



THE ECTON VIEW

MAY 2020

ISSUE 172

**THE A45
IN LOCKDOWN!**



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A45 in Lockdown , from photos by John Crane &
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ECTON CHURCH LOTTERY AND CORONAVIRUS

With the advice of the Rector, the Rev. Jackie Buck, it has been decided to stop the collection for the new Church Lottery immediately. Any money that has already been collected will be held until the collection is resumed at a later date. The new lottery will then run for a year from a new date. There will be no April draw until further notice. This is mainly because of hygiene and the dangers of cash handling, the actual draw and distributing payment. As soon as we are able to we will resume as usual.
Mary Dicks.

Editors Note

Welcome to May's issue of the Ecton View, on the date of publication we will have been in lockdown for 36 days which is just long enough to watch the complete box set of Game of Thrones!

I feel lucky that I am in lockdown in Ecton, the weather has been fabulous, my garden is weed free for the first time ever and I have discovered that our to-do-list does not need to be done in a day, life has indeed slowed down to a pace that's more like Ecton in 1720 not 2020.

One thing that has not changed, the folks of the village have risen to the challenges of the lockdown with even more community spirit (if that's possible). From volunteer shoppers, to keeping the children entertained with Easter games, Virtual Quizzes and Animal safaris, the village has really shown its true colours. In this and coming issues of the magazine we give our thanks to all our supporters and helpers.

As you may recall, the village was planning a major celebration of VE day this month, Helen Bond and her team have suggested ways we can join in the celebrations, having your own VE parties in your front garden, doorway or driveway (social distancing of course) details in the magazine and more to follow. If ever there was a time to celebrate the sacrifices of our forefathers, and evoke that War Time Spirit, then VE day is in my opinion, the perfect time.

The Sheep and Cows have returned to the fields, as they do every year at this time, please keep dogs on leads at all times through Sheep fields, Cows are naturally curious beasts and **will** approach you! If you or your dog are not comfortable with this, then please take another route, there are many other footpaths you can take to avoid them.

I have added a Footpath map on the back of this magazine or visit www.footpathmap.co.uk for more details

Do you know this chap? Not Ecton Born & Bred but has lived in the village for many years? Send me your childhood snaps and a clue and we will all try and guess who's who.

Stay strong and stay safe
Wendy



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Ecton Village News

ECTON - CORONAVIRUS

We all know that the next few weeks will be difficult for us all. Lots of lovely people have offered to help other people who are stuck at home. If you need help to get shopping, collecting prescriptions or would like a friendly call please contact one of us in the first instance:

Sally 403027, Pat 402582, Wendy 07986 557773 or Ian 07831 504654
Kathy 404590, Denise 401058

We will then identify someone to assist.

We are aware that some of you are very well supported by family, friends and neighbours but they may get stretched too so don't be afraid to ask for help.

We will keep in touch by telephone and as things develop we will think about other ways we can help.

Take care of yourselves and stay safe.



Knit and Natter

Postponed until further notice

Ecton Witches

Postponed until further notice



ECTON CHURCH BELLS

We are sorry to report that sadly our Church Bells will not be ringing for the next few weeks due to the Coronavirus situation. This will be the longest period without the sound of Bells since they were re-hung in 1966.

Thomas Coulter-Brophy and David Dicks.

ECTON VILLAGE GOLF - Tournament Postponed

To be held at Overstone Park Golf Club - Date to be confirmed

My e-mail is magnstevehunt@btinternet.com or by phone on 07545463721

ECTON PARISH COUNCIL

The next Parish Council meeting will be postponed until further notice. You can obtain a full copy of the latest Parish Council Minutes. Email: ectonparishcouncil@yahoo.co.uk

Ecton Walks in Lockdown - 2020



During this rather weird time we are all enduring, remember to get plenty of exercise. There are fitness routines each day on TV, you might want to dust off the old WiiFit or just enjoy the open air by taking advantage of the government's concession of being able to go outdoors for fitness purposes. Running, cycling or walking are all great ways to get exercise and enjoy the fresh air. If you like a walk there are plenty of choices and it's much easier to walk along the lanes without the traffic.

And the countryside is lovely – Covid 19 can't stop Spring happening!

A couple of ideas:

Sywell Country Park is open but only if you walk there. Use the pedestrian gate at the bottom entrance - there is plenty of space to keep your distance if you encounter anyone. A walk across the fields or along Washbrook Lane followed by a circuit of the reservoir and back will log about 5 miles – and in the weather we have had it is a lovely walk.

A longer walk would take you down through the village to the A45 bridge – follow the footpath that runs from the corner and then on the lane towards the river and the Cogenhoe Caravan park. Go over the river at the pack bridge and the lock and turn left along the river footpath just past the old mill. Go along the river path to the next lock (Whiston Lock) and turn left over the river and through the small wood. Follow the rerouted footpath to the lane which will lead you to the footbridge back over the A45 and up past Whites and continue up the hill towards Earls Barton. Look out for the kissing gate which will lead you back to Ecton in a straight line through Barton Fields. – about 6.5 mile.

Or just have a stroll round the village and through the local fields. If you walk through the churchyard please leave the gates open.

If you would like more ideas for local walks feel free to email me on nigelbond@talktalk.net.

Open Church and Churchyard maintenance

We are not going to do any organised churchyard tidying but if anyone would like to help keep the churchyard tidy please feel free to do so whenever you like.

Church Services, Events and Meetings

Due to the Coronavirus outbreak all church events and meetings have been suspended until further notice.

Please contact Revd. Jackie Buck if you need spiritual guidance or prayer. Many local and national churches are live streaming services so have a look online.

Religious TV and Radio Programmes

Sunday Worship - 8.10am on Radio 4

1.15pm Songs of Praise - BBC 1

Prayer for the Day - Daily at 5.43am on Radio 4

Daily Service - Mon to Fri at 9.45am on Radio 4 Longwave and DAB

Further resources are available at -
<https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/join-us-service-daily-prayer>

A prayer during the Coronavirus Pandemic

Keep us, good Lord,
under the shadow of your mercy
in this time of uncertainty and distress.
Sustain and support the anxious and fearful,
and lift up all who are brought low;
that we may rejoice in your comfort
knowing that nothing can separate us from your love
in Christ Jesus our Lord.
Amen.

If you are lonely whilst self-isolating -

Phone or message someone, a family member, a friend or member of the church. We are all in this together and can offer support to one another

You can, of course, call Revd. Jackie on 01933 631232. Do leave an answerphone message if she is unavailable to take your call and she will get back to you asap.

You can call Silverline (aged 55+) on 0800 4 70 80 90

Visit the website <https://www.mind.org.uk/> for ways of coping if you are self-Isolating

You can call the Samaritans free on 116 123



Rector's Letter May 2020



A candle of hope

As we enter into May we find ourselves still in lock down, many of us confined to our homes, as we continue to self-isolate and abide by the restrictions in place. Others are still having to work, putting themselves and their families in danger as they do so.

In these times we are naturally living in fear of what the future may hold for us and our families. Our health, our work, our finances, and our way of life have all been affected by the virus. However, there are signs of hope all around us. Positive things are happening as a result of the lock down, people have more time to talk, walk, listen. Acts of kindness abound, key workers are shown appreciation for their work, nature is flourishing amid the cleaner air and quieter roads.

No one yet knows when things will change and when the lock down restrictions will begin to ease, but change will come and when it does the way ahead will be clearer.

In the meantime it will help if we can stay positive and maybe take comfort in some words Jesus spoke to his friends on the evening of his resurrection. The disciples had locked themselves away in an upper room, for fear of what the future might hold for themselves and their families. When Jesus came and stood among them the first words he spoke to them were these "Peace be with you" and they are words we can claim for ourselves today.

After Jesus had met with his friends in the locked room their hope was restored and the way ahead for them became little bit clearer. May the peace of God still our hearts and minds as we continue on this uncharted road and may he bless and protect us all.

If you would like to talk to me about anything do please get in touch either by phone on 01933 631232 or email jackiebuck@hotmail.co.uk

Rev. Jackie Buck

01933 631232



In Loving Memory of
VICTOR LESTER

19th May 1930 – 2nd April 2020

Vic Lester was the eldest Ectonian, in his 90th year!

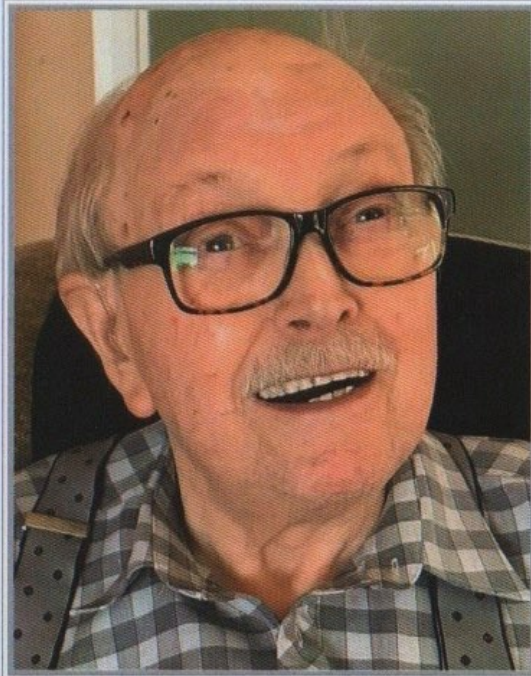
He lived his whole life on the same plot of land, except for his last 16 months in Care.

Vic met his wife Sylvia June Boyes, from Brafield in the Three Horse Shoes - 9 years later in 1965 they had their Wedding Reception in the Games Room and also, 5 years ago celebrated their 50th Anniversary there too.

Mum, myself & my brother Kevin would like to thank our amazing friends and neighbours for all our wonderful cards, messages and heartfelt tributes. Also thank you for the incredible turn out, waving Vic farewell on the Tuesday 21st in the April sunshine.

Lots of love and thanks

June, Tracey & Kevin xXXx





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Please check our Facebook page for regular updates.



Every alternate Wednesday evening, we will deliver the fortnightly virtual village quiz on Facebook and by email. First 4 quiz rounds will be posted from 7.30pm, answers at 8.30 and then the next 4 rounds followed finally by answers at 9.30.

Quiz Dates - Wednesday 6th May & Wednesday 20th May

If you want to join in by having questions sent by email, send a message to ectonquiz@outlook.com to go on the mailing list. Everyone that is already on that list will be automatically included unless you prefer otherwise, please let us know.

You mark your own answers and its up to you whether or not you post your scores. There is a mix of tough and not so tough rounds and please feel free to state afterwards what you enjoyed the most. Some steer on preferences for future quizzes would be very welcome.

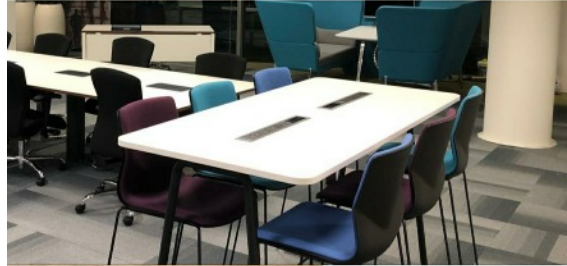
Quizzes will take place every fortnight whilst the lockdown continues. We hope it helps us be part of something, together, as a community.

Best wishes from the Nigel Bond (administrator), Bill Brophy and Alistair McCarter (question setters)

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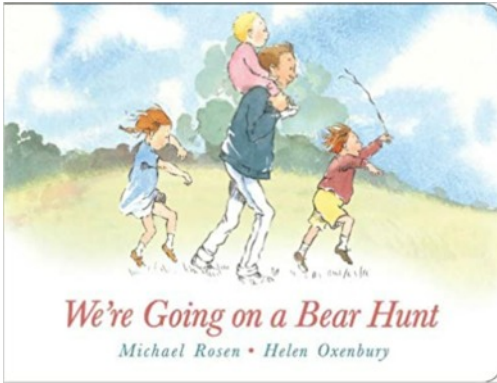
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**You may have seen Bears & Rainbows in windows in Ecton,
to keep the fun going we are swapping on Sundays.**

Cuddly Toys, Ornaments, Photos, Pictures or Drawings....

Sunday 3rd May - Unicorns or Dragons

**Folder of Pictures to colour
in Church Porch - Please take one**

Sunday 10th May - Cup Cakes

Sunday 17th May - Stars

**More ideas needed, any suitable subjects considered.
Thank you to all who have joined in so far, have fun.**

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In these strange times we knew that Easter could have been a disappointing time for the children, given there would be no public Easter egg hunts, duck races or church services.

As always Ecton Village rose to the challenge to make the best of it, by creating window displays for the children to see on their allowed daily exercise slot. Each house displayed a letter and some Easter themed decorations, at the end of the hunt the kids worked out the phrase "Have an awesome Easter, children of Ecton!" and received a goody bag.

Thanks to all that got involved and made this Easter truly special and the village magical.

Rachael Godby & Clare Griseman

VE DAY

75TH ANNIVERSARY

A SHARED MOMENT OF CELEBRATION

8 - 10 MAY 2020



Due to the current Coronavirus situation, all planned events for VE Day are postponed until further notice.

VE Day 75 celebrations - update

The latest news relating to the postponed 75th anniversary of VE Day is that the national plan is to combine the celebrations with those of VJ Day which is 15-16 August - Coronavirus outbreak permitting of course. In the meantime the organisers hope that we can all still mark the occasion on the 8th May and we thought this is something that the village can come together to do, albeit remotely!! The elements we think can be done are as follows:

1. Decorate houses/gardens with union flag bunting or whatever you are able to obtain.
2. Come out of our houses to raise a glass of whatever you are drinking at 3pm which is what is being done across the country - obviously maintaining social distancing rules (unless they have been relaxed by then)
3. Hold your own stay at home garden/tea party
4. Join in when the whole country opens it's doors and windows at 9pm to sing We'll Meet Again - keep your eyes and ears open as BBC should be broadcasting the soundtrack to sing along to at that time.

If anybody has any other great ideas how we can participate in the current restrictions please let us know, we'll put updates on the village Facebook page nearer the time.

Thanks very much

Sally Jones - 403027, Lynne Nelson - 07973 552047, Tina Samson - 07922 321400, Jacqui Beck, Jan from The Laurels, Bryan Bond or Helen Bond.

We'll meet again,
Don't know where,
Don't know when
But I know we'll meet again some sunny day

Keep smiling through,
Just like you always do
'Til the blue skies drive the dark clouds far away

So will you please say "Hello"
To the folks that I know?
Tell them I won't be long
They'll be happy to know
That as you saw me go
I was singing this song

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Ecton Allotment Association

We still have one starter plot available for anyone who would like to try allotment gardening on a smaller scale. This plot has been rotavated and is ready to be planted without any weed clearance or digging over. If anyone is interested in this plot or any of the full plots please contact either Mel Savage on 07850 842505/01604 409439 or Lynne Stuart 07919 400748

THANK YOU!

As someone who is clinically vulnerable and is therefore self-isolating I would like to thank friends for shopping on our behalf. I would also extend thanks to the EGOS Volunteer team who are helping all the Villagers who are unable to shop or to collect medication for themselves. Where would we be without you!!!

From Maurice Creed, Church View.

Ecton Odours!

From time to time we can experience strong odours.



If you detect a 'Pong' you suspect is from the Treatment Works, please report it to [Anglian Water](#) on [08457 145 145](#) once a call is logged they can deal with the problem and will report back to you.

Ecton Post Box Collection Times:

Post Box at Sunnyside:-

Monday to Friday 4:15pm and Saturday 11:15am

Post Box at The Laurels:-

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Bin Collection for May & June 2020

Friday 1 st May	Green & Brown Bin	Friday 5 th June	Black Bin
Friday 8 th May	Black Bin	Friday 12 th June	Green & Brown Bin
Friday 15 th May	Green & Brown Bin	Friday 19 th June	Black Bin
Friday 22 nd May	Black Bin	Friday 26 th June	Green & Brown Bin
Friday 29 th May	Green & Brown Bin		

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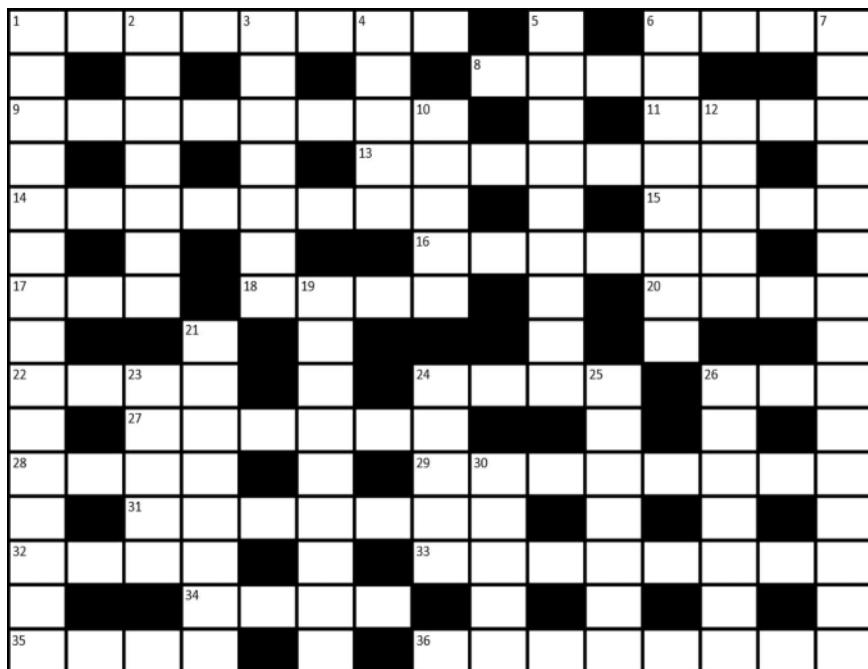
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Puzzle Page - May 2020



Clues marked * are cryptic, the rest are normal definition clues.

Across

- 1 Holiday (8)
- 6 Tip (4)
- 8 Excellent penalty * (4)
- 9 Chaotic march is a star quality * (8)
- 11 See 21D
- 13 Snake stop on road surface * (7)
- 14 Covers the surface (8)
- 15 Race around area * (4)
- 16 & Date of significant anniversary 4D this month (6,2,3)
- 17 Affirmative (3)
- 18 NaCl (4)
- 20 Small river island (4)
- 22 Edible seaweed (4)
- 24 Offspring sound like stars * (4)
- 26 Show disapproval (3)
- 27 Persist (6)
- 28 Encourage (4)
- 29 As if fear makes liaisons * (8)
- 31 Shakespeare's Moor (7)
- 32 Man-eating giant (4)
- 33 Liable to burst forth (8)

- 34 Consumes (4)
- 35 Divisible by two (4)
- 36 Pedal pushers (8)

Down

- 1 The meaning of the first two letters of the day celebrated on 16A (7,2,6)
- 2 Chest AI moves around cabins * (7)
- 3 Desserts of little value * (7)
- 4 See 16A
- 5 Worn in bed (9)
- 6 Emptied of air (8)
- 7 Bumptiousness (15)
- 10 Benefit from moving seats * (5)
- 12 Needing scratched (5)
- 19 Mishaps (9)
- 21, 30 The year of 1D (8,5,4) & 11A
- 23 Hardness (5)
- 24 Musty, least changed * (5)
- 25 Skin head on the Spanish blade * (7)
- 26 Avians are below par * (7)
- 30 See 21D



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Coronavirus Update

Following the most recent official government recommendations regarding COVID-19, we regret to inform you that Castle Theatre will be closed from Tuesday 17 March until further notice. All events, classes, screenings, shows and any other activities scheduled to take place at Castle Theatre will be suspended from this time onwards.

We understand that this decision comes as a disappointment, but ultimately we all want to protect the health and safety of our communities and we believe this is the correct decision to make.

With regards to tickets and refunds, we are dealing with each show on an individual basis in consultation with the promoters and agents and for those of you with tickets, we will be in touch as soon as possible.. Please be assured that we are working as quickly as possible to understand the implications of this closure and to put the appropriate steps in place. We respectfully ask all customers to refrain from contacting our box office team or visiting the venue.



It is currently unclear how long the theatre will need to remain closed, however we will be consulting with industry bodies and the government in the coming days and provide an update as soon as possible.

For now, we would like to thank you for your understanding and patience, and to recognise the incredible efforts and support of our producers, partners and customers over this difficult period.

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What's On in Ecton - May 2020 +

Date	Time	Event	Location
Fri 1 st May	07:00-	Green & Brown Bin Collection	-----
Fri 1 st May	10:00-12:00	Pop-Up Coffee Shop - Postponed	Ecton Village Hall
Sat 2 nd May	10:00-12:00	Tidy Churchyard - Postponed	Ecton Church
Sat 2 nd May	19:30-	Live Music - No Place Like Home - Postponed	Ecton Village Hall
Mon 4 th May	14:00-	Art Classes - Postponed	Ecton Village Hall
Mon 4 th May	18:00-	Dog Training - Postponed	Ecton Village Hall
Tues 5 th May	09:30-	Moo Music - Postponed	Ecton Village Hall
Tues 5 th May	18:00- 19:00	Dance Classes - Postponed	Ecton Village Hall
Wed 6 th May	14:00-16:00	Knit & Natter - Postponed	Ecton Church
Wed 6 th May	19:00-20:30	Bellringing - Postponed until further notice	Ecton Church
Thurs 7 th May	10:00-11:00	Paula's Well Being Pilates - Postponed	Ecton Village Hall
Thurs 7 th May	14:00-16:00	Short Mat Bowls - Postponed	Ecton Village Hall
Fri 8 th May	07:00-	Black Bin Collection	-----
Fri 15 th May	07:00-	Green & Brown Bin Collection	-----
Fri 15 th May	12:00-	Ego's - Postponed until further notice	Ecton Village Hall
Fri 22 nd May	07:00-	Black Bin Collection	-----
Fri 29 th May	07:00-	Green & Brown Bin Collection	-----
June 2020			
Fri 5 th June	07:00-	Black Bin Collection	-----
Fri 12 th June	07:00-	Green & Brown Bin Collection	-----
Fri 19 th June	07:00-	Black Bin Collection	-----
Fri 26 th June	07:00-	Green & Brown Bin Collection	-----
July 2020			
Fri 3 rd July	07:00-	Black Bin Collection	-----
Fri 10 th July	07:00-	Green & Brown Bin Collection	-----
Fri 17 th July	07:00-	Black Bin Collection	-----
Fri 24 th July	07:00-	Green & Brown Bin Collection	-----
Fri 31 st July	07:00-	Black Bin Collection	-----
August 2020			
Fri 7 th Aug	07:00-	Green & Brown Bin Collection	-----
Fri 14 th Aug	07:00-	Black Bin Collection	-----
Fri 21 st Aug	07:00-	Green & Brown Bin Collection	-----
Fri 28 th Aug	07:00-	Black Bin Collection	-----

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Footpaths, Bridleways & Byways

Footpaths  Red

Bridleways  Pink

Byways  Blue

Pathways  Grey

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