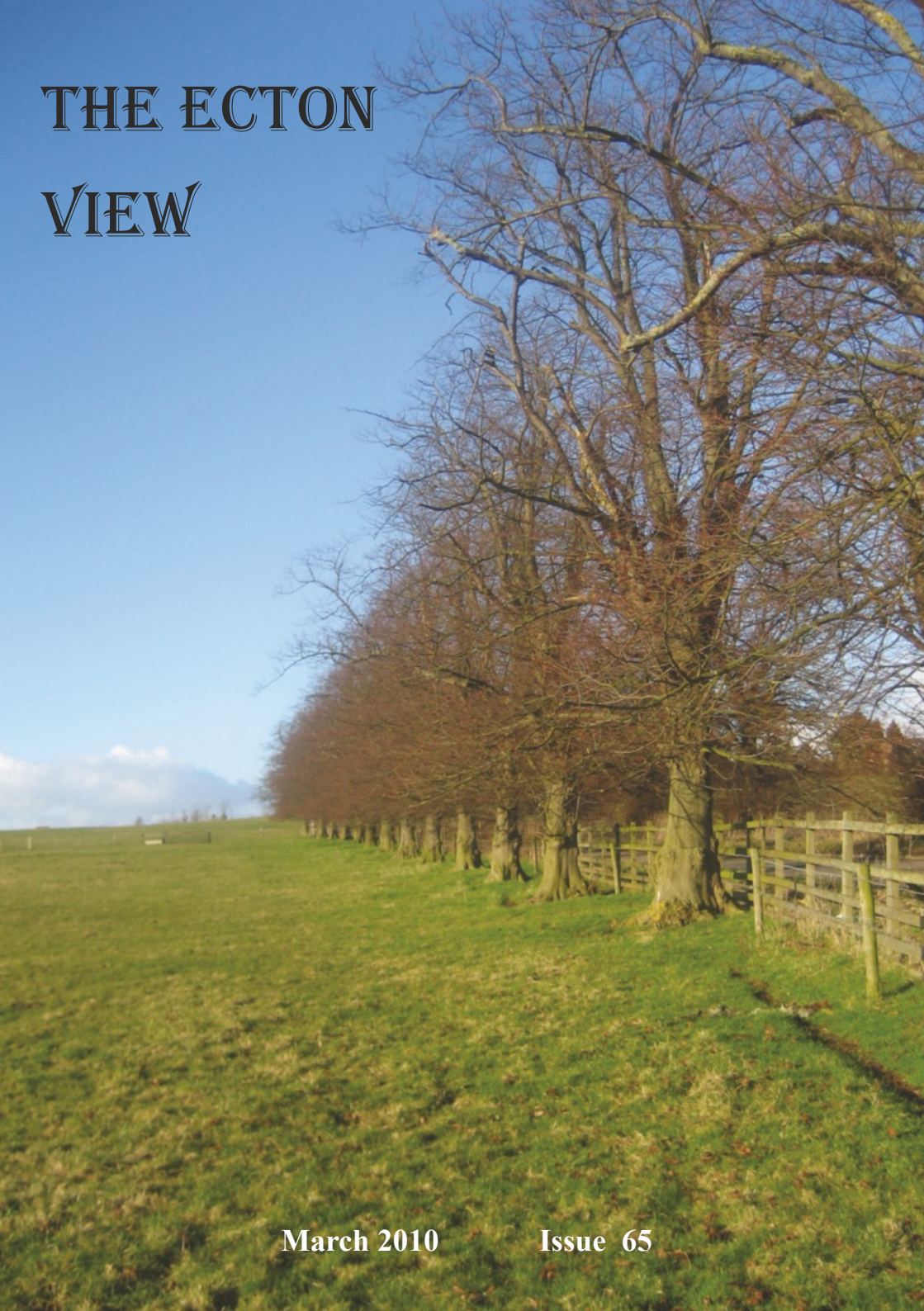


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Editors Ramblings

The winter was too long and its time we had some sun to cheer us up. During January I did have a drink in Venice, lunch in Paris and a wonderful seafood buffet in Rio and all on the same day, and for those who haven't guessed I was in Las Vegas, and it was sunny and warm. Whilst there we saw the Cirque du Soleil perform the Beatles Love Album which was superb. Having gone with the intention of the holiday being self-funding by our winnings at the Roulette wheel, I can't really understand where it all went wrong.

The ECTON BIG BREAKFAST was another success with 100 breakfasts being served, and Adrian (Ramsey) Pulford was quite relaxed. This time we added mushrooms to the already large selection, and with the help of a tombola run by Cathy and Phyllis we were able to make a profit for future improvements to the village hall. If you missed out this time keep reading the magazine for future ECTON BIG BREAKFASTS.

If you have not booked tickets for the safari Supper its TOO LATE. I did say in the last issue it is always over subscribed.

In April DJ46 productions is putting on a music night at the village hall, details in this issue. There is nothing like a live band and having seen the 'Nighthawks' perform several times before I suggest you get your tickets early. This could be the first of regular live music in Ecton.

In this issue are photos of the youth club visit to Benham sports centre for a night of trampolining, which looks as if they all had a good time. The school has a fashion show at the end of March, any help to support the school would be appreciated. Adrian Pulford looks forward to the start of the F1 season as well as having suggestions for films and music (and I totally agree on his choice of Joe Bonamassa).

For those going to Glastonbury this year good news in the headliners are, for Friday U2, for Saturday Muse and Sunday Stevie Wonder, I read it on the BBC website so must be true. Jack Johnson has also been confirmed so all we need now is the weather to perform well, I shall still take my wellies. 24 heure du Mans also looks a great race this year with a number of new entries, I'm sure Adrian Pulford will do a piece on this for the next issue or perhaps a drivers view of the race would be welcome. I shall be at Arnage as usual at dusk on Saturday which appears to me to be a very difficult time in the race, and Mulsanne on Sunday Morning. The race is also a week earlier than usual.

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by 22nd March

If we had no winter, the spring would not be so pleasant: if we did not sometimes taste adversity, prosperity would not be so welcome.

ECTON VILLAGE HALL

The Village Hall is looking for a volunteer to take over the duties of booking clerk from April. It entails showing prospective hirers around the hall, taking bookings and issuing invoices. It would suit someone who is around during the day and lives in the village.

The booking clerk would become a member of the Village Hall Committee (only five meetings a year) and therefore have a say in the running of the village hall.

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FASHION SHOW

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Tickets £2 each to include a glass of wine or orange juice on arrival.

Church Cleaning Rota			Brass Cleaning
Week		Team	
March	13th	C	
	27th	A	

Coffee Rota			
March	6pm	7th	Wendy & Ingrid
	9.15am	14th	Fiona Major & Sue Bush
	11.00am	21st	Dorothy Creed & Ingrid Wright
	6pm	28th	Wendy & Ingrid

CHURCH LOTTERY February	
£50	Mrs. Slough
£10	Andrew Gravestock
£10	Sue & Len Edwards
£10	Joyce Parker

Sidespersons		
March	7th	David & Mary Dicks
	14th	Margaret Weddle & Mark Aveyard
	21st	Marian Gleave & Nick Greene
	28th	Brian & Sylvia Saunders



A date for your diaries
 Following the success of last year's
 event, Ecton Village will be holding
 another Big Lunch this year
 on Sunday 18th July
 Details to follow in a later edition
 Of The Ecton View
www.thebiglunch.com

From the Vicarage,



Here we are in the season of Lent again, that period of six weeks' preparation before Easter. This is a time when Christians have traditionally put some effort into self-examination in an attempt to put things right in their lives and so grow closer to the pattern of Jesus that we try to follow. More recently (I think sadly) it has become something rather different. What has gained publicity has been the practice of some to 'give things up' as part of that discipline, but for that to become an end in itself. This has often achieved little more than reinforcing the commonly-held view that Christians are killjoys! Certainly for most of the Christians I know, nothing could be further from the truth. More typically Christians are fun-loving and often possessing an hilarious sense of humour, albeit within the bounds of what is decent and wholesome.

This year, in preaching just before Lent began I suggested a different way to use the season this year. We were considering things that get in the way of our growing relationship with God and we likened them to a veil covering our lives, blocking that relationship and preventing others from seeing Jesus in us too. My challenge to the congregations was to use Lent this year to try to discover for ourselves what those 'veils' might be (they will be different for each of us), and then to ask God to remove them. I suggest that such an exercise may well prove far more difficult than giving up chocolate or alcohol for six weeks, but to do it would be a very good use of this season indeed.

I've heard various people comment recently that there always seems to be some crisis in the world. If it's not a natural disaster like the recent earthquake in Haiti, it's the violence of war like the new offensive in Afghanistan called Operation Moshtarak, or just this week we heard of the horrific rail disaster just outside Brussels. All of this comes during a harder than usual winter and just about everyone I meet just longs for things to change; for some good news, for the winter to be over and the weather to become warmer. There are some signs of hope now with darkness falling somewhat later now and the snowdrops and aconites in our gardens pushing through the hard ground. Take heart, the Spring **will** come and summer will follow. Even better Good News is the message of Easter, just a few weeks away now when we celebrate the real resurrection of Jesus and all that that means in terms of freedom for us from the consequences of all our failure.

Last month I wrote extensively about the vision day we had held in November and how the outcomes were shaping up. That process is complete now with a leaflet distributed to all members outlining our vision for the next five years, together with a strategic plan for the first of those – 2010. In a sense now comes the hard part, putting that vision and plan into action. As I hinted last month, 2010 needs to be a year of action and we look forward to seeing real progress on a number of fronts.

Right at the very end of March is Palm Sunday and Holy Week (Maundy Thursday this year is April 1st) so in the list of services we have included the details of all the Easter events even though they spill over into April. There will also, of course, be the usual Easter leaflet giving details of everything that is taking place. Please do come and join us

With very best wishes,

Chris Pearson

CALENDAR FOR MARCH 2010

<u>Tuesday 2nd</u>	10.30am Holy Communion
<u>Saturday 6th</u> served	10.00am Open Church – time for reflection and quiet – coffee is served
<u>Sunday 7th</u>	6.00pm Holy Communion
<u>Tuesday 9th</u>	10.30am Holy Communion
<u>Sunday 14th</u>	MOTHERING SUNDAY 9.15am Holy Communion
<u>Tuesday 16th</u>	10.30am Holy Communion
<u>Sunday 21st</u>	11.00am All-Age Worship with Holy Communion
<u>Tuesday 23rd</u>	10.30am Holy Communion 2.30pm Afternoon Songs of Praise
<u>Sunday 28th</u>	18.00am PALM SUNDAY Holy Communion(<i>please note change of time for this special occasion</i>)

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

Monday (Wilby), Tuesday (Ecton), Wednesday (Great Doddington)

20.00 Open Church (drop in) with interactive displays featuring the events of this week. Ends with Night Prayer at 21.00

Wednesday 31st 09.30 Holy Communion St. Mary's, Wilby

Thursday April 1st **MAUNDY THURSDAY**
19.30 Holy Communion – a shared service St. Mary's, Wilby

Friday April 2nd **GOOD FRIDAY**

09.30 United Churches Procession of Witness, begins at St. Anselm R.C. Church,

Earls Barton, ends with United Service at All Saints Earls Barton at 10.00

12.00 All-Age Worship – at Great Doddington

12.00 Activities for older children are being planned – details to follow

This may be followed by a hunger lunch – to be announced

14.00 'Tenebrae'* Service (adult) – at Ecton

19.30 Deanery Presentation of 'The Crucifixion

by John Stainer – at All Saints, Midland Road.

ECTON CHURCH LOTTERY

IF YOU ARE NOT ALREADY A SUPPORTER OF THE
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For as little as £1 per month, paid annually, you could help preserve the Church which is not only the oldest building in the village but also a very important part of our heritage.

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When Walking The Dog Around Ecton Village

I can't look up when walking the dog.

In many ways Ecton has some impressive views, but I can't look up to take them in.

In Church Walk there are some interesting sites to see, but I can't look up to take them in.

The same can be said for the High St, West St, and their adjoining footpath, I still can't look up, but keep my eyes firmly fixed on the ground.

By now you are probably thinking, this is boring, or maybe why can't I look up?

The answer is very simple, 'Dog's Dollops'.

So please all of us who walk dogs remember to take a pooh bag and use it if needed.

On behalf of all the village, many thanks.

Liam

Stones

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Peter Deans Fishmonger

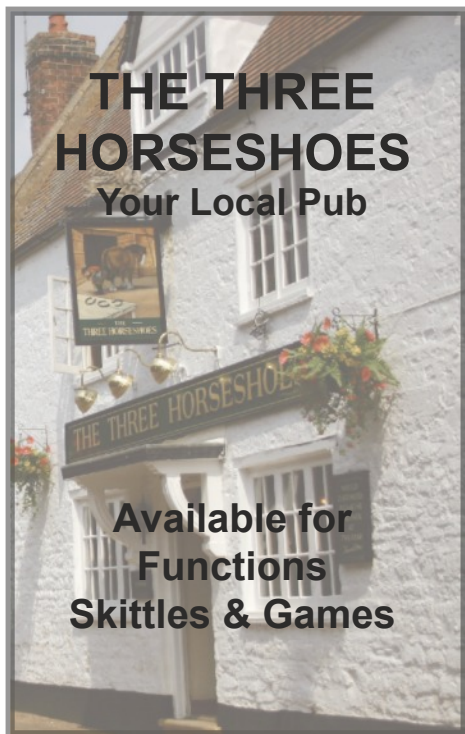


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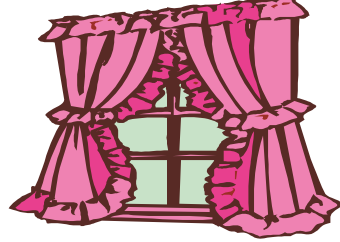
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Formula One 2010 – The Best Season Ever?

Across the globe millions of F1 fans are counting down to 14th March, when the world will see the starting grid for the season-opener in Bahrain. The Sakhir circuit will host a line-up of drivers with more World Championships between them than has ever been witnessed.

The return of Michael Schumacher after a three-year ‘retirement’ has enlivened the sport in way that has not been seen for years. Similar excitement, to an extent, surrounded Nikki Lauda’s return to McLaren in 1982. He went on to win the Long Beach GP that year and the World Championship in 1984 proving that he had lost none of his skills during his time off-track.

Maybe Michael can do the same with the newly-christened Mercedes team (nee Brawn, Honda, BAR, Tyrell). Certainly the stars look aligned for him with full factory commitment and Ross Brawn at the helm following his fairy-tale 2009 season with Brawn GP. Don’t forget Ross has masterminded all of Schumacher’s seven World Championships.

What could hamper Schumacher’s plans? Well, Fernando Alonso for one thing. Finally in the red cars he was probably born to drive, who would be surprised to see Ferrari overseeing his return to winning ways? And Massa’s no slouch either. The only thing that could cause hiccups here is Alonso’s temperament if he is being outperformed by Massa – Ferrari will need all of their people skills to manage such a combination of talents and come out on top.

So will McLaren, having the last two World Champion drivers on their books. Jenson Button may have number 1 on his car but the on track performance difference between him and Lewis Hamilton is probably the most fascinating prospect that true race fans are relishing. I can’t remember similar circumstances in the past so predicting the outcome is already a favourite bar-room argument.

The 2010 rule changes removing fuel stops, with tyres having to be managed during the race in an ever-lighter car will maybe play to Jenson’s strengths of smooth, error-free driving. However, Lewis will be difficult to out-qualify as his one-lap commitment outshines his team mate’s historically. Fascinating prospect to see what unfolds at McLaren. With Max now gone we might even see Ron Dennis back in the paddock.

Schumacher has never before had a fellow German as a true rival. With Sebastian Vettel in the Adrian Newey-designed Red Bull he has now! Vettel ‘won’ the second half of the season in 2009 and without exception everyone in F1 believes he is a future World Champion. Can he do it in 2010 against such formidable competition? I bet he thinks so.

Up to four new teams may line up on the Bahrain grid, although Bernie doesn’t think they’ll all make it for financial reasons. Virgin Racing has unveiled their new ‘virtual’ race car, being the first car to go from CAD to track without using wind-tunnels to refine the aerodynamics. If it is quick, watch everyone else copy this approach for 2011. If it’s a dog, watch Richard Branson lose his self-satisfied smirk of 2009. It looks good though in its red and black Virgin livery so who knows?

Depending on publication deadlines you may be reading this after the first F1 race of 2010, in which case some of the above questions may start to be answered. As they say “when the flag drops, the bulls**t stops” and never a truer statement could be made about the fascinating season ahead. Enjoy your Sundays this year.

Adrian Pulford

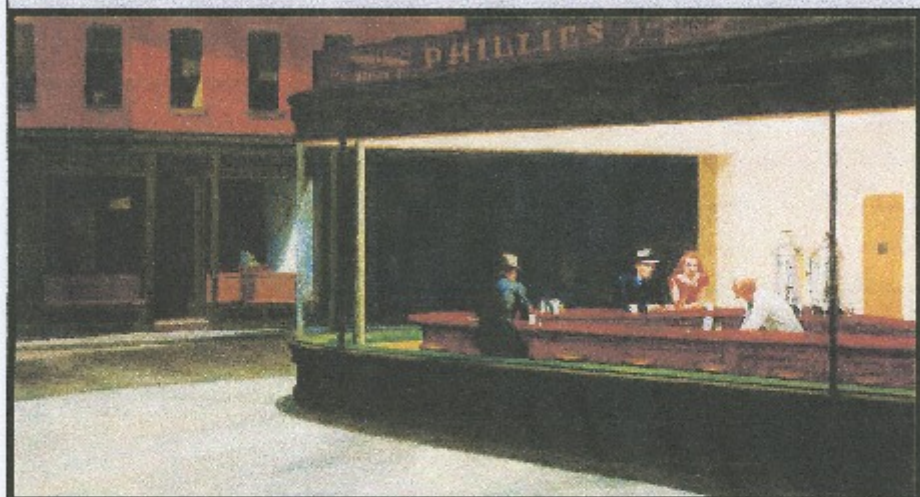


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YOUTH CLUB



Trampolining at
Benham Spots Centre

Have you ever been called by another name in Hospital?

Over a weekend the pain and discomfort went away only to come back with a vengeance in the early hours of Tuesday morning. Denise called an ambulance, and two paramedics took me to Northampton General A & E. On the way they gave me gas to take some sting out of the pain, which it did and was told it was the same stuff they give to women in labour.

On being admitted all I can remember was being asked a load of questions and called James. Who the hell is James, I thought, and then realised this is my first Christian name on my birth certificate, but I have always been called by my second.

I tried to explain, but by this time I had two shots of morphine, which quickly killed the pain and sent me to the land of the fairies.

Later I was moved in to the mixed assessment ward and by this time I was wearing one of those hospital gowns that are tied up at the back. Good job I had my boxers on underneath.

I was woken earlier by a junior doctor calling me 'James' and asking me for a specimen. With the curtains drawn around my bed, it was no good, I got out of bed and stood to deliver the required amount, which was collected by a nurse who latter fitted a saline drip to my arm.

On another occasion a junior doctor tried to take blood samples at three different places in my arm, but as I was somewhat dehydrated my veins were not very prominent and he said, 'Sorry James. I'll come back later' And so to sleep, only to be woken by the call, 'James, James. We need to take your blood pressure and temperature', or something to that effect.

Also, during this time the ward seemed to be continuously cleaned, as I counted the cleaner bumping into my bed with her trolley on at least three occasions and these jolts awoke me and caused some discomfort.

I again was awoken this time by two young trainee doctors saying, 'James, James can we ask you some questions'; to which I sleepily agreed. Unfortunately I somewhat spoil it for them, because during their questioning,

I informed them of an earlier doctor's diagnosis. I didn't know they needed to form their own diagnosis.

Evening came and I was transferred to Knightley Ward', and a porter wheeled me a third of a mile to the other side of the hospital. At the ward I was allotted bed number 13. How lucky is that!!!

Next day saw me wheeled to the Ultra Scan Department where I was greeted by a doctor saying, 'Hello James'. My abdomen was covered in an oily substance, and a scanner was rolled back and forth. After a couple of minutes the doctor's diagnosis was confirmed as gallstones being the seat of the problem, which was a relief.

The next few days saw me resting, taking antibiotics and pain killers by injection, and eating some small amounts of food; all the time being called James.

Then the consultant came to see me and asked, 'Do you prefer being called James or Jim.' This was my chance, and I replied, 'I have always been called Liam', and the consultant replied, 'Then Liam it shall be'.

He then went on to say I needed an operation using keyhole surgery, which could take place in the region of four months under the NHS or a month if I went private.

A short time later I was discharged, and passing the ward's office I thanked and said goodbye to the medical team for looking after me, who replied, 'Bye James'.

On leaving I thought to myself what would have happened to me and others without the NHS? It's not perfect, but it sure provided the emergency care I needed.

Liam Collacott

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council of Ecton held in The Village Hall,
High Street, Ecton on Tuesday 19th January 2010 at 7.00p.m.

Mr. D. Dicks - Chairman

PRESENT: Mr. W. Brophy, Mr. D. Dicks, Mrs. K. Humphreys, Mr. T. Moffett and Mr. A. Stones

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr. J. Bass, Borough Councillor

01/10 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRPERSON FOR MEETING

RESOLVED that Mr. D. Dicks be appointed Chairman for this meeting only due to the absence of Chair and Vice Chair

02/10 APOLOGIES for non attendance were received from Mrs. A. Nicholson

03/10 PARISH COUNCIL VACANCY

The Clerk advised that Mr. J. Crabtree had tendered his resignation from the Parish Council effective immediately

Members RESOLVED to record there thanks to Mr. Crabtree for all his services over the years not only to his membership of the Parish Council but for all his help and involvement in the parish as a whole.

Clerk will undertake proceedings to fill the vacancy

04/10 MINUTES of the meeting held on 17th November 2009 as previously circulated, were read, confirmed and signed as a correct record.

05/10 SYWELL AERODROME

Mr. Dicks and Mr. Moffett attended the Parish Focus Group which consisted of representatives of parishes affected by the proposed development at the aerodrome. Any matters of concern to be reported back to the respective Parish Council and Mr. Jim Bass Borough Councillor.

Mrs. Nicholson, Mr. Moffett and Mr Dicks attended the JCC meeting held in November 2009, minutes of which are still awaited, however they expressed their concerns that the Chairman of the JCC should be totally independent person. It has come to note that the appointed Chairman has a business association with Sywell Aerodrome and therefore his appointment is in contradiction with the constitution.

After discussion it was RESOLVED that the Clerk write to the Secretary of the JCC advising of the situation asking that the present Chairman resigns and that the next Agenda includes "Appointment of Independent Chairman"

Concerns were also expressed that under Agenda item 10 of the November meeting no mention was made of the submitted planning application WP/2009/0510/F and ask for an explanation as to why not.

Further RESOLVED that the Clerk write to the Chief Executive of WBC advising her of the situation and requesting the WBC withdraws their support of the presently appointed Chairman

06/10 HIGHWAY MATTERS

The Clerk reported that the following works would be carried out during the present financial year

- Marker posts to be installed on bend just before bridge south of High Street
- A no through road sign to be erected at the entrance to Church Way

Members agreed to undertake a pot holes patrol and reported any findings to the NCC

07/10 VILLAGE VERGES AND PLAYING FIELD MOWING CONTRACT 2010/11

Agreed to accept Hayeswood quote of £164.45 + VAT per cut for the village and playing field mowing

Any additional cuts needed to the playing field at a cost of £55 + VAT per cut

Eyes and Ears

Adrian Pulford

Film: 'Avatar' (3-D) – Directed by James Cameron

Without the benefit of hindsight it is difficult to say whether this film will be regarded in the same way as 'The Jazz Singer' and 'Gone With The Wind' by future generations, but from this standpoint it certainly stands a chance. As a cultural phenomenon it is already a record breaker having overtaken 'Titanic', Cameron's previous film, as the highest grossing film of all time, with global taking in excess of \$2 billion. It is also up for nine Oscars.

Why is it ground-braking and possibly industry-changing? Well because on so many levels it set a new standard for the cinema-goer's experience. The 3-D really works for a start – you are 'in' the film without it feeling artificial or 'shocking'. The effect is of hyper-reality rather than gimmick as in Jaws 3 3D from the '70's. The artists have spent years and \$millions creating a remarkable world on planet Pandora, the home of the beautiful 10ft tall, blue skinned Na'vi people.

The story is straight forward new-age, good-against-evil stuff but somehow it works really well. The whole sensation is of being literally 'on another planet' for three hours – something us old hippies spent good money on in our youth, but never so successfully as Cameron achieves at our local cinema. I urge you all to make the effort to get to Sol Central, don your shades and watch the coolest movie you've seen in your life. Northampton will seem even more dull when you step outside afterwards – be warned.

DVD – 'Live From The Royal Albert Hall' – Joe Bonamassa

If you need to brighten your mood after the come-down from Avatar order this gem from Amazon before you set off for the cinema. Filmed on May 4th 2009, Joe Bonamassa fulfils a childhood dream of playing 'the best venue in the world', this amazingly talented guitarist plays tracks from his chart-topping albums 'The Ballad of John Henry' and 'Sloe Gin'.

Joe Bonamassa, for the uninitiated, is one of the finest blues / rock guitarists in the world. He plays over 200 gigs a year and has been acclaimed by all the great players since he opened for BB King when he was 12 years old. He is joined on stage at this historic gig by Eric Clapton and to see the two of them trading guitar licks is very special indeed.

The DVD is filmed superbly, with some of the best concert footage I have ever seen. The sound and picture quality sets new standards for rock concert, and the excitement of the live gig is conveyed to your front room in full. Highly recommended.

CD / Vinyl – 'The Courage of Others' - Midlake

Following up 'The Trials of Van Occupanther' was never going to be easy, even for a band as musically gifted as Midlake. Some reviewers don't think they've managed it while others give this album five stars. The album is beautifully layered and multi-textured with guitar much to the fore, but with trademark flute work from Tim Smith and keyboard player Evan Jacobs much in evidence.

Tim Smith's lead vocal work is superb if subtle, the harmonies with the other band members are wonderful. This album rewards your full commitment and needs many plays before you extract the full beauty of it.

I am such a fan of Midlake this may not be an objective review, but I'll quote one review I read that described this album as 'a gentle masterpiece'. I certainly can't put it any better than that.

Maureen & Barry David
Keepers Cottage Tel:413114

Barry recently received the Alan Nabarro Medal for his “valiant fight” against type 1 diabetes for more than 50 years.

He feels that this award could bring some peace of mind to parents of children who endure this illness daily.

Should any parents wish to pop in to discuss the practicalities of keeping their children “balanced” over a cup of tea they will be more than welcome.

WOMEN’S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

This annual event, taking place on the first Friday in March, has now been running for many years. It is a ‘ worldwide ecumenical movement of Informed prayer and Prayerful action’ which had its roots in Canada and the USA in the 19th century and first reached Britain in 1928. Each year the service is prepared by women of a different nation, taking a different theme and giving insights into their country and the particular problems of the women who live there.

This year the theme is ‘Let everything that has breath praise God’ and the order of worship has been arranged by the women of Cameroon. The service for the Earls Barton Group will be held on march 5th at All Saints, Earls Barton, starting at 2pm, and the speaker will be Marion Welch. Although there is an emphasis on the needs and aspirations of women, the service is of course open to all and I do commend it to you. Please note that in 2011 it is planned that Ecton will host this event.

Jo Pearson

THE CHILDRENS SOCIETY

I have been collecting and counting monies for the Childrens Society from boxes (about 14) in this village for several years. I can no longer do this and the childrens society have asked if it is possible to find another collector in the village.

If anyone thinks they would be able to do this please get in touch with me and I will explain what it entails.

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