

THE APPLETON WITH EATON

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Appleton Players

Present

HOOK AND PAN HOW IT ALL BEGAN

a musical

Script by Giles Scott

Music & Lyrics by Helen Dooley & Bob Walsh

In Appleton Village Hall

Friday 3rd February at 7.30pm

Saturday 4th February at 7.00pm

Tickets: Friday £8 Adults, £6 Children

Saturday £8 all tickets

Booking Office 01865 863850 or

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Doors & Bar open 30 min before production

Everyone knows the story of Peter Pan, but how did the boy who never grew up learn to fly? How did Hook lose his hand? How did the Croc swallow the clock?

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“...don't try to save the world
by shopping...”

Dear Friends,

'The Best Things in Life are Free'

It is dark, damp and rather dreary as I write this, but at least we have just survived 'Blue Monday', the sixteenth, said to be the low point after the joys of Christmas and the optimism of New Year – when the decorations are down, our good resolutions fall apart and all the bills come in. But fear not, David Cameron has it all in hand with his happiness agenda, and we are making our small local contribution by keeping some lights up in our garden, even though Twelfth Night has come and gone, purely because they give pleasure to us, and we hope others, on these dark nights. We still have gloomy news from the Eurozone and threats at home of the dreaded double-dip recession, and if we had thought shopping for bargains might save us, how our hearts go out to the family of the young man stabbed to death in Oxford Street over a pair of trainers.

The Christmas season is wonderful, and it points us towards lots of things that often get pushed out of our lives by the more intrusive realities of economics, politics, world poverty, injustice and the sheer pressures of daily life. I'm thinking of those precious but important seasonal gifts like generosity, wonder, family belonging, transcendence (feeling comfortable with something big outside me), renewal and community. These make most of us feel good, whatever our struggles with faith may be. Even some convinced atheists expressed (rather wistfully) over Christmas the deep inherent appeal of the numinous, despite their personal reluctance.

So this is a light-hearted attempt to point us

towards some of the 'freebies' that will feed your inner life, keep you happy and sustain your spirit throughout the year, even if hard times continue:

1. Don't try to save the world, or yourself, by shopping. More stuff won't cut it, and spending doesn't bring salvation, or lasting satisfaction.
2. Count your blessings; they are more than you realise.
3. Connect with nature, in some way or other. It's no coincidence that the Bible starts with the picture of a garden, and Adam and Eve looking after its occupants. God made us to respond to the beauties of our wonderful world, and often, we find happiness in it, and meet him, our Maker, through it. How lucky we are to have gardens, woods, houseplants, pets for company, and beautiful countryside all around us.
4. Look outwards. Cuddle a baby, play with a child, refresh a friendship or start a new one. God said to Adam "It is not good for man to be alone", and this again seems to be part of our creation 'DNA'. We are all made both to love, and to be loved; we starve and wither away if either is missing.
5. Soak up some music or visual art, and make it yourself if you can.
6. Give something back. Be generous with what you have, whether time, money or company. We all have something that we can share, and it is good for all if we do so. Include the stranger, because you are strange to some!
7. Forgive, and be forgiven. Holding grudges, against God or anyone else,

will ruin your peace of mind. Forgiving is good for you, so keep short accounts.

8. Make enough time to reflect, and save time for God. Life is too short not to, and however you do it, God longs to find you and connect. Seekers do find.
9. Try not to write off the church, tempting though it may sometimes be. Church is full of flawed, sinful and selfish people, just like me, struggling on together. We are there because we know that, and we need God's help. The important thing is Jesus, and sadly, we his followers are not always his best advertisement, and we know that too. If you want to join the strugglers, we will welcome you, and you know that God will too, because that's what he does.

May God's glory overtake you this year, and his grace and peace fill your life.

Tim Jack

Lent Group

... begins on Thursday 1st March
7.45 – 9.15 pm at St Laurence Church.
Details to follow next month

Why not while away a cold February afternoon with

TEA AND CHAT

At the Plough? Thursdays 2.30-4pm

Need a lift ? Ring:

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All Age Family Service



Sunday 5th February

10.30 am St Laurence Church
Come and hear about the Father whose
love never gives up!

Ash Wednesday Holy Communion

22nd February 7.30 pm
St Laurence, Appleton



Thank you

... to all who supported our Epiphany
Christingle Service which raised £115 for
The Children's Society for its vital work
with children in need.

Thanks...

Around 45 children enjoyed a great
afternoon in the Village Hall with Sharky
and George. A very big thank you goes to
all those who provided a wonderful party
tea and to OX13 members who helped on
the day. An especial *thank you* to Michael
Cain for donating the delicious cocktail
sausages.

EVERGREEN CLUB

Our meeting is on Friday 10th February at
2.45pm in the Village Hall. Bingo, chat,
home-made tea. Why don't you encourage
your friends to come and join us? All new
members would be made most welcome.
Names taken for the outing on 13th April.

A happy and healthy 2012 to all our
members

Patricia Wagstaff

Appleton WI

Wednesday 8th February
Committee Meeting at Ann Biles, 2pm

Thursday 16th February
Monthly meeting, Village Hall, 7.30pm.
Speaker Andrew Ross, "The old Radcliffe
Hospital". Teas A. Ford, M. Conway.

Visitors very welcome.

Myrtle Salmon (Secretary)
28 Eaton Road, Tel 862477



ART CLUB continues Mondays,
2-4pm in the Village Hall.

Edie Heredge

John and Gerry give thanks to everyone for their kind messages of sympathy and telephone calls following Mum's death. Also thanks to everyone who braved the December weather to attend her Cremation Service.

Appleton Volunteer Transport Scheme (AVTS)

This scheme to drive people to medical appointments is now available to residents from Appleton, Eaton, Fyfield and Tubney.



To use this scheme: call
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Monday between noon and
1:00pm or
Wednesday between 6:00
and 7:00pm.

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to 1:00pm and Wednesday 6:00 to 7:00pm

Volunteers wanted for air ambulance

Thames Valley
and Chiltern Air



Ambulance are recruiting volunteers for our busy events calendar in 2012. With no central Government or National Lottery funding, we rely on the local communities to keep this emergency service operational 365 days of the year.

We are looking for individuals who like meeting new people, trying new things and want to join a fantastic social network by volunteering a few hours a week to their local Air Ambulance. We provide training and pay all reasonable expenses, and with 200 events attended in Oxfordshire throughout 2011, there will be an event to suit everyone's tastes.

Without our volunteers, we simply couldn't do what we do. For more information about TVACAA please visit www.tvacaa.org or contact Eleanor Green by calling 0300 999 0135 or Email eleanor@tvacaa.org

The Plough

We would like to say a big thank you to all our loyal and growing band of customers who have supported us over Christmas, New Year and indeed since we opened! Wishing you all a very **Happy New Year!**

Let's shake off those January blues:

Sat 4th Feb: The Six Nations Rugby

Kicks off this weekend, starting with:
ITA v FRA 2.30pm And SCO v ENG 5pm
(Chilli and Rice available for only £5!!!)
And then we have

Karaoke Night from 8pm: there will be a prize for the best act!

Sun 5th Feb: IRE v WAL 3pm (Pre-book your Sunday Roast to avoid disappointment!)

Tues 14th Feb: Valentine's Day!

Come and celebrate with the one you love by booking a 3 course meal, including a glass of bubbly for only £19.95 each! (Single? Why not treat yourself, you may meet someone new!)

Keep an eye out for upcoming events on our noticeboards and here in the *Advertiser*.

For information, or to book a table please call 01865 863535.

Also please note that until March the pub will be CLOSED Monday daytimes and will open Monday evening at 6pm (drinks only).

Lunch will still be served 12-2.30pm Tues to Sat, with Sunday Roasts 12-3pm.

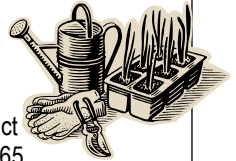
Dinner is served from 6.30pm Wed to Sat or from 6pm on a Tues when takeaway fish & chips are available. Please note that Fish & Chips are on the evening menu and are available in the pub any night serving food.

New seasonal Menu out soon, will keep you posted...

GARDENING CLUB

Next meeting: Wednesday 8th February at 7.30pm: **Talk on Bees**. Geoff Burroughs of the Halcyon Honey Farm at Charlbury will tell us how bees help gardeners, and how gardeners can help bees! (School Hall, non-members £2.)

If you are interested in joining or wish to renew your membership at only £5 per year, please contact Andrew Eastgate, on 01865 863717 or andrew.eastgate@virgin.net



A real life valentine's day tale

A brief account from the History Group:

Betty Rudge was born to the weir keeper of Hart's Weir. The remains of the house and mill are this side of the river by Rainbow Bridge. In 1763, William Flower (fishing on the river) met and fell in love with her – both were 18.

But Betty was a poor illiterate servant girl and William a student at Christ Church and Viscount Ashbrook and Baron of Castle Durrrow in Ireland. But he was determined that Betty was going to be his wife and she spent two years with a local family learning what a Viscountess needed to know.

When William was 21 and Betty 20, they married on the 20th March 1766 at Northmoor Church. They settled in Shellingford Manor, ten miles SW of Appleton and had six children. Sadly William died aged 36 and Betty married John Jones DD, a Fellow of St John's College, and he settled as the Rector of Shipston-on-Stour where Viscountess Betty was now simply Mrs Jones.

When she died, age 61, she was buried with her first love William at Shellingford.

NEWS FROM

Email: shop@appletonshop.co.uk

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



Community Shop of the Year

We are very pleased to announce that we came **third** in the Oxfordshire Community Shop of the Year. Jane Barker, our Community Shops Worker from the ORCC presented a certificate and our prize of £50 at the AGM on 19 January. First place went to Wootton Shop (near Woodstock) and second place to Ewelme. Thank you to all our customers, volunteers and staff for completing the forms with their positive comments about the shop.

Shop AGM

We were pleased to see 25 villagers and 7 Directors at the AGM on 19 January. The Chairman presented the Scrutinised Annual Accounts for the year to 30 April 2011. Due to the refurbishment closure in October 2010 the annual turnover was down by £3000 on the previous year – but the monthly turnover is now above the equivalent months last year. After over 11 years as a Director and Company Secretary, Michael Mittell has resigned and Tim Jack was appointed as a new Director. Michael was thanked for all his dedicated work during the life of the shop; he still works regularly as a volunteer.

Developments during the year included a coffee machine, more local foods and a new line in prepared meals (including some that are 'free from'). The Chairman thanked all the volunteers, staff and customers for their help and commitment in the running of our very successful shop. After the meeting the volunteers and staff adjourned to The Plough for a very enjoyable buffet supper.

MONTHLY TURNOVER

	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12
May	19,233	21,449	20,579
June	22,838	21,672	21,796
Jul	21,356	23,326	22,509
Aug	19,602	20,979	21,803
Sept	19,575	20,088	20,179
Oct	20,558	15,573	20,116
Nov	19,748	19,211	19,211
Dec	19,498	19,965	21,783
Jan	20,676	17,976	
Feb	17,341	16,954	
Mar	20,518	19,497	
Apr	20,015	20,326	

How did it all begin?



Appleton Community Shop is nearly 12 years old and during that time many new people have moved into the village who are perhaps not aware of when and how the Shop was set up.

Appleton Community Shop came into being in 2000 when the village learnt that their only food retailer was not able to sell the business and so was closing, leaving the village with no shop and no Post Office and no newspapers! The Parish Council immediately called a village meeting and we agreed to run the shop ourselves; Appleton Community Shop was born.

The Shop is staffed by more than 90 volunteers and staff of all ages from 13 to (there is no age limit!) who start work at 6.00 in the morning and finish after 7.00 at night. The shop is overseen by a management committee of eight Directors. We are a company limited by guarantee and have an AGM when accounts are presented to the village and plans discussed. The shop is a general convenience store with over 2000 lines including bread and milk, papers, fresh vegetables, dairy products, general groceries, stationery, household goods, etc., and is run by the community for the community. If anyone is interested in helping in the shop please pop in and speak to Claire, Margaret or Carol. There are always little jobs that need doing and it's a great way to meet people.



Valentines Day



14 February: lots of cards, chocolates and plants - why not treat someone special!



WEIR ACTION GROUP

Our September meeting with the Environment Agency left most attendees feeling angry, hurt and more than a little "duped" by EA behaviour. However the commitment of the WAG is fighting the EA in several ways and current actions include:

Launching a public awareness campaign through petition and website activity; Making official complaints concerning the behaviour of EA officials at meetings, Working closely with our MP, Ms Nicola Blackwood; Using social networking to raise awareness; engaging a support base in Northmoor.

An open event in November enabled us to provide information to local people and a meeting in December resulted in a commitment by Nicola Blackwood MP to make representation to the Health & Safety Executive on our behalf.

Even if you have no strong opinion either way about the Weir, please **help us to highlight that this money is NOT being used where most needed** and, as a locality, we do not want "*wastage of government money in times of austerity*".
<http://savetheweir.com>
www.ipetitions.com/petition/northmoorweir/

Appleton Country Market

The next Sunday Special market is:

May 13th
Spring Plant Market
9.30am to 11am
The Village Hall



PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Playground – We have the signed lease. Council has to sign a contract with the latest funder before we can get the money to start the project. Watch this space.

Parking problems near the school remains a problem. Please do not park on the grass verge outside the Almshouses, adjacent to the Village shop.

Parish Transport Representative (PTR) – Mr Alan Feast stood down in December after representing us for several years. Council would like to thank Mr Feast for his contribution and time spent representing bus users and community. We welcome Mrs Betty Griffiths as our new PTR.

NHS consultations and other consultations – Council has received some responses to this request. I shall liaise with the interested parishioners.

'Cold weather group' – We are still looking for more volunteers.

High Sheriff's Award – Council has put three people forward for consideration.

Precepts for 2012-2013 – Council has agreed to increase the precepts by £775. For a Band D property, it amounts to £1.77 more for the year.

*Tian Davidson
Parish Clerk (01865 861527)*



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3 pm at the village hall,
Thursday 9th Feb

Raising money for the pre-school children.

Come and buy some
yummy cakes for your loved ones!
For more info contact: Clare 862733

LITTER PICK: MARCH 10/11

This year's annual spring clean of the parish will be held on Sat/Sun March 10/11. The Vale supply us with jackets, gloves, pickers and bags, and will arrange collection of the rubbish afterwards.



If you volunteered before, you will be contacted about taking part again; if you would like to be a new recruit, please contact Sue Hine, tel. 861931 or email susan_hine@hotmail.com, and you will be assigned to the team working in your part of the parish. Thanks!

MOTHER'S DAY PAMPER AND SHOPPING EVENING

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Appleton pre-school



TENNIS CLUB

As long as the courts are not slippery we do play tennis all year round. Brave the winter chill and join us for our club sessions: Mixed Sat 10-12noon, Thurs 1.30 to 3.30pm and Ladies Fri 9.15-11am.

You can still become a member of the tennis club for the remainder of the season at a greatly reduced rate. Membership forms can be obtained from membership secretary Libby Willett (864691) or from the village website at <http://appletonwitheaton.org.uk/tennis> New members are always welcome.

The Tennis Club AGM will be held in The Plough, Appleton at 8pm on Wednesday 29th February 2012. Everyone welcome.

Vicki Jack

Good news for commuters

... and day-trippers: the Stagecoach 66 bus is now a 'Stagecoach Gold' service (double decker buses with comfy leather seats) – a good alternative to de-icing windscreens, traffic jams and park-and-ride charges, maybe?



The 66 leaves Appleton at 6.49, 7.56 and 19.13 weekdays (8.16 and 19.15 Sat) and leaves Oxford at 17.45 and 23.25 (Mon-Sat). Other 66 buses run along the A420. Ask the driver for the Appleton turn when you get on. Besides the usual single and return tickets, the driver sells multi-journey and weekly season tickets. For commuters, Oxfordshire Megarider Gold season tickets are valid on this service, and can be combined with smartzone to use Oxford Bus Company buses too.

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February 2012

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Sun 5th February 8am Holy Communion (BCP)

3rd Sunday before Lent 10.30am All Age Family Service
6pm Evensong

Sun 12th February 8am Holy Communion (BCP)

2nd Sun before Lent 10.30am Holy Communion (CW)

Sun 19th February 8am Holy Communion (BCP)

Sun next before Lent 10.30am All Age Holy Communion (CW)
6pm Evensong

Weds 22nd February 7.30pm Holy Communion (CW)

Ash Wednesday

Sun 26th February 8am Holy Communion (BCP)

1st Sun of Lent 10.30am Holy Communion (CW)

ST LAWRENCE, BESSELSLEIGH

Sun 12th February 9am Morning Worship

2nd Sun before Lent

Sun 26th February 9am Holy Communion (CW)

1st Sun of Lent

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