

THE ECTON VIEW

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Snowy Photo taken by Nigel Bond

Editors Note

As of going to press, Northamptonshire is in second place in the league table for areas that have vaccinated the most over 80's. This week should see 100% of people in that bracket having had the shot. Something to be proud of and something that is providing relief and comfort to all those at higher risk. Here at the EV, the editorial staff continue to hear of so many great stories of volunteers and friends supporting each other during this winter lockdown, if you would like to thank anyone for their support & helping to cheer us all up, then please send details to me.

You support for the Ecton Christmas card, in record numbers this time, raised £650+, all of which will go to a Big Ecton Village celebration, once we are able to meet up, drink and be merry (well less grumpy than normal in some cases)

The Refill Van will be coming to the village monthly on the last Wednesday of the month between 12 & 2. They will be using the car park behind the 3 horseshoes pub and the first visit is the 27th January. Check them out at www.refillvan.co.uk
Stay safe and warm

Wendy

Dear All,

Anglian Water are requiring to carry out sewer relining works along High Street in Ecton. To undertake this work safely will mean that the road will have to be closed in sections over the half term starting 15th February 2021 and expected to be completed by the 21st February 2021.

The overall closure and diversion can be viewed here

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Regards,

Gary Thorp, Regulations Team Leader,

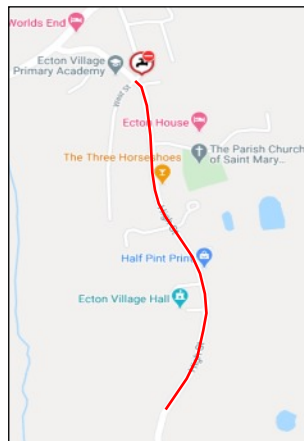
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Ecton Village News

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 1 plot which is now available. This plot is 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



Ecton Walks 2021

The aim was to get the walking group going again in February, subject to whatever restrictions we had at the time. Being in lockdown again means we can't do that for a while yet. Although we are restricted to local walks we are fortunate to have lots of footpaths nearby although some are pretty soggy at the moment. Paths around Sywell Country Park are in very good condition but it can get busy, so go early (or late).

The Northamptonshire walks website www.northamptonshirewalks.co.uk has plenty of walks listed. The associated Facebook group is a great source of up to the minute info and some fabulous photos and history of the locality. Interestingly, twelve months ago this Facebook group had 1000 members. A few days ago it passed 16,000!!

As soon as we know more about any easing of restrictions (a while yet I think) I will contact our regular walkers with some plans for this year. If you would like to join the email list please let me know, nigelbond@talktalk.net.



For goodness sake, Charles, they're doing that quiz thing in Ecton again!

If your winter evenings are lacking any challenge then why not join in with

The Ecton Village Virtual Quizzes

February dates are Wednesday 10th and 24th at 7.30. Join in via Facebook or have questions emailed to you, send a message to ectonquiz@outlook.com to go on the mailing list. You mark your own answers and its up to you whether or not you post your scores.

The Accidental Hamper

We had a Christmas hamper delivered to us in error a few days before Christmas. It took a bit of detective work, but we discovered that the sender was PDS, Print Data Solutions of Wellingborough. We contacted them to let them know, and they kindly suggested we could keep the hamper.

Well usually we would be raffling various things for fundraising at this time of year so we thanked them and let them know we would like to raffle the hamper off via a quick Facebook auction. That raised a very generous £50 and PDS said that whatever we raised they would match it, so that doubled up to £100 raised for the ROCK club (for adults with an acquired brain injury). Plus, the winning bidder then donated the hamper to an Ecton resident that had just learned that all their Christmas plans to be with their family would not be possible.

It didn't end there, PDS asked if we would like to be the recipients of their monthly charity donation of £250 for January, boosting the net benefit of the accidental hamper to £350.

All this Christmas goodwill added to the total of £979 raised by selling wreaths and table centres, making a grand total of £1,329 for the ROCK club. So thank you very much Ectonites and PDS for adding a very generous total to our funds for when we can eventually start planning activities.

Take care – Alistair McCarter

Wellbeing

I hope many of you managed to do the RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch at the end of January and that it helped towards a sense of wellbeing. I also hope that you are able to get out into nature either by going for a walk, being in the garden or even looking out of the window. There is so much to see if you look closely, especially now as early spring flowers are starting to unfurl. The birds are starting to sing and you can see the still tight buds on trees and shrubs. If you look regularly you will see small changes happening and nature becomes your teacher. You'll also get a buzz from telling others what you have seen and listening to their experiences too!

Charlotte Eley



Update on Church Services

As you will know, due to the increase in Covid-19 cases, the decision has once again been taken to close the church for Private Prayer and services of worship. This decision will be reviewed at the end of Lockdown.

In the meantime we continue to worship on Zoom every Sunday at 4pm and also regularly hold Coffee Mornings and Study Groups on Zoom. If you need any resources to help you to pray, worship or study, or just want to have a chat, please do contact me.

Revd. Jackie Buck

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Rector's Letter February 2021



Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. John 14:27

As we continue through this third lockdown it is really important we take care of ourselves, physically, emotionally and spiritually. For a long time medical professionals have recognised how these three aspects of our lives interact with each other, with each dimension contributing to our overall wellbeing. A wellbeing which, when taken good care of, can lead to a deep sense of inner peace, even amid troubled times.

Intentionally finding a quiet place to sit for a few minutes every day, can help us find that peace. Physically we slow our bodies down; emotionally our minds can begin to process things more clearly and spiritually we can come into God's presence and pray.

With our churches closed once more people are needing to find spiritual nourishment more so at home or outside. If you need any guidance on prayer and worship at home then please do get in touch. This prayer may also be of help:

Yours in Christ,
Revd. Jackie Buck



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Many thanks to all who helped and supported our (hastily arranged) litter pick along the A4500 towards Ecton Brook on Friday, we collected a huge amount of litter, some of which had been hidden in the hedgerow for over 25 years! This has risen to the surface following the council recently cutting back the verge and hedgerow. Special thanks to Ian, Anne, Carol, Anne, Alex, & Raechel, along with Pat, Maggie, Sally Romain and the Northants Litter Wombles.

Between us we completed the entire eastbound side and dragged everything out of the Farmers gateway, ready to be collected, on the westbound side. NORSE have agreed to collect as soon as possible and now the worst has been removed we can keep it clear with a small band of volunteers. If you would like to adopt a stretch of verge to keep clear, please let me know and we can coordinated a plan.



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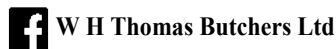
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Tues - Fri	10:00 to 21:00
Saturday	08:00 to 17:00
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Copy of Letter to Editor - Chronicle and Echo

Dear Editor,

We face hazardous environmental conditions on our site in Ecton Lane. The conditions faced by residents of the traveller site are also a problem for people in Ecton Village and the residents of Billing Aquadrome. Let me explain what they are.

Mick George has a waste disposal site opposite our site that extends down to the village. We get a lot of dust pollution from the site. There has been no air quality monitoring and so we don't know how toxic the dust is. What we do know is that it affects our health. We have to deal with the dust on our vehicles and in our homes. Children who have eczema and asthma are very badly affected.

Vehicle movements affect us as well, with noise and reverberations disturbing us in our homes.

This company has recently built a huge extension for which they did not and do not have planning permission. It is like an aeroplane hangar. They have created dirt mountains and concrete mountains that are adding to the air pollution. Depending on which way the wind blows, the dust affects either the Aquadrome or the village. It affects us all the time. Mick George is considering putting in a second access point, so clearly, vehicle movements noise and pollution will increase.

I have written in to object. So have our neighbours in the village. We are supported in our campaign for cleaner air by Cllr. Stone. Cllr. Stone has called in the retrospective planning application. I am hoping we are able to talk to the committee and explain how damaging the extension is to the environment, to local wildlife and to the village, to the Aquadrome and to us.

Yours

Sheryl Hadland
Ecton Park

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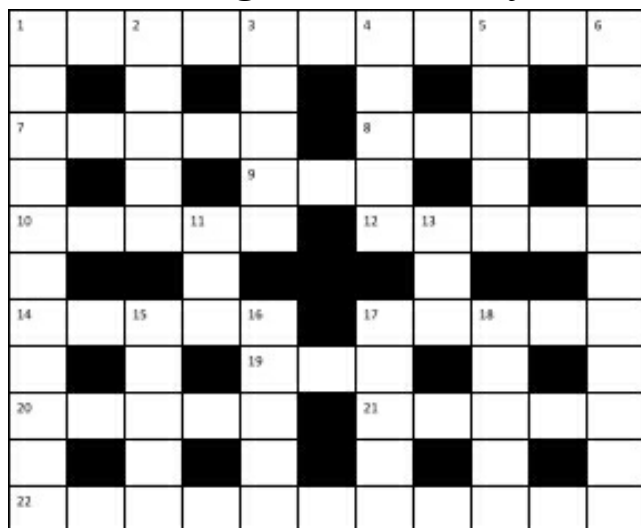


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Puzzle Page - February 2021



Clues marked * are cryptic and related to 1 across.

Across

- 1 Often made at New Year (11)
- 7 South fortified wine.
Enjoy more _____ * (5)
- 8 Musical direction to play softly (5)
- 9 Old Testament priest who raised Samuel (3)
- 10 Change tides.
Go on _____ * (5)
- 12 Doctor in kilo.
_____ less * (5)
- 14 Abbreviation for nitroglycerin (5)
- 17 Bear that is the largest land carnivore (5)
- 19 I follow bachelor of medicine.
Lower _____ * (1,1,1)
- 20 Abbreviation for introduction (5)
- 21 Express gratitude (5)
- 22 Novel by George Eliot (5,6)

Down

- 1 Regular concerts by bands at a venue (11)
- 2 A thousand in Peterborough area. _____ less * (5)
- 3 Forerunners of the guitar (5)
- 4 Slightly warm (5)
- 5 Animal also known as a Forest Giraffe (5)
- 6 Trader of shares on behalf of clients (11)
- 11 Rocky outcrop, notably on Dartmoor (3)
- 13 Spanish for river (3)
- 15 Sum (5)
- 16 Double reed instruments (5)
- 17 Flat hollow slightly leavened bread (5)
- 18 Lean right in.
_____ a new language * (5)

Apologies for the mistake in the last crossword. 14 across should have been a word starting with W to complete the outer sentence.

Crossword design and construction: Alistair MacRae

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

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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.

Bin Collection for February & March 2021

Friday 5 th February	Green Bin	Friday 5 th March	Green Bin & Brown
Friday 12 th February	Black Bin	Friday 12 th March	Black Bin
Friday 19 th February	Green Bin	Friday 19 th March	Green Bin & Brown
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Note:- First Brown Bin Collection - Friday 5th March 2021

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Sat 6 th Feb	10:00-12:00	Tidy Churchyard - Postponed	Ecton Church
Wed 10 th Feb	On Line	Ecton Virtual Village Quiz	-----
Fri 12 th Feb	07:00-	Black Bin Collection	-----
Fri 19 th Feb	07:00-	Green Bin Collection	-----
Wed 24 th Feb	On Line	Ecton Virtual Village Quiz	-----
Fri 26 th Feb	07:00-	Black Bin Collection	-----
Feb 2021			
Fri 5th March	07:00-	Green & First Brown Bin Collection	-----
Fri 12 th March	07:00-	Black Bin Collection	-----
Fri 19 th March	07:00-	Green & Brown Bin Collection	-----
Fri 26 th March	07:00-	Black Bin Collection	-----
May 2021			
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