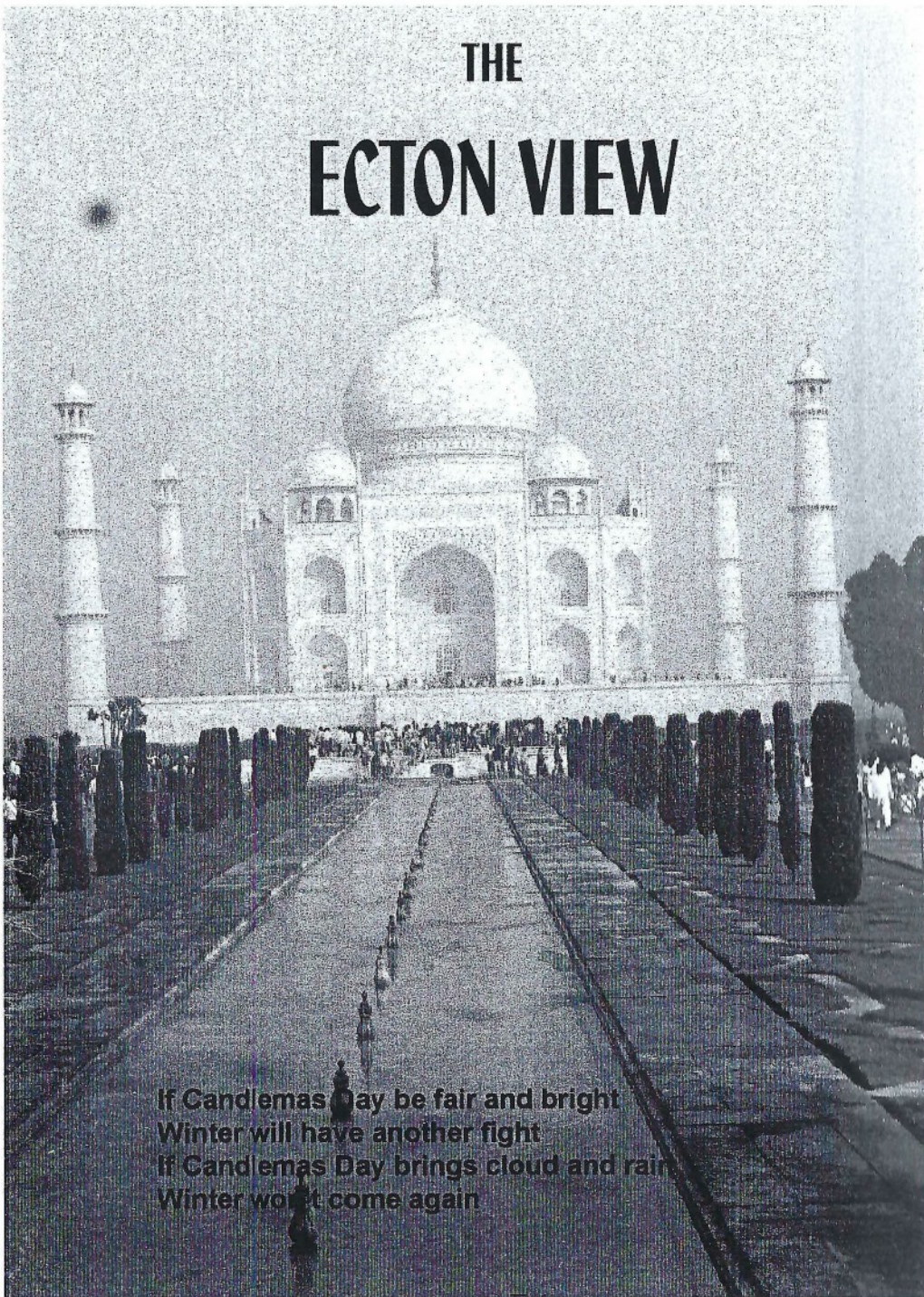


THE ECTON VIEW



If Candlemas Day be fair and bright
Winter will have another fight
If Candlemas Day brings cloud and rain
Winter won't come again

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Priest in Charge

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Churchwarden

Marlene Green

Reader

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Electoral Roll Officer

Mary Dicks
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Parish and Village Organisations

Bell Ringers

Contact: Colin Tinston
Tel: 01604 412233

Fellowship

Contact: Joyce Orford
Tel: 01604 414245
2nd Tuesday in month
2.30pm Village Hall

Cricknet Club

Captain: Steve Wheatman
Tel: 01604 401714

Ecton Village Hall

Contact: Rodney Ingram
Tel: 01604 406038
Booking Clerk: Linda Richards 405888
Jenny Moffett 407474

Short Mat Bowls

Contact: Maurice Creed
Tel: 01604 407864

Lunch Club

Wednesday, monthly
Contact: Sheila Ingram 406038

Parish Council

Chairman: Chris Petrie
Tel: 01604 788810

Pre-School

Now relocated to the school
Contact: Mrs Vicki Burrows

Primary School

Head: Vicki Burrows
Tel: 01604 409213

Womens Institute

Contact: Gill Leggett
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1st Tuesday in month
7.30 Village Hall

Youth Club

Contact: Margaret Tinston
Tel: 01604 412233
Margaret@ectonvillage.co.uk
Wednesday
6.30-7.30 Junior Youth Club
7.30-9.00 Senior Youth Club
Village Hall

Editors Ramblings

February and a decision made about the next Christmas edition of the magazine, in that the front cover will be in colour and loose, allowing 4No. A5 sheets for your Christmas greetings to your friends in the village. The cover will be in card so it will stand up with the rest of your cards. A maximum of 4 cards per page and designs of your choice.

As this is the first edition of 2008 I will start by reminding those that can to regularly visit the website at www.ectonvillage.co.uk, which is constantly changing, plus you can see this magazine in colour, whilst the content does not improve the pictures do. The Church book of villagers that served in the first world war is one of the latest editions, with their pictures and regiment details, well worth a look.

Since the last edition there has been the "Nibbles & Slurp" evening at the village hall, which raised £ to help pay for the hard standing, a great improvement you must agree.

On February 11th there is a bridge day at the village hall to raise funds for the Youth Club, tables of 4 costing £60 including a 3 course meal and a glass of wine.

On page 9 our features writer has some new years resolutions (I hope he does not keep to them) and views on the forthcoming F1 season, digital cameras, Winston Churchill and motorbikes!

You will find the date and details for the Safari Supper on Page 12, which is a great evening, so book early, a real must for new people to the village.

CLEAN (Campaign for Lower Ecton Action Now) has been busy opposing the expansion of the Sewage works and I have devoted a few pages to copies of correspondence and a piece from the Chronicle & Echo. Please read and give your support to **CLEAN**.

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by 22nd February

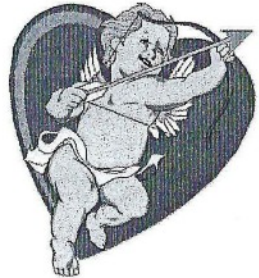
St. Valentines Day

14th February

I Never Knew



I never knew
When I wished for you
That the wish I wished
Would soon come true



I never knew
When I dreamed of you
In the dreams I dreamed
You would love me too

Kissing

So you thought you knew all there is to know about kissing? Well think again! Find out things you never knew about snogging and why you should be puckering up more often!

People who kiss their partner every morning take fewer sick days from work, have fewer car accidents on their way to work and live about five years longer.

You burn 26 calories in a one-minute kiss.

People who wake up to a kiss begin the day with a positive attitude

Kissing can release hormones and endorphins that relieve stress, lower blood pressure and make us feel younger

The bacteria in our mouths protects us against other bacteria coming in - good news as scientists believe that over five million bacteria pass between you and your partner in just one passionate kiss!

Kissing can help fight tooth decay. Kissing increases your mouth's production of saliva and saliva helps clean your mouth aiding prevention of tooth decay.

In Japan, until recently, kissing in public was considered vulgar!

The term French Kiss comes from the many wealthy American travelers who visited France in the late 1800s. Parisian women loved kissing the rich American men so much that on their return to America, the men described their experiences as French Kissing.

Our brains have special neurons that help us find our partner's lips in the dark

Church Diary

Sunday 3rd February
3.00pm

Next before Lent
Parish Communion

Tuesday 5th February
10.30am

Holy Communion

Wednesday 6th February
7.30pm

Ash Wednesday
Holy Communion
at St. Mary's, Wilby

Sunday 10th February
9.15am

First Sunday of Lent
Parish Communion

Tuesday 12th February
10.30am

Holy Communion

Sunday 17th February
11.00am

Second Sunday Lent
Parish Communion

Tuesday, 19th February
10.30am

Holy Communion

Sunday 24th February
9.15am

Third Sunday of Lent
Morning Prayer

Tuesday 26th February
10.30am

Holy Communion

Church events

Saturday 2nd February - Open Church from 10am until 12noon
A time for quiet reflection – a time for a cup of coffee and a chat.

Our Lent course this year is called 'Calling' and explores the issue of vocation for all Christians. There will be two groups meeting on Monday evenings and Tuesday afternoons, beginning on February 11th. If you would like to join us on this course more details can be obtained from the Rev. Chris Pearson or the Churchwardens.

2008 A LEAP YEAR

February Facts
Gemstone: Amethyst
Flower: Primrose

February, along with January, was introduced onto the Roman calendar by Numa Pompilius when the calendar was extended from ten to twelve. The word February comes from the word 'februa' which means cleansing or purification, and reflects the rituals undertaken before spring.

Candlemas Day is February 2nd

This ancient festival marks the midpoint of winter, half way between the shortest day and the spring equinox. In olden times, many people used to say that the Christmas season lasted for forty days, until the second day of February.

It got its name because it was the day of the year when all the candles that were to be used in the coming year were brought into church and a blessing was said over them, so it was the festival day (or mass) of the candles.

Candlemas Superstitions

Snowdrops are to be considered unlucky if brought into the house before Candlemas day, representing a parting or death.

Any Christmas decorations not taken down by twelfth night should be left up until Candlemas day and then taken down.

February sayings

When the cat lies in the sun in February
She will creep behind the stove in March

Of all of the months of the year
Curse a fair February

If it thunders in February, It will frost in April

The Snowdrop appears in February and is a symbol of hope



Countryfile

February is the month when the rooks are busy rebuilding the nests from last year. They will have finished this and laid their eggs well before the trees are in leaf, unlike most other birds.

It is also at this time that foxes are often heard at night making a variety of different calls, mainly in the search for a mate (unlike in T.V.'s Midsomer where they seems to 'bark' all through the year!!).

The grass fields are quiet at present as most breeding ewes are now lambed indoors through January and February in order to try and catch the early lamb market. Sheep are very hardy and much prefer to be outdoors but when housed the ewes have to be sheared to stop them getting too hot. Sadly, the value of each fleece is less than the cost of shearing, unlike the days when the wool clip was very valuable but fortunately some wool is now used as a type of house insulation. The only other sheep left in the fields near to the village at present are some of last year's lambs, together with three large brown sheep which are 'teasers'. These three have been made infertile so that they can be run with the breeding ewes before the rams are put in around October. This enables the ewes to be more receptive once the rams are introduced.

Now the days are finally beginning to lengthen, the weather is unseasonably mild and even the grass is beginning to grow. The birds are starting to sing their Spring song but it is still not too late to be plunged backwards to winter again.

Church Cleaning Rota			Brass Cleaning
Week		Team	
February	2nd		Pat Baylis & Dorothy Creed
	9th	C	
	23rd	A	
March	1st		Angela Allen & Rita Ward

Coffee Rota			
February	6pm	3rd	No Coffee
	9.15am	10th	Nick & Mary Greene
	11.00am	17th	Angela Allen & Rita Ward
	9.15am	24th	Marian Gleave & Joyce Orford
March	6pm	2nd	Mothering Sunday

Sidespersons		
February	3rd	Mick & Pauline Cook
	10th	David Dicks & Marlene/Walter
	17th	Marian Gleave & Nick Greene
	24th	Tony & Margaret Weddle
March	2nd	Marlene Green & Walter Barty

CHURCH LOTTERY	
	January
£50	Pat Jackson
£10	Dorothy Austin
£10	Mrs. Buswell
£10	Barry Price
£10	Eve Edge

ECTON FELLOWSHIP

Our next meeting is in the Village Hall on
 Tuesday February 12th at 2.30pm.
 Jay Drage and her husband will entertain us with
 slides and talk on another of their holiday experiences.
 Everyone is welcome - come and bring a friend.

Joan Dickins

“Writing about music is like dancing about architecture”

Recently I read the above quotation by Laurie Anderson and it summed up how I felt about trying to get across one's own personal views on anything creative, and in particular, music. So my 2008 resolution is that I will stop doing it – writing about music or discussing it with others, that is – not listening to it. That's something I do every day, as often as possible. If you've found any of my previous ramblings or recommendations of interest and you wish to be inspired to listen to new, old or classical music then online iTunes cannot be beaten or in print Q magazine steers the way. The Sunday Times Culture magazine always carries some interesting reviews too. So I'll leave it up to you – good listening.

Aren't you really excited about the forthcoming Formula 1 season? I didn't enjoy 2007's politics or the dubious example set by the protagonists involved, the FIA, Max, Bernie, Stepney and even poor old Ron. (Never thought I'd say that) But during 2007 you can't say it wasn't exciting down to the wire. Can't wait to see if Lewis can stamp his authority on the track using his now unchallenged No 1 status to launch a successful bid for the Driver's Championship. Don't forget McLaren will be starting each race from the wrong end of the pitlane having been stripped of their 2007 points during the Stepney-gate affair along with those 100 million dollars.

Ferrari will be ultra-quick, ultra-polished and Kimi ultra-cool – all under new management from the urbane and Montezemolo-like, Stefano Domenicali. That Ferrari won the 2007 Driver's and Manufacturer's Championship was no fluke but went somewhat against the flow of McLaren's on-track form. But in 2008, the post Jean Todt era, expect the rejuvenated Ferrari team to shine again. BMW-Sauber will give them a run for their money maybe, and you cannot ignore that Renault have got Alonso back so that's got to help them. Honda can't possibly make another dog of a car, can they? Even though Ross Brawn has joined them too late to influence that, surely with a driver like Jensen, a budget like Ferrari and Brawn's genius they must do something more fitting to their racing pedigree in 2008. Watch out for Toro Rosso's Sebastian Vettel in the Adrian Newey designed STR3, he could be quick too. As I said, can't wait.

I can't wait to get my hands on the astonishing new Nikon D3 either, their first full-frame digital SLR camera. Its low-light / high ISO performance is beyond anything previously achieved and if the reviews I've read from sports photographers who have 'road-tested' it are anything to go by it should lead the field in 2008 as THE camera to have, even amongst you Canonists!

Forecasting the future? Winston Churchill summed it up best when defining the requirements of a good politician thus: “The ability to foretell what is going to happen tomorrow, next week, next month and next year. And to have the ability afterwards to explain why it didn't happen”.

Whilst on the subject (well it's that time of the year, isn't it?) I'm looking forward to getting as much motorcycling in as possible during 2008 with a 'Grand Tour' already lined up through Europe in September. Le Mans and Le Mans Classic are both on the calendar, and maybe a continental F1 race and a Moto GP visit thrown in for good measure. I hope your wishes for 2008 come true and that we all have a Happy New Year here in Ecton.

Adrian Pulford

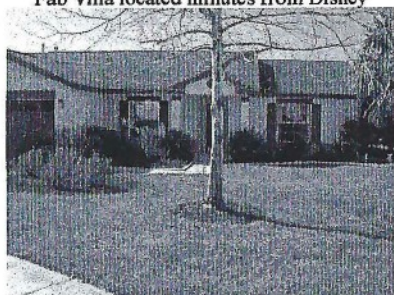
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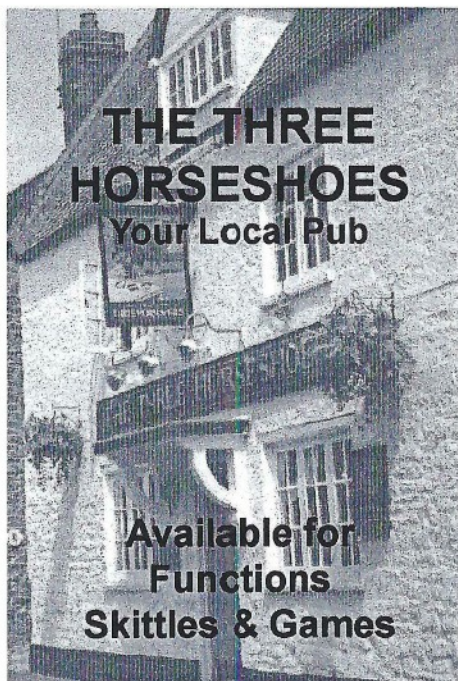
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Northampton's sewage smell: Anglian Water rebuffs complaints



**FROM
THE CHRON**

The sewage plant

Complaints about the smell of a sewage works in Northampton have been rebuffed by Anglian Water.

The Campaign for Lower Ecton Action Now (CLEAN) has called for tougher odour controls at the Great Billing works.

The water firm said it received only four complaints last year, although residents claim they have given up complaining.

An Anglian Water spokeswoman said: "The site deals with 60,000 tonnes of sewage which flows in every day from homes around the area.

"We have installed air sprays at a cost of £40,000 and we are spending an equivalent amount on chemical dosing to combat odour emission.

"We have established links with the local school so that they can contact us if they have concerns."

Proposals for a £35 million biosolids plant are intended to improve the smells.

She added: "Although more sludge will be coming into the site, this will be entirely enclosed and will at no time be exposed to the air. And there will be less transport movements.

"We have also identified a possible scheme to compost the biosolids, which effectively means a reduction of 25,000 tons of biosolids leaving the plant each year."

But Vickie Ward, the main researcher for CLEAN, said residents had simply "given up" on complaining until the new planning application was submitted.

She added: "In the company's own planning application it states there were over 100 complaints since 1997."



Mr J Wilson
Clerk to Ecton Parish Council

Dear Mr Wilson

**PROPOSALS FOR A NEW COMPOSTING FACILITY AT GREAT BILLING
WASTE WATER TREATMENT WORKS**

I am writing to advise you of a planning application that is currently under preparation by Anglian Water for a new composting facility at Great Billing Wastewater Treatment Works. Savills have been instructed to act for Anglian Water as Planning Advisors for that application

You will be aware of the presentation that has been arranged for the 5 February 2008, at which Anglian Water's proposals for a new Biosolids Treatment Centre at Great Billing Wastewater Treatment Works will be explained. We would also like to take the opportunity of that meeting to present our proposals for the composting facility, which represents an integral part of Anglian Water's strategy for Great Billing Wastewater Treatment Works.

I would like to briefly outline the composting proposals to provide you with a background to the application ahead of the presentation on the 5 February 2008.

At present, biosolids, the waste product from the wastewater treatment process, are temporarily stored at the Wastewater Treatment Works before distribution to surrounding farms for agricultural purposes. As a result of the proposed composting facility, biosolids would be combined with municipal green waste to provide a compost material which can be used for commercial and domestic purposes. The proposed facility therefore offers clear sustainability benefits in combining two waste products to provide a useable material. Although a separate planning application to the Biosolids Treatment Centre, the composting facility will potentially make use of waste processed by the Biosolids Treatment centre as the 'end stage' of a more sustainable approach to wastewater treatment at Great Billing.

We are currently in discussions with West Northamptonshire Development Corporation and Northamptonshire County Council with regard to the proposal. We are also in the process of considering any technical implications of the proposal. Once this work has been completed, we aim to be in a position to submit a formal planning application.

We very much look forward to providing you with a full presentation of the proposals on the 5 February. In the meantime, if you have any questions we would be pleased to answer these for you.

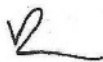


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From: The Private Secretary to
TRH The Prince of Wales and The Duchess of Cornwall

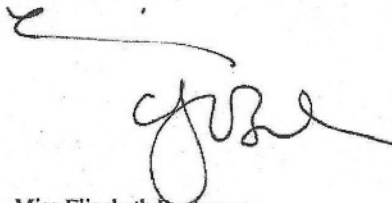
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23rd November, 2007

 Mrs. Ward.

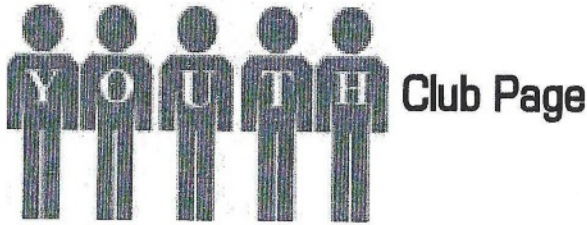
The Prince of Wales has asked me to thank you most warmly for your letter of the 14th November about Anglian Water. You are quite right that the company is a most valued member of The Prince of Wales's Corporate Leader's Group on Climate Change and I have contacted the company about the points that you raised. It goes without saying that Anglian is pleased with your acknowledgement of the effectiveness of their investment in capturing greenhouse gases, but they would like to explain to you the reasons why they have not covered the older parts of the sewage works so as to collect greenhouse gases. The reasons, apparently, are down to cost and practicability and the company have, through me, extended an invitation to you to meet with the company's climate change scientist and a senior member of their Waste Water Team on site. They would be very happy to take all your questions and explain their efforts to mitigate climate change. May I suggest that you contact Dr. Alison Colls, Climate Change Scientist on her direct line, [REDACTED] and Mr Paul Gibbs, Director of Waste Water Operations on his direct line, [REDACTED].

The Prince of Wales has asked me to send you his warmest good wishes.



Miss Elizabeth Buchanan

Miss Vickie Ward



Ecton website www.ectonvillage.co.uk now has a youth club section being developed, and if anyone has old pictures of when the youth club first started we would be grateful to know and would like to copy them on to the site. In fact pictures through the ages might be a page within the youth club section.

If you do have any please contact Margaret Tinston 412233,
or email margaret@ectonvillage.co.uk

SNOWDON TRIP

Once more we are organising a trip to 'The Ranch' in Snowdonia for a weekend full of activities. The Ranch is located on a beautiful 12 acre wooded hillside with panoramic views over Cardigan Bay and the Snowdonia national park.

In order to be able to cover the cost of a minibus hire, fuel, and the optional activities we hope to do a sponsored bike ride around Pitsford reservoir at half term

5-a-side Football

This month our senior football team will be preparing for the 5-a-side football tournament at Benham Sports Centre in March. Good luck to the team.

LAZERZONE

Our trip to Lazerzone in January was a great success, 16 turned up for the night which is always very popular.

FACT

On the 15th February 1971 we went decimal



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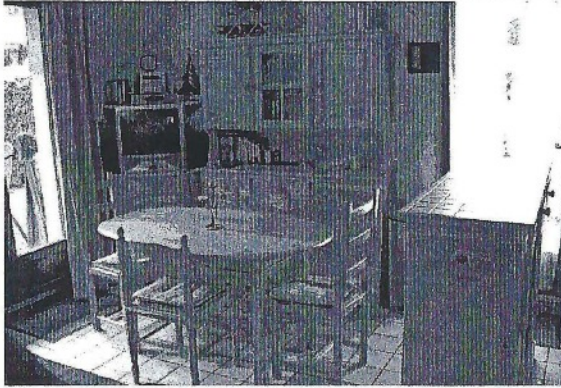
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ECTON WITCHES



Next Meeting

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as usual Bring a bottle & £5

VANDALISM

There has been over the last few months several incidents of petty vandalism, felt tip pen being used on windows, walls and cars. The church seems to be under constant attack with other acts to peoples houses, gates etc. Can all the people in the village please log all of these crimes so that at the next meeting with the Police community support team it can be shown that a greater Police presence is now required. In addition let's be more vigilant.

**Please report any incidents to
Caroline Montgomery 407113
so that she can collate them.**



Safer Community Teams

Working together locally

12 weeks ago you told us that speeding on Overstone Road, Sywell was a priority. We Have:

- Carried out Speed enforcement checks on a regular basis.
- Arranged for our Casualty Reduction Department to collect Traffic Speed DATA.
- Distributed leaflets to raise awareness.
- Arranged for the Camera Safety Team to target the location.

Other initiatives & activities include:

- Set up an operation to combat Motor cycle ASB in and around Ecton Field Plantation and Ecton Village in partnership with Thorplands & Lumbertubs & Daventry Rural North Safer Community Teams.
- Results For Above: Stops/Stop Searches x 12, Section 59 Warnings x 5, No Insurance Seizures x 1, Intelligence Reports x 5.
- Seized 3 Vehicles (1 - motor cycle, 2 - Cars).
- Stop/Checked 70 Youths around Well Street, Finedon & moved them on.
- Referred 4 Finedon individuals to the Anti Social Behaviour Unit.
- Visited local shops & schools with information and posters to warn of the dangers of fireworks and to promote a safe Halloween.
- Changed officers' shifts to target the recent metal thefts across the SCT.
- Issued 1 Fixed penalty notice for parking on Zigzag lines within the confines of a pedestrian crossing in Finedon.
- Seized alcohol and tobacco from those underage in Little Harrowden.
- Seized alcohol and tobacco from those underage in Great Doddington.
- Issued 3 Penalty Notices For Disorder (PND) for Section 5 POA.
- Changed officers' shifts to target the Anti social behaviour associated with Halloween & Bon fire night.
- Set up an operation to combat Anti social behaviour associated with Halloween & Bon fire night. Results - Arrests – 4, Detected Crime – 3, Stops/ Stop Searches – 113, LIO reports – 37 & PND - 1
- Investigate crime reported across the SCT, some of which have resulted in arrests and detected crime.



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