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What does Ecton mean to you?

Thank you to everyone who responded to the questionnaire last year. Your responses have been taken on board and now the Parish Council would like to take this forward.

A Neighbourhood Plan is coming to Ecton. Following the 2011 Localism Act, local communities can produce a Neighbourhood Plan to influence development. It is our opportunity to have residents' opinions recognised by the planning process

Do you want to know more about what a Neighbourhood Plan can and cannot achieve?

Please come to the **Village Hall** on:

Friday 9th May
7:30pm til 9pm

to discuss with the Neighbourhood Plan committee over a glass of wine or beer (cash bar)

or:

Saturday 10th May
10am til 11:30am

to hear Alex Monro, a Planning expert from the Borough Council of Wellingborough, who will be hosting a talk and question and answer session at 10:15am

From the Rectory



This year Easter falls in April, quite late this time. The rain seems finally to have stopped, Spring is upon us, a wonderful time of hope with all the Spring flowers coming once again and the vegetable seedlings making a move (for those who grow vegetables, of course). Easter is a time of new hope too. We celebrate the risen Jesus Christ who conquered death so that it doesn't have the effect upon us that it would otherwise. We all still have to pass through it, of course, but it need no longer be the ultimate disaster in life if we have made a commitment to God and accepted His offer of new life, the best free gift in the world. Then we can look forward to a wonderful future which goes beyond the grave into eternity and which is far better than even the best bits here. How could anyone turn that down?

If you have looked at our diary page this month you will have seen that it's a little different this time – in fact a good deal longer. This is for two reasons. Firstly, of course, this month we are recording all the extra events for Easter, but also, with the sad demise of our sister publication in Wilby, 'Wilby Whispers', the decision has been made to publish the events for all three churches in both Great Doddington's 'Parish News' and 'The Ecton View'. This is possibly something we should have done some time ago as it's good to know what is going on in the other parishes apart from our own and we do encourage all readers to come along to events in the other villages.

In my articles over the months and years I often seem to be commenting upon disasters of one sort or another, and here we are again. As I write this month, within just the past week our news has been flooded with the disappearance of the Malaysian Air passenger jet, and we're not quite sure where, I gather. We have also heard about a dreadful gas explosion in New York. As I think about these occurrences and pray for those affected I'm led to ponder how quickly such things fade from our news broadcasts and newspapers. I have no doubt that for those involved or very close to those affected it's a very different story. I stop to wonder how things are going in the Philippines and other places where hurricanes have struck over the past months. Closer to home, how are those in our own country affected by the floods? They may have almost disappeared from the news now, but for those with damaged homes and businesses or ruined crops the misery goes on. Oh yes, we do hear about what it's costing the insurance companies, but what about the overall human cost? Why does that so quickly disappear from the national consciousness?

I wrote last month about the season of Lent which began on March 5th. As usual we held a special service that evening to mark the beginning and I believe the few who attended found it appropriate and helpful. It's worth reporting, though, on what happened the day before. This is always 'Pancake Day', or 'Shrove Tuesday' to give it its proper title. This year there were two pancake parties for us to attend. Shirley Miles of Great Doddington always hosts a morning event in aid of the Parkinson's Disease Society which is always well attended, but this year the churches also held one, hosted at Ecton but for all three villages, beginning at the end of the school day and ending around 8.00pm. A marathon effort for those cooking pancakes, but the response was amazing. Many families came from Ecton School as well as lots from the wider community, and that included folk from Great Doddington and Wilby too. Although no actual count was taken we are sure that we served well over two hundred pancakes and although no charge was made people responded very generously. Mike Lewis and his friend Graham Kinnerly provided terrific musical entertainment as a jazz duo for the first hour and a half and this enhanced the atmosphere no end. A most sincere 'thank you' to all who came and to all who helped to make it such a great event.



But why pancakes? Do we know where this custom came from? Lots of people still give up this or that luxury during Lent, but in the past many took the principle of fasting much more seriously than most do today. It was very common to stop using eggs completely (I wonder who advised the chickens to stop laying!) and eating pancakes the day before Lent began was a good way of using up the eggs in the home.

I do hope all our readers have a wonderful Easter. Please do come and see us at some of the many events which will be taking place; everyone is most welcome at all of our churches.

With every blessing, Chris Pearson

Services and other events for April

Following the sad demise last month of one of our sister magazines, 'Wilby Whispers' it has been decided that in future we shall publish in both 'Parish News' and 'Ecton View' the events for all three of our churches. This will also be posted on church notice boards and on the benefice website.

Tues. April 1st	10.00 Holy Communion Ecton
Sat. April 5th	10.00 'Open Church' In each Church
Sun. April 6th	09.15 Holy Communion Wilby Ezekiel 37:1-14, John 11:1-45 11.00 'First Sunday' Gt. Doddington 18.00 Holy Communion Ecton
Tues. April 8th	10.00 Holy Communion Ecton
Thu. April 10th	19.30 Benefice Prayer Meeting 4, Church Lane, Ecton
Sun. April 13th	PALM SUNDAY 09.15 Holy Communion Ecton 11.00 Holy Communion Gt. Doddington Isaiah 50:4-9a Matthew 21:1-11 16.00 'Praise and Worship' Wilby
Mon. April 14th	21.00 Night Prayer and Meditation Ecton
Tues. April 15th	10.00 Holy Communion Ecton 21.00 Night Prayer and Meditation Gt. Doddington
Wed. April 16th	21.00 Night Prayer and Meditation Wilby
Thu. April 17th	MAUNDY THURSDAY 19.30 Holy Communion Ecton
Fri. April 18th	GOOD FRIDAY 09.15 United March of Witness beginning at each of our churches, to Earls Barton in time for: 10.00 United Service Earls Barton Baptist Church 14.00 Each of our Church buildings will be open for an hour for private prayer and meditation.
Sat. April 19th	EASTER EVE 21.00 Night Prayer and Meditation Wilby
Sun. April 20th	EASTER DAY 09.15 Holy Communion Wilby Acts 10:34-43, Matt. 28:1-10 11.00 Holy Communion Gt. Doddington as for Wilby followed by an Easter egg hunt. 11.0 All-Age Worship & Holy Communion (by extension) Ecton There will be no midweek celebration of Holy Communion today
Tues. April 22nd	14.15 Pre-School Praise Gt. Doddington
Thurs. 24th	09.15 Holy Communion Wilby Acts 2:14a,22-32 John 20:19-end
Sun. April 27th	09.15 Morning Prayer Ecton 11.00 Holy Communion Gt. Doddington as for Wilby
Tues. April 29th	10.00 Holy Communion Ecton 14.30 Afternoon Songs of Praise Ecton

**Minutes of the meeting of Parish Council of Ecton held in The Village Hall, High Street, Ecton on
Tuesday 21st January 2014 at 7.30p.m.**

Mrs. S. Bresnahan - Chairperson

PRESENT: Mrs S Bresnahan – Chairperson, Mrs J Jones, Mr D Dicks, Mr B Brophy, Mrs A Femley, Mr T Moffett and Mr P Godby

IN ATTENDANCE: Borough Councillor Mr J Bass and PCSO Paul Hurst

113/14 RECORD ATTENDANCE, RECEIVE APOLOGIES AND APPROVE REASONS FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from both Councillor R East (Holiday) and Councillor Paul Bell. Apologies have been noted and accepted.

114/14 TO INVITE DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS ON SUBJECTS INCLUDED ON THIS AGENDA

No declarations of interest were declared.

115/14 TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON 19TH NOVEMBER 2013

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 19th November 2013 as previously circulated, were read, confirmed and signed as correct record by Chair Councillor S Bresnahan subject to some minor changes being made.

116/14 PROGRESS ANY MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

There are no items to report that are not covered by the agenda.

117/14 DISCUSS THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN / LOCALISM BILL

Councillor Jones reported that Alex Munro – Neighbourhood Planning Representative spoke to the Neighbourhood Plan group recently. A Neighbourhood Plan can assist with approving the style of houses being built in the area, preferred locations etc, but it cannot stop further builds, if these builds fall within Government "Figures" guidelines.

It was agreed it would be a good idea to invite all Ecton Parishioners to a special Neighbourhood Plan meeting to explain the results of the Neighbourhood Plan Survey and answer any questions the public may have. Once the plan has been written and a referendum arranged, the residents will have a good understanding of the plan.

Alex Munro is happy to give a presentation at a cost of approx £250, Councillor Jones to obtain Alex's dates of availability before a date can be agreed. Some printing costs will be incurred to create posters to advertise the event and some refreshments costs will also be incurred. All Councillors were in agreement.

118/14 DISCUSS ANY POLICE RELATED MATTERS

PCSO Paul Hurst reported during December there was a burglary from a dwelling in High Street, Christmas presents were taken. There was also a report of damage to a vehicle in the High Street, a car was keyed.

Councillors reported some youth have been seen with a football hanging around the church, residents are asked to report any sightings to the Police by calling "101" to have them moved on.

Some more youths have also been seen near the Church, one youth riding on a Motorbike and another holding a cricket bat. It was also noted that the field that was previously used as the old cricket pitch is currently in a poor state as the grass has been churned up. Clerk to contact the agents Fisher German and request that the gate on site is secured to prevent further damage.

VILLAGE SERVICES

119/14 DISCUSS ANY PLAYING FIELD RELATED MATTERS

Chair Councillor S Bresnahan has recently submitted a grant application to the Big Lottery Fund asking for funds to help with costs replacing some play equipment in the Playing Field. Unfortunately due to a large back log of applications, the Parish Council is unlikely to hear back until the end of February.

Local resident Mrs Janet Leigh recently passed away. Her children Peter Leigh and Janet Wincott would like to plant a tree in the Playing Field in memory of her. Clerk to send a letter of thanks to them, once the tree has been planted.

The Playing Field is run as a Charity. Clerk has filed the Annual Charity Accounts to 31st March 2013. Income: Zero and Expenditure £2,358.00.

120/14 DISCUSS ANY STREET LIGHTING RELATED MATTERS INCLUDING:

Nothing new to report.

**121/14 DISCUSS ANY ROADS/VILLAGE SIGNAGE/GRASS CUTTING RELATED MATTERS
REMOVAL OF LAUREL HEDGE AT 67 HIGH STREET BY FISHER GERMAN**

Due to an ongoing street lighting problem outside 67 High Street, overhanging foliage blocking the light, Fisher German have arranged to have the hedge removed to prevent further lighting problems.

Clerk has continued to chase up MGWSP to remove the Ash Tree Stump that has been left in the ground, opposite 4 West Street. A representative of MGWSP will be inspecting the stump shortly.

It was noted that all outstanding Street Doctor issues have been actioned.

The verges in Northampton Road between Franklins Close and the A4500 opposite the Playing Field and The Worlds End garden is very overgrown, Clerk to contact MGWSP to request this is cut back.

122/14 DISCUSS AND APPROVE ANY PLANNING APPLICATIONS

WP/2014/0009 – Ecton Hall Barns – Ecton Hall, Church Way - Details submitted pursuant to conditions 2 (external facing materials), 3 (areas not covered by buildings), 4 (tree planting/landscaping, 5 (finished floor levels), 9 (archaeology), 10 (contamination), 11 (habitat and protected species survey), 12 (vegetation survey) of planning permission WP/2013/0406/F

123/14 REPORT ON ANY RECENT PLANNING DECISIONS

WP/2013/0655 – 4 West Street, Ecton – Non Material amendments to WP/2013/0039 – Construction of four detached dwellings (Allowed on appeal) Application Approved.

WP/2013/0561 – 47 West Street – Erection of a Detached Single Garage - Approved with Conditions

124/14 OTHER PLANNING MATTERS NOT YET DETERMINED

Traffic and Road Obstructions – 41 High Street (3 Dwellings)

There had been a report that the houses at 41 High Street were not being built in accordance to their original plans. Clerk lodged an inquiry to the Planning Department at Wellingborough Borough Council (WBC) and Councillor Fernley contacted the Planning Department at WBC to provide more information as requested, it would appear the buildings are being built to their plans.

WP/2014/0017–41 High Street-New single storey extension and detached double garage. Not Yet Determined Variation of condition 3 for Planning Permission 12/00075/WASFUL to extend the time allowed for import and processing of municipal waste for a further 18 months to August 2015. LOCATION: Mick George Ltd Lower Ecton Lane Great Billing NN3 9BX – Not yet Decided – County Matter

WP/2013/0656 – 4 West Street - Details submitted pursuant to conditions 2 (updated drawings submitted), 3 (external materials), 4 (protection of trees), 5 (landscaping), 6 (screen fencing/walling), 7 (details of all hard surfaced materials), 8 (proposed access), 9 (vehicular crossing construction), 10 (existing redundant point of access - stopped up), 11 (paving of driveway) and 12 (parking and turning areas) of appeal decision ref: APP/H2835/A/13/2197261.

Wellingborough Borough Council (WBC) has laid out their Planning Policy on their website. WBC would like to develop the urban areas of Wellingborough and leave the surrounding villages alone as much as possible.

They have currently have three large planning applications to evaluate.

Bovis Homes – 150 houses in the first year, modern train station and shops.

Wellingborough North – 4000 Houses.

Park Farm Industrial Estate – Industrial Buildings.

125/14 DISCUSS ANY SYWELL AERODROME RELATED MATTERS

CAA Officials have grounded all of the 4 training planes at Sywell Aerodrome for safety reasons.

John Campbell from WBC has still not heard back from Sywell Aerodrome regarding re-instating the JCC – WBC plan to take the Aerodrome to court – They are currently preparing the paperwork.

126/14 DISCUSS ANY DAVID CROSS BEQUEST

No recent trips have been attended and no further trips have been arranged.

Minutes Continued

127/14 FINANCIAL MATTERS

(A) PROPOSE PAYMENTS AND SIGN CHEQUES

It was resolved that the following accounts be paid.

CHEQUES DRAWN AT MEETING

367	EON		
	Replace Photocell – 29 High Street	28.16	
361	EON		
	Maintenance Costs to 31st December 2013	146.66	
361	EON		
	Electricity Costs to 31st December 2013	218.49	
362	S Wong – Salary (19.11.13 to 21.1.14)		
	Salary 20 hours	212.06	
	Expenses		
	Use of clerks home as office – Dec 13/ Jan 14 £305/12*2		50.84
	Broadband	20.00	
	Mileage	8.84	

		291.74	
	GRAND TOTAL OF CHEQUES		685.05

(B) ANY OTHER FINANCIAL MATTERS

DISCUSS AND AGREE PRECEPT AMOUNT FOR 2014 / 2015

The Clerk presented an estimated budget forecast to help agree the Precept figure for 2014 / 2015. It was resolved to keep the precept at the same level as this current financial year set at £11,000.

SIGN AND AUTHORISE PRECEPT FORM FOR 2014 / 2015

The precept form for 2014 / 2015 was signed and completed by the Clerk and Chair Councillor S Bresnahan.

REVIEW OF FINANCIAL STATEMENT

A financial balance sheet was presented at the meeting. The current bank balance stands at £29,093.56, of which £7404.62 is the current David Cross Bequest Balance and the remaining £21,688.94 is the current Council bank balance.

The next Parish Council meeting will be the last meeting held during the current financial year. It was agreed to raise grant cheques again as the end of the last financial year, but to hold off raising cheques for the Youth Club and Village Magazine until a copy of their accounts had been received. Councillor Fernley to obtain a copy of the Youth Club accounts and Chair Councillor S Bresnahan to obtain a copy of the Village Magazine accounts to be discussed at the next meeting.

128/14 ADDRESS ANY OTHER BUSINESS ITEMS: FOR INFORMATION ONLY AT THE DISCRETION OF THE CHAIRPERSON.

PARISH COUNCIL VACANCY

There is still a vacancy for a new Parish Councillor on the Parish Council, no interested parties have stepped forward as yet. Clerk to continue to place an advert in the Parish Newsletter.

129/14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING TUESDAY 18TH MARCH 2014

It was resolved to hold the next meeting on Tuesday 18th March 2014 at 7.30pm at Ecton Village Hall.
Meeting closed at 8.40pm



The Parish Council is responsible for the play park; it is a lovely park but the play equipment is now very old and needs to be replaced. We have successfully bid for Lottery funds and have received £9,400 but that will only cover a third of the cost required to update everything.

We are continuing to try and find other funders but would also like to do some fundraising in the village. We are going to have a "Party in the Park" on **Sunday 8th June**. Please put the date in your diary and then watch this space.

Also, we are planning a sale of children's clothes, toys and books later in the year. If you have any good quality items to donate Alex Fernley can store things. Please contact her directly at: alex@thefern.com

If you would like to join the fundraising group please contact Alex as above.

Thanks in anticipation of your support.



Isabella's Closet Fashion Show

Come and join Isabella's Closet at **Ecton Village Hall** on **Thursday 10th April** for a glass of bubbles and a preview of their latest spring/summer collections including the fabulous Italian range

All items will be available to purchase on the evening.

Ticket price - £5.00 (this includes a free glass of bubbles)

(10% of all sales on the evening will be donated to Ecton Village Hall fund)

For more information please contact Nicky on 07900271819

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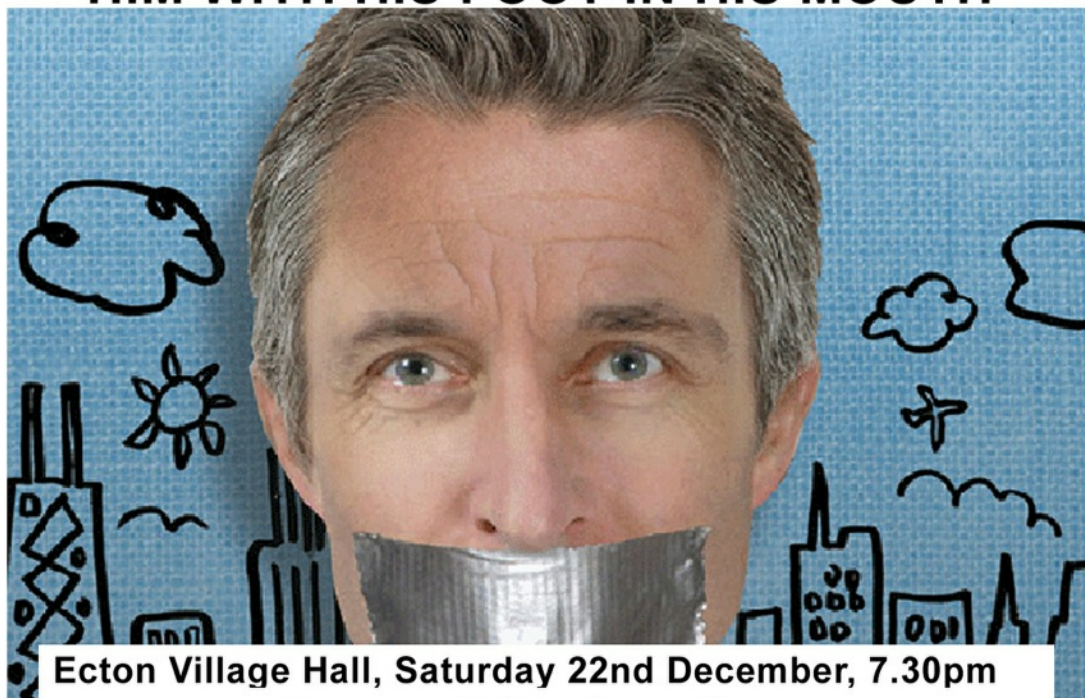
The purpose of your village hall is to provide a venue for various forms of recreation and leisure for the villagers. As you will have seen from previous editions of this magazine and heard from your friends and neighbours, your village hall hosts a wide variety of activities.

To help planning for the future, the village hall committee needs to understand your views on the activities and events there have been and what you would like to see in the future.

Therefore all villagers are invited to join us for a drink at the village hall on Tuesday April 15th to hear a report on the committee's actions over the last 12 months, the hall's financial situation and thoughts on future development.

To give the committee the best chance of meeting the needs of the villagers we need your views. So please join us at the Village Hall Annual General meeting on the 15th April at 7.30pm.

HIM WITH HIS FOOT IN HIS MOUTH



Ecton Village Hall, Saturday 22nd December, 7.30pm

Doors open 7.00pm, licensed bar

Tickets £12 (Concessions £10 - Under 16s £5)

Tickets available from Alistair MacRae

24 High St TEL:402582

Rotas and Lottery

for April 2014

Church Cleaning Rota		Brass Cleaning
April		
26th	A+B	N/A

Volunteers Needed For CHURCH YARD CLEAN UP

Saturday 5th April
10am - 12pm

Tea, Coffee and Biscuits Provided

Please bring tools



"I don't do windows!"



April	Sidespersons	
6pm	6th	M.Aveyard & C.Ely
9.15am	13th	M.Gleave & D.Fuller
7.30pm	17th	TBC
11am	20th	Brian and Sylvia Saunders
9.15am	27th	Steve and Linda Richards

CHURCH LOTTERY April	
£50	Graham Teal
£15	Hannah Wheatman
£10	Jacqui Beck

ECTON CHURCH LOTTERY
Please support our historic village
Church by joining the Lottery
For 2014/15

Coffee Rota		
April	6th	Wendy Vilette / Joy Bond
	13th	Joy Wilson / Chris Jordan
	17th	Volunteers required
	20th	Fiona Major / Linda Richards
	27th	Ingrid Cartwright / Lind Richards

This will begin again in May and the collectors will be calling during March and April for the year starting May 2014 to April 2015 (£12 per year). Prizes at the moment are:
1st £50; 2nd £15; 3rd £10
Half of the total raised is used in prizes and the rest is paid into the Church General Fund. The draw takes place every month and the results are published in this magazine and on the village notice boards.



Witches' Night Friday 9th of May

The next witches is being held at 68 High Street. Please contact Nicky to confirm your attendance on 07973353498 by Wednesday the 7th May.

Hostesses are already confirmed for the 27th of June & the 29th of August. More details will follow.



Male Voice Choir raised £500



Thanks to all who supported us, especially Mum, Shirley & Ashton, who helped to raise £500. A great achievement by all.

Readers' Thoughts

Another Day In Paradise

In 1989 Phil Collins recorded a song, 'Another Day in Paradise'. It went to number one in the pop charts in the UK as well as worldwide. The song is about the homeless.

When our eldest son was at Primary School he was in a short stage performance where children silently performed to the rhythm of this song.

Fast forward to today, when I was walking along in town a young man with a child in a buggy came up to me and asked showing a piece of paper, 'Can you tell me where this place is please?' I looked down at the piece of paper whose address was a Methodist Church nearby and the time he needed to get there was in less than five minutes. I was able to give him rough directions and he spurted off.

He was in such a rush because along with directions I saw he had a food voucher and needed to get there on time.

So reflecting on Phil Collin's song 25 years later, maybe not homeless, it appears there are still similar problems this young man has to daily face.

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MOBILE Service in the Northamptonshire Area

Make good use of Holy Week

Some churches make a lot of holy week, with special services every day or evening, others rather less. Similarly some individual Christians see this as a week to be marked with special prayer, fasting or other observances, while others do not.

Holy Week runs from Palm Sunday (13 April this year) to Easter Eve or Holy Saturday. I encourage you to spend some time in each of those seven days thinking of Jesus' giving of himself for you. Perhaps reading through one of the gospel accounts of that week, Matthew chapters 21-27 for example; perhaps spending a few minutes each day thanking Jesus that he gave himself to suffering and death for you; perhaps sharing in an act of worship or a time of prayer with others.

A traditional understanding of what happened in the first Holy week usually includes these elements. On Palm Sunday Jesus enters Jerusalem to a great welcome; on Monday he drives the money-changers out of the Temple; on Tuesday and Wednesday he teaches and preaches in Jerusalem; on Maundy Thursday he washes his disciples feet, shares the Last Supper, prays in the Garden of Gethsemane, and is arrested; on Good Friday he faces show-trials in Roman and Jewish courts, is condemned, crucified, and buried; on Holy Saturday he rests in the tomb on the Sabbath Day.

That can read like a simple list of events,



but we need to go back through it slowly, adding details from our memory of the stories or by re-reading the gospel passages. The places he visited, taught, and shared with his disciples, are real places, still visited by pilgrims. The palm branches were real, so were the bread and wine, the crown of thorns, the cross, and the tomb. That week really happened, and it is important that we remember it, take it in, and allow it to shape our lives.

Give yourself time this Holy Week, or make time, to walk the way of the cross with Jesus.

And then let the joy and triumph of Easter burst upon you.

Best wishes

+ Donald

Drums roll as enthusiasm rises

A dozen African drums beat out the rhythm for the final worship at this year's Bishop's Bible Day but the tempo had already risen for the 280 people from around the diocese who were present.

"It just gets better and better," one said as she left. "The day was brilliant. I had a great time," wrote another after the event. The attendance was 25% higher than in 2013, leading Bishop Donald to take a straw poll to gauge if there might be support for two such events a year, on different topics and in



different venues. He made no promises, but watch this space!

Held at Northampton High School, the day was intended primarily to inform and encourage anyone, ordained or lay, who is involved with Bible teaching or group leadership at any level in their church.

Sixteen workshops were included, giving participants an opportunity to consider in depth a range of issues dealing with Bible interpretation and application. In addition

there were more diverse topics including not only African drumming but also engaging with Generation Y (the 18-25 age group), blogging for God, and discovering God's guidance.

They were sandwiched by two biblical expositions by Bishop Donald whose repeated refrain for the day was, "it's all about Jesus".

The Bible Days are never complete without both bishops being put on the spot by questions from the audience. This year, perhaps reflecting the increased attendance, there were more than could be dealt with in the time. Those that were covered ranged from why more churches don't have Bibles in the pews ("I wish they did but I also wish people would take their Bibles with them to church") to caring for vulnerable people and dealing with forgiveness.

But the last question drew spontaneous applause before it was even answered. "How can we make your life easier? What can we do for you?" Bishop John spoke for both and gave the serious answer, "Pray for us." Bishop Donald added with a broad smile and evoking laughter, "And pay your Parish Share!"

Boom, boom!

A longer version of this article can be read in the news section of the diocesan website and you can listen to recordings of Bishop Donald's two talks at www.peterborough-diocese.org.uk/bishop-of-peterborough/sermons-articles-and-talks



Diocesan celebration of ministry

We're saying thank you for all our clergy

Saturday 7 June

Peterborough Cathedral, 11.00 a.m.

School bands - sparkling wine - cake

Bring a parish group - bring a picnic lunch!

Ministry is a privilege and joy. It's sometimes difficult. Ministers and their families often make sacrifices to obey God's call. They don't always feel appreciated.

So we're going to celebrate the gift of ordained ministry of both men and women to this diocese at a special Eucharist (President: Canon Julie Hutchinson; Preacher: Bishop Donald).

The service ties in with national celebrations of the 20th anniversary of the ordination of women to the priesthood.

For catering purposes, please contact the Bishop's PA, Alex Low, with numbers 01733 562492 or alex.low@peterborough-diocese.org.uk. Please note there is no public car parking in the Cathedral precincts.

April Events

Tuesday 1 South Northants Clerical Society, "Christology Today Reviewed" Peter Woodward. 2.30pm, 7 Spencer Court, Britannia Rd, Banbury. 01295 262909.

Thursday 3 Lent Talks 2014 God and the Arts, "God and Drama", Margaret Hunt Editor, Radius Performing. 7.30pm St John the Baptist, Peterborough.

Saturday 5 and 12 Cowslip and Fritillary Day, St Peter's, New Bromswold. Visit this award winning churchyard between 2-4pm. Plant sale and afternoon teas.

Saturday 5 Music at Lyddington, Peterborough Cathedral Choir. 7.30pm in St Andrew's. www.musicinlyddington.co.uk

Thursday 24 Affirming Catholicism, the Honorary Assistant Bishop of Peterborough,

the Rt Revd John Flack. St Mary's Burton Latimer, 7.30pm.

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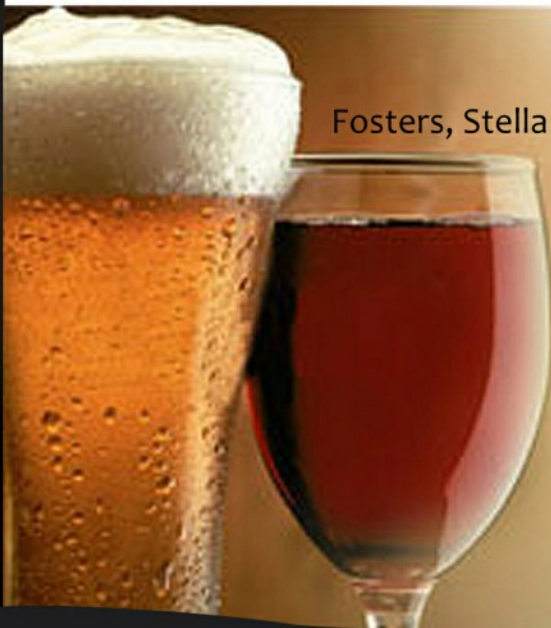
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