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EDITORS RAMBLING'S

Great winds in March, a pleasant mild May and the forecast of a great summer, my only concern is the rain is not keeping the water butt full.

Can I start by thanking all dog owners for following the country code provided by David Dicks last month, a reminder never hurts for existing residents and those perhaps moved to a village for the first time. And thanks for using the new dog-poo bin at the bottom of west street. The village is back to looking great.

Again I have the opportunity to welcome new people to the village, so an Ecton welcome to Murphy and family, Michelle, Noel and Sofia. Only met Murphy once but realised he is highly intelligent. The only other item for newcomers (definition - lived in the village less than 20 years) you must come and visit the church bell-tower on a Wednesday night and see the history of the village, sit on a 400 year old bench and watch the ringers practice under the watchful eye of tower-captain Jude.

And the answer to last months 'who said it' question it was of course Benjamin Franklin. And a big thank you to those of you who have sent items in pdf or Jpeg for inclusion in the magazine, it makes might life somewhat simpler.

And an update on my studies in reclusion for those I have not seen, which I suppose by definition is most of you, all is going well. I don't have a house name only a number ('and **I am not a number**') so when I am qualified I shall name the house 'Hermitage'. Which brings me nicely to where is the above quote from? When I lived on the Costa del Corby my house was called 'on the edge' a great place to live. There I go rambling again, but its ok - its in the name.

I must say I am disappointed with the young children of the village, you should be heard **over the noise of the sheep**, obviously ignored my advice on fizzy drinks.

The applications for being the next editor continue to arrive, particularly liked the one the other day that came with a case of fine wine.

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Long stormy spring-time, wet contentious April, winter chilling the lap of very May; but at length the season of summer does come.

THE SAGA OF SYWELL AERODROME

The fight to make Wellingborough Borough Council enforce Sywell Aerodrome to comply with Planning Conditions still rumbles on and I attended 2 Meetings at Wellingborough Council in March on behalf of The West Ward & Local Communities Aviation Focus Group regarding these issues. On March 18th, 3 of us addressed the Resources Committee Meeting on different topics along with our Ward Councillor, Jim Bass. We raised several items of concern that had already been resolved by the Council back in 2012 for action and yet were all still outstanding. After some debate it was decided that the Chief Executive should again try to seek a meeting with the MD of the Aerodrome, something that had been done before but to no avail. Then on March 31st, 2 other colleagues addressed the full Council Meeting and again raised these same issues. In a further attempt to get the Borough Council to actually meet their own responsibilities in enforcing compliance of these Planning Conditions, we have now passed this long running saga on to The Local Government Ombudsman for investigation and now await his report.

The outstanding issues involve :- reinstatement of the Joint Consultative Committee; detailed inspection of the surface drainage system not yet approved in writing; failure to obtain detailed monthly and annual reports of all Air Traffic Movements and inspection by WBC of Logs & Reports at the Aerodrome; revision of flight protocol to make allowance for the new runway 03/21 having been realigned which results in aircraft now overflying Sywell School; failure to liaise on a regular basis with Forestry Commission, Environment Agency & Sywell Aerodrome following the destruction of about 40 acres of Sywell Wood in 2009.

David Dicks.

ECTON GRAND VILLAGE FETE SEPTEMBER 5TH

We are planning a big fete to try and raise funds for the Village Hall, the playing field, the Church, youth club and the EGO's.

We would welcome contributions from now on for a chocolate tombola, a bottle stall, books and jigsaws and raffle prizes. If you have anything please drop off at Kathy's 16a High Street or Sally's 12 The Courtyard.

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Date	Monthly	Cleaning team
28th March	2015	C
25th April		A + B
30th May		C
27th June		A+B
25th July		C
29th August		A+B

TEA/COFFEE ROTA

3rd May	6.00pm	Holy Communion	Fiona Major & Linda Richards
10th May	9.15am	Holy Communion	Ingrid Cartwright & Linda Richards
17th May	11.00am	Holy Communion All Age Service	Anne Henderson & Charlotte Eley
24th May	9.15am	Morning Prayer	Joy Bond & Linda Richards
31st May	11.00am	Joint Service (GT. Doddington)	T.B.C
7th June	6.00pm	Holy Communion	Joy Wilson & Chris Jordan

SIDE PERSONS ROTA

3rd May	6.00pm	Holy Communion	Stephen & Linda Richards
10th May	9.15am	Holy Communion	Mary & David Dicks
17th May	11.00am	Holy Communion All Age Service	Brenda & Philip Foster
24th May	9.15am	Morning Prayer	Mark Aveyard & Charlotte Eley
31st May	11.00am	Joint Service (GT. Doddington)	T.B.A
7th June	6.00pm	Holy Communion	Wendy Villetta & David Fuller

SERVICES AND OTHER EVENTS FOR MAY

Sat. May 2nd	10.00am	Open Church	Gt. Doddington & Ecton
Sun. May 3rd	6.00pm	Holy Communion	Ecton
Tues. May 7th		No Midweek service this week	
Sun. May 10th	9.15am	Holy Communion	Ecton
Sun. May 17th	11.00am	All-Age Worship & Holy Communion	Ecton
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Tues. May 26th	10.00am	Holy Communion	Ecton
	2.30pm	Afternoon Songs of Praise	Ecton

From the Rector,



Last month I began by wishing all our readers a very happy Easter. The festival and holiday are well past now and I hope it was wonderful for you. In our three churches it was a very blessed time and it's hard to pick out highlights because it was all very good. For me though, without wishing to imply the other events weren't good, two stand out for me; firstly the All-Age service on Good Friday afternoon at Ecton which we tried very hard to make truly 'All Age' rather than either a children's or adults' service (and for once I understand we succeeded), and the other was the dawn service on Easter Morning at 6.00am, also at Ecton (nothing to do with the wonderful bacon rolls served for breakfast at the end, of course!). I want to thank here all those who helped in any way – decorating the buildings, my wife Jo, for writing and presenting the meditations for Holy Week, David Major, for the logistical arrangements for the dawn service, preaching on Maundy Thursday, and leading the later Communion service at Ecton on Easter Day, those who organised Easter Egg hunts at both Ecton and Great Doddington, Charlotte Eley and her band of knitters from all three villages for making our knitted 'Last Supper' set, so admired and which contributed in a very positive way to our worship, and to others who I'm sure I must have forgotten, who have worked hard behind the scenes to make this Easter so special in many ways.

It's time to look forward again now. In case it has escaped your notice, we have a General Election during May (how could it?) and local elections too. I would simply here encourage us all to use our votes thoughtfully and prayerfully. The democracy we enjoy in this country and the right to vote were hard-won by our predecessors and we should not treat that privilege lightly. We may not, perhaps, feel that any one party has all the right answers, but that's no reason to stay away from the polling booths. Indeed, we are encouraged in this by our bishop who has distributed a message to all congregations throughout the diocese urging us to use our vote and use it well.

Looking ahead again, we have said for many months now that this year we would have a big focus on prayer. Our Lent course on the subject just before Easter was well received and had a far greater attendance than any other similar mid-week course I can remember, and that ended with a session on 'Where do we go from here?' The answers are still emerging as we seek God and His will, but two things for starters; we are rejigging our regular prayer page on the back of the weekly news sheet, which will feature a regular prayer theme for the week which will change each time as well as a continued opportunity for individuals to make prayer requests. The other initiative will be a sermon series on prayer beginning in June, to endeavour to spread the vision beyond the group that attended the Lent course to the whole Church in its three locations. I hope and I'm sure that other things will emerge as we seek to follow God's guidance.

At the end of the month, at our Fifth Sunday joint service (this time at Great Doddington) we shall be saying 'good bye' to Jonathan Aldwinckle and his wife Wendy. I wrote about this last month, but just to remind you, Jonathan will be ordained deacon in Peterborough Cathedral on June 28th before beginning his curacy at 'Christ the King' in Kettering, a three-year training post before he takes over the care of a parish or benefice of his own. We have had the privilege of working with Jonathan during his three-year training course and on that Sunday he will be preaching here for the last time. A bring-and-share lunch will follow the service; please do come and join us as we send Jon and Wendy off with our love and prayers. Services and other events for May

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With every blessing, Chris Pearson

Ecton Neighbourhood Plan

Neighbourhood Planning: What is it?

The idea of Neighbourhood Planning has its beginnings in the 1960's when the post-war urban renewal of the housing stock was having a significant impact on the existing communities.

Following the 2011 Localism Act, local communities can produce a Neighbourhood Plan to influence development. It is our opportunity to have residents' opinions recognised by the planning process.

The Neighbourhood Plan's being drawn up for today's Towns and Villages focus on the fact that communities are best placed to say what is right for their area and are then empowered to define the future of their local neighbourhood.



The Ecton Neighbourhood Plan: The story so far: (In brief)

2012 - 8 meetings to Identify all important village assets and form the Village Questionnaire with the help and support of the Parish Council.

2013 - 5 meetings and Questionnaire submitted, results collated, other completed Neighbourhood Plans examined.

2014 - 7 meetings and Village Presentation held, Draft of Plan started, discussed and reviewed.

2015 - 2 meetings so far, bones of Plan set out and ready for Professional assistance with final draft, with help and support of PC applying for grants.

The Committee would welcome all input from residents in Ecton, please see our web site www.ectonplan.com and contact us with any questions.

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Are you a qualified tradesman???

Would you enjoy using a New Bar and Function Room at our Village Hall??

Can you spare a few hours of your valuable time??

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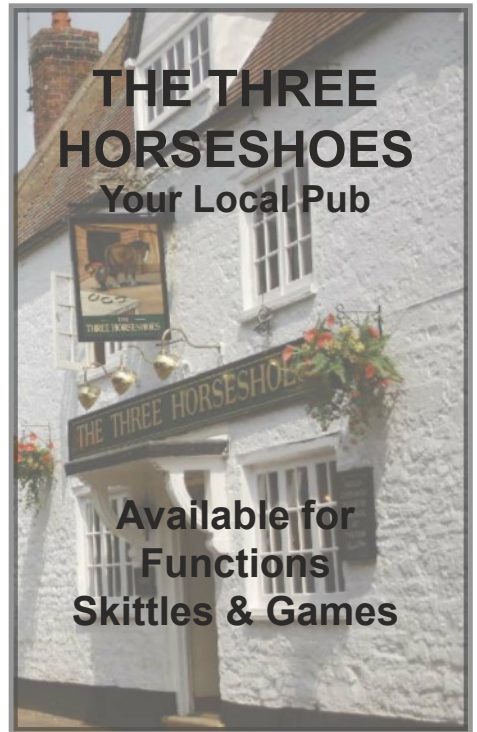
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THE EASTER EGG HUNT

The Easter egg hunt was a great success with over 30 entrants and lots of families following the clues and finding the eggs before ending up at the church for refreshments and games. Congratulations to Daisy who won the Easter basket full of chocolates.

Thanks to everyone who took part or helped out on the day. The event raised £310 for the playing field appeal.



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ECTON VILLAGE YOUTH CLUB

We have a thriving Youth Club in the village for **8 to 16** year olds running each **Wednesday from 6 to 7.30pm**, if you are in this age group and live in the village then come along and join us. There is no membership fee and subs are **£1** a session.

We also have volunteering opportunities for those taking their Duke of Edinburgh Award, just give me a call - **Margaret (412233)** or come along on a wednesday evening.

If you have any talent that you would like to share with the Youth Club or would like to volunteer on a regular or casual basis then do contact us.

ACTIVITIES INCLUDE

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ECTON VILLAGE WEBSITE

ectonvillage.co.uk

We have a village web site where you can also find the Parish Magazine to read online. The web site includes a very comprehensive section on the Village Hall with a calendar of all events. Worth checking out! You can also book the village hall online.

You can also find information on The Church of St Mary Magdalene, the Benjamin Franklin connection, history of The World's End-now called TWE, Parish Council contacts and some interesting photos of Ecton "Then and Now."

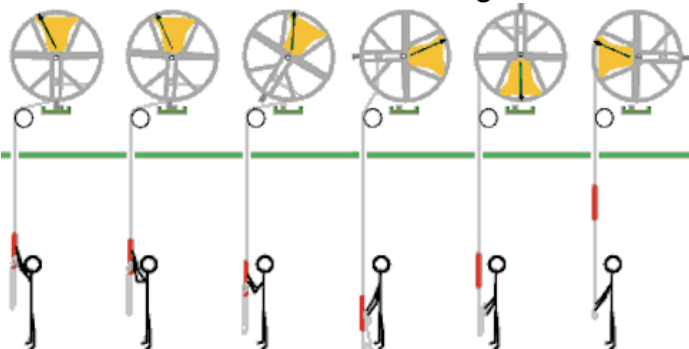
If you would like to contribute anything to the website please contact Thomas on 07969830211 or 2 Wellingborough Road, Ecton.

Are you interested
in learning how the bells of Ecton are rung?
Come along on Wednesday nights to find out.

7.30-8.30pm

For further details contact Jude 408588

All welcome-anyone aged from 10 onwards
can learn to bellring.



Puzzle Page - May 2015

Fascinating Facts:

1. The month of May was named after Maia the Greek goddess of fertility.
2. According to the Roman poet Ovid “Bad girls get wed in May.”
3. An old Cornish superstition says its unlucky to buy a broom in May!
4. ‘Dreamt’ is the only word in the English Language that ends with mt.

Sudoku - Medium

6	8	4						9
		3	4	2				5
5	9		2	3			4	8
	2					6		
7			6		8			
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Bin Collection for May & June 2015

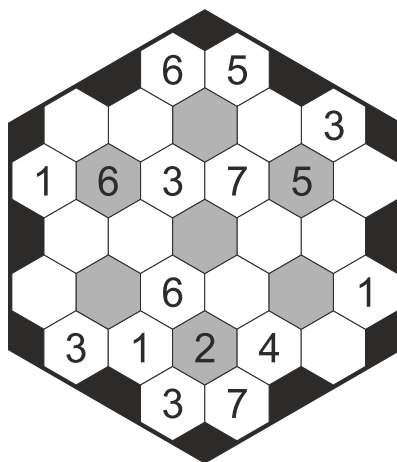
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| May 1 st Black | June 5 th Green & Brown |
| May 8 th Green & Brown | June 12 th Black |
| May 15 th Black | June 19 th Green & Brown |
| May 22 nd Green & Brown | June 26 th Black |
| May 29 th Black | |



A Rosetta is made up of a centre coloured hexagon encircled by 6 white hexagons.

To complete the puzzle, fill in all 7 Rosettas with each number between 1 and 7 in no particular order while also ensuring that:

1. No number is repeated in a horizontal row
2. Each number from 1 to 7 are represented in the 7 grey coloured hexagon cells.



*The first day of Spring is one thing,
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(Henry Van Dyke)

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S	U	I	T	E	D	P	H	Y	S	I	O
Y	M	C	E	U							
D	A	N	I	S	H	R	O	A	R	S	
R	G	D	O	O	W	E					
O	L	I	V	E	S	E	E	S	A	W	S
A	N	A	E	S	R	I					
D	R	E	S	S	I	N	G	R	E	S	T

Sudoku - Easy

6	8	9	7	3	4	1	2	5
5	2	7	6	8	1	4	3	9
3	1	4	2	9	5	8	7	6
2	7	5	8	4	9	6	1	3
1	6	8	5	2	3	7	9	4
4	9	3	1	7	6	5	8	2
9	3	6	4	1	8	2	5	7
7	5	1	9	6	2	3	4	8
8	4	2	3	5	7	9	6	1

ECTON THEATRE NIGHT

SATURDAY 16TH MAY AT 7.30PM



Fresh from a sell-out world tour to America, Canada, Hawaii, New Zealand, Norway and Hong Kong Kepow Theatre brings their hit sell-out comedy show "Seven Ages" to Ecton Village Hall.

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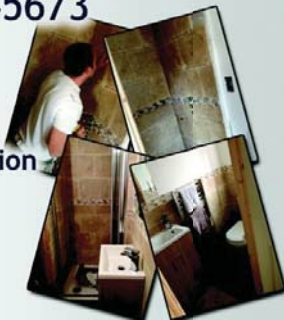
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