

## **APPLE DAY MORPHED INTO CHRISTMAS FAIR**

Well it is with much disappointment and humble apologies that Apple Day did not happen in October. The elements were against us the whole week leading up to the event and then the Toll Bridge (or Airman's Bridge) closed for repairs over the remainder of the month, making it impossible to make an alternative date.

It was also a disappointment for Debby Dance from Oxford Preservation Trust who had arranged for the newly rebuilt wall and cleaned plaque dedicated to Ewan Siegfried Agnew to be unveiled during the Apple Day event, with Councillor Mike Gotch as master of ceremonies. Fortunately Debby did manage to go ahead with the unveiling, with an official photo to mark the occasion, and I'm sure when you pass the orchard you will all agree they have made a very fine job of the new stone wall.

The Tree Group was now left neck deep with apples and homemade produce with nowhere to go and lots of disappointed people, not to mention the funds that Apple Day brings which help towards the maintenance of the orchard and other tree planting schemes around the village. So the idea of a Christmas Fair seemed the obvious solution and if you have your diaries handy this will be on:

**Saturday December 4<sup>th</sup> in the Baptist church hall between 10.00 and 12.00am.**

Sadly we will not be able to accommodate all the fun and games of Apple Day but we will be selling lots of preserves, apple juice, cakes and there will be refreshments and some seasonal jollity to greet you.