

THE ECTON VIEW

A photograph of a wooden gate leading to a green field. The gate is made of weathered wood and is partially open. The field is lush green and extends to a line of trees in the distance under a clear blue sky. The gate is surrounded by dense, leafless bushes and trees.

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Editor's Ramblings

MISSING - ONE KNOWN AS WINTER
IF SEEN OR KNOW HIS WHEREABOUTS
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has not been seen since March 2011

description: generally white but can be black near or on roads.

**If seen do not approach, stay indoors and put heating on,
can be extremely dangerous!**

A serious threat to the elderly, so make sure your neighbours are ok!

In this issue are contact numbers for our senior citizens to call.

The big event in the village this year is a celebration of the Queens Jubilee and plans are already in hand for this to take place on the 4th June, **a date for your diary.** On a more immediate event we have 'an evening with Craig Ogden' at the village hall on the 18th of February. Be quick to get the last few tickets, details in this issue.

In March there is a film night, details on page 17 (note to myself - must number pages before going to print, and don't forget to delete this note).

Before Christmas we had the Ecton View Christmas Lunch for our senior citizens, made possible by the generosity of those who sponsored the village Christmas card. A good time was had by all, pictures in this issue.



And a reminder for
reminder at the back

on the 14th! There is a further
of the magazine.

**Nothing to do on Wednesday evenings then come and learn or
just watch bell ringing at the church at 7.30pm**

*Copy for The **March** magazine to*

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by 20th February

**How old would you be if you didn't
know how old you was?**

An Evening with Craig Ogden



A unique opportunity to see and hear one of the world's finest classical guitarists.

Guitarist Craig Ogden is one of the most exciting artists of his generation. His many recordings for Virgin/EMI, Chandos, Nimbus, Hyperion, Sony and Classic FM have received wide acclaim. He has performed concertos with all of the main UK orchestras plus many abroad and has presented on BBC Radio 3 and on ABC Classic FM (Australia).

Craig's solo repertoire includes pieces from both his current recordings - well-loved classics such as Sevilla by Isaac Albeniz, and the hugely popular film music Ashokan Farewell, to exquisite compositions from contemporary composers such as Callum Dewar and Gary Ryan.

Ecton Village Hall, Saturday 18th Feb at 7.30pm

Tickets £10 (£8 concession)

Contact Alistair MacRae

24 High Street or phone 402582

Ego's News

Happy New Year to everyone!

Since we were last in print the Ego's have enjoyed "How Steeple Sinderby Wanderer's won the F.A. Cup" (courtesy of the David Cross bequest) and the great Christmas Lunch organised by Colin and Margaret.

Thanks to everyone for both supporting and organising these events. Special thanks too for the very generous gifts given to the Ego's helpers; they were very much appreciated.

By the time you receive this magazine we will have had a soup and sandwich lunch at the Village Hall and we have plans for the first half of this year. In February we are planning to have a singsong in the Three Horseshoes with the help of Brian Saunders. In March we will be reminiscing about life in Ecton and we have a film of the 1951 Ecton Pageant to show. In April we hope to visit the Sywell Aerodrome museum and in May to repeat the successful fish and chip lunch. Dates of all these events will be published in the magazine as soon as they are confirmed but we will be in touch via our "agents".

As well as these events the Ego's are welcome to come to the other village events advertised in this magazine: Craig Ogden, Classical Guitarist and the film night showing Saving Grace (a hilarious film).

In the last magazine we mentioned the offers of help if the weather deteriorates but we didn't give you the details. We obviously hope we don't experience severe weather but there is plenty of time yet! So if you are in difficulty or cannot get out the following people can be contacted:

Kathy Humphries	High Street	01604 404590
Alex Fernley	High Street	01604 784058 or 07790 081409
Sarah and Simon Taylor	West Street	01604 787461
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Kerri Pulford	Barton Fields	01604 413585
Nicky Buckley	High Street	01604 406443 or 07850 932051
Margaret Tinston	High Street	01604 412233 or 07970 270718
Pat McRae	High Street	01604 402582 or 07751505608

The Queen's Jubilee

As you know there is to be a celebration of the Queen's Jubilee during the weekend of 2nd –5th June. We have decided to hold a village event on Monday 4th June when we will have a village picnic followed by a Barn Dance and hog roast. Watch this space for other celebratory events at the pubs and the church.

The Olympic Torch

We understand the Olympic torch will be carried along the A4500 on the 2nd July – watch this space for more details.

Coffee Rota		
February	5th	Wendy & Ingrid
	12th	Anne Henderson & Charlotte Ely
	19th	Joy Wilson & Chris Jordon
	26th	Fiona Major & Linda Richards

Sidespersons			
February	6pm	56th	Linda & Steve Richards
	9.15am	12th	David & Mary Dicks
	11am	19th	Brenda & Philip Foster
	9.15am	26th	Mark Aveyard & Charlotte Ely

CHURCH LOTTERY December	
£50	Sue & Len Edwards
£10	Sandra Wheatman
£10	David Atkinson

CHURCH LOTTERY January	
£50	Norman Haddon
£10	E. Bilson
£10	Pauline Charles

CALENDAR FOR FOR FEBRUARY 2012

N.B. The midweek service moves to Great Doddington this month and the monthly 'Compline' has been suspended during the cold weather

<u>Saturday 4th</u>	10.00	Open Church – refreshments served.
<u>Sunday 5th</u>	18.00	Holy Communion
<u>Tuesday 7th</u>	10.00	Holy Communion (<i>Gt. Doddington</i>)
<u>Sunday 12th</u>	09.15	Holy Communion.
<u>Tuesday 14th</u>	10.00	Holy Communion (<i>Gt. Doddington</i>)
<u>Thursday 16th</u>	14.15	'Pre-School Praise' (<i>Gt. Doddington</i>)
<u>Sunday 19th</u>	11.00	All-Age Worship with Holy Communion.
<u>Tuesday 21st</u>	10.00	Holy Communion (<i>Gt. Doddington</i>)
<u>Wednesday 22nd</u>	ASH WEDNESDAY	
	19.30	Holy Communion
<u>Sunday 26th</u>	09.15	Morning Prayer.
<u>Tuesday 28th</u>	10.00	Holy Communion (<i>Gt. Doddington</i>)
	14.30	Afternoon Songs of Praise.

From the Vicarage,



I know I already said it in our last edition, but that was a long time ago, so ‘Happy New Year’! I wonder what 2012 will bring for you. For many last year was difficult, especially financially, and we all hope and pray for better times in 2012. I hope I’m not alone when I say that at the beginning of any new year there is always a certain optimism in the air, whatever the political or financial climate – a chance for a new start, turning over a new leaf, or whatever, but actually each new day gives us that same opportunity as well. The Bible tells us that God’s love, and mercy, and grace, are new every morning, so when we get up each day I guess we shouldn’t be doing so reluctantly, dreading what the day might hold for us, but rather we should have a sense of excitement. None of us knows what a new day or new year will bring, but we do know we have a God who wants only the very best for us so if we trust Him and rely upon Him we can have every confidence that our sense of excitement is not misplaced, but will be rewarded.

Later this year we have the celebrations for the Queen’s Diamond Jubilee. I haven’t heard yet if anything is planned for Ecton but this year is a special one for big celebrations for us too. Personally in our family we have our ruby wedding this summer and also in June my parents (both in their mid-nineties) are due to celebrate their 70th anniversary (I think that’s Platinum)! Even these days I think that’s fairly rare. All these milestones are a reminder not only of the passing of years and with them the various achievements that have been made, but more importantly they are a reminder of our faithful God who carries us through and supports us in all the ups and downs that life throws at us. That, of course, remains true whether we acknowledge the fact or not.

Talking of the passing years, I am writing this month shortly after hearing of the passing of two more of our faithful Church members. **Godfrey Philcox** (age 96) and **Dorothy Austin** (age 94) were promoted to glory just two days apart. We shall miss them very much and our love and prayers are with their families and close friends.

You will see from the list of services that Lent begins during February with Ash Wednesday on 22nd. This time it is the turn of Ecton to host our special evening celebration of Holy Communion and I hope many from Wilby and Great Doddington will want to join us. This is a significant time each year when we can stop and reflect upon the past as well as determining to be better followers of Jesus in the future. That season will continue through the whole of March until we reach Easter Day on April 8th. Do come and join us at some of the events we shall run – details to be published in due course.

I do hope all our readers will keep well during these winter months. At last the cold weather seems to have hit us and we must all be careful to keep warm and, as always, keep an eye out for the elderly and frail among us

With every blessing,

Chris Pearson.

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The GIN LANE GAZETTE by Adrian Teal.

In his declining years, Beau Nash, the Master of Ceremonies at Bath, was looked after by his devoted mistress, the feisty and improbably-named Juliana Popjoy. When he eventually hopped the twig, she was so distraught that she lived for the rest of her days in a hollow tree. Today, a C-lister will leave her cage-fighter boyfriend, and inevitably it is splashed across the cover of a glossy rag: 'So-and-So Tells of Her Pain.' However much 'pain' they claim to be suffering, they don't often renounce the world and live in a tree.

The Georgians make today's celebs look like teetotal milksops. The 18th century gave us boozy Prime Ministers and party leaders who settled their political differences with duels in Hyde Park; peers of the realm who had the unburied corpses of their cherished mistresses sat at their dinner tables; and celebrity courtesans who ate 1,000-guinea banknotes stuffed into sandwiches, simply to make a point.

So, how best to recapture some of the spirit of this gloriously dissipated and star-studded epoch? I am writing a book via the crowd-funded publishing venture, **Unbound**. It is called *The GIN LANE GAZETTE*, and will be a compendium of illustrated highlights from a fictional newspaper of the 1700s: a kind of Georgian *Heat* magazine, if you like. It will contain some of the most sensational headlines and *true* stories of the period, generated by many familiar figures from history. The presses will be presided over by Mr. Nathaniel Crowquill, the editor and proprietor, whose premises are located in Hogarth's chaotic Gin Lane, and who has devoted fifty long years to sniffing out bawdy scandal and intrigue. His drunken acolyte, the rascally Mr. Jakes, supplies merciless caricatures and engravings, which disport themselves across every page. Sports reports, obituaries, fashion news, courtesans of the month, and advertisements for bizarre - and often alarming - goods and services will also feature in a riotous *mélange* of metropolitan mayhem.

Unbound has already published a book by *Monty Python* legend, **Terry Jones**, and they have now signed me up too. I have spent fifteen years producing cartoons for clients such as *The Sunday Telegraph* and *History Today*, and hope to combine my experience in journalistic caricature with my love of history in a unique and evocative way. I want to give readers an authentic flavour of the exuberance, debauchery, bravery, villainy, inventiveness, and eccentricity which characterize the Georgian world. Learn more, read my pitch, and watch my video here...

www.unbound.co.uk/books/22

ECTON MUMS AND TOTS



'Ecton Mums and Tots' meet in the village hall from 10am through to 11:30am every alternate Friday.

Please feel free to bring your children, grandchildren, or any other small relative along and join us for lots of playing, talking, tea, coffee and biscuitsand all for only £1 per child.

We meet every 2 weeks as follows:

06/01, 20/01, 03/02, 17/02, 02/03, 16/03, 30/03, 13/04, 27/04, 11/05, 25/05, 08/06, 22/06, 06/07.....

We would appreciate any help with the sessions, especially making the tea.....

Please contact Jenny on 407474 for more details.

We really look forward to seeing you.

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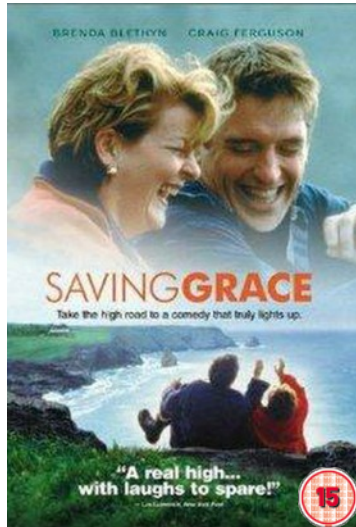
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Saving Grace was an award winner at the Sundance festival and nominated for BAFTA and Golden Globe awards.

The cast includes Brenda Blethyn, Craig Ferguson, Martin Clunes, Phyllida Law and Leslie Phillips.

Tickets £5 from Rodney Ingram on 406038



How Do I Love Thee?
poem by Elizabeth Barrett Browning



How do I love thee? Let me count the ways.
I love thee to the depth and breadth and height
My soul can reach, when feeling out of sight
For the ends of Being and ideal Grace.
I love thee to the level of everyday's
Most quiet need, by sun and candlelight.
I love thee freely, as men strive for Right;
I love thee purely, as they turn from Praise.
I love thee with the passion put to use
In my old griefs, and with my childhood's faith.
I love thee with a love I seemed to lose
With my lost saints, I love thee with the breath,
Smiles, tears, of all my life! and, if God choose,
I shall but love thee better after death.



Desire a poem by Samuel Taylor Coleridge

Where true Love burns Desire is Love's pure flame;
It is the reflex of our earthly frame,
That takes its meaning from the nobler part,
And but translates the language of the heart.



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