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Monday 9am-12pm,
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Phone: 07500 453 723
Email: appletonpreschool1@gmail.com



Is your child going to Appleton Primary School
in September?

Why not enrol them at the Pre-School for the Summer
Term, to make new friends who will join them there!

Dear Friends,

For me, one of the highlights of the past month was definitely the "Reading Breakfast" event at Appleton Primary School on Thursday 2nd March. To mark *World Book Day*, parents were invited to arrive early that morning (any time from 7.30 am!) to read favourite books with their children in the school hall, while eating croissants, pains au chocolat or generously-portioned bacon sandwiches; all of which had been prepared by staff-members who must have been up at the crack of dawn - thank you! This was *World Book Day #20* and, as is now traditional, pupils and staff had gone to the trouble of dressing up as characters from novels, fairy-tales, poems, and history-books: it was a glorious, colourful, joyful celebration of story-telling.

In 2004, the appropriately named author Christopher Booker published his 736 page work, *The Seven Basic Plots: Why We Tell Stories*. Booker's big idea, which he apparently spent over thirty years researching and refining, was that all the storylines of modern and ancient fiction fall into one or more of the following categories, what he calls "the seven basic plots": 1) overcoming the monster 2) rags-to-riches 3) the quest 4) voyage-and-return 5) comedy 6) tragedy 7) rebirth. So *Little Red Riding Hood* is about overcoming the "monstrous" wolf (plot 1), but also about rebirth (plot 7): after the girl has been eaten up, a hunter comes and cuts the wolf open, so that she and her grandmother can emerge unharmed from the monster's belly! In Grimm's fairytale about the *Shoemaker*, the little elves go to work

night after night, in order to lead the cobbler out of poverty and into unexpected riches (plot 2). The *Hobbit* goes on a quest (plot 3), and so on.

As we approach Easter (#1984 or so!), perhaps it is worth considering how the gospel story – the story of Jesus Christ, crucified and resurrected – fits into Booker's seven categories. Or perhaps Booker's scheme only "works" (if it does!) because each of the seven plots resonates in some way with *the ultimate plot*, the Bible's story of God's love and power in action. After all, in Jesus Christ, God overcomes the monster Satan (1) and raises his crucified Son back to life (7); in Christ, the spiritually bankrupt are offered untold spiritual riches (2); in Christ, God comes on a quest to win a bride (3)... In the months and years ahead, whenever we have our nose in a book (or a Kindle*) may God enable us to hear echoes of the Christian story in apparently "non-religious" fiction.

*Wishing you a blessed
Easter,
Rev'd. Ken.*

*Other E-book readers are available.

"Tea and Chat"

Every Monday in St. Laurence Church
2.30 - 4 pm.

Need a lift?
Ring: Margaret 862958
Pam 863207
Rosemary 864808

IMPORTANT DATES!

Saturday 1st April – 8:30 am An 'Extra' Women's (and Gentlemen's) breakfast with John Earwicker, executive director of MAI (Medic Assist International) & Pastor Leonard Gcabashe who leads the Embo Community Church in South Africa. John and Leonard plan to describe the growing impact of the church within their needy community. In particular, they will focus on the healthcare ministry of the church which MAI has enabled to flourish, both through the home care service & the clinic which now needs to be extended to meet the latest requirements for separating TB patients to avoid cross contamination. All welcome! Contact Jennie Revell on 863611 or Lesley on 03330147017 if you feel like popping along and for more details.

CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday 2nd April – 10:00 am Service led by John Earwicker from Medic Assist International & Pastor Leonard Gcabashe from the church in Embo, KwaZuluNatal, South Africa.

Palm Sunday 9th – 10:00 am Communion Service.

Maundy Thursday 13th April – 7:30 pm Communion Service.

Good Friday 14th April – 10:00 am All Age Service (with hot cross buns!)

Easter Day Sunday 16th April – 10:00 am All Age Communion Service. (No Evensong – see below).

Sunday 23rd – 6:00 pm Evensong.

Heads-up clothes swap!

Look out for "Pop up clothes swap" coming in this year.

Please contact Lesley Addison 07920761606 if you would like to help.

Women's Breakfasts

First Saturday of every other month with various speakers!

1st April (extra Breakfast date for ladies **and gentlemen**)

6th May

1st July

8:30 am - 10:00 am

St Laurence Church

Contact Jennie Revell for more details: 863611



St Laurence Church Pastoral Support

"We are here to listen.

We are here to offer compassionate support"

Need someone to talk to?

Would like a home visit?

Unwell? Or recovering?

Recently lost someone dear to you?

Finding life challenging?

Know a neighbour who does?

Please contact Lesley on 03330 147018 or Lucinda on 01865 864779



Community Café

First Thursday of every month!

6th April

4th May

1st June

At St Laurence Church,
Appleton

10:30am - 11:30am

Pop in - All Very Welcome!



Appleton Society of Change Ringers

Recruits: Appleton ringers are looking for new recruits to help ring our church bells. The bells have sounded over the village since 1818, when the first 6 bells were given by Robert Southby and we no longer have enough ringers to ring all 10 bells. Most people have the ability to become a good ringer. Great physical strength is not required and people of all ages from 10 upwards are welcome. Perhaps you used to ring and would consider taking it up again? If you think you might be a little rusty, don't worry! You'll be surprised at just how quickly and easily you can pick up ringing again. If you would like to find out about learning to ring then come and see us in the tower between 7.45 pm and 9.00 pm on a Friday evening or contact us by email at appleton.bells@gmail.com or phone Michele Winter on 01865 864289.

We ring at 9.30 am for the 10.00 am service on the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Sundays of the month and from 5.30 pm for the 6.00 pm Evensong service on the 1st and 3rd Sundays. Practice night is Friday from 7.30 pm until 9.00 pm and visitors are always welcome then and on Sundays. We try to keep the Church calendar updated at <http://www.stlaurenceappleton.org> so that you can check, if in the unlikely event, practice night has been cancelled at short notice.

Successful Peals !

Event: On March 4th Day for the 199th anniversary of the bells.
Date: Saturday, 4 March 2017 from 10 am.
Time: 2hr 49min.
Method: 5040 Cambridge Surprise Royal.
Composed by J Clatworthy.
Bell: 1st - Bernard J Stone
2nd - Michele Winter
3rd - Julie A Haseldine
4th - Andrew Haseldine
5th - Patricia M Newton

6th - Gwen Rogers
7th - Robert H Newton
8th - Stephen H Stanford
9th - Philip Rogers (C)
10th - Leon G Thompson

Future Attempted Peals

Remembrance Peal: 10.00 am to 1 pm approx. on Saturday 11th November – in memory of the fallen.

Where peals are on Saturday mornings there will be no practice at Appleton on the preceding Friday evening.

Sponsored Fun Run

Claire and Daniel Barratt are taking part in sponsored fun run of 10 laps around Tilsley Park on 29th April to raise funds for a TB extension for the Embo clinic which was built with MAI funding in 2013. If you would like to sponsor us please go to: <https://my.give.net/ClaireDans4Embo>

Who to call

For Service information, Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals & Church Building enquiries, please contact:
Reverend Ken at Appleton Rectory on 655737 or kencampbell@stlaurencechurchappleton.org
Remember to visit your Church website at:
www.stlaurenceappleton.org

Thank you for donations towards the production of the Advertiser from the Chapel, Appleton Pre-School and the Appleton Trust.



CE is an informal and relaxed seven-week course, suitable for anyone who is wanting to think through some of life's big questions. You don't need to know anything about the Bible, and you won't be asked to pray or sing. You can ask any question you like, or you can just sit and listen. Oh yes – and it is completely free!

Whoever you are, whatever you're thinking, CE is a great place to explore what life is all about. It might just be the best news you've ever heard.

Revd Ken is starting a number of courses over the next few weeks (daytime and evening) - to register interest or for further information, please contact him on 01865 655737 or email...

Community Emergency Foodbank



We are very grateful to the Village shop for now making space to display permanently for a food collection box for the Community Emergency Foodbank. (This has now moved from Church). Do please donate food there if you possibly can. Especially in the run up to Easter. We are rather short of jars of coffee; drinking chocolate; peanut butter; Bovril & tins of soup. With many thanks for your support. It means so much to those receiving the parcels. If you would like to find out more about the Community Emergency Food website, visit <http://www.ceffoxford.co.uk> or contact Lucinda Lewis-Crosby on tel: 01865 864779 or email: lucinda@lewis-crosby.co.uk

Polite Notice

It's very important that clear emergency access is always maintained to St Laurence Church. Such access – not least for emergency vehicles – is blocked when cars are parked close to either side of the gates mid-way down Church Lane.

The consequences of this if an emergency arose would be very serious and potentially life-threatening, besides totally invalidating Church insurances.

Thank you for sensible and considerate parking.

Thank you

A huge thank you to all who turned out to de-litter our lovely village. Despite the job getting easier each year, a huge amount of litter was nevertheless collected.

Special thanks must go to our unsung hero John Wadeson who is regularly to be seen in Oaksmere with his dog and a carrier bag of rubbish - keep up the good work John. If anyone is interested in joining the groups next year, please call me on 07876 277394.

Julie Hester

Thank You

Thank you to all who came on Friday 24th February to make this year's Ceilidh a resounding success. From 5 to 86, we all had great fun dancing in the Barn at 'South Lawn' and enjoying a delicious sit down hot supper served by OX13. Thank you to all who donated treats, helped behind the scenes and on the night. In addition, we raised £1600 which will be shared between OXPAT and Church Funds.'

Alison Jeffreys

NEWS FROM

Email: appletonshop@gmail.com

Web: www.appletonshop.co.uk

Tel: 01865 863191



Opening hours:

Shop

Monday–Friday: 7am–7pm

Saturday: 7am–1pm

Sunday: 8.30am–12noon

Post Office

Monday & Thursday

9am–1pm



Our shop has a makeover!

Following on from the Village Meeting, the Shop Board would like to thank all those who attended (and what a turnout!) for their support, goodwill and great feedback. The meeting inspired us to move swiftly into action and we can now report the following:

SHOP CLOSURE for Refurbishment:

Monday 3rd April

AM Shop and Post Office will be OPEN as normal until 12 noon

PM CLOSED

Tuesday 4th April SHOP CLOSED

Wednesday 5th April SHOP CLOSED

Thursday 6th April SHOP CLOSED

Friday 7th April SHOP CLOSED

Saturday 8th April

SHOP OPEN as normal from 7 am – 1 pm

The length of the closure is largely driven by the need to relay the floor which has to be done in sections (in order to move fridges etc.) and which takes 24 hours to dry.

MONTHLY TURNOVER

| | 2014/15 | 2015/16 | 2016/17 |
|-------|---------|---------|---------|
| May | 20,760 | 21,435 | 19,951 |
| June | 23,104 | 23,407 | 21,748 |
| July | 25,382 | 24,487 | 23,878 |
| Aug | 21,722 | 21,479 | 22,150 |
| Sept | 22,001 | 20,524 | 20,491 |
| Oct | 20,499 | 20,635 | 20,511 |
| Nov | 19,920 | 19,981 | 19,404 |
| Dec | 20,073 | 18,393 | 19,831 |
| Jan | 18,578 | 17,434 | 17,788 |
| Feb | 18,461 | 17,916 | 17,233 |
| Mar | 20,949 | 19,430 | |
| April | 20,439 | 18,271 | |

Shop Opening Times over Easter

Good Friday 14th April 7am -12 noon

Easter Saturday 15th April 7am -1 pm

Easter Sunday 16th April 8.30am-12 noon

Easter Monday 17th April 9.30am -10.30 am

NB The post office will be open on Tuesday 18th April 9am-1 pm

From Monday 10th April
(After shop refurbishment)

Monday-Friday 7am-7pm

Saturdays: 7am-1pm

Sundays: 8.30-12 noon

Post Office

Mondays and Thursdays 9am-1pm

PLANS in Place DURING CLOSURE

Newspaper deliveries will continue as normal. Pre-paid (or on account) 'shop save' newspapers which are normally collected from under the shop counter will be DELIVERED (for the four days from Tuesday to Friday only, while the shop is closed). Prepaid papers can be collected from the shop up until 12 noon on Monday 3rd April when the shop will close.

TRANSPORT

For villagers who need transport to Wootton or Botley to purchase their groceries during the shop closure, please ring Mary Blake on 862040 or Liz Gilkes on 863640.

The BOARD and MANAGEMENT apologise for any inconvenience caused.

RE-OPENING 7am on Saturday 8th April

Don't expect perfection!

The structural changes will have been made but general signage, labelling, new stock and the much anticipated new till (EPOS) system will not all be in place. This will all take time and we anticipate holding an official re-launch in June (pencil Saturday 17th June into your diary but this is to be confirmed). By then we should be up, running and working well and we will be in a position to ask our suppliers, old and new, to come along to a Shop Event so that you can taste their wares.

The Board and Management would like to thank you again for the remarkable goodwill and support from the village and in particular to thank the refurbishment team who are driving this project.

Volunteers needed for Saturday mornings!

Baking, and sorting newspapers.

We have a small group of volunteers who open the shop on Saturday mornings, sort the newspapers and bake croissants and bread for the weekend. Our numbers are diminishing and we'd like more helpers to join the rota.

If you're new to the village and would like to meet more people, or just finding you have more time on your hands, then we'd love to hear from you. Full training will be given. Contact ruth.readshaw@yahoo.com Or phone Ruth on 07979 953011 for more information.

Easter Day Sunday 16th April

A Happy Easter to all our customers, staff and volunteers!

In preparation for Easter week, the shop will be selling a good selection of:

Easter cards

Easter eggs and chocolates

Wine and local craft beer

And ready for those Easter meals:

The delicious, quality meat from Michel Cain, butcher in Cumnor is now available fresh in the chiller in Appleton.

Delicious chicken breasts

Very low fat minced beef

Sirloin steaks

Diced beef for pies and casseroles

Freshly sliced ham (just ask for the ham at the counter)

Take a look at the Community Shop home page on the village website at:

Shop Website

www.Appleton-eaton.org

And Follow us on Facebook

www.facebook.com/appletoncommunityshop



Wheelchair is now available to borrow. Apply Jennie Revell

863611

jennie.revell@gmail.com



Appleton with Eaton Tennis Club

Club Membership Renewals are now due. If you weren't able to come along to renewal night, you can download the forms from our page on the village website www.appleton-eaton.org/tennis, where there are also forms for our annual tournament, Wimbledon ballot and summer coaching. The locks have now been changed so if you want to access the courts, you will need to join or renew your membership. Upcoming Events:

* Floodlight tournament Wednesday 5 April 6.30pm (so there will be no club session). If you want to join in this fun mixed tournament, please email

appletonwithteatontennisclub@gmail.com - places are limited so be quick. If you don't have a partner we will do our best to pair you up!

* Tournament/Wimbledon draw Friday 7 April 8.00pm in the Clubhouse

* Junior coaching will restart on Friday 28 April, forms on the website

* BBQ Monday 1 May from 12.00 at The Plough

* Ladies fun evening Tuesday 20th June 6.30

The Club has an email address for anyone wanting to get in touch about joining, playing or any matters to do with the club:

appletonwithteatontennisclub@gmail.com

We are a very friendly club with two courts, a practice wall and floodlights. We have teams playing competitive league tennis and lots of younger members who enjoy coaching and playing at the club.

Anyone can use our 2 courts on a 'pay and play' basis by applying at Appleton Shop for the key. A deposit for the key is required.

Club Sessions

We have several club sessions where you can meet other members and play informally. Club sessions are open to all members except where indicated:

Tuesday Club Session 1.30 - 3.30pm (winter) (summer times tbc)

Tuesday Men's Team Practice 7 - 9pm

Wednesday Cardio Session 9.30 - 10.30am

£6 members, £7 non-members - open to all

Wednesday Club Session 6 - 9pm

Thursday from 1.30 - 3.30pm

Friday 9.15 - 11am (Ladies Only)

Saturday 10am - 12 noon

To join the club please contact our Membership Secretary 01865 864934 or see the village web site tennis club page for membership forms. www.appleton-eaton.org/tennis

Or come down to one our club sessions in Badswell Lane OX13 5JN and meet us!

Meriel Lewis

FLEXICARE FUNDRAISING WALK

Does the sound of a lovely walk on and around the Ridgeway, followed by all the (free) cakes and sandwiches you can possibly eat, sound appealing to you? If the answer is "yes", please read on! Flexicare (a small local charity supporting families with severely disabled children in their own homes, and now in it's 32nd year) is holding it's annual fundraising walk on Sunday 7th May from Snells Hall in East Hendred. Booking out is from 9-10am with a choice of a 10 or 5 mile walk, or a 2-3 mile buggy/wheelchair route to choose from. You can register (free of charge) on www.flexicare.org.uk, where you will find registration and sponsor forms and more information if required.

The Flexicare Team

Appleton website is now

www.Appleton-eaton.org

appletonandeaton@gmail.com

GARDENING CLUB



The gardening year really has started now, with *Gardeners' World* back on our screens for another series. For those whose garden is perhaps not quite yet up to *GW* presenter Monty Don's standard, the Gardening Club may have the answer in the form of the Club's spring **Plant Sale**, which will take place in the morning of Saturday 20th May at the Village Hall. We aim to sell good plants at reasonable prices. Do put the date in your diary. Offerings of good quality plants (vegetables or ornamentals) to be sold are always welcome, so please keep us in mind if you're dividing plants in your own garden.

Our meeting on 8th March was extremely well attended, with a good turnout of members and about ten visitors, who had turned out to hear Rosy Hardy of the well-known nursery Hardy's Cottage Garden Plants in Hampshire speaking on "*Hardy's hardy plants*". Her gardening pedigree is formidable, with a long string of Gold medals at Chelsea and other accolades, and she based her talk round a selection of plants that she had brought examples of, explaining how to treat them to get the best out of them. It was a joy to hear someone so articulate, knowledgeable and enthusiastic – and all without a single photograph or Powerpoint slide.

Our April meeting will be at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 12th April, when Sam Mallett from Notcutts at Nuneham Courtenay will speak on "*Planting for spring and early summer*", and she will be bringing some plants for sale. The talk will be at Appleton School. Non-members are welcome to attend, for a £2 fee.

Hon. Secretary
Diana Gordon
01865 864536

Lock Rd Access Group

As you know the Lock Road Access Group (LAG) was formed in November 2016.

Since that time, we have been working hard to understand the problems AH Cornish have with trespass over their land. This was one of the key factors behind the closure of the private lock road which had previously been open to the public at the discretion of the land owners for many years.

Unfortunately, a small number of people – from our community and further afield – continue to trespass on land that belongs to AH Cornish. Whilst this continues, it becomes increasingly difficult for the LAG to have meaningful discussions with AH Cornish.

Please can we remind people that there is no direct access to the Thames Path from Green Lane (continuation of Badswell Lane), and there is only restricted access with a permit via the lock road.

Gaps in the hedges along both the Green Lane and the Tennis Club Car Park, however they have been made, must not be used to access AH Cornish's private land, likewise access to the field behind Jubilee park should not be attempted for any reason.

Free access from the village to the Thames Path and Northmoor Lock and Weir is via Appleton Common and Rainbow Bridge.

Two members of the group will be meeting with AH Cornish at the end of the month to continue discussions on how we and the community can work with AH Cornish to resolve ongoing problems.

EVERGREEN CLUB

Our April meeting is on Friday 7th when "The Friendly Folk" will entertain us. Names (& cash) taken for our river outing to Henley on Tues May 30th. Bring your friends –only £15 for non-members which includes coach and boat.

Trish Wagstaff (Chairman)

Appleton Farmers' Market at School Summer Fete

As a new feature of the school summer fete (Sun 25th June 2017) we are planning to include a farmers' market, selling lots of delicious homemade fayre. If you would be interested in having a stall, please contact Jo Loots (jo@ikhaya.com).

Don't forget to save the date and come along on 25th June for a fun-filled afternoon. Further programme details to follow nearer the time.

The Friends of Appleton School

Comet Minibus Service

The Comet minibus service into Oxford runs every **Monday and Wednesday**, leaving Appleton at 10.10 (approx.) The returning minibus leaves Oxford at 1pm (prompt).

Wheelchair Users

If there is any wheelchair user in the village who would be interested in using the minibus, this can be arranged but the depot needs advance notice. If you are interested, please speak to Betty Griffiths on 863255 or Mary Carey on 864973.

Anyone for Abingdon?

We are trying to establish if there would be interest in the Monday service going into Abingdon instead of Oxford. If you would be interested in an Abingdon service, do let Betty or Mary know.

Donations

Thank you to all the users who are making donations towards the cost of their journeys. The suggested donation is £2.50 per return journey and there is a collection box on the Post Office counter in the shop.

Mary Carey

Solo Ladies

Everyone who is alone is very welcome to join us at our monthly pub lunch. The April luncheon will be at Hanney Community Pub in West Hanney at 12:30. The dates for the next three months are:

Tuesday 11 April - Hanney Community Pub, Church Street, West Hanney - formerly The Plough.

Wednesday 10 May

Thursday 8 June

We look forward to seeing you on 11 April at Hanney Community Pub

Carol (863759, carolbateman59@gmail.com - new email address)

Barbara (863262,

barbara.kimsey@outlook.com)

APPLETON W.I.

The meeting will be held on Thursday 20th April 2017 at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall
Our Speaker is *Diane Partington* who will tell us about *Photographic Restoration from Ancient to Modern*

The Competition is something beginning with
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The Matthew Arnold Group meeting will be held in Appleton Village Hall on 6th April at 7.30 p.m.

The next committee meeting is to be arranged

The Right Royal Scarecrow Competition will take place in June. Details available at the end of April, judging week beginning 5th June and then displayed throughout the village on 11th June. Look out for posters or contact Penny on 862865.

Visitors are always welcome to any of our meetings.

Barbara Kimsey

Tel: 863262

Appleton Cricket Club

Join your local friendly cricket club and play a mix of midweek T20 or 40 over Sunday cricket. All levels welcome.

We are looking forward to another great season - the first match is at home **Sunday 30th April** against Cumnor.

If you like the idea but aren't quite convinced come along to one of our indoor nets sessions on **Sunday 2nd April** and **Sunday 9th April**, from 11.30 am to 1.00 pm at Larkmead School in Abingdon.

To find out more contact our club captain Elliott Bennett on email appletoncc@gmail.com

Ok so you're not too keen on the idea of playing?

Come on down to the ACC cricket ground on match day, enjoy the facilities, have a beer (or two) and watch some fantastic contests between bat and ball. And if you're feeling particularly generous we're on the lookout for our 2017 sponsor so we'd be more than happy to chat about that too.

We're looking forward to seeing you soon

Appleton Cricket Club

ACC April/May Fixtures:

| Date | Day | Home/Away | Opposition | Start time |
|--------------|-----------|-----------|----------------------|------------|
| April | | | | |
| 30/04/2017 | Sunday | Home | Cumnor 3's | 13:00 |
| May | | | | |
| 07/05/2017 | Sunday | Away | Islip | 12:30 |
| 09/05/2017 | Tuesday | Home | ISIS | 17:45 |
| 14/05/2017 | Sunday | Home | ISIS | 12:30 |
| 17/05/2017 | Wednesday | Away | Wootton & Boars Hill | 18:00 |
| 19/05/2017 | Friday | Away | Cokethorpe School | 18:00 |
| 21/05/2017 | Sunday | Home | Ifley Village | 12:30 |
| 24/05/2017 | Wednesday | Home | Ben Gilkes All Stars | 18:00 |
| 31/05/2017 | Wednesday | Home | ISIS | 18:00 |

The Children's Society

I will be calling at your homes to collect the boxes during March and April. If there is any particular time you would prefer, daytime or evening, please let me know. Thank you.

Sanchia Prickett Tel 01865 863168.

Appleton Village Hall

Suitable for meetings, parties, dances and wedding receptions. Enquiries 01865 863519 or email richclan@btinternet.com

Appleton with Eaton Parish Council

Dog fouling in the village – Update

Thank you to the responsible dog owners who pick up their dog's mess. Unfortunately there is still a dog fouling problem in the village. The parish council has recently reported a parishioner for not clearing up their dog's mess. They will be issued with a fixed penalty fine by the Vale of White Horse District Council. All the council requires to issue a fixed penalty fine is a written statement and your name will be kept confidential. If you witness a dog walker not picking up their dog's mess, please report it to the parish council

The Parish Council, like the Vale of White Horse District Council, takes dog fouling seriously as dog mess is not only unpleasant but also spreads diseases, which can cause illness and even blindness. Two dogs in the village have been seriously ill and taken to the vet due to drinking water that was contaminated by dog poo bags that were not disposed of correctly. Under the Dogs (Fouling of Land) Act 1996 a person who is in charge of a dog must clean up after it when it fouls any footpath, highway, verge or other open space to which the public have access. It is therefore a crime to allow a dog to foul in any public area without clearing it up.

A grey dustbin will be placed on the church side of the gate as a dog waste bin. Thank you to the residents who have kindly offered to empty the bin weekly. Dog poo bags may be thrown in general waste bins situated around the village as well as dog waste bins.

When walking with your dog through Long Close please keep to the paths and pick up your dog's poo and place it in the appropriate bins or take it home. If the situation does not improve then dog walkers will be asked that all dogs be kept under close control at all times.

Vale Local Plan Part Two Consultation

The Local Plan Part Two Consultation is now live and will run until 5pm on Thursday 4 May 2017. The Local Plan Part 2 documents and consultation materials are available at www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/LPP2

How to take part in the consultation:

A series of public events are being organised to enable members of the public to meet with Planning Officers to discuss the Vale of White Horse District Council Local Plan and to share their views on the proposed changes.

How to comment:

- Providing feedback at events
- Participating in the online survey, available on the website
- Completing a paper based survey, available at local libraries and council offices
- Submitting your comments by post or email using the comments form.

Drop in Exhibitions

Wednesday 5 April 2017, 1pm - 7pm: Cornerstone, Didcot

Public Meetings

Monday 20 March 2017, 6pm - 7:30pm : Public Health England, Harwell Campus

*Book your place at a public meeting by emailing planning.policy@whitehorsedc.gov.uk No need to book exhibitions

For more information on the consultation process please contact Louise Rawlins, Community Engagement Officer at or call 01235 422600.

Susan Blomerus, parish clerk 01865 596272
parishclerk.appletonwitheaton@gmail.com

Hattie at Large

Hello

This is my first spring in Appleton, and I feel so lucky to be here at such a beautiful time of year. The daffodils along the roadside by Field Farm are joyful, as are the many the many snowdrops and crocuses in our gardens and verges. I'm told to look forward to the bluebells in Besselsleigh Woods, and the greening of the hedgerows and trees.

I must say that walking around has been tricky this winter. The footpaths are all so muddy, especially into Besselsleigh Woods and through Appleton Lower Common, both of which have barely been passable for anyone with restricted mobility. And the walk to the bus stop at Tubney Woods is lethal, with no foot-way, and fast traffic. There are no easy answers to alleviate these problems, but we all hope that the Neighbourhood Plan can flag this as an area for improvement.

That said, the winter has been relatively mild, but there have been dark mornings and evenings, foggy days and icy roads, all making the village shop such a great resource because it's walkable for most. The variety and range of local produce is welcome too, as well as the seasonal treats like the Seville oranges for marmalade making. I love the range of greetings cards, so handy for a last minute birthday or Valentine's Day!

We benefit from many local amenities in our village – defibrillator at the village hall, the children's playground, as well the post office, lively pub, church and school. All of these facilities are greatly valued and have been outlined in the Neighbourhood Plan. It's up to us all to help protect what makes the village such a great place to live.

If you'd like to see how the Neighbourhood Plan is evolving, you can find out by attending the next meeting planned for early next month, at which everyone in Appleton and Eaton can make their feelings known as part of the consultation process.

There has been some development on the thorny issue of the green belt, so heralded at the last Community Plan meeting. It seems that the Vale of White Horse planners have decided to leave the green belt around our villages intact for now. I'm hoping to find out more at the Neighbourhood Plan Consultation event on 25th May. I do hope to see you there. Please continue to introduce yourselves to me – I'll be at various events over the next few months, as well as at the school, shop and church, now that the weather is more clement. That's it for now,
Hattie

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Sue Johnson
Treasurer

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10 am Service of the Word
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6 pm Evensong

Sunday 9th 10 am Communion Service (CW)
Palm Sunday

Thursday 13th 7.30 pm Communion Service (CW)
Maundy Thursday

Friday 14th 10 am All-Age Service
Good Friday

Sunday 16th 10 am All-Age Communion Service (CW)
Easter Sunday

Sunday 23rd 10 am Communion Service (CW)
6 pm Evensong

Sunday 30th 10 am CLUSTER SERVICE @ MARCHAM

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