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Something new! See Page 3

Dear Friends

'Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another - and all the more as you see the Day approaching...' Hebrews 10:25

Whilst we wait for vaccine day (V-Day) there's a sense in which we must not give up meeting together. Obedience to the government and love for others will curtail our freedom and opportunities to do so – and rightly so.

For others shielding will mean a necessary isolation. But where possible, permissible and sensible we want to keep meeting together whether in 2D virtual sense or face to face. Some of us long to do that and realise perhaps more than ever the blessing and importance of the church family, the body of which all God's people are a vital part.

Others perhaps enjoy something of the ability to attend church at a time of our choosing, avoiding awkward conversations with strangers, picking the preachers we like to listen to and skipping over the bits we find less stimulating! Probably we've felt something of both those positions in recent months.

But whilst waiting for V-Day we mustn't be distracted from THE Day spoken of in Hebrews 10. The day when Jesus will return – we want to be ready for that day and play our part in helping others be similarly ready. It's so easy for our world to shrink down to our living space, our social contact to work zoom meetings and our spiritual horizons to reduce similarly.

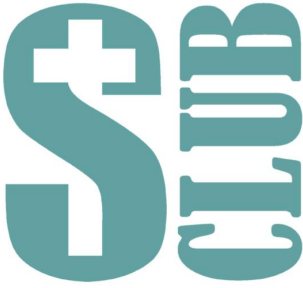
And that need not be the case. Here in Appleton, Besslesleigh and Eaton we are able to have live services continue at church on Sundays at 10am even if they look and feel very different to those we were used to. And I need those gatherings to keep re-setting my sights week by week. But the digital makes other gatherings perhaps easier than before – our church prayer meeting each Tuesday fortnight, and an additional mid-week teaching opportunity (The Bible Talks) on the other Tuesdays.

But we need to see beyond today, beyond V-Day, to THE day if we're going to take these opportunities to spur each other on to collective readiness for Jesus' return.

For me one of the great blessings of the last six months has been the chance to meet with others – at church on Sundays, with the wardens each fortnight and at our fortnightly prayer meeting and The Bible Talks. So if you can, join us. Many won't be free to because of the demands of home or work. But if you can, come ready to be encouraged and to encourage others. The day of Jesus' return is one day nearer. And I'd love to be one day more ready. And you can help me. And I can help you.

With love and best wishes

Phil Parker



St Laurence Church for children

During lockdown we have a new Zoom SClub for all children 11 and under each Sunday at 9.15am for half an hour. Come and join us any Sunday. Simply email us at events@stlaurencechurchappleton.org and we will send you a link. We look forward to seeing you on the screen.

Besselsleigh Christmas Lights

The villagers of Besselsleigh would like to thank their friends in Appleton, Eaton and everywhere else for helping them to raise a stunning £3,177.08 for the Oxfordshire Homeless Movement.

This figure is being match funded by the Oxfordshire Community Foundation so we're feeling pretty chuffed with having helped to raise over £6,000!

The lights were on for a week longer than usual and the traffic and footfall was ridiculously high before Christmas. It dropped off once we entered Tier 4 which although less good for the fundraising was markedly better both for those wishing to drive straight through and for our grass verges! Thank you all very much from us and from the Oxfordshire Homeless Movement for your support. Although there are fewer people sleeping on the Streets this year due to the Government's 'everyone in' policy which began in March when the pandemic struck, the numbers of hidden homeless (sofa surfers, living in temporary accommodation etc) are rising as more jobs are lost as the effects of the pandemic bite deeper into the economy. If anyone would like to learn more or to donate please go to www.oxfordshirehomelessmovement.org
Thank you!
Besselsleigh Villagers

THANK YOU

A big thank you to everyone who supported 'The Children's Society' by donating at Christingle and for those who sponsored a star for the Tree of Remembrance. We raised £126 for The Barnabas Fund.

SERVICES AT ST LAURENCE APPLETON WITH BESSELSLEIGH

At the time of going to print, 10am services will continue via Zoom.

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We will send out the links to those on our list each week automatically. If you would like to join this please let us know by emailing events@stlaurencechurchappleton.org

THANK YOU – some thoughts from a grateful villager

Appleton Community Shop has just had its AGM and thanks were given to all the volunteers, staff and Directors and everyone else involved for all the hard work that has gone into making the shop what it is today – an amazing hub serving the villages of Appleton, Eaton and Besselsleigh not only with the wide range of fresh, frozen, newly baked food but also as a social hub making sure that those more isolated are thought about and looked out for. This has been so important during this long pandemic. Sadly, it has not been possible to have the usual “thank you” to all volunteers in the pub.

It does however seem like a good time to give thanks for all the other positive actions and extraordinary things that villagers and various organisations have done to help people get through. It is a great place to live full of caring friends and neighbours and this has been doubly true during the pandemic. Various volunteer schemes in the three villages have made sure that there has been a befriending scheme in place (from which we have benefitted) to help those isolated or isolating with shopping, information emails, visits, hospital visits and now vaccinations and just keeping in touch with a friendly phone call. Some of these are still in place and if you are new to the village or do need help do speak to the clerk to the Parish Council, the Rector (Phil Parker) or someone in the shop.

Normally, there would have been several get togethers in the village hall, the pub and the barn and we've really missed these. However, VE Day celebrations, thanking the NHS, the virtual Church Bizarre Bazaar, the Advent windows, and the Christmas lights in Besselsleigh have lifted spirits and been a success in bringing the community together in

novel and interesting ways.

Many people have had to deal with devastating losses, frustrations over cancelled operations, worrying delays in much-needed treatments. Students have missed university and families have dealt with working from home and home-schooling. Some have lost jobs. All of us have missed seeing friends and family. Hopefully, everyone has experienced support from the community which has helped and now vaccinations are happening so there is room for hope.

Snowdrops and aconites are blooming – always great to see signs of Spring! Roll on a time - hopefully later this summer - when we can get together to enjoy each other's company again and to celebrate getting through the pandemic together as a community.

THANK YOU for the love, support and care for others shown by so many.

Felicity Dick

Appleton WI

A new year, but no change in sight. However, most of us, I think, have had the vaccine, and Sally keeps us cheerful with her updates and lovely photographs.

Keep well, and we will meet again.

Elaine Flint
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Gardening Club



We had a very interesting talk on **Containers for Year Round Cover** given by Sue Fisher who is a well-known gardener designer, writer and broadcaster. She initially worked in the nursery trade including as a plant buyer for Frosts Garden Centres.

Sue has a two thirds of an acre garden in the Tamar Valley in Devon and she illustrated her talk mostly with containers in her own garden. Sue spoke about the many benefits of using containers, including growing plants which require different growing conditions, i.e. plants which require different soil type from the garden soil. Also growing plants on patios near to the house or on an area used for eating outside. Containers need to be stood on either plant pot supports or on gravel to enable good drainage. They do, however, require watering regularly but there are many different types including self-watering.

Many people use containers for summer flowering tender plants, but they can also be successfully used for shrubs and hardy perennials, which are particularly useful for adding structure to the garden at all times of the year. Containers with permanent planting will need fresh soil on the top and slow-release fertiliser each year to maintain healthy plants. Sue also suggested that containers are excellent for growing alpine plants, which require good drainage and a shallow depth of soil to flourish. Sue encouraged us to try growing herbs or fruit in containers, which could be located near to the kitchen.

We finished the talk with a question-and-answer session.

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 10th February at 7.30 pm and will be given by Ruth Madder of Bridewell Gardens - *Gardening*

and Mental Health. Ruth is the Director of Bridewell Gardens, a charity providing a mental health recovery service in West Oxfordshire. She will discuss the social and therapeutic benefits of gardening and the work undertaken at Bridewell, including challenges faced during the Covid lockdown. This meeting will be held by Zoom.

If you would like to join us please email aegardeningclub@gmail.com so that we can send you the link. There is no charge for joining this meeting.

*Hon. Secretary
Janet Hutton
01865 865269*

OXON SOUTH & VALE CITIZENS ADVICE TREASURER AND TRUSTEE NEEDED

We are looking for a Treasurer and a Trustee to join our Board.

We are a local charity providing the Citizens Advice service in South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse.

Treasurer We are looking for an experienced Treasurer with a relevant financial qualification or experience. Knowledge of charity finance is preferred but not essential. Your main role will be to guide the board on the financial implications of budgets and plans; and work with staff to prepare a budget, monitor our finances and present management accounts.

Trustee We are looking for a new Trustee to contribute to the work of the Board as it navigates the uncertainties of a post-Covid world. Each Trustee oversees a particular aspect of the charity's work.

If you would like to discuss this opportunity, please contact Jane Richardson (Chair) jane.richardson@osavcab.org.uk or Jon Bright (Chief Officer) jon.bright@osavcab.org.uk

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The month for Valentines and Pancakes!

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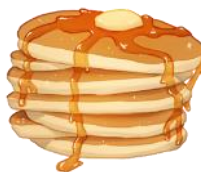
Look out for the notice in the shop. You will be able to pre order flowers in advance of Valentine's Day:

A dozen roses, plus filler flowers and greenery, professionally wrapped in a gift-box with a message card for £35.

Shrove Tuesday

Did you know that Shrove Tuesday or 'Pancake Day' will soon be here on 16th February?

We will have in all the ingredients you need to make perfect pancakes: eggs, flour, milk, lemons and syrup, so don't forget to stock up!



MONTHLY TURNOVER

	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21
May	22,428	24,532	30,553
June	24,483	24,276	28,172
July	27,343	28,976	28,988
Aug	23,774	25,199	24,338
Sept	21,849	23,131	22,704
Oct	22,625	23,504	22,402
Nov	22,583	22,107	22,995
Dec	23,486	24,524	24,992
Jan	20,000	20,700	
Feb	19,782	19,962	
Mar	22,305	27,669	
April	21,570	28,522	

News from the Post Office

The post office is now accepting 'Local Collect' parcels but users must be aware of post office opening hours and if parcels are not picked up fairly promptly, they will be sent back. Please avoid anything too enormous, as storage space is very limited!



Volunteers Needed



Volunteers are always needed to work behind the counter serving customers and we would really like to hear from anyone who could fill in occasionally, when regular volunteers are away.

If you would like to learn how to use the new electronic till (which is in fact much easier than you might think) just talk to one of the shop staff.

Take a look at the Community Shop home page on the village website at:
www.appleton-eaton.org

And Follow us on Facebook
www.facebook.com/appletoncommunityshop

Appleton Voluntary Transport Service

The Appleton Voluntary Transport Service can now offer a very limited service. It remains the case that our drivers are either over 70, and have to be aware of their consequent vulnerability, or are in employment, but if anyone is unable to get to a medical appointment in any other way we will try to fix up a driver.

Please phone the AVTS phone on 07503 447884, and not the home numbers of drivers. Leave a message if your call is not answered, and we will get back to you. We need to have at least 48 hours' notice of any appointment.

For Oxford hospital appointments, the 63 bus service has resumed, and there is an excellent bus service from central Oxford to both the Churchill and the John Radcliffe. We hope that patients will use public transport where at all possible.

Please be aware that it may not be possible to arrange transport for patients who are not personally known to drivers.

The Comet Minibus

Comet Minibus Service Suspended

I am sorry to have to report that the Comet minibus service to Abingdon has been suspended whilst we remain under Tier 4 Covid restrictions. As soon as there is any change to this, I will phone our regular users to let them know and put a poster in the village shop.

Mary Carey

News from the Appleton with Eaton Parish Council

Covid-19

At the time of printing, England remains in a national lockdown. The Parish Council asks that residents please continue to follow government guidelines. Further information can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>.

As the Parish Council receives information, we will communicate with residents via e-mail, noticeboards and the website. If you wish to receive e-mails from the Parish Council please visit appleton-eaton.org and scroll to the very bottom of the home page to subscribe to the mailing list.

If you need any assistance related to Covid-19, please contact the clerk who can direct you to the appropriate Coronavirus Appleton Besselsleigh and Eaton Support Group (CABES) person.

Asset of Community Value

The Parish Council is very pleased to report that following detailed submissions to the Vale, the Plough has been re-listed as an Asset of Community Value. Numerous villagers, many of whom are involved with village organisations and clubs, helped by submitting testimonials to support the application. We would like to thank everyone concerned for taking the time to support the submission.

We look forward to when the Plough and the Eight Bells are able to reopen when lockdown eases.

Dog Fouling

We want to thank all of the dog owners who have been cleaning up after their dogs. However, the village has seen a rise in reports of dog fouling. In addition, there have been incidences of dog bags being left in fields. Please take your dog bags with you if possible, if not, please ensure that they are collected at a later point during your walk.

As many more of us our walking during this difficult lockdown period, the council would very much appreciate everyone's assistance in this. Thank you in advance for your help.

Allison Leigh, Parish Clerk
01865 865 876 / parishclerk.appletonwitheaton@gmail.com

Appleton with Eaton History Group

NEW! *AwEsome Histories* no. 8 is on sale now. The Group's annual compilation of articles tells stories of our parish and its surrounding area in times gone past. The new bumper issue starts and ends in Besselsleigh, with the story of the Greyhound public house, of the 'new' manor house, and of visiting American battalions during the Second World War. In between, we go back in time to the Appleton of the Domesday Book, explore the history of navigation on the River Thames, discover how the Ordnance Survey has left its marks on the Parish, and how friction between King and Parliament in the seventeenth century gave us a rare record of Appleton people. It also contains an update on the Appleton Area Archaeological Research Project. *AwEsome Histories* 8 is on sale in the Appleton Community Shop price £5, the perfect read to snuggle up with on a long cold February evening!

Can you help us? Park Lane residents in the History Group are researching the history of our houses and the Lane in general. It may seem a quiet backwater now, but it was once a buzzing centre of the community with a bakery and grocer's shop, and many small cottages housing families large and small. We'd love to hear from you if you have any information that could help us – any old photos of the lane, documents and deeds, stories or memories of the houses and people living here. Please contact Roger Gilkes, details below.

Meanwhile, the next History Group meeting is on Thursday 4th February at 7.30pm on Zoom. As usual, we will be discussing the various topics we are researching and helping each other with ideas and tips. It is very relaxed and informal so if you are interested in exploring any aspect of our local history, why

not join us? Everybody's welcome, just email Helen Stedman (helen_stedman@yahoo.co.uk) for a Zoom invitation.

Contact Roger Gilkes (awehg1@gmail.com or tel. 01865 863640) for more information about the Group, and for details of how to mail order *AwEsome Histories* 8.

Appleton with Eaton Tennis Club



Courts Closed

At the time of writing the courts are closed until further notice in line with the national lockdown. Courts will re-open as soon as government and LTA guidance changes.

AGM 2021 25th February at 8pm via Zoom

This year we will be holding the AGM via Zoom. A notice has been sent out to all members of the Club inviting them to attend. If any member would like to step forward for election to the committee or suggest a resolution, please email the club - appletonwitheatontennisclub@gmail.com.

Coaching

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Tuesday 2 nd	7.45 for 8.00pm	Prayer Meeting via Zoom
Sunday 7 th	10.00 am	All Age Service via Zoom
Tuesday 9 th	7.45 for 8.00pm	The Bible Talks via Zoom
Sunday 14 th	10.00 am	All Age Service via Zoom
Tuesday 16 th	7.45 for 8.00pm	Prayer Meeting via Zoom
Sunday 21 st	10:00 am	All Age Service via Zoom
Tuesday 23 rd	7.45 for 8.00pm	The Bible Talks via Zoom
Sunday 28 th	10:00 am	All Age Service via Zoom

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