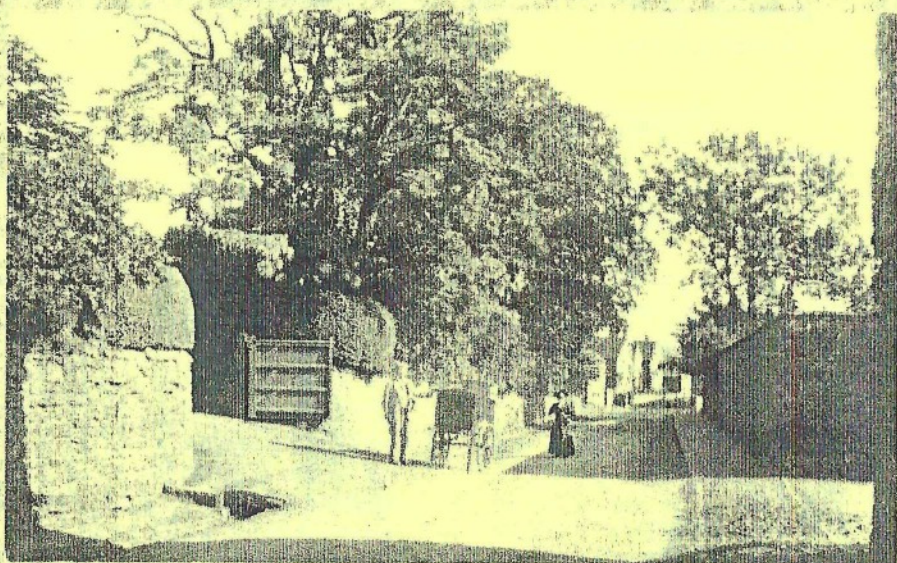


Ecton Parish Magazine



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*'When April blows his horn
Tis good for both hay & corn'*

Church Directory

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2nd Tuesday in month
2.30pm Village Hall

Cricket Club

Captain: Steve Wheatman
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Most Wednesdays
2—4pm Village Hall

Short Mat Bowls

Contact: Maurice Creed
Tel: 01604 407864

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Chairman: David Dicks
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Pre-School

Mon, Tue, Thurs, Fri,
9.15—11.15am
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7—9 Village Hall

Editor's Ramblings.

Many thanks for taking part in the quiz, answers to last months quiz appear at the bottom of page 16 . The winner with 19 correct answers was Pauline Charles. There is another quiz for you to have a go at (its very hard) with a bottle of wine being awarded to the winner.

The Picture below is of my son Liam (on the right) and his friend Chris who are running in the London Marathon this year. They are running for the National Osteoporosis Society as 'LEAN & MEAN' , more can be found on their website -www.justgiving.com/leanandmean. We have two more marathon runners in the village, Alan and Nathan who are running for WISH and I am sure they would all be pleased to receive sponsorship for their particular charity.



This month also sees the start of the Cricket season with Ectons first match at Home against Mears Ashby on the 25th. Full report next month.

On Page 18 Lofty shares his knowledge of the countryside. Pictures from the Daffodil walk can be found on Page 13 and the Safari Supper on page 17. A special thank

you to David and Mary Dicks and their helpers for an excellent Safari Supper.

Letter to the editor

I was pleased to see the picture of the High Street on the front cover. I was born in the house on the north side of Blacksmiths Yard. This is now the garden of 14 High Street. I have no memories of this house as we moved when I was two to No. 2 Blacksmiths Yard: a three storey house. Sadly neither of the houses is standing today.

Brian Saunders

Copy for May magazine to

Colin Tinston, Rectory Farm House, High Street
navigator@ectonvillage.co.uk
 By 18th April

Whenever people agree with me I always feel I must be wrong

Jenny's Page



Dear Friends

The following article was published anonymously as a newspaper advert.

He was born in an obscure village, the child of a peasant woman. He grew up in yet another village, where he worked in a carpenter's shop until he was thirty. Then for three years he was an itinerant preacher.

He never wrote a book. He never held an office. He never had a family or owned a house. He didn't go to college. He never travelled more than 200 miles from the place where he was born. He did none of the things one usually associates with greatness. He had no credentials but himself.

He was only thirty-three when the tide of public opinion turned against him. His friends ran away. He was nailed to a cross between two thieves. While he was dying, his executioners gambled for his clothing, the only property he had on earth.

Twenty centuries have come and gone and today he is the central figure of the human race. All the armies that ever marched, all the navies that ever sailed, all the parliaments that ever sat, all the kings that ever reigned, put together, have not affected the life of man on this earth as much as that one solitary life. (Copyright J John & Mark Stibbe)

During the Passover supper, Jesus washed his disciple's feet to teach them about humility. He told them, "You do not now know what I am doing, but you will know later". It wasn't until the third day after his death, when the tomb was found to be empty, that they began to understand. He was risen from the dead and all that he had taught them began to make sense! They were the ones who first handed down the message of salvation which we still celebrate every week in the Christian Church.

Alleluia Christ is risen. He is risen indeed, Alleluia! Happy Easter

Love and prayers

Jenny

Family Service - Good Friday, 8th April at 10.30a.m. followed by Hot Cross Buns.

All are welcome.

SIDESPERSONS

		Morning	Evening
April	4th	Brian & Sylvia Saunders	Sylvia Saunders & Marian Gleave
	11th	Angela & Jim Crabtree	
	18th	Walter Barty & John Parkin	Geoff Harlott & Joy Wilson
	25th	David Dicks & Alice Adams	
May	2nd	Ken Jones & Nick Greene	Sylvia Saunders & Marian Gleave

CHURCH CLEANING ROTA

April	3rd	Blue	B
	10th	Green	A
	17th	Orange	B
	24th	Red	A
May	1st	Purple	B

Brass Cleaning

April	Simpson Family
May	Ingrid & Barbata

COFFEE ROTA

April	4th	Jean Leigh & Joy Wilson
	11th	Dorothy Creed & Fiona Major
	18th	Pat Bayliss & Christine Murray
	25th	Nick & Mary Greene
May	2nd	Millie Harlott

Church Lottery February

1st Prize.....	M. Soames
2nd Prize.....	T & J Jones
3rd Prize.....	Rodney Ingram
4th Prize.....	Tony Green
5th Prize.....	Sue Collins
6th Prize.....	Brenda Foster

First Prize £42.50 subsequent prizes £8.50

Anyone wishing to join the lottery ring Angela - 404777

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting (edited)—19th January 2004 at 7pm

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Present:- Mr. D.C. Dicks (Chairman), Dr. A. Bantock, Mr. J. Crabtree, Mr. M. Creed, Mr. T. Green, Mrs. K. Humphreys, Mrs. S. Ingram, Mr. T. Moffett

In attendance:- Mr. C. Palmer, District Councillor

01/04 Apologies for non attendance from Mr. B. Wilson

02/04 Minutes of the meeting held on the 17th November 2003 as previously circulated, were read, confirmed and signed.

03/04 **Matters Arising**

Sywell Airport

Agreed that March Helicopters be asked to remind their Pilots not to fly over neighbouring Villages.

Reported that a new application had been submitted for extending the Hotel.

Lower Ecton Lane

The Parish Council noted that a joint meeting had been held with representatives of the Police, N.C.C., N.B.C., and W.B.C. One item agreed was the erection of fly tipping signs.

A clean up operation had been undertaken which had include all the ditches and hedgerows.

Agreed Clerk write to Anglian Water asking them to trim and lower the hedgerows on land in their ownership.

A request had been submitted for a new HGV sign.

Bus Shelter—South side of A4500

Still no response from the County Council—Clerk to pursue.

New Bus Shelter—North side of A4500

Clerk advised that the County Council have stated that various undertakings will need to be given before approval can be given for the re-siting of the bus shelter—this includes submitting a planning application.

The Clerk has raised a number of issues with the County Council, to which a reponse is still waited.

Wilby Trees

Clerk reported that no response had been received. Clerk to write again to the Enforcement officer at W.B.C. regarding the volume of shredded waste on site.

Wellingborough Council—Notice of events

In a letter from W.B.C. they accepted comments on the need for adequate notice for events and apologise for any problems that had been encountered.

04/04 **Police Matters**

The Parish Council welcomed PC Peter Leonard to the meeting

PC Leonard explained that he had responsibility for 5/6 parishes to which he had to divide his time on equal basis.

PC Leonard informed the meeting that the crime figures for December were 9

The travellers had been removed from the Road Chef site.

The Council noted the contents of a letter from Chief Superintendant Andy Andy Dickson in which he outlined the proposed changes in the structuring of Police.

The Parish Council again expressed concern at the lack of Police presence in the village and expressed the hope that following the re-structure there will be a greater Police cover in Ecton.

05/04 Street Lighting

Mrs Humphreys reported that 3 lights were in need of repairing, 12, 13, and 17 but she was experiencing difficulty in contacting ABB services.

Clerk confirmed he would ring Mrs. Humphreys with ABB number.

06/04 Highway Matters

Traffic Calming

Mrs. Humphreys, Mrs Ingram and Dr. Bantock had met with Susan Mills from the County Council on site to discuss traffic calming.

Miss. Mills appeared to be sympathetic to the problems in the village and noted the high volume of traffic movements, however due to the lack of funds could not promise to resolve any of the major problems.

Miss. Mills agreed to produce a feasibility study for traffic calming and maybe some small works could be undertaken.

Northampton Road

Concern was expressed that only one of the three access steps was legal, the other two being erected by persons unknown.

As the steps are on W.B.C. land, the Clerk was asked to raise this with them and seek clarification as to what would happen if an accident happened on the illegal steps.

W.B.C. also be advised at the lack of access for the less able and to confirm what action they intend to take to rectify the matter.

Speed Boards

Mr. Green informed the Council that the speed boards had been ordered and he will arrange for them to be displayed.

07/04 Town & County Planning

N.C.C. has agreed to abandon the above review.

The reason that the Government is to change the planning system with effect from July 1st 2004. This will result in the abolition of structure and local plans in favour of statutory Regional Spatial Strategies prepared by regional planning bodies and Local Development Documents by District Councils.

08/04 Ecton Village Hall

Mr Green stated that the lease for the Village Hall needs to be renewed resulting in the appointment of two new trustees. The owners recommended that one of the trustees is that of the position of Chairman of the Parish Council. The Parish Council agreed.

09/04 Accounts for Payment. A list of payments were approved.

10/04 Any Other Business

Old Chapel, West Street

The Council thanked Mrs. Ingram for the use of the Old Chapel as a meeting room.

11/04 Date of Next Meeting

Resolved that the next meeting be held on Monday 15th March, 2004 at 7.00pm in the

Our speaker at our March meeting was Kevin McGrath who spoke of his 10 years in a monastery. He was an excellent speaker, full of Dublin charm and his story was most interesting. He was one of 17 children, 5 of whom died in childhood. He had little or no schooling and he learnt to read and write whilst at the monastery where he also trained as a carpenter. He left the monastery after 10 years having become disenchanted with what he saw as the rigidity of Catholic teachings. He then went to Rwanda where he helped to build a school, and he now works at Rockingham Castle.

Our meeting next month is entitled 'A Cook's World Tour' linked to recipes and, knowing Ecton's love of food and drink, this should be another worthwhile evening. Do come and join us at The Hovel, Barton Fields on April 6th.

Ecton Short Mat Bowls Club

On Sunday 29th February, Ecton, together with 11 other clubs from around the district, entered Cogenhoe Bowls Gala. Our team of Geoff Harlott, Tony Green and Maurice and Dorothy Creed played 4 matches, each lasting 55 minutes, winning 2, drawing 1 and losing 1. We accumulated the third highest aggregate score of the day but unfortunately this was not quite good enough for a place in the final. It was gratifying that the only match that we lost (by only one point) was to Duston one of the eventual finalists. We were particularly pleased with our results as, due to the refurbishment work on Ecton Village Hall, Tony and Geoff had been unable to play bowls since the end of November. Please note that new members are always welcome, once that is, the refurbishment is complete.

ADVANCE WARNING—CHRISTIAN AID WEEK

This takes place from Saturday May 8th to Sunday May 16th

A Bread and Soup lunch will be held on Sunday May 16th at 12 noon at the back of the Church. Please try and support this event as all donations go to Christian Aid.

**I ask Lord for daily bread, but not for wealth, lest I forget the poor
I ask for strength, but not for power, lest I despise the meek
I ask for wisdom, but not for learning, lest I condemn the simple
I ask for a clean name, but not for fame, lest I condemn the lowly.
I ask for peace of mind, but not for idle hours, lest I fail to hearken to the
call of duty. *Inazo Nitobe***

Count Your Blessings

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Christian Aid invites you this Lent to Count Your Blessings and give thanks to God for what you have received in life

- April 2nd Elderly people suffer as much as children from poverty and malnutrition. Give 10p for each grandparent still living.
- April 4th *Palm Sunday.* People shouted and sang as Jesus rode into Jerusalem. Give 50p if you sang today
- April 6th Families in the favelas of Rio de Janeiro live in crowded, unsanitary conditions as homes are built wherever land can be found on the hillside. Give 10p for each garden you have.
- April 8th Maundy Thursday. Jesus broke bread and shared it with his friends. Many people do not have enough to eat. Give 5p for each piece of bread or hot cross bun you eat today.
- April 11th *Easter Sunday.* Celebrate the blessings of your life. Give 5p for each year of your life.

Children and Young peoples Count Your Blessings

- April 5th In Malawi, just 4 in 10 children have access to clean, safe drinking water. Give 1p for each glass of water you drink today.
- April 7th When families had to leave their homes in Afghanistan, Christian Aid supplied blankets to keep them warm in the bitter winter. Give 2p for each blanket on your bed or 5p for a duvet.
- April 10th Jesus said he had come to bring good news to the poor. Give 1p for each smile you receive today.
- April 11th *Easter Sunday.* Jesus is alive! Give 5p for each Easter Egg you receive today.

The above is an extract from many ideas in the Count Your Blessing pamphlets

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Complete Count Your Blessings pamphlets can be obtained from Joan Dickins or from
Christian Aid
Lady Lodge Arts Centre
Goldhay Way
Orton Goldhay
Peterborough PE2 5JQ

Ecton Church Diary April 2004

Sunday 4th April

9.15am

9.30am

6.00pm

Monday 5th April

7.30pm

Tuesday 6th April

9.00am

Thursday 8th April

7.30pm

Friday 9th April

10.30am

2.00pm

Sunday 11th April

9.30am

Tuesday 13th April

9.00am

Sunday 18th April

9.30am

6.00pm

Tuesday 20th April

9.00am

Sunday 25th April

9.30am

6.00pm

Tuesday 27th April

9.00am

Palm Sunday

Meet at Shrine for procession to Church.

Parish Communion: Isaiah 50. 4-9a; Psalm 31.
9-16; Philippians 2. 5-11; Luke 22. 14 - 23.56.
Evensong.

Stations of the Cross.

Holy Communion.

Maundy Thursday

Holy Communion, followed by The Watch until 10pm

Good FridayFamily Service followed by hot cross buns.
Devotional Service.**Easter Sunday**Easter Communion: Acts 10. 34-43; Psalm 118.
1-2, 14-24; 1 Corinthians 15. 19-26; John 20.
1-18.

Holy Communion.

Second Sunday of EasterParish Communion: Acts 5. 27-32; Psalm 118. 14-29;
Revelation 1. 4-8; John 20. 19-31.
Evensong.

Holy Communion.

Third Sunday of EasterParish Communion: Acts 9. 1-6; Psalm 30;
Revelation 5. 11-14; John 21. 1-19.
Evensong followed by Church AGM at 7.00pm.

Holy Communion.

The next meeting is on Tuesday April 13th at 2.30pm in the church where we will be having a speaker from the Fire Service.

Everyone welcome

Ecton Village Hall : Grand Raffle Results

Prize	Ticket No.	Name
£100 Cash	04981	Vera Middleton
Tea for Two at the Ritz	01910	Colin Southerby
Meal for two	02295	M. Thorneycroft
Case of Wine (12)	03096	J. Frampton
VW Beetle Cabriolet for day	03526	Ty Moffat
Pair of Ladies & Gents Watches	00909	N. Anthony
Two tickets for Saints	04280	R. Bond
£25 Voucher-Linda's Hair Salon	00310	P. Scott
Silver Cheese Knife	04442	J. Harrison
Family Ticket NCCC	04276	R. Bond
Case of Wine (6)	04405	M. Baylis
£20 Voucher—Marks & Spencer	03381	Mrs Wright
Crystal Vase	03454	S. Talbot
Leather Jewellery Box	01185	Sue & Len
Whiskey & Barcadi	00888	N. Anthony
Indian Head Massage	00118	L. Simmons
Voucher—Jane's Hair , Earls Barton	01341	P. Berrill
Fondue Set	03472	S. Talbot
Cuddly Toy	00280	P. Scott

A special 'thank you' is due to all who supported this event: the sum raised from the raffle amounted to £962, one of the most successful raffles ever held in Ecton.

This success was due in no small measure to those who donated such splendid prizes, who helped to sell tickets and, above all, to those who bought so many tickets. Well done , one and all!!!!

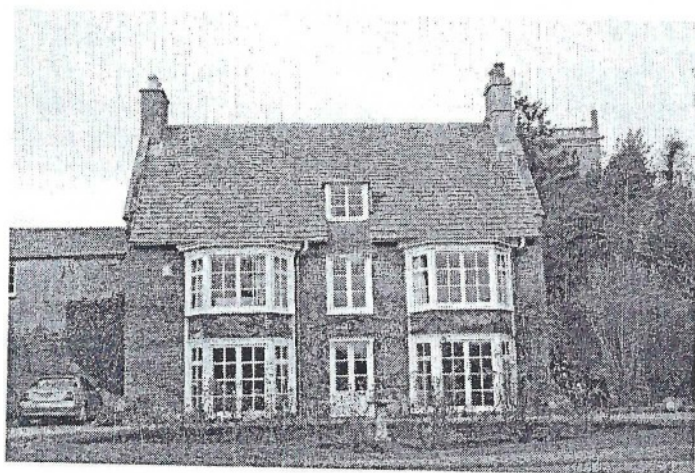
Tony and Maurice

Then & Now

The Cot



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THE DAFFODIL WALK

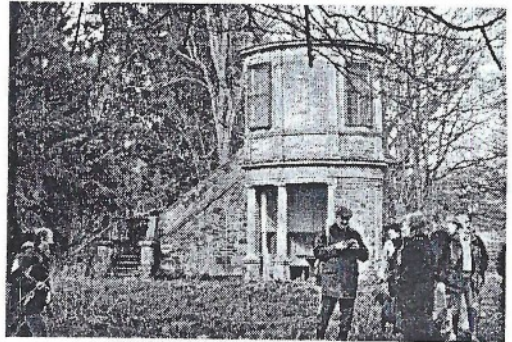


An incredible turnout for the walk

More than 60 people attended the conducted walk by Lofty around the Estate woodland in glorious spring sunshine, followed by tea and cakes at Rectory Farm House.

The walk raised more than £120 pounds towards the Village Hall refurbishment.

The Punch tree and the Gazebo below were popular with the photographers.



I wandered lonely as a cloud
That floats on high o'er vales and hills.
When all at once I saw a crowd ;
A host, of golden daffodils;
Beside the lake, beneath the trees
Fluttering and dancing in the breeze.

Wordsworth

Ecton Football Team

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SYSTEMAX 2 ECTON UNITED 2

Ecton returned to form with a battling performance, which saw them twice come from behind to end their Division One campaign on a high note.

After an opening season of problems, with a high turnover of players, Ecton can look forward to the spring season with a renewed sense of optimism.

They were missing defensive stalwart Alan in this final match, but with Nathan returning to action, Simon dropped back into the back two as United looked to turn the tables on Systemax after a 7-4 drubbing from earlier in the season.

Systemax were more fluid with their passing throughout, but Ecton showed great spirit and determination. They had good chances to take the lead in the first half, with Matt impressing up front without managing to hit the target.

And Rich's speed was lacking as he failed to get ahead of the Systemax defence on the end of Simon's throughball.

A goalkeeping misjudgement from Chris saw Ecton fall behind midway through the half, when he allowed a looping shot to find the net when he thought it was sailing over the crossbar.

Ecton rallied though, and levelled minutes later when Simon played the ball down the left, he squared it to Lee, who tricked his way past the defence and fired home.

Chris made up for his earlier error with some fine goalkeeping after the break as Ecton struggled to hold Systemax. They fell behind again midway through the second half when a well-worked move ended up with Chris beaten from close range.

But Ecton came from behind again and snatched a leveller in the closing moments when Matt's shot was saved, but only into the path of Lee, who nodded home from five yards to double his tally for the evening.

The result left Ecton two places off the bottom, above BBFC and ESS Shorco.

Team: Chris, Simon, Nathan, Rich, Dave, Matt, Lee.

Final Positions DIVISION 1

Team	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
BOZEAT	14	10	3	1	20	9	33
NEO	14	6	7	1	26	12	25
WCFC	14	5	7	2	30	16	22
HIGHAM HOTSPURS	14	5	5	4	20	15	20
SYSTEMAX	14	5	4	5	27	22	19
ECTON	14	4	2	8	19	31	14
BBFC	14	3	4	7	11	22	13
ESS SHORCO	14	1	2	11	13	39	5

Caption Competition

Return your caption to the Editor by April 18th



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tion contact

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margaret@ectonvillage.co.uk or
postmaster@ectonvillage.co.uk

I eat my peas with honey,
I've done it all my life.
It makes the peas taste funny,
But it keeps them on my knife.

A wasp on a nettle said: 'Coo!
We're in a right mess, me and you.
We have got to sort out
What this is about.
Please tell me — who's got to
sting who?'

I delight in men over 70, they always offer one the devotion of a lifetime

Quiz

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|-----|------------------------------|--|
| 1) | 76 = T in the BP | Trombones in the Big Parade |
| 2) | 32 = P in a CG | Pieces in a Chess Game |
| 3) | 366 = DTY | Days this Year |
| 4) | 04 = TW of a D | The Wings of a dove |
| 5) | 6 = RFAB | Runs for a boundary |
| 6) | 1815 = FL at W | French lost at Waterloo |
| 7) | 5280 = F in a M | feet in a mile |
| 8) | 9 = S of B | Symphonies of Beethoven |
| 9) | 1 = M and HDWTM a M | Man & his Dog went to Flow & Meadow |
| 10) | 21 = S on a D | Spots on a Dice |
| 11) | 600 = R in a C | Romans in a Cohort. |
| 12) | 7 = LGSO the BS (K and AHWF) | Little Girls sitting on the back seat (Kissing and hugging (bitch Fred)) |
| 13) | 180 = D in a T | Degrees in a Triangle |
| 14) | 3 = M | Medals Musketeers |
| 15) | 30 = POS | Pieces of Silver |
| 16) | 101 = D | Dalmations |
| 17) | 90 = FS and T | Four Score and Ten |
| 18) | 66 = CC | Childish Chicks |
| 19) | 49 = OL ^{the} F | One less than fifty. |
| 20) | 1969 = FM on the M | First Men on the Moon |
| 21) | 40 = D of L | Days of Lent |
| 22) | 1805 = D of N | Death of Nelson |
| 23) | 21 = PP and FCTO | Plays Pontoon & Five cards tricks only. |
| 24) | 12345 = OIC a FA | Once I caught a Fish Alive |
| 25) | 1 = FTR | For the Road |

Return to the Editor by 24th April and the Winner receives a bottle of Wine. In the event of more than one with the same score, it will be drawn from the hat to decide. Editors answers are final.

Answers to last months quiz

- 1) Dublin 2) Alice Springs 3) Belfast 4) Rome 5) Peking 6) Brussels 7) Los Angeles
 8) Sydney 9) Singapore 10) Wellington 11) Nice 12) Washington 13) Havana
 14) Cologne 15) Florence 16) Beaune 17) Cork 18) Hollywood 19) Paris 20) Dehli

A rumour without a leg to stand on will get around some other way.

Safari Supper



The 2004 Supper was an outstanding success in the history of Ecton Safaris and with the inclusion of the Special Raffle, raised a grand total of £1712. Of this, £100 will go to MacMillan Cancer Relief and £1612 to the Village Hall Refurbishment Fund.

It was an excellent occasion of good company, good food and flowing wine with everyone having a role to play and making it so enjoyable.

Our thanks to each and everyone who took part but our special thanks to Colin and Claire for providing a wonderful start to the event and to Andy and Moira for hosting a superb conclusion to the evening.

Finally on behalf of everyone, thanks to Tony and Maurice for organising such a splendid Raffle which was a tremendous boost to the funds.

David & Mary



Countryside Matters

by 'Lofty' Harrington, Ecton Gamekeeper

I was pleasantly surprised by how many of you turned up for the 'Daffodil Walk' on Sunday 7th March. Around seventy people joined me for an hour's walk through the 'wilderness' that was once the formal gardens of Ecton Hall. I pointed out various items of interest including the 'Handkerchief Tree' and the 'Gazebo'. I hope that you enjoyed this opportunity to see parts of Ecton that are normally not open to the public.

On the Ecton Estate each year I look after 21 private shoots, usually on a Thursday, with six guns for pheasant and a maximum of eight with partridge. The four-month shooting season starts in late September when the pheasants are 18-20 weeks old and the partridges are around 14 weeks old. Dependent on wet weather the pheasants lose their juvenile feathers at around 13 weeks. Pheasants have been kept in the wilderness since 1893 so I must keep the pens moving to ensure the ground stays fresh and free from disease.

During February and March I am pretty busy tidying and clearing up ready for the new breeding & rearing season. I expect pheasant's eggs to start appearing around the 20th March and the wild ducks are laying now in the local ponds, although the recent snow might have slowed things down a bit.

I set traps for stoats, weasels, rats and squirrels. That, and the never-ending job of keeping the rabbit population under control keeps me busy day and night. I will normally catch around 50-70 stoats and weasels each season and shoot between 1,500 and 2,000 rabbits. Foxes and game birds don't mix either so I keep my eyes open for them too. The crop rotation of local farmland influences how easy it is for me to control the vermin on the estate.

Each season I am responsible for rearing around 3,000 pheasants and 400 ducks. I also rear around 120 English Partridge eggs under bantams - the old fashioned way. I expect around 100 birds to be produced from these eggs, not for the shoot but for the pleasure of seeing them about the estate.

As the eggs start to appear I gather them three times a day. When I have 1,000 eggs I load them into the incubator. This holds 3,000 eggs in total and they stay in for 21 days. After the incubation period I load the eggs, 50 at a time, into the hatching trays where they stay for around 3 days. When the chicks arrive they're transferred to the 'Old Kitchen Garden' where they're given high-protein feed for six weeks until they're moved into the pens in the wilderness in preparation for the season.

Tidying up involves lighting bonfires to get rid of the rubbish, something I usually enjoy - but last week the fire bit back when a flaming leaf flew out and stuck to my left cheek. I was glad that none of the ladies who joined me on the Daffodil Walk were close by, as I used some 'flaming' language whilst attempting to 'put my face out'. I am now carrying the scars of this incident and I reckon it's melted one of my contact lenses too.



Ecton Allotments

There is a plot available.....Details from Brian Saunders 409444

Consistency is the last refuge of the unimaginative

What Senior Citizens are worth

Did you know old folk are worth a fortune? They have Silver in their hair, Gold in their teeth, Stones in their kidneys, Lead in their feet and Gas in their stomachs.

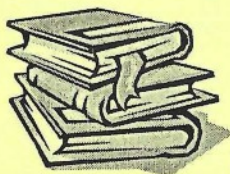
The Vicar visiting an elderly gentleman recently, suggested that at his age he should be thinking of the hereafter. To which he replied "I do all the time! For no matter where I am, in the bedroom, the kitchen, the lounge or the garden I ask myself, now what am I here after?"



East Northamptonshire and Wellingborough Lifelong Learning Service

Would you like to learn about computers or join a class for Yoga, Pilates, Painting and Drawing or any of a variety of subjects?

The opportunity will be available in the Autumn at Ecton Village Hall when Northants County Council could run classes if enough interest is shown.



Please contact Mary Dicks 407145 for further details.

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Let us

fire
your

Imagination

Design and create colourful ceramics

Painting is fun and creating your own master piece is even better. We supply everything you need to produce that one of a kind present for you or a loved one.



- Choose an item from our extensive range e.g. mug, bowl, plate.
- Let your imagination take over... using our paints, brushes, stencils and stamps see your piece transformed into a work of art.
- Leave your masterpiece with us at the studio for glazing and firing.
- A few days later return to the studio - you'll be amazed at your own creation - we have fired your imagination.