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Apple Pressing and Bottling

Saturday October 5th : 10.00^{am} to 1.00^{pm}
at South Lawn Orchard, Netherton Road

IN AID OF A BAND OF BROTHERS

Green Appleton Review

Monday October 7th : 7.30 to 9.00pm (with refreshments)
at Appleton Village Hall

A review of all our projects: iNaturalist, time-lapse films from our photo stations, photos from our camera trap and a speaker from Earth Trust.

ALL WELCOME

Repair Cafe

Saturday November 2nd : 10.00^{am} to 1.00^{pm}
at Appleton Village Hall

Bring your items to be repaired - FOR FREE and have a cup of tea and a cake whilst you wait. We have a team of repairers ready and waiting! Please provide details of your item/s by completing the form inside and we will do the rest.

Safely Gathered In – past and future at harvest festival

by the Revd Wealands Bell, Rector

I'm glad to be back in the reddening landscape of the fruitful fall. The return of the cold and damp has us reaching to the back of the cupboards for the autumnal wardrobe, and for the well-thumbed recipes for solid wintry fare. We may not be able to burrow down and hibernate until the spring, but we can nevertheless arm ourselves with the comforts and consolations of the darkening season.

I well remember the harvests of my childhood, half a century back: the sunburn and calamine lotion; riding high on the combine with old Jack Cunningham, who every now and then would leap from his seat and hurl himself on some startled rabbit that had broken cover at the approach of the all-devouring monster through the sheltering wheat. We kids loved to rattle round in the back of the trailer, until the full tank of cascading corn fell in a dusty golden deluge, filling first our wellies, then the trailer itself. Then we clambered out and clung to the sides, riding in bumpy style between field and farm.

Harvest Festival was quickly upon us, and focus moved from farm to church, where every holy nook was festooned with decorative loaves, 'corn-dollies', and whatever vegetables the keenest gardeners could coax from the soil. There was a feast: the village hall was filled with rickety chairs and trestle-tables, not too far short of groaning with the prodigious weight of food produced by a brigade of highly competitive 'good plain cooks'.

At the service in church, quite contented farmers were seen with their more familiar wives, sucking mint imperials, and standing like sentries in reinforced tweed. Nothing would get past these serious men who'd come to pay their annual dues to a God who held the success of the harvest in his hands. They sang *Harvest home* with gusto, thankful that all was safely gathered in, and daring to hope for the following year.

Every harvest contains an unspoken fear of failure, the dread that hunger may come seeking and finding us one day soon, just as surely as it finds so many others across the globe. And while I would not recommend churchgoing as an insurance policy in quite the way the farmers of my childhood seemed to practise it, it's good to see the universe not as a random accumulation of cells, but as a place of order and purpose, the work of a loving and creative God. Our gratitude then might yield thanksgiving, and invite generosity – to the poor and hungry; to those fleeing war; even these days to the very fabric and fibre of the earth itself.

*I look forward to meeting many of you at the **Harvest Supper** on 4th October, and in **Church** on 6th at 10am. Please also note opportunities to commemorate our **departed loved ones** at the beginning of **November**. Details of this, and a **half-term Messy Church event**, elsewhere in this edition.*

Green Appleton Repair Request Form

For the Repair Cafe, 2nd Nov.

NAME.....

ADDRESS.....

TEL No.....EMAIL:.....

What would you like repaired?

Please give us as much detail as possible about the item that you'd like repaired so that we can be sure we have the correct equipment to hand. For example, electrical item (working or not), a sewing repair, knife sharpening, an item that needs gluing etc. How big is the item? Will you need help getting it to the Village Hall? Once we receive your form we will contact you to discuss your repair.

Please fill this in and put the completed form in the box in the village shop as soon as possible and by **31st October at the latest**.

There will be more forms in the village shop if you need them.

Alternatively, there is an online form at: <https://greenappleton.org.uk/repairCafe>

Please note that we may not be able to repair every item but will let you know before the event if your request is not possible. If we are unable to repair your item our repairers may be able to give advice.

Green Appleton is a voluntary community group and as such cannot be held liable for any problems with the repair. The repairs are entirely at your own risk.

Any questions? Contact us at
greenappleton2021@gmail.com



Appleton WI

Our meeting in October will be a harvest lunch. We will meet in the village hall at 12.30 on Thursday, 17th October, and there will be a charge of £6 to cover costs. There will be a raffle and a bring and buy stall.

Phyllis Corke has sent a plea for any deep red knitting wool you may have to spare. I wonder, poppies?

The group Christmas event this year will be in Botley, and, hopefully, an improvement on last year's.

Sadly, we have news of two deaths in the last few weeks. Trudy Cameron, who seemed to be doing well after treatment, has died unexpectedly. She was an enthusiastic member who joined in everything, was always cheerful and volunteered promptly whenever help was needed. She will be greatly missed.

And Iris White, who was a member for many years, has died. She held most positions of office during her time in the WI, including being president, and kept accurate records, which have proved very valuable. She had wide knowledge of the WI organisation, and could be relied upon to answer any query.

Elaine Flint

01865 861838

Apple Pressing Charity—A Band of Brothers

The apple pressing this year will be held in aid of A Band Of Brothers (Oxford). We are a registered charity mentoring young men involved in the criminal justice system, supporting them while making the transition to an adult life free of crime. We are not a sexy charity when it comes to appealing for funding however we are reducing crime, the impact on the victims, their families and communities as well as saving the taxpayer £50000 a year for each incarceration avoided; and helping a young man to transform his life to one with true purpose.

Please come and support us and make lashings of fresh apple juice.

All welcome - please bring clean bottles!

Simon Daniels

My Appleton Apple Tree Finale

I have got Dirty Fingernail Syndrome! It happens once a year and it won't get better until November at the earliest. No doctor can help, neither can dipping my fingers into a diluted solution of Milton Steriliser.

Yes, It's that time of year again except this time it has come early. For several weeks now I have been picking apples from my beautiful tree. It has not let me down yet again this year; apples in abundance.

I have now begun to put apples out for anyone to take - please don't take the containers. They're on the right down Badswell La. Don't be put off by windfalls. Ignore and cut round the bad bits. There are heaps of good apples left to greet and reward you.

When you have peeled and sliced a good bowlful, rinse them, and put them into a medium zip seal/ click seal food bag.

Lay them flat and microwave for 3 minutes. Any longer and you get apple sauce. No sugar required.

Lay the bags on a tray to cool and then store flat in piles in the freezer.
Jenny Mead.



Half Term Holiday Fun For All Ages!

Come and get messy in Appleton church at our 'Messy Church' activity morning
(yes - Messy Church is for everyone, not just for the under fives!)

on Thursday 31st October from 10.00 to 12.00

We will look at the theme of light as the nights get darker, and think of the people who have been lights for us.

Activities include art and craft,
cake-decoration and much more.

Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Entry is free.

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Appleton Community Shop news

Autumn is coming ...

Autumn may be a time of mists mellow fruitfulness according to Keats, but it's a time of warming foods according to us! Stock up on our pre-cooked meals (meat, fish and veggie options), our tasty autumnal vegetables (butternut squash, beetroot, etc.), and indulge in some warming puds and sweet treats.

Halloween anyone?

Look out for pumpkins and other ghoulish treats in the shop.

Did you know?

We have a book exchange, so come along and find yourself a treat to read as the nights draw in.

Friday supper club: whole stuffed peppers

A great recipe when you have leftovers to use up. Buy 1 or more of our large peppers (red, green or yellow), cut the top out carefully (it will become the lid) and carve out the insides and seeds. Prepare the stuffing with leftover cooked rice, seasoned with anything you fancy (mince, finely chopped meat, halloumi or other cheese, veggies, onions, herbs, etc.) and season well (more than you think – perhaps a little curry powder, or other spices). Stuff the inside as full as you can and rub a little oil on the outside of the pepper. Put the “lid” back on the top and roast for about 40min in a hot oven until soft and juicy.

Shop opening hours

Monday-Friday: 7am–6pm

Saturday: 8am–1pm

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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	
Oct	£24,066	£26,318	
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	

Besselsleigh Woods – two streams

The wiggly and straight streams in the woods are a puzzle.

The history of the issue dates back some 80 years. Howard Cornish - who farmed the land was short of men – WW2 had taken many to war; but an unexpected source emerged. Prisoners of war were aplenty and some were happy to act as farmhands. Thus it was that Mr Cornish of West Farm took in some Italian POWs to work on his farm; one at first but four all told.



The POWs had were trained in basic farming matters, horses and equipment – and made good farmhands.

The stream (Osse Brook) that ran through the woods – it was forever breaking its banks – troubled Mr Cornish. He decided that a new cut was needed and his Italian men were told to cut a new channel for some 300 yards upstream of the old fishery. This fishery may have been the site of the Sturgeon Pool listed in the village Charters of 942 and 968 AD.

Thus the Italians dug a new deep and straight cut beside the old and troublesome English stream – an Italian job. This new cut survives today but it has needed occasional tidying up in its 80 years.

I heard that the Italians returned home after WW2 – and that some had stayed on; but this wasn't true.

John EVANS

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.

News from the Appleton with Eaton Parish Council

Remnant of the Great Green

As you may be aware the Parish Council owns a piece of land in the village called the remnant of the Great Green which in need of some clearance. If anyone is interested in assisting with this, please contact the Clerk via email at parishclerk@appleton-eaton-pc.gov.uk or phone on 07767 596 650.

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

Date of the Next Parish Council Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Monday the 14th October at 7:15pm in the Village Hall.

Allison Leigh, Parish Clerk

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



History Group (AwEHG)

Our wonderful local historian, Pete Stimpson, led an excellent history walk in June, stopping to explain unexpected and interesting facts about ancient and modern Appleton. Those who joined the walk learnt so much about village life in the distant past and about Pete's early life in Appleton. The walkers particularly loved the story of the swarm of Appleton bees making legal case law and their owner being an early headmaster of Appleton School. We hope that Pete will lead further history walks in the future.

The next meeting of the history group will be on Thursday 3rd October in village hall committee room at 7.30 pm. All are welcome, and any ideas for further investigations of local history would be appreciated.

EVERGREEN

Next meeting is on Friday 11th October at 2pm in the Village Hall.

All Welcome

Appleton Village Cinema returns

After a positive start earlier in the year and a wonderful outdoor screening at the Plough last month, we're delighted to announce the return of the Appleton Village Cinema to the Village Hall.

Our autumn programme of films kicks off with a modern Italian classic and ode to cinema itself, continues with a brilliant and dark comedy, and concludes with a perennial Christmas favourite, with mulled wine, mince pies. Everyone is welcome to come, and it's a lovely way to while away the darker evenings.



17th October: Cinema Paradiso (15) 124 mins, English subtitles

A love letter to the power, beauty and romance of cinema, this coming-of-age tale tells the story of the friendship between a young boy and older cinema projectionist as he grows up in a small town in post-war Sicily. With outstanding performances, a rich and romantic score by Ennio Morricone, this is a life-affirming classic, and masterpiece of late 20th century Italian cinema.

15th November: The Death of Stalin (15) 104 mins

Armando Iannucci's outrageous comedy about the power struggle that occurred following the death of one of the 20th century's most evil tyrants. Starring Steve Buscemi, Simon Russell-Beale, Jason Isaacs, and Michael Palin, it expertly blends hilarity with fear, paranoia and deceit. Very funny!

5th December: It's a Wonderful Life (U) 130 mins

Frank Capra's enduring classic tale of an angel sent from heaven to help a depressed local businessman by showing him what life would have been like if he had never existed. The true Christmas classic, served with mulled wine and mince pies.

All films start at 7.30pm Bar open from 7.00pm.

Tickets on the door £5 adults / £3 children

APPLETON CHAPEL

Tues 8th Oct. 7:30pm	Healing Service
Sun. 13th Oct. 3pm	Harvest Festival
Mon. 14th Oct. 7pm	Sale of all Harvest Gifts and Groceries. Low prices.
Thurs. 24th Oct. 7pm	Applejack Club
Mon. 28th Oct. 7.30pm	"Heart to heart" counselling fellowship

Dr

Ken Stallard

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**St Laurence Church
Appleton with Besselsleigh**

SUNDAY SERVICES

October 2024

Sunday 6th	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP said)
	10.00am	Harvest Festival Parish Communion
Sunday 13th	10.00am	Parish Communion
	6.00pm	Evensong (BCP)
Sunday 20th	10.00am	Parish Communion
Sunday 27th	10.00am	Parish Communion
	6.00pm	Evensong (BCP)
Friday 1st Nov	2.30pm	Remembering the Departed with Hymns and Cake
Sunday 3rd Nov	8.00am	Holy Communion – All Saints (BCP said)
	10.00am	All Age Service – ‘All God’s Children’ Growing in God’s Friendship, and giving thanks for those we have known and loved in our own lives. Arrive from 9.40am for welcome and refreshments.
	5.30pm	Memorial Eucharist for All Souls a said service with hymns, lighting of candles, and a brief visit to the church yard. (Wrap up warm.) (The whole service will last about 45 minutes.)

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

Who to Contact:

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