

Ecton Parish Magazine



Ah, how skilful grows the hand
That obeyeth Love's command!
It is the heart, and not the brain,
That to the highest doth attain,
And he who followeth Love's behest
Far excelleth all the rest!
Henry Wadsworth Longfellow,

Parish Magazine

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February

“February, when the days of winter seem endless and no amount of wistful recollecting can bring back any air of summer.”

Church Directory

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Parish and Village Organisations

Bell Ringers

Contact: Colin Tinston
Tel: 01604 412233

Fellowship

Contact: Joyce Orford
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2nd Tuesday in month
2.30pm Village Hall

Cricknet Club

Captain: Steve Wheatman
Tel: 01604 401714

Ecton Village Hall

Contact: Rodney Ingram
Tel: 01604 406038
Booking Clerk: Marlene Green

Mums & Tots

Contact: Vicky Chapman
Tel: 01604 788748
Most Wednesdays
1.30—3.15pm Village Hall

Short Mat Bowls

Contact: Maurice Creed
Tel: 01604 407864

Lunch Club

Wednesday, monthly
Contact: Sheila Ingram 406038

Parish Council

Chairman: Ty Moffett
Tel: 01604 407474

Pre-School

Now relocated to the school
Contact: Mrs Vicki Burrows

Primary School

Head: Vicki Burrows
Tel: 01604 409213

Womens Institute

Contact: Gill Leggett
Tel: 01604 414216

1st Tuesday in month
7.30 Village Hall

Youth Club

Contact: Margaret Tinston
Tel: 01604 412233
Margaret@ectonvillage.co.uk
Wednesday
6.30-7.30 Junior Youth Club
7.30-8.30 Senior Youth Club
Village Hall

Badgers Group

Tuesday 5.45 - 7.15pm Village Hall
Contact: Vickie Chapman 788748 or
Nita Gill 493455

Editors Ramblings

Febuary and a reminder from the front cover that the 14th of the month is St. Valentine's Day. The flower in the background is of a Rope Orchid.

Since the last issue we have had a very successful Safari Supper which saw a number of new faces this year. All the Safari Supper first timers said they will come again next year. Our thanks go to Mary and David Dicks for their organisation of the event over the past years, and good wishes go to Angela and Jim Crabtree who take on the mantle for next year.

There has been a number of new people move into the village recently so on behalf of the village can I welcome Mark and Polly who have moved into Mumbles Cottage, Salvadore and Carl who have moved into one of The Hall apartments, the Edge family who have moved into The Grange and to Joe, Alex and Sam who have moved into The Manor. If you know of anyone else please let me know. If you want to know anything about the village the village book is available from Sheila Ingram.

In this issue there are pictures of the Youth club Christmas Disco and the visit by the Police, also of the Mayor of Wellingborough planting a tree at the school to celebrate National Tree Planting Week

I would like to thank Sally Bresnahan for volunteering to help with advertising for the magazine. If you would like to advertise or have any ideas of people who might advertise Sally can be contacted on 01604 403027. Advertising rates can be found on page 19. **We need your help in making this magazine self funding.**

A date not to be missed is the 18th March when the magazines music maestro Adrian Pulford is putting on a musical evening in the village hall, see page 12 for details.

On page 4 there is an advert for a bridge day to raise funds for the village hall, donations of raffle prizes would be appreciated.

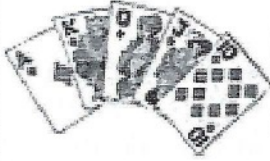
I know of 3 incidents of burglary during December and January so make that extra effort with security.

Copy for *The March* Magazine to
Colin Tinston Rectory Farm House High Street
Telephone: 412233
e-mail: navigator@ectonvillage.co.uk

by 22nd February

"No Sane man will dance."

Marcus Tullius Cicero



**BRIDGE DRIVE
IN
ECTON VILLAGE HALL
ON**



8TH FEBRUARY

**COFFEE AT 10.30AM FOR 11AM START
COST IS £12.50 TO INCLUDE LUNCH WITH A GLASS OF WINE.**

TICKETS FROM MARGARET TINSTON 412233

DONATIONS OF RAFFLE PRIZES WOULD BE APPRECIATED

PROCEEDS TO VILLAGE HALL

13/11/05 Lunch at the 3 Horseshoes
Sincere thanks to all
those that made a
very successful day.
The £98.15 raised went to
The Poppy Appeal
Kathy

Ecton Church Lottery
January Draw
First Prize £50 to: L. Turnock 184
£10 prizes to:
D. Ward 81
D. Allison 41
D. Austin 145
R. East 12

A big **THANK YOU** to all those at Church and in the village and further afield for your prayers, good wishes, cards and gifts and very practical help during the recent weeks while I was in hospital and recovering from my knee operation. I am pleased to be able to get out and about again gradually and hope to venture further as the spring comes.

Marian Gleave

Ecton W.I.

“ Ecton WI enjoyed its Christmas Party and is ready to begin 2006 with a programme of interesting speakers and outings. However the Women’s Institute is a powerful pressure group, nationally, and has been effective for many years in campaigning for change over a number of issues. Each year there is a new campaign and as a democratic organisation the members vote each year from a list of proposed resolutions and a final vote takes place at the National Federation of Women’s Institutes(NFWI) AGM. This year we had a shortlist of 7 resolutions and after a lively debate our members placed them in order of preference. There is a further opportunity to contribute to the final decision in May. Lectures from experts are available to help us in this process. Last year’s resolutions were care of the environment, and Farmgate Milk Prices. So the WI is not just about ‘Jam and Jerusalem’ although we do have several excellent Jam and Chutney makers among our members. On February 7th we have our Birthday Party and on March 7th a make up demonstration.

Gill Leggett- President.”

ADVANCE NOTICE

Bric - A - Brac Sale
Saturday 6th May
in
The Village Hall

To raise funds for the refurbishment of the hall

If you wish to book a table ring
Kathy:404590 or
Rodney:406038 or Margaret:412233

Jenny's Page



Dear Friends,

In the church we are still in the season of Epiphany an ancient word which means showing or revealing. Hence, Epiphany begins with the celebration of the coming of the wise men from the East. They had been shown a star which they followed until the place where Jesus lay was revealed to them.

I believe God still reveals himself to us in many ways; Sometimes through a friend or neighbour; Sometimes through a chance encounter with a complete stranger; Sometimes through the beauty of nature. But, we have to have our eyes, ears, minds and hearts open to make sure we don't miss the moment. We also have to allow time for reflection, otherwise in our busyness we may not recognise that revelation for what it is.

Two days before Christmas, I was busy in my study, when the door bell rang. It was a young couple, who had spent the night in the car park at Weston Favell Shopping Centre and needed a lift to the motorway to make their way south. I hesitated, but there was something genuine about their request. They came in for coffee and toast apologising for their muddy state, asked for a prayer, then John took them to the motorway.

"We'll ring you", they said. I didn't expect to hear but two weeks ago out of the blue they called to say they had arrived in Canterbury where staff at a hostel, were trying to find them work and a flat. Thank you God!

Love & prayers,

Jenny

P.S.

Our Travelling Crib was a great success. 26 families gave Mary & Joseph a bed for the night and looked after a sheep until the Crib Service. A whole flock of sheep returned with over 90 people in tow! We'll do it again next year.

Church Diary

Sunday 5th February

9.30am

Fourth Sunday before Lent

Parish Communion: Isaiah 40.21 - end

Psalm 147.1 - 12; 1 Corinthians 9. 16 - 23

Mark 1.29 - 39

Tuesday 7th February

No Service

Sunday 12th February

9.30am

Third Sunday before Lent

Parish Communion: 2 Kings 5. 1 - 14; Psalm 30

1 Corinthians 9.24 - end; Mark 1. 40 - end

Tuesday 14th February

9.00am

Holy Communion

Sunday 19th February

9.30am

Second Sunday before Lent

Parish Communion: Proverbs 8.1, 22 - 31;

Psalm 104.26 - end; Colossians 1. 15 - 20;

John 1. 1 - 14

Tuesday 21st February

9.00am

Holy Communion

Sunday 26th February

10.30am

Family Service - All are welcome

Tuesday 28th February

9.00am

Holy Communion

Wednesday 1st March

7.30pm

Ash Wednesday

Communion & imposition of Ashes

Lent Discussion Groups

There will be two discussion groups for a five week period during Lent. These will be held on Monday and Tuesday evenings starting on Monday 6th March and Tuesday 7th March. All are welcome.

For further information please contact Colin Simpson on 01604 410541

From the Ecton Website

Hello, I hope I am not intruding too much into your day.

I have reached the stage in my life where I thought it would be a good idea to record my life and travels for my descendents (should my daughter produce any), and working backwards from today have arrived at the time that I lived in Ecton.

My first visit to Ecton was in 1939, I only have vague images of that visit (I was under 3 years at the time), my father was with the Royal Horse Artillery and his Regiment was camped in the fields alongside the Wellingboro Road and opposite the Worlds End. My mother and I stayed with Tom and Sally Tipler (brother and sister) who had a house in the yard behind the Three Horse Shoes.

With both parents in the armed services I returned to live with the Tipler's toward the end of 1941 and at the start of 1942 Ecton Primary became my first school. I'm not certain how long I was with the Tipler's, but I had left before WW2's end. There was another house in the yard of the Three Horse Shoes and a family named Bugby lived there, all I remember of them was a son named John who allways seemed to be attached to a rope whenever he was outside the house. Also living with the Tipler's was a girl called Audrey Asplin????, in the early 50's she was quite a well known fashion model and still lived in the village the last time I visited around 1958, I think her parents had built a house on the Back Lane.

What I'm wondering now, are there any Tipler's or Bugby's left in the village who may remember me?.

Regards Glynn Ford Australia

After writing the email I sat and vegetated for a while thinking of Ecton, One thing that came to mind was how the Home Guard used to hold demonstrations of their military prowess in the fields below the Manor and all the village would be there cheering them on.

Regards Glynn Australia

I have just seen the letter from Glynn Ford on the Ecton Web site and can add a little to the information it contains.

Sally Tipler was the sister of my Grandmother Norah Lydia Tipler who became a Smith, Audrey Asplin was my cousin, and daughter of Dora and Harold Asplin, Dora was one of Norah Lydia's daughters. Audrey married and moved to Cambridge and we lost contact, I do have a picture of her somewhere that shows her modelling for a fashion magazine.

Dora and Harold ran the little shop that used to be in a small alley off of back lane before they moved into the house in back lane. I stayed in both places as a child, when we would come to Ecton to visit Grandma for our summer holidays.

Best regards, John Smith, Southampton.

"The single biggest problem in communication is the illusion that it has taken place."

George Bernard Shaw

Village Hall Loan Scheme

Eighteen months ago the completion of our village hall refurbishment was seriously threatened by a shortfall in funding; despite raising most of the total cost of around £130,000 with grants and donations we were still ten thousand pounds short!

The committee decided that desperate measures were called for and asked for long term interest free loans to complete the building work. Could we bank on the generosity of the village yet again? The answer was a resounding 'yes' as, in a very short time, twenty loans of £500 were promised. As a result the building work was completed and the hall was re-opened in July 2004.

All that remained was to pay off the loans. We certainly didn't want this to drag on for years so we embarked on a series of fund-raising events that enabled us to pay off the first loans within five months.

Bookings at the refurbished hall gradually increased and with the additional income we were able to pay off individual loans on a regular basis. Just before last Christmas – less than twelve months since the first repayment – we were able to pay off the last of the loans.

Thank you to everyone involved in the fund-raising, especially those of you who lent us your money, having been told that you might have to wait ten years to get it back!

Rodney Ingram
Chairman, Ecton Village Hall

SHOCK RESULTS FOR ECTON!

Recently Ecton Bowls Club have played exciting away matches at Cogenhoe and Rushden.

Cogenhoe were very surprised to be beaten, almost as surprised as we were to win. In the match against Rushden Wayfarers we managed a very creditable draw, bearing in mind that almost half our team had never played away from Ecton before.

We are looking forward to return matches and hope that our current form can be maintained or even improved upon.

WATCH THIS SPACE

Dorothy Creed Hon. Sec.

Ecton Fellowship

Our lunch outing is on Tuesday February 14th to Billing Garden Cafe. Lunch about 12.30pm. Please meet in Church Way at 12 noon if transport is required.

Come and join us if you can but please let me know so adequate tables can be reserved.

Joan Dickins

Minutes (EDITED) of the meeting of the Parish Council of Ecton held in The Village Hall, High Street, Ecton on Tuesday 22nd November, 2005 at 8.00 p.m.

Mr. T. Moffett - Chairman

PRESENT: Dr. A. Bantock, Mr. J. Crabtree, Mr. M. Creed, Mr.D. Dicks, Mr. T. Green, Mrs. K. Humphrey's and Mrs. S. Ingram
In attendance: 2 Parishioners

69/05 PARISH COUNCIL VACANCY

The Clerk presented a letter from Mr. Chris Petrie expressing his interest in filling the vacancy.
RESOLVED that Mr. Petrie be co-opted onto the Parish Council.

771/05 MATTERS ARISING

Lower Ecton Lane

Reported that the hedgerows on land adjacent to Anglian Water land require cutting as a matter of urgency.

Concern was expressed that the width of the new entrance to the Anglian Water pumping will attract fly tipping.

Parish Council agreed to ask if this entrance could be narrowed.

Blacksmiths Yard

Mr. Steve Hollowell, Rights of Way Officer for the County Council confirmed that that it was in private ownership. However he will endeavour to find funding for extending the fence and wall. Clerk to advise the resident and request that they be notified of any works to be carried out.

Vandalism/Graffiti

Reported that vandals had damaged the Gate Pier in Church Way and Abbey Ross, Managing Agents for Ecton Hall are endeavouring to establish ownership.

At a recent meeting of the Board of Directors of Ecton Hall, to which Sergeant Phillips attended, residents reported numerous incidents of vandalism which had all been reported to the Police with little or no response.

Sergeant Phillips explained the difficulty in policing the area due to a shortage of manpower, however he will endeavour to organise a police presence in the village.

Noted that Parish Councillors continue to litter pick the playing field of broken bottles and clean graffiti from Parish Council property.

72/05 SYWELL AERODROME

Reported that Northamptonshire County Council considered an application for levelling of land to the existing runway and have recommended approval.

RESOLVED that the Government Office for the East Midlands calls-in this application until such time that it can be considered at the public inquiry for the proposed hard runway.

73/05. POLICE

The Parish Council noted that a greater Police presence has been evident in the past two or three weeks.

The Clerk presented crime figures for which showed 7 crimes had been committed during October - Theft from Vehicles 3, Criminal Damage 2, Burglary 1 and Other Crimes 1.

74/05. PLAYING FIELD

Agreed to ask ROSPA to carry out an annual inspection and risk assessment.

75/05 STREET LIGHTING

Light No 23 – not working and has been reported.

Light No. 29 – following damage, by an unknown vehicle, a new light needs to be installed.

ABB have quoted £1,413.86 plus VAT for a replacement similar to the original.

Clerk confirmed that a claim had been submitted to the Insurance Company.

76/05 HIGHWAY MATTERS

A4500 – overhanging branches

Noted that work to the overhanging branches along the A4500 had not been undertaken.

Although this had been included in the works program for the current year to date no work had been undertaken. Clerk to remind the County Council.

Reported that the footpath between South Lodge and The Lodge is now totally overgrown.

Clerk to request that the County Council clear the footpath as a matter of urgency.

Lower Ecton Lane

Reported that foliage was overhanging Lower Ecton Lane. Clerk to write to County Council

Water asking for branches etc to be trimmed back.

Missing HGV signs opposite Total Butler premises

A4500 Vehicle Activated Signs

The Parish Council agreed to ask the County Council to look at the feasibility of installing these signs on the A4500.

Community Speed Watch

Following submission of details of the speed watch campaign a report is awaited from ACRE

County Council be asked to give consideration to introducing a 20 mph zone in the High Street.

77/05 YOUTH CLUB

The Parish Council considered a request for grant aid for the youth club.

Agreed that the Youth Club's request and all other applications for grants are considered at the March meeting of the Parish Council.

The Youth Club to be advised that the Councils funds have and are being depleted due to the number of acts of vandalism and graffiti that is very prevalent at the moment.

The cost of repairs and cleaning is spiraling.

This obviously means that what funds are left for awarding grants becomes less.

78/05 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Balance Sheet as at 22nd November 2005

The Clerk presented a balance from which it was noted that the current balance was £9,112.94.

Income for the period 21st September - 22nd November, 2005

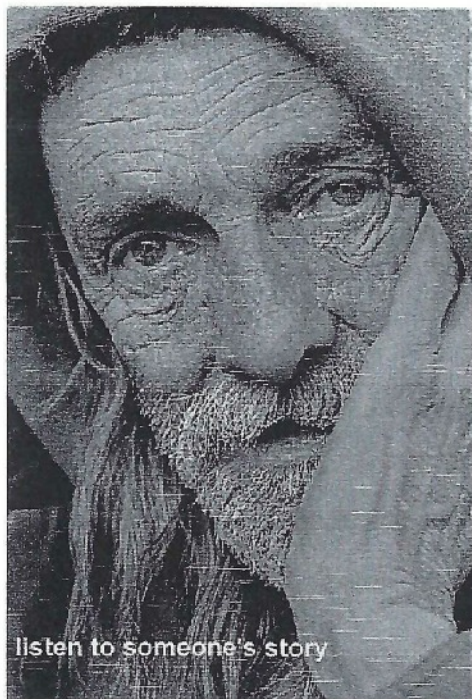
Precept £4,600.00

Bank Interest £27.30

Bank Charge refund £25.00

RESOLVED that accounts be paid.

MUSIC: to your ears



Date: 18th March 2006

Time: 19.30 - 23.00

Ecton Village Hall

A listening experience **with a difference**: An eclectic, thought provoking, nostalgia inducing, toe tapping, happy and sad, upbeat and chilled.

Jacket potatoes (with chilli or beans) included in the price.

Raising Funds for
Ecton Village
Hall

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Adrian Pulford: 01604 413585

Music to my ears

By Adrian Pulford

What have you been listening to since last I wrote for the magazine? I am still enjoying **James Blunt** Back to Bedlam - along with the rest of the world it seems - and looking forward to seeing him live at Blenheim Palace in the summer (2 tickets for Christmas from my daughter!). I championed this superb new singer/songwriter in these pages early last year and am delighted he has found such astonishing international success in 2005. As I have said before: if you don't yet own this album, BUY IT NOW.

I got a new black 60 GB video iPod at Christmas and have been updating it with new CD's and some from my collection that I couldn't get onto my old 10 GB first generation iPod as it was full! Fantastic bit of kit with much improved functionality; listen to your whole CD collection of course, but also watch video or download your photo collection for slideshows with your own soundtrack - really cool. iPod + iTunes has really changed the face of the music industry and people are listening to songs again, downloading them one at a time as opposed to buying a whole album to get two or three good tracks. It's the future.

Another new phenomenon from Apple is **Podcasts**, available to download for free through **iTunes**, these are effectively 'radio broadcasts' that you can download to your iPod and listen to at leisure. The worldwide number one Podcast is from **Ricky Gervais** and **Stephen Merchant** and consists of hilarious half hour sessions of their unique nonsense. Don't listen to it on the train as your laughter may well get you arrested!

I have been listening to **Ryan Adams 29**, his third new album of 2005 and his best since the seminal Gold. There is always some great stuff on any of this amazingly prolific artist's albums for the loyal fan but 29 is consistent and accessible, and every song has depth and a gentle power: highly recommended. **Will Young Keep On** is the third new album of his career and is a superbly crafted set from the only good thing ever to have come out of 'reality TV'. He builds on the huge success of Friday's Child with more thoughtful songwriting, interesting collaborations with Nitin Sawhney and Johnny Douglas (George Michael's co-writer) and of course that wonderful voice: recommended.

Just downloaded **Richard Ashcroft** Break the Night with Colour (Acoustic): 79p well spent as this pre-release is an excellent return to form for the ex-Verve front-man. Download it next time you're on line.

Memories of Ecton by Jean Axeford (nee Buswell)

PART 1

I was born on April 4th 1950 in Ecton in my Grandmothers house, which is now the hairdresser Jayne Wiggins home (not the shop) and where funnily enough I went to work many years later in 1988. Mrs Sioue Rands delivered me as, according to my mother the midwife who had to come on her bike from Billing, did not get there on time!

My first memory is of going to school when I was 4 ½ and the teacher was Mrs. Salter, who I am afraid I did not like very much. Mrs Schofield (who lived in Franklins Close) was also a teacher in the infants and she was lovely and very good at crafts. When I went up to the "Juniors" which really meant going into the "big room", Miss Green was my teacher and I liked her very much. There was a big solid fuel fire and my uncle, Mr Sid Dartnell used to stoke it up. I remember my mother knitting all the time for us and she knitted me a bottle green jacket with wooden toggles, which I loved and wore all through the winter, with short white socks. Miss Green obviously didn't think I was warm enough, as she asked me if I had any long socks! We would go into her house and watch the school programmes on her T.V.

Mr. Gardiner was the headmaster before Miss Green came and he left just as I went up into the Juniors. He had a son Richard, - who would have thought that 30 years later, in the mid-1980's, Richard would be teaching my daughter Rachel at Earls Barton Junior School. We used to do Maypole dancing at school and once I was the May Queen. We had tests at the end of the year, and one year I came top by just half a point! The following year Jennifer Hull beat me to first place!

When I was about 9 years old, a new boy came to the school called Mark Aveyard and we sat together for that year. His father took over the running of the shop in Blacksmiths Yard from Mr Short, and later the Post Office moved there after Miss Johnson retired. Funnily enough, I met up with Mark and his wife Mary a few years ago when they came to live in Earls Barton - he didn't recognise me! - well it had been about 30 years since I had seen him. We spent ages reminiscing about our childhood.

I now see him regularly as he has joined the badminton club I belong to and funnily enough another Ecton lad, John Fulker has started to come too.

I went to Sunday School every Sunday morning and then I joined the church choir. I remember Mr. Percy Baker looking very sternly at us if we chatted during the Rector's sermon! and Mr Line was the organist. I was married in Ecton church in March 1971.

In 1953 when I was 3, we had our first television to watch the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II. It had just BBC 1, and did not show many programmes. It had a light brown plastic screen to put over it when it was a sunny day so we could see the picture better. When ITV was launched my Dad wouldn't get a TV with that channel on as he said "There's nothing wrong with the one we have", so my friends were talking about "adverts" and programmes I had never seen. Even when we did get a TV with ITV programmes, we weren't allowed to watch all of them - one being "Till death us do part" - I think because Alf Gamett called his wife a "silly old moo"! In the winters (which seemed to be always snowy) we used to go sledging in the field behind my house in West Street, and we would see just how many people we could get on top of each other on one sledge. Once there were quite a few of us and we went so fast we ended up in the stream which ran along the bottom of the field! We would go home for our meal at lunchtime, put our gloves to dry on the Rayburn, then go back out again until it got too dark. We also went "ice skating" on the pond in the field next to Barton Fields. We would throw stones on to the ice to make sure it was safe to hold our weight! - my Mum never knew that - she does now!

TO BE COTINUED



THE KINGS POCKET KNIFE

Back row l - r Elizabeth Cunningham, (unknown), Wendy Reed, Marian Turland, Val Moody
Next row: Miss Green, Michael Sturman (unknown), John Middleton, (unknown), (unknown),
David Hussey, (unknown).
Next row: **Jean Buswell**, Rita Buswell, Valerie Patching, Ken Perry, (unknown), Pat Bayes,
Jennifer Hull.
Front row: Elizabeth Holland, Teresa Fenn, (unknown), Rita Dubb.

If you can help with the blanks let the editor know



Winter Knitters

Many thanks to those who offered to help teach the children at the **Youth Club**

how to knit.

The sessions will be on
1st & 8th February

6.30pm

at the
Village Hall

Police visit to the Youth Club



A visit by 2 Policemen from Mereway Police Station provided an informative and entertaining evening. They did demonstrations and introduced the children to lots of techniques & equipment

Sponsored Walk

We will leave the village at 9.30am on Sunday 19th February to do a 2 to 5 mile walk in Salcey Forest. We hope as many people as possible will encourage and sponsor the children in their fundraising activities.

Football Tournament

This year we have entered 3 teams for the N.A.Y.C. football competition, 2 boys and a girls team. We wish them well.



Youth Club
Christmas Party
&
Disco



Lots of messy
games
and
great music
provided by
Robert & friends

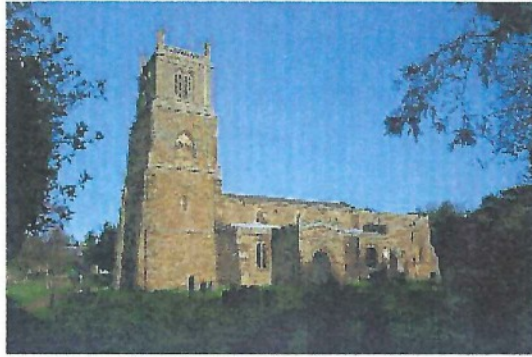


Ecton Village School



At the School open day
Patricia Raymond
Mayor of
Wellingborough
plants a tree for
National Tree
Planting Week

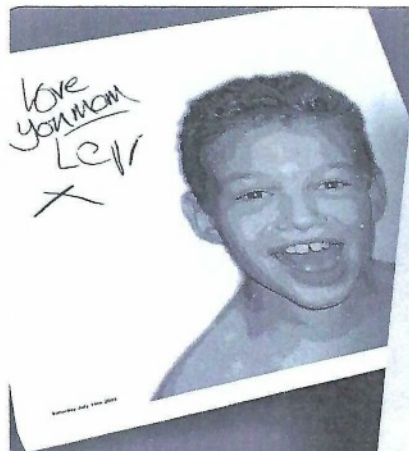




Next Family Service
10.30am
Sunday 26th February
Everyone welcome
Come and help make
pancakes!

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