

THE ECTON VIEW

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Editors Ramblings

March and hopefully snow is just a distant memory, and the countryside continues to burst into spring. It appears to me that seasons start a month earlier than they used to, as we certainly had March winds in February, so this month I would expect April showers.

A strange magazine this month as we have a request for corks to make a cumfy bed for insects, a request for seasonal photographs for an ECTON 2012 Calendar with apparently no removal of clothes involved! It is also time to pay your £12 to be included in the church monthly lottery draw. Also in the magazine we have a picture of the youth club visit to lazerzone, EGO's had a coffee morning during February and there are pictures and a report with details of the next outing.

In this issue is part of the monthly missive from our councillor regarding points of interest for Ecton but the full missive can be found on the website. There are some council service access changes that I shall include in next months magazine.

On page 13 (make a note to myself to put in page numbers and delete reminder before going to print) I have included a special birthday photo, who can believe 50 this year! And still looking great.

For those wondering what is happening at the Three Horseshoes, new owner Steve Wheatman gives details and of the expected opening on the weekend 5th & 6th of March.

**Do people still have picnics?
2011 should be the ECTON PICNIC YEAR!!!**

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by 18th March

It is a great ability to be able to conceal one's ability.

ECTON CHURCH LOTTERY

The new lottery will start again in May and anyone in the village can join in. It costs £12 per year to join and the money is collected during April; 50% of the money collected is used for Ecton Church and 50% is given each month in prizes.

The amount of prize money depends on the number of people taking part so it is important to get as many people as possible to be involved. The lottery is drawn every month and at the moment the 1st prize is £40 with 2 other prizes of £10 each but this could rise if more people joined.

Please help us to maintain this important historic building by joining the lottery this year.

Collectors will be calling during the next few weeks and their names and telephone numbers are below:

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and Tots’**

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	27th	Fiona Major & Sue Bush

CHURCH LOTTERY February	
£40	Sylvia Saunders
£10	Mark Aveyard
£10	Sue Collins

Sidespersons			
March	6pm	6th	Linda & Steve Richards
	9.15am	13th	David & Mary Dicks
	11am	20th	Margaret Weddle & Mark Aveyard
	9.15am	27th	Marian Gleave & Nick Greene

Church Cleaning Rota			Brass Cleaning
Week		Team	
March	12th	B	
	26th	C	

CALENDAR FOR MARCH 2011

**This month the midweek service moves from Wilby to
Great Doddington for the coming three months.
The day and time remain the same.**

Tuesday 1 st	10.00	Holy Communion (at St. Nicholas Great Doddington)
Wednesday 2 nd	19.30	Compline & Prayer.
Saturday 5 th	10.00	Open Church - coffee is served.
Sunday 6 th	18.00	Holy Communion.
Tuesday 8 th	10.00	Holy Communion (at St. Nicholas Great Doddington).
Memorial Hall. Wednesday 9 th	19.45	Joint P.C.C. Meeting – The Elliott Room, Gt. Doddington
		ASH WEDNESDAY
	19.30	Holy Communion (at St. Mary's, Wilby).
Thursday 10 th	19.45	Benefice Prayer Meeting – (107, The Ridge, Great Doddington).
Sunday 13 th	09.15	Holy Communion.
Tuesday 15 th	10.00	Holy Communion (at St. Nicholas Great Doddington).
Thursday 17 th	14.15	Pre-School Praise – Gt. Doddington.
Sunday 20 th	11.00	All-Age Worship with Holy Communion.
	12.00	ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING – in Church.
Tuesday 22 nd	10.00	Holy Communion (at St. Nicholas Great Doddington).
Sunday 27 th	09.15	Morning Prayer
	15.00	Concert in Church – look out for publicity coming soon.
Tuesday 29 th	10.00	Holy Communion (at St. Nicholas Great Doddington).
	14.30	Afternoon Songs of Praise with Afternoon Tea.

From the Vicarage,



We enter March and much to our relief there are already signs of Spring. We have certainly been enjoying the wonderful display of snowdrops in our churchyards over the past couple of weeks. I always love to see them – such a sign of hope that the end of winter is in sight and the better weather is on the way. We all need signs of hope in our lives in all sorts of ways. It has been a hard winter, and not just because of the weather, but looking around the world we've seen yet more unrest, especially in N. Africa and the Middle East. The uprising and subsequent change of power in Egypt took us by surprise, as it had done in Tunisia before, both countries that we had thought very stable. We seem to live in a much more unstable world than we ever imagined and it's against that background that signs of hope sometimes seem to be in short supply.

But within local communities (and I don't just mean in Ecton) there are lots of signs of hope. I often hear of folk simply being good neighbours to one another – the elderly being cared for, transport to medical appointments being provided, and so on. There is much more evidence of good human nature around than the media would have us believe and although I wouldn't want to sweep under the carpet the negative side, we do need to celebrate what is good. Easter will be here soon, although it's very late this year (April 24th) and for those within the Christian community that is the biggest sign of hope of all, for Easter celebrates the event that was the climax of God's great rescue package for the human race. It's amazing that an event that took place about two thousand years ago can still be relevant today, but it most certainly is. The Christian message is such good news because it concerns the only thing that we can take with us beyond death – the promise of a life that goes on for ever, and life of a far better quality than even the best bits can ever be here. That has to be very good news, doesn't it?

At St. Mary Magdalene we are looking at ways to improve further our facilities, and in particular we are designing a scheme to remove one or two pews at the front of the Church to leave more space for receiving Communion at our nave table and also to give space for other activities. We long for the Church building to be flexible enough to cater for a much wider range of activities than it is at present and that extra space will help considerably in mounting concerts, for example, something we have been developing over the last couple of years. When it was first built it had no fixed pews to get in the way so it would have been the central community space for the whole village – from livestock and produce markets to council meetings, from serious debates to resolve local issues to social events of every kind. I'm afraid our Victorian forebears have a lot to answer for in their filling of so many of the country's wonderful church buildings with fixed pews, for it so hampered what they could be used for and so restricted the wonderful vision of those in medieval times who had originally designed and provided them.

I realise that I'm being a little controversial here, for there are those who love the pews and would oppose their removal, and we respect their position. However, we can argue that to remove pews is actually being the more traditional – a return to how the building originally was, rather than these new fangled Victorian ideas! Seriously, though, the days are gone when a Church building can be just for formal worship services. The sheer economics of keeping them going will dictate that some radical decisions will have to be taken and I suspect that the time might not be too far away when the decision will be, lose the pews or lose the Church!

With very best wishes, Chris Pearson

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Ecton Golden Oldies

The Golden Oldies met again and enjoyed morning coffee, cake and biscuits at the Village Hall. Over 30 people came to meet and mingle and 11 volunteers came to help with the setting up, serving and washing up - thanks to all who came. We also discovered we have a formidable quiz team who got all the questions right!

We have agreed a plan in order to contact everyone by phone so that we can let everyone know about forthcoming events. If you haven't been to anything yet but would like to be contacted in the future please call Sally on 403027 or Alex on 07790081409. We will always try and use this magazine to keep you informed.

*So what's next? We are going to have a fish and chip lunch on March 18th at 12 for 12..30pm at **The Three Horseshoes**. In order to get the catering right we will need definite confirmation if you are coming to join us so please ring Sally or Alex (leave a message if we are out).*



The David Cross bequest - following further thought and discussion we are proposing to try and organise two outings this year. The first to Huntingdon Garden Centre and the second a theatre trip in the autumn. In order to finalise plans we need an idea about the number of people who would like to join the first outing - the provisional date is Friday May 27th. The Huntingdon Garden & Leisure has an innovative design with over 20 acres to offer its customers extraordinary choice, and all that is best for your garden and home along with the highest standards in customer service. There are book, clothing, craft, gift, home and garden departments as well as a restaurant.

It will take less than an hour to get to Huntingdon and we are planning on leaving at 10.30am and returning at about 4.30pm. We will travel by coach and can make arrangements for anyone who is unable to access an ordinary coach.

If you would like to join us on this outing please let us know by the 14th March.

Please call Sally on 403027 or Kathy on 404590 or Anne on 410908

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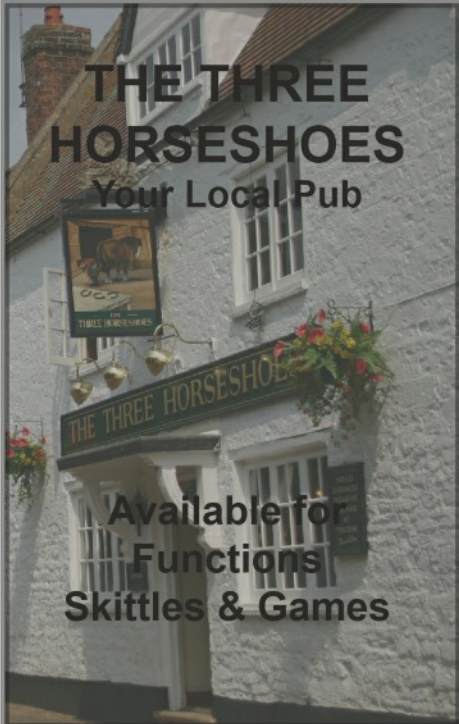
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obvious signs of illness,

He greets one and the patient replies:

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Great chieftain of the puddin' race,
Aboon them a ye take yer place,
Painch, tripe or thairm
As lungs my airm.

The President is confused and moves and greets
the next patient who responds

Some hath meat an canna eat
and some wad eat that want it
But we hae meat an we can eat
So let the lord be thank it

Even more confused he moves onto the next
patient who immediately begins to chant:

Wee sleekit, cowerin, timorous beastie,
O the panic in thy breasty,
Thou needna start awa sae hastie
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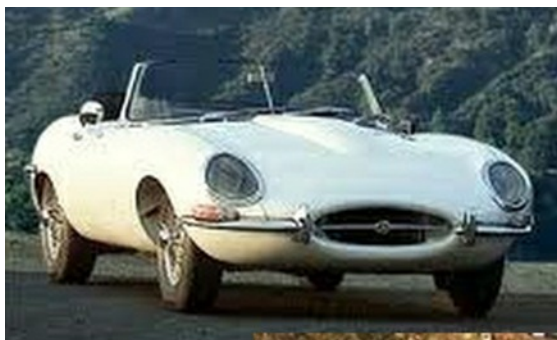
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THE THREE HORSESHOES

The Brewery formerly owning the 3 Horseshoes (Enterprise Inns) decided in October that it was going to sell the pub and put it on the market – the Estate Agents – Christie and Co reported strong interest and a number of viewing's and much rumour in the village, but in the end there were only 3 serious considered bids – 2 from property developers who would have turned the pub into housing (Wellingborough Council have indicated there would not be objections to change of use) and ours the only bid to keep the pub open - Enterprise Inns preferred option was to sell the Pub to a developer to protect a possible conflict with the Worlds End (which it also owns) but in the end accepted our offer and on the 20th December the contract Exchange was completed.

The Pub was kept open over the Christmas period to try to avoid any disruption to Christmas activities in the village and emergency attention was paid to the Toilets and heating system and a general renovation of the pub commenced in January – but it soon became obvious that due to the depth of renovation required for even a minor facelift including the removal of damaged ceilings , floors etc it was impossible to keep the pub open and it was closed on January 27th.

Work has been carried out throughout the pub to clean, lighten and modernise the building and it is envisaged will continue externally throughout the year – at time of writing the Card room, Snug and main lounge have all been virtually completed and we have tried hard to take on board the many comments of fellow customers heard throughout the past few years and can confirm the installation of new glass washing and ice machines, all new glasses and renovation of cellar lines etc!.

There will be an ongoing introduction of new furniture etc but much of the original fittings tables etc remains to preserve the pubs unique charm! Regarding décor, we have tried to be sympathetic to the pubs history and the needs of the customers and hope that the changes will be regarded positively, certainly the few customers that have ventured inside during the renovation and seen the progress have been very complementary – it will still take many more months to complete the external work of repainting the pub, installing a pub garden and outside decking / smoking areas but progress is being made. We also have plans for the outbuildings.

It is hoped that the pub will re-open over the weekend of March 5 / 6 and that the Skittles/Darts room will be ready for competitive use from week of March 14 – and we would like to thank The Skittles, Darts and Cribbage teams for bearing with us and reorganising fixtures.

The pub is now a free house and not tied to any brewery – we have already introduced 2 new real ales – Greene King IPA and Eagle Bitter and at opening a new premium lager – Red Stripe will be on sale – we are also looking at other beers and will welcome any suggestions – although we are limited by both bar and cellar capacity.

Keith Edwards will continue to look after the customers as landlord in his own unique fashion! We intend to develop activities and events within the pub and would also like to confirm that the Wednesday Pub quiz will recommence the week after the reopening and would like to thank the many teams from within and outside of the village who had supported this in recent months.

The aim of the new owners is to keep the pub as very much a traditional village pub and not as a restaurant although in time limited bar food may appear.

We look forward to the re-opening and seeing all the regular and hopefully new clientele and thank all customers for their patience whilst the 3 Horseshoes has been closed but hope that they will feel it is worthwhile.

We intend to keep the pub open for as long as it merits it and for as long as the village supports it – after the close call the pub had in December it really is a case of use it or lose it and we hope will remain a facility at the heart of the village for many years to come.

Cheers !!

Steve and Sandra Wheatman - 3 Horseshoes Ecton Ltd

People of Ecton,

I'm being a bit middle aged and sad and am making a 'bug box' for my garden (a big one using half a dozen palettes, not those little girly ones you can buy). I need to fill it with lots of different things that bugs will like to snuggle up in and one of those is corks.

Would you mind collecting your wine corks for me over the next few weeks (not forever or, knowing what Ecton is like, I'd be able to open a cork farm!), say until the end of March? (Please collect corks from home, friends, family and restaurants!).

Hope you're not offended that I asked you! It's all in a good cause - lots of happy bugs and insects in Ecton!!



Thanks
Carol Armstrong
01604 402907
07515 156419

And if you would like to make your own (Girly one - without corks) here is a link
<http://www.gardenersworld.com/how-to/projects/insects-bug-box/>

YOUTH CLUB



A VISIT TO LASERZONE

SAFARI SUPPER

Advance notice - we are due to hold another very popular village event later this year.

The 1st October is the proposed date for the next Safari Supper - please put this date in your diary.

Watch this space for news of ticket release and volunteer opportunities for hosting a course.

At this stage I would be interested to hear from anyone who might be prepared to host the starter or the finale.

Please call Sally 403027

2012 VILLAGE CALENDAR

Ecton is to produce a village wall calendar next year and to do that we will need digital photographs of the village and its surroundings to represent every month of the year.

We would like you to help by taking photographs throughout the seasons that reflect the ambience of the village and parish and the people who live and work here.

We are starting now so that you can take photographs as the months and seasons unfold. You have until mid-October (to enable us to get it printed in time) but it would be helpful to receive your images as you take them.

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For further information please contact either:
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Borough Councillor's Missive February 2011

The Diary.



This month as for the previous few months there has been a great emphasis on economics in particular how we can handle the reduction in income from Central Government over the next few years. My grandmother would have been able to tell us how not to get into the mess we are in but then she had some commonsense and understood the simple term of balanced budgets because she could not spend more than granddad brought in! Yet here we are in 2011 with some Wellingborough Councillors screaming about cuts and destruction of services, interestingly one wrote today "Yet again another load of cuts! When will it end? My reply and I am sure that of most with a grain of financial, knowledge was quite simple "When we stop spending more than we earn". The charade of the last government to continue to borrow at a rate nobody else in the free world would even contemplate has been totally exposed and they are now a source of ridicule. But back to WBC or BCW if you prefer, in January a draft paper was issued looking at the potential areas of the Council Budget which could be considered for reduction, the paper in itself was confidential not because it was "secret" as recorded in the local press but because its contents had not at the time been agreed for public consideration. The minutiae had to be approved by the Members before it was released, one member in the opposition decided he was not going to allow the process to work properly and decided to disgrace himself at

Council and make a complete fool of himself thereafter. His idea apparently was to try to expose what he understood to be a further raft of redundancies amounting to 100 employees within the Council. This not surprisingly led to an extremely angry batch of exchanges and in particular deep concern by many of the staff at WBC, as a result we are still awaiting the promised apology. What actually happened was that a draft document outlining a number of jobs which were being questioned were listed in the paper but the jobs total did not equate to the number of potential redundancies as many staff "multi-task".

Planning

Three applications in the West Ward gave me concern this month, two in Mears Ashby and one in Ecton.

The Ecton issue considers an application for a completely new development within the conservation area and the Parish Council are totally opposed to the building on the grounds of over development. It is very difficult to argue against this point as the amount of space being taken up by the building will swamp the piece of land.

Ecton Waste Treatment Plants

With colleagues from Ecton P.C. and CLEAN we attended the Northamptonshire Minerals and Waste Local Development Framework (LDF), Control and Management of Development DPD Examination, held at the Deragate Theatre. What a title for a start! In principle the Inspector was charged with attempting to create a framework for the handling and treatment of minerals and waste in the county. Unfortunately the clerk of the Inquiry made such a mess of the timetable that we actually arrived after the main presentations had been given. By far the greatest concern for the people of Ecton is to be faced with a very large new waste treatment plant adjacent to the current AWA sewage plant. The work done by CLEAN over the past few years to "clean up" the odours from the sewage plant must not be lost. At the time of writing this missive WBC had not made any formal responses to the draft documents but providing I am re-elected in May I will ensure that the proper and comprehensive representations are made. I will also try to ensure that WBC has a proper input to the final document.



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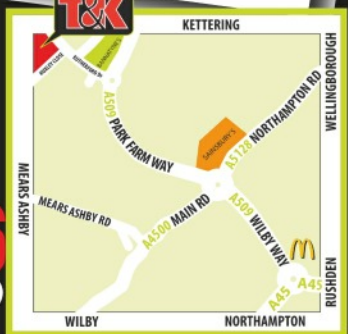


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