

THE ECTON VIEW

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Ecton Church Lottery

1st Prize for November Lottery: Helen Miller

Editors Note

As we go to press, we are about to play another round of unlocking a lockdown and a whole bunch of new tiers to look forward to. As this will be printed before the rules (sorry, laws) are updated, I have tried to cover all eventualities.

If we are in Tier 1 - We can look forward to seeing our friends (6 at a time) for a drink in the Three Horseshoes, followed by dinner at the TWE and things are looking up!

If we are in Tier 2 - Well, we put our winter coat on and meet up with folks outside. Still go for Dinner at the TWE and The Three Horseshoes may turn itself into a Tapas Bar with 'substantial meals' on the menu, well something like Paella and Chips.

Christmas looks like being a 5 day bender from hell then back to Lockdown III or something like it.

If we are in Tier 3 - Then its about the same as now, eat, sleep, drink wine repeat...

As usual, the Ecton View takes a break in January (if no lockdown - somewhere warm) if still locked down (then a trip to Beckworth for a 'cheap' Christmas left-over gift for 2021) either way, I hope, like me you are cheered by the amazing spirit shown by the good people of Ecton and encouraged by the news on vaccines, that will hopefully see a return to something like normal.

Big thanks to all those who donated money for a message in the Village Christmas card, when all paid up, we will have raised well over £600 profit, which will be put towards a Great Big Village Celebration for Everyone, once we are all able to meet up.

Have a Super Christmas & a Healthy and Happy 2021.

Wendy

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St Mary's Church, Ecton - Photo taken by Alistair McCarter

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Ecton Village News

ECTON - EGO's

Hello everyone, we hope you are all keeping safe and well. We have missed seeing you out and about and down at the village hall. We will keep in touch but in the meantime if you need any help please call one of us - Sally - 403027, Pat - 402582, Wendy - 07986 557773, Kathy - 404590, Denise - 07810 004051.

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 ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATION

Following the success of our starter plots earlier this year we have prepared another 3 plots which are available for next year. These plots are ideal for anyone who is new to Allotment growing and wants a smaller plot which is more manageable before possibly going on to a full plot in the future. If you are interested or have any questions please contact Mel Savage 07850842505



Ecton Walks - 2021



The aim is to get going again in the coming year, starting in February, subject to whatever restrictions we may have at the time. Initially I'll do very local walks.

A great resource if you would like to find walks is the Northamptonshire Walks website, www.northamptonshirewalks.co.uk. Here you will find dozens of walks around the county and beyond but there are a lot in our local area together with a wealth of local history.

There is also an associated Facebook Group which is a great source of up to the minute info and some fabulous photos of the locality.

I will contact our regular walkers in January with some plans for 2021. If you would like to join the email list please let me know, nigelbond@talktalk.net.



The Virtual

Ecton Village Quiz

3 Virtual Village Quizzes to look forward to in December including the **Christmas quiz** on **Wednesday the 16th**, the other dates are the **2nd and 30th December**.

The dates for **January** are **Wednesday 13th and 27th**.

Its just for fun and free. If you would like to join in by having questions sent by email, send a message to ectonquiz@outlook.com to go on the mailing list. Alternatively you can look out for the posts on Facebook from 7.30 onwards on the night. You mark your own answers and its up to you whether or not you post your scores.

We look forward to you joining us. Best wishes from the Nigel, Bill and Alistair

Christmas Wreaths and Table Centres 2020 **Profits all go to the R.O.C.K club**

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- Small £6 (1 candle), Medium £10, (2 candles)
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Feel free to state your colour or style preferences.

Contact Alistair McCarter 07914 796844

Wishing you all peace and hope
this Christmas
From All at St Mary Magdalene Church



Our service pattern will be very
different this year, please see posters
and the village Facebook page for
up to date information

Revd. Jackie Buck

jackiebuck@hotmail.co.uk 01933 631232

Christmas Services

Our service pattern will be very different this year, please see posters, the benefice website and the village Facebook page for up to date information.

The following services are planned to take place on Zoom, please contact Revd. Jackie for more information jackiebuck@hotmail.co.uk

Sunday 13th December 4pm - Christingle on Zoom

Sunday 20th December 4pm - Carol Service on Zoom

Thursday 24th December 4pm - Nativity Service on Zoom

Sunday 27th December 4pm Communion on Zoom



Rector's Letter
Dec 2020
Ecton Magazine

This year the Church of England's Christmas campaign realistically recognises that for many of us Christmas is not going to be a time of rejoicing, but a time of sadness and loss.

There is no doubt that for all of us this Christmas will be like no other. As we enter into Advent, a time of preparation for Christmas, most of us are at a loss as to how to prepare. Family traditions may not be able to take place; parties and events just can't happen and church events such as Carol services are simply not permitted.

But there are things we can do and it will be important for us to focus on what we can do, not on what we can't.

For the church that means we can worship in our homes, including joining in services on the radio, television and internet; we can worship on Zoom; we can come to church for Private Prayer (Saturdays 9.30am – 10.30am at Ecton, 11am – 12 noon at Wilby and Sundays 11am – 12 noon at Great Doddington) and hopefully we will be able to have some services in church.

To reflect this diversity of worship the Church of England's advertising features both a house and a church with the slogan "Comfort and Joy". Wherever and however we worship this year the joy of Christmas will still be with us, Jesus is still with us and God's love is with us.

May God's gift of his Son bring us both comfort and Joy as we continue through these strange and challenging times.

With God's Blessing,
Revd. Jackie Buck



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|--------------|----------------------|
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This 'Little Ditty' was sent to me, by Len Fenn, to share with you all.

WHAT IS A SENIOR CITIZEN?

A 'Senior Citizen' is one who was here before the pill, television, frozen foods, credit cards and ballpoint pens.

For us 'Time Sharing' meant togetherness, not computers, and a 'chip' meant a piece of wood.

'Hardware' meant hard wear and 'Software' was not even a word.

Teenagers never wore slacks or jeans.

We were before panty hose, drip-dry clothes, dishwashers, clothes dryers and electric blankets.

We got married first and then lived together and thought cleavage was something butchers did.

It was before batman, disposable nappies, jeeps, pizzas, instant coffee, and Kentucky fried wasn't even thought of.

In our day cigarette smoking was fashionable, 'grass' was for mowing, 'pot' was something one cooked in, a 'gay' person was the life of the party, whilst 'aids' meant beauty lotions or help for someone in trouble.

We are today's Senior Citizens, a hardy bunch, when you think of how the world has changed and the adjustments we have had to make.

HOW TO KNOW WHEN YOU ARE GETTING OLD!

Everything hurts - what doesn't hurt, doesn't work.

The gleam in your eye is the sun shining on your bifocals.

You feel like the morning after, but you haven't been anywhere.

Your children begin to look middle aged.

You join a health club, but don't go.

A dripping tap causes an uncontrollable urge.

You have all the answers but no one asks you the questions.

You look forward to a dull evening.

You need glasses to find your glasses.

You turn out the lights for economy instead of romance.

You sit in your rocking chair and can't make it go.

Your knees buckle but your belt wont.

Your back goes out more than you do.

You put your bra on back to front and it fits better.

Your house is too big and your medicine cupboard is not big enough.

You sink your teeth into a steak and they stay there.

Your birthday cake collapses from the weight of candles.

I just want to live long enough to be a problem to my kids!!



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ECTON VILLAGE GOLF DAY 2021

The annual Village Golf Day will take place on Tuesday May 25th 2021 at Overstone Park Golf Club.

As the main purpose of the day is social rather than the actual golf, if we can't safely have a meal afterwards or congregate down the Three Horseshoes later in the evening due to Covid-19 then it will be postponed until we can! Surely it will be safe by then??

Cost should be similar to 2019 – c. £20 for members at Overstone and c. £32 for non-members.

I'm not asking for a deposit yet until we are more certain of the date – I still have 2 or 3 deposits from last year – you may remember who you are!!

All who have played before are invited – please let me know if you intend to play

Guests will be welcome at the meal afterwards.

Steve Hunt

Tel 07545463721



A Good Read

As we come into winter it is a good time to find a cosy space, curl up and read a book. I thought I'd share a few titles that I have enjoyed reading.

Wilding by Isabella Tree –

An important & exciting conservation project on a family estate in Sussex. A story of hope for nature.

Diary of a Young Naturalist by Dara McAnulty –

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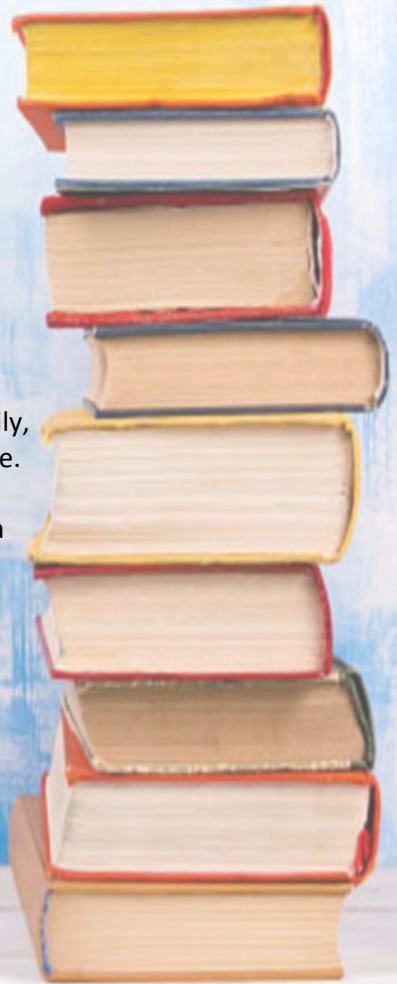
Adventures of a Yorkshire Shepherdess by Amanda Owen –

The third book by Amanda, about her amazing life and family.. Have you seen the TV programme “Our Yorkshire Farm”?

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Happy reading - Charlotte Eley



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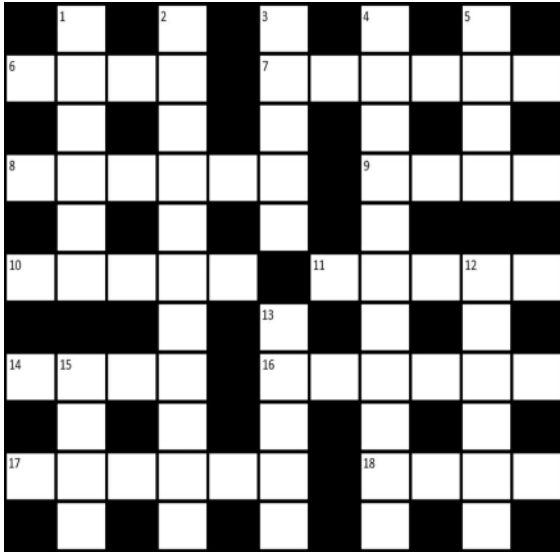
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Puzzle Page - Dec 20/Jan 21



The letters round the outside spell out a seasonal song related to you and my two front teeth. Clues marked * are cryptic, the rest are normal definition clues.

Across

- 6 Jaunt stumble * (4)
- 7 Slade's Noddy (6)
- 8 Cell currency between two points * (6)
- 9 Dried river bed (4)
- 10 Dorchester code in trouble increase * (3,2)
- 11 Ed, former MP and Strictly contestant (5)
- 14 County dressing * (4)
- 16 Most extreme (6)
- 17 Change, ie to an alteration * (6)
- 18 Space (4)

Down

- 1 Mate finder in trouble * (6)
- 2 Open air, a lot to change to get working * (11)
- 3 European river sounds like a gutter * (5)
- 4 Law charms me out of tools * (11)
- 5 Heidi loses one Scots nut * (4)
- 12 Local spelling of capital on Tagus (6)
- 13 Southern part of Palestine (5)
- 15 Absent without leave (4)

Crossword design and construction: Alistair MacRae

Bin Collection for December 2020 & January 2021

| | | | |
|--|------------------|---------------------------------|-----------|
| Friday 4 th December | Black Bin | Friday 8 th January | Green Bin |
| Friday 11 th December | Green Bin | Friday 15 th January | Black Bin |
| Friday 18 th December | Black Bin | Friday 22 nd January | Green Bin |
| Thursday 24th December | Green Bin | Friday 29 th January | Black Bin |
| Thursday 31st December | Black Bin | | |

Note:- Christmas & New Year Collection Day Changes to Thursdays

Fly-tipping in Ecton Parish
Occasionally we come across incidents of Fly-tipping along the lanes of our parish.

If you see any fly-tipped rubbish, please report it to

Wellingborough NORSE
01933 234520

as soon as a call is logged they can arrange for collection and use any evidence found to prosecute the offenders.

Ecton Post Box Collection Times:

Post Box at Sunnyside:-

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

Post Box at The Laurels:-

Monday to Friday 9:00am and
Saturday 7:00am

Ecton Odours!

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- Shopping or medication collection services.
- Home cleaning services.

Protect yourself and others:

- Don't be rushed into making a decision. If it sounds too good to be true it probably is.
- Only purchase goods from legitimate retailers and take a moment to think before parting with money or personal information.
- Don't assume everyone is genuine. It's okay to reject, refuse or ignore any requests. Only criminals will try to rush or panic you.
- If someone claims to represent a charity, ask them for ID. Be suspicious of requests for money up front. If someone attempts to pressurise you into accepting a service they are unlikely to be genuine. Check with family and friends before accepting offers of help if you are unsure.

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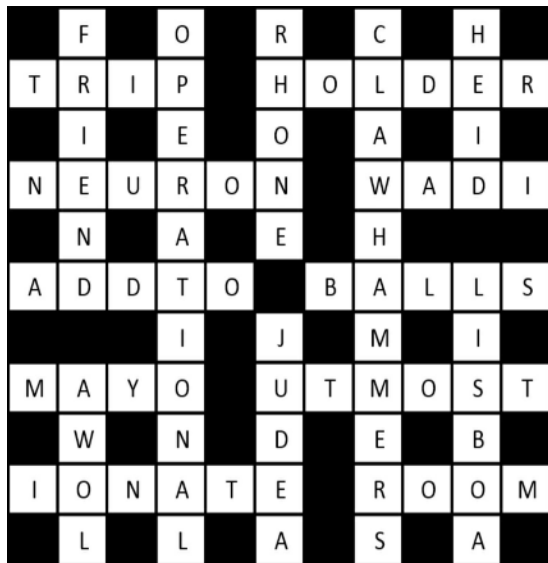
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Crossword Solution December 2020



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What's On in Ecton - December 2020/January 2021 +

| Date | Time | Event | Location |
|----------------------------------|---------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Wed 2 nd Dec | On Line | Ecton Virtual Village Quiz | ----- |
| Fri 4 th Dec | 07:00- | Black Bin Collection | ----- |
| Sat 5 th Dec | 10:00-12:00 | Tidy Churchyard - Postponed | Ecton Church |
| Fri 11 th Dec | 07:00- | Green Bin Collection | ----- |
| Wed 16 th Dec | On Line | Ecton Christmas Virtual Village Quiz | ----- |
| Fri 18 th Dec | 07:00- | Black Bin Collection | ----- |
| Thurs 24 th Dec | 07:00- | Green Bin Collection | ----- |
| Wed 30 th Dec | On Line | Ecton Virtual Village Quiz | ----- |
| Thurs 24th Dec | 07:00- | Green Bin Collection | ----- |
| Thurs 31st Dec | 07:00- | Black Bin Collection | ----- |
| Jan 2021 | | | |
| Fri 8 th Jan | 07:00- | Green Bin Collection | ----- |
| Fri 15 th Jan | 07:00- | Black Bin Collection | ----- |
| Fri 22 nd Jan | 07:00- | Green Bin Collection | ----- |
| Fri 29 th Jan | 07:00- | Black Bin Collection | ----- |
| Feb 2021 | | | |
| Fri 5 th Feb | 07:00- | Green Bin Collection | ----- |
| Fri 12 th Feb | 07:00- | Black Bin Collection | ----- |
| Fri 19 th Feb | 07:00- | Green Bin Collection | ----- |
| Fri 26 th Feb | 07:00- | Black Bin Collection | ----- |
| May 2021 | | | |
| Tues 25 th May | TBC | Ecton Village Golf Day | Overstone Golf Club |

Please wear masks, sanitise hands often, observe social distancing rules at all times.

All dates & times are subject to change - Please check details with event organisers.



First annual Ecton Advent Windows!

- ❖ Windows will be clearly visible from the street.
- ❖ Villagers are politely reminded to maintain social distancing whilst viewing Advent Windows.

| Date | Address | Date | Address |
|------|--------------------------------------|------|---|
| 1st | 30 West Street | 13th | 27 High Street |
| 2nd | 2 Barton Fields | 14th | Pear Tree Cottage, Church Way |
| 3rd | 14 Church View | 15th | The Old Barn, 46a High Street |
| 4th | 16 West Street | 16th | 35 High Street |
| 5th | 16 West Street | 17th | Walnut House, 56a High Street |
| 6th | 1 Ecton Hall – visible from gate | 18th | 14 The Courtyard |
| 7th | The School House, top of West Street | 19th | 4 Barton Fields |
| 8th | 51 High Street | 20th | 12 The Courtyard |
| 9th | 24 West Street | 21st | 31 High Street – window in the footpath to Church |
| 10th | 41b High Street | 22nd | 2 Church View |
| 11th | 32 West Street | 23rd | 48 High Street |
| 12th | 1 Church View | 24th | 34 West Street |