



THE ECTON VIEW

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1st Tuesday in month
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Wednesday @ Village Hall
6.30-7.30 Junior Youth Club
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Editors Ramblings

April already and plenty to do in the garden, just not enough time to do it, but they are for sitting in after all!

Those listening to the Church bells during March may have noticed some different sounds, on the 10th at the memorial service for Geoff Harlott and the following Sunday morning, when the bells were muffled as a tribute to Geoff who rang the Church bells for 62 years, only having to stop when he could not get up to the ringing chamber. Anyone wishing to learn to ring or just see the bells being rung in the tower then please come to our practice sessions, 7.30pm on a Wednesday night.

For those that were unable to go to the concert in the church last month it was a splendid evening of singing by Natalie Hyde (Soprano and grand-daughter of Margaret Weddle) whose singing showed maturity beyond her years,

On the next page is a picture from 1950, were you there and what memories of it do you have? Also in this issue, a report on how the cobblers are progressing, Ecton dessert island discs makes a comeback, the latest missive from Jim Bass, a WI report, details of the next Ecton Witches meeting and how you can buy an 1830's map of Ecton on canvas produced by Rodney Ingram.

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by 22nd April

**“April is the cruelest month, breeding lilacs out of the dead land,
mixing memory and desire, stirring dull roots with spring rain.”**

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Ecton Girls Brigade
practicing for May Day celebrations in Ecton Hall grounds 1950



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Church Cleaning Rota			Brass Cleaning
Week		Team	
April	4th	C	Joy Wilson & Anne Henderson
	18th	A	
May	2nd	B	Marlene Green & Ingrid Cartwright

Coffee Rota			
April	6pm	5th	No Coffee
	9.15am	12th	Marlene Green & Joy Wilson
	11.00am	19th	Margaret Weddle & Anne Henderson
	9.15am	26th	Fiona Major & Sue Bush
May	6pm	3rd	No coffee

Sidespersons			
April	5th	David & Mary Dicks	
	12th	Margaret Weddle & Walter/ Marlene	
	19th	Marian Gleave & Nick Greene	
	26th	Brian & Sylvia Saunders	
May	3rd	Mick & Pauline Cook	

From the Vicarage,

Last month I wrote of the unusual snowfalls which affected all of our lives. How quickly the seasons change, for now, just one month later, Spring is much in evidence. The Spring flowers are out, our lawns need their first cut, and for the gardeners among us it's that happy but busy season of preparing beds and planting seeds. It's such an encouraging time of year with evidence of new life all around us. We have Easter in April this year and about now our regular Easter leaflet giving details of all our events across the three villages, will drop through your letterbox. With Easter past, then I guess many of us begin to look forward to summer holidays once again. Whether you're the sort of person who gains much pleasure from careful planning of these times, or one who throws a few things into a suitcase and drives off, not quite sure where to until you get there, there's certainly excitement in the air.



We've all been shocked and saddened recently to hear of more violence in Northern Ireland, just when we thought at last it had all settled down and the stability for which people longed for such a long time had arrived. I have been intrigued by the title of the group responsible for this latest wave of unrest – 'The Real IRA'. Was the other group not real in some way? I've no doubt it was real enough for those who were victims of their violence. The people they killed were just as dead, their relatives just as devastated. But then, our world has a strange view of what is and what isn't reality. I never cease to be amazed by the range of so-called 'reality' TV. programmes these days in which people are put into situations that are anything but 'real', and then subjected to 'goldfish bowl'; scrutiny by the public at large. How 'real' is that?

Coming back to Easter, this is where I find genuine reality. Every year there does seem to be something new to say from that old and very familiar story. Later this year I shall be celebrating twenty-five years since ordination and in all that time I've never been stuck for something to say at Easter. This is not just an old story rehearsed boringly year upon year. I have now a 'stock' of something over 1500 sermons and still God gives me new things week upon week. When I sit down to prepare I don't always have a clear idea of what the message is to be, but with prayer as the most vital ingredient I am always given something to say from the God who longs to share His nature and His ways with us. That's as true of Easter time as it is of any other. I have no idea yet what God has to say to us this Easter – He hasn't told me yet, but I have no doubt that He will and I look forward with eager anticipation to receiving this year's message from the very throne of heaven. I hope you do too.

I do so hope that you will come and share this wonderful festival with us. If Easter for you means no more than hot cross buns, chocolate eggs, gardening and D.I.Y., then you are surely being sold severely short. It is the deception our age, and the media in particular, that that is what our bank holiday times are about. There is so much more to celebrate, especially in this year when so much is depressing in our world. So, as I've written in that circular leaflet, come and have a good time with us this Easter. There is always a very warm welcome at all of our three churches and we love to see new faces. I promise that you won't feel strange and on the outside for very long.

With very best wishes,

Chris Pearson

CALENDAR FOR APRIL 2009

Saturday 4th	10am-12noon Open Church
Sunday 5th	PALM SUNDAY 6.00pm Holy Communion
Monday 6th	9.00pm Compline & Meditation (Great Doddington)
Tuesday 7th	10.30am Holy Communion 9.00pm Compline & Meditation (Wilby)
Wednesday 8th	9.00pm Compline & Meditation (Ecton)
Thursday 9th	7.00pm Holy Communion For Maundy Thursday (Great Doddington)
Friday 10th	GOOD FRIDAY 10.00am Family Service followed by Hot Cross Buns! 2.00pm An Hour Before the Cross Visiting speaker, The Rev'd Charles May
Saturday 11th	8.30pm Service of Light (Wilby)
Sunday 12th	EASTER DAY 9.15am Holy Communion Please note, there is no midweek celebration of Holy Communion this week
Sunday 19th	11.00am Holy Communion with the Baptism of Lilli Sophia Taylor
Tuesday 21st	10.30am Holy Communion 7.30pm P.C.C. (in Church)
Saturday 25th	8.30am Women's Breakfast – Guest Speaker, The Rev'd Alison White Great Doddington Memorial Hall
Sunday 26th	9.15am Morning Prayer
Tuesday 28th	10.30am Holy Communion 2.30pm Afternoon Songs of Praise



A WEDDING IS TAKING PLACE ON SATURDAY 2ND MAY AT 1p.m.
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST MARY MAGDALENE, ECTON

We are sorry that we cannot ask everyone to our wedding celebrations
but we would be delighted if you could attend our marriage ceremony and
would like to invite you to the church.

Amy and Steve, 14 The Courtyard.

(PS. We hope you will forgive us, as the village will be busier than usual on
the day!)

THE TOY QUIZ ANSWERS

- | | | | |
|-----|-------------------|-----|---------------------|
| 1) | Dolly | 21) | Tea set |
| 2) | Wendy House | 22) | Dolls house |
| 3) | Train Set | 23) | Marbles |
| 4) | Hoop | 24) | Barbie |
| 5) | Planes | 25) | Piggy in the middle |
| 6) | Buggy | 26) | Hangman |
| 7) | Monopoly | 27) | Teddy bear |
| 8) | Lego | 28) | Catapult |
| 9) | Chess | 29) | Darts |
| 10) | Hide & seek | 30) | Cluedo |
| 11) | Noughts & crosses | 31) | Dominoes |
| 12) | Bike | 32) | Cribbage |
| 13) | Hopscotch | 33) | Action man |
| 14) | Trivial Pursuit | 34) | Roulette |
| 15) | Patience | 35) | Happy families |
| 16) | Chequers | 36) | Stilts |
| 17) | Spinning top | 37) | Twister |
| 18) | Blind mans buff | 38) | Rocking horse |
| 19) | Skippping rope | 39) | Skittles |
| 20) | Backgammon | 40) | Car |

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PETERBOROUGH V NORTHAMPTON MATCH REPORT

This big local derby was the second one of the season between Northampton Town and Peterborough United. The game started off brightly for the Cobblers dominating for the first 6 minutes. Peterborough hardly got the ball off the Cobblers. Then things got even better for the town when Posh defender Gaby Zakuani was rightly red carded for a vicious tackle on Cobblers centre forward Ikechi Anya. Danny Jackman was to take the free kick for the town and he came agonisingly close by hitting the post. The teams became a bit more even after the red card but Chris Doig was having a nightmare in defense having to deal with two of the fastest and best strikers in the league- Peterborough's Aaron Mclean and Craig Mackail-Smith. Then in the 33rd minute completely against the run of play Peterborough scored. A fine free kick into the area by Paul Coutts and Charlie Lee outjumped Chris Doig to score for Peterborough. More chances came for both sides before half time but neither team could take them. The second half began like in the first half. Northampton where beginning to play brilliant football. In the second half Northampton made three subs, ON: Davis, Constantine and Rodgers and OFF: Doig, Magney and Holt. Just before Andy Holt was subbed off he missed a great chance when he smashed the ball against the bar and it went out of play. Constantine ages ago used to play for the Posh so he was determined to do well. When Paul Rodgers came on he changed the game. He was fantastic in defense for the town and stopped The Posh's two great strikers. Then deep into added time Northampton had a chance. Jackman crossed it into the area, the ball dropped for Leon Constantine. He was three yards out, he must surely score everyone was thinking. The next thing anyone knew the ball had gone so far over the bar that it went out of the stadium. The game finished Posh 1- 0 Cobblers but on a different day it could have finished differently.



BY BEN.COULTER-BROPHY YOUR FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT



Here at last, sorry for not writing the February issue, that was to be the W.I., birthday meal but due to the snow W.I. was cancelled.

Now March came in like a lamb except that evening of our meeting the weather was horrendous, nevertheless it still took place. Our speaker gave a good talk about 78, Derngate. Northampton and if anyone is familiar with that address they will know it was the only house in England designed by Charles Rennie Mackintosh. Architect, Artist, Designer. Everyone seemed to enjoy the interesting talk. Well done to all who braved the weather. Look forward to seeing you all on the 7th April.

Denise collacott.



Ecton Witches

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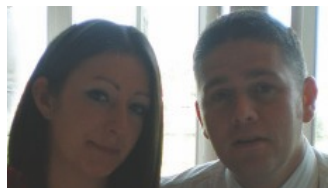
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Ectons Dessert Island Discs



When Steve was asked to select his Desert Island discs he immediately sat down and started looking through all the songs on his ipod. The first problem he had was trying to narrow the list down to his favourite 10. This done the list was put to one side (and promptly forgotten about!).

Then comes the evening before the deadline and we have nothing to give the editor but a list. As a result we have decided to split the discs and choose 5 each, this is especially in keeping when you read the notice from Steve and I in this month's magazine.

Steve's choice:

1. "Everlong" – Foo Fighters (Album: The Colour and the Shape) – It was hard to decide on one song from my favourite band. Dave Grohl can do no wrong in my eyes.
2. "FEAR" – Ian Brown (Album: Music of the Spheres) – Clever lyrics all worked around the word fear to some awesome music as usual from Ian Brown.
3. "Free Bird" – Lynyrd Skynyrd (Album: One More from the Road) – I first heard this at one of Colin and Claire's parties and I went home and bought it straight away from iTunes.
4. "Paint it Black" – The Rolling Stones (Album: Shine a Light) – I was first introduced to the Stones by an old school friend and have liked them ever since. Now I like playing the song on guitar hero.
5. "Go with the Flow" – Queens of the Storage (Album: Songs for the Deaf) – A friend at work bought this album back from America and I was blown away by the whole album.

It will soon become apparent that Steve and I have very very different taste in music but hey opposites attract! So here are my top 5:

1. The Soundtrack from Aspects of Love the musical – Andrew Lloyd Webber – I first heard this soundtrack at my Dad's house after he'd been to see the musical. I have loved it ever since and embarrassingly it is my favourite to clean the house to, at full volume as I attempt to warble along with it (Sorry again to the neighbours and Steve!) Strangely I have never actually seen the musical but love it anyway, hint hint!
2. "When a Man Loves a Woman" – Percy Sledge – A more recent addition to my play list. I came to love this song from my Mum's borrowed jukebox, it is just a classic and I can never resist dragging Steve up to dance to it.
3. "Invisible Touch" – Genesis - I have grown up listening to Genesis and Phil Collins (courtesy of my Dad) and although I still enjoy many of their songs this has to be one of my favourites, much to Steve's dismay.
4. "Little Bird" – Annie Lennox – I have spent years trying to remember and find this song. My best friend and I used to play this every Saturday, as we got ready to go out. Brings back great memories!
5. "Bohemian Rhapsody" – Queen – This was probably the hardest song to choose but in the end I have settled with a classic. What can I say, just a great song that is known by all.

Finally I was asked to choose a book; I am a bit of a bookworm so this was particularly hard for me. However I have decided on "Kane and Abel" by Jeffrey Archer (supposedly!) A great book that I couldn't put down and one of the few books that I have re read over the years.



Owing to the need to get this missive written a little earlier in the month to help our magazine editors hit the necessary deadlines, this one will be a little shorter than usual although apart from some typo's I hope the quality is maintained. At the end of February I had an arthroscopy in my right knee which slowed me down a little, for a few days! But I was able to make the visit to the Anglia Water Treatment Plant in Pitsford on the 24th February. You may recall that the *Cryptosporidium* oocysts were found in Pitsford Treatment plant which provides water to parts of Mears Ashby, Sywell and Overstone and other parts of the County. The Drinking Water Inspectorate reported with a sometime critical review of part of the business and made the following final comments:

"I am very critical of the company for the failings in its basic water supply hygiene arrangements provisions which this incident revealed. In particular these arrangements did not prevent small animal access because of the lack of mesh on vents and a damaged access cover, in respect of the GAC backwash water tank. These matters had not been noticed and reported for attention during the regular routine checks that the Company claims were in place at the Works. I conclude that the location of the GAC backwash water tank – it is within a secure gated compound but it is situated outside of the main secure operational Works site – contributed to the failure by personnel to recognise the tank as an operational unit requiring the same water supply hygiene arrangements and checks as all other treated water storage units."

During the site visit the AWA Chief Operating Officer Mr Peter Simpson accepted the criticism and vowed to ensure it could not happen again. He also invited questions, after the initial presentation on how the site "produces the clean water" and there were "no holds barred" as they say in political circles. There were no parts of the site ruled out of the visit and in viewing the redesigned area of the back wash filters I am still struggling to understand how this young rabbit managed to jump about 18" into a swan neck pipe of some 6 inches diameter, I have to conclude that it must have been chased!

Other Council Activities.

No-one is more acutely aware of the dramatic downturn in the economy than Wellingborough Borough Council, for our part we have kept our Council Tax increase to 0%. This of course means that we will be using Reserves to cover any shortfall in this financial year and in my view that is absolutely correct. Unfortunately this Government is spending like there is no tomorrow with the result that we have no idea how much we will be in debt before the Recession is over or how long we will be in Recession. I have been through a number of Recessions but I have never witnessed anything like this.

The Council has launched an initiative called "From Recession to Recovery", and on the 16th March a meeting of the Wellingborough Partnership and a large number of interested parties from a broad spectrum of organisations totalling around 100 people kicked-off the event. The process was to create as many ideas as possible to either help survive or create new products / services. In the words of Councillor Paul Bell who is chairing the group "nothing is ruled out". It is very early days but our Officers are collating all of the ideas and will be producing a paper shortly. The Council will then review the document and set down a program of actions. In principle we believe that the Council can act as a signpost or link centre to all known facilities to support local businesses.

In addition the Leader of the Council has created a working group entitled Zero Based Budgeting Group. I will be a part of this group. The aim is to review all of the costs of running the Council, evaluate the performance of all areas and provide a plan on how to deploy the Councils resources to the best effect for the local people

Education

I finally managed to complete the Education Paper I had been working on since December, for the Partnership Review Committee and one of our Officers will no doubt “knock it into shape and make it fit for purpose” to present to the Committee later this month. The goal is to see how we as a Council can “Help improve the level of attainment of our young people”. Currently only one of our secondary schools achieves the national average standards for 5 GCSEs A*-C including Maths and English. We have to do everything we can to support the schools staff and students to improve beyond the national average.

Sywell Aerodrome

In the last Missive I mentioned that we would be meeting with the DfT to discuss when the facilities for the Joint Consultative Committee will be finally made available by the Company. We duly met with the DfT in late February, I would like to report that it was a good and productive meeting, unfortunately that was not the case and I now know why this company has managed to evade any legal action for the past 38 years. The fact is that the DfT are absolutely impotent to enforce the law. But interestingly a few days before the meeting, the Company contacted the DfT and informed them there would be no JC Committee as long as Jim Bass was involved. They were told in no uncertain terms that Sywell Aerodrome Ltd had no influence over the membership of the Committee.

We have just received a letter from DfT and whilst some think it is “constructive”, I see no real lead to enforcement clearly we as the Local Authority will have to take action to enforce the law and the DfT have agreed to support us. That being the case I have asked the Leader of the Council to meet with me in the next few days to produce the necessary instructions to the Officers.

In the meantime I have arranged a meeting with Blades and hope to make progress in resolving, fairly soon, the many complaints I receive regarding noise problem.

This month there have been yet more complaints about mud on Holcot Lane as a result of the lorries leaving the Bellman Gate entrance. The Company has, under duress now installed a “wheelwasher” but it is apparently ineffectual, so much so that as the trucks leave the washing tank they immediately drive through more mud to reach the tarmac surface thus depositing mud all over the exit and the highway! We now find that landfill trucks are arriving and departing outside the specified hours. Yet another formal complaint has been lodged with NCC.

As ever if you have any queries please contact me and remember, I cannot help you if I do not know of your problem.

Jim Bass (Councillor for Sywell, Ecton and Mears Ashby, Wellingborough Borough Council)
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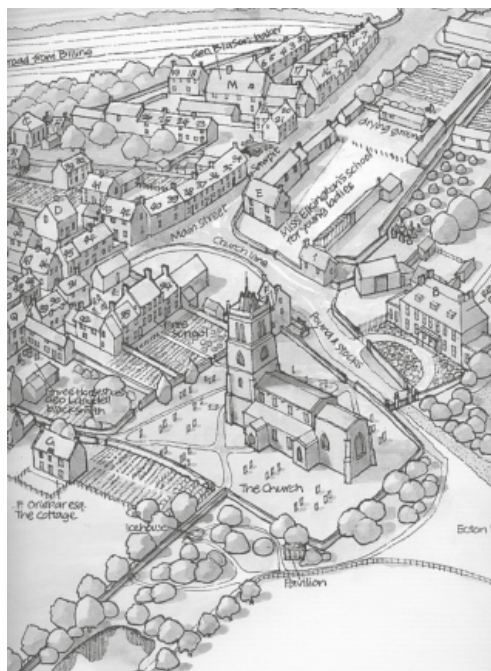
ECTON BOWLS CLUB.

On March 5th Ecton played their annual home fixture against Rushden Wayfarers. For the first time Ecton won on both mats with scores of 20-15 and 27-6...a fairly comprehensive victory!

The players for Ecton were Peter and Margaret Scott, Mick and Pauline Cook and Maurice and Dorothy Creed.

It is appropriate at this time to pay tribute to Geoff Harlott who died recently. Geoff was a founder member of the Bowls Club and was a keen and loyal member. He served on the Committee for many years and when ill-health forced him to quit playing he was elected President. He will be greatly missed.

A Pictorial Map of Ecton in the 1830s



shows the village
as it was 175 years
ago with the names
and occupations of
the villagers and the
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What & Where and by Who?



IN MEMORY OF MY DEAR BROTHER GEOFF HARLOTT

My family and nieces would like to thank the people of Ecton who helped and supported Geoff following the death of his beloved Millie.

We know he enjoyed his bowls, snooker, whist and the companionship of his many friends in the village.

Although his funeral was a sad and emotional day for us, we were pleased that so many people came to the commeration service and the social gathering afterwards which gave us the opportunity to meet old friends and acquaintances.

There are many we would like to thank but especially the Rev. Pearson, David Dicks who gave such a good reading of the Gospel, those who provided and served the refreshments and the bell ringers whose wonderful half muffled peal was so greatly appreciated.

To all of these and to everyone who joined us in our mourning, we say
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