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Milestones in an Empty Month – Making the most of August *by the Revd Wealands Bell, Rector*

Even for those who have to work, or who can barely remember when they sat and waited for the last school-bell of July to ring, and send them out into the sun-and-fun of the six-week summer holiday, the arrival of August can be a happy punctuation mark in the year's relentlessness, a great square patchwork of empty days, a foretaste of eternity, and expanse of purposeless hours to be filled exactly as we will.

That said, I would feel entirely at sea in a cavernous month like August, without the markers and milestones provided by the feasts of the Christian calendar. Here are five of my favourites – summertime invitations to step into a different story, and allow it to shape our own.

August 6th. The Transfiguration. Nothing to do with Harry Potter, this refers to Jesus on a mountain with his friends, seen to be filled with the glorious presence of God. His face shines and his clothes are dazzling white, brighter than any detergent could achieve. A different sort of fiery light illumines August 10th, when our patron St Laurence, 3rd-century Roman martyr, is celebrated for championing the city's poorest, and his consequent execution on a gridiron. An equally dramatic tale is told on August 14th, when we commemorate St Maximilian Kolbe, the priest who, in Auschwitz in 1941, volunteered to change places with a married man condemned to death by starvation. Kolbe was eventually executed by lethal injection. The next day, August 15th, is the great Catholic celebration of the Assumption into heaven of the Blessed Virgin, a mediaeval festival that affirms the faith that Mary's cooperation with God places her body-and-soul in the divine heart. It reminds us of the true nature of humanity: we come from God; we return to God, and have inexpressibly greater dignity than we might otherwise imagine.

We end with another martyrdom. On August 29th, Christians recall the grisly story of the beheading of John the Baptist, ordered by King Herod Antipas when John continued to criticise his marriage to Herodias, his sometime sister-in-law. You probably remember the scene in which Salome, Herodias' daughter, dances so pleasingly for Herod's party guests, that he promises her any gift, 'up to half his Kingdom'. At her mother's prompting, she viciously demands 'the head of John the Baptist on a plate.' Herod, after promising so publicly, must have John executed. Moral: never make extravagant promises when you're well into the second bottle.

I dare say you're finding these strange commemorations too bloody by half for the summer holidays. And you'd have a point. I love them because they remind me of what I could be; what anyone can be, when courage and truth are ignited by a faith in more than ourselves. It's especially in a time of idleness that a project greater than our own can give to our days a purpose, and a lasting significance.

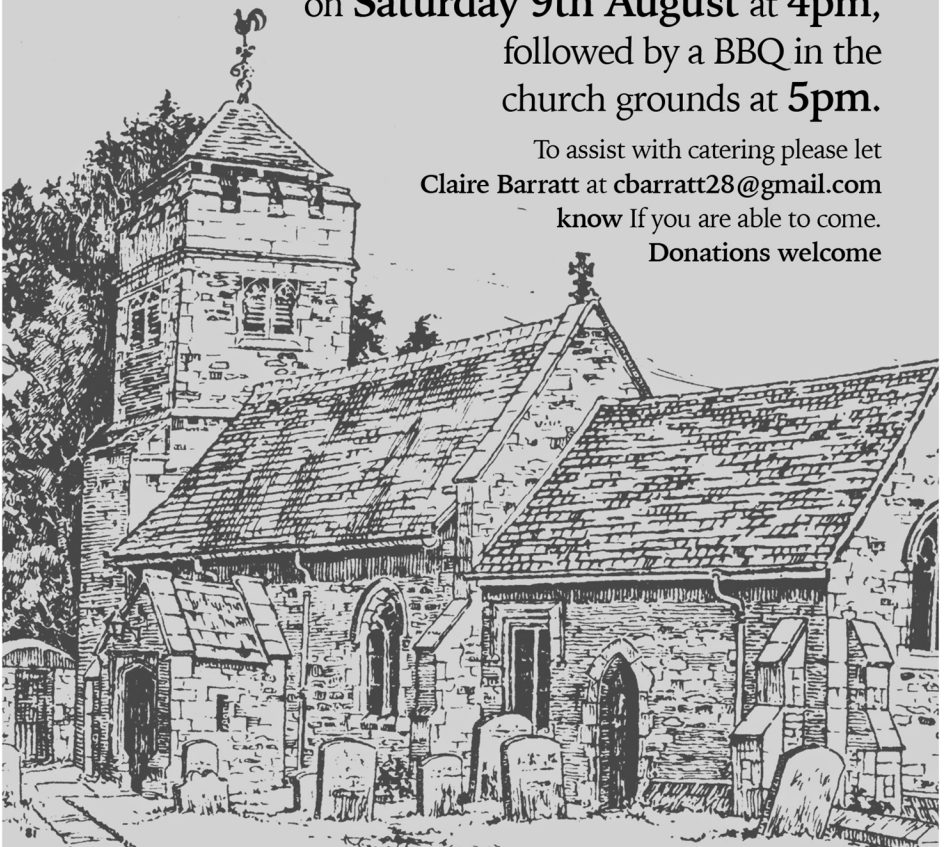
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- Covid safety measures remain in force and masks need to be worn
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- There is a small charge to cover the driver's costs.

Demand for our service is picking up again, but we are very short of drivers. If anyone would be happy to help, please do contact us.

Appleton Chapel

Sun 10th Aug 3pm	Family service with refreshments
Tues 12th Aug 7:30pm	Healing and Heart to Heart Forum
	Caring and Sharing Fellowship
Tues 19th Aug 7pm	Sausage sizzle, salad, drinks and games
Thurs 28th June, 7pm	Applejack Club
Dr Ken Stallard	01235 868304

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

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.

A Note From Claire..

Thank you to everyone for your good wishes and wonderful gifts I received on my retirement as manager at Appleton Community Shop. It was lovely to see so many people pop in to say farewell, I hope you enjoyed the delicious cakes on offer too.

I will miss seeing you all in the shop, but I will still be around and happy to have a chat and catch up. I might even manage the odd cup of coffee at the shop as a customer.

It's been a privilege to be involved with the shop since May 2000 but now it's time for a change. Retirement and new adventures beckon, here's to the shop and the next 25 years.

Best wishes to you all, Claire



History Group

The first meeting of the Autumn season of the Appleton with Eaton History Group will take place on:

Thursday Sept 25th, in the village hall committee room as usual, starting at 7.30 pm. Anybody is welcome.

Some exciting new items about Appleton's history will be revealed.

There will be a very short AGM at the start of proceedings.



The Friends of Abingdon are organising another Heritage Open Day, this year featuring the interesting architecture we enjoy every day. From the lost buildings exhibition in the Roysse room to the ultra modern Sophos Headquarters in Barton Lane, there is an opportunity to learn more about the rich heritage of Abingdon. The events this year take place on 13th and 14th of September when we will be able to appreciate what our forebears have created and left for us to enjoy. The events are free for all the family and there is more information at <https://www.abingdonheritage.org.uk>

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Appleton School Sports Day 2025

Last week, Appleton Primary school had a sports day. We did different races such as; sprint, an obstacle race and a Year 6 fancy dress race with water guns. The teams were St. Giles (Green team), St. Clements (Red team), St. Aldates (Yellow team) and St. Ebbes (Blue team). For over the past 14 years St. Giles have won and St. Clements have won once which means the rest of us were underdogs. House Points also count towards the winning team which are collected through our Interhouse competitions during the school year. To all of our surprise St. Ebbes (Blue team) won sports day. We are all so proud of ourselves and we have overcome many hurdles to get here.

Ola and Anya are St. Ebbes House Captains this year. We are all so proud!

Written by Anya, Year 6



Reception's Fantastic First School Trip!

On Tuesday 1st July Reception class had our very first school trip! Excitement buzzed through the air as we set off on a (very warm!) coach journey to the Cotswold Wildlife Park.

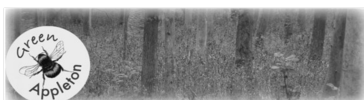
Our adventure began with a visit to the exotic birds and the cheeky tamarin monkeys, who kept us entertained with their curious antics. We then tiptoed through the sloth enclosure, but despite our best efforts, the sloths remained hidden—clearly masters of hide and seek!

The penguins made quite a splash with the children, diving through their pool and calling out loudly to one another. We were also lucky enough to spot the incredible siamangs—a first-time sighting for Mr. Gidlow! The reptile house proved to be a favourite too, especially the enormous boa constrictor resting right up against the glass.

After all that exploring, it was time for lunch. On our way, we saw rhinos enjoying their food in the shade, snow leopards lounging on their platforms, and giraffes munching their lunch right beside the viewing ramp. We even caught a glimpse of lions dozing peacefully under the trees.

One of the highlights of the day was the train ride around the park. As we passed through a tunnel, we waved to people outside and felt like true VIPs! Our visit ended with a trip to the goat pen and a refreshing ice lolly enjoyed in the shade.

A huge thank you to Mrs. Bhandari, Mrs. Coston, Mrs. Stanley, and Mr. Worrell for all their help on the day. It was a truly memorable trip—full of fun, discovery, and lots of smiles!



iNaturalist

Summer Nature Challenge

In our last update to parents, we shared that Governors are working on a School Sustainability Plan. This week we met with Ros Uren, who is part of the Green Appleton Community Group. (You can find out more about Green Appleton at greenappleton.org.uk)

Ros shared lots of wonderful ideas about how our school might work with Green Appleton in the next school year – including, for example, Family Fungi Walks, a Recycled Clothing Fashion Show, and restoring bug hotels.

We were excited to learn about the i-Naturalist App. This is an App where children and adults can take photos of insects, animals and plants and upload them, then experts will help to identify them to the species level. Excitingly, there is an Appleton with Eaton project within the App, and there are over 2500 observations with over 850 species identified in our community.

We would love to set a challenge for the summer – **can you find a species that has not yet been identified in our community?** Besselsleigh Woods is home to hundreds of different plants and animals – maybe you can find one more during the holidays!

Download the i-Naturalist App and enjoy taking photos of wildlife. We would love to find out more about biodiversity in our area. When you upload your pictures, you can add a note to say 'Appleton School Challenge' (with your name and year group if you would like) and we will share some of your wonderful photos in School Newsletters next term.

Have fun!

Appleton School Governors and Ms Griffiths

August 2025 Appleton Community Shop news

The summer sun continues to shine ...

As the summer sun continues to shine, pop into Appleton Village shop this August for everything you need for the fine weather.

Stay cool with our summer drinks: Chilled juices, soft drinks, iced teas and cordials: A range of Belvoir farm non-alcoholic drinks: Locally brewed beers as well as familiar named wines, beers and ciders (please enjoy responsibly): Bottled water - still or sparkling: And for cooler evenings: tea, coffee and even hot chocolate

For those long summer days, we have a large selection of ice creams and lollies, and plenty of fresh fruit (including watermelon, cherries, strawberries and our gorgeous donut peaches!)

And don't forget the sunscreen and hay fever medication.

Stainswick Rapeseed Farm oil is now back in stock along with plenty of local honey.

And we have two beautiful new boxes of chocolates from Willie's Cacao – perfect for a gift (or for yourself!)

New volunteers are always welcome

Our shop is run by the community, for the community - and we are always looking for extra hands, especially over the holiday period.

Whether it's a regular shift or just a couple of hours here and there, your help makes a big difference. Pop in and ask how to get involved.

Shop opening hours

Monday-Friday: 7am–6pm

Saturday: 8am–3pm

Sunday: 8am–12noon

Post office

Mondays and Thursdays, 9am–1pm

Shop telephone: 01865 863191

Email: appletonship@gmail.com

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Shop turnover			
	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26
May	£27,338	£27,718	£26,869
June	£29,347	£28,268	£28,376
July	£28,208	£30,582	
Aug	£24,841	£25,678	
Sept	£24,479	£25,345	
Oct	£26,318	£26,522	
Nov	£26,600	£26,224	
Dec	£27,354	£26,525	
Jan	£24,690	£23,937	
Feb	£24,144	£22,477	
March	£26,109	£25,360	
April	£24,762	£24,843	

News from the Appleton with Eaton Parish Council:

Pavilion Working Group event – 23rd August

Please join us on Saturday the 23rd August – time 2-4 to learn more about the Pavilion Project! There will be sporting activities to try, refreshments and the opportunity to speak to us about the project. If you have a sporting activity you'd like to showcase, please let us know and we will try and accommodate.

We will have ways you can sign up to volunteer along the way as well as opportunities to enquire about pledging support to the project.

We hope to see you there!

Parish Councillor Vacancy

The Council would like to thank Valentina Brito-Marquez for her service as Councillor. Valentina has resigned from the Councillor and there is a Councillor vacancy. The notice is on the website and on the noticeboard outside of the village shop.

If anyone is interested and/or would like more information, please feel free to contact the Clerk.

Next meeting of the Parish Council: 8th September 2025, 7pm, Appleton Village Hall.

All are welcome!

Allison Leigh, Parish Clerk

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eaton-pc.gov.uk

A poster for the Appleton Sportsfield Open Day. It features several overlapping grey circles of different sizes. The text is arranged within and around these circles. The main title 'APPLETON SPORTSFIELD OPEN DAY' is in large, bold, white capital letters. Below it, a list of activities is shown with bullet points. The date and time are at the bottom in large, bold, white capital letters.

Please join us
to enjoy the
sportsfield and
discuss plans
for its future

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SPORTSFIELD
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- SPORTING ACTIVITIES
TO TRY
- REFRESHMENTS
- SPORTSFIELD WORKING
GROUP UPDATES

SATURDAY 23RD AUGUST

2PM – 4PM

Appleton with Eaton Tennis Club

Club tournament finals day

Congratulations to all those who played on our club tournament finals day at the end of June, as well as those who played in the earlier rounds. There was some fantastic tennis on display and a lot of welcome support from the sidelines. Thank you to all who helped on the day, including setting up, umpiring, barbecuing, taking photographs, and tidying up.



Men's singles: Adam Holloway beat Paul Line 6-0, 6-2

Ladies' singles: Lucy Ingram beat Emily Davies 6-2, 6-3

Men's singles consolation: Mark Mcinnes beat Adrian Carey 6-1, 6-4

Ladies' Singles consolation: Bethany Davies beat Tracie Palfreyman 6-3, 6-0

Men's Doubles: James Harrison/Adam Hollway beat Andrew Bowen/Paul Line 6-4, 3-6, 11-9

Ladies' Doubles: Lucy Ingram/Dominique Kleyn beat Tracie Palfreyman/Libby Willett 6-1, 6-0

Mixed Doubles: Paul Line/Dominique Kleyn beat John Stedman/Lucy Ingram 6-4, 1-6, 10-2

Cardio Tennis and Adult intermediate coaching

The sessions led by our Head Coach Bart have finished for the summer but will restart in September.

Email appletonwithheatontennisclub@gmail.com if you are interested in joining these groups in September. Members only for intermediate coaching (Monday 7:30-9:00 pm), but non-members welcome for cardio (Thursday 10-11 am).

Junior coaching - Autumn term 2025

These sessions have also paused over the summer and will restart in September. If your child already attends these sessions you will have received an email reminder, so please do sign up quickly. Any new joiners can sign up on our website (link below) from August.

Membership

If you would like to join our friendly tennis club, please email the club on appletonwithheatontennisclub@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).

For more information see: <https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/AppletonwithEatonTennisClub/>



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Appleton History - A mystery within the Church

The most desirable burial place within a church is next to the Altar. From there priority moves outward into the wider graveyard. It is a great surprise that a 13-year-old girl from far away was buried - in 1770 - right next to the Altar. She was Elizabeth WILSON – far from her family – over 4,000 miles away.

Elizabeth was the daughter of Charles WILSON Esq of the Caribbean Island of Grenada – an island about 100 miles offshore of South America. I have no knowledge of the WILSON family and how Elizabeth came to be in Appleton – and sadly dying here. Most Europeans in the Caribbean at that time were employed in the evolving farming and shipping trades.

There remains the great puzzle of why Elizabeth was given this most exalted place of burial amidst the great and the good of Appleton.

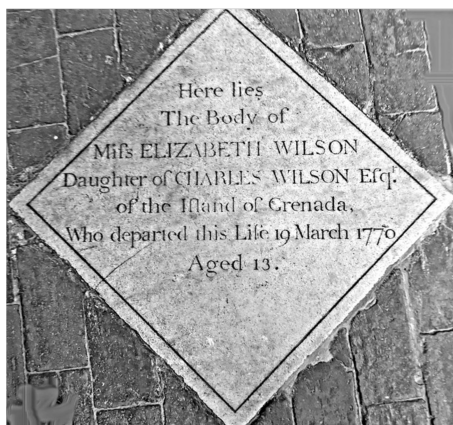
There is another mystery – possibly related. The Rector that oversaw Elizabeth's burial was the Rev Thomas WINCHESTER. He must have been intimately involved in arranging Elizabeth's interment – but why did he act so?

The Rev WINCHESTER died ten years after Elizabeth and is buried about ten feet away from the altar – much as one would have expected.

After the rector's death it emerged that he held some 40,000 books – an astonishing quantity in 1780 for a country rector. These were later sold at auction in London by T Payne & Son.

Was there a connection between the rector's 40,000 books and Elizabeth's interment? A mystery that deserves some study.

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Green Appleton

We are required to have an AGM once a year. Our AGM will be on Monday 18th August, 19.30 at 66 Netherton Road. We will run through the AGM and then move on to other business. All are very welcome. It's been a busy year and we have some exciting news to discuss! Please let us know if you plan on attending.

By the time you receive this edition, we will have done the first mow of the meadow in the churchyard.

The final cut will be done in September. We will leave some areas uncut so that we don't remove all habitat too early in the season - particularly for grasshoppers and crickets.

Green Appleton and Earthtrust have spent a considerable amount of time and effort pulling Himalayan balsam over the past few weeks. If you walk through Besselsleigh Woods you'll see that a lot of it has gone- but there's still a lot there! It will be difficult to eradicate it but over successive seasons we may be able to reduce the impact it's having on the woods. We'd like to say a huge thank you to Earthtrust and all our volunteers who gave their time.

Any questions please contact us here: greenappleton2021@gmail.com or send a message via our website www.greenappleton.org.uk

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Appleton WI

Our August meeting will be an afternoon tea fundraiser for Women's Aid. It will be an indoor picnic in Appleton village hall at 2pm on Thursday, 21st August, which is also the 90th birthday of our esteemed president, Sally Lawton.

There will be the usual raffle and bring and buy stall.

Next year we, Appleton WI, will be 110 years old, which we plan to celebrate in style. Plans are afoot!

Elaine Flint

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St Laurence Church Appleton with Besselsleigh

SERVICES – AUGUST 2025

Sunday 3rd	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP said)
	10.00am	Parish Eucharist
Saturday 9th August	4.00pm	Songs of Praise for St Laurence Day followed by Barbecue
Sunday 10th August	10.00am	Patronal Festival Eucharist for St Laurence Day <i>with Baptism & Confirmation by the Area Bishop</i>
	5.30pm	Evensong (BCP)
<u>Sunday 17th</u>	10.00am	Parish Eucharist (with the Associate Archdeacon)
Sunday 24th	10.00am	Parish Eucharist
	5.30pm	Evensong (BCP)
Sunday 31st	10.00am	Parish Eucharist
<u>Sunday 7th</u>	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP said)
September	10.00am	Parish Eucharist
	5.00pm	Evensong (BCP)
Sunday 14th September	10.00am	All-Age Service of the Word – <i>child-friendly</i> Education and Back to School Sunday <i>40 minutes, with coffee and pastries from 9.40am</i>
	5.00pm	Eucharist (short said service)
	5.35pm	Evensong (BCP)

The Eucharist (Holy Communion) is celebrated every Wednesday at 10.00am
(a quiet, peaceful service lasting 30 minutes)

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

Contact us:

For enquiries about baptisms, weddings, funerals, pastoral care and home visits,
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rector@stlaurencechurchappleton.org

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; p.h.m.day202@btinternet.com