

THE ECTON VIEW

A large, bare tree silhouette is the central focus of the image, set against a clear blue sky. The tree's branches are intricate and spread out, creating a complex web of dark lines. At the bottom of the frame, there is a dark, silhouetted area that appears to be a field of tall grass or reeds, with a light horizon line visible behind them.

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1st Tuesday in month
7.30 Village Hall

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6.30-7.30 Junior Youth Club
7.30-9.00 Senior Youth Club

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

Editors

Not a good February in terms of the weather but we do have the Spring to look forward to. The answers to the Floral Quiz are in this issue and a new one for you to go at, the toys and games quiz. Also included is a picture of daffodil gathering at Ecton Hall in 1951, who remembers this activity? The picture was sent to the magazine by Mr. L. Fenn, we will be pleased to print any past village pictures that you have.

The 21st March sees the Concert in the church so get your tickets soon,(details in this issue) as the seating is limited, I have mine already!

Our councillor Jim Bass has sent a Borough Councillors Missive' which is printed on page 14

It is not often I ask you to rip pages out of the magazine but the middle page in this issue is for this purpose. it refers to the proposed black bin waste site in Lower Ecton Lane and how you can object to it. PLEASE DO IT IMMEDIATELY as we only have till the 12th March to raise our objections. C.L.E.A.N. are on the case so lets all fill in the form of objection, and should you wish to save a stamp I will be pleased to post it into County Hall, just put your completed form into my letterbox.

**KEEP VIEWING THE MAGAZINE FOR FUTURE EVENTS
already in planning are
THE ECTON BIG BREAKFAST
THE SUMMER BBQ
A GAME SUPPER FOR NOVEMBER**

Copy for The *April* magazine to
Colin Tinston Rectory Farm House High Street
Telephone: 412233
e-mail: navigator@ectonvillage.co.uk

by 22nd March

How long does getting thin take, asked Pooh anxiously

THE TOYS & GAMES QUIZ

- | | | | |
|-----|-------------------------------------|-----|----------------------------------|
| 1) | Used for washing (5) | 21) | After S group (3-3) |
| 2) | Peter Pans friend lives here (5-5) | 22) | Small dwelling (5-5) |
| 3) | Exercise group (5-3) | 23) | Don't go crazy & loose these (7) |
| 4) | Shape of spaghetti | 24) | Short outside meal (6) |
| 5) | Carpentry tools (6) | 25) | Central hog (5-2-3-6) |
| 6) | Could be moon, golf or dolls (5) | 26) | Suspended male (7) |
| 7) | One parrot (8) | 27) | Edward in the nude (5-4) |
| 8) | Limb with circle (4) | 28) | Taut clap (anag) (8) |
| 9) | Musical (5) | 29) | Moves quickly (5) |
| 10) | Cow skin with look (4-3-4) | 30) | Investigates room to room (6) |
| 11) | OOOO with kisses (7-3-7) | 31) | Could be a pizza maker (8) |
| 12) | Mountain, push, racing (4) | 32) | An old cot (8) |
| 13) | One legged drink (9) | 33) | Combat male (6-3) |
| 14) | Unimportant chase (7-7) | 34) | Eel to rut (anag) (8) |
| 15) | Found in hospital wards (8) | 35) | Jolly relatives (5-8) |
| 16) | Prime ministers country house (8) | 36) | Needed to walk tall (6) |
| 17) | Revolving lid (8-3) | 37) | Tornado (7) |
| 18) | Visually impaired male nude (5-4-4) | 38) | Swaying stallion (7-5) |
| 19) | Missing yarn (8-4) | 39) | Knock the sweets down (8) |
| 20) | Reverse pig (10) | 40) | Can come before wash & keys (3) |

CONCERT AT ECTON CHURCH

21st March

by

NATALIE HYDE

(granddaughter of Margaret Weddle)

Tickets £7 to include an interval drink

She will be singing a selection of music ranging from Baroque to Classics from the Musicals.

Natalie is currently undertaking a degree at the Birmingham Conservatoire as a singer and is also a member of the National Youth Choir of Great Britain. All proceeds from this spectacular concert will be split equally between Ecton Church and sponsorship for the forthcoming National Youth Choir tour to America.

TICKETS FROM

Margaret Weddel 01604 402800

or Chris Jordon 01604 407235

*luxurious nightwear
with hidden talents...*

- back opening
- split sleeve
- can be opened
completely flat
- soft lingerie fasteners
- innovative easy
care fabrics

An easier life for wearers and carers

*"I only wish I had known about
you two years ago"*

- Carer with mother in nursing home

*"I found your nightdresses to be
invaluable"*

- Lady with MS

*"...for residents with painful stiff
limbs it's made dressing much
more comfortable"*

- Nursing Home manager



ALLANA www.allanasmyth.co.uk (01536) 764267

Church Cleaning Rota			Brass Cleaning
Week		Team	
March	7th	A	Angela Allen & Rita Ward
	21st	B	
April	4th	C	Joy Wilson & Anne Henderson

Coffee Rota			
March	6pm	1st	No Coffee
	9.15am	8th	Dorothy Creed & Ingrid Cartwright
	11.00am	15th	Nick & Mary Greene
	9.15am	22nd	Angela Allen & Rita Ward
	10.00am	29th	TBA
April	6pm	5th	Marian Gleave & Joyce Orford

Sidespersons		
March	1st	Margaret Weddle & Walter/ Marlene
	8th	Marian Gleave & Nick Greene
	15th	Brian & Sylvia Saunders
	22nd	Mick & Pauline Cook
	29th	TBA
April	5th	David & Mary Dicks

CHURCH LOTTERY February		
£50		Sue & Les Edwards
£10		Chris Leggett
£10		Mr. W. Wheatman
£10		L. Richards
£10		Iris Grove

CHURCH LOTTERY		
£50		B. Brophy
£10		A. Crabtree
£10		Mrs. Foster
£10		S. Bresnahan
£10		I. Cartwright

“It was one of those March days when the sun shines hot and the wind blows cold: when it is summer in the light, and winter in the shade.”

**He was a bold man who first swallowed an oyster
King James 1st**

SKITTLES KNOCKOUT : QUIZ

at

THE THREE HORSESHOES

on

SATURDAY 14th March

7.30pm

£3.00 entry fee

proceeds to the Village Hall

*Bottle of Champers
for Quiz Winners*

*Free drinks for
Winning Skittle Team*

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■ Raffle : Nibbles ■
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Everybody Welcome

Thanks for your support

From the Vicarage,



In the last month I guess that all of our lives have been affected by a common factor, and how we view it depends upon the manner in which we are affected. For some it has been a delight, a welcome change from the normal routine, and very much a novelty. For others it has been an irritant which has prevented us from doing things that had been planned, and an interruption to important work, with deadlines missed. For others it has been nothing short of dangerous – even life-threatening. I speak, of course, of the biggest falls of snow that we have seen in many years, and those of us who can remember equally severe times in past years are tempted to sneer at the ‘wimpish’ attitudes of today that are quick to cancel everything when we used to carry on through it all back in 19xxxx!

However, before we’re too quick to condemn, let’s remember that we now live in a country in which such conditions are no longer commonplace. We may cite places like Switzerland where all the trains are fitted with snow ploughs and carry on regardless, and all rail points are heated so they don’t freeze, but we must ask whether the investment involved is worth it in our country where such facilities are needed, at most, say, once in ten years? Then there’s the cancellation of facilities like bus services. I recently heard a report that Boris Johnson had commented (and here I paraphrase) that it is actually irresponsible to set many tons of hurtling metal (a double-decker bus) at large on our streets when there is no guarantee that it will behave according to how the driver manipulates the controls. I have to admit he has a point.

As I write this month the last of the snow has only just gone from our gardens and the verges of our roads, and it remains to be seen whether we have seen the last of the wintry conditions. Whether you welcome the prospect or dread it, it is certainly true that we have all been affected. As I reflect it occurs to me that this is actually a great leveller and reminds us that however we may differ from one another we share a common humanity and are equal in life and death. God values us all equally – He has no favourites and no-one is beyond His care or His capacity to rescue.

At the very end of February (25th) Lent begins and the whole of March this year is within that season. I make my usual plea here, not simply to give something up for the sake of it, or in order to ‘feel better’, but let’s use the season more constructively, to develop our friendship with our maker, to grow closer to Him, and to put aside things that may make that growing more difficult – not to take them up again when Lent is over, but to improve the quality of our life permanently.

In Ecton at the moment we are feeling that the time is now right to reintroduce a Family Service, to cater better for all those with children. The big lesson to be learned from past experience is that whatever we decide to do it must be regular to enable families to establish a habit. The Church Council is considering carefully the best time to hold this and all the families who have had Baptisms with us over the last couple of years have been circulated with a questionnaire so that we can discover what would be best for our potential congregation. There aren’t too many options because we always have to fit around what the other two churches have too, and we are certainly aware that 9.15am is not a good time for most families with small children. If this event is to be on a Sunday we could use the first of the month when we routinely have a service at 6.00pm, but bring it forward to, say, 5.00pm. Alternatively, we could convert the present third Sunday service at 11.00am to Family Worship. In either case I’m sure some of our regular congregation will cry, ‘What about our Communion that day?’ What we propose is that we could try to suit all needs by holding an informal Family Worship of only about forty minutes, or so, but ending it with a hymn during which people could leave if they wish, without embarrassment, before going on into Communion. This would not be the whole service, but just picking up at the prayer of consecration. If we really ‘think outside the box’ we must say that worship doesn’t have to be on a Sunday. Would some other time be better, especially with all the other things that happen on Sundays these days? Would, for example, Saturday teatime be better? Or what about one afternoon in the week after school? Please do discuss this with any member of the Church Council and let us know what you think.

With very best wishes,
Chris Pearson



CLEAN

Objections Please!

Do you want Lower Ecton Lane turned into a black bin waste site for Northampton and Milton Keynes? We thought not.

Northampton County Council want to turn Lower Ecton Lane, the land between Billing Sewage Treatment Works and the bridge over the A45 into 18.4 hectares of industrial treatment works for black bin waste. They propose a number of different treatments, ranging from composting to incineration. We have until the 12th of March at 17:00 to tell the council why they shouldn't build this waste site here.

There are new rules and grounds for objection and if you do not follow them, your objection is likely to be ignored. The new grounds are of 'Soundness' which is defined as:

JUSTIFIED

- founded on a robust and credible evidence
- the most appropriate strategy when considered against the reasonable alternatives base
- Showing good judgement

EFFECTIVE

- deliverable • flexible
- able to be monitored.

and consistent with NATIONAL POLICY.

“National Policy” are 13 Planning Policy Statements issued by the Government. They can be found here on the internet:

<http://www.communities.gov.uk/planningandbuilding/planning/planningpolicyguidance/planningpolicystatements/planningpolicystatements/>

What this means is that you can only object effectively to the inclusion of Lower Ecton Lane, which NCC call site WS1, if you refer to the page and section numbers of parts of the 13 Planning Policy Statements, otherwise your objections are likely to be ignored.

CLEAN believe that we have found several grounds for objection. Please feel free to use them as supplementary material for any other objections you want to make to the Council.

Please find concise versions of our 4 objections below. If you agree with them, please pull these four pages out of the magazine and sign and send them to the Council.

Please sign and date the box below and send these 4 pages of the magazine to:

Planning Policy
Northamptonshire County Council,
County Hall,
PO Box 163
Room 271,
Northampton NN1 1AX

This must be RECEIVED by 12TH
MARCH 2009 at 17:00

The reports (evidence) mentioned in this objection
can be downloaded from the CLEAN website, but
will be submitted by CLEAN.

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

(Print your name(s))

agree with the following objections
to the inclusion of site WS1
(Northampton East) as a waste site
in Northampton County Council's
Locations for Waste Development
DPD document.

(Print your address)

Signed,

Date:

1. Northampton County Council have ALREADY allocated WS1 as their preferred site for the treatment of waste. National Government Policy states we are allowed to participate in ANY allocation or decision to give preference to any particular site.
2. We will supply ample scientific evidence from last year's fight with Anglian Water that it is not possible to effectively monitor odours from a new waste facility if it were placed next to Anglian Water's Sewage Works.
3. We have a copy of the Environment Agency report to NCC and they are concerned because parts of WS1 form a floodplain. They feel that a waste facility at WS1 could result in pollution of the waterways and watercourses.
4. And finally, the description of site WS1 in the plan is misleading and designed to make it appear to already be a waste site that is far away from any residential population.

**Objections to the inclusion of site WS1 (Northampton (East))
in MWDF Locations for Waste Development document.**

The inclusion of site WS1 as a waste site in this plan is unsound because without consultation, Northampton County Council have already allocated WS1 as their preferred site for a major waste treatment project. Planning Policy Statement 12 (PPS12) states that the local community is allowed to participate in any allocation or decision to give preference to any particular site.(PPS12 pg 11 Sections 4.19, 4.20, Pg 12 Section 4.25, Pg 13 Section 4.27).

Yet last Autumn, Northampton County Council announced their preference and allocation for WS1 to Wellingborough Council and in NCC's own Cabinet meetings. In addition, NCC has already put the site out to commercial tender, months before the public consultation has even began. One definition of 'Soundness' is 'Showing good judgement'. Is this an example of it? It is National Government Policy that adequate local community engagement should take place. How can that ever happen now, when NCC clearly treats democracy and the consultation process as a sham? How could any consultation on this site ever be trusted, when the County Council shows casual disregard for the Government policy on the consultation process?

The inclusion of site WS1 in this plan is also unsound on the grounds that it is not possible for a new waste facility on this site to be effectively monitored for odours. (PPS12 pg 20, PPS 23 pg 11). Firstly because of its location, on the border of three different councils and second, because it is next to a sewage works with its own history of odour problems. The site falls in the jurisdiction of three different Borough Environmental Health departments, and historically, the attendant bureaucratic tangle in reporting offensive odours has resulted in valuable monitoring time wasted over arguments regarding geographic responsibility. A recent email from Northampton Borough Council Environmental Health department to Councillor Jim Bass (See Attached Report A) is an example of this problem which goes back many years. This site is next to a sewage treatment works which retains open-air putrescible processes which have been proved to be malodorous in the past (See Attached Report B - the Jacobs Report commissioned by WNDC on behalf of NCC, Attached Report C an inspection report by Ofwat and Attached Report D a complaint letter from

a Primary School). Anglian Water's planning application was held up for over 18 months and finally, planning conditions were imposed which will reduce odours, but they will never be eliminated. If electronic monitoring were imposed on all putrescible processes, this would provide timely, irrefutable evidence of air pollution, or the lack thereof. (PPS 23 pg 6 section 15) It is known that private companies treating waste such as sewage or black bin waste are litigious and often resort to lawsuits in order to dissipate council tax money when challenged by Environmental Health Officers. Borough Environmental Health Officers would be best employed in their other functions, protecting the health of the rate payers from dangerous practices in restaurants and food halls rather than to try to be 'on the spot' to monitor conflicting smells from neighbouring and competing waste sites. The third reason that site WS1 should not be included in the plan as a waste-site is the Environment Agency report to Northampton County Council stating the unsuitability of this site (then known as site WA11) for waste.

The Environment Agency state that parts of this site are in the floodplain and there is a likelihood of flooding and exacerbation of existing flooding downstream. They state concern over possible contamination of the watercourses. Any change of use of that site to a putrescible waste facility risks pollution of waterways and watercourses, either by leaching of nitrates or spillage of other pollutants. (Attached Report C)(PPS23 pg 5 section 11 and Appendix A).

And finally, the description of site WS1 in the plan is misleading, inappropriate and disingenuous. NCC state WS1 is:

- **In a predominantly industrial area, adjacent to an existing sewage treatment plant.**
 - **Separated from the main Northampton urban area by the A45.**
 - **Within close proximity, although separated by the A45, to residential areas of Northampton and**
- 200m from a school. Close to a travellers site.**

Yet NCC describe Boughton, site WS4 as:

- **Located close to residential areas of Boughton and other sensitive rural residential properties**

(Grange, Rectory and Westview Farms).

and Jackdaw Close, Site WS6, which is next to site WS1 as:

- **Close to a hotel, marina and garden centre.**
 - **The southern section of the site overlays a minor aquifer and the site lies close to large water**
- bodies. In addition the site is located within a flood zone.**

If Jackdaw Close is close to a hotel, marina and garden centre, close to large water bodies and in a flood zone, then so is WS1, the Lower Ecton Lane site, especially as the Environment Agency have said that WS1 forms part of a floodplain.

If WS4 is 'located close to residential and sensitive residential properties, then WS1 should mention that it is close to sensitive residential property in Ecton, Ecton Brook and even closer to a sensitive primary school and an extremely sensitive nursery school.

If Billing Aquadrome and Billing Garden Centre are considered a marina and a garden centre for site WS6, they cannot be called 'primarily industrial' when it comes to site WS1.

Most importantly, Why is site WS6 identified by Northampton County Council as "in or adjacent to urban areas" and WS1, which is next to it is identified as a 'Site for Integrated waste management facilities'?

Answers to the Floral Quiz

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|-----|-----------------|-----|--------------------|-----|---------------|
| 1) | Fox Glove | 21) | Stocks | 41) | Skimmia |
| 2) | Holly Hock | 22) | Carnation | 42) | Forsythia |
| 3) | Agapanthus | 23) | Love in the mist | 43) | Narcissus |
| 4) | Jacobs Ladder | 24) | Daisy | 44) | Busy Lizzie |
| 5) | Blue Bell | 25) | Poppy | 45) | Pansy |
| 6) | Trumpet Vine | 26) | London Pride | 46) | Cosmos |
| 7) | Baby's Breath | 27) | Golden Rod | 47) | Nicotiana |
| 8) | Honesty | 28) | Plumbago | 48) | Geranium |
| 9) | Snowdrop's | 29) | Dahlia | 49) | Astor |
| 10) | Phlox | 30) | Cheese Plant | 50) | Rose |
| 11) | Meadow Sweet | 31) | New Zealand Flax | 51) | Dianthus |
| 12) | Burning Bush | 32) | Scarlet Pimpernell | 52) | Chrysanthemum |
| 13) | Granny's Bonnet | 33) | Alyssum | 53) | Heather |
| 14) | Catmint | 34) | Evening Primrose | 54) | Lavender |
| 15) | Hyacinth | 35) | Daffodil | 55) | Orchid |
| 16) | Morning Glory | 36) | Clover | 56) | Campanula |
| 17) | Gladioli | 37) | Thistle | 57) | Red Hot Poker |
| 18) | Sweet William | 38) | Periwinkle | 58) | Gypsophillia |
| 19) | Tulips | 39) | Iris | 59) | Lupin |
| 20) | Crocus | 40) | Buddleia | 60) | Cyclamen |

Ecton Hall Cricket Club

Three founder members of the cricket club have all passed away during February 2009

These were Herbie Wiggins, Maurice Richards and Geoff Harlott.

They, along with others, were instrumental in the re-forming of the cricket club after the second world war in 1947, in the field by the beech trees.

Among the players at the time were Dick's brothers, Tom, Edgar and Peter, Col. Wetherall, Tom Richards, Vic Lester and Tony Labrum.

Herbie, Maurice and Geoff were good all-round players and workers for the club, Geoff was a particularly good, fast accurate bowler.

Brian Saunders



The Diary.

I ask myself, "Are we on the other side of winter yet"? For me this is the worse time of the year, does it ever get properly light?

I love the snow and cold clear bright days but the recent cloudy and heavy days are so dismal they are depressing.

Christmas time is not normally a busy time for the Council and most officers try to get a break from the elected Members, unfortunately they were not so lucky this year. Very few of the senior officers took more than a couple of days off during the period and it is to their credit that during the Economic Depression that we are in now, it is considered so serious that as a Council we are doing everything we can to support our community. This month I attended a meeting of the Council for the Protection of Rural England (Northamptonshire) (CPRE) for those who are not aware this group is a national organisation whose task is to influence the decision makers on all aspects of development in the rural areas, a most laudable aim. I fully endorse the activities of this group and hope to take a more active part in the future.

Discussions and decisions at the formal Council meetings this month are as follows:

1) Communities:

One result of the preventative measures taken with Smartwater in Wellingborough was the migration of crime away from property towards vehicle related offences in the Hemmingwell area. To counteract that migration a 'trap car' was being deployed which had resulted in a reduction of crime figures.

Operation Tiger had a 3 year target to reduce auto-crime. There were short and long term initiatives involving the use of publicity material; technical equipment and 'trap vehicles', including a motor cycle, car and van. Thefts from HGV's had increased by 80% within the County and therefore a lorry is to be purchased to add to the pool of 'trap vehicles'.

Additional Initiatives were being brought forward in a substantive effort to reduce the crime figures in the County. The Smartwater product is available via the Safer Communities Team (SCT) team if you are interested.

b) The Committee received a presentation from the Weight Management and Obesity Project Manager and the MEND Coordinator for Northamptonshire on the Government initiative to tackle childhood weight issues and obesity. MEND stands for Mind, Exercise, Nutrition, Do it. MEND's mission was to enable a significant, measurable and sustained reduction in global childhood and family overweight and obesity through multi-component interventions and a programme targeted at overweight and obese children through a family based approach. Local statistics showed that in 2007 Wellingborough had the highest rates of childhood obesity in the County. The reasons were not known and required further investigation as more recent information showed a slight reduction in the figures.

The 'Change4Life' Campaign consumer launch, which is receiving national media coverage, had 3 stages:

1 – Reframing the Issue.

2 – Personalising the Issue.

3 – Rooting Specific Behaviours.

The national ambition was to be the first country to reverse the rising tide of obesity and overweight in the population. The initial focus was on children and the aim was that by 2020 the proportion of overweight children would be reduced to the levels seen in 2000. Currently 66% of adults and a 33% of children were either overweight or obese. It was estimated that at current rates nearly 60% of the UK population would be obese by 2050.

2) Development: The Agenda for this month's meeting ran to more than 400 pages of double sided text! Fortunately this week I attended a day long course on speed reading and achieved a doubling from 350 word per minute to nearly 700 words.!

a) Wellingborough north – sustainable urban extension. A report from the Corporate Director was received on key interim planning guidance relating to the proposed Sustainable Urban Extension to the north-west of Wellingborough in advance of the preparation of the Site Specific Proposals Development

Document (SSPDPD). The guidance would support policies in the Development Plan and was intended to contribute toward the Council's objectives of delivering high quality growth.

The SSPDPD would build on policies in the North Northamptonshire Core Spatial Strategy and would include site specific principles for the development of the Sustainable Urban Extensions (SUE) to the town. In the interim, outline planning applications had been submitted for a SUE at Wellingborough North. In the event that the application was determined prior to the submission or adoption of the SSPDPD relevant background work carried out in preparation for the SSPDPD would need to be taken into account. Proposed interim planning guidance was included in the report. Unfortunately an applicant has applied for planning permission on land at Wellingborough North and had subsequently appealed to the Secretary of State against non-determination. The planning application for Wellingborough North would be determined in accordance with the policies of the Development Plan unless material considerations indicated otherwise. Since the Development Plan documents had not yet been approved by Council there is a real irony here in that it looks like a developer is forcing the hand of the locally elected Members. The Council's Legal Services Manager provided a verbal report and advice on the status of the guidance, together with procedure and policy.

On this occasion seven speakers addressed the committee and outlined their objections.

I am in favour of quality development but I do feel this project is being rushed and if there is anything good about the current Depression it is for sure that this development will be slowed to a crawl.

b) On-street parking regulations – residential schemes. Of particular concern was the area around the station and Alma Street where residents experienced difficulties with parking near to their homes. Some members of the community have expressed great concern at the parking costs at the station. As a result commuters using the station have been parking in convenient side streets. The Council has decided to consider on street parking permits which will limit the hours of parking thus forcing station users to pay the exorbitant fees charged by East Midland Trains.

Before introducing a scheme it is necessary to carry out a consultation with all affected residents. During this time I will be speaking with Peter Bone to see if there is anyway the Parking Fees at the station can be reduced by the railway company.

Sywell Aerodrome

In the December Missive I mentioned that there would be a meeting with the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) in January, and by the way, thanks to all those who offered to improve my English. For guidance the WBC lawyer said it was not even a discussion as "prior" was before and no other term could be inferred. The meeting with CAA created more problems than it resolved. It would appear that the safety of the community is not the responsibility of the CAA neither is it that of the Department of Transport (DfT). According to Mr Elgy of CAA it is the responsibility of the Local Planning Authority! This statement nearly sent WBC officers into apoplexy. Given that WBC rejected the planning application for the All Weather Runway, they are now being told they must police it! I know officers are currently doing all sorts of measurements at Sywell and we have asked CAA to prove that there was a licensed runway in the position in question. The CAA was not aware of the Shooting Range which clearly existed before the Aerodrome, neither were they aware that the all weather surface is in a new alignment.

Over the past few weeks I have had a number of complaints about the aerobatic team Blades or 2excel. I have asked the "boss" of Blades to meet with me to discuss the problems and hopefully resolve them to our mutual satisfaction.

I have also had complaints about the flooding in Holcot Lane and the area around the Bellman Gate, it looks like the sheer amount of water coming off the northern side of the aerodrome is causing the flooding at the Bellman Gate and this problem is subsequently transferred to the lower part of Holcot Lane. The Northants County Council Environment Department are investigating and I am being advised by another expert just in case!

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

Jim Bass

(Councillor for Sywell, Ecton and Mears Ashby, Wellingborough Borough Council)

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CHURCH DIARY FOR MARCH 2009

Sunday 1st 6.00pm Holy Communion
to be followed by the Annual Meeting of Parishioners and the Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Tuesday 3rd 10.30am Holy Communion

Saturday 7th 10.00am Open Church (for quiet reflection)

Sunday 8th 9.15am Holy Communion

Tuesday 10th 10.30am Holy Communion

Wednesday 11th 7.30pm Prayer and Compline

Sunday 15th 11.00am Holy Communion

Monday 16th 19.30 Joint P.C.C. Meeting – Wilby School

Tuesday 17th 10.30am Holy Communion

Saturday 21st 19.30 Recital – Natalie Hyde (see separate advertisement)

Sunday 22nd 9.15am Morning Prayer

Tuesday 24th 10.30am Holy Communion

Sunday 29th 10.00am Fifth Sunday joint Service (hosted this time at Great Doddington)

N.B. There is no service at Ecton today

Tuesday 31st 10.30am Holy Communion

2.30pm Songs of Praise with Afternoon Tea

(Please note an error on the cards at the last meeting which said the next meeting was on March 24th)

Ecton Witches



NEXT GATHERING

17th APRIL

at Rectory Farm House

Let Margaret know your

Presence will be Present

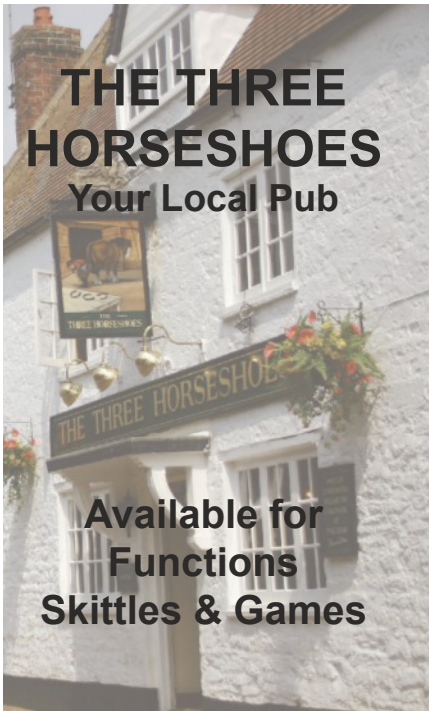
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& don't forget to bring

a bottle!



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Gathering daffodils ECTON HALL 1951

sent by Mr. L. Fenn when his wife and sister helped their mother
and Mr. Perry to gather daffodils & snowdrops



The March wind roars
Like a lion in the sky,
And makes us shiver
As he passes by.

When winds are soft,
And the days are warm and clear,
Just like a gentle lamb,
Then spring is here."

"Daffodils" (1804)



I WANDER'D lonely as a cloud
That floats on high o'er vales and hills,
When all at once I saw a crowd,
A host, of golden daffodils;
Beside the lake, beneath the trees,
Fluttering and dancing in the breeze.



Continuous as the stars that shine
And twinkle on the Milky Way,
They stretch'd in never-ending line
Along the margin of a bay:
Ten thousand saw I at a glance,
Tossing their heads in sprightly dance.



The waves beside them danced; but they
Out-did the sparkling waves in glee:
A poet could not but be gay,
In such a jocund company:
I gazed -- and gazed -- but little thought
What wealth the show to me had brought:



For oft, when on my couch I lie
In vacant or in pensive mood,
They flash upon that inward eye
Which is the bliss of solitude;
And then my heart with pleasure fills,
And dances with the daffodils.



By William Wordsworth (1770-1850).



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