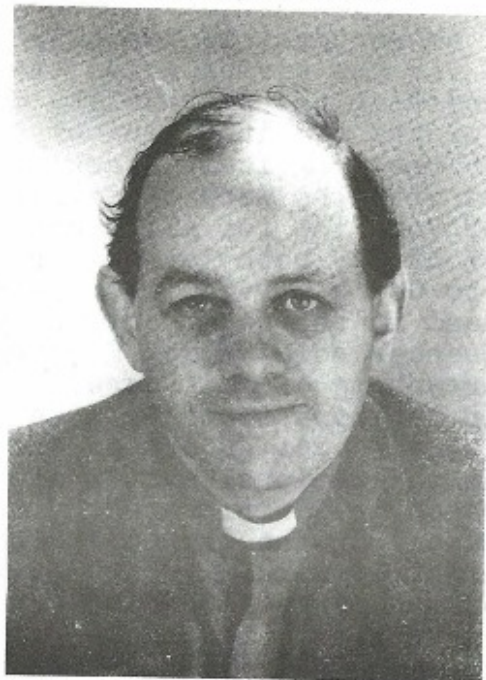


# ECTON CHURCH AND VILLAGE NEWS





FROM THE  
RECTOR'S STUDY



**APRIL 1989**

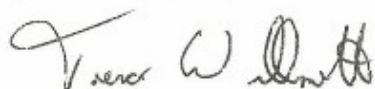
What does the Rector do when he's not being the Rector or Warden of Ecton House ? No, this is not an invitation to send in your answers or to comment on how you think I should spend my time! but rather a chance to talk about one of my Diocesan responsibilities. In 1986 I was appointed Diocesan Director of Ordinands by the Bishop, so for the first time since Ecton House was opened, the Rector/Warden is not tied solely to the village. My frequent absences away on D.D.O. work may therefore need some explanation.

As D.D.O, I am responsible directly to the Bishops for the advice which they receive concerning the suitability of men and women for the ordained ministry. But coupled with that particular task, I am also charged with the work of raising an awareness of vocation for all church members. All of us, both lay and ordained are called to God's service, both within the church and in the wider community. Hence my absences some Sunday mornings and evenings, preaching in the Diocese about ministry. In the more specific area of ordination, I also act as one of the selectors in the national system of selection which is administered by the Advisory Council on the Church's Ministry. This is a highly rewarding, but demanding, piece of work as we seek to discover God's will for a person. In the Diocese of Peterborough I oversee the preparatory work which needs to be done before a candidate is sponsored to such a conference, and also look after all our candidates after selection. This entails annual visits to all the 14 residential theological colleges and to the non residential training courses which we use. At the moment, we are experiencing the largest number of enquiries about ordination for the past ten years.

At the initial stage, each candidate takes up about ten hours of work before becoming part of our own pre-selection process. For the future, I am organising two large vocation forums to be held in Northampton and Peterborough, in which I shall be trying to help more people to talk about their vocations and possible ministries. As part of my D.D.O. work I was greatly honoured at the end of last year to be asked by the Archbishop of

Canterbury and York to be their representative on the governing body of the Queen's College, Birmingham -- hence my absence from the last Lent Lunch, taking part in the appointment of a new member of staff for the college.

I'm conscious that the word 'absence' has occurred too often in this letter, because in reality, I don't think that I am 'away' from Ecton. If the Church is to have ordained clergy, then the work of every D.D.O. is vital, in fostering such vocations and in advising the Bishop about possible candidates. My own work is 'rooted' in the life of Ecton and I am conscious that without the prayers of the parish I would not be able to fulfill these additional responsibilities. So please remember in your prayers all those who are thinking about and preparing for Ordination, and, for their sake, pray also for the D.D.O.



**RECTOR**

#### CHATTERING CLASS

A London prep school headmaster tells me of a current affairs class this week. "Can anyone think of a reason women should not become bishops?" he asked. A seven-year-old piped up: "Yes sir. There would be too much gossip."

# Action Aid

Routine at home and at work can all too easily push you into a rut where you end up eating the same things week in and week out. Not if you came to the Gambia Supper. It was different ! We have even been asked for the recipe. It was a most enjoyable evening and also a very profitable one.

Thanks to Trevor for the loan of Ecton House and all its equipment. Thanks also to Daily Bread who very generously provided all the food.

We raised £716. The money will go to the Tilaknagar Children's Centre which serves three densely populated slums. Monthly family income £12. T.C.C. seeks to meet the needs of children who do not have jobs or attend school.

The school takes up to 30 pupils and costs amount to £200 per year for each child which pays for daily needs, two sets of clothing, medicines and weekly health checks, learning and teaching materials, staff wages, rent, electricity and maintenance and administrative expenses.

Many thanks to all who helped both on the night and the preceding days and all who gave so generously to make it a most successful evening.

Pat Baylis.

# MUMS & TOTS

## ROTA FOR APRIL

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- 6th Janet Lennon
- 13th Joy Day
- 20th Janet Scriven
- 27th Janet Stock

## MAY

- 4th Margaret Willmott

Mums and Tots meet in the Rectory Room at Ecton House on Thursday afternoons from 2.00 --3.30pm.

We welcome all mothers with children under school age.

## Sacristans Rota

### APRIL

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- 1st Mrs Wilson & Mrs Willmott (B)
- 8th -----do----- (A)
- 15th Mr & Mrs Murdin (B)
- 22nd -----do----- (A)
- 29th Mrs Treloar & Miss Gleave (B)

### MAY

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- 6th Mrs Baylis & Mrs Stears (A)

# From The Registers

## BAPTISMS

### MARCH

5th David Peter Topham  
5th Rhiannon Sarah Firth  
12th Michael Logan Kidd

## FUNERALS

### MARCH

9th Harry Ernest Welch

# From The Collection Plate

## FEBRUARY

19th	£238.10
26th	£178.61

## MARCH

5th	£268.75
12th	£179.35



## GOSPEL TRUTH

Notice in London secondhand bookshop:  
"Leatherbound books £5 each. Never  
mind the content--impress the vicar!"

# Ecton Fellowship

Our April meeting is on Tuesday 11th April at 2.30pm in the Rectory Room when our speaker will be Mr Paul Hollowell who will be talking about his work as a Funeral Director. All ladies are welcome to join us.

Our March outing to the Nene College School of Catering was very successful and we all came away well fed and clutching bags of Hot Cross Buns and Easter Cakes.

Margaret Willmott.

## Friends of Ecton School

Thankyou to everyone who supported our Entertainments Evening, also to everyone who helped and donated towards it.

The money made at the evening will enable us to purchase the Computer for the Infant Class.

The winners for our monthly draw are as follows:

January	Mrs.C.Durman	£10
February	Mrs.J.Vail	£10

## *Over 60's Club*

There are two meetings this month, the A.G.M. is on Monday 3rd April, the other on 24th April. Please note there is three weeks between these meetings.

The last date for names and payment for the Hampton trip is Monday 8th May.

Whist Drive, Thursday 13th April  
Commence 7.30pm in Rectory Room.

Edna Welch.

Dear Friends,

My family and I wish to thank you all for the many cards, letters, and flowers you have sent me, it has been a comfort to know your thoughts and prayers were with us. Thanks also for your presence in church, floral tributes and donations to Motor Neurone Association.

A special thank you to those who have given much practical help these last months, Harry and I have been so grateful.

God Bless you all,

Edna Welch.

ECTON YOUTH CLUB FROM D. BRAY

It seems very strange to be writing about forthcoming Youth Club events knowing that Harry will no longer be involved in them, Harry's death will be a great loss to the youth club, he worked tirelessly and sincerely both as chairman, committee member and caretaker to ensure that the youth club would always be there for the benefit of ECTON YOUTH, he not only helped to supervise club evenings but helped with work in and around the club building, right-up until January when even though he was not feeling too well, he kept a watchful eye on the interior decorating which was going on at that time.

Because of Harry's hard work we must continue to make sure that the youth club building is kept going, and to do that we need your support for our events.

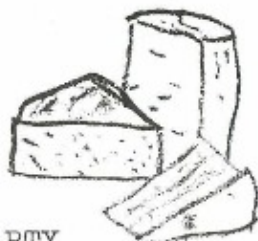
We would like to thank Freda Richards, Millie Harlott, Denise Langley, and Marie Tinkler for making the new curtains for the clubroom, putting the finishing touch to redecoration.

The Lunch Club for April will be on the 19th everyone welcome.

The Senior Club continues to meet on Tuesday nights at 8'0'clock, where snooker, pool, darts, table tennis, cards, scrabble etc is available there is a small charge of 50p which includes refreshment.

The Youth Club A.G.M. will take place in the clubroom on Thursday 20th April at 7.30pm your support would be appreciated.

Any inquiries concerning the Youth Club to me on Northampton 812265.



A  
WINE AND CHEESE PARTY  
to be held at  
63 WEST STREET  
on

FRIDAY 5th MAY at 8.0pm

RAFFLE                      TICKETS    £2

In aid of a holiday for deprived  
children in Northampton.



## *Sheila Ingram Writes*

You may remember that I wrote a small series of articles last year in the run up to the Festival under the heading 'Something for Nothing'.

One of the most enjoyable occasions that stemmed from the series was a Coffee and Cake morning held in our garden during late May.

We raised over £150 by selling homemade cakes and hundreds of plants and seedlings grown by many of you.

It seemed such a happy event that we've decided to do it again ! We haven't settled on a date as yet, but in the meantime please start to sow a few extra seeds and take extra cuttings so that in the May Magazine we can invite you round to our house for Coffee and Cake.

### **Coffee Rota**

#### APRIL

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- 2nd Audrey Treloar & Ingrid  
Cartwright
- 9th Millie & Dora
- 16th Kathy & Zara
- 23rd Alice & Wynne
- 30th Celia & Howard Carter

#### MAY

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- 7th Nick & Mary Green

ECTON CHURCH DIRECTORY

RECTOR	The Reverend Trevor Willmott 32 West Street, ECTON NN6 0QF Tel: Northampton 416322
CHURCHWARDENS	Mr David Dicks Field House, West Street ECTON Tel: Northampton 407145
	Mr Henry Pinney 91 Henshaw Road WELLINGBOROUGH Tel: Wellingborough 77021
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Treasurer	Mr J Strange Silver Howe Barton Fields, ECTON Tel: Northampton 409306
Stewardship Recorder	Miss M Gleave 19 Church View, ECTON Tel: Northampton 407889
Electoral Roll Officer	Mrs Mary Dicks Field House, West Street ECTON Tel: Northampton 407145
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Magazine Distributor	Mrs P Baylis 34 West Street, ECTON Tel: Northampton 407707

## *Up The Garden Path*

By the way, if you tried our method of over wintering Fuchsias by burying them, now is the time to dig them up. They do look rather sad, but be ruthless. Give them a good wash and remove all leaves and soil from the rootball. With clean sharp secateurs prune back the roots, so that a plant that had previously been housed in a 5½ inch pot will now fit into a 3½ inch pot. Pot it up in a good peaty soilless compost. A crock pot with plenty of drainage is best. Tap the pot down finally to settle the roots in the compost. Never use more than gentle pressure. Now spray the branches with a fine spray of tepid water. Again harden your heart. Fuchsias only flower on this years new growth, so prune the stems back to within an inch of each joint. Your plant should only be about two inches above the compost by now.

Do not over water from now on, but spray the stems to encourage new growth each day. Once you get the new shoots appearing begin to plan the shape of your plant. By pinching out the shoots every second pair of leaves you will achieve a wonderful bushy plant with several hundred blooms and not a spindly creature with a couple of flowers at the end of a long stem of leaves. As the plant begins to grow, knock it out of the pot from time to time and once the roots are filling the pot vigourously, pot it on into the next size pot. Only one sixe on at a time remember, you need to force it to make growth.

Fuchsias will flower almost six weeks to the day after you last stop them, this will allow you to plan their flowering, but like you they need food to be at their best. Use a fertiliser with a high nitrogen content during the early growth stages changing to one with a high potash content when the plants begin to bud and flower. You will not be able to overfeed the plants even if you have a weak feed in all the water because what the plant doesnt need just runs out of the drainage hole !

Happy Growing !

READERS

**Rota**

APRIL

2nd	Alice Adams
9th	Paul Gilbert
16th	Nick Green
23rd	John Strange
30th	Mark

MAY

7th	Charles Ward
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COPY FOR THE MAY MAGAZINE

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Should be delivered to Ecton House  
by 16th April.

Enquiries :- Tel. Northampton 407888



## *Women's Institute*

"Liquid Embroidery" was the intriguing title announced when Mrs Lena Fusco stepped in at short notice to address the March meeting in place of the advertised speaker who was indisposed. Lena, a member of Ecton WI, demonstrated her unusual hobby of painting on cloth and brought along samplers for everyone to have a go.

Several were enthused by the apparent speed and ease with which motifs could be filled in using the paint tubes with biro-like tips. However, Lena's show of completed floral table cloths with their striking designs and delicate colour shadings revealed the skills required to successfully paint on cloth.

Competition points for the prettiest wrapped gift were awarded to Carol Jones, Paddy Macquire and Sylvia Johnson. The attractive competition plate which is awarded annually was presented to Millie Harlott at the Birthday Dinner held in Ecton House on the 22nd of February. On that occasion, after a superb dinner the ladies relaxed while Barbara and Friends sang - and at times danced - a delightful medley of songs from the shows, all to a sparkling piano accompaniment.

On 4th April Mrs K Osborne will speak on "Mobile Movies" and members are invited to bring along a "Funny Cruet Set" to the competition table.

CAROL JONES

# Rector's Notes

## ADVANCE NOTICE

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The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will take place on Friday April 14th. The meeting enables us to both look back at our year's activities and to lay some plans for the future. There will be a celebration of Holy Communion at 7.0pm to be followed by a Fish and Chip Supper and the Meeting. If you'd like to come to the supper, please add your name to the list in Church. The A.P.C.M. will begin at approx 8.30pm. Nominations for the election of one churchwarden may be made on the sheet in the church; Henry Pinney will be confirmed in office, and the new warden will serve for a maximum of five years. A reminder that only those whose names are on the electoral roll can elect or stand for office. Elections for P.C.C. and sidesmen's rota will also take place during the course of the A.P.C.M.

## APRIL

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## Cleaning Rota

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| 1st  | Mrs Robinson & Mrs Haycox                    | (R) |
| 8th  | Mrs.L.Johnson & Mrs Richards                 | (L) |
| 15th | Mrs.A.Johnson, Mrs Rands &<br>Mrs.W.Johnson. | (R) |
| 22nd | Alice & Wynne                                | (L) |
| 29th | Mrs Dicks & Mrs Cartwright                   | (R) |

## MAY

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| 6th | Mrs Harlott & Mrs Wright | (L) |
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# ECTON VILLAGE PLAYGROUP

It is hard to believe that our Playgroup has been open now for nearly four years. Many children and mums have enjoyed and benefitted from our Playgroup. This month we say goodbye to Yvonne Miller. Yvonne has worked with love and dedication as our leader. Last year she attended the P.P.A. foundation course and she has been involved with the P.P.A. throughout Northamptonshire. We will all miss her and give her our thanks for all her hard work.

Audrey Fox and Carol Glover replace Yvonne as leader and deputy leader and we hope they will be very happy with us.

We have vacancies for next term and September for children of 2½ years and over. We meet on Tuesday and Friday each week from 9.30am to 12.00 noon. The village has a good bus service and we welcome children from outside the village.

If you are interested please contact me on Northampton 410658.

Jan Lennon.

APRIL

Sunday	2	<u>1st SUNDAY AFTER EASTER</u> 9.30am Parish Communion & Parade Service 1 Peter 1. 3-9 John 20. 19-29 6.0pm Evensong
Monday	3	Over 60's Club A.G.M. 8.0pm Cricket Club
Tuesday	4	7.30pm W.I.
Thursday	6	9.30am Holy Communion
Sunday	9	<u>2nd SUNDAY AFTER EASTER</u> 9.30am Parish Communion Revelations 19. 6-9 Luke 24. 13-35 6.0pm Evensong
Tuesday	11	2.30pm Ecton Fellowship
Thursday	13	9.30am Holy Communion
Friday	14	7.0pm Holy Communion 7.30pm Supper & Annual Parochial 8.30pm Church Meeting
Saturday	15	3.30pm Wedding
Sunday	16	<u>3rd SUNDAY AFTER EASTER</u> 9.30am Parish Communion



MAY

Monday 1 Over 60's  
Tuesday 2 7.30pm W.I.  
Thursday 4 ASCENSION DAY  
8.0pm Holy Communion  
Sunday 7 SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION  
9.30am Parish Communion &  
Parade Service  
Ephesians 1. 15 to end  
Luke 24. 45 to end  
6.0pm Evensong

OPERATION SPRING-CLEAN

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Operation Spring Clean is your opportunity to help make our village a more attractive place. At the moment of course the village is full of mud and cables and new tarmac.....

However the first phase of the undergrounding of cables will soon be complete and Operation Spring Clean is our chance to generally tidy up the village and its surrounds.

It will take place on Saturday 22nd April from 10.00am. Lunch will be provided.

Meet outside the church.

Come armed with suitable implements!!!

PARISH AND VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS

Parish Council	<u>Chairman</u>	Mr J E Beesley Tel: Northampton 810577
Ecton Primary School	<u>Headmaster</u>	Mr D Lennon Tel: Northampton 409213
Children's Church	<u>Contact</u>	Mrs T Main Tel: Northampton 405322 Every Sunday (except Parade Service Sunday) 9.30 a.m in Rectory Room
Ecton Fellowship	<u>Contact</u>	Mrs M Willmott Tel: Northampton 406442 2nd Tuesday in month 2.45 p.m in Rectory Room
Ecton W.I	<u>Contact</u>	Mrs G Harlott Tel: Northampton 405938 1st Tuesday in month 7.30 p.m in Rectory Room
Over 60's	<u>Contact</u>	Mrs E Welch Tel: Northampton 406163 Twice monthly on Monday's 2.30 p.m in Rectory Room
Youth Club & Senior Club	<u>Contact</u>	Mrs D Bray Tel: Northampton 812265 Y.C Monday 7.00-9.30 p.m S.C Tuesday 8.00 p.m at Club Hall, High Street, Ecton
Mums & Tots	<u>Contact</u>	Mrs J Lennon Tel: Northampton 410658 Every Thursday 2.30-4.00 p.m in Rectory Room
Playgroup	<u>Contact</u>	Mrs J Lennon Tel: Northampton 410658 Tuesday & Friday 9.15-11.45 a.m at Youth Club Hall, High Street, Ecton
Cricket Club	<u>Secretary</u>	Mr J Collip Tel: Northampton 405688
Brownies	<u>Contact</u>	Mrs T Fuller Tel: Northampton 403137
Bell Ringers	<u>Contact</u>	Mrs M Strange Tel: Northampton 409306

