

A large, weathered tree trunk with a hollowed-out section in the center, standing in a grassy area. In the background, there is a road, a fence, and a dense forest of trees under a clear sky.

# THE ECTON VIEW

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The magazine of the independant  
village of Ecton

## Parish and Village Organisations

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**Our Local Police Constable  
Elliot Lee. Tel:08453 700 700**

If the young knew and the old could,  
there is nothing that couldn't be done.

## Editors Ramblings

This month sees the longest day, and with the good weather we have had at the end of May it could be a brilliant summer. Already we have had numerous bbq's and the garden is looking good. I hope the good weather continues so Le mans 24 hour proves a great race with the many new entries this year, also for the Glastonbury Festival, although its good to have your wellies on at least once. Glastonbury usually gets a good coverage on TV, so if you cannot be there to see the likes of U2, Muse and Stevie Wonder its the next best thing. I will take some pictures for the July magazine.

### **Most smiles are started by another smile.**

A new idea for the magazine based on our move and the amount of items we have collected over the years is a 'For Sale' page. So if you have things to get rid of why not try it in the magazine. We will start it next month if anyone is interested. In fact I will start it now, I have a 3 draw black metal filing cabinet, yours for a mere £5 and a small bookcase free to a good home.

In the magazine this month there is information on 'the big break-fast', 'the big lunch', 'the over 65 living in the village lunch', summer activities for children and much more. There is also the annual bbq at 'The Grange' details in this issue.

Our old friend Eustace Avaplotte has had to give up his allotment as he is not getting any younger but promises to keep an eye on things and do a piece for the magazine next month. On the next page is a picture from Mums & Tots which seems to be flourishing, Youth club also gets good numbers on a Wednesday night with lots more activities available with the good weather and light nights.

*Copy for The **July** magazine to*

Colin Tinston, Rectory Farm House, High Street

Telephone: 412233

**e-mail: [navigator@ectonvillage.co.uk](mailto:navigator@ectonvillage.co.uk)**

**by 20th June**

To me -- old age is always ten years older than I am.

A Venetian can Dance  
A Frenchman just Prance  
Whilst a German from Bonn  
Can only look on



*Ecton Mums and Tots* would like to thank the village for the generous donation from the proceeds of the Safari Supper; this will enable us to buy some outdoor toys for summer! mums and tots will have WEEKLY sessions throughout the school summer holidays i.e. every Friday morning from 10am through to 11: 30am at the village hall.

**See Paul at 54 A High St, Ecton**

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Church Cleaning Rota			Brass Cleaning
Week		Team	
June	5th	C	
	19th	A	
	26th	Joy Wilson & Anne Henderson	

Coffee Rota		
June	6th	Wendy & Ingrid
	13th	Margaret Weddle & Anne Henderson
	20th	Fiona Major & Sue Bush
	27th	Dorothy Creed & Ingrid Wright

Sidespersons			
June	6pm	6th	Marian Gleave & Nick Greene
	9.15am	13th	Brian & Sylvia Saunders
	11am	20th	Linda & Steve Richards
	9.15am	27th	David & Mary Dicks

CHURCH LOTTERY	
May	
£40	Colin Mcdermid
£10	Jean Haycox
£10	Eric Dickens

### ***Tidy Churchyard***

We wish to convey our thanks to Vic Lester & Walter Barty, who, for many years have attended the churchyard regularly on Wednesday morning, with weeding and general maintenance. Now, however, they are unable to carry on due to advancing years and unfortunately there appears no-one to take their place.

If there is anyone out there who feels able to do a bit of weeding, edging etc. it would be most appreciated. at the moment it is fairly urgent for weed killer to be applied, which of course is supplied with the spray.

If you feel you could spare some time while enjoying the fresh air contact Mark Aveyard who is treasurer on 01604 811821 and once again thank you to Vic & Walter.

### ***CALENDAR FOR JUNE 2010***

Tuesday 1st	10.30	Holy Communion
Wednesday 2nd	19.30	Compline & Prayer
Saturday 5th	10.00	Open Church – time for reflection and quiet – coffee is served
Sunday 6th	18.00	Holy Communion
Tuesday 8th	There is no midweek service this week	
Sunday 13th	09.15	Holy Communion
Tuesday 15th	10.30	Holy Communion
Thursday 17th	14.15	'Pre-School Praise' – at Great Doddington
Sunday 20th	11.00	All-Age Worship with Holy Communion
Tuesday 22nd	10.30	Holy Communion
Sunday 27th	09.15	Morning Prayer
Tuesday 29th	10.30	Holy Communion
	14.30	Afternoon Songs of Praise

From the Vicarage,



I know the English always discuss the weather, but that has certainly especially been my experience as I have moved around the villages over the past month. Spring seems to have hiccupped in the middle and almost plunged us back into winter during May. At the Vicarage we have certainly had several open fires during the month as well as weakening enough to turn the central heating back on. We all thought we had done with such things until next winter. I hear it has been the coldest May for very many years so far, but since I'm writing in the middle of the month there is still plenty of time for that to improve. I'm off tonight for a week's retreat in the idyllic setting of Iona in the Western Isles of Scotland, now an annual fixture for me. This is a favourite and very special place for many people – but George MacLeod, the founder of the Iona Community, described it as 'that thin place', and unless the weather does warm up in the next week I guess that will be even more true than usual while I'm there!

Of course, the even more popular topic of conversation over the past month, even more than the weather, has been the general election. I don't know about you, but by now I'm just about 'all elected out', very weary of the incessant political comment and analysis that fills our t.v. screens and newspapers each day. I have always made it a principle not to use either magazine articles or the pulpit to make party political points or to promote any particular view, but at the same time it is good for Christians to be involved in the issues that affect us all, and especially those that affect the underprivileged or those that concern morality and integrity. I will say here that I am intrigued to see how our new coalition government works out. If I'm honest I'm a little amused too, for many who, during the election campaign were sworn enemies find now that they are serving shoulder to shoulder in the new administration. They have to learn to put their differences aside and work together in genuine co-operation to build a new and stable government that is capable of the enormous task of guiding us out of the present financial crisis (some are saying 'melt-down'). I have always been very impatient with those who during election campaigns, build their arguments upon criticising the rest rather than promoting the distinctiveness of their own policies, and I guess many of those who have engaged in such practices are now paying the price for their unadvised words.

In Church life things have settled down now after all the excitement of the Easter season and our annual meetings, about which I wrote last month. As summer approaches we are entering the wedding season and this year we have more than for a long time with nearly a dozen across our three parishes. It's always a delight and privilege to conduct these services.

One other lovely piece of news is that at a recent conference on children's work within Peterborough Diocese Ecton Church was awarded the annual Diocesan Children's Cup. This was in recognition of the work we have done in setting a monthly after-school club in Ecton Primary School, a club called 'Story Keepers'. This attracts regularly between a dozen and a dozen and a half children – something over a quarter of the school. This is an activity that has been going for nearly eighteen months now and has been reported here before. My extremely grateful thanks are due to Anne Henderson, Wendy Villette, and Ingrid Cartwright, who run this initiative.

With very best wishes,

Chris Pearson



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*Nothing annoys a woman more than to have company drop in unexpectedly and find the house looking as it usually does.*

## ***Over 65 and living in Ecton?***

then please join us for lunch, a sing song and much more  
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on Friday June 18th from 11.30 a.m.

A cold lunch will be provided

Brian Saunders will provide the music

You will provide the company.

There is no charge for this as it is funded by the proceeds from  
the Safari Supper. We do need to know numbers of people  
attending so please contact Kathy on 404590

or Sally on 403027 to book your place.

Looking forward to seeing you.

### **FRANKLYN GRAVES**

For some time I have been facinated to know why money, usually pennies, has been left on the graves of Benjamin Franklins relations in the Church Yard. Through an archaeological contact I have received the following information which I think will be of interest to Ecton Villagers.

“In America when Benjamin Franklin died his grave was covered with pennies by the thousand, people came from all over the States to pay their respects. American pennies have the motto ‘In God We Trust’ which may be why they were used, all the pennies were shiny and new.

Coins were often left on graves as a way of asking a favour of the dead, or an offering to God to ease their journey, or to pay the Ferryman, it was also a sign that the deceased was well loved and respected. Coins were left in this way long before flowers were left on graves, which practice is only about 200 years old. “

**Jennifer Harrison**

Stewardesses is the longest word that is formally  
typed with only the left hand

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## **Appointment of Community Governor**

Following some changes on the Governing Body of Ecton Village Primary School there is a vacancy for a Community Governor. I know that people in Ecton are great supporters of the village school. Now is your chance to contribute to its future development, character and success through direct involvement.

Being a governor gives you the opportunity to be at the heart of the school and help shape its future. Whilst no particular skills are needed except a passion for good education, a sense of humour and some common sense, we currently need someone who is familiar with budgets and finance. You will find the existing governors are a friendly group and we will do all we can to help you pick up the ropes quickly. The Local Authority provides excellent training.

You may wonder what you might be letting yourself in for. There are three full meetings each year and there are two sub-committees. Each of these meets a couple of times each term. Usually meetings are at 6pm at the school and last about two hours. That may not seem a lot but I cannot disguise the fact that school governors, particularly in a small school like ours are taking increasing responsibility for running schools and I am keen to encourage governors to be as involved as much as they can be. Their major role is to provide support and challenge to the staff to ensure that standards continue to rise and children get the best possible education. The Governors are also involved in appointing staff. They have a crucial role in setting and monitoring the budget and we are also having to take increased responsibility for the strategic maintenance of the building.

If you are interested in taking up this opportunity, please give your name to Mel Pickford, the school bursar as soon as possible. Alternatively, if you know someone who lives outside the village who could help us in this role we would be pleased to hear from them. If more than one person puts himself or herself forward we will ask candidates to submit a CV and we will hold some interviews.

If you would like to know more please telephone me on 01604 402457, or email me at [Villette3@hotmail.com](mailto:Villette3@hotmail.com) I will be happy to tell you more about the work. Alternatively leave your name and contact details with Mel Pickford and I will contact you. Mel's email address is [Bursar@ecton-pri.northants-ecl.gov.uk](mailto:Bursar@ecton-pri.northants-ecl.gov.uk).

This is a great time for Ecton School and we need your help and support to keep up the momentum. We will not maintain the gains we have secured without a full governing body and in particular, we need the support of the community we serve. I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

Simon Villette

Ecton School Governors – Chair.

# YOUTH CLUB



Many thanks to Alex for helping out at youth club - the kids had a great time playing "Spud"



Thomas, Tori & Amy leading the children in the Parachute game



Hannah & Lauren enjoy playing Guitar Hero on the Wii



Adam helping at youth club playing pool with Ben

# Wellingborough Sports Development Summer Activities

Wellingborough Council are again organising fun sporting opportunities for children during the summer holidays after the scheme again proved extremely popular last year and was a great success.

Sport will be at the front of the minds of many children at the moment with the Football World cup approaching, the Ashes Cricket and the continuation of the countdown to England hosting the Olympic Games.

Courses taught by qualified coaches, run in July, August and September and include Football, Cricket, Athletics, Badminton, Table Tennis, Judo, Archery and Basketball for a range of ages from 5 to 18. For more information, contact Quintin Allen, Sports Development, on 01933 231823 [QDAllen@wellingborough.gov.uk](mailto:QDAllen@wellingborough.gov.uk)

## Protecting Barbara from Foxes

This article has been written for those Ecton people, who have domesticated animals, and may find its content of use.

Our good friend Anne from Clapham, London came to stay one weekend in March, and it was all very convivial.

One of the more amusing stories she told was about Barbara. ‘Who’, you may ask is Barbara; well she is a tortoise of some 60 years in age.

Barbara has the run of a completely walled garden, and does what tortoises do with out the interference of the outside world, and our friend has grown very fond of her.

Unfortunately, one day Anne’s neighbours saw an urban fox playing with Barbara.

Foxes although they can’t pierce a tortoise shell they can turn them over, the tortoise cannot get back on its feet, could starve, dehydrate and if not attended to, in time, could expire.

Alarmed at this possible scenario advice was sought, and the solution was quite simple.

Apparently, foxes do not like the smell of humans and the male form of urine repels them.

Anne lives by herself, but she has managed to secure a supply from a male friend. I suppose you could say she is taking the p—s

So periodically Anne goes around her garden releasing this repellent on top of the garden walls. Hope she is upwind and nobody is standing on the other side when she does it!!

Does it work? Well Anne is still applying the repellent and there are no signs of urban foxes in her garden.



Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2010

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Following the success of last year's Big Lunch, this year's Big Lunch is planned for Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> July. Please come along to the Village Hall at 12.30 for 1p.m. and meet friends and neighbours. Just let us know you are coming and what food you will bring to share (if you have an allotment please bring something home grown). A bar will be available or you can bring your own drinks.

Please telephone or return the slip below to:  
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Sue at Manor Farm Cottage; or Sally at 12 The Courtyard

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Name.....

No. of Adults.....Children.....

Address.....

Tel. No.....

Food: e.g. Salad / Meat / Fish / Pork Pies / Quiche /  
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2. Heed Groans 6, 4
3. Dagers Shine 6,6
4. Leak Pending 8, 3
5. Shimmering Star 8, 6
6. Frank Gored 6, 4

## ***Sywell Country Park - Things to do***

### **What you can do at the park**

- Have an adventure - the safe, enclosed children's sand play area.
  - Open spaces for ball games and dog walking.
  - Relax in the peace and quiet of Sywell's meadows, marshland and woodland.
  - Join in one of the events held at the park as part of Northamptonshire County Council's annual events programme.
  - Enjoy a light snack - drinks, biscuits, sweets and ice creams available from the Country Park shop.
  - Enjoy a picnic lunch in one of our grassy meadows or bring your BBQ for use in our special BBQ area.
  - Find out more about the park and its wildlife or buy a souvenir of your visit from the Visitor Centre.
  - Go for a 'dip' in the Amphibian Pond – can you spot any of the pond's tinier inhabitants? Bring your own net or take part in one of our special pond-dipping sessions. (Please remember to return all the creatures to the water afterwards).
  - Watch the bird life – look out for terns, swallows, and many different ducks and geese on the reservoir. Sywell has two bird-hides (one wheelchair accessible).
  - Stroll through the trees - the area below the dam contains a collection of exotic trees including Monterey Pine, Japanese Larch and Wellingtonia. Tree Trail leaflet available from the Visitor Centre.
  - Search for the clues to Sywell's past - look out for the remains of the Edwardian Reservoir and follow the Water Works Heritage Trail.
  - Get Hooked - Sywell Reservoir is a coarse fishery nationally renowned for its Tench which can be over 5.4 kg (12.12 lb) in size. Day and Season Fishing Tickets available.
  - Play a game of French Boules (ask at Visitor Centre for Boules hire).
  - Join the Friends of Sywell Country Park - Get involved
- Northamptonshire County Council manages Sywell Country Park for the benefit of both its wildlife and its human visitors. The Countryside Rangers and our many volunteers are constantly striving to develop and enhance facilities at the park.

We need your help to continue this work – why not join our team of volunteers? Call (01604) 810970 or e mail [sywell@northamptonshire.gov.uk](mailto:sywell@northamptonshire.gov.uk) for more details.

Schools or other community groups can take part in Environmental Activity Sessions run by the Countryside Rangers. Contact us for more information or to book an activity session.

### **The filter beds**

The three disused filter beds have all been given new uses...

#### **Children's Play Area**

- Sand play area
- Safe enclosed area
- Shaded areas
- Dog free

#### **Amphibian Pond**

- Accessible board walk
- Dragonflies
- Frogs and newts
- Pond Dipping permitted

#### **Butterfly Garden**

- A low-lying sun trap
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- Seats •Information Board

### **Visitor centre**

Housed in the original waterworks pumping station and still containing the electric turbine pump, the Visitor Centre is open between 11:00am and 5:00pm weekends and school holidays.

- Displays and information
- Souvenirs and gifts
- Walking & countryside publications
- Light refreshments – crisps, hot and cold drinks, ice-cream and sweets

## ***DOG FOULING***

Unfortunately dog fouling is on the increase throughout the village, owners are reminded to pick up any faeces left by their dog, failure to do so could result in an on the spot £50 fine which increases to £1,000 if it is not paid.

The dog warden from Wellingborough Borough Council has been asked to regularly visit Ecton and observe dog owners in so far as cleaning up any mess left by their dog.

Residents are asked also to be watchful and report any dog owner whose dog fouls any public place to the Dog Warden at Wellingborough Borough Council Tel: 01933 229777 Email: customerservices@wellingborough.gov.uk.

Consideration will be given to naming and shaming dog owners if the problem continues.

## ***LARGE AND HEAVY VEHICLES***

The village is experiencing problems with large and heavy vehicles trying to negotiate through the village, which results in a major problem when they come to the chicane in the High Street. Upon realising that they are unable get through have to manoeuvre in a very limited space which results in damage being caused to parked vehicles and property.

Residents are asked where possible to take note of the Company name of the vehicle and either ring or email John Wilson, Clerk of Ecton Parish Council, with details, who will the arrange for the company to be contacted.

Northamptonshire County Council in conjunction with the Police have been asked to monitor vehicles entering Lower Ecton Lane at the Crow Lane junction

***The Campaign to Protect Rural England  
are sponsoring a Parish Litter Warden Scheme.***

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## ***Rolls Royce***

Ingredients:

- 2 oz Gin
- 1 oz Sweet Vermouth
- 1 oz Dry Vermouth
- 1 tsp Benedictine

Glassware: Cocktail Glass

Mix all ingredients in a cocktail shaker with ice. Strain into a chilled martini glass.

## ***Lime Island ICed Tea***

Ingredients:

- 1/2 oz. Smirnoff Lime Vodka
- 1/5 oz. Tanqueray Gin
- 1/4 oz. Captain Morgan Rum
- 1/4 oz. Jose Cuervo Especial
- 1/4 oz. Triple Sec
- Splash of Sour Mix
- Cola

Garnish: Lime wheel

Mix all ingredients with ice in a cocktail shaker with ice. Pour the ingredients (including ice) into a highball glass. Add cola to taste. Garnish with lime wheel.



## **And the next day**

### ***Hair of the Dog***

Ingredients:

- 2 - 3 dashes Tabasco
- 6 part gin
- 1/2 part fresh lemon juice
- 1 slice chili

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