

# ECTON VIEW

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**Ecton Allotments - It is likely there will soon be plots available.**

**If you are interested in obtaining one please contact**

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## Editor's Ramblings

First the news from here on the Costa del Corby, our appeal against deportation was a success mainly thanks to the good people of Ecton who came in droves to sign the petition, but we still intend to visit Ecton on a regular basis. Now that the winter is over here the garden looks lovely with blossom and buds on the trees. I understand winter has really started in Ecton and the snow looks wonderful, another thing we miss! I expect to receive lots of photos for inclusion in the magazine!

The Ecton View Christmas lunch for our senior citizens was again an outstanding success with nearly 40 people attending and a great team of helpers to serve them lunch. Pictures are included in this issue.

Coming up in Ecton, on the 23rd March there is Cabaret Night at the village hall and on the 11th May the very popular Safari Supper takes place. Details in this issue so don't be dissappointed and get your tickets early.

Rodney Ingram is compiling a new Ecton book and there is a request for photos of old Ecton so dig deep and try and find them. The last Ecton book (which I guess everyone in Ecton has one) that Rodney produced was outstanding and I look forward to the second edition. Another hundred years and those first editions are going to be worth a fortune.

Congratulations to the organisers of the Killer Skittles night which raised £850 for 'Butterflies' childrens cancer charity.

For newcomers to the village (last five years) it has come to my attention that conditions of moving to Ecton have not been adhered to, (admitted in the small print) which clearly states all persons over 12 years old will try bellringing at the village church. Details of how you can comply on page 12. (note to myself to include page numbers).

I was pleased to see that the WI looks like adding to our village groups, so please give the next meeting your support. I have not had a decent pot of jam for years. JUST JOKING!!

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by 20th January

**If you can look back on your life with contentment,  
you have one of man's most precious gifts -- a selective memory.**

## **A decorated Royal Navy veteran, who served with distinction during the Second World War, has died.**

Reg Berrill was Chief Petty Officer aboard the battleship HMS Arethusa, which was torpedoed in 1942, killing 136 of his shipmates. He signed up for the Navy aged 18 and rose through the ranks, with his final posting coming during the Korean War.

Mr Berrill, of Ecton, died aged 90 on November 27 after a short illness.

He is survived by his second wife, Phyllis, children Linda and Ross, five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.



Mrs Berrill said: “People absolutely loved him to bits in the village. He was so kind to people and was a true gentleman. He loved to dance. He had his 90th birthday at The Three Horseshoes and he was dancing there.

“Everybody knew him and everybody spoke to him. I don’t recall him falling out with anybody.”

Once he left the Navy, Mr Berrill worked for rubber company, Long and Hambly, in Great Billing, and the family business, Mick Berrill Motorcycles, in Henry Street, Northampton.

Mrs Berrill added: “He loved looking after other people’s dogs in our home. He liked gardening and he loved horse racing. His maximum bet was always £5 a week, but once, when we were on holiday, he put £13 on an accumulator and won £3,000. We had a nice holiday in Jersey with some of that.”

A service to celebrate his life took place at Three Counties Crematorium at Milton Malsor on Thursday. Mr Berrill’s coffin was draped with a Union flag and decorated with a floral anchor and his nine war medals.

Mrs Berrill said: “When you are 90 you have lived a good life. We were very happy. We were real soulmates.”

# SAFARI SUPPER

11TH OF MAY



*THIS IS A POPULAR VILLAGE EVENT AND IS GREAT FUN,  
FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO ARE NEW TO THE VILLAGE THIS IS AN EVENING  
WHEN WE ALL MEET TOGETHER AT ONE VENUE AND THEN GO OFF ON SAFARI  
AROUND THE VILLAGE ENJOYING A MAIN COURSE WITH 8 PEOPLE AT ONE  
HOUSE AND THEN MOVING ON TO ANOTHER HOUSE FOR DESSERT BEFORE  
RETURNING TO ANOTHER HOUSE TO BE ALLTOGETHER FOR CHEESE AND PORT.  
TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE IN EARLY MARCH AND WE WILL BE LOOKING FOR  
VOLUNTEERS TO HOST STARTERS, MEALS AND THE FINALE,  
EARLY EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST WELCOME.*

**CALL SALLY ON 403027**

## THE ECTON VIEW CHRISTMAS LUNCH FOR OUR SENIOR CITIZENS

Happy New Year to you all.  
We hope you are all well  
and are coping with the cold  
weather and snow. Please

remember you  
can call on us  
if you need any  
assistance. We  
have not had a  
chance to plan

any events yet but we will be in touch with  
you all through our link people.



Sally - 403027, Kathy - 404590, Alex - 07790081409

# Rotas and Lottery

Church Cleaning Rota		Brass Cleaning
January		
12th	B	
26th	C	
February		
2nd		Christine Jordan/Ingrid Cartwright
9th	A	
23rd	B	

for February



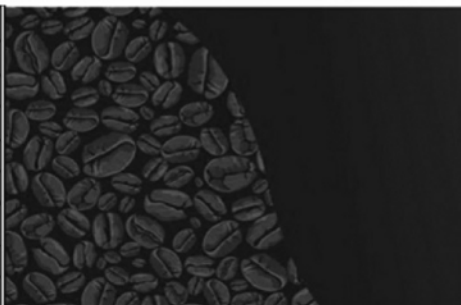
"I don't do windows!"

CHURCH LOTTERY	
December	
£50	Mr&Mrs P Whitehead
£10	Dorothy Creed
£10	Gary Wheatman

CHURCH LOTTERY	
January	
£50	Hannah Wheatman
£10	M .Scott
£10	Jane Wincott

January	Sidespersons	
6pm	6th	Marian Gleave David Fuller
9.15am	13th	Brian & Sylvia Saunders
11am	20th	Linda & Steve Richards
9.15am	27th	David and Mary Dicks
February		
6pm	3rd	Brenda & Philips Foster
9.15am	10th	Mark Aveyard & Charlotte Eley

Coffee Rota	
January	
6th	Joy Bond / Wendy
13th	Fiona Major/Linda Richards
20th	Dorothy Creed/Ingrid Cartwright
27th	Anne Henderson/Charoltte Eley
February	
3rd	Joy Bond / Wendy
10th	Joy Wilson / Chris Jordan



## STOP THEFT



HELP STOP LEAD ROOF THEFT

Vans or workman around the church between 6pm and 8am? They're probably stealing our roof!

PLEASE CALL THE POLICE

## Church Roof Update

In the last magazine we reported that £9213 had been raised towards the cost of the church roof repairs (£22,000). Since then we have been awarded a grant of £1500 from the Northamptonshire Historic Churches Trust and we have successfully claimed back from the government all the VAT we paid for the repair (approx. £3,400). Together with 'Christmas Crackers', other fundraising activities and more donations we have now exceeded £15,000. There is still a way to go and further fundraising activities will follow but it seems an appropriate time to say thank you to all those who have donated their time, talents and money towards this venture during 2012 – it is very much appreciated.

## From the Vicarage



It is two months since an edition of Ecton View appeared. Christmas is past and the New Year is well under way. I wonder how it has been for you. I hope you had a wonderful time over the Christmas season, and even if you didn't manage to avoid the aggressive seasonal bugs that have been around I do so much hope they didn't spoil things too much for you. We had an amazing time this year with all the family around us at some stage over the holiday period. It's so good to catch up, especially with those we don't see very often. As usual our Christmas events went very well indeed with a good attendance at both our Carol Service with its now traditional tableau, and the Crib Service which this year was on Christmas Day itself. As usual the 'travelling crib' arrived back at that service, but with a new twist. The children who brought back the knitted sheep they had kept when they hosted the travellers for a night were invited to exchange it for a knitted angel from a special tree at the back of the Church. This was very popular and our very grateful thanks go to Joy Bond, Charlotte Eley, and Dorothy Creed for masterminding the whole project. That service seems as popular as ever and it's so good to see so many families in Church on Christmas morning. Now we're thrust into the depths of winter. Following huge amounts of rain over the past few weeks with all the news of flooding around the country I now write with snow on the ground (with more forecast) and low temperatures which a few years ago would have been considered normal, if not actually on the mild side, but which largely we have been cushioned from over the past few years.

We are, of course, into the season of the January sales and I wonder how many of our readers rushed out on Boxing Day, or some day soon after, to pick up the 'can't miss' bargains that were out there to entice us. Perhaps you won't be surprised to learn that I'm not a great sales shopper – in fact I'm not a great shopper at all. I did manage to go looking for something I needed on about January 11th, but couldn't find it so came home with nothing. Is that common? I suspect that many people buy things just because they're cheap, almost regardless of whether they need them or not. If you're one of those I apologise for my lack of understanding but I just can't get my head around why shopping as such has become such a popular national hobby!

This year Easter comes quite early (Easter Day is March 31st) and that affects many other dates before then. We have Ash Wednesday only half-way through this month (Feb. 13th), marking the beginning of Lent when we focus upon examining our Christian lives and working out how we can grow closer to God and live in a way that is more pleasing to Him. This year our Ash Wednesday evening service will be hosted at Great Doddington, at 7.30pm as usual and we welcome everyone to join us as we embark on this six-week period of preparation for Easter.

Please do come and join us during the month. Our regular informal All-Age service still continues on the third Sunday of the month at 11.00am. This is very relaxed and although we welcome children and families to all our services this one is particularly tailored to them. We are also continuing our 'Open Church' on the first Saturday of each month from 10.00am till 12.00 noon. There are always refreshments, a chance for a friendly chat, and an opportunity for quiet and reflection. We don't charge for these things – we just want your company, to get to know you and assure you that we're here all the time for you.

Chris Pearson.



# Cabaret Night

Ecton Village Hall

Saturday 23rd March  
at 7.30pm



They've been practising their scales, studying their "tuna day" books, put their heart and sole into preparations and now the Opera Dudes are ready to give you a whale of a time! So come along for Salmon Chanted Evening.

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### *Ecton Village Hall*

**Mondays 7.30pm – 8.15pm**

**Moulton Village Hall**

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Sue Ousley

## Bellringers Wanted



We desperately need new bellringers if we are to keep the bells ringing out for services in Ecton. We particularly need experienced people (even if they no longer wish to ring) to help the less experienced. we would also love to teach some young people-anyone from 10 years old onwards can learn to handle a bell. If you are taking part in Duke of Edinburgh Award, bellringing could be considered on of your skills. Anyone interested please call Jude Coulter (408588) for further details.

# YOUTH CLUB

Ecton Village Youth Club meets at the village hall every wednesday from 6 to 7.30pm. If you are 8years old or over and live in the village you are welcome to come and join us. Contact Margaret Tinston 07970270718 or come along.

Before Christmas we had a busy night making Christmas tree decorations, Christmas Cards and Lavender Bags (many thanks to Vickie Taylor for the materials)



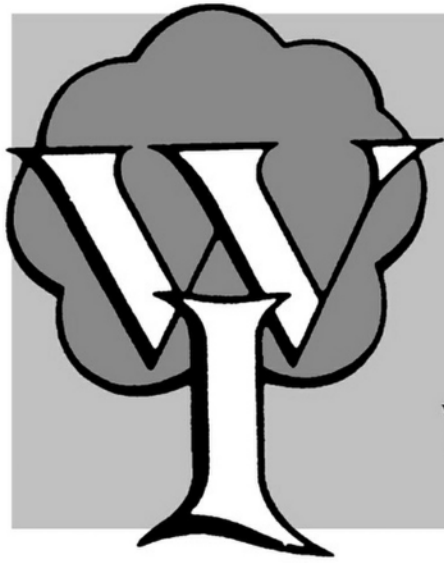
As you know we have a Youth Club in the village, which has been running for nearly 12 years. We run every wednesday night with a qualified leader and provide a huge variety of activities and outings throughout the year.

Each year we need to pay out for our Leader. Rent, Insurance. Affiliation to NAYC, renewing resources etc. and the subs do not cover this expenditure.

We do not want to increase the subs because that maybe difficult for some families, therefore we are organising some fundraising activities. One of which is a Bridge Drive and a significant source of income at this event is the raffle. This is why I am sending the email, we are looking for donations of raffle prizes e.g. bottles and gifts or Caribbean Cruise.



I would like to thank you in anticipation for helping to ensure that the Ecton Village Youth Club continues , we should be so proud to have a Youth Club in our village hall.



## WI MEETING

A Coffee Morning was held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 15th January when it was decided that there is sufficient interest to form a new WI group in Ecton.

If you are interested please come along to the Village Hall on Thursday 21st February at 7.30pm when more details will be discussed and arrangements made regarding meeting day and further ideas for a new group.

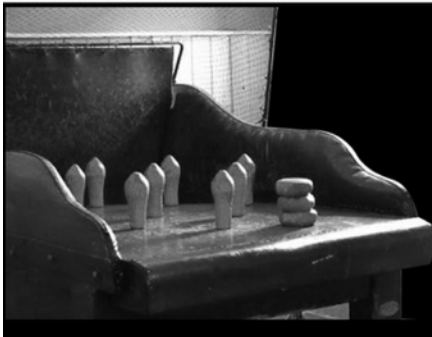


Ecton Village Primary School children and staff celebrate their success at achieving a "Good" rating in their latest Ofsted inspection. The Headteacher Esther McIntosh said

"Our success is the result of several years of dedicated and committed team work from the teaching and non-teaching staff, volunteers, parents, the governors and Head in raising the educational standard of the school".



... good school



Following the success of the killer skittles night on Saturday the 15th of December we would like to thank you all.

Especially Raffle Prize donators, supporters and of course Skittles Players.

You raised **£850.00** (inc. Football Cards) for Butterflies "Children's Cancer Society"

# **OLD ECTON IN PHOTOGRAPHS**

## **Can you help!**

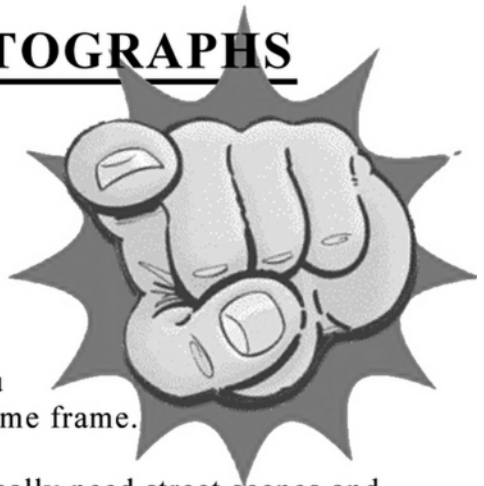
We are putting together a new book with photographs of views, buildings, events and people in the village and parish from the 1800s to the 1950s and we would like you to contribute.

All you have to do is get in touch if you have any old Ecton photos that fit the time frame.

We would like to see anything but we really need street scenes and buildings in the village (particularly the Poor School and Baptist chapel) and villagers (especially shoemakers, lacemakers and other village workers) and their activities.

Next month we shall be letting you have more details and inviting you to subscribe to the first edition, which we are aiming to publish in the Spring, so the sooner you can dig those old photos out of the attic the better!

Please contact Rodney Ingram at the Old Chapel, West Street or call me on 406038.



**THE PARISH COUNCIL POLITELY ASK THAT RESIDENTS  
REFRAIN FROM PARKING/PART PARKING OF  
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PROBLEMS TO PEDESTRIANS, PARENTS WITH PRAMS  
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**ECTON PARISH COUNCIL**

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“The circumstances of a child needing foster care are hugely varied. For some children, it’s the start of a process that will ultimately see them living a new life with a new family; for others, it’s a short term need.

“Whatever the circumstances, we want these children to be cared for as locally as possible so they can continue to go to their own school, mix with own friends and have as much stability as possible during a period of disruption.

” If you are interested in helping children in need, have time and energy, a sense of humour and an ability to talk to children, our fostering team would like to hear from you.”

The council has 215 foster carers:

- 18 carers in the South Northamptonshire area
- 104 in the Northampton area
- 24 in the Corby area
- 25 in the Kettering area
- 44 In the Wellingborough and East Northamptonshire area

With 759 children in care, the council wants to recruit more foster carers to increase the chances of a child in care staying in their local area and to avoid having to use expensive agency placements that could see them living away from their local community.

Foster carers are paid a weekly allowance and receive a full training package. A recent Ofsted report on the county’s fostering services found that foster carers in the county feel their views are valued by the council and foster carers and children feel supported.

This week, the council has launched a four-week campaign incorporating traditional and digital marketing channels to spread the message as widely as possible that more foster carers are needed. The campaign asks residents if they have the star quality needed to be a foster carer.

For more information call the fostering recruitment line on 0300 126 1009 or visit our website [www.fosterme.co.uk](http://www.fosterme.co.uk)

# **Borough Councillor's Missive January 2013**

## **The Diary.**

First of all Happy New Year to you all, let's just hope that we can dry out when the snow stops, as I write this missive we have probably had around 110mm snow today, beautiful it may be but it still wreaks havoc in the UK. This of course follows the wettest year for a century and for the first time on record, properties in Stonelea Rd and Westlea Rd were flooded. There can be no greater invasion of our "castles" than by flood water and the sheer havoc it causes. We have the County Council and Borough Council staff working on the issue and as soon as we have the solution I will let you know. On the 17<sup>th</sup> January I faced the Code of Conduct Hearing at BCW, it had been alleged by Michael Bletsoe Brown that I was in breach of the Code in numerous areas. After some two hours of questioning of both M.B-B and me, the Panel of elected Councillors retired to consider their verdict. In the end they determined that I was not guilty of breaching the Code of Conduct in any of alleged areas. The full decision and reasoning can be seen on the local Notice Boards and on the BCW web site on [http://www.wellingborough.gov.uk/meetings/meeting/696/standards\\_committee](http://www.wellingborough.gov.uk/meetings/meeting/696/standards_committee)

## **Council**

As you may have read in the local press and the Link the Stantons Cross (or WEAST) development has now got the go ahead and work is expected to commence very soon. The first stages include the major modifications to Railway Station and the area adjacent. The significance of this development to our Ward should not be minimised. At the moment according to the previous Government bases we were required to have a five year Housing Land supply availability. That in real terms meant that we need land to build not less than about 380 houses per year but the Council were already some years behind schedule. Stanton Cross will take us close to that target, however we are suggesting that the housing requirement is too high and a target of around 190 is more accurate, nevertheless if any developer, for example, as with the Earls Barton project, were to apply to build a significant number of houses in any the ward villages they would have almost certainly succeeded under Appeal. The Council is also reviewing a further option on the High Street development, the aim here is redevelop the site with some retail options and housing, a presentation will be given to Councillors at the end of January by a developer called Quora. The proposal is for an ASDA store, some smaller retail units, a small business centre, a conference facilities and some assisted living/elderly care accommodation.

## **Highways**

This is the time of year when we need to thank the work of the Gritter Truck drivers who will work ceaselessly throughout the day and night to keep the roads clear, this year I would also like to thank the two "hoodies" seen wheel barrowing grit up Stonelea Rd and Westlea Rd one Saturday morning when the temperature was well below zero. I do of course know who they are but I also know they would be embarrassed if I were to name them. The residents on Westlea and Stonelea owe you!

## **Billing Sewage Treatment Plant Liaison Working Group**

The January meeting discussed the first annual Progress Report written by the Officer from BCW. The report defines the work we have done over the year and suggests the work necessary by the company in the next period in order to maintain progress. Colleagues will be aware that I chair this group. The report is available on my website. In the words of the Radio Northampton reporter it does prove what can be done when all parties agree to put their differences to one side and sit down and talk. Is there a moral in this somewhere?

As ever if you have any queries please contact me and remember, I cannot help you if I do not know of your problems. Or visit the web site and lodge your comments: <http://jamesbass.yourcllr.com/>

*Jim Bass*

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## HELP US TO RAISE FUNDS FOR ECTON PARISH COUNCIL

JACKSON GRUNDY is raising funds to enable the parish council to further develop the village play equipment and other local facilities as the need arises.

Quite simply, we will donate 5% of our sales commission to the above on completion of a sale. Jackson Grundy have eleven offices around the county so if you know of anybody looking to sell a property all they need to do is nominate 'Ecton Parish Council' as their beneficiary at the point of placing the property onto the market.

(Average scheme donation approx £160)



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# Mother's Day



**Sunday 10th March,  
3 courses £29.95**

**Food served 12-8pm,  
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