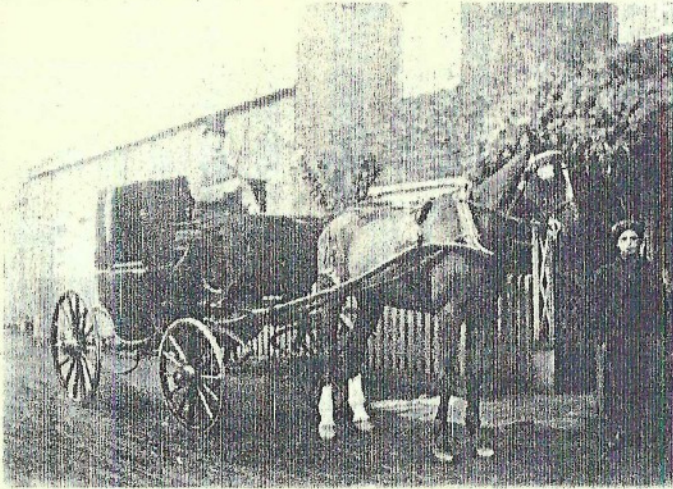


Ecton Parish Magazine



Parish Magazine

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2004*

May

*"Who doffs his coat on a winter's day
Will gladly put it on in May."*

Church Directory

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Bell Ringers

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 Tel: 01604 412233

Fellowship

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

Cricket Club

Captain: Steve Wheatman
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Ecton Village Hall

Contact: Tony Green
 Tel: 01604 407141
 Booking Clerks:
 Vacancy

Mums & Tots

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

Short Mat Bowls

Contact: Maurice Creed
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Parish Council

Chairman: David Dicks
 Tel: 01604 407145

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 9.15—11.15am
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Primary School

Head: Sheila Sayers
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Womens Institute

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

Youth Club

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 Wednesday
 7—9 Village Hall

Editors Ramblings

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May is upon us and the weather's not too bad, the Cricket season has started, Colour is returning to the garden, so where is there a better place to live than Ecton.

I would like to begin this edition with a thank you to the magazine team, to Adrian Pulford who is finding advertising and provides many features, to Joy Wilson and her team of Anne Henderson, Pat Bayliss, Barbara Jones and Dorothy Creed who make sure it gets to your door each month, and before it goes to print to Marlene Green who proof reads. To the many regular contributors who provide the information as to what is happening in the village, and with very little prompting. If you would like to get involved with the magazine and have a skill that would be useful to improve it please contact me. You can also help in assisting Adrian by supplying potential advertisers. Advertising costs from as little as £4.

On page 15 is a picture of our football cup winning team Of 1962/63, so next season I expect to have a picture of our present team holding a cup preferably without a saucer.

The winner of the April competition (which appears only I thought hard) was Mrs K. Buswell, being drawn from hat, as there were three with 24 out of 25 and three with 23, so on these results this months competition should be a stroll in the park.

If you want to know what is happening at 'Stop The Aerodrome Runway Expansion' at Sywell campaign try the website www.stare.me.uk, its well worth a visit.

Copy for June magazine to
Colin Tinston Rectory Farm House high Street
Telephone: 412233
Email: navigator@ectonvillage.co.uk
By 19th May

It is a very sad thing that nowadays there is so little useless information

VILLAGE HALL REFURBISHMENT

The village hall refurbishment is well under way and is now starting to look like a facility we will all be proud of.

Having raised over £110,000 through grants and fund raising events*, we still have a shortfall to complete the project. With this in mind we have introduced a scheme of interest-free loans of £500, to be repaid 'lottery style' with each loan numbered and, as and when funds allow, the numbers will be put into a 'hat'. Our priority will be to pay everyone back as soon as possible.

Upon hearing of this proposal by word of mouth, many of you have already responded favourably. However, should this be the first you have heard of our scheme and feel you could help us to complete the project in this way please contact me. Your help will earn the gratitude not only of today's community but also of generations to come.

It is hoped to have the hall open for business by the end of May with an Official Opening in July; details to follow.

Tony Green
Chairman

* The following grants have been confirmed:

£30000 – SITA (Landfill Credit Scheme) of which £3000 was provided by the Paul Hobden Charitable Trust for third party reimbursement.

£27000 - Northamptonshire County Council

£23951 - Wellingborough Borough Council

£5000 - Garfield Weston Foundation

£3000 - Lloyds TSB

£2600 - Ford Foundation

£1500 - Ecton Parish Council

£1000 - Constance Travis Charitable Trust

£928 - Ecton Old Community Fund

£500 - Market Harborough Building Society

£150 - Yorkshire Bank

Fund raising events in the village have raised over £16000.

ECTON VILLAGE HALL

We are looking for someone to be a keyholder and to take charge of the bookings when the hall opens in early summer. If you are interested in this position, please contact Tony Green for more details: 407141



East Northamptonshire
and Wellingborough
Lifelong Learning Service

A course will be arranged for "Playing Cards for Pleasure" on Mondays from September in the Village Hall from 1.30 pm to 3.30 pm.

We already have some names for a computer course and this will be confirmed later, probably for Monday evenings. We also have some interest for classes in Pilates and Yoga.



If you are interested in any of the above please contact Mary Dicks 407145 in the first instance.

Opportunity is missed by most people because it is dressed in overalls and looks like work.

"When the missionaries came to Africa they had the Bible and we had the land. They said 'Let us Pray.. We closed our eyes. When we opened them we had the Bible and they had the land."

Archbishop Desmond Tutu.



Jenny's Page

Dear Friends

May is always a month to look forward to, apart from the warmer weather and lush growth in the hedgerows. It contains two bank holidays!

Not so long ago Whitsun was a moveable feast, like Easter, but once the Mayday holiday was introduced in the eighties they sometimes fell too close together and so the late Spring Bank Holiday became a fixture in the last week of May.

This year, Whit Sunday (Pentecost) falls on 30th May and so the bank holiday is reunited with the religious festival. The term Whitsun is thought to be early English, the 'whit' referring to the white robes of the newly baptised at Pentecost.

Pentecost, in Greek, fiftieth, is another name for the Jewish 'feast of weeks', which was observed 50 days after Passover, when the Israelites presented an offering of the first yield of the barley crop.

Christians celebrate Pentecost as the birth of the Church, the time when the Holy Spirit was given to the first disciples of Jesus. In the Bible we read in The Acts of the Apostles that, at Pentecost they were gathered together, "And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability". That day they managed to communicate with all the people gathered there, from many different places, in their own languages.

Jesus had promised them that the Holy Spirit would be sent to them and had told them to wait in the city. The Spirit was to be their guide, their advocate, their comforter, to strengthen and equip them for the work ahead; the work of apostles, to pass on all that they had learned from Jesus and to preach the message of salvation made possible for all people through his death and resurrection.

What exciting though terrifying times those must have been!
The Holy Spirit is still Christ's gift to us today, but more about what this means, next month.....

Very best wishes,

Jenny

SIDESPERSIONS

	Morning	Evening
May 2nd	Ken Jones & Nick Greene	Sylvia Saunders & Marian Gleave
9th	Tony & Margaret Weddle	
16th	Marlene Green & Peter Ward	Geoff Harlot & Joy Wilson
23rd	Sylvia & Brian Saunders	
30th	M. Cook & Tony Green	
June 6th	Walter Barty & John Parkin	Sylvia Saunders & Marian Gleave

CHURCH CLEANING ROTA

Week ending	Team	Area
May 1st	Purple	B
8th	Pink	A
15th	Yellow	B
22nd	Blue	A
29th	Green	B
June 5th	Orange	A
Brass Cleaning		
May	Ingrid & Barbara	

COFFEE ROTA

May 2nd	Millie Harlott
9th	Rita Ward & Angela Allen
16th	Marian Gleave & Joyce Orford
23rd	Margaret Weddle & Anne Henderson
30th	Jean Leigh & Joy Wilson
June 6th	Dorothy Creed & Fiona Major

May the mind of Christ my saviour,
Live in me from day to day,
By his love and power controlling
All I do and say

ST MARY MAGDALENE

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PATRONAL FESTIVAL WEEKEND

24/25 JULY 2004

To celebrate our Patronal Festival this year we are planning a week-end of events in church and invite everyone to take part.

A flower festival, theme 'Village Life', is planned and we hope all village groups will be represented with a display. Please contact Dorothy Creed (407864) to book your space.

On Saturday evening there is to be a Concert of local talent, with proceeds from this event being shared with the village hall. Contact Angela Crabtree (404777) if you have a talent to share.

We invite all village organizations to choose a Hymn for our 'Songs of Praise' on Sunday evening; we would like a representative of that group to tell the congregation why that particular hymn is special to the organization.

Refreshments are to be served on both days – light lunches, cream teas; if you could make some scones in advance for us please contact Sheila Ingram (406038).

Please help us to make this year's Patronal Festival a weekend to remember!!

RED CROSS WEEK

2ND-8TH MAY

*PLEASE GIVE
GENEROUSLY*

*Working for the Lord
Doesn't pay much,
But the retirement plan
Is out of this world!*

Christian Aid Week 9th—12th May

At the Waendal Walk Weekend (May 8th, 9th, and 10th) Christian Aid and Traidcraft have a checkpoint on Sunday 10th May, on the corner of Torrington Road and Hardwick Road, 5km from the end. If you can help please contact.....

Valerie & Pete Anslow Tel. 01933 384485



PUB QUIZ

At the Three Horseshoes

Now on a Wednesday Night
8.30pm Start

Quizzes on following dates
Make a note in your diary

28th April
12th May
26th May
9th June

Cash prizes for Snowball

Everybody Welcome

Teams of 4

Ecton Church Diary
May 2004

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Sunday 2nd May
9.30am

The Fourth Sunday of Easter
Parish Communion: Acts 9. 36-43;
Psalm 23; Revelation 7. 9-17;
John 10. 22-30.
Evensong.

6.00pm

Tuesday 4th May
9.00am

Holy Communion.

Sunday 9th May
9.30am

The Fifth Sunday of Easter
Parish Communion: Acts 11. 1-18;
Psalm 148; Revelation 21. 1-6;
John 13. 31-35.

Tuesday 11th May
9.00am

Holy Communion.

Sunday 16th May
9.30am

The Sixth Sunday of Easter
Parish Communion: Acts 16. 9-15;
Psalm 67; Revelation 21. 10,22 - 22.5;
John 14. 23-29.
Christian Aid Lunch
Evensong.

12.30pm
6.00pm

Tuesday 18th May
9.00am

Holy Communion.

Thursday 20th May
7.30pm

Ascension Day
Holy Communion

Sunday 23rd May
10.30am

The Seventh Sunday of Easter
Family Service

Tuesday 25th May
9.00am

Holy Communion.

Sunday 30th May
9.30am

Pentecost
Parish Communion: Acts 2. 1-21;
Psalm 104.26 - 36, 37b; Romans 8. 14-17;
John 14. 8-17.

Ecton Fellowship

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Our next meeting is on Tuesday May 11th at the back of the Church. We are having Mr. Lewis McCrea to tell us about Lighthouses and his involvement with them.

Everyone is welcome.

Joan Dickins

Ecton Bowls Club

On March 22nd the club played Short Mat Bowls against Cogenhoe. We lost 2-1 over the evening but the match was enjoyed by all taking part.

When the Village Hall refurbishment is complete we are looking forward to entertaining other clubs from surrounding villages.

If anyone is interested in Short Mat Bowls why not come along on a Thursday, in the afternoon between 2 & 4 or the evening between 8 & 10 and have a go. The club has spare woods for your use and coaching can be given if needed

Contact Maurice Creed on 407864.

Church Lottery March

- 1st Prize.....Jane Wincot
2nd Prize.....Mary Dicks
3rd Prize.....Mark Aveyard
4th Prize.....Eric Dickins
5th Prize.....Betty Shearing
6th Prize.....J. Smith

First Prize £42.50 subsequent prizes £8.50

The next draw will be the last for 2003/04

The May draw will be the first for 2004/05

BUY YOUR TICKETS IN GOOD TIME

ECTON W.I.

At our April meeting members enjoyed 'A Cook's World Tour' given by Mr Peter Chubb who spoke of his travels with a culinary theme - from hospital food in America, which was awful, to a wonderful al fresco meal on a French beach. Tales from Turkey, Palestine, Hong Kong and Crete were all followed with a recipe but none compared to the Chinese meal of 8-10 courses which lasted for hours! A WI event for the future?!

Reviews DVD

Lost In Translation

Starring Bill Murray on top form and sensational newcomer Scarlett Johansson, this is the acclaimed writing and directorial debut by Sophia Coppolla, daughter of Francis Ford. Set in modern day Tokyo, although the way it's shot you'd be forgiven for thinking you're in Blade Runner at times, it's a slight story made compelling by the actors' ability to win your heart and the sense of alienation created by the director's desire to highlight the cultural differences between east and west.

A kind of Brief Encounter for the 21st Century if you like, this funny, offbeat and charming film is well worth a couple of hours of your time.

Reviews MUSIC

Franz Ferdinand / Franz Ferdinand

Hailing from Glasgow this exciting four-piece guitar band is setting the industry alight with this their excellent eponymous debut. A mixture of new wave, great harmonies and left-field pop/rock the effect is an addictive album that gets better with each listen. Buy it now.

Joy Zipper / American Whip

Sometimes reminiscent of Surf's Up/Holland era Beach Boys, Joy Zipper have produced a fine collection of chilled out harmonies and trippy tunes to while away those lazy Sunday afternoons. As if to confirm their appreciation of the past, the tracks on the CD are listed as 'side A' and 'side B'. A sublime album if you like to listen and relax.

The Vines / Winning Days

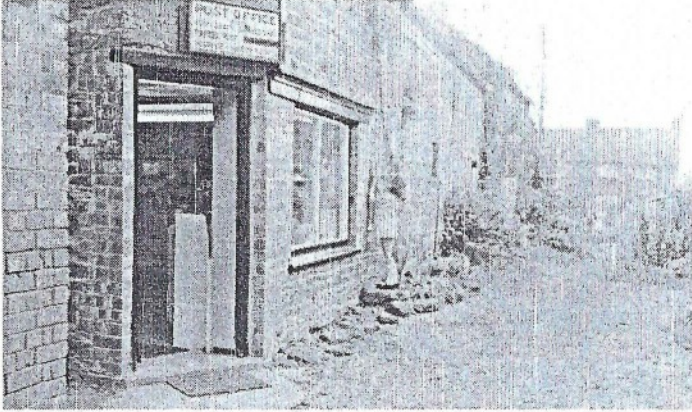
With this their second album, four guys from Sydney follow up 1.5 million sales of their debut album 'Highly Evolved'. Led by the talented if controversial Craig Nicholls: his song writing on Winnings Days, the single 'Ride' and the title track in particular, is of rare quality. This band is one of the reasons rock is fashionable again. With influences from the Beatles to Nirvana this album is full of great hooks that grow with each listen.

Adrian Pulford. April 2004

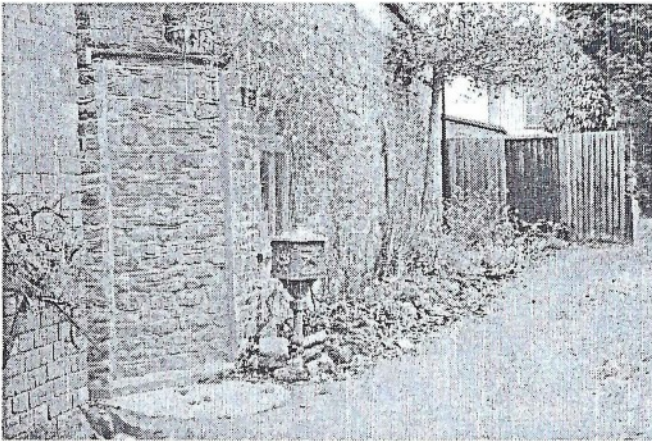
Then & Now

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The Post Office



Does anyone know who's posting the letter?



I was only joking about a door tax in the next budget!

Praying Together

All are welcome to join us for an hour of prayer and quiet in Gods presence. During the summer we will be in church from 7.30 to 8.30pm on the 2nd Wednesday of each month – May 12th, June 9th, July 14th, August 11th, September 8th.

If you have a specific need or request for prayer please put it in the box at the rear of the church or give to Anne 405942 or Jenny 416326.

Celebration Fruit Cake Recipe

- 1 Cup of Water & 1 Cup of Sugar
- 1 Teaspoon Salt
- 2 Large Eggs
- 1 Bottle Whiskey
- 2 Cups Dried Fruit
- 1 Cup Brown Sugar
- 8 oz Nuts
- 1 Teaspoon Baking Soda
- Juice of 1 Lemon

*IN THE LAST WAR a Yorkshireman
Walked down Whitehall in London and
going up to a policeman said,
"Which side is the War Office on?"
The Policeman looked at him and said,
"Ours, I hope."*

*Sample the whiskey to check the quality. Take a large bowl
Sample the whiskey again, to be sure it is of the best quality,
Pour one level cup and drink. Repeat.*

*Turn on the electric mixer, beat one cup of butter in a large fluffy
bowl. Add one teaspoon sugar and beat again.*

Make sure the whiskey is still okay.

*Cry another tup. Turn off the mixer. Break two eggs and add
to the bowl. Chuck in the dried fruit. Mix on the turner.*

*If the fried druit gets stuck in the beaterers, pry it loose with a
Drewscraver.*

Sample the whiskey to check for tonsistency.

Next, sift two cups of salt. Or something. Who cares?

Check the whiskey.

Now sift the lemon juice and strain your nuts. Add one table.

Spoon. Of sugar or something. Whatever you can find.

Grease the oven. Turn the cake tin to 350 degrees.

Don't forget to beat off the turner.

*Throw the bowl out of the window, check the whiskey again and
go to bed.*

Ecton football team 1962/63

15 Central Northants Football Combination Div 3 Cup Winners



Back Row:- Mick Mallard, Terry Rayson, Alan Reynolds, John Watts, Brian Saunders, Derek Higham, Pat Masters, Tony Haycox.

Front Row:- Roy Dartnell, Ken Brown, Phil Eady, Brian Bignell, Ray Whiting, Jim Elliot.

If anyone has old Village photos the editor would be pleased to see them

Ecton United are currently looking for new players

for the Wellingborough Monday night 7-a-side league. If there are budding players aged 16 upwards who would enjoy a 30 minute run out, contact either **Alan on 07782 262693 or 07976 312203 or Chris on 07710 428757.**

Three may keep a secret, if two of them are dead

Benjamin Franklin

Quiz

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- 1) What in the medical world was first classified in the AOB system in 1902? *Blood*
- 2) Which TV secret agent's real name was Paul Metcalfe? *Captain Secret* ✓
- 3) Which is the first animal listed in the Oxford English Dictionary? *Aard-vark* ✓
- 4) Which cartoonist created Andy Capp? *Reg Smythe*
- 5) Who was the second wife of Henry VIII? *Anna Boleyn*
- 6) Which is the highest mountain in England? *Scarfell Pike*
- 7) Which denomination bank note did the bank of England introduce in 1752 and withdraw in 1945? *£1000*
- 8) In which county would you find the Blue John Mines? *Derbyshire*
- 9) Which football team plays at the Nou Camp stadium? *Barcelona* ✓
- 10) Whose first top ten hit record was 5,4,3,2,1? *Mar Fred Mann*
- 11) Who discovered Penicillin? *Alexander Fleming* ✓
- 12) Where would you find the Pensacola Mountains? *Antarctica*
- 13) In what American state would you find Cape Cod? *Massachusetts*
- 14) What Nationality was the Motor Racing legend Juan Fangio? *Italian Argentinian*
- 15) Divide 30 by $\frac{1}{2}$ and add 10? *25 + 10 = 35*
- 16) Who played the title role in Shirley Valentine? *Pauline Collins* ✓
- 17) Why was Elm Street in the news in 1963? *Where JFK was shot*
- 18) Frodo Baggins was the first to enter Britain under which scheme? *Pet Passport scheme*
- 19) On what day of the week did the Second World War begin? *Sunday 3/9/39*
- 20) Who had hits with "I am a rock" and "Boxer"? *Simon & Garfunkel* ✓

Return to the editor by the 21st 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!!!

Answers to April Quiz

2) pieces in a chess game; 3) Days this year; 4) The wings of a dove; 5) Runs for a boundary; 6) French lost at Waterloo; 7) Feet in a mile; 8) Symphonies of Beethoven; 9) Man and his dog went to mow a meadow; 10) Spots on a die; 11) Romans in a Cohort; 12) Little girls sitting on the back seat (kissing and a hugging with Fred); 13) Degrees in a triangle; 14) Muskateers; 15) Pieces of Silver; 16) Dalmations; 17) Four score and ten; 18) Clিকেট Click; 19) One less than fifty; 20) First man on the moon; 21) Days of Lent; 22) Death of Nelson; 23) Pays pontoon and five card tricks only; 24) Once I caught a fish alive; 25) For the road.

Film Review

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Director: Joe Johnston HIDALGO (12A)

Starring: Viggo Mortensen, Omar Sharif, Zuleikha Robinson

Running time: 136 mins

If you happen, by chance, to walk into the cinema 20 minutes after the film starts, do not panic and above all stay calm!

As I'm sure the director made allowances for this eventuality when he made the film. The first 20 minutes of the film serve no purpose other than to confuse and add unnecessary extra minutes to this already substantial film. There are no key plot points, astounding effects or unexpected cameos and there is certainly no reason for it, although this will only become clear once you have watched the whole film.

However, once past the irrelevance of the first section the film blossoms into a quite watchable semi-fiction account of Frank T Hopkins, a long-distance horse rider and his faithful and energetic steed Hidalgo competing in a 3,000-mile race across the deserts of Arabia. Viggo Mortensen delivers a solid and believable performance as Hopkins, and while it is no Lord of the Rings, Mortensen does give us hope that there is more excellence to come from him in the future. Of the supporting actors it is certainly Omar Sharif who steals the show with some witty one-liners and facial expressions to match.

Overall Hidalgo is 2 hours of pleasing entertainment, and while it may never be described as a masterpiece I'm sure it will not be put down alongside Daylight as one of the worst films ever made. The only mute points in my book are the obvious lack of a major love interest for Viggo and the irrelevance of the first section, which injects false questions in your mind that stay with you long after the entertainment of the main feature has ended.

Liam Tinston

Youth Club Programme

Leader Shirley.....Helper Richard

Date	Activity	Venue	Parent
May 5th	Crafts/Games	School	Richard NAYC
12th	Rollerskating	Benham	Clare M
17th	Games	3 Horseshoes	Lisa
19th	Treasure Hunt	School	Kathy
26th	Laserzone	School	Colin

CLEAN Progress Report Number 6
Covering the period 23rd January 2004 to 23rd March 2004

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General Situation

Northampton Borough Council (NBC) and Wellingborough Borough 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 last eight months.

The detailed clean up of litter in the lane has now commenced as promised.

Major Actions & Achievements for this period.

A further meeting took place on 5th March 2004, with all the agencies i.e. Northampton County Council (NCC), Northampton Borough Council (NBC), Wellingborough Borough Council (WBC), the Environment Agency, Paul Stinchcombe, the Police, our Local Councillor and CLEAN. The meeting reviewed Progress and set targets for actions to improve the appearance of the lane.

A follow up informal meeting took place on site in Lower Ecton Lane on 22 March 2004 with NBC and NCC, together with the Police and the HWRC Operations Management to set detailed actions plans for clean up of litter and other rubbish at the bottom end of the Lane..

A visit was made to Anglian Water (AW) on 3rd March 2004. During the visit the fly tipping on the culvert giving access to AW land was discussed. AW undertook to clean up the fly tipping on their land and close off / bund the access.

The Probation Service commenced a litter pick in Lower Ecton Lane on 10th March 2004. CLEAN contributed to a programme on Radio Northants on 1st March 2004 on a Police Press Release on fly tipping which particularly referenced Lower Ecton Lane.

CLEAN agreed at their Committee Meeting on 18th March 2004 to make a loan to the Ecton Village Club Refurbishment Fund.

CLEAN attended a preliminary meeting on 4th February 2004 to discuss procedures to be employed during the Public Inquiry into the Northamptonshire Waste Local Plan.

Continued to lobby for actions to improve the situation in the long term.

Contacts continue to be forged with other organisations in the area that have similar objectives or interests to CLEAN.

Major Actions for the next period.

Hold follow up meetings with the various agencies involved ensuring agreed actions are progressed.

Install notices in the Lane warning potential fly tippers of the financial and criminal penalties involved for these illegal actions.

Continue to ensure any fly tipping is cleared as promised by the councils.

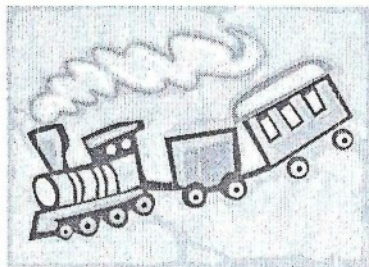
Continue with making contacts with organisations in the area that have the same objectives.

Continue to promote CLEAN and raise the awareness of our campaign.

Attend the Public Inquiry into the Waste Local Plan and make representation on Lower Ecton Lane.

Please report any incidents of fly tipping to: 01604 838281 or 0800 807060.
Abandoned / stolen vehicles should be reported to the Police 01604 700700.

19 ECTON SCHOOL SUMMER FETE



Saturday 10th July
2-4pm
Lots of Activities
Toy Stall, Fancy Dress,
Bouncy Castle

Teas, Tombola, Raffle, Face Painting, Cakes
Beat The Goalie, Crèche
Country Dancing
And Lots Lots more

Come and Join us

The Governors and staff would like to thank Mrs Sue Adams for all the hard work she has done at the school during the last half term. We welcome Mrs Vicki Burrows, an experienced Head teacher, who will be taking over as acting head for the Summer term.

Bell Ringing. The Appeal to Sally forth.

"...There's glory for you!", said Humpty Dumpty.

"I don't know what you mean by 'glory'?", said Alice. Humpty Dumpty smiled contemptuously. "Of course you don't - till I Tell you. I meant 'there's a nice knock-down argument for you!'" "But 'glory' doesn't mean 'a nice knock-down argument'", Alice objected. "When I use a word," Humpty Dumpty said, "it means just what I choose it to mean-neither more nor less".

-Alice through the looking Glass.

Luckily for me, as a complete beginner, a Peal doesn't come into it yet, which is no bad thing, as a Peal entails ringing five thousand changes without a break.

OK, we've worked out what appeal is, but sally forth? A Mystery! Let's quickly look for clues. Sally forth? I go running to my Dictionary. I discover that Sally has EIGHT definitions under it's First of TWO subsections.

Peering anxiously through my magnifying glass (No, this isn't a Sherlock Holmes moment, I'm a terrible cheapskate, and bought the complete Oxford English dictionary with the words reduced in size so the 16 volumes fit into 2) Could it be the first definition, 'Issuing forth'? or the more intriguing Definition 7 says: " A sudden departure from the bounds of custom, prudence or propriety; an audacious or adventurous proceeding. An escapade. Now Rare."

Well that is precisely in every detail, my experience of bell ringing in Ecton. I find Ecton a magical place, and find nothing more extraordinary than walking to that magnificent church, it's distant doorway glowing with a small light in the darkness of a winter's Wednesday night.

You get to open the door, you are a tiny child again, reaching up quite high to turn the latch. You enter the church, walk over to a thin sliver of a doorway and then, as in Alice in Wonderland, from being too small, you are instantly much, much too big as you try to climb the teeny, tiny stone steps that lead to the bell tower.

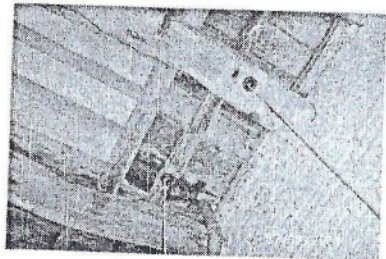
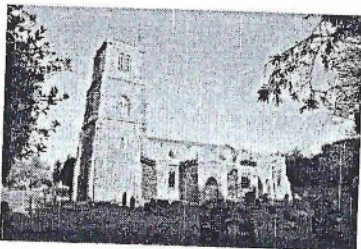
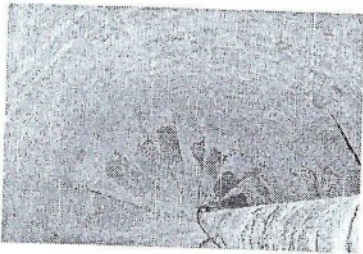
From the strangely too small staircase you almost fall, normal sized into the enormous room, hanging with long ropes festooned with what can only be described as brazenly red, wooly hand grips, and indeed, the mystery is now solved. Subsection two of 'Sally' reveals these to be the sally's of bell ringing.

But no, I cannot agree. I must stay with definition 7 that I have 'suddenly departed the bounds of propriety in an adventurous proceeding'. The sound of the bells in the tower is subtle, gentle, not at all what you hear from outside of the church, and is completely captivating. The room has a single window shaped like a keyhole, and creates a view over the High Street like a magic telescope. Or is it the last part of definition 7 "Now Rare". Does it sadden me that the bells, if not rung may become silent?

No, No. It is the sound. When you are listening to the bells from within the tower, it is the sound of distant church bells. You stand surrounded by the sound of memories.

"...There's glory for you!"

Vickie Jaffee



Parish Council Meeting
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Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council of Ecton held in The Old Chapel, West Street, Ecton on Monday 15th March, 2004 at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT: Mr. D.C. Dicks - Chairman Dr. A. Bantock, Mr. J. Crabtree, Mr. M. Creed, Mrs. K. Humphreys, Mrs. S. Ingram, Mr. T. Moffett and Mr. R. Wilson

In attendance: Mr. C. Palmer, District Councillor 2 Parishioners

14/04 APOLOGIES for non attendance were received from Mr. T. Green

15/04 MINUTES of the meeting held on 19th January 2004 as previously circulated, were read confirmed and signed.

16/04 MATTERS ARISING

Sywell Airport

Mr. Palmer reported that the movement of soil was in excess of the agreement with the Civil Aviation Authority.

Wellingborough Borough Council have issued an Enforcement Notice, resulting in Sywell Airport submitting an application to the County Council for movement of soil.

"STARE" at a recent meeting agreed to report Wellingborough Borough Council to the Ombudsman in connection with the planning application.

An application for the extension of the runway was still awaited.

The Chairman advised that during a recent visit to the airport he had noticed various forms of development

Agreed that "STARE" be invited to the Annual Parish Meeting to give an update on the situation.

The Clerk reported that he had not received any response from March helicopters.

Agreed that the Clerk write again to March Helicopters asking them to remind their pilots not to over fly neighbouring villages.

Lower Ecton Lane

The Parish Council noted that a joint meeting had been held with representatives of Police, Northamptonshire County Council, Northampton Borough Council and Wellingborough Borough Council.

A clean up operation, organised by the Probation Service, will be undertaken in the near future. Clerk reported that he had written to Anglian Water asking them to trim and lower the hedgerows on land in their ownership

Anglian Water had advised that sections of the hedgerow in their ownership had been trimmed, however there are several sections not in their ownership in need of attention. They agreed that when the next trimming is undertaken they will undertake the work.

Bus Shelter - South side of A4500

Reported that work to flatten the uneven surface has been undertaken successfully.

New Bus shelter - north side of A4500

Clerk advised that the WS Atkins have agreed to meet on site to discuss the re-siting.

The meeting to be arranged for Wednesday 31st March 2004 at 10.00a.m. with Mrs.

Ingram, Mr. Creed and Mr. Dicks to attend

Wilby Trees

Clerk reported that the Enforcement Officer at Wellingborough Borough Council advising that there are two lots of timber stacked in the lane, one to create a natural feature for wild life and the second awaiting collection.

Members noted that sawdust/cut timber is being continually burnt on site which could cause problems.

Agreed that the Clerk ascertain from Wellingborough Borough Council if the site has the appropriate planning permission for the work being undertaken.

17/04 MINUTES of the special meeting held on 24th February 2004 as previously circulated, were read confirmed and signed.

18/04 POLICE MATTERS

The Chairman reported that he, Mr. Green and Mr. Moffett had attended the joint parish meeting at Wellingborough Borough Council at which the Chief Constable outlined the proposed changes to the structuring of the Police in Northamptonshire. It was anticipated that there would be no change in the policing of Ecton.

19/04. PLAYING FIELD

The Chairman informed the Council that Wickstead Leisure had undertaken a Safety Inspection of the playing field, the result is that all equipment will require attention over the next 18 months at a total cost of £1,300.00 Agreed to discuss the matter at the next meeting. The Council noted that the seats had been re-built and re-painted and hopefully will be installed in the next few weeks.

20/04 STREET LIGHTING

Mrs. Humphreys reported that street light 13 had now been repaired, the delay was due to cabling problems. No 15 was not working but had been reported.

21/04 HIGHWAY MATTERS

Traffic Calming

The result of a recent traffic survey showed that the average speed of traffic was 25 mph, which exceeded the national guidance by 1 mph. This resulted in only modest traffic calming measures being applicable.

The County Council had now submitted three plans showing possible improvements in three areas.

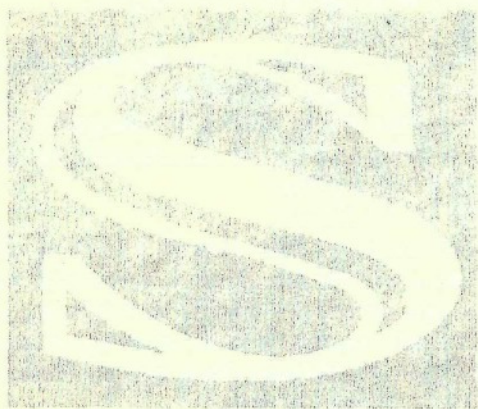
After discussion it was agreed to submit an application for the narrowing of the High Street in accordance with drawing No. 272204/2/A.

The Parish Council agreed to ask the County Council to undertake a further traffic survey/count at this point before the end of April and during school term.

Northampton Road

The Clerk reported that despite reminders he had not received any response from Wellingborough Borough Council regarding the access steps. Agreed the Clerk write again asking for an early reply and site meeting.

RESOLVED that the Annual Parish meeting be held on Monday 17th May, 2004 at 7.00p.m. and the Parish Council meeting be held at 7.15 p.m. in The Old Chapel, West Street



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