

THE ECTON VIEW

A photograph of a dirt path leading through a field of yellow flowers and green bushes. The path is made of light brown soil and runs straight from the foreground towards the background. On the left side of the path, there is a dense field of bright yellow flowers, likely rapeseed, with green leaves. On the right side, there are tall green bushes with white flowers. The path leads towards a line of trees in the distance under a clear sky.

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Wellingborough Sports Development - Summer Activities

Wellingborough Council are again organising fun sporting opportunities for children during the summer holidays after the scheme 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 Olympic Games just one year away and we are therefore providing children with the opportunity to get involved.

Courses taught by qualified and CRB cleared coaches, will run in July and August and include Football, Cricket, Athletics, Badminton, Table Tennis, Judo, Archery and Basketball for a range of ages from 5 to 18. The activities organised by the Borough Council of Wellingborough ensure children can access high quality sporting opportunities at affordable prices. That's why the majority of activities on offer remain the same cost as 2 years ago.

For more information contact Quintin Allen, Sports Development, on 01933 231823 QDAllen@wellingborough.gov.uk

Football Who: Boys and Girls aged 5 - 14 years When: Monday 25th - Thursday 28th July. What time: 10:00 - 15:00 Where: Sir Christopher Hatton School How much: £35 for all 4 days How do I book: Contact Northampton Town Football in the Community Project, Lee Garlick on: 01604 683766 or e-mail: lee.garlick@ntfc.tv	Mixed Martial Arts Who: Boys and Girls aged 5-13 years When: Tuesday 16th - Wednesday 17th August What time: 10:30 - 12:00 Where: Redwell Leisure Centre How much: £10 for the 2 day programme How do I book: Contact Redwell Leisure Centre: 01933 402045, enquiries@redwellleisurecentre.co.uk
Cricket Who: Boys and Girls aged 8-14 years When: Monday 1st - Friday 5th August What time: 10:30 - 14:30 Where: Wellingborough Town Cricket Club How much: £5 per day or £20 for all 5 days How do I book: Contact Wally Armstrong: 01933 229030, Wally.Armstrong@QMP.co.uk or Vaughan Smith: 07712 080002, cricket@ospreys.co.uk	Disability Football Who: Boys and Girls aged 8-16 years When: Thursday 18th - Friday 19th August What time: 13:30 - 16:00 Where: Redwell Leisure Centre How much: £5 per day How do I book: Contact Redwell Leisure Centre: 01933 402045, enquiries@redwellleisurecentre.co.uk
Athletics Who: Boys and Girls aged 5-7 and 8-13 years When: Monday 8th - Friday 12th August What time: 13:00 - 14:30 for 5-7 years and 14:30 - 16:45 for 8-13 years Where: Redwell Leisure Centre How much: £2.50 per day for 5-7 years and £5.50 per day for 8-13 years How do I book: Contact Redwell Leisure Centre: 01933 402045, enquiries@redwellleisurecentre.co.uk	Table Tennis Who: Boys and Girls aged 7-10 and 11-14 years When: Thursday 18th - Friday 19th August What time: 10:00 - 12:30 for 7-10 years and 13:30 - 16:00 for 11-14 years Where: Weavers Leisure Centre How much: £10 for the 2 day programme How do I book: Contact Greg Yarnall: 01604 237133 or e-mail GYarnall@northamptonshire.gov.uk
Badminton Who: Boys and Girls aged 8-13 years When: Monday 15th - Wednesday 17th August What time: 13:00 - 14:30 Where: Redwell Leisure Centre How much: £4.50 per session How do I book: Contact Redwell Leisure Centre: 01933 402045, enquiries@redwellleisurecentre.co.uk	Archery Who: Boys and Girls aged 8-11 and 12-15 years When: Monday 22nd - Tuesday 23rd August What time: 10:00 - 12:00 for 8-11 years and 13:00 - 15:00 for 12-15 years Where: Wrenn School How much: £12 for the 2 day programme How do I book: Contact Greg Yarnall: 01604 237133 or e-mail GYarnall@northamptonshire.gov.uk or Eric Jackson: eric@woac.org.uk
Cricket Who: Boys and Girls aged 5-7 years When: Monday 22nd - Thursday 25th August What time: 14:30 - 16:00 Where: Redwell Leisure Centre How much: £2.50 per session How do I book: Contact Redwell Leisure Centre: 01933 402045, enquiries@redwellleisurecentre.co.uk	Basketball Who: Boys and Girls aged 10-18 years When: Monday 22nd - Friday 26th August What time: 10:00 - 16:00 Where: Weavers Leisure Centre How much: £40 for the 5 day programme How do I book: Contact Phoenix Basketball, E-mail camp@wellingboroughphoenix.co.uk

Editor's Ramblings

June has arrived and the next event in the village is the BIG BREAK-FAST on the 19th so order your tickets very soon as there is a limited number. The other event this month is a Witches night on the 24th June, novices without broomstick status welcome. In July there is the Ecton Village Picnic at the village hall and cricket pitch. Details in this issue.

Events in the village for the Royal wedding proved very popular, both pubs taking part and numerous private parties happening. I was in France at the time but watched it on TV with french commentary and a super meal provided by our french friends. I also watched the Saints game against Perpignan with a very biased french commentary and another super meal with other french friends.

For the many villagers going to the Le Mans 24 hour motor race this month lets hope the weather is good but if it is very hot avoid viewing at Mulsanne where there is no shade at all. We wish the CRS team good luck.

We welcome to our village Stephen, Sarah, Henry & Louis plus guinea pigs Rosie & Fluffy who have moved into West Street.

The recipe this month is Chicken and Mushroom parcels provided by Nicky Bedford.

If you break any colourful crockery or tiles see details of what to do with it at the back of this magazine, under the title Park Guell comes to Ecton.

For those that want to see the magazine in colour go to
www.ectonvillage.co.uk

In 2006 from a fund raising event in our garden we were able to send £1500 to kampong Cham in Cambodia to help the street children with education and life skills. There is an update so you can see how the centre progresses.

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

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by 20th June

Summer is a promissory note signed in June,
its long days spent and gone before you know it,
and due to be repaid next January.

Nicky's chicken and mushroom parcels (Serves 4)

Ingredients

4 chicken breasts
Small packet of porcini mushrooms
Oyster mushrooms
Two cloves of garlic
25g of butter
White wine (2 small glasses not ecton size)
4 sprigs of rosemary
Salt and pepper
Foil



Method

Make up 4 envelopes using the foil and in each one add:-

one chicken breast
handful of mixed mushrooms
half a glass of white wine
one sprig of rosemary
half a clove of crushed garlic
nob of butter
salt and pepper

seal the envelope tightly, place on a baking tray in a preheated oven, 200c/gas 6 for 25 minutes,
serve with crushed new potatoes and spring vegetables

Ecton Witches



*Friday 24th June 2011 – 7.30pm
at Rectory Farm House*
Please telephone Margaret 412233,
to confirm your attendance.

£5.00 is also required prior to cover
the cost of food.
As usual, bring a bottle of wine on the
night.

If you need any other information,
email: margaret@ectonvillage.co.uk

Dates for the diary:
29 July 2011 – hostess required!

Another Big Ecton Breakfast
at the Village Hall
on June 19th between
9am and mid-day
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a good Sunday
morning breakfast
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Coffee Rota		
June	5th	Wendy & Ingrid
	12th	Margaret Weddle & Anne Henderson
	19th	Joy Wilson & Chris Jordon
	26th	Fiona Major

CHURCH LOTTERY May	
£40	Sylvia Saunders
£10	Yvonne Miller
£10	Pauline Charles

Church Cleaning Rota		Brass Cleaning
Week	Team	
June 4th	B	
	18th	C
	25th	Dorothy Creed

Sidespersons			
June	6pm	5th	Marian Gleave & David Fuller
	9.15am	12h	Brian & Sylvia Saunders
	11am	19th	Linda & Steve Richards
	9.15am	26th	David & Mary Dicks

CALENDAR FOR JUNE 2011

Wednesday 1st

Thursday 2nd

Saturday 4th

Sunday 5th

Tuesday 7th

Thursday 9th

Sunday 12th

Tuesday 14th

Thursday 16th

Sunday 19th

Tuesday 21st

Sunday 26th

Tuesday 28th

19.30 Compline & Prayer.

ASCENSION DAY

19.30 Holy Communion (*hosted at Great Doddington*)

10.00 Open Church - coffee is served.

18.00 Holy Communion.

There is no midweek service this week

19.45 Benefice Prayer Meeting – 141, Main Rd., (*home of Anne Henderson*).

PENTECOST

09.15 Holy Communion.

10.00 Holy Communion.

14.15 Pre-School Praise (*hosted at Gt. Doddington*).

TRINITY SUNDAY

11.00 All-Age Worship with Holy Communion.

10.00 Holy Communion.

09.15 Morning Prayer.

10.00 Holy Communion.

14.30 Afternoon Songs of Praise.

From the Vicarage,



At the time of writing the big news for our churches is that the website that has been in the process of being designed for us has just gone ‘live’ and will continue to be developed in the coming weeks. We are extremely grateful to **Martyn York** from Wilby who is our webmaster. He has built a clever system by which each of our three churches has a separate web address, but each feeds into a different section of a common website for the whole group. Please do have a look – go to ectonstmarymagdalene.org.uk

but please don’t just visit it once. It is updated weekly with material from our weekly notice sheet and will soon also carry each church’s vision plan as well as having links to various other useful sites like the diocese, the deanery, and so on. There will also be links much further afield so that people outside of our area can find us easily. I’m very excited by this new development and thank and congratulate Martyn for his hard work on this.

At the beginning of June (2nd) we have Ascension Day when our evening celebration service at 7.30pm will this year be hosted for our three churches at Great Doddington. Then just ten days later, (June 12th) it’s Pentecost or Whitsun, another major event in the annual Christian calendar when we shall have a service at our normal time of 9.15am. Please come and join us at one or both of these events.

Following our Annual Meeting earlier in the Spring our new Church council has begun to tackle the next year’s tasks. We are working through the second year’s action plan of our five-year vision statement and strategy plan (copies available in Church), but our chief concern at the moment is to build upon our growing third Sunday All-Age service. It has been so encouraging to see new families coming along, and unlike many other churches we have not lost all our regular congregation from the other weeks in the process. I do hope that those who have stayed away so far will come back and join us once more. It’s so good to have children in the church again after some years when they have been very few and far between. Their contribution is always a delight and of course, the future survival and development of the Church community is ultimately in their hands rather than ours.

Some months ago I wrote here about the E100 Bible Reading Challenge which began way back in early January. That is still going strong with not only guided daily Bible readings for individuals, but also weekly sermons to introduce those readings. By the middle of next month (July) we shall be completing this and we are planning a big celebration at the end – a 400th birthday party for the Bible in English! This is not yet at a sufficiently advanced stage of planning to be able to give details now, but please do keep the date of **Saturday July 16th** free for a fun evening event in the Vicarage garden at Great Doddington and I shall write much more next month.

Our monthly benefice-wide prayer meeting also continues well. It moves from home to home each month across our three villages and enjoys a regular attendance of up to about a dozen. We long for that to grow, of course, but it’s not all about numbers. God promises to be present wherever even two or three are gathered in His name. This is co-ordinated for us by **Bhyll Stephenson**, one of the churchwardens at Great Doddington, and we are so grateful for his initiative.

With very best wishes,
Chris Pearson

SAFARI SUPPER

1st October 2011

Thanks to everyone who has offered to host a course for the supper but I still need more volunteers - please let me know if you can provide a main course or a dessert.

I know it seems a long time away but this event takes some logistical planning so tickets are available now at £17.50 each from Sally (403027) or Amy (402723).

Remember this is a popular village event and tickets usually go quickly and we have been known to be over subscribed!

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Ecton Village Primary School

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Head Teacher: Mrs Esther McIntosh Chair of Governors: Mr Simon Villette

Ecton Village Primary School has seen lots of changes recently - 'a total face lift' since the school year started back in September. Inside the school each classroom has been brightened up with a lick of paint, and old, worn carpets have been replaced. You may have noticed some changes outside too. Perhaps most obviously, the school's splendid bespoke gate, has replaced the rather tired looking old one. Not only does the gate complete the CCTV cameras and magnetic gate of the school's integrated security system, it also adds a touch of class to the Ecton community.

If you have ventured through the school gate, you will no doubt have noticed also, the playground's fabulous and imaginative mural. Designed by the children themselves, and painted by Gail Glynn, the mural provides inspiration behind the development of descriptive language and creative learning opportunities.

There have been developments inside the school as well. Following completion of rubberised flooring in their classroom's outdoor learning area, Class 1 (early years / Foundation) children have enjoyed experimenting with sand, using clay and other malleable materials in the modelling area, and accessing an assortment of other stimulating learning resources, inside and out.

While younger pupils are greatly enjoying playing safely outside with bikes and tractors, and exploring the newly erected Playhouse, Class 3 students have been engaging with a very different kind of house altogether.

Back in January, the Department for Education issued a request to school children country-wide, for their thoughts about the importance of science in the school curriculum. Of course Ecton's Class 3 children, public spirited as ever, were happy to share their ideas and, just a few days ago, happier still to receive a reply from MP Tim Loughton (the Children's minister), in which he thanked them for sharing their enjoyment of science, and confirmed the government's plans to review the National Curriculum. The first part of this review process involves the design of new 'Programme(s) of Study' for the four core subjects (English, mathematics, science and physical education), and it's good to know that the learning experiences of Ecton Village Primary School's children will be taken in to account in the on-going development of the up-dated National Curriculum.

Along with the efforts of children, their parents / carers, and school staff, such changes have each no doubt played their part in delivering perhaps the most important and encouraging change of all: the rise in school attendance levels. This rose from a level of 90% in previous years, slightly below the national average of 93.4%.

Most recently Our OFSTED partners recognised the contributions of improved school procedures, and hard work by all (not least Sarah Howick), our recently appointed parent link worker, to raising attendance levels to an al-most unbeatable 97%. The challenge going forward, is going to be in sustaining such a fantastic performance, and **KEEPing UP THE GOOD WORK!**

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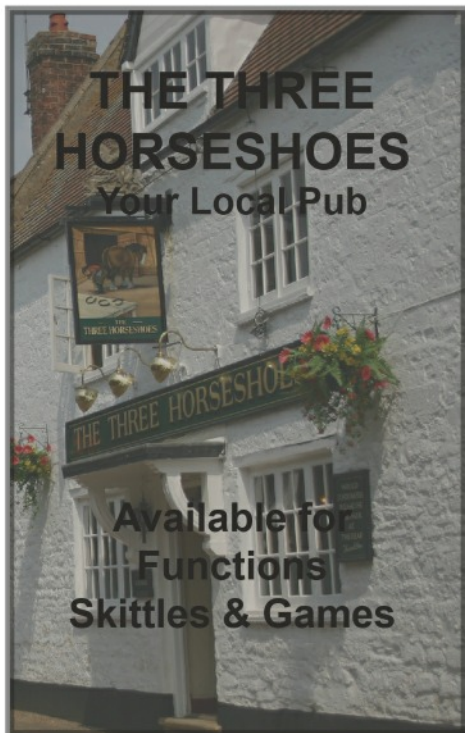
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Project Name: Mekong Kampuchea Kids

Objective of the Project: To save orphans and vulnerable children in Kampong Cham province, especially those orphaned by HIV/AIDS including informal education, life skills, vocational training and scholarships in an effort to help the children increase their confidence, find a livelihood, and get an education so they can participate in mainstream Cambodian society. The project is run by the Buddhism and Society Development Association (BDSA website is www.bsda-cambodia.org) and are based in Kampong Cham, a town two hour's drive from the capital Phnom Penh. The BSDA is a Cambodian run non-governmental organisation that was established in 2005. Seven monks founded the organisation, financing it privately throughout the first three years until their work had been noticed and international donors started to supply funding. By now, the chief donors are USAid and EcoSolidar, a Swiss organization supporting ecological and socially acceptable development.

The BSDA's programs cover a large scope, ranging from education and vocational training for vulnerable or poor Children over Community and democracy development to work with drug users and the HIV/AIDS infected. All projects have the secondary aim to teach good ethics to the participants and encourage them to contribute as well.

While being Buddhist led, BSDA still maintains religious neutrality and strives to better the communication between the religious groups in Cambodia.

Many of you may recall a fundraising barbeque at the Tinston's in June 2006 which was a great success on a beautiful summer evening. Importantly, the funds raised went directly to the project and not a mere ten percent with ninety percent funding the administration. These early stage funds allowed the recognition of the work of BSDA and have lead to substantial donor support mentioned above in recent years.

We have recently received their annual report to January 2011 and this can be viewed on the Ecton website. It makes very interesting reading, not least that it describes all their current activities and a discussion of the perceived impact of each activity. The current activities include a dance school, computer and English lessons as well as "life skills" through their sewing and weaving training, vegetable cultivation, chicken raising and fish farming. They also have a restaurant (with a cocktail bar!) where they can make money and train students in the skills of the restaurant business. The cash surplus from the restaurant is being used in the development of new buildings and related infrastructure.

The project provides scholarships to children from the surrounding province and there are currently eighty (80) scholarship students, of which forty one (41) are female. Those scholarships have been carefully administered so as to provide educational materials, study equipment, food and a small amount of cash.

At the end of this reporting period, there were the following numbers enrolled in classes:

Dance school	50
Sewing classes	21
Computer study	40
English classes	48

The project children can attend a local fee paying primary school too at no cost since the school is supported by twenty one volunteers, which includes six monks from the organisation.

The early achievements from 2005 onwards, including the early funding support by the residents of Ecton, has been built upon with tremendous success. The educational resources, dance costumes, computers and new buildings together with the scholarships are very impressive to see in this poor provincial town and the support given to the children provides an otherwise unattainable educational start only availed to the wealthy.

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EGO's Celebrate the Royal Wedding at the Three Horseshoes



Some of the EGO's enjoyed Cava and canapes whilst watching the Royal Wedding at The Three Horseshoes, a merry time was had by all. Kathy organised one of her amazing tombola's and raised £76 for the EGO's as well as a similar amount for a local children's charity - many thanks Kathy. In addition Margaret, Colin and Carol organised a beginners Bridge Drive and raised a further £172 for the EGO's - many thanks to the organisers, helpers and players.



**No
Your not wrong
two glasses**



So now we have swelled the coffers we need to think about activities for the year, so EGO's please come to the Garden Party in June with ideas about what you would like to do. Please remember to let us know if you are coming on June 24th at 3pm at The Village Hall, also if anyone would like to donate a cake or cakes we would be very grateful. Telephone Sally 403027 or Kathy 404590.

Ecton Village Picnic

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