

# THE ECTON VIEW

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“The Summer looks out from her brazen tower,  
Through the flashing bars of July.”

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July 3rd -Dog Days begin

## Welcome to summer

Last month was house sale month and saw most of the houses for sale in the village sold, including Ecton House, so welcome to the new people in our village (Andrew Kirkaldy at the chapel, Chris & Natasha at the Old Bakehouse are the ones I have met) and look forward to seeing you at many village events. The village BBQ is advertised for the first time as is THE BIG LUNCH so there's a good start. And I suggest a look at the village website

[www.ectonvillage.co.uk](http://www.ectonvillage.co.uk)

And my usual reminder at this time of year that the next magazine will cover August and September so anything you want included for both months let me have by the date below.

Last month the GREAT ECTON BREAKFAST was again a sellout and enjoyed by all who attended despite the heavy rain throughout the morning, with a steady trickle of people between 8 and mid-day. Our thanks go to all who helped in various ways! It happened to be the same day as my birthday and my thanks to Dean & Nicki Bedford for my surprise birthday cake which was themed for the day.



You will see this month new adverts starting to appear thanks to the hard work of Sally Bresnahan, and if you can help in any way with suggestions I know she will be glad to hear from you. This will all help to fund the magazine with the additional costs we have had this year, but the new printers have improved the looks of the magazine greatly. Many thanks to our regular advertisers, Stones Builders, The Three Horseshoes and The TWE.

In this issue our football reporter Ben Coulter-Brophy gives his end of season views on the sad relegation of 'the cobblers'.

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	9.15am	26th	Nick & Mary Greene

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July	5th	Marian Gleave & Mick Greee
	12th	Brian & Sylvia Saunders
	19th	Mick & Pauline Cook
	26th	David & Mary Dicks

### CALENDAR FOR JULY 2009

Saturday 4th	11.00am	Wedding of Scott Jones & Keely Osborne (we regret that because of the above wedding there will be no monthly 'open Church' during July)
Sunday 5th	6.00pm	Holy Communion
Tuesday 7th	10.30am	Holy Communion
Sunday 12th	9.15am	Holy Communion
Tuesday 14th	10.30am	Holy Communion
Sunday 19th	11.00am	New Monthly Family Service Begins Today
Tuesday 21st	10.30am	Holy Communion
Sunday 26th	9.15am	Morning Prayer
Tuesday 28th	10.30am	Holy Communion
	2.30pm	Afternoon Songs of Praise

## From the Vicarage,



“Did you have a good holiday?” I wonder how many times we have had that said to us, and how many times we have asked it. How do we answer? What constitutes a ‘good holiday – fine weather? an exotic location? a chance to do nothing for a week or two (that would certainly not be a good holiday for me)? an opportunity to indulge with food and drink? a time to meet new people – even find romance perhaps? I guess it all depends upon our outlook and tastes; we all look for something different in a good holiday.

With the holiday season fast approaching perhaps it’s a good opportunity to stop for a moment and reflect upon this question. Will that planned break live up to expectations? Jo and I have already been away, having had the privilege once again to undertake a chaplaincy in the Swiss Alpine resort of Wengen, near Interlaken. This is a two-week stay that is intended to be part work and part holiday as we lead the English-speaking church in that wonderful place. I use the word privilege quite deliberately for every time we go there, or to one of the other resorts where we have served, we are extremely struck by that sense of privilege in working for God in such a wonderful location. There is very little local English-speaking Christian community, so the ministry is intended almost entirely for the tourists who come along. Many are committed Christians, of course, and that’s why they come; but others are people who just want the opportunity while on holiday, to reflect upon the bigger issues in life and even the presence of a chaplain in the resort can give great opportunities for very significant conversations.

This year our chaplaincy was, as many readers already know, overshadowed by an awful tragedy that happened to an American family staying in the next village, which we also cover. Their twelve-year-old only son was lost at a local tourist attraction, a huge flight of ten waterfalls scoured into the solid rock, bringing down thousands of gallons of water a minute from the glacial melt of the Eiger, the Mönch, and the Jungfrau. No-one actually saw him fall, but he clearly disappeared, and only a shoe was recovered at the bottom a few days later. His body was eventually recovered on June 18th, almost a month after the accident.

I cannot claim to have a clue as to how that family feels. There is nothing anyone can say that makes it feel better, but we can be there, and we can pray for them, and with them. I had the great privilege of praying with those grieving parents and holding them while they wept, and now as we are back home on different continents we remain in contact by e-mail and our three churches still hold them in our prayers.

Yes, this coloured our time away, of course it did, but it certainly didn’t spoil it. In some ways it was the most fulfilling chaplaincy of the five we have now completed. Yes, it meant that the two weeks were rather unevenly balanced – less than 50% holiday and more than 50% work, but we did not come home feeling drained by it, but quite the reverse. We had an amazing sense of God’s presence with us, and over and over again of turning up in just the right place at the right time. We came home, if anything, feeling more invigorated than we usually do after a holiday. I come back again to that word ‘privilege’. It was certainly a privilege to be allowed in to that family’s very personal grief and anguish and yes, thank you, the verdict is that we had a very good holiday indeed! I pray that all our readers who are going away this summer will also have a very good holiday – whatever that means for you”!

And by the way – for those who are going abroad, I do have a copy of a directory of English-speaking churches abroad. If anyone would like to consult it before you go, please do let me know.

Just one item of news from Ecton Church this month. On July 19th we are beginning a long-awaited regular monthly Family Service at 11.00am. This will be child-friendly, active, and exciting – definitely a ‘can’t miss’ occasion, but there will be an opportunity for the grownups to receive Holy Communion as well. The exact format is still being planned, and we shall learn as we go along, so please come and give us a try – not just once, but please keep coming and help us to grow into getting it right by your comments and your support. The time of this service has been set in response to a survey that we conducted among young families earlier in the year, so we know we got that bit right at least!

With very best wishes,

Chris Pearson



## Anglian Water, Again?

Yes, Anglian Water have submitted another planning application.

### What is it this time?

They want to start a green waste composting site within the existing sewage works in Lower Ecton Lane.

### Is this a good thing?

It **could** be good for the Environment. More recycling is good. Green Waste in Northants currently goes to Nottingham, so less CO2 used to transport it.

### Last time they expanded, didn't they try to increase their odours? Didn't we spend 18 months fighting them?

Yes. We successfully fought and changed that planning application. In May 2008 WNDC imposed planning conditions on Anglian Water forcing them to reduce their then existing odour problems by 30 percent.

### So have they submitted a wonderful, considerate planning application that won't have any impact on our hard won victory?

Not sure yet. Their application coyly promises "... the composting facility will not exacerbate the existing situation at the WWTW with respect to odour nuisance". The problem is the word 'existing'. The data they have submitted clearly describes the odour 'situation' in 2007. That is before 30% reduction promised by the planning conditions, which even now have not yet been fully implemented. Therefore it is vital that you complain to Anglian Water ( 0800 145 145) if the smell comes up into the Village, or if you smell AW when visiting the petrol station or Billing Garden Centre. We all know it is much better already, but it is not perfect yet, and they have had a few failures while building their new odour systems. **YOU MUST COMPLAIN WHEN THEY GET IT WRONG!**

### What are CLEAN doing about this?

By the time you read this, CLEAN will have visited a combined sewage farm and composting site in Leeds that Anglian Water names in their application. CLEAN will also have met with the Environment Agency who are keen to know about AW's past with us. We are in an ongoing conversation with the Planners and with Ecton, Cogenhoe and Great Billing parish councils.

### What can I do?

Please look at the CLEAN website before the 15th of July. If we conclude that the composting site will bring the smells back to previous levels, we want your support by downloading an objection letter and sending it to WNDC. The CLEAN website is:

<http://clean.ectonvillage.co.uk>

### Is this anything to do with the black bin waste site?

No, this is still in the pipeline, and it's not Anglian Water, it's Northampton County Council. CLEAN and Jim Bass met with them in May and have got themselves on the main liaison committee. At the moment, NCC's first choice is to use a contractor in another county. **WATCH THIS SPACE!**

### Val Westall has sent an e-mail to the Ecton Village Website

Hi there what a brilliant site !!!My maiden name was Simcoe a distant relative of Horace Simcoe.I know that Horace was headmaster of the school poss around 1922 . horace stayed here until his retirement at 65 in 1953.He kept a rose garden at the school for many years. horace had married Elsie Winifred Dunkley in 1912 at Earls Barton.They had 1 child Dorothy who I met a few years ago.both Horace and Winifred died in 1954. Dorothy presented 2 candle sticks to Ecton church in memory of her father. Dorothy married at Ecton in 1945 to Harry Clements. Dorothy died in 2007 in Herts.I still have contact with her family. I do have a pic of Horace with a large Simcoe gathering in 1927 if this is of any use to you ,I can scan it. Good luck with the site Val Westall nee Simcoe

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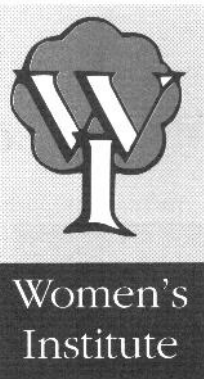
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On the 2nd June the weather was so fantastic and we were all enjoying it. Our talk that night was to be completely the opposite weather conditions. Jean Darlow talked about her holiday in the Antarctic. Everyone seemed very interested and Jean had some wonderful photographs to show.

Our ladies are now getting geared up to 11th July our afternoon tea party, so do please bring a friend and join us. If anyone has tombola items they would like to give us Betty Shearing would be happy to receive them and any cakes Chris Jordan is waiting patiently.

Before the tea party our next meeting is "Well Being" on July 7th do please come your very welcome.

**Denise Collacott.**

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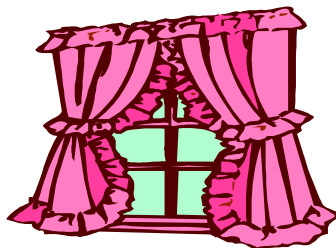
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## **NORTHAMPTON RELEGATED AFTER POOR**

### **DISPLAY AGAINST LEEDS**

#### **LEEDS 3 - 0 NORTHAMPTON**

**by Ben Coulter-Brophy**



Northampton towns relegation was confirmed after a defeat to Leeds United at Ellen Road. Northampton played ok before the 35th minute and that's when Leeds started to play football and Luciano Becchio conjured up some magic for Leeds when he headed in a goal from a Ben Parkers cross on the 44th minute. Leeds scored again in the second half when Jermain Beckford scored his 34th goal of the season in the 59th minute when he hit a fantastic ball in the bottom left corner of the net. Northampton played very sloppy in the second half they gave the ball away too much and couldn't take their chances when they got them. Leeds finally destroyed Northampton in the 90th minute when Robert Snodgrass scored an absolutely cracking volley which flew past Chris Dunn into the net making the final result Leeds 3 - 0 Northampton.

They were confirmed to go into league 2 when they heard Millwall had failed to beat Carlisle and the result was Carlisle 2 - 0 Millwall. Next season Northampton will be trying hard to get back in to league one. Our twenty three opponents next season are: Accrington Stanley, Aldershot, Barnet, Bradford, Bournemouth, Burton Albion, Bury, Chesterfield, Cheltenham, Crewe, Dagenham and Redbridge, Grimsby, Hereford, Lincoln City, Macclesfield, Morecombe, Notts county, Port Vale, Rochdale, Rotherham, Shrewsbury and Torquay United.

### **PREMIERSHIP**

Manchester United won the premier league a game before the Premiership finished when they drew with Arsenal 0 - 0. On the Sunday after that game West Bromwich Albion were relegated into the Championship after they lost 2-0 to Liverpool. But it would come down to the final game of the season to decide out of Middlesbrough, Newcastle, Hull City and Sunderland who would be going down with West Brom. In the end as Middlesbrough lost 2-1 away to West Ham so they went down with Newcastle who lost 1-0 to Aston Villa away.

### **CHAMPIONSHIP**

Wolverhampton Wanderers were crowned champions on the last day of the season when they beat Doncaster Rovers 1-0, Birmingham City took second spot which meant they were promoted to the Premiership after beating Reading 2-1. The other team would get promoted through the playoffs which ended up being Burnley after they beat Sheffield United in the final and in the Semis Reading. All ready relegated Charlton Athletic beat Norwich 4-2 to relegate Norwich, and the other relegated team Southampton had been relegated for a few games all ready and they lost badly 3-1 to Nottingham Forest away.

### **LEAGUE ONE**

Leicester easily won League One with ninety six points on the last day of the season, they beat and relegated Crewe Alexandra by beating them 3-0 at Crewe stadium, Peterborough took second spot, they drew 2-2 at home to Swindon Town. The playoffs were won by Scunthorpe who beat Millwall in a thrilling encounter which Scunthorpe triumphed 3-2 and in the series they beat MK Dons 7-6 on penalties. Northampton town were relegated after a poor performance against Leeds and the same fate for Crewe who got beat by Leicester and Carlisle managed to beat the drop zone by beating Millwall 2-0.

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## SO, WHAT EXACTLY IS THE BIG IDEA?

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The shared enjoyment of eating together, laughter, play, music and conversation bring us together and for all the fact that we are so fabulously different in our outlook and experience on many things, we know a simple truth - together we are strong. Wouldn't it be great if for just one day we remind ourselves about all that is good about us and bring about a moment that ignites a spark?

It may be tricky, it may feel slightly uncomfortable to start with. It takes a bit of courage to stop being a stranger. But think of the prize - to be able to walk down the street and into the wider neighbourhood and realise how many good people there are: people who, acting together, can create a real sense of community - a word that in Latin means; "together, in gift".

So... if you're up for it, try growing something, making something or generally getting stuck in for the Big Lunch. No one is going to tell you how to do it as your ideas will be perfect for you. If you want any prompting we've gathered together lots of ideas that might set you on the road for a day that at worst might be fun and at best could start to change your life in unexpected ways!

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The local elections on 4th June were a great result for my party, the Conservatives but were they really so good in our County Council. We now have some 56 Councillors who are Conservative from a total of some 73 County Councillors, I am not sure how healthy that is particularly if we consider how Central Government has had absolute control for some 12 years and look at the mess the country is in now. From Wellingborough's point of view we have not had so many Tory councillors for many years so I will be badgering them on your behalf for an increase in the piece of the cake we get in our area. I expect more money on the roads in our rural areas and increase on educational funding.

On the subject of roads, together with our Ward Officers we have carried out the biannual "Ward walk" of the three villages. Not surprisingly the issue of potholes and road surfaces was the premier one, we will therefore be pressing our new County Councillors to get the repairs done as soon as possible. Ecton have requested that the High St has another chicane and a speed limit of 20mph! I know this has been discussed before but I think it is worth reviewing again. We also identified the issue of some graffiti in Ecton and we will get the graffiti team out to remove the offending trash. If anyone sees the people doing graffiti, please report it to the police, or to me.

In Sywell we noted that in Ecton Lane the road surface continues to deteriorate and as although it is the same as many in the villages, resurfacing is becoming a matter of urgency and safety, but this road will also need traffic calming measures as it is surely a rat run race track at peak times. Again I will press the County Councillors for action soon! In Sywell we also noted the excellent work on the Playing Field where the trees and shrubs purchased with some of the Borough Councillors Funds looked to be healthy, congratulations to the team of workers involved in the project.

Mears Ashby continues to get my great respect for everything we expect in rurality but the biggest issues continue to surround the arguments of the quality and relevance of developments in the village. In particular in regard to the partly completed house at the corner of North St, we will be discussing what action we can take to make the site safe but I am afraid it is going to remain an eyesore for the time being. Glebe Rd was also discussed at some length as the increase in traffic going to Beckworth's is substantial, we will need to be aware of this situation going forward.

### **Council Meetings**

The Zero Base Budget groups of which I am a member of three different sectors continue to meet to strive to reduce costs to the Council and prevent very significant increases in Council Tax. The three groups I along with one other councillor are currently reviewing include Information Technology (IT), Planning with Development Control and Business Support Group (BSG). We are now on the second round of meetings and whilst I cannot disclose any details yet I am optimistic that we can achieve significant savings without making staff redundant. I always hated making people redundant during my business life and from my point of view I would consider it at least a partial failure on our behalf. We also had annual meeting of the Wellingborough Partnership in the Tithe Barn, the Partnership comprises six discrete sections:

Better: Reviewing the environmental, cultural, transport and leisure issues.

Children and Young Persons: Addressing the needs of young people in the borough.

Healthier: Concerned with improving health.

Neighbourhoods: Working to improve the quality of life for all residents

Prosper: Economic development of the local economy.

Safer: Improving safety and reducing crime.

### **Public Inquiries**

The Public Inquiry into the application at Wellingborough North is drawing to a close as I write. I made my statement to the enquiry following two of my Member colleagues on Tuesday 9th June. In the May Missive I mentioned that I had garnished financial details of applicant which were hardly favourable to

a “partnership” in the current economic climate. It was interesting to see the reaction of the QC for the Appellant who had suggested that my colleagues had been “rehearsed”, I was able to tell him that I had not been and that the comments I was about to make had only just been made public. He listened intently and when I had finished some ten minutes later requested an adjournment to “take instructions”, after the recess he attempted to induce me to agree that the research I had done was not thorough or sufficiently “in depth”. I was able to convince him that a loss in profit terms did not really need much explaining providing the accounts met the proper tests. After a few more questions he retired, somewhat gracefully and I was excused.

### **Sywell Wood**

I have had meetings recently with the Forestry Commission. The boundary hedge which was destroyed has been temporarily replaced with Post and Rails and the hedge will be replaced in the autumn. In the last missive I was not able to mention that there was a Management Agreement between Sywell Aerodrome Ltd and the Forestry Commission. I have seen the vast majority of the correspondence at the F.C. and have been shocked at some of the wording and threats in the letters from the Consultants for the aerodrome, one letter intimated that in the event that there was an aviation accident in the woodland that the FC would be held responsible, that is absolutely scandalous. The Woodland was not considered an aviation obstacle in the Public Inquiry and current calculations show that it is not an aviation obstacle now. Under this agreement the company had the right to “coppice” the woodland, I am not an expert in woodland management but the advice I have had from professionals would doubt whether the woodland was coppiced properly, however further “work” continued after the contracted work was “signed off” by the F.C. That additional work has, I am told, almost certainly destroyed the root cultures required for proper regeneration. I am assured there will be no further felling /coppicing in any of the Sywell or Hardwick Woods for the foreseeable future.

### **Sywell Aerodrome Joint Consultative Committee**

In the last Missive I wrote that the Sywell Aerodrome Joint Consultative Committee (SAJCC) will meet at Sywell Aerodrome on 28th July, I also stated that “Everyone is welcome”. After discussions with colleagues I have somewhat reluctantly agreed that the first meeting will not be open to the public and will be a “getting to know you session” and the election of an Chairman. All further meetings will be open to the people. Apologies for any confusion! If you wish to make any complaints in regards to the aerodrome they should be addressed to Carol Wilson at WBC on Tel 01933 231902 or to me.

### **Sywell Aerodrome Ltd**

The company recently made a request to WBC to allow retrospective planning permission for “turn-around” sections at the ends of the runway. The company states “the authorised parallel taxiway is unlikely to be constructed before 2010 due to cost considerations”. The company quotes drawing No J98084/C2/Gen/010 Rev1, the drawing is dated April 2009. This is truly interesting since I photographed the runway with the turnaround sections in October 2008!! I wonder how the construction company managed to build the sections without proper drawings? But perhaps just as importantly the Company appears to be in financial trouble despite all of the claims at the Public Inquiry that Runway was funded from an approved Business Plan, which according to the Inspector was “not challenged” and therefore would not require increased air traffic movements to fund it. Was the Company being honest in its claims to the Inquiry or not? Finally how can this application be considered when the new runway is not in the place as defined by the Secretaries of State?

As ever if you have any queries please contact me and remember, I cannot help you if I do not know of your problem.

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