble. This kind of revolutionary talk does not always go down well in advanced and affluent liberal democracies, but we would surely be right to be alarmed by the increasingly bold rise of the billionaire, and what begins to look suspiciously like the world's steady tread towards totalitarianism. Keeping an eye out for the health, wellbeing and freedom of those nearer the bottom of the pile is now as much of an imperative as ever.

I'm afraid St Laurence's has no statues for you to crown, but if you fancy popping into church to mutter a *Magnificat* in the coming weeks, especially as we commemorate on May 4<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m. the selfless sacrifice of the War that led to widespread peace in Europe, then I for one will be delighted to see you.

*Viva Maria!*

## Hope and Glory, tea and cake

Join us at Appleton Village Hall after the church bells have rung out at 7.30pm\* on 8th May for a wartime-themed evening of cinema, tea and cake, and sherry! There'll be a VE Day newsreel, wartime public information films, and a screening of Hope and Glory, John Boorman's 1987 coming-of-age drama about a boy growing up on the outskirts of London during the Blitz. We're sure it will be a lovely way to end the celebrations and commemorations at Appleton's 80th anniversary VE Day events.



Appleton village cinema

A celebration of family  
A vision of love  
A memoir of war  
All through the eyes of a child

**Hope AND Glory**

[15] 1987  
107 MINUTES

Appleton Village Hall  
Thursday 8 May  
Doors: 6.45pm Film: 7.30pm

Tickets on door £6 U18s £3

**80**  
VE DAY  
80th ANNIVERSARY  
A SHARED MOMENT OF CELEBRATION  
8 MAY 2025

Special tickets for this evening will be £10 for adults and £5 for children, and will include tea and cake, and for over 18s, a glass of sherry! Regular tickets also available. All tickets will be available on the door as usual. No booking required.

\*Timings may change.

## **Volunteering**

Retirement loomed! I did not plan it – it just came at a time in my life when I was doing the work that I loved – dealing with people and planning events. What on earth was I to do next?

Not for me being in the house all day – looking for washing, clearing out drawers needlessly and other household chores! My children had left home – had houses of their own. My husband, already retired, took up two days a week volunteer driving for a local hospice and dearly loved the commitment. I was no longer needed and I began to worry about it.

I aired my situation to a library assistant, who immediately said they could do with a volunteer to collect books for housebound people. I had a car so I thought I would try it. I had three delightful homes to visit and got an idea of the kind of reading the householders liked. BUT I soon found out that the books were a side-line, for all the would-be readers wanted was someone to gossip with! Well – I gave up, as there wasn't enough activity in it for me.

My husband came home one day for lunch and said he had had a word with the V.S.O. (Voluntary Service Organisation) at the Churchill Hospital. Yes – she was setting up a 'help desk' service for patients and would be glad of my help. I went to a meeting and a tour with four others like me and was immediately listed as one of the founders of the Help Desk at the hospital – one day a week, mornings only. I was involved at the start, gradually finding departments and wards and guiding patients to their respective treatment areas. I loved it, and continued for over twenty years. I got to know many lovely people, porters, doctors, nurses etc. and never looked back. I would do it all again if I was mobile!

As I trained as a guide in Oxford and also showed visitors around the college where I worked, I was asked to conduct tours around the Churchill for new staff. So for thirteen years, I took an hour long tour mid-day for new people, researched the work behind various areas and loved it.

A lot of walking of course, but so interesting especially when the new oncology departments were built and incorporated in the visits.

I recommend voluntary work, and there are many avenues to explore whether withing a hospital, school, community garden or just shopping for housebound folk.

It allays boredom and gives a feeling of satisfaction from being wanted again by someone or something. Have a go and look around in your local area and find something that you like to do.

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## **Appleton WI**

Our March meeting was when we had our annual meeting. The president and the committee stood down, and a new president and committee were elected..All went smoothly with the help of Jane Finnerty, our WI adviser, and now we look forward to an interesting year.

Eight members had a splendid holiday in the beautiful Isle of Wight the first week in April. The hotel was excellent and the sun shone from dawn to dusk. Now we are looking forward to another one next year. Our grateful thanks to our wonderful treasurer, Ann Biles.

Our May meeting will be held in Appleton village hall at 2pm on Thursday, 15th May when we shall have a talk about the Thames path by Mr Russell Cherry.

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

Visitors are always welcome, so do pop in.

Elaine Flint

01865 861838

### **EVERGREEN CLUB**

Our meeting this month will be a week earlier due to Appleton Artweek. So, come along on Friday 2nd May at the usual time for tea, cake etc, etc

### **Appleton Trust Hardship Fund**

The Appleton Trust has some funds available to help those individuals or families, who live in Appleton and are 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)

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.



# Green Appleton Repair Cafe

**On Saturday 31st May 10am to 1pm  
In Appleton Village Hall**

- \* Sharpening \* Garments**
- \* Small Electricals \* Computers**
- \* Jewellery \* Bikes**



*Come along, bring your  
item for repair and have a  
free cup of tea and a piece  
of cake while you wait*

**Any questions, contact**

**[Greenappleton2021@gmail.com](mailto:Greenappleton2021@gmail.com)**



**Vale  
of White Horse**  
District Council

Supported by  
VOWH Climate  
Action Fund



## Photography competition!

With so much beauty around us in nature at the moment, we'd like you to **take a photo and send it to us here: [greenappleton2021@gmail.com](mailto:greenappleton2021@gmail.com).**



There will be a prize and the winner/s will have their photo put on our website.

Here are the choices for your photo/s (the flora and fauna we might expect to see at this time of year): **Bluebells, Wild Garlic, Cuckoos, Swifts, Cockchafer Beetles, Hawthorn blossom, Butterflies, Solitary Bees, and Hoverflies.** Some of these will be very difficult to photograph - but we know we have some budding photographers out there. The challenge is on! Open to all.

**Your deadline is 31st May 2025.**

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### **Do you know the difference between our native bluebells and the invasive Spanish variety?**

**Spanish bluebells (left)** have broad leaves, pale blue conical-bell flowers, with spreading and open tips, and flowers are found all around the stem. They have upright stems, no scent, and coloured pollen inside.



**Native bluebells (right)** have narrow leaves, deep violet-blue (sometimes white), narrow, tubular-bell flowers, with tips that curl back, flowers on one side of the stem, distinctly drooping stems, a sweet scent, and cream-coloured pollen.

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**i-Naturalist:** Please continue to use this amazing app to record observations of nature. Once you get started, it's very addictive! It's a great way of recording the flora and fauna that's on our doorstep and once your observation has been agreed by an expert, it becomes available for research, which makes it invaluable. **We're particularly interested in the items listed above for the photo competition.**

**Camera Stations:** If you are planning a walk, follow the main paths around the woods and look for our 3 Camera Stations. We already have almost one year's worth of photos! You should know the drill by now but if not, head to our website: [www.greenappleton.org.uk](http://www.greenappleton.org.uk). Don't forget the 4th photo station in the Churchyard!

## Appleton with Eaton Tennis Club

# GET BACK INTO TENNIS!

Free 4-Week Course for Local Adults

### Adult Rusty Rackets & Beginners Welcome!

Haven't picked up a racket in years?  
Always wanted to give tennis a go?

Now's your chance to learn or rediscover the game in a relaxed and social setting

**What's Included:**

- Free coaching from friendly, qualified instructors
- All equipment provided
- Meet new people & have fun getting active
- No experience necessary!

**Starts:** 2nd June at 6:30pm  
**Where:** Appleton with Eaton Tennis Club, Badswell Lane, Appleton  
**Cost:** Absolutely FREE – just bring yourself  
Course is only for Adult residents of Appleton, Eaton and Besselsleigh

**ONLY 8 PLACES AVAILABLE**  
To join please email your name and address to [aetc.coaching@gmail.com](mailto:aetc.coaching@gmail.com)



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As the weather is improving we hope to see you all out playing the courts. Don't forget to play your club tournament matches before the play-by dates.

### Adult intermediate coaching for club members

Anyone interested in improving their tennis can attend intermediate group coaching with club coach, Bart Wisniewski, on Monday evenings, 7:30 – 9:00 pm. Email the club on [appletonwitheatontennisclub@gmail.com](mailto:appletonwitheatontennisclub@gmail.com) if you would like to come along for a taster session and/or join the WhatsApp group. The sessions operate on a pay & play basis. We also have a free 'Get Back into Tennis' course

### Membership

The new season began on 1 April 2025 and by now all existing members should have renewed and found out the new gate code.

If you would like to join our friendly tennis club, please email the club on [appletonwitheatontennisclub@gmail.com](mailto:appletonwitheatontennisclub@gmail.com) or

turn up at one of our club sessions (Saturdays 10 am-12 pm, Wednesday 7-9 pm, or Thursday 1.30-3.30 pm).

### Date for the diary

Sat 28 June Club tournament finals day

**For more information see:** <https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/>  
[AppletonwithEatonTennisClub/](https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/)





## News from the Appleton with Eaton Parish Council:



The 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of VE Day is on the 8<sup>th</sup> May and there are lots of village events taking place during that time. Please see the programme in this month's Advertiser.

Please note that any children visiting the history exhibition will be given a certificate which was given to children by King George during the war

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Here is a link to the national website: [www.veday80.org.uk](http://www.veday80.org.uk)



### Parking outside the Village Shop

The Parish Council has been made aware that vehicles have been parked in the layby outside the village shop for lengthy periods of time during the day (on occasion for several days) preventing access for people who need to drive to use the shop as well as creating a hazard for all road users when delivery vehicles are forced to double park.

We ask that people please keep the time they park outside the shop, between the hours of 7am and 6pm from Monday to Friday, to a few minutes only.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

### Litter Pick

The litter pick will be held on Sunday the 27<sup>th</sup> April. This date is later than normal as a result of scheduling issues, so due to the verge growth people should have gloves and boots/trousers as there are some nettles growing up in the verges.

We will meet at the Village Hall at 9:30am. If you are able to attend, please contact the Clerk.

Allison Leigh, Parish Clerk

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

**MAY 2025 Appleton Community  
Shop news**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY  
APPLETON COMMUNITY SHOP!**



**On 1<sup>st</sup> May Appleton Community Shop is 25 years old.  
Drop in on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> May, wish us a 'Happy Birthday' and  
enjoy a slice of birthday cake on us\*!**

**King's Award for Voluntary Service**

There could have been no better 25<sup>th</sup> birthday present than being awarded the King's Award for Voluntary Service. After 25 years, 150 volunteers and not far short of 100,000 volunteer hours, to be awarded the country's top award for voluntary groups is as good a recognition of all that has been achieved as we could possibly have asked for.

**Our history**

25 years ago the village shop was closing and the owners wanted to change the building into residential use. A group of determined and hard-working people (with the full support of the village) had other ideas and formed the Community Shop so that this hub – a vital support for so many people – could be launched. The owners of Rowan Cottage (the house attached to the shop building), who were closing the business down, were extremely helpful, giving the shop a year's peppercorn rent so that the business could get up and running under community ownership.

The rest, as they say, is history!

**But now, 25 years on, is it time for some change?**

From time to time our much-loved village shop benefits from having a thorough review and an overhaul. With the increased popularity of direct-to-door supermarket deliveries, the role of the shop and the range it stocks needs to evolve to keep up with the changing needs of the community.

What products should we be adding to the range? What do our customers want? Are there new services we should be introducing? Who are our customers? Who could become our customers?

This exercise was last undertaken 8 years ago when we introduced decent coffee and home-made cakes, started baking and selling hot pasties, reviewed the product range, gave the shop a lick of paint and a new look, and invested in new chillers and the window seating area. But what's next?!

Keeping Appleton Shop relevant is key to keeping it solvent!

## WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE INVOLVED IN SHAPING THE SHOP FOR THE FUTURE?

If you have fresh ideas, or inspiration from other shops you've seen on your travels, or just fancy being involved in moving our beloved shop on to the next chapter, do please get in touch.

Just contact any one of the Directors; Jane Cranston, Laura Olver, Juliet Carter, Annwen Rowe, Nick Withers and Walé Adepoju or email: [appletonshop@gmail.com](mailto:appletonshop@gmail.com) to learn more.

*\*While stocks last...!*

### Cookery competition for VE day

On 5<sup>th</sup> May the Plough Inn is hosting a cookery competition, and you can buy all your ingredients at our shop! The recipe for Anzac biscuits and honey cake can be found here <http://bit.ly/3Rp6Hf9> and printed copies will be available in the shop. What a great excuse to get baking!

### Shop opening hours

Monday-Friday: 7am–6pm

Saturday: 8am–1pm

Sunday: 8am–12noon

**Post office** Mondays and Thursdays, 9am–1pm

### May bank holiday opening hours

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May: 9am–11am\*

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> May: 9am–11am\*

*\*No newspaper delivery. Shop collection only*

### Post Office

Mondays 5<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> Closed

open Tuesdays 6<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> May 9am–1pm

Shop telephone: 01865 863191

Email: [appletonship@gmail.com](mailto:appletonship@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	£ 26,224
Dec	£26,788	£27,354	£26,525
Jan	£22,995	£24,690	£23,937
Feb	£23,195	£24,144	£22,477
March	£27,445	£26,109	£25,360
April	£23,622	£24,762	

## **PART 2 My Garden**

As my mother's duck idea faded into the background, and my 'tadpole' idea did not work out, I had to find another project for my creativity! What next? School holidays could get boring as we did not go away, with a farm to run and a dairy herd to be milked twice a day!

I know – instead of pottering in my family's large garden, I could have one of my own! So I thought, why not?

Off to the barn to collect a hammer, staples, baling wire, a square tin lid for a gate, and the wood pile for some suitable batons for fence posts!

I had a lot of fun getting the wooden posts in place around my metre square area. I strung them together with the baling wire, and attached the gate which the tin lid formed.

Now I wanted some plants so I raided my mother's garden and found some primroses, some alpine, and other small plants and put them in a border along the edge of my square patch. I was well pleased. This kept me occupied for quite a while, then some watering had to be done.

My mother was not pleased at having some of her plants plucked from the edges of her rockery!

I loved my garden – I tended it every day – and then being packed off to boarding school, I thought about my floral patch, but then learning took over and I imagine my parents restored my garden back to the wild area of the orchard.

I had fun though, in the making of it, and learned a lot about the joys of gardening even though my patch was small!

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### **AwEsome Histories now available in The Shop**

The new issue (Volume 2, Number 2) of the Appleton with Eaton History Group Publication AwEsome Histories is now on sale in the Appleton Community Shop. The 56 pages of interesting articles on village history are available for only £5.

The articles present a mixture of recent discoveries and original research, covering diverse subjects from speed limits to telephones to bread in the village shop and memorial stones in the churchyard. Other articles in this issue cover village life from the early 17th century (through the eyes of Elinor Fettiplace) to the hardships of Victorian times and the efforts of the village residents to self-organise insurance schemes before the advent of the NHS. Two articles present some latest findings from the archaeological dig in Besselsleigh.

Stocks will probably last for some time but please buy a copy and read what is now the 12th edition of this village publication.

## PART 1 Ducks!

My mother decided that she would like to have some ducks on the farm, as if we did not have enough to look after – with a dairy herd, pigs, two cart-horses, and a small pond, two thousand chickens in houses in several fields plus a good number of eggs every day. So twenty or so white Aylesbury ducks were purchased and took up residence in a shelter in one of our two fruit orchards.

As a ten-year-old I had ambitions of my own, one of which was to build a small pond in the aforesaid orchard! I dug a hole – square in shape, lined it with mortar with a bottle top drainage in the base. I wanted to fill it with tadpoles taken from the redundant sand pits at the edge of the farm. This I duly did, and was pleased with my efforts.

Sadly, the tadpoles disappeared, disintegrated in the pond by a constituent of the mortar – how was I supposed to know? All was not lost, though because the ducks discovered my water hole, and daily, one by one, a duck bathed in my pond! I was so please with the outcome, but my mother was not so, for the ducks made such a mess paddling about in the orchard that it was decided that they had to go! The ducks were quickly despatched and my little watering hole filled in again before someone tripped over it.

So that ambition failed – I had to think of something else!

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### **Let it Grow - in our Community Green-Spaces!**

The temptation for many of us can be to regularly mow our greenspaces and keep them looking as neat as possible but research by Plantlife has shown just how beneficial to wildlife the opposite can be. In their 'No Mow May' survey, Plantlife found that the highest production of flowers and nectar sugar was on grass cut once every four weeks. 'Short-grass' plants like daisies and white clover had a chance to flower in between mowing, boosting nectar production tenfold. Areas of grass that were left to grow for even longer periods of time were more diverse in their range of flowers, with other nectar-rich plants like oxeye daisy, field scabious and knapweed providing varied nectar sources well into late summer. At the end, you can take part in a survey by counting the flowers in a square metre of your green space and reporting it to Plantlife.

Find out more at <https://www.plantlife.org.uk/campaigns/nomowmay/>



## **Appleton with Eaton's VE Day Events**

### **Sunday 4th May**

***Special Commemorative All Age Church service:*** 9.40 for 10am

There will be a children's 80th VE day craft activity and coffee and croissants available for all in the church from 9.40am with an all age service starting at 10am. Also come to see the display of a large dove made by the school on the church wall, full of messages, poems or prayers for peace from the children.

**Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> May Celebrate in The Plough Inn's garden!**

**1-5pm:** VE Day celebration at The Plough Inn's garden in Appleton. The following will be on offer:

- 1-5pm        BBQ (cash and card accepted)
- 1-2pm        Morris Dancers
- 2-5pm        Live jazz band playing 40s music
- 4pm        Competition judging!

Judging of war time honey cakes and Anzac biscuits. Copies of the cake and biscuit recipes can be found in the shop and on the Parish Council website: **Appleton with Eaton Commemorates VE Day!** – Appleton With Eaton [www.appleton-eaton-pc.gov.uk/appleton-with-eaton-commemorates-ve-day/](http://www.appleton-eaton-pc.gov.uk/appleton-with-eaton-commemorates-ve-day/)

Fancy dress competitions: Adults and children are encouraged to dress up in 1940's outfits. Children could dress as evacuees or school children of that time. Children, did you know that some children from London were evacuated to Appleton during the war?

All afternoon:

- Racing Pigs game
- Human One-Armed Bandit game
- More Children's activities
- Green Appleton activity and display
- And... a hot air balloon themed fairground ride for children and adults!



### ***Village Hall Display***

**2 – 4pm:** Join us in the village hall for an exhibition of memorabilia and photos of Appleton with Eaton during the war

### ***Appleton Bell Tower***

**Between 2:15 – 3:15pm:** Members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild will ring Appleton's church bells

### ***Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> May***

#### ***6.00pm at the War Memorial: candlelit 'Pots for Peace'***

**Be part of remembering the 80<sup>th</sup> VE Day, by writing your prayer, poem or message for peace and placing it in a pot.**

How will it work?

- a) There will be 80 jam jars (or more if required) with paper inside for your message, available for you to collect from the shop and the church.
- b) Write your prayer, poem or message for peace and put it in a pot. Each pot will have a red, white or blue lid (thanks to the cubs and scouts), and an electronic tea light inside.
- c) The pots can either be left in the church or shop (they will be collected), or brought by you to the War Memorial on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May.
- d) Join us for a short community tribute at 6.00pm on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May, to honour the 80<sup>th</sup> VE day and see the tea lights switched on.

We are hoping the tea lights will then last through the weekend until Monday 11<sup>th</sup>, after which the pots will be collected! \_

Collection boxes for the Royal British Legion will be available in the shop and church if you would like to make a small donation

**6:30-7:30pm:** The bells will be rung as part of a country-wide initiative to recreate the ringing of bells at that time and date in 1945.

### ***Appleton Cinema in the village hall***

**7.30 pm:** Appleton Cinema will be showing the film Hope and Glory about World War II in London in the village hall.



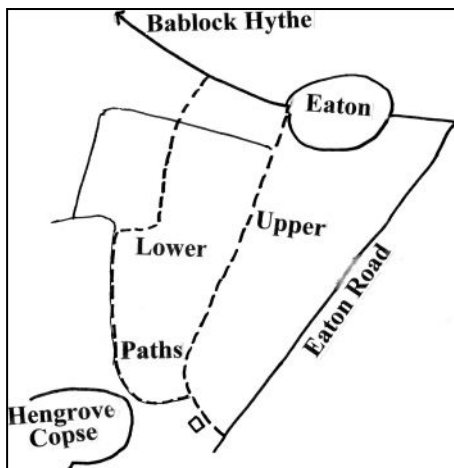
***We hope to see you there!***

## Appleton Ways

The main road out of and into Appleton from Oxford was via Cumnor and the Thatched Tavern lane - then the Oxford Road. This was put aside with the Enclosure of Appleton in c1830.

The new road was the long straight Eaton Road - about 3/4 of a mile. Some years ago some wag wrote a "history" of Eaton explaining that this was a Roman road used to carry dead soldiers to the Church in Appleton!!

There were two paths/roads from Appleton to Eaton. They arose near the house Hengrove where they turn left off from the present Eaton Road. The main path turns towards Eaton – the upper path - and arrives at the lower end of the village. The second path – the lower path about 13 yards below - leaves the first after just 170 yards and turns sharp left down towards the Hengrove Copse; here it turns in the general direction of Eaton but somewhat to the left. It follows field boundaries old and new and arrives at the Bablock Hythe Road almost 300 yards below the main path.



I suspect that this was a path from Appleton to Bablock Hythe – not Eaton. In the past the ferry at Bablock Hythe was a key crossing point on the Thames – not the quiet backwater as now. It was there in monastic, Roman and quite possibly Stone Age times – a path to the stone henge “The Devil’s Quoits” about two miles away.

John EVANS

je@oxmed.net

## Appleton Chapel

Tues 6th May 7pm	Sausage Sizzle, salad, dinks and games
Sun 11th May 3pm	VE Day service with refreshments
Tues 13th May 7:30pm	Healing and Heart to Heart Forum
Thurs 22nd May 7pm	Applejack Club
Dr Ken Stallard	01235 868304



# Advertiser

Deadline for June issue:

**19th May** (19th of the month is the usual deadline)

## Notices for village organisations

All printed copy to the editor - just post it through the letterbox—or by email to [editor.advertiser@gmail.com](mailto: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. Liaise with Wanda Todd to agree an appropriate donation.

## Advertisements

To book advertising space:

email Wanda Todd: [accounts.advertiser@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:accounts.advertiser@hotmail.co.uk)

2012 Advertising charges per issue

### ●Listing:

30p per word of 3 letters or more and a minimum of £3.00 per advert. Each telephone and email address is to count as a word

### ●Display adverts:

£25 for a quarter page

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<b>Sunday 4th</b>	<b>8.00am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b> (BCP said)
	<b>9.40 for 10.00am</b>	<b>Commemorative All-Age Service for 80th VE Day</b> Refreshments from 9.40am
	<b>5.30pm</b>	<b>Eucharist</b> (short said service)
<b>Thursday 8th</b>	<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>Candlelit 'Pots for Peace' at the War Memorial</b> Remembering the 80th Anniversary of VE Day
<b>Sunday 11th</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Parish Eucharist</b> followed by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting
	<b>5.30pm</b>	<b>Evensong</b> (BCP)
<b>Sunday 18th</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Parish Eucharist</b>
<b>Sunday 25th</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Parish Eucharist</b>  No Evensong in Appleton, as the Rector will be preaching in Magdalen College at 6pm
<b><u>Sunday 1st</u></b>	<b>8.00am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b> (BCP said)
	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>All-Age Eucharist</b>

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

(said service lasting about 25 minutes)

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