

ECTON VIEW

May 2013
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RETURN OF THE SHEEP

By now, hopefully, sheep and lambs will have returned to the fields around the village. After having over 3 months without sheep in the fields, it would be greatly appreciated if dog walkers would now ensure that their dogs are under complete control and preferably on a lead whilst in the grass fields. Sheep are usually very timid animals and will easily react to noisy or boisterous dogs.

Last year there were two incidents of serious dog worrying which involved injury to some of the animals resulting in one ram having to be shot because of his injuries, with a replacement value of over £500.

Regarding the footpath from West Street to Ecton Brook, walkers of large dogs are requested not to allow their dogs to foul the upper part of the field near to the access gate from West Street or preferably keep them on the footpath. Sadly, these large dog faeces do not disintegrate for many weeks and create an unpleasant and unsightly nuisance.

Your cooperation and respect of these private fields would be much appreciated.

David Dicks, Ecton



Editor's Ramblings

April brought wind and rain and a taste of spring, lets hope the spring part continues! Having now lived in Ecton a month I am beginning to find my way around, I have been to good live music at the three horse-shoes and the TWE and enjoyed a superb film at the village hall, It's great being able to do these things without leaving the village. I even joined the EGO's for fish & chips at the village hall (certainly well attended) picture in this issue.

I have joined the village bell ringers for their practice night at the church and was made most welcome, but noticed other newcomers to Ecton were not there. I think it may be that I did not explain too well in a previous issue that to qualify for village status it requires only one member of the household to try or to watch ringing. The only other way of getting village status is residing here over 30 years, your choice! The other thing I must explain, you will always live in the previous owners house, for example I live in the Cross's house, don't take it personally.

Now, dog walkers please read opposite page, as the fields probably by the time you read this will be full of sheep with lambs and extra care must be taken.

In this issue is a reminder that May 2nd is voting day, and to return your village questionnaire. There are details of the Big Lunch and the Master Baker competition, and if it meets the extremely high standards of the previous Pork Pie competition it will be outstanding! For the younger members of the village the Mums and Tots programme is detailed for the coming months.

Perhaps I should make a space for a section for young children.

starting with advice from the editor for the very young

Sweets and Fizzy drinks are really good for you!!!

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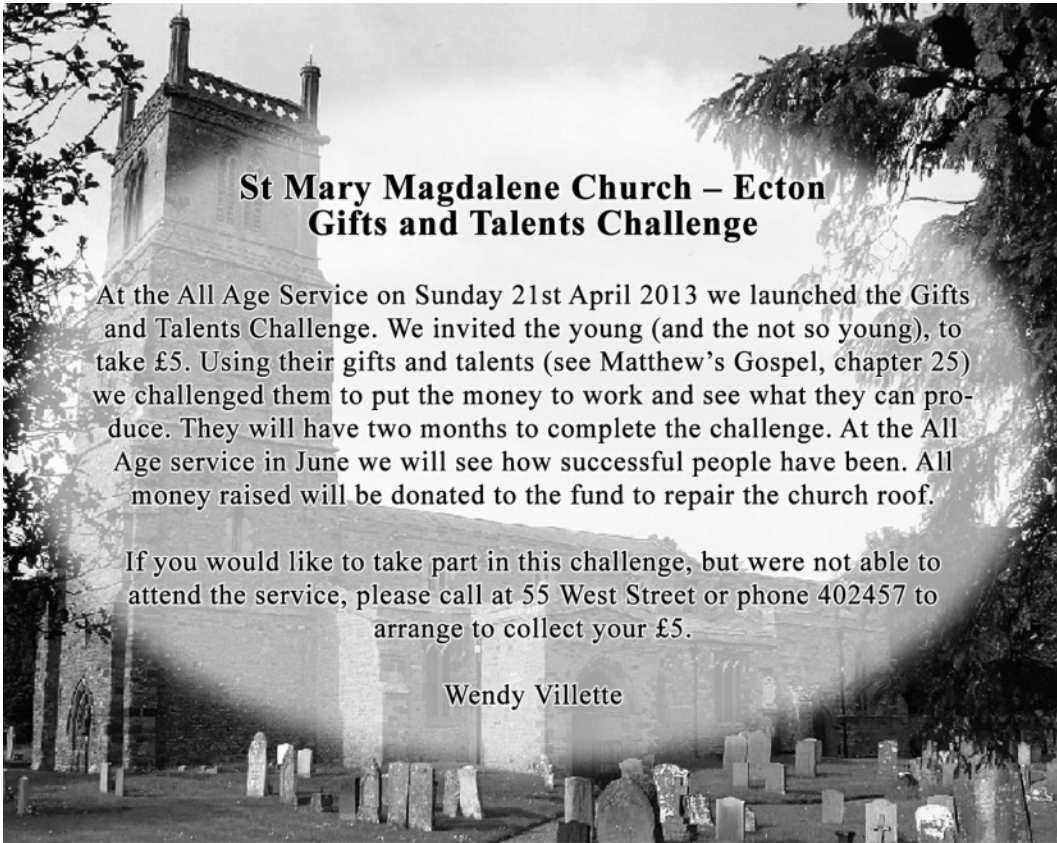
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Sue Ousley

Bellringers Wanted



We desperately need new bellringers if we are to keep the bells ringing out for services in Ecton. We particularly need experienced people (even if they no longer wish to ring) to help the less experienced. we would also love to teach some young people-anyone from 10 years old onwards can learn to handle a bell. If you are taking part in Duke of Edinburgh Award, bellringing could be considered on of your skills. Anyone interested please call Jude Coulter (408588) for further details.



St Mary Magdalene Church – Ecton Gifts and Talents Challenge

At the All Age Service on Sunday 21st April 2013 we launched the Gifts and Talents Challenge. We invited the young (and the not so young), to take £5. Using their gifts and talents (see Matthew's Gospel, chapter 25) we challenged them to put the money to work and see what they can produce. They will have two months to complete the challenge. At the All Age service in June we will see how successful people have been. All money raised will be donated to the fund to repair the church roof.

If you would like to take part in this challenge, but were not able to attend the service, please call at 55 West Street or phone 402457 to arrange to collect your £5.

Wendy Villette

ECTON PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk: Mrs Shirley Wong
33 Friars Avenue, Delapre, Northampton. NN4 8PY Tel: 700691

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY 21st May 2013 at 7.30 pm
AT THE VILLAGE HALL, ECTON**

AGENDA:

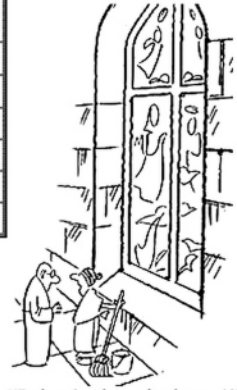
- 1. Apologies for absence**
- 2. Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 15th May 2012**
- 3. Report of the Chairman**
- 4. Accounts for 2012/2013 (unaudited)**
 - 5. Charity Accounts**
 - 6. Any other business.**

Clerk of the Council

Rotas and Lottery

Church Cleaning Rota		Brass Cleaning	
Week			
May			
	4th	A	
	18th	B	
	25th		Volunteers needed

for May



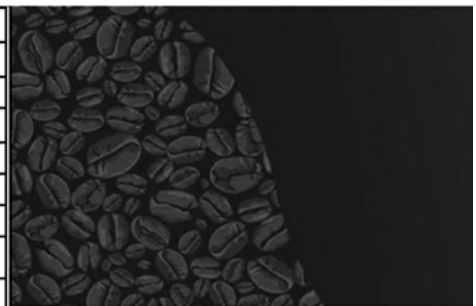
"I don't do windows!"



CHURCH LOTTERY	
£50	Julie Dalton
£10	Steve Wheatman
£10	Mrs B Wheatman

Sidespersons		
May		
6.00 p.m.	5th	Mark Aveyard/Charlotte Eley
7.30 p.m.	9th	Volunteers needed
9.15 a.m.	12th	Marian Gleave/David Fuller
11.00 a.m.	19th	Brian and Sylvia Saunders
9.15 a.m.	26th	Linda and Steve Richards

Coffee Rota		
May		
6.00 p.m.	5th	Wendy Vilette and Joy Bond
7.30 p.m.	9th	Volunteers needed
9.15 a.m.	12th	Dorothy Creed/Ingrid Cartwright
11.00 a.m.	19th	Anne Henderson/Charlotte Eley
9.15 a.m.	26th	Joy Wilson/Chris Jordan



**ECTON
CHURCH
LOTTERY**

THIS IS THE LAST RESULT FOR THE YEAR 2012/13. A NEW LOTTERY WILL BE SET UP STARTING NEXT MONTH FOR 2013/14. PLEASE ENSURE YOU HAVE PAID YOUR SUBS FOR THE NEXT YEAR TO BE INCLUDED IN THE DRAW. IF YOU HAVE MISSED THE COLLECTOR PLEASE CONTACT -

MARY DICKS, 40 WEST STREET, ECTON 01604 407145

From the Rectory,



The more observant among our readers will have noticed that my article this month is headed 'From the Rectory' instead of 'From the Vicarage'. You will remember that when, last Autumn, the legal negotiations were completed to form us into an official United Benefice I was told I would be the rector of the new group. A few days ago a contractor sent by the dioceses arrived at the house here to change the plate at the bottom of the drive to 'Rectory'. I still often get it wrong when answering the phone – old habits die hard!

Easter is now past and during May we shall be celebrating Ascension Day (9th), Pentecost (19th), and Trinity Sunday at the end of the month, on 26th. This time of year always seems to have all the big events packed into it, but when we move into June we shall settle down to a more settled period with no further big festivals until Harvest in September or October. However, that doesn't mean that nothing will be going on. It's very much the wedding season as well as the holiday one too, of course, and after our incredibly long winter this year I'm sure we're all looking forward to enjoying some summer weather.

As always, Easter was a wonderful time in our villages. I wrote last month about 'Experience Easter', the exhibitions we mounted in all three churches during Holy Week. We were delighted to welcome all three village schools into the churches (around 300 children in all) to engage in an interactive way with the Passion and Easter narratives, and all the children heard that from people who can put it across with conviction and passion. The one disappointment was that very few adults came to use the displays at their own level during the evenings although there were opportunities in all three churches over three days. This year we held a dawn service at Ecton on Easter morning, the first time for a number of years. It was wonderful – and so were the bacon rolls at breakfast afterwards! Sadly, both Jo and I were unwell during Holy Week, but we managed to keep things going, largely thanks to an enormous amount of help from the members of the Ministry Team – we are so grateful.

As I write this month we are just approaching the celebration at Wilby when the new toilet and servery facilities are being dedicated by the Dean of Peterborough, the Very Rev'd Charles Taylor. There is much excitement about this event and no doubt I shall report on it next month. There are great things going on in the other two churches too. At Great Doddington the (now) regular 'Open Church' on the first Saturday morning of the month with free refreshments continues to be a great success, at Ecton the appeal we made to recoup the money spent last year on replacing the South Aisle roof has enjoyed an amazing response and we are so very grateful to all who have contributed (and continue to contribute) so very generously. Also we are in the process of mounting a series of midweek meetings in all three villages called 'Vision into Action' which we hope will revitalise our housegroup structure in Great Doddington and Wilby, as well as spawn a new group or groups in Ecton. These will be open to all and there are separate leaflets to advertise those introductory meetings.

With every blessing,

Chris Pearson.

CALENDAR FOR MAY 2013

Saturday 4th	10.00 Open Church with Coffee
Sunday 5th	18.00 Holy Communion
Tuesday 7th	10.00 Holy Communion (at Wilby)
Thursday 9th	ASCENSION DAY (hosted at Ecton)
Sunday 12th	09.15 Holy Communion
Tuesday 14th	10.00 Holy Communion (at Wilby)
Thursday 16th	14.15 Pre-School Praise (at Gt. Doddington)
Sunday 19th	PENTECOST 11.00 All-Age Worship with Holy Communion
Tuesday 21st	10.00 Holy Communion (at Wilby)
Sunday 26th	TRINITY SUNDAY 09.15 Morning Prayer
Tuesday 30th	10.00 Holy Communion (at Wilby) 14.30 Afternoon Songs of Praise.



The EGO's
enjoying a
fish and chips
lunch at the
village hall.

Ecton Golden Oldies - simple pub lunch at the Three Horseshoes
on Friday May 10th at 12 noon, come and join us.

Also, tickets obtained for the Glenn Miller orchestra at Milton
Keynes theatre, we will be asking you to confirm you are coming,
watch out for the leaflet

Monday - Pilates

At the Village Hall
9.30am to 10.30am
Call Jan Blaber
07712 182544

Art Class
With Derek Geater
in the Village Hall.
Monday 2 - 4pm
Call him on
01933 381848

Zumba 7.30 - 8.30pm
in the village hall
on Mondays.

Call Vicky Kay
07801 370301

Pick up the Kids after
youth club.
6pm-7.30pm
from the village hall.
call

Margaret Tinston
01604 412233

Pub Quiz every
other Wednesday
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Three Horse
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Wednesday Night
Bell Ringing in
the church.
7.30-8.30pm.

Contact
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Before our long awaited summer kicks off and in support of St Christopher's Home in Abington Park Crescent, I am making a request for contributions for a Garden Party to be held on Saturday 10th August.

Because many of the residents are elderly and frail there is little that they can physically do to help but there is a small community of independent living residents and it is they that have undertaken the organisation of the day.

Barbara who is 90 years of age, who lives in a flat adjacent to my mother is joining me to run a cake stall. So, I am requesting donations of ingredients to make cakes. Other residents are running Tombola, Plant and Garden, and Book stalls and of course there will be the inevitable Raffle! Nothing new I guess but an effective ways to raise funds to provide treats and outings for the 150 people who live together in that community.

If you can contribute in any way please do give me a call. Unwanted gifts, books, toiletries, plants or cake ingredients will all be most welcome and I shall be more than happy to collect them from you and store them until the big day. Even the smallest contribution will be a benefit in these straitened times. Thank you in anticipation.

Sheila Ingram, The Old Chapel, West Street, Ecton.

Tel: 01604 406038

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22nd March 2013
5th April 2013
19th April 2013
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14th June 2013
28th June 2013
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26th July 2013

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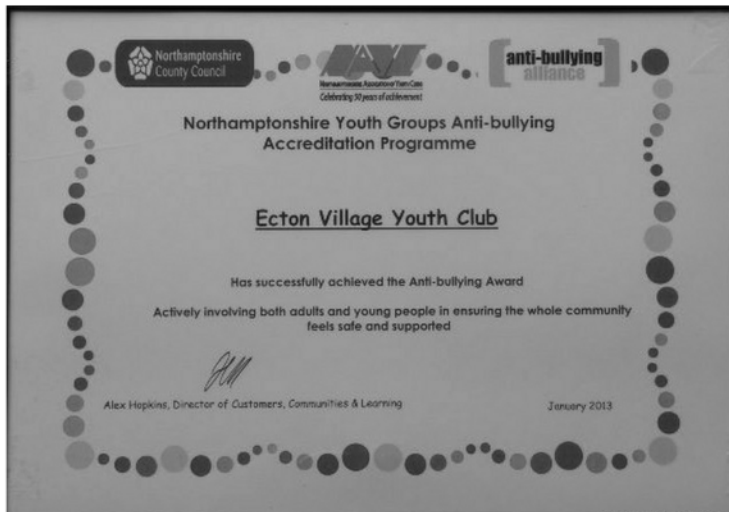
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YOUTH CLUB

In the past few months we have worked with the children on an anti-bullying project, and have received a certificate from the National Association of Youth clubs for our achievement. Well done youth club members!

We are entering a couple of teams into the N.A.Y.C football tournament and would appreciate the help of anyone who could join us for a practice night at Benham or the village hall, to help referee (you don't need to be qualified, just keen)!



FUND RAISING BRIDGE DRIVES

We would like to thank all the people who helped to make the Bridge Drives such a success. Many people worked very hard, cooking roast potatoes, making tea and coffee, serving food, and most importantly sitting up and cleaning up. I would like to give a special thank you to Phyllis for the delicious shortbr

ANNUAL SPRING CLEAN - ECTON CHURCH

SATURDAY 25TH MAY - 9am - 12noon

Spring is finally here, so it's time for the Ecton Church Spring Clean again.

It would be hugely appreciated if you were able to help us for all, or part, of the morning in getting our beautiful church cleaned.

Please could those who are confident on steps and ladders - and those with long handled dusters/brushes - arrive at the start, as we will be cleaning the high areas first.

Refreshments will be served.

Looking forward to seeing you there. Any questions, please get in touch:

Thanking you in advance
Ingrid Cartwright
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DATE SET FOR COUNTY COUNCIL ELECTION

Thursday 2nd May 2013 has been announced as the date where people all over the county will get a chance to vote for the county councillor they want to represent their local community, and shape the future of the county over the next four years.

There are 57 seats available at the Northamptonshire County Council election, and on voting day hundreds of polling stations will open in which people can register their votes.

The election count will be held in one venue – **Kettering Conference Centre**. This is a more efficient way of collating the results and a chance to immediately bring together newly elected councillors.

Northamptonshire County Council chief executive and returning officer Paul Blantern said:

"It's very important that people use their right to vote: The county council is responsible for a large part of the services which affect the everyday lives of people in the county."

"These include looking after the roads and pavements; schools, libraries and country parks; providing services for older people and children; running the fire service and trading standards and much, much more."

"We all have opinions on how these vital services are run and we all have a vote, so we would urge everyone to use their vote on May 2."

Although the election is being held on Thursday, May 2, due to the very detailed verification procedures, the counting of the ballot papers and the announcement of results will take place the following day.

All the results will be posted on the county council's website as soon as they're declared – just go to **www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/election** to see who has won in your area, and what that means for the county council over the next four years.



What does Ecton mean to you?

The Ecton Neighbourhood Plan

REMINDER – Have Your Say!

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 was distributed with last month's Ecton View. This is your chance to have your say about the future of your village. Please return completed questionnaires by 31st May to the Drop Box in The Three Horseshoes or to the addresses listed at the end of the questionnaire.

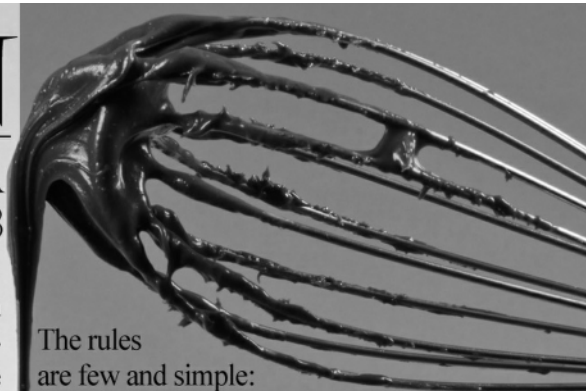
REMINDER – Have Your Say!

ECTON

MASTER BAKER COMPETITION 2013

Many of you may remember that in 2012 we started the search for Ecton's Master Baker with a Pork Pie competition. The dubious honour was awarded to the one and only Colin Tinston at the Jubilee Party.

This year we are searching for people of a sweeter disposition & are looking to crown Ecton's Master Sponge Cake maker at the Big Lunch on Sunday 02nd June 2013.



The rules are few and simple:

- Your sponge must consist of at least two layers
- There must be a tasty filling between the layers
- You can choose any flavour or combination of flavours and any decoration goes.

To increase your chances of winning you can enter a maximum of two cakes into the competition, so why not try two different recipes? Don't delay, take this opportunity to compete with the best on Sunday 02nd June 2013, for the coveted prize of Ecton Master Sponge Cake Maker 2013. 1st Prize: To be announced.



To Enter: Please bring your cake(s) to the Village Hall by 2pm to be assigned a number for blind tasting. It would also be appreciated if you could register your interest of entering to Rachael Godby 416184 by 31st May so we have an idea on numbers... (with your agreement the cakes will form the dessert for the event)

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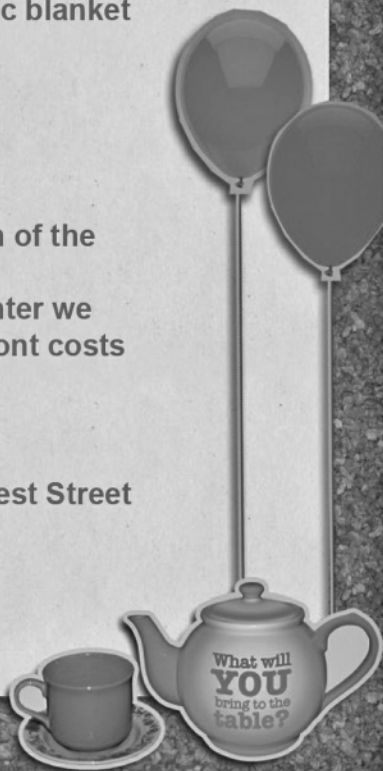
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