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EDITORS RAMBLING'S

I hope the front cover is not a forecast for the winter in Ecton, but the Autumn has been very mild, and has provided a very good fruit harvest. Whilst I am on the subject of the cover if any of you keen photographers would like to send me village pictures I can use I would be grateful. If you would like to be added to my email list to remind you of dates for items to be included then send me an email!

Since coming to Ecton I have learnt to ring the church bells and practice night on a wednesday is most welcoming to new people, even if only to look how the bells are rung and to visit the historic tower. Our oldest bells date back to 1612.

I would welcome comments/thoughts about the village from anyone who has moved here in the past two years. Did you come for the peace of country living?, ease of reaching stations to commute? or to be nearer family etc., and what is the village missing!

The short service at the Shrine was very well attended and in bright sunshine and with the fewest cars using the high street I have ever seen. Quite silent for the service. For those who took my advice to go and see the poppies at the Tower of London I hope it was not too crowded.

Your magazine gets to you by a team of deliverers who go out in all weathers, so a big thank you to Mary Dicks, Dorothy & Maurice Creed, Barbara Jones, Anne Henderson, Joy Wilson and Jude Coulter. Also my thanks to those who help with the construction of this magazine.

I usually go to a festival every year, I did not get tickets for Glastonbury although re-sale tickets will still be available. My preference next year is the Burning Man festival in Nevada. If any one has been I would appreciate feedback!

The Christmas card competition was won as chosen by the Parish Council by Denise Collacott, with technical support from Thomas Coulter-Brophy. There were four entries and having seen all the decision must have been very close.

The next magazine will be the February issue and I look forward to receiving your items.

HAVE A VERY MERRY ECTON CHRISTMAS

Copy for The *February* magazine to
e-mail: navigator@ectonvillage.co.uk
by 20th January



THE ECTON VIEW

CHRISTMAS LUNCH
FOR OLDER PEOPLE

We will be selling Christmas Wishes in the magazine this year so that we can host another Christmas Lunch. The Christmas Lunch will be held this year on **Wednesday 10th December at 12 noon.**

If you would like to come please let **Margaret (412233), Sally (403027) or Pat (402582)** know. Please try to come and join us and meet new friends or catch up with old friends.

If you need transport we can arrange that or if you would like your meat at home we can sort that as well.

We hope you all can join us.

Ecton children's Christmas party

Hosted by Ecton Village Mums and Tots

Sunday 7th December
at Ecton Village Hall
11:30am until 2pm

£1 per child
open to all age groups

Disco, Santa Visit (small gift included) and
Christmas themed party games

Bring a plate for the children's buffet
(to be allocated when tickets are booked)

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As I write this article the Vineyards of the UK have recently completed one of the busiest and most generous harvests in recent memory, bringing in a plethora of different grape varieties to create wines to rival the best European wine producing nations. This time of year sees the fruition of a years hard work in the vineyard and signals the start of the wizardry in the winery to turn those grapes in to wines we can be truly proud of. At this time of year my mind always turns to all of the things that go in to the creation of the bottle of wine that the consumer drinks. Every part and process, every effort and success from vine to bottle, which I think can be split down into a few key areas. These I will try to explain to further your understanding and hopefully increase your appreciation on drinking said bottle.

1. The Vine

The vine is a wondrous, tempestuous and rewarding thing. It should be revered by those who work with it. Treated well and pandered to, and on occasion should be stressed so that it can excel and produce something marvellous. The vine needs constant care and attention and the work of those in the vineyard, often in conditions that are not at all favourable, to get the best out of them is something to be applauded.

2. Weather

The success or failure of any harvest can be determined by the weather, as any farmer or keen gardener will know. The vine is a hardy animal but will still not produce ripe grapes if the conditions are not favourable. Heat, direct sunlight on grapes and leaves, just the right amount of rain, mild winds, cool nights these are all the conditions a vine will thrive in. But take anyone of them away and the vines become moody, reluctant and prone to disease.

3. The winery

You need expertise, the right equipment and some very hard workers to process the multitude of grapes that come into the winery at this time of year. Hours can be long because if its ripe it needs to be crushed, destemmed and pressed. Once this has happened the juice is settled, the clear juice racked off then the all important yeast is added. The ideal next step is a long, controlled, steady fermentation that extracts all the fruitiness of the grape. If we keep our eye on quality and precision at this stage, good wine will result.

4. The People

From pickers (normally Eastern European), to cellar hands (usually old and reluctant), to Winemakers (always self-centred) everyone needs to pull together to make a successful bottle of wine. There needs to be a vision, a style and an endpoint everyone can aim for. The people who work in vineyards and wineries that do the hard graft don't always get the acclaim that goes to those of us with the tag of Winemaker, but they certainly deserve it.

Whatever wine you are drinking next (hopefully English), I hope this will aid in your enjoyment of it.

SIDESPERSIONS

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Type of service</i>	<i>Duty Team</i>
7th Dec.	11.00am	Holy Communion	Wendy Villette & David Fuller
14th Dec.	9.15am	Holy Communion	Brian & Sylvia Saunders
21st Dec.	6.30pm	Carol Service	Steve & Linda Richards
Wed.24th Dec.	2.30pm	Crib Service (travelling crib returns)	T.B.A
Thurs 25th Dec.	10.00am	Holy communion (by extension)	T.B.A
28th Dec.	10.00am	Joint service Ecton	Mary & David Dicks
4th Jan.	6.00pm	Holy Communion	Brenda & Philip Foster
11th Jan.	9.15am	Holy Communion	Mark Aveyard & Charlotte Ely
18th Jan.	11.00am	All age Communion	Wendy Villette & David Fuller
25th Jan.	9.15am	Morning Prayer	Brian & Sylvia Saunders
1st Feb.	6.00pm	Holy Communion	Steve & Linda Richards

Tea / Coffee rota

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Type of service</i>	<i>Duty Team</i>
7th Dec.	11.00am	Holy Communion	Joy Wilson & Chris Jordan
14th Dec.	9.15am	Holy Communion	Fiona Major & Linda Richards
21st Dec.	6.30pm	Carol Service	Ingrid Cartwright & Linda Richards
Wed.24th Dec.	2.30pm	Crib Service (travelling crib returns)	Volunteers required
Thurs 25th Dec.	10.00am	Holy communion (by extension)	Volunteers required
28th Dec.	10.00am	Joint service Ecton	Anne Henderson & Charlotte Ely
4th Jan.	6.00pm	Holy Communion	Wendy Villette & Joy Bond
11th Jan.	9.15am	Holy Communion	Joy Wilson & Chris Jordan
18th Jan.	11.00am	All age Communion	Fiona Major & Linda Richards
25th Jan.	9.15am	Morning Prayer	Ingrid Cartwright & Linda Richards
1st Feb.	6.00pm	Holy Communion	Anne Henderson & Charlotte Ely

	CHURCH LOTTERY November 2014
£50	Pat & Dave Bright
£15	Rita Ward
£10	Dorothy Creed

Funds for the Playing Field

The children's sponsored walk made a staggering £1082.00, a great achievement for a small group of children and their supporters. Thank you to everyone who supported this lovely event. Thanks also to those who have made generous donations to this fundraising campaign.

From the Rector,

Last month I wrote of a very busy time coming up, and so it has proven. I won't comment again on all the events that have taken place, but just to say that Remembrance this year was a great time. Over the past few years there has been a real resurgence of interest in this event nationally and we have seen it in our three parishes too, with increased numbers attending our various Acts and Services of Remembrance. This year we ran out of leaflets at all three events – what a wonderful problem to have! I promise there will be a reprint for next year. In Great Doddington, for example, at our evening service we recorded in our services register an attendance of 91 adults and 25 children. It was estimated that there were around a hundred at the Act of Remembrance at Ecton too. That's wonderful, and we are very grateful again to the scouts, cubs, and beavers for joining us and parading their standards along with that of the Royal British Legion.



Part of that renewed interest is, I'm sure, down to the big anniversaries we are seeing this year – a hundred years since the outbreak of WW1 and seventy years since D-Day. Also though, the recent wars and the high profile of those killed or returning injured has also heightened both awareness and sympathy with the cause of Remembrance. Long may it continue, and especially it's great to see younger people expressing an active interest, for without them Remembrance would die out within a generation or two.

One event this month (other than Christmas) that I must mention is Bishop Donald's visit to Great Doddington on Dec. 7th. He is coming for a service at 3.30pm at which he will Baptise and Confirm several candidates, and he will also be dedicating our new toilet, servery, and vestry. It will be a great celebration after such a long process of building in two phases, long-awaited, and an occasion for real celebration. Friends from Wilby and Ecton are most welcome too.

Christmas is now approaching, of course, with all the regular events coming along. Carol services are in preparation with singers rehearsing. This year we are confident that we can raise a choir for all three events, which was sadly not possible in 2013. We're very grateful to all who volunteer to sing, as well as to Tom Pearson who is training them again this year, and to the organists who will be playing. Our regular Christmas leaflet is, as I write, with the printers and will as always be delivered to every home in good time. At Ecton it may even come with this magazine. Please look out for it as it contains a complete list of all our Christmas events in all the villages. One thing that is new since last year is that we now have a transport co-ordinator for each church whose job it is to arrange lifts for those who don't have their own so that friends can go to events in villages other than their own. Please do ask for help if you need it, or offer lifts if you are going and have spare seats. In case you don't have the details, those co-ordinators are as follows: Great Doddington: Ann Newsome, 01933 276082; Wilby: Richard & Jo Meekings, 07710 930392; Ecton: Charlotte Eley, 01933 225848. Please do come and join us at one or more of our events this month.

With every blessing,

Chris Pearson

Services and Other Events for December

Tues. Dec. 2nd	No Midweek Service this week	
Sat. Dec. 6th	10.00 'Open Church'	Ecton & Gt. Doddington
Sun. Dec. 7th	11.00 Holy Communion	Ecton
	15.30 Confirmation & Dedication of New Facilities (with Bishop Donald)	
	09.15 Holy Communion	Ecton
Sun. Dec. 14th	No 09.15 Service today	
Sun. Dec. 21st	18.30 Festival of Lessons and Carols	Ecton
Tues. Dec. 23rd	10.00 Holy Communion	Ecton
Wed. Dec. 24th	CHRISTMAS EVE	
	14.30 Crib Service	Ecton
	19.15 'Carols on the Square' -	Earls Barton
Thurs. Dec. 25th	CHRISTMAS DAY	
	10.00 Holy Communion (by Extension)	Ecton
Sun. Dec 28th	10.00 Joint Service of Holy Communion	Ecton

Services and Other Events for January

Sat. Jan. 3rd	10.00 'Open Church'	Ecton & Gt. Doddington
Sun. Jan. 4th	18.00 Holy Communion	Ecton
Tues. Jan. 6th	No Midweek Service this week	
Sun. Jan. 11th	09.15 Holy Communion	Ecton
Sat. Jan. 17th	10.00 The Big Breakfast and Messy Church	Gt. Doddington
Sun. Jan. 18th	ANNUAL WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY BEGINS	
	11.00 All Age Worship with Holy Communion	Ecton
	11.00 Unity Week Service	Earls Barton Baptist Church (followed by a bring-and-share lunch)
Wed. Jan. 21st	19.30 Celebration of Ecumenism	Northampton R.C. Cathedral
Sun. Jan. 25th	09.15 Morning Prayer	Ecton
Tues. Jan. 27th	10.00 Holy Communion	Ecton
	14.30 Afternoon Songs of Praise	Ecton



A big 'THANKYOU' to all who supported the World's Biggest Coffee morning at the church – that includes those who baked cakes, made jam and preserves, those who made tea and coffee and those who donated so generously towards this worthy cause.

A grand total of £260 was raised

Halloween at the village hall



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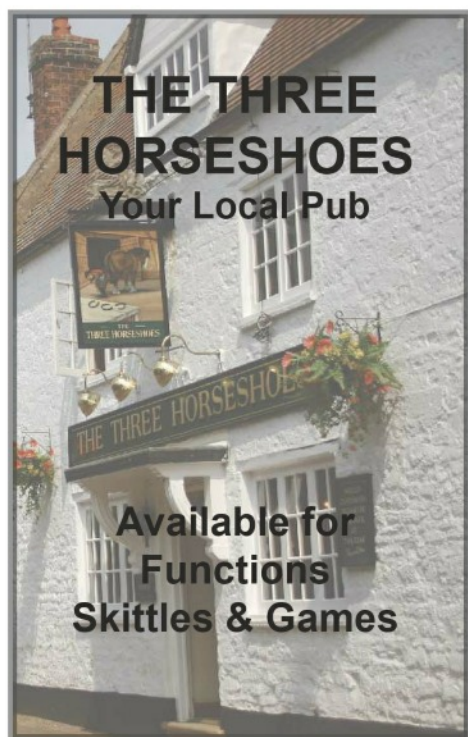
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ECTON VILLAGE YOUTH CLUB

Programme

December	3rd	Cake pops & Christmas decorations
	10th	Social & Games
	17th	Ice skating Beckwith
Inform us if you wish to come - limited numbers		
January	7th	Social & Games
	14th	Roller skating
	21st	Social & Games
	28th	Cooking
February	4th	Social & Games
	11th	Laserzone



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Don't forget if you want to enjoy the Ecton View Christmas lunch you need to let Margaret, Sally or Pat know as soon as possible. Also, a date for the 2015 calendar - Friday January 23rd we will have fish and chips in The Three Horseshoes at 12 noon. Please come with ideas for next years outings etc.

SPICED MULLED WINE

Ingredients

- ½ bottle red wine
- 1 cinnamon stick
- 2 star anise
- 2 cloves
- 1 orange, sliced
- 1 lemon, sliced
- 50g/1¾oz brown sugar

Preparation method

1. Place all of the ingredients into a saucepan and simmer gently for 6-8 minutes, without boiling.
2. To serve, pour the mulled wine into heat-proof glasses



Ingredients

- 70ml/2fl oz gin
- 1 tbsp dry vermouth
- 2 tbsp olive brine
- 1 wedge of lemon
- 1 green olive

Preparation method

1. Pour the Gin, dry vermouth and olive brine into a cocktail shaker with a handful of ice and shake well.
2. Rub the rim of a martini glass with the wedge of lemon.
3. Strain the contents of the cocktail shaker into the glass and add the olive.



DIRTY MARTINI

Santa Claus has the right idea.
Visit people once a year.

MAGICAL SUPPER CABARET

Ecton Village Hall

Friday 12th December, 7.30pm



Enjoy a supper with friends and neighbours and an evening of table-top close-up magic and stage illusions from professional magician Douglas Maddy.

Doors open 7.00pm. Licensed bar.

Tickets £15 (conc £12)

from Alistair on 01604 402582 or at 24 High St.

YOUR VILLAGE BOWLS CLUB

Many of you may be unaware that there is, in Ecton, a thriving Short Mat Bowls Club. This was started in the late 1980's as a recreation for some of the older people in the village.

Contrary to what some people think we do not use carpet bowls, but conventional full size ones. The game is played on a mat in the middle of which is placed a 12 inch block of wood around which the bowlers have to bowl. This requires a deal of skill and tenacity.

The club meets Thursday afternoons between 2 and 4 with a break for tea and biscuits at 3. If we have a birthday to celebrate the cream cakes are on the menu. All this for only £48 a year!!! At one time we also played on Thursday evenings as well but dwindling numbers meant that this was not viable. If we could attract new members we could perhaps start this again which would, of course, generate more income for the Village Hall. We play a few matches each year against local clubs and also hold a keenly fought Club Knockout Competition with a Shield going to the winner.

Freda Richards, one of the founder members, is our President and she and the rest of the players would be pleased to welcome new members. If you have never played before tuition will be given and Club Bowls are available for use. So, if you are free on Thursday afternoons and would like some fairly gentle exercise and friendship come along and give it a go.

Maurice Creed..... Chairman

Remembrance Day at the Village Shrine



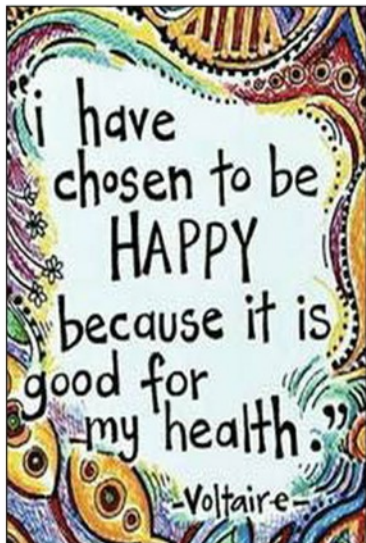
A larger than normal congregation for the short service of remembrance at the shrine in this special year, and in bright sunshine. Thanks to the Three Horseshoes for putting on a buffet following the service.

Puzzle Page - December 2014 & January 2015

Christmas Wordsearch

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- BAUBLES
- BETHLEHEM
- BLITZEN
- BOXING
- CANDLES
- CAROLS
- CRIB
- DANCER
- DASHER
- DAY
- EPIPHANY
- FRANKINCENSE
- GIFT
- MANGER
- MEN
- MISTLETOE
- MYRRH
- NICHOLAS
- NORTH
- POINSETTIA
- POLE
- PRANCE
- PRAYER
- REINDEER
- RUDOLF
- SHEPHERDS
- SILENT
- SLEIGH
- STARS
- THREE
- WISDOM
- WISE
- WRAPPING
- WREATH



Sudoku - Easy

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2			8		7	9	4	6
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	2				6	3		
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Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to All Ecton Puzzlers

What I don't like about office Christmas parties is looking for a job the next day.

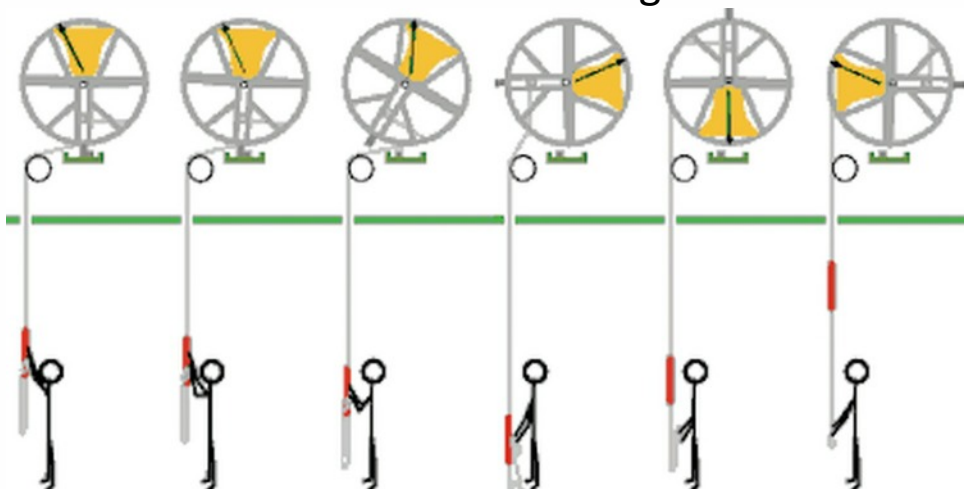


We no longer have food vans coming to the village but there is a fish van on the square in Earls Barton on Tuesday mornings. He arrives about 6.30 until 11.

Are you interested
in learning how the bells of Ecton are rung?
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Puzzle Results - November 2014

Crossword

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Sudoku - Challenging

1	2	4	5	3	6	9	7	8
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9	8	6	2	7	1	5	4	3
7	5	3	6	1	9	2	8	4
2	4	1	8	5	3	7	6	9
6	9	8	7	2	4	1	3	5

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