



THE ECTON VIEW

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Editors Ramblings

Into May and hopefully with warm weather we can begin Ecton's year of the picnics, fortunately we have taken advantage of the warm weather at the beginning of April to have one.

In this issue forthcoming events, THE ECTON BIG BREAKFAST, THE BIG LUNCH and THE SAFARI SUPPER are detailed. There are pictures from the Youth Club, making hanging baskets for mothers day and of a roller skating outing. Not detailed but a date for your diary is the Village BBQ on the 20th August. Also details of future EGO trips.

If you had not noticed there was a graffiti clearance campaign one Saturday morning spearheaded by Adam Wheatman which a few of us took part in, pictures in this issue. Fortunately the weather was very kind and the results are plain to see (or not see).

Good to see we have one fit person in the village, Paul Glanfield from 1 High Street who completed the London Marathon recently and raised money in aid of Childrens Cancer, well done.

A bridge drive held recently at the village hall for 'bridge beginners' raised money to be shared between the Youth Club and to contribute to future EGO trips. Thanks to Margaret and her willing band of helpers who produced a 3 course meal for them to enjoy.

The American interest in the village continues and on the following page an email to the village website from Mike Lamar regarding prevention of flooding in the meadows below the village devised by Thomas Franklin is detailed. Strange but true.

Copy for The June magazine to

Colin Tinston, Rectory Farm House, High Street

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by 20th May

If I'd known I was gonna live this long. I'd have taken better care of myself.

ECTON WEBSITE

Mike LaMar has sent an e-mail to the Ecton Village Website

Greetings! I was reading about your village and its history, especially about the Franklin family. Of course, we Americans are familiar with Benjamin Franklin, but I am interested in learning more about his uncle, Thomas (d. January 17, 1702). According to H.W. Brands, in his book *The First American: The Life and Times of Benjamin Franklin* (New York: Doubleday, 2000), Thomas had devised an easy method of preventing your meadows from being flooded (pp. 298-299). Does anyone there know anything about how this was done? Are there any drawings or photographs you might be able to send me? If so, would you or someone else there be kind enough to send us information on this? Thank you for any correspondence you might wish to send. Have a wonderful day!

Mike LaMar

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Hi Mike

Your email has been passed to me and I hope these comments will be of help. As you know Thomas was Benjamin Franklin's father's eldest brother and Benjamin visited the churchyard to examine his grave when he visited the village in 1758. Incidentally the headstones of Thomas and his wife that Benjamin saw and cleaned can still be seen.

The Franklin family were very inventive. Benjamin's inventions are well-known but Thomas was equally creative.

He originally followed the family trade of blacksmith, became something of a lawyer, built an organ and played it, was involved in installing chimes that played hymn tunes in the church tower (still there but in urgent need of restoration), was also involved in a bellfoundry in the village, once ran a school - and, as you say, found a method of preventing the meadows down by the river below the village from flooding. I imagine this was done with a system of drainage channels and sluices but the area was subsequently turned into a sewage farm (not as bad as it sounds and now obsolete) and there is no surviving evidence, as far as I know, of Thomas's interventions.

Benjamin Franklin wrote that when he visited the village the Rector's wife entertained him with stories of Thomas, of whom people said "If Franklin says he knows how to do it, it will be done. His advice and opinion were sought for on all occasions, by all sorts of people, and he was looked upon by some as something of a conjurer".

I hope this is of help and interest to you. If you have any further queries do get in touch.
Regards, Rodney Ingram

ECTON CHURCH LOTTERY

	CHURCH LOTTERY April
£40	Anne & Gordon Higgins
£10	Alistair McCarter
£10	Chloe Wheatman

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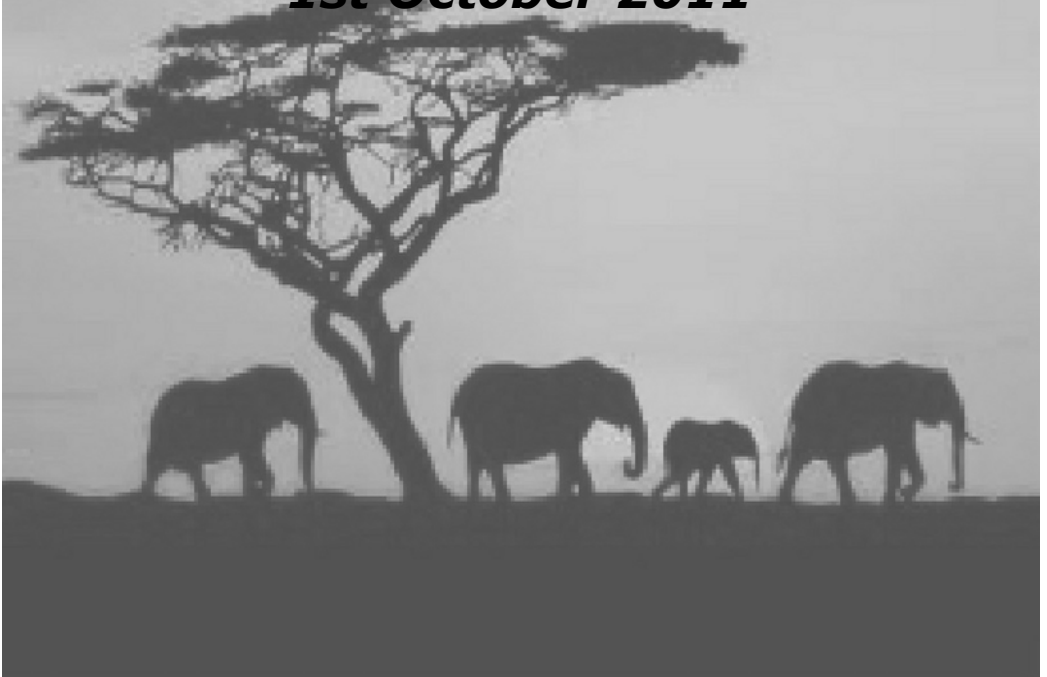
The New Lottery Year starts again in May.

If for some reason you have missed a visitor and would like to take part in the monthly draw please let me have your name, address and £12 for the year before 7th May so that you can be included in the draw for May.

Mary Dicks, 40 West Street, Ecton.

SAFARI SUPPER

1st October 2011



I now have a venue for our starters but still need somewhere to end the evening - please let me know if you can host the final part of a really great evening.

Also, some very keen people have already approached with offers to host a main course or dessert. So if you would like to host a course for 8 people please let me know.

I know that tickets for this event sell fast so if you want to join the safari make a note in your diary now and watch next month's magazine for details of how to buy your ticket.

Thanks

Sally (01604 403027)



Coffee Rota		
May	1st	Wendy & Ingrid
	8th	Joy Wilson & Chris Jordon
	15th	Fiona Major & Sue Bush
	22nd	Dorothy Creed & Ingrid Cartwright

Sidespersons			
May	6pm	1st	Margaret Weddle & Mark Aveyard
	9.15am	8th	Marian Gleave & David Fuller
	11am	15th	Brian & Sylvia Saunders
	9.15am	22nd	Linda & Steve Richards

Church Cleaning Rota		Brass Cleaning	
Week		Team	
May	7th	C	
	14th		Chris Jordon & Ingrid Wright
	21st	A	

CALENDAR FOR MAY 2011

N.B. The midweek Communion service moves to Ecton for the next three months

<u>Sunday 1st</u>	18.00	Holy Communion.
<u>Tuesday 3rd</u>	10.00	Holy Communion.
<u>Wednesday 4th</u>	19.30	Compline & Prayer.
<u>Saturday 7th</u>	10.00	Open Church - coffee is served.
<u>Sunday 8th</u>	09.15	Holy Communion.
<u>Tuesday 10th</u>		There is no midweek service today
<u>Thursday 12th</u>	19.45	Benefice Prayer Meeting – 55, West St., (home of Simon & Wendy Vilette).
<u>Sunday 15th</u>	11.00	All-Age Worship with Holy Communion.
<u>Tuesday 17th</u>	10.00	Holy Communion.
<u>Thursday 19th</u>	14.15	Pre-School Praise – Gt. Doddington.
<u>Sunday 22nd</u>	09.15	Morning Prayer.
<u>Tuesday 24th</u>	10.00	Holy Communion.
<u>Sunday 29th</u>	10.00	Fifth Sunday Joint Service (hosted at Wilby)
<u>Tuesday 31st</u>	10.00	Holy Communion.
	14.30	Afternoon Songs of Praise (at Ecton)

From the Vicarage,

Last month I wrote about the unrest we have seen recently around the world and the natural disasters in Japan and New Zealand. Since then little seems to have changed. We still have a conflict in Libya which has undoubtedly escalated in the past month and protest seems to be spreading to yet more countries in that area, all of which takes a huge toll in terms of human suffering, although what we seem to hear more about is the economic effects around the world. I increasingly think that Roger Hargreaves' 'Mr. Topsy-Turvy' must feel very at home these days, for society seems to want to turn all our traditional values, based as they are on Christian standards and so placing effects on human beings as the top priority, firmly on their heads. We must stand firm against this trend which says there are no absolutes of right or wrong, but right is simply what makes the individual feel good. What utter rubbish!



Happily there have been no further major natural disasters around the world since I last wrote, but information is still being released concerning the seriousness of the problem in Japan. Recently I heard that the scale has been officially increased, now placing it in a similar category to that of Chernobyl, back in 1986. We must pray urgently for all those continuing to be affected, and that the damage will very soon be contained so that those effects do not spread further. How brave are those workers who have been risking their lives to go into that place to do that work? We must pray for them and their families as well.

On a happier note, it has been great to learn of the miracle that no-one was hurt in the collapse of the cathedral in Christchurch, New Zealand during that earthquake last month, sad as that was. Apparently it was some time before it was considered safe even for rescue workers to enter the building and when they did they expected to find the bodies of victims. However, in the end there was no-one there. How wonderful is that? What brought it all much closer to home for me was when I heard a little while ago that Jo Cundy, widow of Bishop Ian, was in the cathedral at that moment lighting a candle in memory of her husband. It's so good to know that she is safe too.

When this is published Easter will be behind us, as late as it can possibly be this year, and we begin to look forward to the summer months. Ascension and Pentecost are not until the beginning of June, but lots of work is still going on, not least in looking after our physical 'plant' at Ecton Church. We were very distressed recently to discover that we had suffered a lead theft from the roof. We had, until then, escaped attack when, last year, both our other churches had had roofs stripped three times each, and I suppose we must be grateful that it was only a small area on the South porch that was affected. However, that porch has only recently been refurbished and redecorated and we are very grateful for David Dicks' diligence in discovering the damage quickly enough for us to have the affected area sheeted over before any rain came. That would have ruined the new decoration. Happily we have been able to arrange a repair very quickly and it should be as good as new within the next week or two.

In a recent previous edition I commented upon the lovely new porch and gate lighting that was given in memory of Walter Barty. Since then more money has been received and the P.C.C. has used that to replace the old and extremely heavy folding tables in the church building that had been inherited when Ecton House closed. We now have a much better lightweight version, easier to keep clean, and much more flexible in their use. We have so many wonderful things to remind us of Walter for a very long time indeed and we are extremely grateful.

With very best wishes,

Chris Pearson



Brian Evans, of Jackson Grundy in Earls Barton, presented Anne Nicholson with a cheque for £165 for Ecton Parish Council, to go towards playground improvements

Jackson Grundy have a scheme in place whereby they donate a certain amount of the commission when anyone sells a house through them in Ecton.



Maia Susan Godby

Christened at Ecton Parish Church Sunday 20th March 2011

ECTON PLAYING FIELD

There appears to be a misunderstanding over the notice that appeared in the April magazine. It was in fact Ecton Charities who funded the provision of the 2 new 'Springers' which were installed in April.

This funding of £1409 was made to Ecton Mums & Tots group who in turn passed the money to Ecton Parish Council. This was in response to a request for some play equipment that would be more suitable for the younger children.

David Dicks.
Chairman - Ecton Charities

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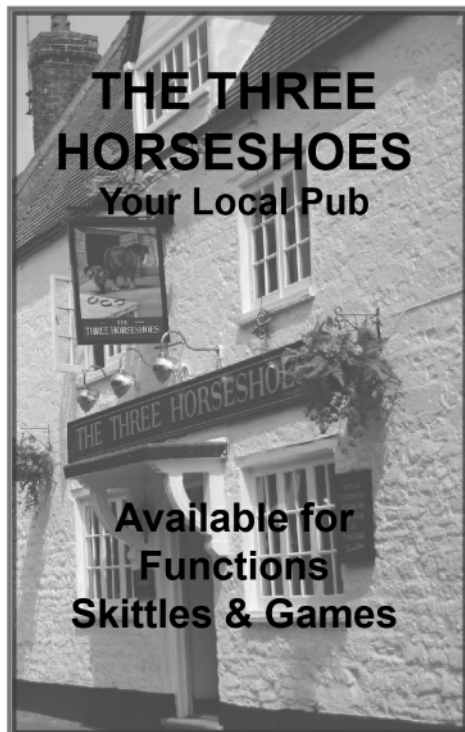
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Graffiti Clearing



Thanks to Adam Wheatman for organising the Graffiti clear up in the village. Thanks also to the volunteers who included among them Adam, Peter and Max, Dan & Natasha, Paul & Rachael, Vickie & Mike, Anne & Margaret. Not all the graffiti is gone, it is very time consuming when you don't have the equipment. So the team decided we should think about painting the wall in the park. Rachael Goldby has taken this project onboard and is investigating funding and gathering ideas for the wall.

We also need to look at hiring some suitable graffiti removal equipment or hiring in a firm to remove any remaining graffiti.

Wellingborough Council will only remove graffiti seen to be offensive on their own property, and according to them there are none with graffiti on that are theirs.

We need to also look at funding the purchase of all the equipment we use, the expensive chemicals, and the hiring of suitable equipment to remove the graffiti. If anyone feels they would like to help in any way, either by a cash donation or a Raffle Prize for the Raffle we will be holding at The Three Horseshoes, then we would be very grateful. Donations either to Sally Bresnehan (The Courtyard) or Margaret Tinston (46 High Street).



**Dan
&
Natasha
hard at work
in the park**



Mike clears the Slide

Simple Lamb Tagine

Rachael Godby



- 2 small preserved Lemons
- Handful of mixed olives
- Olive Oil
- 2 Carrots - Roughly chopped
- 2 Leeks - Trimmed and chopped
- Handful of baby new potatoes
- 1 bulb of garlic, peeled and crushed
- 800g of Lamb - neck fillet is very good
- 2 tablespoons of butter
- 1 small jar of spicy tagine paste
- salt and pepper



Preheat oven to 150°C/300°F/Gas 2.

In a Tagine or casserole dish start by adding your lemons and olives along with a glug of Olive Oil. Top with the other vegetables then Garlic Cloves and finally the chunks of Lamb. Add the butter in small knobs all over the lamb, a good pinch of salt and pepper and the tagine paste evenly distributed across the whole dish.

Add around a pint of water or as much as is needed to almost cover the ingredients.

Cover with your Tagine lid or tightly cover with foil and cook in the oven for around 3 hours.

If you wish around 15 minutes before serving you can add a couple of table spoons of cous cous to bulk up the dish.

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ECTON GOLDEN OLDIES

Forthcoming events;

On Friday May 27th we are planning to use the David Cross bequest to pay for our trip to Huntingdon Garden Centre, if you have not told us you are coming please let either Sally (403027) or Kathy (404590) know as soon as possible.

On Friday June 24th we will be having a Garden Party at the Village Hall (outside if the weather permits), strawberries and cream and fancy cakes and some outdoor entertainment! We will be in touch nearer the time to see if you can join the party.

YOUTH CLUB



Ecton should burst into flower soon, after the youth club members spent an evening making hanging baskets for Mothering Sunday. Thank you Amy for organising the baskets and your continual flow of ideas for activities and outings.





Roller Skating at Benham



WANTED

**Any unwanted good quality clothes, shoes, accessories,
bags or belts for a Swish Party.**

**This for a fun evening to be arranged to help raise funds for Ecton Charities
including Ecton Youth Club and EGO's.**

As soon as we have enough, I will be organising a date for June.

**Please drop off to Nicky Bedford at 30 West Street or phone 07900271819
and I will collect.**

Many thanks

Nicky

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Thought the car enthusiasts in the village might like to see my Austin Princess Vanden Plas 4 Litre R which has been in my garage for the past 20 years. Now back on the road and about to be put on sale. The emblem on the bonnet is a cobbler so it would be good to go to a Northampton Town Supporter.

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