

THE APPLETON WITH EATON

# Advertiser

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## Green Appleton Repair Cafe

on Saturday 8th Feb 10am to 1pm  
at Appleton Village Hall

- \* Sharpening
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## Passing on the fruit of the ages!

by the Revd Wealands Bell, *Rector*

I'm told that, if you're reading these words, your chances of having been born after 1970 are really very slender. There is a logic to this: those in the late summer of life are likely to be more concerned than their grandchildren about the world to come, and to invest a little attention in the local Church. It has stood at the centre of our community for almost a thousand years, after all: it is just possible that it has learned a thing or two worth passing on.

It's a good time of year to consider these things: February 2nd is the Christian festival of Candlemas: Christmas *finally* ends as we recall old Simeon and Anna recognising in the Jerusalem Temple that this baby Jesus is the light of all the world and the glory of Israel. There is something rather beautiful about this passing-on of the baton by the elderly to the new-born. Like the church, those who have been around for a while have wisdom and experience to share, and it is fitting not just to honour our seniors, but to ask where they got their wisdom from.

For many in villages like ours, a major formative influence was the Church itself. A faith learned in Sunday school and reinforced by hymns sung daily in the school hall, will surely result in a certain moral outlook. Historians like Tom Holland emphasise that our whole European story has been indelibly marked by this Christian inheritance, bearing fruit in fundamental ideas like the absolute dignity of human beings.

It would be grievous to lose habits of 'loving your neighbour as yourself', or 'doing to others as you would that they would do to you'. For many, these habits are best rooted in a belief in God. Now, for many younger families, their belief is lively enough, but their free time is so crammed with kids' sports and shopping trips (and recovering from work), that the annual resolution to make time for Church, that I hear at carol services, can easily come to nothing.

Now, Church doesn't have to be on Sundays. There are other opportunities, especially in school holidays. On the Thursday of half-term, for example, there will be another 'Messy Church' event

in St Laurence's. This is an opportunity to spend time with one's children (of any age) in craft activities, with food and music – while also giving some attention to God and the nurture of our faith. If you have younger relatives and friends who might value a nudge in that direction, do please be that nudge. Bring them along! Details in the text box. Let's not lose what it's taken two millennia to create.

### **MESSY CHURCH**

St Laurence Church

#### **Thursday of half-term**

20 February, 10am – 12noon. Craft,  
snacks, music.

Free of charge.

**Fun and faith for busy families.**

## **Donation to the Sportsfield**

The Appleton Sportsfield car park is heavily used by cricketers, footballers, cubs, scouts and for leisure purposes. This has meant the surface has been quite severely damaged – to the point where there are three big puddles near the entrance.

Many in the community will remember Hills of Swindon extracted sand from the pit just off the A420 (the Tubney Wood sandpit) from 1991 to 2005.

We were delighted that, for the second time, Hills agreed to send a load of gravel. Their generosity must not go unnoticed. Well done, Hills.

### **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.

### **EVERGREEN CLUB**

Our next meeting will be on Friday 14th February and we will be entertained by Southmoor Choir as well tea and cake.

See you all about 2 pm

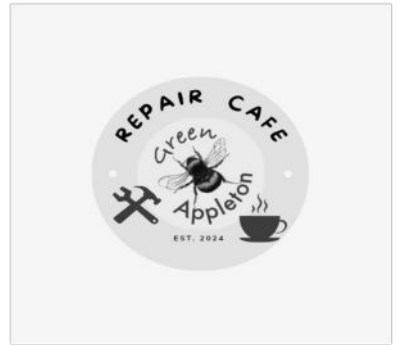
## Green Appleton - Repair Cafe

We are well on the way with planning for our second repair cafe on

**8th February 10-1 at the village hall.**

It is also **Green Windmill Day**.

We hope that many of you will come along or take part. If you've nothing for repair don't worry - come and have a cup of tea, a piece of cake and a chat.



### ***Some important information for you:***

1. If you have an item you'd like **repaired** - let us know. It helps our repairers ensure they have the right tools to hand. You are welcome to bring things along on the day but we can't guarantee a repair there and then. Please:

- Complete a form by hand - see opposite page, with more available in the shop now.

- Complete a form online here:  
[www.greenappleton.org.uk](http://www.greenappleton.org.uk).

- Email us with details here or if you have any questions:  
[greenappleton2021@gmail.com](mailto:greenappleton2021@gmail.com).

2. If you have an item for the **Green Windmill Day**:

- Collect your green windmill from the shop (and instructions)
- If you already have a windmill, just leave your items outside your house and place the windmill next to it. Hopefully your items will be taken and made good use of.

### ***And finally .....***

If you can spare us some time on the day, we still really need repairers, or people to serve tea and cake, or if you can bake a cake we'd love to hear from you.

**THANK YOU!**



**Green Appleton Repair Request Form**  
**For the Repair Café, 8<sup>th</sup> Feb.**

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. We can have a go at garment repair, small electrical items, jewellery and knife and scissor sharpening. Anything else we'd have to discuss with our team. 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 by hand and put the completed form in the box in the village shop as soon as possible and by **1<sup>st</sup> Feb at the latest**. If possible, attach a photo.

There are 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](mailto:greenappleton2021@gmail.com)



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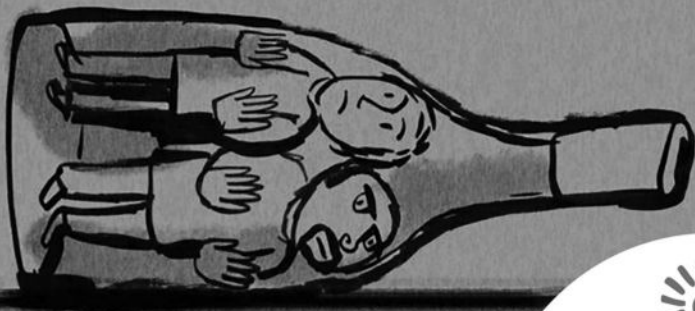
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**Appleton Village Hall**  
**Thursday 20 February**  
Doors: 6.30<sup>pm</sup> Film: 7.30<sup>pm</sup>

## **Appleton History—Barrett's Hill**

I guess that not many Appleton folk know the whereabouts of Barrett's Hill. My knowledge comes via oral history – like much of our scraps of knowledge.

It is the gentle hill in Oaksmere; when it leaves Tubney Wood it falls away towards Appleton. The fall is about 25 feet in all when it crosses the Osse Brook.

In the past – when there was little motor traffic – the hill was a playground for our children. Hoops could be rolled and raced from the top down to the stream; likewise bicycles, tricycles or bogies could be raced. Why its called “Barrett's” seems lost in time- a research project.

Oral history is very important but doubt about its accuracy is often raised. Far away in Australia there is clear and dramatic evidence of its reliability. The First Nation peoples of Australia talk of events some 10,000 years ago; passed down through about 500 generations!

At the end of the last Ice Age much water was locked up around the Earth's poles. Sea levels were very much lower and Australia was a larger land. Tasmania was not an island and northern Australia reached Indonesia and New Guinea.

Australian oral history describes the gradual inflow of the sea as the world warmed. Large areas of land slowly disappeared until it became its modern form. Australia's people have a highly developed tradition of story telling that may explain the recalls of such ancient events.

John EVANS

je@oxmed.net



## **Appleton WI**

We had a very thoughtful and thought-provoking discussion at our January meeting about incontinence. This difficult subject is one of the proposed resolutions to be debated at the annual general meeting of the country-wide WI in June. All members will now vote to choose which of the four resolutions will be chosen.

Our February meeting will take place on Thursday, 20th February at 2pm in Appleton village hall, when the talk will be about something in which we all have an interest, a history of Appleton village. There will be a raffle and a bring and buy stall, and we look forward to welcoming you.

Elaine Flint

01865 861838

## **FEBRUARY 2025 Appleton Community Shop news**



### **Beat the winter blues**

Come to the shop for a coffee, a slice of cake and a chat! It's amazing how many people you bump into in the shop, and it's a good place to catch up on the village news.

### **Blue is the new black**

Well, not really, but you should try our new line of blue (or maybe purple) nachos. Very delicious, regardless of the strange colour.



### **It's marmalade time**

There may still be a few Seville oranges left for your homemade marmalade, but you could make it easy for yourself and buy a jar of Carole's marmalade – choose between three fruit, ginger and orange, or passionfruit and orange – or perhaps one of each!

### **Friday supper club**

#### *Spanakopita (or spinach tart) – the easy way*

One bag of baby spinach leaves (in the chiller cabinet) an onion and some garlic, half a pack of frozen puff pastry, Feta cheese, and mixed spice.

Fry the onion and garlic in a little oil until transparent, then wash the spinach and tip in to the pan, put a lid on, shake and let it wilt in the heat with the onions.

Once wilted, season and add a good pinch of mixed spice. Roll the pastry into a circle, place the spinach mixture in the centre and crumble feta cheese over it.

Fold the pastry over about half of the spinach mixture and then bake.





### Shop opening hours

Monday-Friday: 7am–6pm

Saturday: 8am–1pm

Sunday: 8am–12noon

### Post office

Mondays and Thursdays, 9am–1pm

Shop telephone: 01865 863191

Email: [appletonship@gmail.com](mailto:appletonship@gmail.com)

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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	£ 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	
Feb	£23,195	£24,144	
March	£27,445	£26,109	
April	£23,622	£24,762	

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### 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.

**Save the date!**

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**Professor Robert Evans  
Regius Professor Emeritus  
University of Oxford**

***God's Acre: Writing Village  
History***

***From the Graveyard***

**Thursday 6 March 2025**

**7.30pm**

**Appleton Village Hall**

**Appleton with Eaton History Group**



## **Besselsleigh Christmas Lights**

The last night of the 2024/25 Besselsleigh Lights, when it actually snowed, proved too much for the resident snowman, who having been the main focus for children wanting to be photographed, toppled over!

A big thank you to so many readers of the Advertiser who contributed to the magnificent £3,328 which was raised for Oxfordshire Homeless Movement and a thank you to the Appleton Shop Post Office for cheerfully taking in all those bags of coins in a world where banks no longer like cash!

The support of so many friends and neighbours encourages Besselsleigh villagers when they are getting wet, frozen or blown off their ladders putting their lights up and taking them down! A final and big thank you to Besselsleigh for the pleasure the lights give to so many people and for the much needed funds raised for OHM's projects.

Thank you!



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## **Appleton with Eaton Tennis Club**

The Appleton with Eaton Tennis Club AGM will be on 7th March at 7pm in the village hall. Do please come along to support the club, meet other members and have a glass of wine.

The club tournament finals day will on Saturday 28th June, just before the start of another tennis tournament at Wimbledon. Details on how to enter the club tournament will be available soon.

We would like to congratulate our coach Bart, who has just been recognized as the Oxfordshire LTA coach of the year!

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## 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 the Parish Council is looking to organize events around that time. If you are interested in volunteering to help with these events, please contact the Parish Clerk. Here is a link to the national website: [www.veday80.org.uk](http://www.veday80.org.uk)



### Highways-related issues

Appleton with Eaton Parish Council and our local superuser (a volunteer who can sometimes fast-track highways related issues, such as pothole repair) met with representatives from the County Council and a representative from the District Council specialising in drainage earlier this month to discuss the issues of drainage and subsequent road damage at Oaksmere. Detailed information about this visit was sent in a shout out on 16/1/25 and can also be found on our website as well as the noticeboard.

The Council will keep residents informed about any updates. In the meantime, please do continue to put any issues on Fix My Street. If you are interested in becoming an Oxfordshire County Council Superuser of Fix My Street per our note in previous editions, please contact the Clerk.

### Dog Fouling

The Council has had recent reports of dog fouling in the village. These reports have included fouling on residents' lawns. The Council asks that dog owner please do not let dogs foul on private property as well as asks that dog owners pick up after your dogs. Many thanks to all those who already do this and thank you in advance for all of your cooperation in keeping our village tidy.

Allison Leigh, Parish Clerk

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

# Advertiser

Deadline for March issue:

**19th February** (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 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.

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**St Laurence Church Appleton with Besselsleigh**

**SERVICES – FEBRUARY 2025**

<b>Sunday 2nd</b>	<b>8.00am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b> (BCP said)
	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>All-Age Service</b> Arrive from 9.40am for refreshments
	<b>5.30pm</b>	<b>Eucharist of Candlemas</b>
<b>Sunday 9th</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Parish Eucharist</b>
	<b>4.00pm</b>	<b>Evensong</b> (BCP)
<b>Sunday 16th</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Parish Eucharist</b>
<b>Sunday 23rd</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Parish Eucharist</b>
	<b>4.00pm</b>	<b>Evensong</b> (BCP)
<b>Sunday 2nd March</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)

**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:

01865 599003; 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; phm.day202@btinternet.com