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Foreword from the St Laurence PCC

As I sit down to write the introduction for the Advertiser, we've just heard that the lockdown in the UK is being extended for at least another three weeks. How have the last few weeks been for you and how do you feel as you consider a longer period of confinement?

Despite the obvious cost that COVID-19 is having on the world, and the death and heartache the virus is unleashing, I continually see a wonderful picture of hope. We see millions come out every week, all around the world, to celebrate and give thanks for those on the frontline helping to protect us from the virus. We see individuals going to extraordinary lengths in their own gardens to raise much-needed funds for our frontline services. We see neighbours looking out for the needs of others like never before.

As I reflected on this and what to write for this introduction, I was reminded of the picture of the early church that we read about in Acts 2:44-45, shortly after Jesus ascended into heaven.

"All the believers were together and had everything in common. They sold property and possessions to give to anyone in need."

The early church was not dealing with a global pandemic, but they were facing constant persecution because of their devotion to the Apostles' teaching about Jesus Christ. Yet, despite these challenges, their response was two fold:

1. They recognised that they were together in this
2. They gave what they had to support those around them, whatever the need

Wonderfully, I'm encouraged to see this same response from many in our community during the COVID-19 outbreak. I wanted to take this opportunity, on behalf of St Laurence, to share our thanks for those looking after their neighbours from our village.

For those who work or volunteer in our front-line services and who put their lives at risk every day

For those who are organising the volunteers in the Village behind the scenes to respond to the challenges that many here face

For those running and volunteering in our shop - a vital source of support and encouragement in the Village

For those volunteering to help in practical ways - doing shopping for others, collecting medication, etc.

For those seeking to support the Village spiritually through prayer and our virtual services

For those who are reaching out to offer support and encouragement wherever they see a need

I would like to leave you with two thoughts. Firstly, I pray that this outpouring of neighbourly love and support will continue and remain with us, long after COVID-19 is gone. How about you? Secondly, you were wonderfully created by a God who loves you and wants to be in a relationship with you, as those in the early church knew and were greatly encouraged by. Whether you believe in God or not, we all feel this need to be relational instinctively, and it's exactly why we feel the desire to help those in need at times like this. I want to encourage you to explore these feelings further and to understand who God is and why He wants to be in a relationship with you.

If you would like to discuss this, or any other feelings that you have at this time, especially if you're wondering where God can be in all of this, please contact us via our website and we would love the opportunity to talk with you.

God bless and thank you for all you're doing,

Stuart

St Laurence Churchwarden

Advertiser online for the lockdown

During to the current lockdown the Advertiser will be available on the Appleton with Eaton website (www.Appleton-eaton.org under Village Noticeboard) with a small number of copies printed locally and distributed to villagers without access to the internet. We hope to return to normal as soon as possible and wish all our readers keep safe during these trying times.

*David Staunton
Editor*

Virtual coffee Morning

St Laurence church are launching a virtual coffee morning during the lockdown on **Thursdays at 10am.**

If you would like to join in, please email Carol Dodimead

pccsecretary@stlaurencechurchappleton.org

All are welcome.

Who to call

For enquiries about Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals, Pastoral care, Holy Communion at home, Church buildings, please contact Roger Mitty, Churchwarden on 863794, or email him on:

enquiries@stlaurencechurchappleton.org
Pastoral enquiries will be forwarded on to an appropriate contact whilst we are in this period of vacancy awaiting the appointment of our new Rector. Remember to visit your Church website at:
www.stlaurenceappleton.org

“A lovely man”

Very sadly John Drewitt died in hospital on April 11th after contracting Coronavirus.

John, who lived most of his life in Appleton and Eaton, was known to many and will be greatly missed.

He is now reunited with his wife, Gerry, in Appleton churchyard and a service to celebrate his life will be organised once the current restrictions are lifted.

R.I.P. John

Jerry Salmon

Appleton with Eaton Tennis Club



Court Re-Surfacing Update

Our courts are currently undergoing their second complete re-surfacing almost 30 years after the courts were originally opened. We would like to say that our court re-surfacing was carefully planned to coincide with the Coronavirus shutdown when government guidelines and LTA advice is to close courts but court re-surfacing had been planned for over a year.

The courts' re-surfacing, painting and re-marking should have been completed by the time this is published. Photos will be put on the tennis club website for you to see here: <https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/AppletonwithEatonTennisClub>. The practice wall is also being re-pointed and re-painted for re-opening.



Fun Day - open to all

When we are able to get back on the newly re-surfaced courts we are planning a fun day that is open to members and non-members. It will be on a Sunday and will include lots of activities to try for all ages and abilities including beginners and rusty rackets as well as some on- and off-court competitions. There will also be a BBQ, please come along and bring your friends and family. The date will be published in The Advertiser and on our website.

Keep up the tennis during lockdown

Although we can't use the tennis courts at the moment there are plenty of tennis games to play. Use the tag [#tennisathome](#) on your social media and the internet to find inspiration. Below are some of these tennis-based activities that you could try to keep up your tennis skills during this period.

The LTA have a lot of different games and exercises on their website for each age group.

[LTA Tennisathome: https://www.lta.org.uk/play-compete/lta-youth/tennis-at-home/](https://www.lta.org.uk/play-compete/lta-youth/tennis-at-home/)

Roger Federer and Andy Murray have done the 100 Volley Challenge with their wives. Try it on your own against a wall or with anyone or everyone in your household- search for [#100volleychallenge](#).

If you want to keep up your cardio why not try an on-line cardio session. We like the VoWH's Olly Carr's 30 minute session. This can be done indoors or outdoors - <https://youtu.be/dTdVrE7R90>. This is free and he has an NHS justgiving page <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/tennis4nhs>.

Stay Connected - post your tennis activities

It would be great to see what you have been doing. Please post video or photos of your tennis based activities on our Facebook page or email them to us

(appletonwitheatontennisclub@gmail.com) and we will upload them to our website.

Emma Queralt has already started to make up her own tennis routines and her video can be seen on our website: <https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/AppletonwithEatonTennisClub>.

For more information and to contact the club:

Email:

appletonwitheatontennisclub@gmail.com

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/](https://www.facebook.com/AppletonwithEatonTennisClub/)

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Gardening Club



Due to the current situation with the coronavirus we will be unable to hold our usual May meeting which is also our AGM. The current committee will continue in post until we are able to hold our AGM.

In the meantime we continue to plan the Village Show to be held on Sunday 6th September. The schedule will be available in the Village Shop as usual. The Village Show is open to all residents of Appleton and Eaton and we welcome entries from everyone including children and young people. So why not take the opportunity of the moment to look at our baking and handicraft classes and join us at the show in the autumn?

Baking classes:

Victoria Sandwich cake – recipe in schedule
Ginger and Pear upside down cake – recipe in schedule
Almond jumble – recipe in schedule
Bacon and Egg Pie
Bath Buns
Chocolate truffles
Lemonade

Handicraft classes:

Item made from soft materials
Item made from hard materials
Item made from recycled materials
A picture in any medium on any Natural
History subject – max size 25 x 30 cm
A piece of Jewellery
A Christmas Decoration

Photographic classes:

Boats
The Garden Gate
Symmetry
Clouds
Feathered friends
That's Amazing

In the meantime enjoy in your garden – take the time just to sit and look.

Hon. Secretary
Janet Hutton
01865 865269

Solo Ladies

There has been a suggestion that the Solo Ladies become 21st Century and have a 'Zoom' lunch on line!

Could you let me know if you are on line (or have a techie relative to help you) and we'll send you an invitation to join everyone to 'lunch' on Thursday 14th May at 12.30. if restrictions are still in place.

If you'd like to give it a go e-mail barbara.kimsey@outlook.com or phone 01865 863262

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Opening hours:

Shop

Monday–Friday: 7am–6pm

Saturday : 8am–1pm

Sunday: 8am–12noon

Post Office

Monday & Thursday

9am–1pm



Message from our Community Shop Chairman

What's new this month? The straight answer to that is everything!

The Shop is operating at levels that were never intended in circumstances that were never envisaged but boy is it coping well!

Last month's message was written at the beginning of a wobbly week in which the World went mad and the shelves were all but empty but our amazing team rose to the challenge and have worked outstandingly well to meet the village's new needs. All those things we were 'scurrying about' doing when I last wrote are now in place and are working as well as we could possibly have hoped.

Most importantly we, the Shop Team, want to thank you, our lovely villagers, for your patience in queuing (at the correct distance of course), for your kindness in shopping for your neighbours, for your tolerance with the shortages (mostly now sorted except where totally out of our control), and for your amazing support with volunteering, collecting, delivering, running a back-up warehouse, organising and delivering newspapers, for operating customer accounts and for everything else you do. We are blessed that we live in a kind and caring place and huge thanks from the Directors and Management for all the additional help and support we are being given. It would have been chaos without you!

The good news is that, at the time of writing, we have been able to lift, within reason of course, almost all quantity restrictions. Eggs, bread, milk, fruit and veg are all in plentiful supply as are such key products as

MONTHLY TURNOVER

	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20
May	20,267	22,428	24,532
June	22,795	24,483	24,276
July	23,809	27,343	28,976
Aug	20,750	23,774	25,199
Sept	19,963	21,849	23,131
Oct	20,732	22,625	23,504
Nov	19,896	22,583	22,107
Dec	22,315	23,486	24,524
Jan	18,154	20,000	20,700
Feb	17,937	19,782	19,962
Mar	22,387	22,305	27,669
April	19,107	21,570	

Shop and Post Office opening for May 2020 Public Holidays:

Shop open:

Bank Holiday Friday 8th May

9 am – 11 am

Bank Holiday Monday 25th May

9am – 11 am

Post Office -

Closed on Bank Holiday Monday 25th May

Open Tuesday 26th May 9am-1 pm

alcohol and (remarkably) postage stamps. Even for those who don't trust statistics some of the following may amuse you:

- Eggs – we've sold all but £1000 worth in four weeks! Sales up by 112%
- Sausage rolls – you're still buying them, just having to cook them at home. (Sales only down by 19%)
- Hot Cross Buns – a triumph!
- Vegetable sales up by 232%
- Fruit by 138% (headed as always by Bananas up by 193%)
- Cereal sales have doubled
- Clotted cream albeit from a very low base is up by 1300%
- Pain au chocolat only down by 5% so more home 'baking' going on?

Thank you to you all and as this lockdown goes on, could those of you who are getting bored at home please, please remember that you are self-isolating for a good reason. Much as we miss you, we are here to help you get your shopping delivered safely to your home via your buddy, so there is no need to risk your own health.

We'll have a party to welcome you all back as soon as it is safe and sensible to do so! Finally, our key concern is that we protect the health of our staff, volunteers and other villagers and our strongest please is to anyone and everyone who is in quarantine. Please, please stick firmly within the guidelines and stay at home. Your road's coordinator will arrange for a buddy to collect your shopping for you.

May we all keep safe and well.

Jane Cranston

Opportunities to Help your Community Shop

If you would like to know more about volunteering, please contact the shop (863191)

Email us at:
appletonshop@gmail.com

What our Shop has been doing during the last month

- Very busy keeping our local community fed and well supplied
- Free home delivery of daily papers to minimise shop footfall
- Observing government guidelines and social distance guidance both inside and outside the shop
- Taking orders and opening shop accounts for those self-isolating or in quarantine at home
- New volunteers filling in for those having to stay at home
- All our pies, pasties and sweet pastries available frozen for people to cook at home if they're missing their usual little pastry treats
- Basics such as bread, eggs, milk, fruit and vegetables in plentiful supply
- 8 new till trainees taking on their first shifts at the moment too - hooray for them.
- To try and keep shelves stocked we have different brands of the products we normally stock.

A thank you to customers for queuing carefully outside and respecting the '2 customers at a time' rule.

Reminder

When making payments with a card, we can now take an up to £45 contactless payment.

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

Shop Tel No: 01865 863191

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News from the Appleton with Eaton Parish Council

Coronavirus (Covid-19)

The Parish Council wants to thank all those who have been working hard to follow the Government's guidelines on staying at home, social distancing and self-isolating. As you will be aware from the UK Government reports, it is becoming effective and for this reason the lockdown measures are still in place at the time of writing. It is imperative that everyone continues to follow these guidelines as long as they are in place, realising that our rural village is susceptible to this virus. There have been, and currently are, cases of Covid-19 in Appleton with Eaton. We urge all residents to maintain vigilance and adhere to the UK Government guidelines during this difficult period.

You can find more information on these guidelines and coronavirus at <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>. There is also more local information on the village website at <https://www.appleton-eaton.org/>. The Parish Council thanks you for helping us to all keep safe. If you do need any assistance and/or support, please feel free to contact the clerk at the email and telephone below.

Parish hardship due to Covid19

THE APPLETON TRUST has received a grant from Appleton with Eaton Parish Council specifically to help anyone in financial need during the Covid19 lockdown period who lives in Appleton, Eaton, or Bessesleigh. This is to provide some financial contribution to any household which finds itself in immediate hardship with no other means of support.

Please apply to David Dymock, Clerk to Appleton Trust, dymockdj@gmail.com

GOOD NEWS!! THE PLOUGH GARDEN PLANNING APPEAL IS REFUSED

We have had to wait quite some time for this result and in early April the Planning Inspector published his decision to refuse the Appeal to build two houses on the Plough garden. The village had battled long and hard over the last few years with so many of you sending in your objections time after time after time. The Pub Working Group and the Parish Council are hugely grateful to you all for the hundreds of letters that were submitted. Many thanks also to Toby Blackwell who funded many of the professional fees we incurred along the way. Clearly, the current corona crisis means we sadly cannot celebrate there just now, but celebrate we will as soon as we can!

Appleton is very lucky to have the Plough and we would urge every villager to ensure they regularly support the pub, pop in for a drink or two, enjoy the food and gather in the garden once the pub is open again.

For the details of the Appeal decision, see

http://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/java/support/dynamic_serve.jsp?ID=1206794557&CODE=3D8CAB6AF70DDCCFB3B1D8A48DD754D4

VE Day Celebrations

VE Day Celebrations as previously planned have been postponed due to the current Covid-19 pandemic. During the VE Day bank holiday weekend of 8th – 11th May an alternative celebration of 'VE Day At Home' has been proposed by the official organizers. The PC encourage everyone to join in and hope that residents may be decorating their houses in red, white and blue and enjoying a picnic in their front garden to celebrate during current lockdown measures. Feel free to join in!

Information and help with ideas can be found at <https://ve-veday75.gov.uk/>

We will keep you posted on the VE Day pub garden party at The Plough Inn planned which is postponed until measures are lifted.

Allison Leigh, Parish Clerk

01865 865 876 / parishclerk.appletonwitheaton@gmail.com

Appleton WI

Appleton WI have been asked to produce something up beat and positive for the May issue of the Advertiser. Difficult to do this year with us all living in lockdown but May will come with hopefully long summer days, gardens beautiful tended and even longer summer days to look forward to.

This year we've had time to reminisce on events in May in previous years and in particular 1945.

Several of our present members were children at the village school then. Our school was the original Victorian building on the road side end of Church Lane opened in 1837 which remained largely unchanged until it was demolished in the 1960s. Many of us had family members who had also attended the school in previous generations. Life was quiet and uneventful with very little traffic, very few people had a car and petrol was rationed. Church Lane was our playground and in the summer we could use the field which is where the present school was built. In late Spring we knew that the War in Europe was coming to an end. We had been aware of D-day the previous year and the news on the wireless, was dominated by the progress of the war. In April we had all seen the newspaper reports of the liberation of Belsen, listened to the report from there by Richard Dimbleby and were aware of the reaction to it by the adults around us. On V E day itself we had a holiday and a bring and share tea in the village hall. A unique occasion, just going out to tea was a treat. My friends think we had a fancy dress parade too. (We did for VJ Day later in the Summer and also for that occasion a bonfire on the green.) The green then was a much larger space before it was altered for the realignment of Oakesmere.

After our tea party life returned to normal. We were glad that the war in Europe was ended but the war was still going on in the Far East

and so celebrations were muted.

Several of us were living in one parent families with father away in the forces. My own father was in Athens in May 1945 but wasn't demobbed until July 1946. Then followed the coldest winter in living memory, with snow up to the top of the hedges in Eaton Road followed by record breaking floods, recorded at the Lock. And still seemingly endless rationing and shortages.

So enjoy lockdown and all good gifts around us.

*Sally Lawton nee Webb
Appleton WI*

Lambs

New to life

With a wobble and a shiver,
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New found pals

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The anxious and bedraggled Ewe,
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Calls with her unique bleat,
Bonding by her scent so sweet
Provides recognition and a maternal cover
Offspring uniting with their Mother.

Audrey Flynn

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Juliet Carter
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Hardship Fund

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Please apply to David Dymock
Clerk to Appleton Trust
dymockdj@gmail.com

Appleton Voluntary Transport Service

Regrettably the Appleton Voluntary Transport Service will have to be suspended for the duration of the current coronavirus crisis.

There are few drivers available, and these are almost all over the age of 70.

We are very sorry for the inconvenience which this will cause, and we look forward to the time when the risk of infection has become manageable and the service can be resumed. We will continue to answer calls to the AVTS telephone, but we shall not be able to arrange transport for anyone.

Charles Moorley

Advertiser

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ST LAURENCE, APPLETON

As you may sadly already be aware, the Archbishops have instructed that church services should be put 'on hold' for the time being.

You will find key contact numbers within the Advertiser concerning ongoing parish support.

We are reviewing the situation constantly. Please do consult the Church website www.stlaurenceappleton.org for up to date information.

The PCC much regret the need for these changes and ask for all to pray that our villages and the wider community stay safe and healthy during this difficult time.

Who to call:

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Pastoral enquiries will be forwarded on to an appropriate contact whilst we are in this period of vacancy awaiting the appointment of our new Rector.

For up-to-date information on Sunday services & other events, please refer to the Calendar pages of the Church website: www.stlaurenceappleton.org

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