

# *Ecton Parish Magazine*



*Parish Magazine*

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*Daffodils that come before the swallow dares  
And take the winds of March with beauty*

## *Church Directory*

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By 19th March

To help save the cost of printing anyone wishing to receive their  
magazine electronically please contact me at  
[navigator@ectonvillage.co.uk](mailto:navigator@ectonvillage.co.uk)

Due to file size suggest only broadband users at present

## *Editor's Ramblings*

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*Well, onto the second magazine and you will have noticed by now the new name which probably reflects more accurately the content. Also included in this issue is the start of a series of village photographs titled 'then and now' for obvious reasons. I would be pleased to hear about any history that is related to the photo's.*

*On page 8 another first, an album review, of Will Young's latest recording. On page 11 the W.I. seem to have done a restaurant review.*

*For the Church and Village directories if anyone has Email addresses could they let me have them to include with the address's and telephone numbers, particularly useful if you are out when trying to be contacted.*

*If you wish to dispose of large household items (beds, fridges etc) the borough of Wellingborough will collect up to 3 items for £15.40. If you only have one or two items and would like to find someone to share the cost I will be pleased to coordinate.*

*Having just read the book "eats shoots and leaves" (the zero tolerance approach to punctuation) I am taking the editor's right to ban it in Ecton (least while I am editor). However if you do want another suggestion for a good read try the Whitbread Prize Winner by Mark Haddon, "The curious incident of the dog in the night time", and Mark is from Northampton.*

*Did you know that Ecton had a football team? Their latest match report and current league table is on page 15.*

*Many thanks to those who replied to the dog walking advert, Bess now has a very nice list of walkers both regular and ad hoc. Vickie Jaffee and Sheila Munto wish to thank all those who rang in reply to the advert.*

*If you would like to advertise any event, function or anything "villagy" just let me know.*

*Check out the Ecton Website  
Its constantly changing*

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

*Information or queries about website to  
[postmaster@ectonvillage.co.uk](mailto:postmaster@ectonvillage.co.uk)*

*People used to dream of earning the salary they can't exist on today*



Dear Friends

As I write it is St Valentine's Day; a day for celebrating romantic love. which could be described as the 'fireworks' of love. As the song reminds us, "love changes everything", falling in love is like being on an emotional roller coaster!

But there are many other aspects of love. There is the steady dependable warmth of love shared between friends. This sometimes grows out of romantic love. but sadly not always. There is the fiercely protective love that parents have for their children, gradually letting go as they become independent.

And there is the love of God. If we look at the Bible we can see the steadfast love God has had for all created beings since the beginning of time. It was this unconditional love that caused God to send his only Son to die upon the cross.

As Lent comes round again, Christians remember the sacrificial love shown by Jesus on the cross. In giving his life, we believe that he redeemed ours and so during Lent, we try to prepare our hearts to receive yet again that amazing gift.

With love and prayers

*Jenny*

**SIDESPERSIONS**

	Morning	Evening
March 7th	David Dicks & Alice Adams	Sylvia Saunders & Marian Gleave
14th	Ken Jones & Nick Greene	
21st	Tony & Margaret Weddle	Geoff Harlott & Joy Wilson
28th	Tony & Marlene Green	
April 4th	Brian & Sylvia Saunders	Sylvia Saunders & Marian Gleave

**CHURCH CLEANING ROTA**

Week ending	Team	Area
March 6th	Red	B
13th	Purple	A
20th	Pink	B
27th	Yellow	A
April 3rd	Blue	B
10th	Green	A
17th	Orange	B
24th	Red	A
Brass Cleaning		
March	Sylvia Fraiel/Joy Wilson	
April	Simpson Family	

**COFFEE ROTA**

March 7th	Millie Harlott
14th	Rita Ward & Angela Allen
21st	Marian Gleave & Joyce Orford
28th	Margaret Weddle & Anne Henderson
April 4th	Jean Leigh & Joy Wilson

## Ecton Village Hall Cookbook

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We now have over seventy recipes for the cookbook but it is not too late to send any others that you may think suitable. It would be nice to see more contributions from people who are newcomers to Ecton.

So you have until Monday 8th March to let us have them either written, typed or emailed.

The book will take the form of a loose-leaved ring binder with a wipeable cover. This will allow for the addition of any of your own personal favourite recipes.

There will be a limited print run of 120 copies and we are hoping that these will be ready in time for Easter.

If you would like to order a copy for yourself or indeed to give as a present we are offering it by subscription in advance (in the same way we did with Ecton book) at £10 per copy. Any sold afterwards will be at a cost of £12 per copy.

Taking the payment in advance will not only help with the printing costs but will also help with the village hall refurbishment bank balance!

Sheila Ingram 17 West Street, Ecton  
Email: [ingramecton@yahoo.com](mailto:ingramecton@yahoo.com)

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Please reserve.....copy/copies of the Ecton Village Hall  
Cookbook @ £10 a copy for which I enclose payment of £.....  
(either cash, or cheque made payable to Ecton Village Appraisal)

Name.....

Address.....  
.....

I often quote myself, it adds spice to my conversation.  
George Bernard Shaw



### Box Collection

Thank you for the recent donation of £340 for the work of the Children's Society. We really appreciated the concern shown for children and young people. Please share this letter with all those who have helped in this wonderful effort. Through our projects all over England, we work with children in schools, in prisons, in care homes and in disadvantaged communities.

One of the ways this generous donation has helped is with our work with young carers. Danielle and Petra are an example of the sort of problems children can face and how The Children's Society has helped

Danielle, 8 and 10-year-old Petra are sisters. Their mother Ella has a history of anxiety, which has recently become more severe and she no longer feels able to leave the house. Danielle and Petra often miss school, because they don't want to leave their mother alone in the house. They are often her shoulders to cry on. One day they came home to find a frightening scene. Mum was unconscious on the floor, having taken an overdose.

The school is aware of the mothers illness, but the family have not wanted to share any details. Some of the teachers are more understanding than others. Danielle and Petra do not want their friends to find out about their mothers condition. They are quite withdrawn at school, occasionally experiencing bullying as a result.

Thanks to help from the Children's Society, they now attend a young carers project once a fortnight, where they get vital help and support. Danielle and Petra say they enjoy the break from home.

Extract of a letter to Pat Baylis

We must become the change we want to see  
Mahatma Gandhi

## Friday's Child. Will Young



Having a life long contempt for anything 'manufactured' when it comes to music I feel a bit odd recommending the album I am reviewing this month. However if you remove all prejudices and just let your ears and emotions do the judging I think you'll get a great deal of listening pleasure from Will Young's new album 'Friday's Child'

It's been in my car for a couple of weeks now, along with five other discs such as 'The Thorns', 'Let It Be – Naked' (were The Beatles manufactured?), Tori Amos and Counting Crows. But somehow, I keep going back to 'Friday's Child' – well recorded and with a polished production, the album just delivers so much more than you would expect from the first Pop Idol winner. I have to admit a slight bias, as my wife Kerri and I were big Will fans at the height of Pop Idol fever in 2002. But however much I rooted for him at the time, those rose-tinted glasses are long gone and it was with a much more critical ear that I listened to Will's second album.

A year in the making, Will Young has kept a lot of fans waiting for this album, but he's produced a grown up offering with lots of jazz and soul influences. It's recorded with enough of a pop edge to keep younger fans happy but more sophisticated listeners will enjoy Will's song writing skills and the superb delivery and timing of his voice.

Opening with a stirring version of the Stephen Stills classic, 'Love The One You're With', the album gets off to a great start. A few too many unnecessary oohs and aaahs perhaps but he gets away with it. The following tracks, 'Your Game' and 'Stronger' are two excellent collaborations that really grow on you. Next is the recent No 1 hit single 'Leave Right Now', a song which gets better with each listening and, even after extensive radio exposure, sits well in this album context.

One of my favourite tracks is next up: 'Love Is a Matter of Distance' is well written, distinctive and uniquely Will – on this showing he's going to be around for a long time. I have to keep reminding myself that this is the guy who was nowhere 18 months ago and is now producing music of this quality – I bet his Mum and Dad are proud!

The rest of the album I'll leave for you to discover yourself – except for a mention of the final track that gives the album it's title – 'Friday's Child'. This has really grown on me with its soulful, jazzy groove leading to a long, chilled instrumental fade out that makes you want to listen to the whole album all over again.

**Adrian Pulford**

# For Sale & Wanted

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The Village School is looking for a volunteer to help to maintain the library. Training will be given.  
If you are interested or want more details contact Di  
Tel No. 409213

The Youth Club would like a playstation that  
Will support DANCE MATS. If you have one  
That you don't need any longer ring  
Margaret Tinston 412233

*The Village School are looking for  
"U" rated video's  
& games such as  
Ludo, chess, snakes & ladders etc  
Ring 409213*

## Church Lottery January

1st Prize.....	S. Fitzhugh
2nd Prize.....	L. Richards
3rd Prize.....	Mark Aveyard
4th Prize.....	Will Wilson
5th Prize.....	S. Saunders
6th Prize.....	A. Henderson

First Prize £42.50 subsequent prizes £8.50

## Ecton Church Diary March 2004

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Monday 1st March	7.30pm	Lent course in Church
Tuesday 2nd March	9.00am 6.00pm	Holy Communion Evening Prayer
Sunday 7th March	9.30am  6.00pm	<b><u>Second Sunday of Lent</u></b> Parish Communion: Genesis 15. 1-12 17-18; Psalm 27; Philipians 3.17-4.1; Luke 13. 31-35. Evensong
Monday 8th March	7.30pm	Lent course in Church
Tuesday 9th March	9.00am 6.00pm	Holy Communion Evening Prayer
Sunday 14th March	9.30am	<b><u>Third Sunday of Lent</u></b> Parish Communion: Isaiah 55. 1-9; Psalm 63. 1-8; Corinthians 10. 1-13; Luke 13. 1-9
Monday 15th March	7.30pm	Lent course in Church
Tuesday 16th March	9.00am 6.00pm	Holy Communion Evening Prayer
Sunday 21st March	9.30am 6.00pm	<b><u>Mothering Sunday</u></b> Parish Communion Evensong
Monday 22nd March	7.30pm	Lent course in Church
Tuesday 23rd March	9.00am 6.00pm	Holy Communion Evensong
Sunday 28th March	9.30am	<b><u>Fifth Sunday of Lent</u></b> Parish Communion: Isaiah 43. 16-21; Psalm 126; Philipians 3. 4b-14; John 12. 1-8
Monday 29th March	7.30pm	Lent course in Church
Tuesday 30th March	9.00am 6.00pm	Holy Communion Evensong

## Ecton Fellowship

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Our next meeting is on Tuesday 9th March at 2.30pm. We shall meet in the back of the church, as the village hall is not ready yet.

We have a speaker coming from Christian Aid to tell us about the 'Trade and Justice Campaign' which is being launched. Everyone is welcome.

Joan Dickens

The next Traid Craft stall is on Sunday 14th March

### *ECTON W.I.*

February 2004

Our February meeting took the form of our Birthday Lunch for which we visited Riverview restaurant at Billing. Although the service was rather slow the food was good and we enjoyed each others company. Each member went home with a small gift and Angela was presented with a Book Token as a 'thank you' for hosting the committee meetings each month.

The next meeting will be on March 2nd and will be held at The Hovel, Barton Fields. The speaker will be Kevin McGrath and his talk will be entitled Life in a Monastery. Do come and join us if you can.

**Blessed Are Those Who:-**

*Understand my faltering steps and shaking hands*

**Blessed Are Those Who:-**

*Know that my ears today must strain to catch the words they say*

**Blessed Are Those Who:-**

*Seem to know that my eyes are dim and my wits slow*

**Blessed Are Those Who:-**

*With a cheery smile stop to chat for a while*

**Blessed Are Those Who:-**

*Never say "You've told that story twice today"*

**Blessed Are Those Who:-**

*Make it known that I am loved, not left alone*

**Blessed Are Those Who:-**

*Know the loss of strength I need to bear the cross*

**Blessed Are Those Who:-**

*Ease the days on my journey home in so many loving ways*

## Then & Now



Not much has changed apart from the transport



And Now for the weather

### ***February 27th 1786***

A misty sprinkling rain early—but soon cleared to a spring-like pleasant day—wind rose, and there was a blustering cloudy night (Courtesy of Constantia Orlebar who lived in The Cot at this time)



## DAFFODIL SUNDAY

7TH MARCH



Relive the glory of Daffodil Sunday! Everyone (on the invitation of Col. Sotherby) in the village would go to the gazebo and enjoy the daffodils and the wonderful trees, including the Holme Oak and the tree they used to call the Punch Tree, because it was like cork. If you would like to join the guided walk by **Lofly** followed by tea and cake meet at the Church Gate at 12 noon. A minimum donation of £2 per person would be appreciated, which will go to the Village Hall refurbishment.

### *Mrs. Rands Memories, taken from Ecton Website*

*There are some wonderful trees up there. By the Gazebo there's a Holme Oak. And there's sequoia. We used to call it the 'punch' tree because it was like cork. They're really soft. And there's a handkerchief tree. And the Colonel set some beautiful rhododendrons and azeleas. All colours and beautiful smelling things. One day a year everybody could wander around there. There is a summer house up there, the whole floor is Knuckle bones of animals. Called the Knuckle bone house.*

*From the gazebo there was a walk and down that path was the knuckle bone house. Then there was another path that went along the top where all the daffodils and snowdrops were.*

*There was another walk that went up towards Beesley's farm. Mrs. Sotheby's summer house was up there. That was up the daffodil walk we used to call that.*

### Bell Ringing

Those people that live close to the Church will know that bell ringing classes have started on Wednesday nights at 7.30. We intend to continue throughout March so if anyone would like to come along we meet at the main door to the Church.



# **CLEAN** CLEAN Campaign for Lower Ecton Action Now

## **CLEAN Progress Report Number 5 Covering the period 24/11/03—23/01/04**

### **General Situation**

Northampton Borough Council (NBC) and Wellingborough Council (WBC) have continued to clean the lane each working day in rotation. This has meant that any fly tipping has generally been cleared within 24 hours and an overall improvement has now been maintained for the past six months.

However, the long term clean up of the lane has yet to commence as promised. This has been delayed by holiday period.

### **Major Actions & Achievements to date**

- 1) A further meeting took place on 16th January 2004, with all agencies i.e. Northampton County Council (NCC), NBC, WBC, the Environmental Agency, Paul Stitchcombe MP, the Police, our Local Councillor and CLEAN. The meeting set targets for actions to improve the appearance of the lane.
- 2) The hedge on the south side of the lane has been trimmed.
- 3) Burnt out dead trees at the end of the Ecton Brook Park area, adjacent to the fly over have been felled
- 4) An illegal encampment of travellers on the car park of the Little Chef (on the A45) were evicted on 17th January 2004, and the illegal access way into Lower Ecton Lane was closed off.
- 5) Continued to lobby for actions to improve the situation in the long term.
- 6) Contacts continued to be forged with other organisations in the area that have similar objectives or interest to CLEAN

### **Major Actions for the next period**

- 1) Hold a follow up meeting with the various agencies involved ensuring agreed actions are progressed.
- 2) Hold a meeting with Anglian Water.
- 3) Continuing to ensure any fly tipping is cleared as promised by the councils.
- 4) Continue with making contacts with organisations in the area that have the same objectives.
- 5) Continue to promote CLEAN and raise the awareness of our campaign.

**Please report any incidents of fly tipping to:  
01604 838281 or 0800 807060**

## *Ecton Football Team*

ESS SHORCO      0      3      ECTON UNITED

Ecton halted their slide down the league table with a committed and enthusiastic performance in a convincing victory.

With manager Chris away on international duty, the Yellows were looking to return to winning ways after two defeats on the bounce.

And with two players sacked by stand-in boss Alan prior to the match, the introduction of Billing boy Lee for his debut helped make the difference.

In truth, Ecton were never really troubled as they dominated the game from start to finish.

They took the lead after five minutes when Darren, who had been sidelined for three weeks, capitalised on some horrendous defending to slot the ball past Shorco's portly keeper.

Ecton looked assured at the back with Alan and Nathan mopping up any stray attacks. But with the midfield of Dave, Simon and Richard commanding, there was little in the way of Shorco pressure.

The score line remained close though until three minutes into the second half when Richard went on a charge down the right channel before calmly prodding home a tidy shot to double the lead.

Ecton commanded the closing stages, with Lee hitting the woodwork and Simon firing wide as they spurned chances to kill the game off.

But the victory was sealed when Dave robbed the ball off a Shorco midfielder, ran at the defence and blasted an unstoppable shot home from 10 yards out.

*Team: Matt, Alan, Nathan, Dave, Richard, Simon, Lee, Darren.*

*For more information contact Email: [chris.petrie@christophercharles.com](mailto:chris.petrie@christophercharles.com)*

Team	P	W	D	L	G	A	P
BOZEAT	11	8	2	1	15	6	26
NEO	11	6	4	1	24	10	22
SYSTEMAX	11	5	3	3	22	15	18
WCFC	11	4	5	2	23	12	17
HIGHAM HOTSPURS	11	4	3	4	13	9	15
ECTON	11	4	0	7	14	23	12
BBFC	11	2	2	7	7	20	8
ESS SHORCO	11	1	1	9	8	31	4

## Quiz

### *Cities / Towns of the World*

- 1) Multiplying by two
- 2) Bouncing girl down under
- 3) Speedy Campanologist
- 4) Wander Aimlessly
- 5) Incontinent Monarch
- 6) Vegetable
- 7) Spanish Angels
- 8) Boy Down Under
- 9) Second rate vocalist
- 10) Give this one the boot
- 11) Nephew's sister
- 12) 20 CWT of laundry
- 13) Famous for cigars
- 14) Perfume
- 15) Zeberdee's girlfriend
- 16) Give this to the dog
- 17) A type of plaster
- 18) An upset stomach
- 19) A prickly forest
- 20) Pull this and have a drink

Return to the editor and the winner will win a bottle of wine. In the event of several correct answers they will be drawn out of the hat to choose the winner. Editors answers are final!!!

Betty Cunningham thanks everyone for the £50 raised for the National Asthma Campaign in and around Church View.

## Kid's Page

Small boy overheard by his mum saying his prayers

"Our father which art in heaven....."

.....and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us some Email".....

Youth Club Programme  
Leader Shirley.....Helper Richard

Date	Activity	Venue	Parent
March 3rd	Crafts/Games	School	Richard NAYC
10th	Football	Benham	Tracey K
17th	Games	3 Horseshoes	Lisa
24th	Crafts/Games	School	Vicky
31st	Games	Worlds End	Sandra
April	Closed for Easter holidays		

*The Youth Club would like to thank*

*Keith at the Three Horseshoes for hosting a youth club games night and providing sausage and chips*

*And*

*Mrs Jackson at The Worlds End for letting us use the conference suite for our disco.*

Send or email any jokes or info to the editor

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Useful numbers & sites

Childline—0800 1111 free

Anorexia & Bulimia—0845 634 7650

Bullying—[www.kidscape.org.uk](http://www.kidscape.org.uk)

# The Website Page

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Recently received letters to the E-Postmaster (Vickie Jaffie)

Hi

My name is Chris Johnson and am tracing my family history and hope you may be able to help. My great grandparents were Charles & Rachel Johnson (Smith) who were both born in Ecton around 1850. During their life they had lived for part in Northampton but by 1901 they had moved back to Back Street in Ecton and by now were in their 50's so I expect they lived there for the rest of their lives. Their son George also had a house on Back Street. Do you have any knowledge of any graves in the churchyard that might belong to them or their family? Also could you tell me if the church keeps records for the period and if so is it possible to visit them.

Many thanks for taking the time to read this.

Dear Vickie

I don't know if you remember a couple of weeks ago I sent you an e-mail asking if you knew anything about my great grandparents Charles & Rachel Johnson who lived in Ecton. You kindly put me in touch with Mr. Ingram who has given me some very useful information.

I have just been looking at the website and reading the memories of Mrs Rands. I was delighted to see that she mentioned Mercy Johnson, who she said lived in the reading rooms and sang solos in the church choir. Mercy was Charles and Rachel's daughter-in-law, married to their youngest son Bert. Its great to find information like this from an unexpected source. Keep up the good work.

Regards Chris Johnson

For £10 per year you can have an e-mail address such as

**Your name@ectonvillage.co.uk**

The funds go towards the Village Web site and paying for our service provider. For more information contact

navigator@ectonvillage.co.uk or

Margaret@ectonvillage.co.uk or

postmaster@ectonvillage.co.uk

A cynic is a man who, when he smells flowers, looks around for a coffin  
Mencken

## *Parish & Village Organisations*

### Bell Ringers

Contact: Dorothy Creed  
Tel: 01604 407864

### Fellowship

Contact: Joyce Orford  
Tel: 01604 414245  
2nd Tuesday in month  
2.30pm Village Hall

### Cricket Club

Captain: Steve Wheatman  
Tel: 01604 401714

### Ecton Village Hall

Contact: Tony Green  
Tel: 01604 407141  
Booking Clerks:  
Geoff & Millie Harlott  
Tel: 01604 405938

### Mums & Tots

Contact: Vicky Chapman  
Tel: 01604 788748  
Most Wednesdays  
2—4pm Village Hall

### Short Mat Bowls

Contact: Maurice Creed  
Tel: 01604 407864

### Parish Council

Chairman: David Dicks  
Tel: 01604 407145

### Pre-School

Mon, Tue, Thurs, Fri,  
9.15—11.15am  
Ecton Village Hall  
Tel: 01604 784711

### Primary School

Head: Sheila Sayers  
Tel: 01604 409213

### Womens Institute

Contact: Marlene Green  
Tel: 01604 407141  
1st Tuesday in month  
7.30 Village Hall

### Youth Club

Contact: Margaret Tinston  
Tel: 01604 412233  
Margaret@ectovillage.co.uk  
Wednesday  
7—9 Village Hall

Prayer is the victory over matters



**Autohaus**  
Volkswagen  
In  
Northamptonshire

Riverside Park  
Northampton  
01604 416181

Venture Park  
Kettering  
01536 515131

Van Centre  
Hardingstone  
01604 767745

[www.autohausgroup.com](http://www.autohausgroup.com)