

# THE ECTON VIEW



December & January Issue 73

# CHRISTMAS STARTERS

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## Editors Ramblings

Can I begin this month with thanking all those who sponsored this years Christmas card that funds the THE ECTON VIEW Christmas Lunch for our Senior citizens. Thanks to Rodney Ingram who again created a wonderful painting for our card which makes it unique to Ecton. Thanks also to Carol, Sally and Nicky for collecting the sponsorship and an advance thanks to those who help on the day with cooking, serving, transportation etc.

For those guests attending the lunch you should have been contacted by now but if you have not then give me a ring.

You need to be quick now and get your tickets for the ECTON BIG BREAKFAST

before they have all gone, details on following page. Also in this issue are details for 'ECTON STARTERS' on the 17th December which is a great way to begin your Christmas celebrations.

On behalf of certain people in Ecton can I thank Wellingborough Borough Council for allowing glass to be placed in the re-cycling bin, but I must make a note to be out of the village on collection day as I fear it will be a very noisy affair.

I understand with the increasing birth rate in the village there is a need for a babysitting club and our newest mum is co-ordinating so contact Rachael on her email: wobblypost@hotmail.co.uk.

Also in this issue there is a suggestion of CD's as gifts for Christmas, pictures from the Youth Club halloween party, details of the mums & tots Christmas party, pictures of Ecton's Saintsman, a report on the Cobblers v Liverpool match, Ecton's newest villager and our senior citizens afternoon tea at the village hall.

For those interested in the history of Ecton there is part 1 of 'Henry Pinney remembers' which gives an insight of village life. For newcomers to the village there is a village book which I believe there are 3 left, give me a call if interested.

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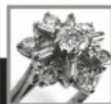
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	12th	To be arranged
	19th	Margaret Weddle & Anne Henderson
	24th	2.30pm to be arranged
January	2nd	Wendy & Ingrid
	9th	Joy Wilson & Chris Jordon
	16th	Fiona Major & Sue Bush
	23rd	Dorothy Creed & Ingrid Wright
	30th	Margaret Weddle & Anne Henderson

CHURCH LOTTERY October	
£40	Steve Hunt
£10	Denise Langley
£10	D. Labrum

Sidespersons		
December 6pm	5th	Margaret Weddle & Mark Aveyard
6.30pm	12th	Marian Gleave & Nick Greene
11am	19th	Brian & Sylvia Saunders
11.30pm	24th	Linda & Steve Richards
January 6pm	2nd	David & Mary Dicks
9.15am	9th	Margaret Weddle & Mark Aveyard
11.00am	16th	Marian Gleave & Nick Greene
9.15am	23rd	Brian & Sylvia Saunders
10.00am	30th	Linda & Steve Richards

CHURCH LOTTERY November	
£40	Rodney Ingram
£10	Linda Richards
£10	Peter Gammidge

Church Cleaning Rota			Brass Cleaning
Week		Team	
December	11th	A	
	18th		Dorothy Creed
	25th	B	
January	1st	C	
	8th		Chris Jordon & Ingrid Cartwright
	15th	A	
	29th	B	

From the Vicarage,



Already we are writing for our Christmas issue. I'm actually writing on Remembrance Sunday and this year we have emphasised that Remembrance is not only about looking back and remembering, but also about a commitment to work for peace in the future. At our Remembrance Services in Wilby and Great Doddington we considered the words of Isaiah, writing of the last days before the world ends:

*'They will beat their swords into ploughshares and their spears into pruning hooks'.*

We all need to ask ourselves the question, what are the 'swords' in our lives that need to be beaten into pruning hooks? In other words, in which relationships do we need to let go of old arguments and aggressions and work constructively for peace? It might be someone in the workplace, a neighbour, or even someone within the family with whom we struggle. Unless we are committed to making every effort to put those things right, then I suggest we are not really properly honouring God or those whom we remember at this time who gave their all so that we could enjoy peace and freedom.

The end of November sees the beginning of Advent, that period of four weeks of preparation before Christmas comes. In December there will be the usual events like carol services and other festive gatherings; perhaps for you there will be office parties or other events connected with your workplace. As Christians we should, I'm sure, engage in these events wholeheartedly (though without the excesses with which they are sometimes associated!), for here is an opportunity to remind those for whom Christmas means **only** parties and alcohol, that actually there's much more to it than that. A few years ago there was the popular slogan, 'Jesus, the reason for the season'. Let's take every opportunity to remind people of the amazing fact that Christmas is really all about God coming to earth in human form, and living among us and for us.

Very shortly our regular Christmas leaflet will come flopping through your door, giving, as it always does, details of all our events across our whole area. Everyone is most welcome at anything and everything and this year I would encourage everyone to try coming, perhaps, to just **one** event that is in one of the other village churches than the one you consider as 'yours'. They are all yours and you will find a warm and friendly welcome at whichever you choose.

Now some advance information about the New Year. 2011 marks four hundred years since the Bible was first translated into English and across the country there will be various initiatives celebrating that. In our churches we will be using material called the '£100 Challenge'. This is a programme whereby, over a period of some months we read at home a total of a hundred key Bible passages (50 from the Old Testament and 50 from the New), with appropriate notes to help us. Many of us are familiar with various bits of the Bible, but are not sure how it all fits together. It's a very exciting challenge and will, I hope, help to bring the Bible alive to us in a new way. Booklets will be available soon for those who wish to accept the challenge, our sermons during this period will support it, and there will be material for use in housegroups as well. I'm looking forward very much to 2011 being a very significant year for our Christian growth.

I end as always at this time of year, by wishing all our readers a very happy Christmas and blest New Year.

Chris Pearson

## CALENDAR FOR DECEMBER 2010

Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup>	19.30	Compline & Prayer.
Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup>	10.00	Open Church – time for reflection and quiet – coffee is served.
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup>	18.00	Holy Communion.
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	10.30	Holy Communion
	13.00 & 18.00	Ecton School Nativity – in Church.
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup>	19.30	Benefice Prayer Meeting – (48, High St.)
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup>	18.30	Festival of Lessons and Carols (no 09.15 service today).
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	10.30	Holy Communion
	14.00	Ecton School Christingle Service.
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup>	14.15	Pre-School Praise – Gt. Doddington.
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup>	11.00	All-Age Worship with Holy Communion.
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	10.30	Holy Communion.
	14.30	Afternoon Songs of Praise with Christmas Tea.
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup>		<b>CHRISTMAS EVE</b>
	14.30	Ecton Crib Service
	19.15	‘Carols on the Square’ - Earls Barton
	23.15	Holy Communion for Christmas Night
Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup>		<b>CHRISTMAS DAY</b>
	09.30	Holy Communion
	10.15	Wilby Family Worship – <b>both services at Wilby.</b> <b>No service in Ecton today.</b>
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup>	10.00	Joint ‘Cluster’ Service for all churches in our area - Earls Barton
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup>		<b>There is no midweek service this week</b>

## CALENDAR FOR JANUARY 2011

Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup>	10.00	Open Church – time for reflection and quiet – coffee is served.
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	18.00	Holy Communion.
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	10.30	Holy Communion
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	19.30	Compline & Prayer.
Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup>	09.15	Holy Communion
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	10.30	Holy Communion
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup>	19.30	Benefice Prayer Meeting (The Croft, Hardwater Rd., Gt. Doddington).
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup>	11.00	All-Age Worship with Holy Communion.
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	10.30	Holy Communion.
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup>	14.15	Pre-School Praise – Gt. Doddington.
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	09.15	Morning Prayer.
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup>	10.30	Holy Communion.
	14.30	Afternoon Songs of Praise
Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup>	10.00	Joint Service for the fifth Sunday – hosted this time at Ecton

**Please Note:** There may be a change to the midweek Communion Service from

# ECTON MUMS AND TOTS CHRISTMAS PARTY



All children are invited to the mums and tots Christmas party at Ecton Village Hall on Friday 17th December at 10am through to 11.30am.

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A five-metre scrum created another try for Saracens, but the final flourish came courtesy of an outstanding solo effort from George Wacokecoko.

The Fijian wing from St Joseph's College chipped his opposite number, got a lucky bounce and ran 50 metres for the score, to round off a team performance that impressed the Academy and Elite Players Development Group staff.

## CAMERON BEDFORD

ECTON'S  
VERY OWN  
SAINTSMAN  
(Also a very  
willing helper  
at Youth Club)



It's tough to make predictions, especially about the future.



Austin Carter Charles Taylor  
Baptised on 17th November 2010.

***And our newest villager  
Maia Susan Godby  
Born 6th November 11.40am  
5lb 11oz***



***With Proud Parents  
Rachael & Paul***





On Friday 15th December a number of our older residents enjoyed afternoon tea at the Village Hall.

Thanks to everyone who came and to those who came to help or provided contributions of yummy cakes.

We hope that we may be able to offer more regular events in the future and Alex Fernley (from the Manor House) will be calling round to see people to ask what you would most welcome.

In the meanwhile the next date for your diary is the 15th December for Christmas lunch.



# YOUTH CLUB



## LIVERPOOL STUNNED BY BRILLIANT TOWN



Northampton town on the 22nd of September caused one of the biggest league cup shocks ever. Beating Liverpool (18 times league champions, 5 times European cup winners) on penalties. Liverpool who expected to hammer Northampton took just 9 minutes to crack open the cobblers defence. A long ball over the top fell to Milan Jovanovich who calmly played the ball into the back of the net.

Northampton started to get a grip of themselves after this. Despite being 1-0 down the Cobblers fans were singing in good voice which they did throughout the match. Liverpool wasted the few chances they had for which they would be made to pay. 11 minutes into the second half Billy McKay did the unexpected and equalise, a great cross from Liam Davis was nodded down by Kevin Thornton and Billy McKay hammered the ball past Brad Jones.

Northampton dominated the rest of the second half with Liverpool given hardly a sniff of the ball, the Cobblers fans now believing they could win. Somehow Liverpool took the game to extra time despite Northampton's many shots and chances in the second half.

Danny Wilson's debut took a turn for the worst after Courtney Herbert turned him inside out as if he was not there. He crossed the ball into the area and a moment would follow that no Northampton fan will ever forget. Kevin Thornton and Abdul Osman both had strikes at goal, both being cleared. Third time lucky it fell to 18 year old Michael Jacobs who tucked it neatly home putting the Cobblers 2-1 up with just 21 minutes of added time to play.

Liverpool went on the offensive, however the cobblers easily dealt with their attacks. One last corner in the 116th minute of the match saw the ball fly into the area which was one attack to many for the town to deal with, and David Ngog the french international score, 2-2. However Northampton went straight back up the other end and it was only a wild clearance from Martin Kelly that denied Northampton the win.

Penalties were to follow, Steve Guinan and David Ngog missed the first two penalties but the town netted the next three, and when Nathan Eccleston missed it fell to Abdul Osman to score the winner. The match reaction was unbelievable, the whole squad started celebrating and manager Ian Sampson ran from the touchline to join in.

A late night was well worth it, beating the most successful and well supported teams in England by underdogs Northampton Town.

***Ben Coulter-Brophy***

HENRY PINNEY REMEMBERS LIFE IN ECTON BEFORE THE SECOND WORLD WAR  
PART 1  
WITH COMPLIMENTS to BETTY CUNNINGHAM

I have for some time thought it would be a good idea to record my memories of my early life in Ecton up to April 1939. That was when I left home to spend, as it turned out, 29 years serving in the Royal Air Force.

Ecton was a friendly and attractive Village in which to grow up. In those days everyone knew everyone else and it was possible, if one was so inclined, to count the population starting at the top of the Village and working down.

Life revolved around the Hall, home of Colonel and Mrs Sotheby, and like most of the Village our house belonged to the Estate. My 6 brothers and 2 sisters and myself were born in the first cottage in The Crescent. We were such a large family and I can remember, as a very young boy, that when my mother got us ready for a walk she would tell each of us to sit on the low wall in the garden and not move until all were ready to leave.

Even when, some years later, we moved to 18 High Street (now Grange Cottage) conditions were still very cramped. Colonel Sotheby then had 78 High Street, which comprised 2 cottages, made into one house with 5 bedrooms. We moved into our new home in 1935. Of course in those days bathrooms were a luxury that didn't exist in such houses so that all water had to be carried from a tap situated across the road. (I feel that it is a very great pity that these taps were not preserved, indeed I think that they should be reinstated). On Sunday afternoons there was much carrying of water in order to fill the galvanised baths in readiness for wash day on Mondays. A wash house existed in the corner of the barn and on Monday mornings a fire was lit under a copper in order to boil the clothes, bedsheets, etc. Mother had a big mangle and we would take it in turns to help mangle the washing. With 9 children and 2 adults to wash for I often wonder how my mother found the strength to work so hard week after week. Fortunately Mrs. Patrick, who lived across the road, was very kind and used to help her.

Garden fetes used to be held in the Hall grounds, an ideal venue for such activities; quite apart from the lovely views across the fields there was so much space. Teas were served in the old coach houses. There were all sorts of stalls and sideshows such as bowling for a pig, skittles, slow bicycle race, etc. These fetes were always a huge success and large sums of money were raised for a variety of causes.

Once a year, when the daffodils were in bloom, and the Hall grounds were opened to visitors, it was a joy to wander through the grounds and woodlands. The Kitchen Gardens were especially interesting and quite extensive. I remember the Head Gardner, Mr Wise, very well. He always wore a blue apron and pushed a flat truck with large wheels. Tenants used to pay their rent in his potting shed, I believe they still do.

It was an example of the authority and influence of Colonel Sotheby that when electricity was being brought to the Village, the Company attempting to erect a post near to the entrance to Blacksmiths Yard, he promptly ordered that work must cease and poles must be erected away from High Street. I well remember that when electricity was installed in our home at 18 High Street my mother had the privilege of switching on our lights for the first time. What an experience after oil lamps and candles!

Another person who had considerable influence in the Village was Canon Jephson. He was a very nice, caring and sincere person, very supportive of young people in whose activities he took great interest. Two of my brothers and I joined a Company of the Church Lads Brigade which had been formed in Great Billing by the Vicar, the Rev. Canton.

Other boys from Ecton also joined and it became known as the "Billing and Ecton Company". Rev. Canton was appointed Commander of the Northampton Battalion of the Church Lads Brigade in the rank of Colonel. I remember how proud Canon Jephson was when one year he was able to display the trophies which our Company won in the Battalion Competitions, which used to be held in the Drill Hall, Clare Street, Northampton. They included drill, physical training, smartness of turnout and team games.

There were 4 shops in the Village. The Co-operative society was situated in what was the old School built by John Palmer in the 17th Century. It was an independent society and was run by a local Committee, until it was taken over by Earls Barton Co-operative Society.

At the entrance to Manor Farm was an Off Licence run by Mrs Darker who also sold various household necessities. Mr. Billy Nichols had a little shop in his cottage which was situated in what is now the garden of 14 High Street with the entrance being in Blacksmiths Yard. He pushed a truck around Ecton, Great Billing and Cogenhoe selling a variety of things. Mr and Mrs Greenham also sold things such as tobacco, cigarettes, etc., in a little shop in their house in Blacksmiths Yard.

The Newsagents were Mr and Mrs Gibbins who lived in one of a row of three houses opposite The Crescent; only one house now remains, 61 High Street. Next to Mr and Mrs Gibbins lived Mr and Mrs Copnall. Mrs Copnall ran a Christmas Club which we called "The Chocolate Club". We paid our pocket money into this club and bought chocolates and sweets at Christmas time. There was a good selection of chocolates and sweets, but I particularly remember the Cadburys Selection boxes - at 2/6d a box, jolly good value they were!

There was also a Post Office which was opposite the school and run by Miss May Johnson and by her father before her. May used to sell stationery and greeting cards. She was responsible for accepting telegrams in a telephone kiosk situated inside the Post Office. She would seek the help of one or other of us to deliver telegrams. This was a sought after perk because we were paid 3 or 6 old pence according to the distance we had to go. I can recall May herself cycling to the dispersed farms in all weathers - she was quite a character and held strong views on a variety of subjects.

There were two bakehouses run by Mr Charles Tebby and Mr Jack Champion. Not only did they bake jolly nice bread but pastry meals and Sunday roasts with Yorkshire pudding which were taken along to them by the Villagers. This was done before the advent of gas in the Village when cooking at home was done on an old fashioned cooking range which also provided heating. Mr Tebby, whose bakehouse was on the corner of Barton Fields, cured fitches of bacon and hams taken along by those who kept pigs. My father kept several pigs as did quite a few people in the Village notably Mr Sam Middleton and Mr Dexter who had a big pig yard to the rear of 47 and 49 High Street. At 12 High Street was a Bakery owned by Mr Champion from where mother bought bread. Mother was a good customer for we needed lots of bread. It was delivered by Harrold Garfield, a man with a rich sense of humour. One day he picked up my youngest brother by the seat of his pants and tore them; mother was not amused! We used to go along very early on Good Friday mornings to buy Hot Cross Buns.

# Christmas: Music to Your Ears

By Adrian Pulford

## Kings of Leon / “Come Around Sundown”

Who would have thought that ‘my’ little Tennessee band would have come this far since I championed their first album “Youth and Young Manhood” more than seven years ago? Many commentators thought the Followill’s (brothers Nathan, Caleb and Jared together with their cousin Matthew) had hit their peak with their third album “Because of the Times” but 2008’s “Only by the Night” delivered their biggest hits to date (Sex on Fire / Use Somebody) and catapulted them into the big time. British support drove KoL from the start and audiences have grown at their live shows accordingly with headline gigs at Glastonbury and Reading festivals in recent years.

“Come Around Sundown” keeps up the good work from the previous two albums, and although no KoL track will ever eclipse “Sex” for ubiquity there are stand outs on the new album with singles “Radioactive” and “Pyro” being obvious choices, but the whole album would make a worthy present for anyone who loves alternative rock. **Gift Rating 9/10.**

## Cee Lo Green / “The Lady Killer”

If you think you don’t know who Cee Lo is I bet you’ll know his voice (“The greatest male voice in US soul” according to the Sunday Times) as he took the lead vocal on “Crazy” by Gnarls Barkley which was a massive world-wide hit and the defining soundtrack to the summer of 2006. Now you’ve got the voice huh? Well the new album is much better than “St Elsewhere” and its GB follow-up, whatever that was called. This is great with the No 1 single “Forget You” (OK, I know what its real title is but this is a family mag!) leading a superb selection of well-crafted songs that drag the soul genre right into the 21<sup>st</sup> century. **Gift rating 8/10.**

## Ray Davies / “See My Friends”

I nearly crashed the car as I was listening to Ray Davies being interviewed about this album on Steve Wright in the Afternoon when they played “Waterloo Sunset” (my second\*\* favourite song of all time) sung by Jackson Browne (my favourite singer of all time) as it sent me into a frenzy of goose-bumps and overwhelming emotion. You could buy this collection for that track alone, but with collaborators like Bruce Springsteen, Jon Bon Jovi, Mumford and Sons, Gary Lightbody, Billy Corgan and Black Francis queuing up to cover some of the Kinks greatest numbers there really are at least ten reasons to get this record. **Gift Rating 10/10.**

## Jamiroquai / “Rock Dust Light Star”

Well, Jay Kay’s been away for a while but he sure is back with a bang, ask Cheryl and Danni! His X-rated outburst prior to performing his new single “White Knuckle Ride” on the X-Factor (don’t blame me, I won’t watch it) caused a furore when he called them useless and worse.

Anyway, musically Jamiroquai are right on the money again and if you like Jay’s previous work you’ll love this too, with “Blue Skies” making me stop the car when it premiered on the radio, just to be sure it was new Jamiroquai as I didn’t know he had new stuff coming out. Smooth ‘70’s style jazz-funk it may be, but if we are all made of stars, as the title suggests, then Jay Kay is one big talented music star (for all the right reasons Cheryl). **Gift Rating 10/10 (for Kerri)**

\*\* “Strawberry Fields Forever” by The Beatles in case you were wondering. AP

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