

A black and white photograph of a garden at night. A lamp post with a lit globe is visible on the right side. The background is filled with dark foliage and numerous bright, out-of-focus light spots (bokeh) scattered across the scene.

# ECTON VIEW

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## Editor's Ramblings

My last few days here on the Costa del Corby is being spent on a lounge in the garden under the ever increasing heat from the sun, before moving to Ecton Village. I understand it has famous American connections, namely Bruce Willis the actor who said his ancestors came from Ecton, and which he described as a small fishing village north of London (must have had a team of researchers working on his geneology). I understand there is also an historic American connection, I guess I could be talking about Bruce again but his new movie is really good. I am really looking forward to the move! Our new address will be 38 Back Lane, Ecton. On a recent visit to our new house I see my first job is to mow the lawn, amazing what a couple of days of sunshine does!

It is time to renew your subscription to the church lottery and collectors will be visiting houses during March, so please support our village church.

Last chance to get your tickets for the Cabaret night at the village hall, details in this issue. Also in this magazine is 'whats coming up in Ecton' section, and its good to see that there is lots of live music taking place. Liam's piece on snow clearing jogs aq few memories!

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by 20th March

**Ecton Allotments - It is likely there will soon be plots available.**

**If you are interested in obtaining one please contact**

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As to that leisure evening of life, I must say that I do not want it.  
I can conceive of no contentment of which toil is not to be the immediate parent.



# Cabaret Night

Ecton Village Hall

Saturday 23rd March  
at 7.30pm



They've been practising their scales, studying their "tuna day" books, put their heart and sole into preparations and now the Opera Dudes are ready to give you a whale of a time! So come along for Salmon Chanted Evening.

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Ecton is a Northamptonshire village parish in the Borough of Wellingborough. It is situated on a hill, built around a church and an historic hall, all set in green fields and mature trees. Ecton is a sociable village with lots of community activities across all age groups using village assets such as the village hall, the church, the school and the two pubs. Partly in a conservation area, the character of the village is typified by houses built of traditional ironstone and more recent brick houses. The village celebrates a historical connection to the ancestors of Benjamin Franklin.

## **What does Ecton mean to you?**

### **Introducing the Ecton Neighbourhood Plan**

Do you agree with planning decisions made that affect Ecton village and do you want to be more involved in planning decisions in the future? Under the Government's policy of giving communities more power in planning local development, a Neighbourhood Plan is a new opportunity for parishioners to have their opinions recognised by the planning process.

The Parish Council wants to learn your views: this could lead to changes and either more or less development, or different types of development might be allowed in the village in the future.

A questionnaire will be distributed with the Ecton View next month – this is your chance to have your say about the future of your village.

## CALENDAR FOR MARCH 2013

*The midweek service returns to Wilby this month, until the end of May*

Saturday 2nd - 10.00 Open Church with Coffee

Sunday 3rd - 18.00 Holy Communion

Tuesday 5th - 10.00 Holy Communion (at Wilby)

Sunday 10th MOTHERING SUNDAY

09.15 Holy Communion (with an All-Age element)

Tuesday 12th - 10.00 Holy Communion (at Wilby)

Thursday 14th - 19.30 Benefice Prayer Meeting (at The Vicarage)

Sunday 17th - 09.15 All-Age Worship with Holy Communion

Tuesday 19th - 10.00 Holy Communion (at Wilby)

Thursday 21st - 14.15 Pre-School Praise (at Gt. Doddington)

Sunday 24th PALM SUNDAY

09.15 Morning Prayer

Tuesday 26th - 10.00 Holy Communion (at Wilby)

14.30 Afternoon Songs of Praise

Thursday 28th MAUNDY THURSDAY

19.30 Benefice Holy Communion (at Wilby)

Friday 29th GOOD FRIDAY

14.00 An Hour Before the Cross

Sunday 31st EASTER DAY

06.00 Dawn Service with Easter Vigil, Renewal of Baptism Vows  
and Holy Communion (followed by breakfast)

10.00 Holy Communion.

*Please note that although this is a fifth Sunday of the month there will be worship in  
each Church of the benefice*

*The full list of events for Holy Week and Easter will be published in the usual leaflet to  
be delivered to each home*

### Notice

## BENEFICE ADMINISTRATION

We are wishing to appoint a part-time  
administrator for the benefice,  
up to 8 hours per week.

An honorarium may be payable.

For details of what is involved  
contact the rector on W.226711

# From the Vicarage



Since I last wrote we've had some pretty 'exciting' weather. There have been repeated snow falls and yet more heavy rain, as well as a lot of wind (gales in some other parts of the country), but today, as look out of my study window – blue sky and sunshine. It's such a welcome relief to see the sun after so much difficult weather, but it reminds me of how much more difficult it must have been in previous generations when there were no central heating, electric blankets, double glazing, and all the other modern comforts that we take for granted. You can certainly see why people were inclined to worship the sun! It took more centuries for people to realise that it was better to worship the One who gave us the sun and provided its warmth for us.

Last evening when David Major preached at our Ash Wednesday service we were reminded that in the past a 'fast' at this time of year was not only a spiritual discipline, but also a physical necessity as fresh food disappeared and new crops were still a long way off. People had to live a more austere life-style and it's good to be reminded to be thankful for all our modern comforts, while also remembering those who don't have them. What can we do to help those less fortunate in our towns and villages? In Wellingborough a new food bank scheme is in process of being set up with a branch intended to come to Earls Barton, and I believe such a bank already exists in Northampton. There are various charities that work for the homeless in this country as well as across the world (many of the homeless abroad are also refugees who have fled from violence in their homeland) so, yes, there's plenty we can do.

We are into the season of Lent and by the time you read this our Lent Course will be well under way, a course we're sharing with other churches in the Earls Barton area. Entitled 'Glimpses of God', it considers various areas in which we can find hope for today's world in the midst of all the negative 'stuff' that we see around us. If you've missed the beginning of the course, don't worry, you can join in at any point. There is a group meeting on Tuesday afternoons and another on Wednesday evenings. Just give me a ring if you want full details of times and places (W.226711).

At the end of the month we have Easter itself and as usual there will be a full programme of activities in our three churches and all will be listed on our regular leaflet that is delivered to every home. Just to mention here, though, this year we shall be using again the 'Experience Easter' programme that we ran in 2010, with exhibitions in all three churches. Groups of children from our schools will visit and there will be opportunity for adults to engage with the material in the evenings at their own level. Further details again in that leaflet in due course.

If you'll forgive me for being 'churchy' for another moment, we are at the time of year when each church has to have its annual meeting. These will be during March for Ecton, but in April for Wilby and Great Doddington. There will be official notices posted on or near each church door giving details, but it's important to mention here that this is the one year in six when the official membership register, the 'electoral roll', has to be renewed from scratch. No-one is carried over from the previous roll, everyone has to submit a new application, and this is true across the entire country, not just here. There are plenty of application forms available in each church and if you have any queries please contact the relevant electoral roll officer: Jim Parr (Gt. Doddington) on W.440935, Vicky Cordwell (Wilby) on W. 678600, or Mary Dicks (Ecton) on N. 407145.

With every blessing,

Chris Pearson.

# Rotas and Lottery

for March

Church Cleaning Rota		Brass Cleaning	
Week			
March	9th	C	
	16th		Dorothy Creed
	23rd	A	



"I don't do windows!"



CHURCH LOTTERY October	
£50	Chris Jordan
£10	Vicky & Mike Ward
£10	Eve Edge

Sidespersons		
March		
6pm	3rd	Steve and Linda Richards
9.15am	10th	David and Mary Dicks
11am	17th	Brenda and Philip Foster
9.15am	24th	Mark Aveyard Charlotte Eley
2pm	29th	Volunteers needed
6am	31st	Volunteers needed
10am	31st	Marian Gleave David Fuller

Coffee Rota		
March		
	3rd	Wendy Vilette/Joy Bond
	10th	Anne Henderson/Charlotte Eley
	17th	Joy Wilson / Chris Jordan
	24th	Fiona Major / Linda Richards
	31st	Dorothy Creed/Ingrid Cartwright



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It will soon be time to renew subscriptions to the lottery. The next year runs from May 2013 to April 2014 and at present the first prize is £50 with second and third prizes of £10 each. It is drawn monthly and the results are displayed on the two village notice boards and in the village magazine.

The Church Treasurer holds the Certificate of Registration and a return is sent off quarterly to East Northamptonshire Council. Half of the total raised is used in prizes and the rest is paid into the Church

**The collectors will be visiting during March and April for the year starting May 2013 (£12 per year)**

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Call him on  
01933 381848

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in the village hall  
on Mondays.

Call Vicky Kay  
07801 370301

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from the village hall.  
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Margaret Tinston  
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# Snow Clearing



Firstly a big thank you to those who cleared footpaths and salted roads. So can anyone tell me who is responsible for clearing snow, or rather, can you legally be held responsible if your efforts contribute to a person's misfortune?

When growing up in West London in the 1950's it was my job (extra pocket money) to clear the public footpath in front of my parent's house, and nearly all the neighbours did the same. This meant my Dad could visit the local working man's club, and Mum could walk to the local shops, with a reduced risk of falling over.

I am informed in some States in the USA a fine can be levied of \$140 per day if the householder does not clear the pavement by 42" in front of their dwelling.

For our own Ecton dwelling, we cleared the drive and the public footpath in front of our house. Certain neighbours stopped their car and asked "Are you going to do all the High Street"; to which the reply came, "No, only to the pub".

Local TV news covered stories where volunteers cleared snow from public and private footpaths around senior citizens dwellings. The reporter asked "Do you know where you stand legally" and the reply was "it's better than leaving it as it was".

Another TV news programme showed householders were given by their local council snow shovels and the person being interviewed with snow shovel in hand saying, "you can't expect the Council to do everything". Yet there is in some parts a debate as to where do you legally stand if someone has a misfortune due to your efforts. I am told one organization was legally advised it was okay to clear snow within your property boundary, but not the public highways. I also understand the Health and Safety Executive will not prosecute, but what about the individual. Is there any case law which confirms the position one way or another?

Is it possible that the Council who gave out snow shovels were in breach of the law by aiding and abetting? Closer to home in Ecton concerning the five or so council salt bins where does a public minded person legally stand who by their efforts salts the public footpath and road? Could it be the USA has got it right?

In conclusion, the question I ask is why when I was growing up it was more or less expected each household cleared the public footpath in front of their dwelling to now when there is possibly a legal "Sword of Damocles" hanging over a public minded person's head?

# Upcoming Events

Friday 1st March	Live Music at the World's End – "Wildfire"
Friday 8th March	Live Music at the World's End – "Charlie"
Friday 15th March	Live Music at the World's End – "Hutch"
Friday 22nd March	Live Music at the World's End – "Enzo"
Saturday 23rd March	Cabaret Night in the Village Hall contact Alistair MacRae on 402582
Friday 29th March	Live Music at the World's End – "Hannah Faulkner"
Sunday 31st March	'Rachael Johnson Band' - live Sunday-afternoon music at the Three Horseshoes
Saturday 13th April	Cinema Night in the Village Hall – contact Alistair MacRae on 402582
Friday 26th April	Ecton Witches – at Sally's, 12 The Courtyard
Saturday 11th May	Safari Supper – contact Sally on 403027
Friday 28th June	Ecton Witches – contact Nicky Buckley for more information
Friday 30th August	Ecton Witches – contact Nicky Buckley for more information



## Ecton Witches

*Friday 26 April 2013 – 7.30pm*

*12 The Courtyard, Church Way*

Please telephone the hostess Sally on 01604 403027, by Wednesday 24 April, to confirm your attendance. **£5.00 is required prior** to cover the cost of food and to help ensure the correct numbers are catered for on the evening.

As usual, bring a bottle of wine on the night.

2013 Dates:

Ladies if you would like to host a Witches Evening in 2013 please let me know, dates remaining are.

28 Jun, 30 Aug,

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**SALLY - 403027, CAROLINE - 07590209311 OR NICKY - 07973353498**

## ECTON GOLDEN OLDIES

Our first get together this year will be on **March 8th** at 10.30a.m in the Village Hall.

We will be having coffee/tea and cakes and maybe a quiz or a game or two! The main purpose of getting together is to sort out what we will be doing this year so please come with your ideas for trips or village events.

Looking forward to seeing you all.

Kathy, Alex, Pat and Sally.

## ECTON VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

are looking for a caretaker to assist with the upkeep and smooth running of the village hall. It is envisaged that a commitment of approximately 2 hours per week will be required but some weeks it may be more depending on how busy the hall is. Applicants will be required to carry out minor repairs, general maintenance inside and out, order supplies and work with the cleaner to ensure the hall remains in good order. Expenses will be payable.

If anyone is interested in this role please call Sally on 403027 before the 15th March.

# OLD ECTON IN PHOTOGRAPHS

## Can you help!

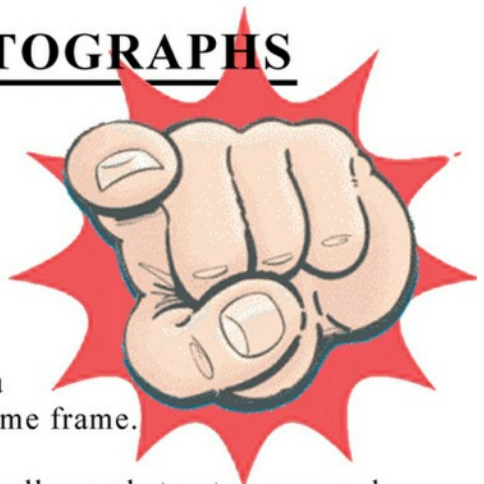
We are putting together a new book with photographs of views, buildings, events and people in the village and parish from the 1800s to the 1950s and we would like you to contribute.

All you have to do is get in touch if you have any old Ecton photos that fit the time frame.

We would like to see anything but we really need street scenes and buildings in the village (particularly the Poor School and Baptist chapel) and villagers (especially shoemakers, lacemakers and other village workers) and their activities.

Next month we shall be letting you have more details and inviting you to subscribe to the first edition, which we are aiming to publish in the Spring, so the sooner you can dig those old photos out of the attic the better!

Please contact Rodney Ingram at the Old Chapel, West Street or call me on 406038.



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Friday 17th May 2013



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Want to do something different? Want to raise money where you live or work? Want to eat Fish and Chips, while raising money for charity? Hold a fish and chip supper on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2013 whilst raising awareness of spinal cord injury and supporting SIA's information and support services.

You can hold a fish and chip supper in your own home, at work or hold a larger supper at your local community centre.

SIA will provide a fundraising pack containing hints and tips, recipes, invitations and donation envelopes. By inviting 7 friends and asking them to donate an additional £5.00 means you will raise at least £35.00 from your supper but we will also give you additional fundraising ideas to raise even more money for SIA.

Since 2009 we have raised over £20,000 and it has become our flagship community fundraising event. We want to raise £10,000 from this event in 2013 we can provide more support to spinal cord injured people.

The money raised from the suppers will help the Spinal Injuries Association offer support to individuals who become paralysed and their families, from the moment a spinal injury occurs, and for the rest of their lives by providing services and publications which enable and encourage paralysed people to lead independent lives.

Every year in the UK over 1,000 people experience a spinal cord injury and there are an estimated 40,000 spinal cord injured people in the UK alone.

Community Fundraising Manager, Elizabeth Wright, says, “The Fish and Chip Supper is a wonderful opportunity for a great evening with friends and family. We are also encouraging people who work to hold a Fish and Chip Lunch in their work places to raise even more funds. You may be even a local community group wanting to run a fun evening with your group.

Be a part of something special and make a real difference to help spinal cord injured people gain access to the information and support they need to enable them to live full and independent lives.”

For more information or request a fundraising pack call Elizabeth Wright on 0845 071 4350 or email [fundraising@siafishandchips.co.uk](mailto:fundraising@siafishandchips.co.uk) or visit [www.siafishandchips.co.uk](http://www.siafishandchips.co.uk)

# Mother's Day



**Sunday 10th March,  
3 courses £29.95**

**Food served 12-8pm,  
bookings essential**



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