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Editor's Ramblings

Since my last ramblings there has been some unusual happenings here in ficitionne on the Costa del Corby, beginning with Margaret and I joining other ex-pats and became members of the Irish centre. The other unexpected thing to happen, the day after, was that we are going to be deported from the Costa's probably in February after under-mining the currency. It all started apparently when I innocently suggested in the last issue that it would be good to buy the local currency (the EKK) and buy EKK you did. It started well with the currency rising and then all of a sudden a drastic fall, I'm sure a banker could explain it but I can't. Perhaps you have a banker in the village! We will miss Primrose Cottage but look forward to the Ecton view. I have read you make newcomers very welcome in Ecton.

On that note on behalf of the village can I welcome more new arrivals Jacinta and Tom Oistmin, I think to the High Street again.

It is a pleasure to thank the village for their record support of the Christmas card, which will provide our senior citizens with a great Christmas Lunch at the village hall on the 11th December. Can I also thank Dan for his design of the card as well as the improvements he has made to the magazine this year. You would not get the magazine without Joy and her team who deliver in all weathers, a giant thank you to them. And thanks to Santa's helpers who collected messages for the Christmas card, Nicky Bedford, Denise Collacot and Sally Bresnahan, but its Denise who gets a ride in the Sleigh this year for her efforts. Also a big thank you to our financial sponsors, the advertisers and to Sally for getting them, and to **OUR** Parish Coucil who continue to support the magazine.

Those that went to the race night at the village hall in November had a great night, good company, good food and really well organised by Nicky Bedford. It also raised over £600.00 for village hall funds. I don't think I am made to be a gambler, 9 races, 9 bets, 9 losers, or is that a skill?

HAVE A GREAT CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR

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**WHEN YOU CAN THINK OF YESTERDAY WITHOUT REGRET
AND TOMORROW WITHOUT FEAR, YOU ARE NEAR CONTENTMENT.**

When?	What? & Where?
Friday 7th December	Ecton Witches – contact Nicky Buckley for more information
Saturday 8th December	Christmas Starters in the Village Hall – see advert in this magazine for more details
Tuesday 11th December	Elderly Residents Christmas Lunch in the Village Hall
Wednesday 12th December	Theatre Night at the Village Hall - “Dickens – A Christmas Carol” - see advert in this magazine for more details

ECTON CHRISTMAS STARTERS

**SATURDAY 8TH DECEMBER
7PM**

COME AND JOIN THE FESTIVE FUN AND HELP TO START THE CHRISTMAS SEASON WITH FRIENDS AND NEIGHBOURS. JUST BRING A PLATE OF FOOD TO SHARE AND A BOTTLE OR TWO OF YOUR FAVOURITE TIPPLE. SEE YOU THERE.

PLEASE LET SALLY BRESNAHAN OR CLAIRE REID KNOW IF YOU COMING

ARE YOU ON FACEBOOK?

We have set up a Facebook page for Ecton Village Hall showing what's coming up and photos and stories of what's been happening.

To make sure you are kept up-to-date with the latest news and events, log on to Facebook and “like” Ecton Village Hall.



Rotas and Lottery

for December

Church Cleaning Rota		Brass Cleaning
December	1st	B
	15th	C
	22nd	Anne Henderson / Joy Wilson
	29th	A
January		
	12th	B
	26th	C



"I don't do windows!"



CHURCH LOTTERY November	
£50	Dorothy Creed
£10	Zoe Richards
£10	Brenda Foster

December	Sidespersons	
6pm	2nd	Brian & Sylvia Saunders
7.30pm	4th	Volunteers needed
9.15am	9th	Linda & Steve Richards
11am	16th	David & Mary Dicks
2.30pm	18th	Christmas Songs of Praise
6pm	23rd	Brenda & Philip Foster
9.30pm	24th	Service at Wilby
9.30/10.15am	25th	Mark Aveyard Charlotte Eley
10am	30th	Service at Wilby
January		
6pm	6th	Marian Gleave David Fuller
9.15am	13th	Brian & Sylvia Saunders
11am	20th	Linda & Steve Richards
9.15am	27th	David and Mary Dicks

Coffee Rota		
December	2nd	Joy Bond / Wendy
	9th	Anne Henderson/Charoltte Eley
	16th	Joy Wilson/Chris Jordan
January		
	6th	Joy Bond / Wendy
	13th	Fiona Major/Linda Richards
	20th	Dorothy Creed/Ingrid Cartwright
	27th	Anne Henderson/Charoltte Eley



CALENDAR FOR DECEMBER 2012

The midweek Holy Communion service moves to Gt. Doddington

Saturday 1st	10.00	Open Church with Coffee
Sunday 2nd	18.00	Holy Communion
Tuesday 4th	10.00	Holy Communion (at Gt. Doddington)
	19.30	Confirmation & Benefice Celebration (at Ecton)
Sunday 9th	09.15	Holy Communion
Tuesday 11th	10.00	Holy Communion (at Gt. Doddington)
Thursday 13th	14.15	Christmas Pre-School Praise (at Gt. Doddington)
Saturday 15th	10.30	Christmas Cracker' event.
Sunday 16th	11.00	All Age Worship with Holy Communion - CHRISTINGLE
Tuesday 18th	10.00	Holy Communion (at Gt. Doddington)
	14.30	Christmas Afternoon Songs of Praise
Sunday 23rd	18.00	Lessons & Carols with Christmas Tableau
Monday 24th	CHRISTMAS EVE	
	19.15	Carols on the Square (at Earls Barton)
	21.30	Holy Communion (at Wilby)
Tuesday 25th	CHRISTMAS DAY	
	09.30	Holy Communion
	10.15	Crib Service
	These two services are designed to join with no break	
Sunday 30th	10.00	Fifth Sunday Joint Celebration Service (at Wilby)

CALENDAR FOR JANUARY 2013

Tuesday 1st	10.00	Holy Communion (at Gt. Doddington)
Saturday 5th	10.00	Open Church with Coffee
Sunday 6th	18.00	Holy Communion
Tuesday 8th	10.00	Holy Communion (at Gt. Doddington)
Sunday 13th	09.15	Holy Communion
Tuesday 15th	10.00	Holy Communion (at Gt. Doddington)
Thursday 17th	14.15	Pre-School Praise (at Gt. Doddington)
Sunday 20th	09.15	All-Age Worship with Holy Communion
	16.00	Annual Unity week Service (at All Saints, Earls Barton).
Tuesday 22nd	10.00	Holy Communion (at Gt. Doddington)
Sunday 27th	09.15	Morning Prayer
Tuesday 29th	10.00	Holy Communion (at Gt. Doddington)



Friday 18th – Friday 25th: Annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

Ecumenical Prayer meetings (each lasting 30 minutes):

Friday 18th	14.00	Earls Barton Methodist
Saturday 19th	19.30	Gt. Doddington
Monday 21st	19.30	Wilby
Tuesday 22nd	19.30	St. Anselm's R.C., Earls Barton
Wednesday 23rd	14.00	Ecton
Thursday 24th	14.00	Earls Barton Baptist
Friday 25th		All Saints, Earls Barton (time to be confirmed).

From the Vicarage



I wrote last month that we were about to depart on our long-awaited pilgrimage tour to Greece in the steps of St. Paul. We've now been back a couple of weeks and looking back we're able to reflect. Personally I found the whole week fascinating. We had an amazingly knowledgeable Greek guide who described everything in great detail. I must admit that she did seem much stronger on the classical Greek than the Biblical aspects which was perhaps a pity, but we were able to imagine St. Paul, trudging on foot the many miles we travelled in the luxury of a modern air-conditioned coach. It was also great, of course, to leave behind the November weather of the U.K. and enjoy warmer climes, although the evenings tended to be quite cool. For me, it was a considerable hiccup that I gained a badly sprained ankle part-way through the week which meant that I missed a number of the sites, but I hope it didn't impair the tour for the rest of the party.

Last month I also wrote of our forthcoming very special service. On December 4th we have Bishop John Holbrook joining us for a Confirmation Service combined with a celebration of our new United Benefice status (see previous editions). That is being held here in Ecton Church at 7.30pm and everyone is most welcome. For our new benefice our three Church councils have been working on new vision and mission statements and we shall be launching those on that occasion too. These are designed to demonstrate that we are intent upon looking outwards and serving the communities here. We are not a cosy club for those on the inside – this is your church, just as much as it is ours and we are here to serve the needs of all who live, work, or visit here. A copy of this statement is printed at the end of my article.

I must also, of course, mention Christmas. The events affecting Ecton are printed on the diary page and a full list of everything happening in the benefice is being delivered to every home in the Christmas leaflet that we always circulate at this time of year. On the third Sunday of each month we hold our regular All-Age service which is growing in popularity. In December (16th) that service will be a Christingle, something which has become a firm favourite in many places around the country and is just beginning to be part of the regular tradition in Ecton as well. Once again there will be a Travelling Crib which will travel around all three villages. It will leave from the service at Wilby on Advent Sunday (Dec. 2nd), but will return to Ecton at the Crib Service on Christmas Morning. It is Wilby's turn to host the Christmas Night service this year. This will be held at 9.30pm, the time favoured by the majority of Wilby folk.

Into January, and towards the end of the month there is always the annual 'Week of Prayer for Christian Unity'. This is an international, in fact world-wide event and as you will see from the diary page, in our area we mark it with a brief prayer meeting each day (some in the afternoon and some in the evening) as well as the usual annual Unity Service, which this year is being held at Earls Barton Baptist Chapel.

Please do come and join us at one or more of our events over Christmas and the New Year, as we wish you every blessing at this happy season.

Chris Pearson.

CHRISTMAS CRACKERS SATURDAY 15TH DECEMBER 2012 10.30AM TO 2.30PM IN THE CHURCH

Mulled Wine and Mince Pies for the adults
Tea & Coffee
Christmas Crafts for the children and adults
Travelling Crib
Books (including children's books), Toys,
Jigsaws, Cakes, Bring and Buy
Please bring any contributions for the stalls on
the day or to 34 West Street.

We have been delighted by the generous responses to the appeal for the church roof. Thank you to all who are supporting with funds, time and energy and a special thank you to those who have offered their support through other social events in the village

The total amount of money raised so far is £9213. That's £2000 more than when we last reported. In addition we have made bids to other funders (including the Northamptonshire Historic Churches Trust) which potentially could bring a significant amount in the next month or so. Currently we are at 42% of our target

Thank you !!!


The next social and fund raising event is 'Christmas Crackers' for all the family on 15th December (see separate notice in this magazine)

Coffee and Cakes in the Church

(Open Church)
Saturday 1 December
Saturday 5 January
10am-12noon
Tea, Coffee, Soft drinks
Doughnuts
Stalls: please bring any contributions for the stalls on the day or deliver to 34 West Street. At the moment we particularly need children's books and small(ish) toys.



Christmas Services at Ecton

 Christingle Service
Sunday 16 December 11am

Christmas Carols and Tableau
(enactment of the nativity scene)
Sunday 23 December 6pm



Christmas Day
9.30am Holy Communion
10.15am Crib Service

Monday - Pilates

At the Village Hall
9.30am to 10.30am
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in the village hall
on Tuesdays.

Call Vicky Kay
07801 370301

Pick up the Kids after
youth club.
6pm-7.30pm
from the village hall.
call

Margaret Tinston
01604 412233

Pub Quiz every
other Wednesday
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Wednesday Night
Bell Ringing in
the church.

7.30-8.30pm.

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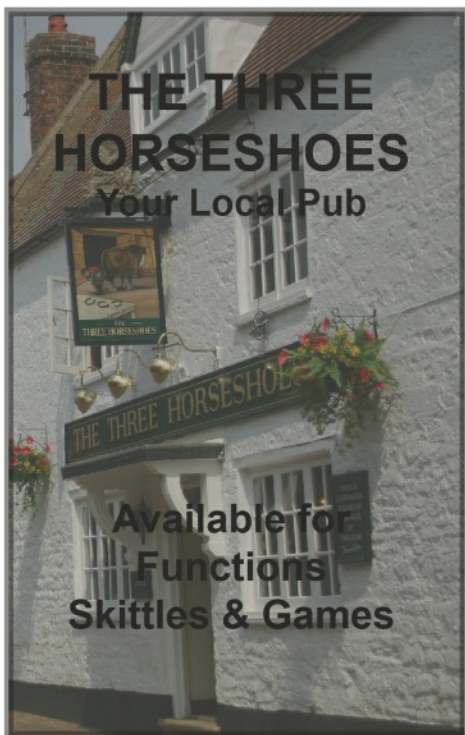
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NAPOLEON

Napoleon is back! He has not provided the local fox with his evening meal after all.

This cock pheasant is recognisable as he has a damaged lower mandible, caused by his endless fighting with his constant pheasant companion, Wellington.

Last Spring these two cocks were left over from the local shoot, together with two hen pheasants, naturally named Josephine and Eugene. The quartet regarded the whole area as their property, at any time they could be seen wandering around scavenging, sometimes successfully when cottage owners distributed bread on their doorsteps.

Whenever I went down the garden to fill my bins I took the ends of my loaves and tearing them into pieces I'd chuck them over the fence into the woods. Quickly returning to the house I watched from the kitchen window as Napoleon and co raced towards the bread, they then saw each other off, neither Napoleon nor Wellington willing to let the other near the food. In the mean time up in the trees the local Jackdaw family swooped down removing the bread. Suddenly the pheasants broke off from their rowing and all the bread had gone. This happened every time. Pheasants really are bird brained.

As Summer wore on I became aware that Josephine was sitting on eggs in my front rose bed, hidden by the leaves of a young Honesty plant. The day came when I noticed a small baby pheasant head poking above her wing, suddenly there were baby pheasants everywhere. Camera at the ready I took endless pictures. Just as well I did for the next morning Josephine had only 5 chicks and the following day there were none. Their lives were short and quite clearly Josephine was rather relieved to be free of her instant family, as she resumed her wandering with Napoleon and Wellington.

In late Summer I noticed that there were no pheasants about - had they become dinner for the local fox? Then in September there was Napoleon and Josephine and Eugene and also Wellington. Today I found six girls wandering through my borders, grabbing a handy rake I ran shouting at them all, they took off in a flurry of wings and rather reluctantly they were followed by Napoleon. So the whole sager begins again. Where is that fox when you need him.

News from the front line
Jennifer Harrison



YOUTH CLUB

PICTURES OF YOUTH CLUB CHILDREN MAKING DECORATIONS

WE ARE NOW LOOKING FOR A NEW HELPER AS JUSTINE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO HELP ANY LONGER. ANYONE INTERESTED PLEASE CALL MARGARET 07970 270719



WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK JUSTINE FOR ALL THE HELP SHE HAS GIVEN TO THE CLUB OVER THE LAST FEW YEARS



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Ecton Golden Oldies

Wishing all EGO's a very Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year. We are looking forward to seeing you all next year and to trying some new events.

Best wishes from: Alex, Pat, Kathy and Sally



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FOR VILLAGE HALL
IMPROVEMENTS!!*

Ecton Witches

Friday 7 December 2012 – 7.30pm

Ecton House, 5 Church Way

Please telephone / text the hostess Harvi on 077929 27164, by Wednesday 5 December, to confirm your attendance. £5.00 is required prior to cover the cost of food and to help ensure the correct numbers are catered for on the evening.

As usual, bring a bottle of wine on the night.

2013 Dates:

Ladies if you would like to host a Witches Evening in 2013 please let me know, suggested dates.

22 Feb, 26 Apr, 28 Jun, 30 Aug, 25 Oct (booked) and 6 Dec

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FRIDAY 7TH DECEMBER

Ecton Theatre Night-Wednesday 12th December

From the production
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In 1853, Charles Dickens took to the stage for the first time to read from A Christmas Carol, and so began what was to become one of the most-talked about theatrical phenomena of the Victorian age.

Now, to mark the bicentenary of Charles Dickens' birth, New Perspectives Theatre Company is delighted to present the magic of that first reading.

It's the perfect way to experience the original heart-warming, spine-tingling Christmas story from the greatest storyteller ever to have written in the English language.

Ecton Village Hall, Wednesday 12th December, 7.30pm
Doors open 6.45pm, licensed bar

Tickets £10 (£8 concessions, £5 under 16s)
available from Alistair MacRae at 24 High St. or on 402582

For a behind the scenes look at the production in rehearsal
go to <http://youtu.be/UhTTDO1dhs8>



The village of Ecton and church

Ecton is a small Northamptonshire village and parish in the Borough of Wellingborough. It is situated on a hill, built around a church and a historic hall all set in green fields and mature trees. It has two pubs and a school. A conservation area, the character of the village is typified by houses built of traditional ironstone and more modern pre and post-war brick built construction. The village celebrates a historical connection to the ancestors of Benjamin Franklin.

What does Ecton mean to you?

WELL IT'S CHRISTMAS

BLUE FIZZ

Method:

Pour one measure of De Kuyper Blue Curaçao into the flute glass and top up with the champagne. As an alternative to champagne, we suggest that you use another dry (Brut) sparkling wine such as Cava.

Snowball (Classic)

2 Measures Warninks Advocaat
Top up Lemonade
0.25 Measure Lime Cordial

Method:

Shake the advocaat and lime juice together. Pour into an ice filled highball. Top up with lemonade.

Additional notes:

For a less sweet version you can use fresh lime juice instead of lime cordial and soda water instead of the lemonade.



CHRISTMAS FAYRE

1st - 24th December

★ Lunch £19.95 Dinner £22.95

STARTERS

Butternut squash & lentil soup & rustic bread

Chicken liver pate, onion jam & rustic toast

Smoked mackerel mousse, garlic groun
& horseradish & drive dressing

Duo of melon & winter berry compose

MAIN COURSE

Traditional roast Nortfolk turkey,
pigs in blankets, herb seasoning,
roasted postatoes & vegetables

Pan fried salmon supreme
& spring onion
& pearl barley risotto

Slow braised blade of beef,
roasted shallots
& horseradish creamed potatoes

Roasted sweet garlic,
thyme & mascarpone risotto,
toasted almonds & breadcrumbs

DESSERT

Traditional Christmas pudding
& brandy sauce

Classic lemon tart & winter berry compote

Stick toffee pudding & butterscotch sace

Two nut chocolate torte & creme fraiche

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