



Appleton Wiske Parish Council

Spring Newsletter

Welcome to the season of new beginnings!

At last! We're emerging from the winter filled with hope... it is a busy time, and this is reflected in nature all around us. The days are getting warmer and longer, farmers and gardeners are planting their seeds, the plants and trees are awakening from their deep winter slumber, (much like us) and we're rewarded with a crescendo of bird song and displays of flowers bursting with colour around the village.

During this challenging year, we have all been inside, and spent more time alone with ourselves than probably most of us ever have. It is time to look for the positives that have come out of that – we are not the same people that we were a year ago, and nor should we be. We have learnt that amid the fear, there is also community, support and hope. We have all shown remarkable resilience in times of adversity, and as a village we have united to tackle the challenges presented by Covid-19. There have been many tremendous acts of human kindness, endeavour and spirit of which we should all be so proud!

We know we are not out of the woods yet but hopefully the government's roadmap on pages 4 and 5 will stay on track and by Summer we can start to look forward to the hive of activities we usually enjoy with our family, friends and neighbours. In the meantime we have dedicated 3 pages of the newsletter to the history of the village. (That's what lockdown does to you!) We hope you enjoy reading about our bygone years especially those that are new to the village. We hope to have a regular history page in each issue so if you know of any interesting facts about your own home or your ancestors, we'd really love to hear from you.

We're hoping our Summer newsletter will be packed full of lots of activities and events to look forward to, so over the coming months, if you know of organisations and groups who are starting to put dates in their diaries, please do get in touch and we can hopefully fill up our "What's On" pages from June onwards.

Also, if you know of any businesses or organisations that could sponsor the four seasonal copies of this newsletter we produce each year, we'd be really grateful.

Wishing you all a very safe & healthy happy Easter!

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Important Dates

28 Mar	Clocks go forward
2 Apr	Good Friday
4 Apr	Easter Sunday
5 Apr	Easter Monday
3 May	May Bank Holiday
31 May	Spring Bank Holiday
20 Jun	Father's Day
21 Jun	Summer Solstice

Parish Council Contact

All communication to the Parish Council should be directed to the Clerk:

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Dates of next Parish Council Meetings

All meetings are via online Zoom unless advertised otherwise. All are welcome. Please contact the Parish Council Clerk for log in details prior to the meeting:
Monday 12th April 7.30pm
Monday 10th May 7.30pm
Monday 7th June 7.30pm



PARISH COUNCIL

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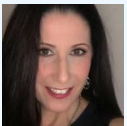
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Sue McDonnell – Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer

"I have been Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer (RFO) for Appleton Wiske Parish Council for almost 3 years now and very much enjoy the role. It is the only paid role within the PC. The Clerk's main job is to prepare the agenda for the meeting, deal with correspondence and take the minutes, displaying both on the village notice board. After the meeting he/she assists in carrying out the actions resulting from the minutes and that's the interesting part. I hadn't lived in the village very long when I became Clerk and met lots of people carrying out the Clerk's duties. Appleton Wiske is a lovely village and everyone is friendly and caring. The role of the RFO involves taking full responsibility for the Council's finances, starting with paying the invoices each month and keeping the 'books' for the Council, which is done using spreadsheets. As a retired Public Finance Accountant this is the bit I enjoy most. It also involves collecting and banking income, checking the bank statements and preparing quarterly financial reports for the PC. The two most important parts of the role are preparing the year end accounts and preparing and monitoring the budget."

David Hugill - North Yorkshire County Council Councillor Cllr.david.hugill@northyorks.gov.uk

"This has been a most difficult year for the County Council and I am both pleased and proud of the way our staff have stepped up to the challenge of trying to deliver services in unprecedented conditions. Over 3000 now work from home. This was a huge effort from our IT department and they also had to facilitate the change for us members to meet remotely and vote with virtual hands instead of our own paws!

We have worked well with a range of partners, other Local Government people from Parishes, Districts, National Parks, blue light services, NHS, the Army, businesses and especially our great volunteers. There are now 25 formal Community Support Organisations, and we have helped hundreds of smaller more informal groups. All with the same aim of helping those who need it. The County's Public Health teams have been very very busy managing outbreaks wherever they occur, and leading on helping set up test and trace activity.

Our children's services have been rated as Outstanding by Ofsted, the first in the country to get this rating. 82% of our children attend a good or outstanding school and have we have seen a decrease in fixed term and permanent exclusions. We continue to invest heavily in broadband provision, edging ever nearer to 100% coverage. This year should see us achieve 97%. We are striving to keep Council Tax as low as possible, 1.99% increase this year, and an Adult Social Care levy of 1.5%. This represents an increase of around £50 per annum for an average sized property. We don't like increasing Council Tax at all but we have experienced extra spending this year including £75m on Covid activities alone.

As part of the devolution process, Government have invited proposals to reorganise local government structures in North Yorkshire. We have submitted a proposal based on the existing county boundaries where we already deliver our services. We now have the Minister's decision on whether we meet the criteria, and how he will consult before reaching a decision. Please consider being part of this consultation by going to www.northyorks.gov.uk/strongertogether"



PARISH COUNCIL

Police Notice

Please do not park on the footpath



The footpath is there for the safety of pedestrians, wheelchair users, pushchairs, and children to keep them clear of the road.

Police may issue parking tickets to vehicles found obstructing the footpath.

Your cooperation is appreciated.



Thank you PCSO Kim Laws who has placed a series of posters about pavement parking along Front Street. Pavement parking has become a serious matter with vehicles completely blocking the pavement. Children walking home from school, mobility scooters and parents with children in push chairs have had to walk into the road when the illegally parked vehicles have forced them off the pavement. Vehicles have been reported to the police and these have been followed up through to the driver or the owner of the company vehicle. If drivers can be more considerate when parking and avoid blocking the pavements then they can also avoid the potential consequences. It would be helpful if residents warn visitors and delivery drivers who choose to park on the pavement that they may also be reported.

Keep Appleton Tidy

As there will be no organised village tidy up this Spring due to Covid restrictions, we would ask residents to do whatever they can to tidy up "their patch". This could just be the area immediately in front of their house or as much of the area around them as they feel able to do. The Parish Council have requested that the streets and pavements be swept by Hambleton District Council before the end of March. The village always looks a bit unkempt after winter, so any help to spruce it up a bit would be appreciated. If you're off for a walk and would like to borrow a litter grabber, please ask at the shop. Thank you

Dog Poo!

Please can you ensure you clean up after your pet? There's been a few reports of people allowing their pets to poo on people's front gardens and door steps and just leave it there!!

Bin Collections

Blue/green recycling

Weds 29th March
Weds 12th April
Weds 26th April
Weds 10th May
Weds 24th May
Weds 7th June
Weds 21st June

Black Refuse

Friday 5th April (day later)
Thurs 19th April
Friday 3rd May (day later)
Thurs 17th May
Friday 31st May (day later)
Thurs 14th June
Thurs 28th June



HEALTH AND WELLBEING

Mowbray House Surgery

Vaccine update (as at 08.03.21)

Patients in cohorts 7–9 may receive a national letter offering the option to book a COVID vaccine at a mass vaccination site or pharmacy. If you wish to do this please just follow the instructions in your letter.

If you prefer to have your vaccine locally at The Forum in Northallerton then please just wait. We will shortly be inviting those in cohorts 7–9 who have not yet had their vaccine.

We are asking you to please not call us directly to enquire about when you will be invited to have it locally. The number of phone calls we are receiving about vaccines is making it very difficult for other patients needing healthcare to speak to us.

We will contact you offering you a local vaccine if you haven't yet had one. Thank you for waiting your turn.

Your medications

We're not able to issue more than a month's worth of medication. Our most vulnerable patients have been contacted to ensure they have delivery of medications. Many of you are ordering online and we thank you for this. If you really cannot order online, and you don't have anyone who can assist you with this then you can ring during our usual repeat line times.

Easter opening hours

Over Easter, the surgery will be closed from Friday 2nd to Monday 5th April.



Covid Pandemic roadmap out of lockdown (as at 22/03/21)

Changes on 29 March and not before

Social contact

Step 1, when most schools start to break up for the Easter holidays, outdoor gatherings (including in private gardens) of either 6 people (the Rule of 6) or 2 households will be allowed, making it easier for friends and families to meet outside.

Business and activities

Outdoor sports facilities such as tennis and basketball courts, and open-air swimming pools, will also be allowed to reopen, and people will be able to take part in formally organised outdoor sports.

Travel

The 'stay at home' rule will end on 29 March but many restrictions will remain in place. People should continue to work from home where they can and minimise the number of journeys they make where possible, avoiding travel at the busiest times and routes. Travel abroad will continue to be prohibited, other than for a small number of permitted reasons. Holidays abroad will not be allowed.

Changes on 12 April and not before

Business and activities

Step 2 will see the opening of non-essential retail; personal care premises such as hairdressers and nail salons; and public buildings, including libraries and community centres. Indoor leisure facilities such as gyms will also reopen (but only for use by people on their own or in household groups); as will most outdoor attractions and settings including outdoor hospitality venues, zoos, theme parks, and drive-in cinemas. Self-contained accommodation such as campsites and holiday lets, where indoor facilities are not shared with other households, can also reopen. Hospitality venues will be allowed to serve people outdoors at Step 2 and there will be no need for customers to order a substantial meal with alcoholic drinks and no curfew, although customers must order, eat and drink while seated ('table service'). Wider social contact rules will apply in all these settings to prevent indoor mixing between different households.

Events

While funerals can continue with up to 30 mourners, the number of people able to attend weddings, receptions and commemorative events such as wakes will rise to 15.

Changes on 17 May and not before

Social contact

Step 3 will look to continue easing limits on seeing friends and family wherever possible, allowing people to decide on the appropriate level of risk for their circumstances. This means that most legal restrictions on meeting others outdoors will be lifted - although gatherings of over 30 people will remain illegal. Indoors, the Rule of 6 or 2 households will apply - this will be kept under review. As soon as possible and by no later than Step 3, the government will also update the advice on social distancing between friends and family, including hugging. But until this point, people should continue to keep their distance from anyone not in their household or support bubble.



HEALTH AND WELLBEING

Covid Pandemic roadmap out of lockdown cont.....

Business and activities

Most businesses in all but the highest risk sectors will be able to reopen. In all sectors, COVID-Secure guidance will remain in place and businesses may not cater for groups bigger than the legal limits. Indoor hospitality will reopen - and as in Step 2, venues will not have to serve a substantial meal with alcoholic drinks; nor will there be a curfew. Customers will, however, have to order, eat and drink while seated. Other indoor locations to open up in Step 3 include indoor entertainment venues such as cinemas and children's play areas; the rest of the accommodation sector, including hotels, hostels and B&Bs; and indoor adult group sports and exercise classes. The government will also allow some larger performances and sporting events in indoor venues with a capacity of 1,000 people or half-full (whichever is a lower number), and in outdoor venues with a capacity of 4,000 people or half-full (whichever is a lower number). In the largest outdoor seated venues, where crowds can be spread out, up to 10,000 people will be able to attend (or a quarter-full, whichever is lower).

Events

Up to 30 people will be able to attend weddings, receptions and wakes, as well as funerals. This limit will also apply to other types of significant life events including bar mitzvahs and christenings.

Review of social distancing

Finally, before Step 4 begins, the government will complete a review of social distancing and other long-term measures that have been put in place to cut transmission. This will inform decisions on the timing and circumstances under which the rules on 1 metre plus, the wearing of face coverings and other measures may be lifted. This will also inform guidance on working from home – which should continue wherever possible until this review is complete.

Changes on 21 June and not before

Social contact

By Step 4 the government hopes to be in a position to remove all legal limits on social contact.

Business, activities and events

The government hope to reopen remaining premises, including nightclubs, and ease the restrictions on large events and performances that apply in Step 3. This will be subject to the results of a scientific Events Research Programme to test the outcome of certain pilot events through the spring and summer, where they will trial the use of testing and other techniques to cut the risk of infection. The same Events Research Programme will guide decisions on whether all limits can be removed on weddings and other life events.

As we move through each of these phases in the roadmap, we must all remember that COVID-19 remains a part of our lives. We are going to have to keep living our lives differently to keep ourselves and others safe. We must carry on with **'hands, face, space'**. Comply with the COVID-Secure measures that remain in place. Meet outdoors when we can and keep letting fresh air in. Get tested when needed. Get vaccinated when offered. If we all continue to play our part, we will be that bit closer to a future that is more familiar.

When to use 111

NHS 111 can help if you have an urgent medical problem and you're not sure what to do. To get help from NHS 111, you can:

- go to 111.nhs.uk (for people aged 5 and over only)

- call 111

NHS 111 is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

When to call 999

Call 999 in a medical emergency. This is when someone is seriously ill or injured and their life is at risk.

Medical emergencies can include:

- loss of consciousness
- an acute confused state
- fits that are not stopping
- chest pain
- breathing difficulties
- severe bleeding that cannot be stopped
- severe allergic reactions
- severe burns or scalds

Call 999 immediately if you or someone else is having a heart attack or stroke. Every second counts with these conditions.

For urgent dental treatment: call your dentist or use the [NHS 111 online service](https://111.nhs.uk) if you cannot contact your dentist or you do not have one.

Local NHS urgent mental health helpline: call **0800 0516171**

Help is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. If you call, you'll speak to a professional in your local NHS mental health service.

They can discuss your current mental health needs and provide access to further support if needed.



APPLETON WISKE NEWS

Appleton Recreation Association 200 Club Spring Draw

1st Prize £250

No. 128 - Phil Heward

2nd Prize £100

No. 43 - Annabella l'Anson

3rd Prize £50

No. 171 - Claire Grainge
(Whitegates)

The ARA relies heavily on the money that is raised through the 200 club each year to carry out maintenance work at the recreation field and play park.

We have several numbers that are currently spare and will be looking to fill these and make collection before the Summer Draw.

For £20 a year you are entered into 4 draws, Summer, Autumn, Winter and Spring with prizes of £250, £100 and £50 in each draw.

At Xmas the prizes are doubled to £500, £200 and £100. If you would like to help support this great cause please contact:

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Did you know?

In Spring baby birds learn to sing by hearing their species' song when they are young and during the first stage of learning they babble more or less like human infants do!



Spring Recipe

Orange & Almond Syrup Cake provided by Julie Hauserman.

Recipe adapted from Lebanese "Jerusalem" Cook Book by Yotam Ottolenghi & Sami Tamimi (A Birthday present gift) A regularly baked favourite cake - tried, tested and tasted by family and friends!

Preheat oven 180°/ 160°C Fan Gas Mark 4 and lightly grease 8" cake tin and line with baking parchment

Ingredients

150 g unsalted butter

225 g castor sugar

Zest & juice of 3 / 4 oranges

Zest & juice 1 lemon

210 g ground almonds

3 large or 4 medium size eggs

75 g sifted plain flour

Syrup ingredients

Juice of the oranges and the lemon
(at least 140ml)

60 g castor sugar



Instructions

1. Place butter, 225g sugar and zests in mixer bowl and mix till creamy.
2. Add ½ amount of almonds to the mixture and continue mixing.
3. Whip eggs lightly with fork and gradually add small quantity at a time to mixture. Add spoon of almonds or flour if mixture starting to curdle.
4. Mix in remainder of the ground almonds.
5. Fold in flour to mixture. The mixture is soft but not sloppy. Spread the cake mixture in the cake tin and level off with palette knife.
6. Place cake on middle shelf. I place baking parchment over tin for first 20 mins, then remove it and bake approximately further 15/20 minutes till lightly golden and firm to touch in middle. Cake should be a light golden colour, check if baked by inserting skewer in middle of cake and should come out clean.
7. While the cake is cooking you should start to make the syrup. Squeeze juice from the oranges and lemon to make 140ml liquid at least. In saucepan place juice and 60g castor sugar. Bring to boil, sugar to dissolve and let simmer until juice is slightly syrupy. The syrup needs be ready to pour immediately over the cake when it comes out of the oven.
8. Place cake still in tin on cooling rack, with a skewer prod holes over the cake and pour syrup mixture all over making sure all the cake surface is covered with syrup mixture.
9. Leave cake in tin to cool down completely before moving as it will be slightly sticky (hopefully). Garnish with orange zest is optional. The cake can be stored in metal cake tin for 5 days. I have also frozen it.
10. Enjoy.

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The Lord Nelson Inn

We hope to reopen on **Monday 17th May** depending on restrictions and as long as the roadmap is on track. In the meantime we will carry on with our Friday and Saturday takeaways. Thank you for your continued support.

Best wishes Iain and Diane

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Facebook: @LordNelsonAppletonWiske/ **Twitter:** @Nellie_Appleton

Friends of St Mary's Spring Quiz

A printed version is available from the shop and Lord Nelson

£2 per entry

Closing date is Weds 31st March 2021

Have fun!

1st prize - takeaway meal for two from the Lord Nelson

2nd prize - £10.00 voucher from village shop

3rd prize - St. Mary's tea-towel



Appleton Wiske Village Shop and Post Office

Welcome to your spring message from the Village Shop. After a long challenging year, we're looking forward to more cheerful, warmer and brighter days ahead! We do hope you're enjoying our locally sourced produce including freshly baked bread & cakes, pies, meats and cheeses,

eggs and honey as well as our every day groceries and other useful household items. We're continuing to support local charities and organisations with raffles, competitions, regular collections for the food bank and lots more! Any suggestions, please do pop in. Thanks again for your continued support!

Contact Jackie: 07823 333075 **Facebook.** @VillageShopAppletonWiske

Opening Times: Mon, Wed, Thur, Fri: 06:00 - 13:00 14:00 - 18:00

Tuesday: 06:00 - 13:00 **Saturday:** 06:00 - 14:00 **Sunday:** 09:00 - 13:00

Appleton Recreation Association

We are a charitable organisation that is responsible for the maintenance of the recreation field and play park area. Do your children use the play park or recreation field? Are you new to the village and want to help support this village facility?

We're a small committee looking for new members to come on board to assist with 200 club collection, attend a small number of meetings throughout the year and bring some new ideas. If you are interested please contact leonie_dawn@hotmail.com and we can arrange to have a chat.

Appleton Wiske Tennis Club

As the weather starts to improve and we all look to come out of lock down, why not consider joining Appleton Wiske Tennis Club? Membership fees have remained low to take into account uncertainty over the coming months:

Adults £20

Children £5

Household Membership £45

All are welcome to join in men, women and mixed club nights as well as just popping down when you feel like a knock about.

If you are interested in becoming a member and would like more information please contact tennis@appletonwiske.com



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Appleton Wiske Preschool

Bingo Lotto

We would like to thank everyone that has joined our Bingo lotto fundraiser. For those that are not aware of it, it costs £10 to join and you pick 6 numbers between 1-59 (national lottery numbers) then every Saturday and Wednesday when the national lottery is drawn we use the bonus ball that is drawn out to mark off your numbers like bingo. Last time we played the winner won £840 this time we have an amazing 200 people playing. This means we have raised a fantastic £1000 for preschool and the winner this time will also receive £1000 unless it's a shared win. The more people playing the more you can win as Preschool have promised that we will share the amount of money taken from the people playing.

Easter Raffle - Saturday 3rd April

Thank you to Jackie and Yvonne for selling our raffle tickets in the village shop for our lovely Easter chocolate hamper. If you haven't already bought a raffle ticket you still have time as it will be drawn on **Saturday 3rd April** in the shop.

Amazon

If you are ordering anything from Amazon please click on Amazon smile and find Appleton Wiske preschool and click on us. Preschool will then receive a small donation. It doesn't cost you anything but we would be most grateful as every little counts. Thank you

Bags2school- Thursday 15th April

Once again we are collecting unwanted clothes, bags, soft toys, curtains and bedding. Unfortunately we cannot except quilts, pillows or uniforms. We will be delivering bags around the village but you can also fill a black bag and use that. Please drop off at Preschool from **Tuesday 13th April** as Bags2School are collecting them on Thursday 15th April. Great way to have a sort out of your winter clothes in time to hang up your summer clothes ! Preschool would be very grateful as we receive money for the weight of bags received.

Once again Preschool would like to thank everyone that supports our fundraisers especially as our normal major fundraisers still can't go ahead. We really do appreciate all of your support.

Appleton Wiske Community Primary School



It has been another interesting few months in the world of education! As you will be aware, on Monday 4th January, the government announced that schools would be closed for the majority of pupils due to the coronavirus pandemic. In the autumn term, we had prepared for such an eventuality so were able to respond swiftly to this sudden announcement. We provided every pupil with a work pack and organised a timetable of daily 'live' lessons on Microsoft Teams so that we could continue teaching a good quality curriculum with the incredible support of parents and other family members.

It has been a tremendous team effort from every member of staff, and the children have demonstrated outstanding attitudes and resilience; they can all be proud of their achievements. Despite the restrictions, we managed to hold weekly celebration assemblies and even organised a virtual pancake competition! We have also worked hard to maintain strong links between school and home with regular communication and support. I am delighted to say that parent and pupil survey responses have been overwhelmingly positive, and a 'challenge checklist' conducted by the local authority supports the view that we have delivered an effective remote education for our pupils.

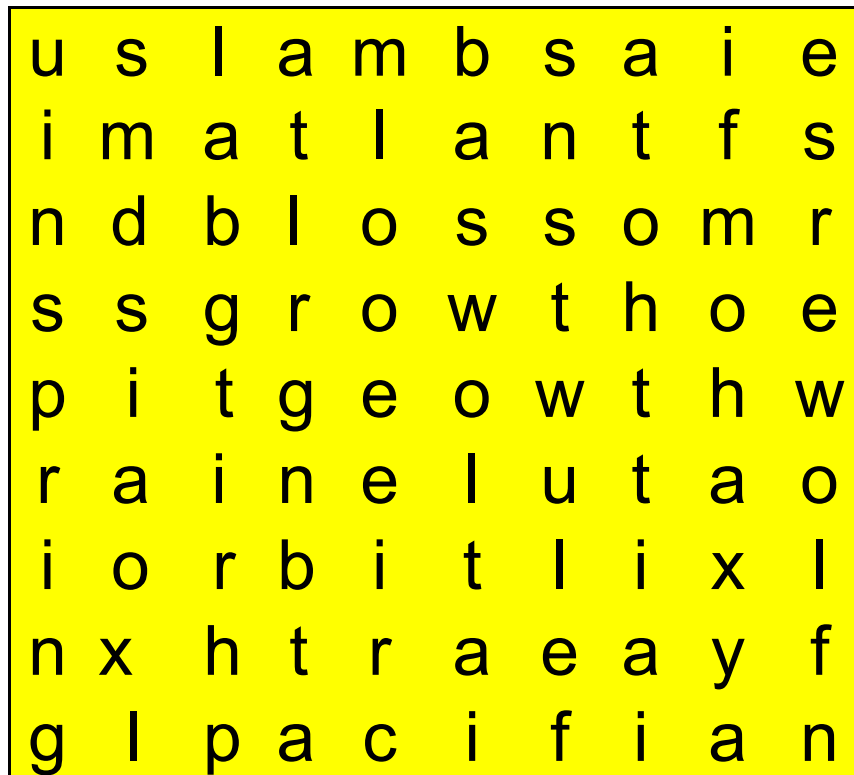
On Monday 8th March, schools reopened for all pupils and it was a pleasure welcoming everybody back. The children are once again making the most of their opportunities and enjoying working, learning and playing together.

Neil Clark
Head Teacher
Appleton Wiske Community Primary School



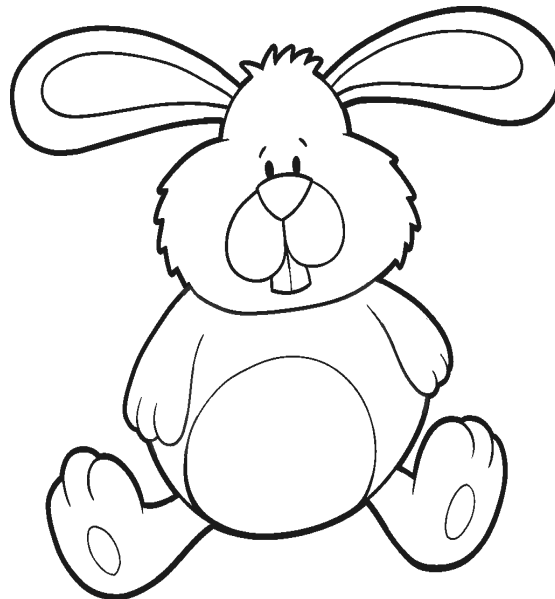
KIDS CORNER!

Spring Word Search



spring
flowers
blossom
rain
lambs
umbrella
growth

Colour me in!



Youth Activities

The Parish Council was recently contacted by Panda Gledhill, a Youth Development Worker for Hambleton. Her role is to help set up and sustain voluntary youth projects within Hambleton.

Her organisation "North Yorkshire Youth" is commissioned and funded by North Yorkshire County Council and has helped set up groups in places such as East Cowton, Bedale, Kirby Fleetham, Easingwold, and Northallerton. For more information please visit <http://nyy.org.uk/>

Most of the activities involve young people from 9+ years old up to 14 years old, and she is keen to see if there is any interest in Appleton Wiske and the surrounding villages for setting up youth groups.

Due to the current Covid restrictions, it is not possible to come to the village and meet with people to gauge interest, but once it is possible to do so, she will make those arrangements.

In the meantime we will shortly be providing more information and examples of the kind of activities that have been set up in other places.

For now, if anyone has any questions, please get in touch with a Parish Councillor.



APPLETON WISKE HISTORY

KNOW YOUR PARISH

An editorial from Carol McLee, Member 461 Cleveland Family History Society



Appleton Wiske is a village and civil parish between Northallerton and Yarm in the Vale of York which is a flat tract of land that lies between the North Yorkshire Moors to the east, the Yorkshire Dales to the west and the River Tees to the north. It is an ancient settlement forming the most westerly boundary of the wapentake of Langbaugh. The first formal spellings of the name that are known are Appeltona, Appletun, Apeltune but at some time, in the Middle Ages, the name Wiske was added – a Celtic derivation 'wisk' meaning water or marsh. Evidence of the Old Appleton are rare except in formal records: there may have been a connection with apples – perhaps the area was known for its orchards!

Though no church is mentioned in the Domesday Survey in 1086, Saxon burials were found when the churchyard was enlarged at the end of the 19th century which indicated the ground as having been a holy place. The Survey mentions the land at Appleton being transferred to Robert de Bruis' ownership amongst many other possessions in Langbaugh, but there is no mill or church which would indicate that the population must have been very small at this time. The main mentions of Appleton, in the later Middle Ages, come in connection with the transference of its rents to St Mary's Abbey at York until its dissolution in 1536. (For full details of manorial transference and leases see sources). Bridges, at this time, were of great importance, and the old one at Appleton which crossed the River Wiske, (then known as Ingram bridge), was well known. The river flows westwards forming the boundary between this parish and Welbury.

In 1678, Thirsk Quarter Sessions granted £20 to Thomas Lascelles esquire, of Northallerton, and Mr Wm Carter of Appleton to build a new bridge. John Talboyes sold land adjoining the road to make a new highway and, later, Sir Wm Hustler and Richard Pierce esquire, exchanged some land leading to the bridge amending the route again. In 1898, Mr Bearpark of Appleton & Mr Mattison of Bedale built an iron girder bridge - which still remains today but restricted to a single lane system! From the late 16th century until 1650, resistance to central authority can be seen in recordings of the population's unwillingness to pay taxes or fulfil the legal obligations of mending their highway and bridge. Perhaps this resistance is also connected to the large number of recusants found here, paying heavy fines and forfeitures at the Quarter Sessions for also failing to attend the parish church. In 1585, Marmaduke Bowes of Ingram Grange was executed at York for harbouring a priest, and Murial Bowes was presented as a recusant some 21 years later. During these years there were at least 28 recusants refusing to attend the Elizabethan church. In 1609, at the Thirsk Quarter Sessions, several inhabitants named Bowes, Clarke, Wattin, Best, Rayner, Johnson and Lodge were also called and fined. In the 16th & 17th centuries there was a great tradition of bowmanship, and the long bow was practised every Sunday in the local churchyards. Incisions that can be seen in the stone of the local church, may have been made by bowmen sharpening their arrows though weavers could have used it for their shuttles in the 18th and 19th centuries.

The village has a wide green verge on both sides with its church tucked away behind the cottages looking over the fields. From 1660 to 1770 there seems to have been a variable attendance at the church and much neglect of the fabric for, in 1771, the church was reported in too dangerous condition to worship in. Repairs were eventually made as late as 1802 with a new roof, gallery, pews, and a vestry and south porch added with further restoration done in 1875. The lych gate serves as an attractive entrance and as the village war memorial. Unfortunately, many of the old gravestones were removed in the 1970s to 'improve' maintenance. In 1674, there were about fifty buildings in the parish, the number increasing dramatically by 1801 to more than 90 houses for 451 people. Prosperity and growth of the village was reached during this time with the area becoming a thriving centre of the

linen industry. By 1841, there were 559 people within the boundaries of the parish which was mainly self-sufficient and self-contained. This becomes evident as, in 1822-23, Baines Directory reports the Reverend James Hugill as rector, there is a Wesleyan chapel, 3 gentlemen, 2 blacksmiths, 2 bricklayers, 3 butchers, 2 coopers, 8 farmers, 3 joiners, 5 shoemakers, 3 tailors 4 shopkeepers, one schoolmaster, 2 licences, a corn miller, one linen



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manufacturer, a fishmonger and one surgeon. The rest of the population were mainly employed as weavers, spinners and farm workers.

By the 18th century, Darlington was a major centre of the linen industry depending largely on a widespread band of spinners and weavers in the villages surrounding the town. Appleton Wiske was very typical of such, with the workers closely linked with the manufacturers of nearby Brompton, Northallerton and Stockton, and the bleachers at Osmotherley and Crathorne. Both spinning and weaving were done in the village, the latter usually being done in a separate shed as is proved by Poor Rate assessments for tax and inventories of wills. Two or three looms were common with the work normally done by men. Looking at the upper floor of some brick - built houses, one can still see what were the small 'spinning windows' which could concentrate light on the wheels worked by the girls and womenfolk. The quality of these homes also testifies to the prosperity of many of these families in the heyday of the industry.

At the beginning of the 19th century attempts to mechanise the industry did not seriously affect the livelihoods of the hand spinners whose product was finer than that of a machine and there was a large demand for fine damask or linens which could be satisfied locally. However, the increase of water-powered factories and cotton becoming a cheaper competitor saw the start of the long-drawn rundown of the industry. Looking at census returns in the locality one can see the movement of weavers and spinners between the surrounding villages but, by the 1870s, Kelly's & Bulmer's Directories show virtually no linen manufacture being undertaken.



Henry Wilkinson, (1803-1904), was one such weaver. He was born at Throstle Nest Farm between Hornby and Smeaton, both close to Appleton Wiske where he became a linen weaver, selling his wares to a dealer in Darlington named Bygate. He had attended Mr Rymer's school in the village, and after marriage to Ann Richardson of Appleton in 1824, they had seven sons and one daughter. He later became a local preacher which lasted for 64 years, first as a Primitive Methodist then a Wesleyan.



The Methodist Chapel was built, in 1821, on the site of an orchard between Hurworth House and Town End Farm which belonged to George Kingston. It was built in bricks with three arched windows, a gallery, a high pulpit, iron communion rails, and would seat about 300 people. Alongside charges for seat rents, strict rules were laid down for the conduct of the trustees - and the preachers! During the early part of the 19th century there were close connections between Methodists and the linen weavers in the region; the Routledges of Appleton Wiske and the Welfords of Brompton were named among the trustees for many years. In 1977, the new organisation for running the Methodist Church nationally came into operation but, despite attempts to improve the damp, smelly, dilapidated interior, it wasn't until 1994 that the building was completely refurbished and is now classed a Grade II building.

There had been private and small schools in Appleton with the gentry having tutors and governesses for their children, but it wasn't until 1873 that the first state school was opened. Although the attendance officer, William Wheatley, recorded 98 pupils, under the supervision of the master, John Cameron, the average attendance was only 54. (Older inhabitants recalled a 'reluctance to education' in Appleton lasting well into the 1930s). Since then the number, adding those from nearby villages, continues to grow due mainly to new private housing developments which began in 1977 and the new school on the outskirts of the village.



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Following on from the previous article, our very own village historian Derek Partington shares further details about the linen industry in the village. We aim to include a piece of history to each seasonal newsletter so if you know about the history of your house or your ancestry or interesting historical facts about the village, he'd be really pleased to hear from you!

The Linen Industry by Derek Partington

The 1810 census shows that substantially more people in Appleton Wiske were engaged in "Trade, Manufacture and Handicraft" than in agriculture. In many cases this meant linen manufacture and in 1808 it was reported that the inhabitants of Appleton Wiske were "chiefly employed in the manufacture of linen cloth". The first record of actual numbers of linen weavers in Appleton Wiske is from the 1831 census where 73 are recorded. By this time power spinning meant that the flax was spun in factories rather than being hand spun at home as it had been in the past. An example of a "Spinning Window" is shown on the photo to the right (the small window).



We now have access to the censuses from 1841 to 1911 and can identify how many people were recorded as linen weavers and how many in other trades or professions. By 1841 the linen industry was starting to decline and the Yorkshire Gazette described the wages of weavers as "low and uncertain" and that they were out of work a third of their time.



Most of the weaving was being done in sheds attached to the houses but all of these have now been demolished or converted into cottages. What are thought to be the last weaving sheds are shown at the centre of this photo. The pipe on the left is a "stench pipe" which is attached to the sewer.

In 1841 the population of Appleton Wiske was 559 having increased from 451 in 1801. Of the people living in the village (not separate farms or houses) in 1841, 159 were recorded in the census as being in an occupation and 86 of these were linen weavers – over 50%. One of these was John Chipchase, aged 45.

The establishment of the factory system saw two mills open in Brompton in the 1850's which signalled the demise of the handloom weaver although the trade did continue in Appleton Wiske for some time as the village was known for the quality of the fine cloth woven. By 1881 the population of the Parish had declined to 331 of whom 94 were recorded as in occupation and living in the village. The only handloom weaver left was John Chipchase, now aged 85 and living in what we now believe is Chipchase House. He was born in Appleton and had lived here all his life.

Don't forget, we are still looking for information on who lived in which house in the 19th century. If you have any information please let Derek Partington know on 01609 881617 or email chair@appletonwiske.com

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Elvis Presley



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