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FROM THE EDITOR

We are back after a 1 month hiatus, I hope you have all been enjoying the glorious weather. In the last issue I wrote how nice it was that spring had arrived and now I think it is safe to say that summer is here. Lets hope it lasts.

I want to say thanks to all the people that have contributed toward the magazine, we have a couple of nice features, a follow up from our fisherman friend and a very interesting piece about the joys of metal detecting. We also have, what I hope will become regular, a puzzle page. As always our village needs you and there are a few of things you should look out for; the village plan, the neighbourhood watch scheme and there is still a lot to be done to raise money for the Village hall and the childrens play park.

Coming up on August 29th is the next witches (more details in next issue) so be sure to keep that date clear.

As always I am keen to hear from you and if you have anything you would like to contribute, whether it be an article, some local pictures or anything else please do send it to danrawson54@hotmail.com.

"Grass is the cheapest plant to install and the most expensive to maintain."

Services and Other Events for July

The regular midweek service of Holy Communion moves this month to Gt. Doddington

Tues.	July 1st	10.00	Holy Communion Gt. Doddington
Sat.	July 5th	10.00	'Open Church' Ecton & Gt. Doddington
Sun.	July 6th	09.15	Holy Communion Wilby Romans 7:15-25a Matthew 11:16-19,25-30
		11.00	'First Sunday'Gt. Doddington Luke 24:13-34
		18.00	Holy Communion Ecton
Tues.	July 8th		There is no midweek service today
Thu.	July 10th	19.45	Benefice Prayer MeetingThe Croft, Hardwater Rd., Gt. Doddington
Sun.	July 13th	09.15	Holy Communion Ecton
		11.00	Holy Communion Gt. Doddington Isaiah 55:10-13 Matthew 13:1-9,18-23
		16.00	'Songs of Praise' Wilby
Tues.	July 15th		There is no midweek service today
Sat.	July 19th	16.00	Service of Prayer for Wholeness and Healing Gt. Doddington Luke 7:1-9 – The Message Version See Rector's Article for Details.
Sun.	July 20th	09.15	Holy Communion Wilby Romans 8:12-25. Matthew 13:24-30,36-43.
		11.00	Village Praise Gt. Doddington
		11.00	All-Age Worship & Holy Communion Ecton
Tues.	July 22nd	10.00	Holy Communion Gt. Doddington
Thu.	July 24th	14.15	Pre-School Praise Gt. Doddington
Sun.	July 27th	09.15	Holy Communion Wilby Romans 8:26-39 Matthew 13:31-33,44-52.
		09.15	Morning Prayer Ecton
		11.00	Holy Communion Gt. Doddington as for Wilby above
Tues.	July 29th	10.00	Holy Communion Gt. Doddington
		14.30	Afternoon Songs of Praise Ecton

Rotas and Lottery

for July 2014

Church Cleaning Rota		Brass Cleaning
July		
	26th	C
August		
	2nd	Christine Jordan/Ingrid Cartwright
	30th	A&B



"I don't do windows!"



July	Sidespersons	
6pm	6th	Marion Gleave/David Fuller
9.15am	13th	Brian & Sylvia Saunders
11am	20th	Steve & Linda Richards
9.15am	27th	Mary & David Dicks

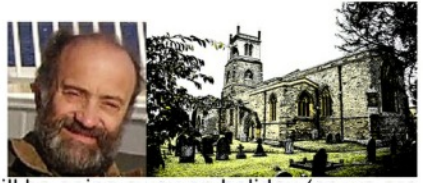
CHURCH LOTTERY May	
£50	M Littlewood
£15	Joy Wilson
£10	Gwenda Barty

CHURCH LOTTERY June	
£50	L & D Collacot
£15	Alistair McCrae
£10	Freda Richards

Coffee Rota		
July		
	6th	Fiona Major / Linda Richards
	13th	Ingrid Cartwright / Lind Richards
	20th	Anne Henderson/Charlotte Ely
	27th	Wendy Vilette/Joy Bond



From the Rectory



Here we are in July. Students are already home from college and during this month the schools will be ending their summer term with pupils and teachers alike looking forward to the long summer break. Some will be going away on holiday (as we are in the second week of the month), while others will have a little longer to wait. The first half of June has generally been good for weather with some very hot spells punctuated by quite heavy rain. Gardens and fields seem to be doing pretty well and if this pattern continues I expect we shall be in for a good harvest.

This month I'm writing at the very beginning of the football World Cup and England has just lost the first match to Italy! I didn't see it, but I'm told that although the defeat was disappointing we did at least play well and it wasn't an absolute thrashing. We all knew that to be drawn against a side as strong as Italy in the first round was a tough call. By the time you read this, of course, things will have moved on much further, but at the moment none of us has any idea what the future holds for the England team or fans. We all pray for good sportsmanship, however, both on the part of the teams and the fans from all countries; that visitors to Brazil from abroad would behave well and so be excellent ambassadors for their respective countries.

We may be entering the holiday season, but in the churches we are not about to sit back and relax. In July we are holding the first of three Services of Prayer for Wholeness and Healing. I did mention this briefly in last month's article. There will eventually be one in each Church but the first is being held at Great Doddington on Saturday July 19th while those at Wilby and Ecton will be later in the autumn, with dates yet to be announced. These are not just events for the regular church attenders, but for the whole community. You may remember the very successful Memorial Services we held last autumn in each church when we invited the families of all those for whom we had conducted funerals over the previous five years (some ninety families in all). This will be a similar concept, but this time it is an invitation to come to ask for prayer, either for yourself or for someone else who is experiencing difficulty. We're not just talking about physical ailments here (although they are included, of course), but also many other difficulties. If you have painful memories, or a difficult relationship that you need to deal with, or some past hurt that still has an effect on you and prevents you from properly moving on, then this is definitely for you. The service will be conducted in a very relaxed atmosphere and personal details will not be revealed about anyone. In other words, confidentiality will be strictly respected and if you wish to remain completely anonymous while asking for prayer that will be arranged. Following the service there will, of course be an invitation to hospitality with refreshments served as we celebrate together what God has done and is doing in our lives in these communities we call 'home'. Please watch out for the invitation flyer that will be posted through all doors very early in the month. It has been difficult to decide upon the best time to hold such an event and we do hope that late afternoon on a Saturday works for many people. Please let us know what you think. – there will be time to 'tweak' our plans before the services at Wilby and Ecton are finally put in place.

As I write this month we have just received some very good news at Ecton and Great Doddington. At Ecton our five-yearly inspection on the building had thrown up that we urgently needed to resurface the roof of the church tower (currently asphalt) and we had heard that English Heritage had blocked our request to use a better, more durable, and much less expensive material! Following our reasoned protest and the clearing of some misunderstanding about our original application we have just heard that English Heritage has withdrawn its objection so our permission to go ahead should be arriving very soon and we shall be able to instruct the contractor. Then at Great Doddington we have at last heard that very soon now our contractor will be ready to start work on phase two of our building project and a date has been set for a working party for us to remove the temporary vestry and the floor platform in the north aisle in readiness for that work to begin. All volunteers to help, please contact one of the churchwardens. While all this is excellent news, at the same time I do find myself longing for a time when we have no building issues for a while. In all three parishes I think we are rather 'fabric weary' these days.

With every blessing,

Chris Pearson

ECTON CHILDRENS



Party in the Park

We hope you will agree the party was a great success. The photographs certainly suggest people were having a good time.

We were really touched by everyone's contribution before the event and on the day; we are very grateful for your generosity and support. The party raised a massive £938.22 which, thanks to Paul Godby, will be matched by Barclaycard. This means that we will be able to do more in phase one of our plans to improve the play park; Work will start in about 8 weeks. We are planning more fundraising events as well as trying to secure grant funding so your continued support would be appreciated.

Thanks once again,

The Parish Council and the Play park sub group

PLAY PARK PLAN



Book Club - May

The husbands secret

by Liane Moriarty



Mother of three and wife of John-Paul, Cecilia, discovers an old envelope in the attic. Written in her husband's hand, it says: to be opened only in the event of my death. Curious, she opens it - and time stops. John-Paul's letter confesses to a terrible mistake which, if revealed, would wreck their family as well as the lives of others. Cecilia - betrayed, angry and distraught - wants to do the right thing, but right for who? If she protects her family by staying silent, the truth will worm through her heart. But if she reveals her husband's secret, she will hurt those she loves most . . .

This story is told from the perspective of three different women whose stories interlink. There is Tess, betrayed by the two people she loved the most, Rachel, mother of a murdered teenager and Cecilia, who discovers her husband's secret. The book is a real page turner from the start and the author cleverly leaves each chapter with the reader wanting to know more. It was slightly surprising to discover the husband's secret just over a third of the way through the book, however this changed the perspective from "what is the secret?" to "what will Cecilia do now she knows?" The reader has to consider, "how can she tell what she knows? How can she not?"

There is an interesting epilogue which leaves the reader questioning how much of life we really know and how much do we think we know. The characters do make some odd decisions along the way and sometimes come across as a little fake, but on the whole, this novel was a good, thought provoking, read.

Future Books:

August	September
Rebecca	The light between oceans
Daphne du Maurier	ML Stedman

If you would like to join the book club please contact Amy Brock or Rachael Godby, or you can submit an offline review to: rachaelgodby@gmail.com

What's on in Ecton

Village Hall

Sunday 20 July 2014 @ 2.30pm Afternoon Tea

Tickets On Sale Now

Saturday 30 August 2014 BBQ

Friday 12 September 2014 Race Night

October date tbc RNB Night

Friday 31 October – Family Halloween Party
(Fancy Dress optional)

The Three Horseshoes July Music Month

July 5 – The Deckchairs
(local Earls Barton Band)

July 12 – Snog

July 19 – Similar Jones

July 27 – Dave Johnson Jazz Band



What does Ecton mean to you?

Thank you to everyone who came to the meetings in the Village Hall on 9th and 10th May. It was good to see you and we hope that you went away with a better understanding of what a Neighbourhood Plan can and cannot do for Ecton.

Remember, a Neighbourhood Plan is coming to Ecton. Following the 2011 Localism Act, local communities can produce a Neighbourhood Plan to influence development. It is our opportunity to have residents' opinions recognised by the planning process.

What can you do for Ecton?

We are now at the stage where we need to start drafting the plan. We need help to do this. It doesn't matter if you don't know anything about planning – neither did any of us before we started on this journey.

If you can help in any way, please contact Joe Fernley by telephone on **01604 784058** or **07956 271890** and via email at **joe@thefern.com**

We need with:

- Researching other neighbourhood plans
- Writing the content of our plan
- Formatting and desktop publishing the document
- Proof reading and reviewing
- Publicising and leaflet drops
- Printing
- ... and anything else that we haven't thought of yet!

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH



Get a Watch Ticking.....

You may have seen from the notices around the village we are getting the Ecton Neighbourhood Watch Scheme ticking again!

Everyone in the village automatically becomes a member so a warm welcome to you all. How much you wish to become involved in the scheme is entirely up to you, I look forward to working with you to make this community one of the friendliest and safest places it can be.

I have already had offers of help from some of you to act as Street Contacts around the village, these will act as a link between the police and their direct neighbours and in turn the entire village, a letter listing all Street Contacts will be sent out to all residents soon,

If any one wants to become a Street Contact please contact me - the more the Street Contacts the more efficient the network.

In the meantime, If you wish to be kept up to date with regular news and alerts. You can receive these either via email or by phone. Can I ask that you let me know which you prefer? You can reach me at the email address or phone number below.

You can also register your details online at:
www.ourwatchmember.org.uk

If there is anything else you would like to speak to me about, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Wendy Stephens - NHW Co-ordinator.
Tel: 01604 946936 - Mobile: 07986 557773
Email: swippets@hotmail.co.uk



NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

St Christopher's War Memorial Home Garden Party

Abington Park Crescent, Northampton. Saturday 9th August, 2pm – 4pm.

Last year so many people in Ecton contributed to make the garden party a success both in terms of 'feel good factor' for the residents and also providing help with others in raising almost £1000 towards their 'comforts' fund that I am encouraged once again to ask for your help and support.

This year's project is to build a permanent Summer House on the already laid concrete base currently being used for a temporary gazebo. Fund raising goes on almost permanently at St Christopher's but to raise enough money to build a permanent building we need a huge push.

As I mentioned last year, many of the residents are elderly and frail there is little that they can physically do to help but there is a small community of independent living residents and it is they that have undertaken the organisation of the day together with Mary Brown the activities coordinator.

Once again, Barbara who is now 91 years old, is joining me to run a cake stall. So, I am asking for donations of ingredients or small cash contributions to help me make cakes. Last year our stall raised £150 and I would like to increase that if possible this year. Other residents are running Tombola, Plant and Garden, and Book stalls and of course there will be the inevitable Raffle!

Musical entertainment will be provided by 'The Smooth Ones' a group who have often played here in Ecton at fetes and fundraising activities.

If you can contribute in any way please do give me a call. Unwanted gifts, books, toiletries, plants or cake ingredients will all be most welcome and I shall be more than happy to collect them from you and store them until the big day. Even the smallest contribution will be a benefit in these straitened times.

In closing, if you have never visited St Christopher's or indeed even heard about it then you are most welcome to come along on 9th August and see what a wonderful and welcoming care home that we have local to us.

Thank you in anticipation.

Sheila Ingram, The Old Chapel, West Street, Ecton. Tel: 01604 406038

Ecton Village Hall Afternoon Tea

Sunday 20 July from 2:30pm

Selection of Sandwiches and Cakes

£5.00 per person,

Concessions for Egos, but must book with Wendy Stephens / Kathy Humphries

Limited to 70 places, available from Clare Reid 07962079564 or Nicky Bedford 07900271819

EVH fundraising event – please book early to assist with catering requirements





After the success of my previous article, I now find myself in the enviable position of writing about my further fishing adventures.

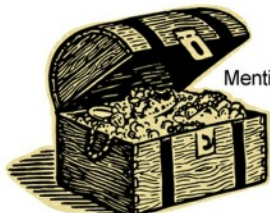
On a Sunday morning in May, at Ravensthorpe reservoir, one of the oldest fisheries in the country, accompanied by another experienced fishing chum. It seems the gods were with us, the mist started to lift and the temperature started to rise and a few buzzers were seen at the fishing lodge. We started at the far end of the lake into a nice depth of water; I was using a floating line with a 15ft leader and a single green buzzer. My chum was also using a similar set up, within minutes I had caught my first fish, which was landed and weighed in at 3lb. After a few changes of buzzers, again I struck again with another 3lb rainbow trout. My chum, even with his years of experience, and imparting my knowledge on him, failed to catch. Instead of a lunch out, we partook in a pork pie and scotch egg frenzy, courtesy of Beckwith Emporium, and my chums good lady.

Overall again, a very successful fishing trip for me, and I would recommend this trout fishery to the Ecton View Readers.

As my previous article advised, I have been approached in The Three Horseshoes on a Friday evening and provided my wisdom to help the less experienced fishermen in the village. I have also been providing private tuition on the art of casting.

If you have any fly fishing questions or would like some more advice or private tuition, please call in at The Three Horseshoes on a Friday evening, where I can be found at the bar.

Tight Lines!



Hidden History

Mention Metal Detecting and the groans from certain parts of the community can be heard from the Ecton Estate to West St. The opinion that artefacts should be left in the ground is fast waning and Archaeologists opinions of legitimate metal detecting has certainly changed over the past ten years or so. When we consider that Hoards such as the Staffordshire Hoard which was the largest collection of Anglo-Saxon gold ever found could still be lying in a field undiscovered would leave very few people favouring the latter.

The fields around Ecton are steeped in History and are sure to hold artefacts covering a broad period of history and if these could be recovered what a great idea a display case would make in the village hall to show off these artefacts? After mentioning grumbings around metal detecting there is a certain man and wife from Norfolk, who are most certainly not in the minority of complainants. I was recently holidaying for a week in Norfolk and took along my two detectors one I use for beach and one I use for land. We have visited the same friends bungalow for the last two years and last summer I plucked up courage after hearing of a friendly local farmer (rare occasion) who could possibly grant permission for some detecting on his land and to my surprise was not only granted permission but his wife called the farmer on his tractor to ask him! I was in shock I expected the usual grimace and grumble then being sent off with my tail between my legs but to my amazement permission was granted and a field near a local church was identified but that is a story for another time.

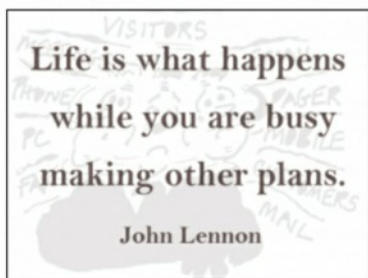
Anyway back to my Grateful man and wife from Norfolk. Our family decided as the weather was nice to go and spend the day on the beach at Sea Palling. I decided not to put my detector in as I get the usual complaints from wife and mother in law about using it on the beach and not spending enough time with the children etc. When we arrived at the beach and started to walk to a vacant spot I could see a middle aged man, his wife and children looking around on the beach and filtering their hands through the sand. I immediately thought they have lost something. I watched them for a bit then with curiosity killing me I went over and enquired. I think very reluctantly the man told me he had lost his wedding ring. I asked what type and he said a large gold band. I went back over to the family but continued to watch the developments. The area they were looking was right on the tide line and so running the risk of losing it forever when the tide came in. After a while my good wife suggested that I offer to go back to the bungalow (20 minute drive) and fetch my detector. I suggested this to the man but he said he would keep looking. Finally after another thirty minutes he gave up and asked if I could get my detector which I sympathetically replied that I would. Forty minutes later and I was back on the beach. I set up my detector and within five minutes I had located the artefact and to say it was a large gold wedding band was an understatement. Both he and his wife were elated and he duly replenished my wallet with a number of crisp beer tokens which came in very handy at the local hostelry in Happisburg!

Puzzle Page - July 2014

Wordsearch

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Between two evils,
I always pick the one
I never tried before.

Mae West

Sudoku - July

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Minutes of the meeting of Parish Council of Ecton held in The Village Hall, High Street, Ecton on Tuesday 18th March 2014 at 7.30p.m.

Mrs. S. Bresnahan - Chairperson

PRESENT: Mrs S Bresnahan – Chairperson, Mrs J Jones, Mr D Dicks, Mr T Moffett, Mr P Godby and Mrs M Mulvey

IN ATTENDANCE: Borough Councillor Mr Paul Bell and PCSO Dave Convey

131/14 RECORD ATTENDANCE, RECEIVE APOLOGIES AND APPROVE REASONS FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillor's R East, A Fernley, B Brophy and Borough Councillor J Bass Apologies have been noted and accepted.

132/14 TO INVITE DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS ON SUBJECTS INCLUDED ON THIS AGENDA

No declarations of interest were declared.

133/14 WELCOME AND CO-OPTION OF MAGGIE MULVEY ONTO ECTON PARISH COUNCIL

The Chair Councillor S Bresnahan introduced Mrs M Mulvey to the Council and welcomed her as a new member of the Parish Council. The Register of Interests and Declaration of Acceptance of Office of Councillor forms were completed and signed by M Mulvey and the Clerk.

134/14 TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON 21ST JANUARY 2014

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 21st January 2014 as previously circulated, were read, confirmed and signed as correct record by Chair Councillor S Bresnahan.

135/14 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Members of the public may speak on Agenda Items only

No members of the public were in attendance.

136/14 PROGRESS ANY MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

There are no items to report that are not covered by the agenda.

137/14 DISCUSS ANY UPDATES REGARDING THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN / LOCALISM BILL

At the January Meeting Councillor Jones reported that Alex Munro – Neighbourhood Planning Representative had spoken to the Neighbourhood Plan group recently. A Neighbourhood Plan can assist with approving the style of houses being built in the area, preferred locations etc, but it cannot stop further builds, if these builds fall within Government "Figures" guidelines.

Alex Munro is happy to give a presentation at a cost of approx £250, (this figure is still to be confirmed). Councillor Jones is still waiting to obtain Alex's dates of availability before a meeting date can be agreed. It is anticipated that the meeting will held on either Friday 9th May or Saturday 10th May 2014.

138/14 TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM POLIC REPRESENTATIVES

PCSO Dave Convey reported during February two crimes were reported in Ecton. Theft from a motor vehicle and scrap metal taken from a building site in West Street and a minor assault was also reported in West Street.

March 2014 – Theft at the Three Horseshoes Pub. The Fruit Machine was targeted.

PCSO Dave Convey stated that the Police Crime Commissioner is driving a campaign to recruit Street Watch Volunteers and Special Constables. For more information visit www.northants.police.uk/streetwatch or email sav@northants.police.uk

PCSO Dave Convey left the meeting at 8.20pm.

VILLAGE SERVICES

139/14 DISCUSS AND AGREE IMPORVEMENTS TO THE PLAYING FIELD AND SPENDING OF THE BIG LOTTERY AWARD

Chair Councillor S Bresnahan has recently submitted a grant application to the Big Lottery Fund asking for funds to help with costs replacing some play equipment in the Playing Field. This application was approved and the Council have been awarded £9400, which has now been received.

Chair S Bresnahan, Councillor Fernley and Moffett have formed a Playing Field Working Group and will now be obtaining four quotes for replacement play equipment to present at the May Council meeting.

Mick George Skips often give grants for play equipment, Chair Councillor S Bresnahan will enquire into this.

Borough Councillor P Bell may also be able to provide some funding through Wellingborough Borough Council. Clerk to follow up.

PLANNING RELATED MATTERS

140/14 DISCUSS AND AGREE A RESPONSE TO THE EARLS BARTON NEIGHBOURHOOD DRAFT PLAN CONSULTATION

The Clerk has requested a copy of the Earls Barton Neighbourhood Draft Plan, to be circulated to Councillors for comments once received.

DISCUSS AND AGREE A RESPONSE TO TH EPROPOSED DEVELOPMENTS – GREAT BILLING SLUDGE TREATMENT.

No objections or observations were made.

141/14 OTHER PLANNING MATTERS NOT YET DETERMINED

Variation of condition 3 for Planning Permission 12/00075/WASFUL to extend the time allowed for import and processing of municipal waste for a further 18 months to August 2015. LOCATION: Mick George Ltd Lower Ecton Lane Great Billing NN3 9BX – Not yet Decided – County Matter

Clerk to request the Parish Email address be added with Councillor B Brophy's at the Planning Department at Wellingborough Borough Council.

Clerk to raise concern regarding parking at 49 West Street.

142/14 FINANCIAL MATTERS

(A) PROPOSE PAYMENTS AND SIGN CHEQUES

It was resolved that the following accounts be paid.

CHEQUES DRAWN OUT OF MEETING

371	EON	
	Insurance Excess £125 and vat on invoice of £177.80	
	of replacement street light 13.9.13	302.80

CHEQUES DRAWN AT MEETING

372	ECTON PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL	
	Maintenance of Churchyard	500.00

373	ECTON VILLAGE HALL	
	Hire of the Village Hall	72.00
374	INFORMATION COMMISSIONERS OFFICE	
	Data Protection Registration	35.00
375	WEBSITE RENEWAL	
	£120 LESS 10%	108.00
376	S Wong – Salary (21.1.14 TO 18.3.14)	
	Salary 20.5hours	217.36
	Expenses	
	Use of clerks home as office Feb/March14 £305/12*2	50.84
	Broadband	20.00
	Mileage	17.68
	Expenses – Stationery and Toner	48.37

		354.25
377	ECTON MAGAZINE	
	Grant Award	500.00
378	S Wong	
	Contribution towards New PC – 1/3 of Costs £150	
	Holiday Pay - £196.55	346.55
	GRAND TOTAL OF CHEQUES	2218.60

(B) ANY OTHER FINANCIAL MATTERS

REVIEW YOUTH CLUB AND NEWSLETTER ACCOUNTS WITH A VIEW TO MAKING A GRANT DONATION

The Clerk presented accounts for the Ecton Village Youth Club and the Ecton Village Magazine. It was resolved to make a grant award of £500 to the Village Magazine. The accounts presented for the Youth Club were for 2012 to 2013. It was resolved to hold off making any grant awards until the current years accounts for 2013 / 2014 were received.

REVIEW OF FINANCIAL STATEMENT

A financial balance sheet was presented at the meeting. The current bank balance stands at £37,624.29, of which £7404.62 is the current David Cross Bequest Balance and £9,400 Big Lottery Award. The remaining £20,819.67 is the current Council balance.

ANNUAL REVIEW OF POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

A review of the Councils Policies and Procedures took place. All policies and procedures remain the same. With the new removal of section 150(5) of the Local Government Act 1972, which required that "every cheque by signed by two members of the Council" it was resolved not to incorporate a new online banking payment method system. It was also resolved the Clerk would create folders for each Councillor which would contain copies of all Policies and Procedures.

143/14 DISCUSS ANY CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

CPRE Northants Spring Planning Road Show Invite – 10th April 2014. No Councillors are able to attend.

Letter of complaint from Mr and Mrs Hedden reference rubbish along Ecton Lane. Clerk to respond to the complaint.

MGWSP – Parish Enhancement Gang – Work request form has been received. The clerk has completed the form and returned. Items requested included cleaning of village signage, cutting back of overhanging bushes, foliage and branches, removal of Ash tree stump at 4 West Street and the repairing of pot holes.

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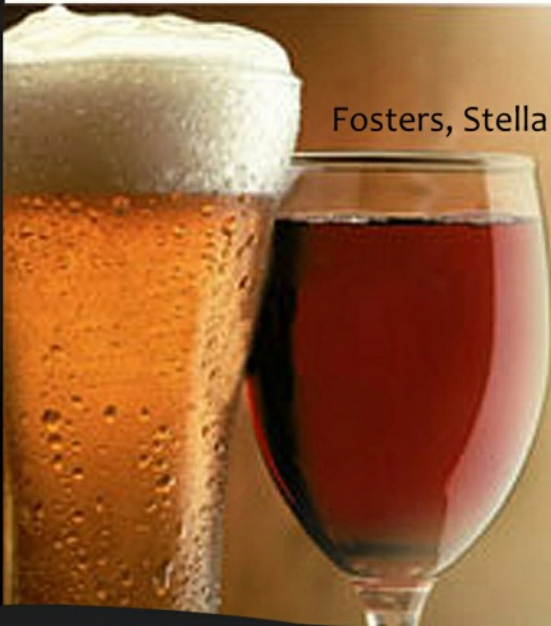
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