

# ST MARY MAGDALENE ECTON

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**PARISH MAGAZINE**

**November 2003**

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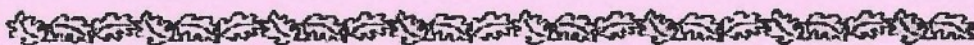
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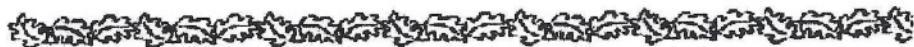
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**REMEMBER  
THE WONDERS  
HE HAS DONE.**

1 Chronicles 16. 12. (N.I.V.)

**BE READY  
TO DO WHATEVER  
IS GOOD.**

Titus 3. 1. (N.I.V.)



Copy for **December/January** Magazine to  
Anne Henderson – 48 High Street, Ecton  
by **November 13<sup>th</sup>** please

Dear Friends,

It has been a marvellous summer hasn't it? OK, we need rain, the gardens and allotments are desperate for water and the cows have had to be fed hay for quite some time because there is no grass left. But the warm days and the light evenings have been a real bonus.

John and I have just returned from holiday in southern Spain, which was very relaxing. Normally our holidays are spent walking, but this was a lazy time, sleeping late, having a siesta in the afternoon and gentle swimming in the sea! It was the recreation that we needed and it was refreshing to be in a completely different landscape.

But driving home from Luton airport it was a real treat to see the beauty of the English Autumn. The colours alongside the motorway were spectacular. (Even the M1 can look beautiful!)

The Christmas advertisements are already on TV! Before we get caught up in the rush towards Christmas, let's not forget to look around us each day and give thanks for the changing seasons of our beautiful world.

With love and prayers.

Jenny

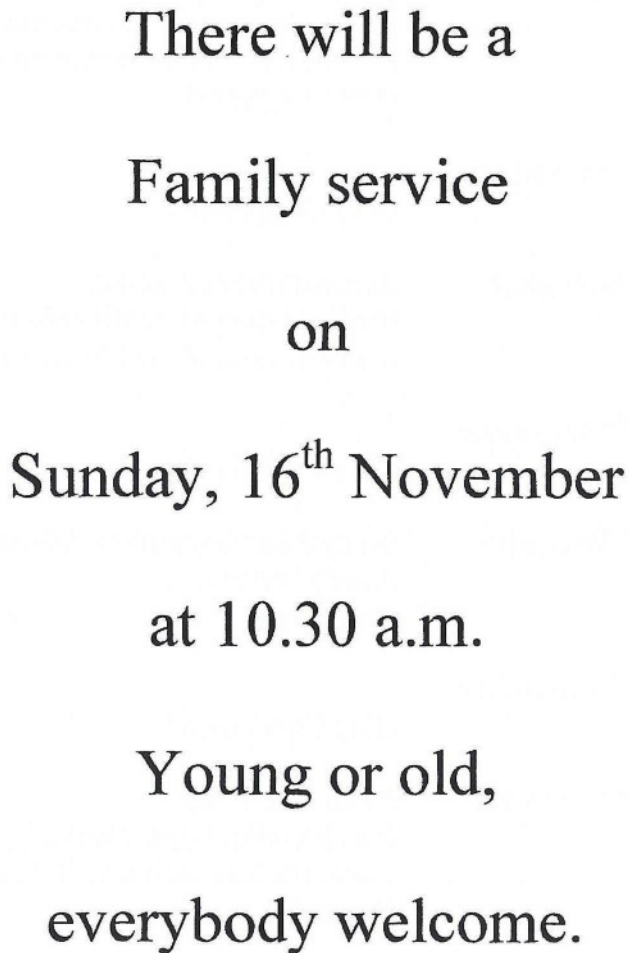
### Remembrance Sunday

We shall meet together after the morning service to observe the national silence and to honour those from this village who died serving their country in the two world wars and more recent conflicts.

Please assemble at 10.50am at the shrine.

**Ecton Church Diary**  
**November 2003**

<b>Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> November</b> 9.30am 6.00pm	<b>Fourth Sunday before Advent</b> Parish Communion celebrating All Saints. Service for the commemoration of the faithful departed.
<b>Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> November</b> 9.00am	Holy Communion.
<b>Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> November</b> 9.30am	<b>Remembrance Sunday</b> Parish Communion followed by Act of Remembrance at the Shrine 10.45am.
<b>Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November</b> 9.00am	Holy Communion.
<b>Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> November</b> 10.30am 6.00pm	<b>Second Sunday before Advent</b> Family Service. Evensong.
<b>Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> November</b> 9.00am	Holy Communion.
<b>Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> November</b> 9.30am	<b>Christ the King</b> Parish Communion: Daniel 7. 9-10, 13-14; Psalm 93; Revelation 1. 4b-8; John 18. 3b – 37.
<b>Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> November</b> 9.00am	Holy Communion.
<b>Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> November</b> 9.30am	<b>First Sunday of Advent</b> Parish Communion: Jeremiah 33. 14-16; Psalm 25. 1-10; 1 Thessalonians 3. 9-13; Luke 21. 25-36.



There will be a  
Family service  
on  
Sunday, 16<sup>th</sup> November  
at 10.30 a.m.  
Young or old,  
everybody welcome.

## HARVEST 2003.

Due, no doubt, to the long hot summer produce from the allotments was not as bountiful as last year. However, a plentiful supply of tinned food and cleaning materials was provided by the school children and members of the congregation for use by the Daylight Centre at Wellingborough. Many thanks to all who contributed.

The evening Songs of Praise was followed as usual by the Harvest Supper which, once again, was a very jolly occasion. Thanks to the proceeds of the raffle, the donations toward drinks and two generous monetary donations we were able to give a cheque for £280.00 to the Daylight Centre, which I am sure you will agree was a splendid result and one that was very much appreciated by the staff and clients at the Centre.

My thanks as always go to those people who helped with the supper, particularly Trudie and Pat, and also to Maurice who, as always, uncomplainingly acted as my chauffeur on my many trips to and from the Church and who also tolerates my nerves as crisis point is reached in our kitchen. Ready, Steady Cook has nothing on our house on Harvest Day.

One or two people wondered why we only had such an evening once a year, so who knows what next year may bring!!!!

Dorothy Creed.

## EMMAUS COURSE - GROWING IN PRAYER

Following on from the success of the Emmaus nurture course in Lent, you are invited to take part in a four week course entitled 'Growing in Prayer'. This course will take place on the following dates:

Tuesday 18th November

Tuesday 25th November

Tuesday 2nd December

Tuesday 9th December

All sessions will start at 7.30pm.

Prayer underpins all that we do as Christians, but we don't always find it easy. Come and learn through sharing, experiment and practice. [You do not need to have attended the first Emmaus course!]

*Valerie and Harry Druce will be leaving the wonderful village of Ecton to start anew life in the South of France.*

*We depart on the 15<sup>th</sup> November for another beautiful village in the Tarn et Garonne region, more precisely at St Antonin Noble Val situated in the Aveyron Gorge. Nearest airports are Rodez and Toulouse.*

*We have many fond memories of our wonderful Northamptonshire village particularly the annual fete and safari supper but more especially the many friends and acquaintances who have made us so welcome.*

*If Ecton friends are passing through or visiting the area we would love to offer tea or coffee French style.*

*Phone: 077 48 86 07 34*

*Address: 15 Chemin du Tour du Pré  
82140 St Antonin Noble Val  
Tarn et Garonne  
France*

## THE ECTON FELLOWSHIP

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 11th November in, we hope, the village club! - at 2.30pm.

A member of the 'Workbridge Team' will tell us about the work of this organisation.

'Workbridge' is situated on a site next to Daily Bread, and they employ handicapped and disabled people.

We welcome everyone to this meeting.

Joan Dickins

### Ecton Village Youth Club Programme

Please check the dates you are down to help and put them in your diary. If you cannot make a session please organise a swap. Please note change of venues as we are not sure what is happening at the Village Hall. For Trips to Benham and Bowling we will meet at the Village Hall at 6.30pm.

Date	Time	Activity	Venue	Leader	Helper	Parent Rota
8th Oct	6.30-8.00	Social	Village Hall	Shirley	Richard	Clare McM
15th Oct	6.30-8.30	Rollerskating	Benham	Shirley	Judith, Richard	Debbie, Lisa 17
22nd Oct	6.30-8.00	Crafts-glass painting	Village Hall	Shirley	Richard	Vicky
29th Oct	6.30-8.30	Bowling	Wellingborough	Maha	Margaret	Sandra, David 16
5th Nov		no Youth Club				
12th Nov	6.30-8.30	Basketball	Benham	Shirley	Richard, Liz	Jude, Clare M 15
19th Nov	6.30-8.00	Computer + Crafts	School	Shirley	Richard	Margaret
26th Nov	6.30-8.30	Volleyball	Benham	Shirley	Richard	Andy, Lisa, Clare 15
3rd Dec	6.30-8.00	Pub Quiz & Games	Three Horseshoes	Shirley	Richard	Kathy H, Bill B
10th Dec	6.30-8.00	Disco	The World's End	Shirley	Richard	Margaret
17th Dec	6.30-8.00	Computer + Crafts	School	Shirley	Richard	Margaret
24th Dec		no Youth Club				
31st Dec		no Youth Club				
8th Jan	6.30-8.00	TBA	TBA	Shirley	Richard	Tracey K
15th Jan	6.30-8.00	TBA	TBA	Shirley	Richard	Debbie
22nd Jan	6.30-8.00	TBA	TBA	Shirley	Richard	Lisa
29th Jan	6.30-8.00	TBA	TBA	Shirley	Richard	Vicky
5th Feb	6.30-8.00	TBA	TBA	Shirley	Richard	Sandra
12th Feb	6.30-8.00	TBA	TBA	Shirley	Richard	Jude
19th Feb	6.30-8.00	TBA	TBA	Shirley	Richard	Liz
26th Feb	6.30-8.00	TBA	TBA	Shirley	Richard	Andy

## Dog Walkers

Everyone has a right to walk through the churchyard. You are welcome to walk your dogs on the path through the churchyard. But please keep them on a lead and clear up after them! There has been a lot of fouling recently and it is very distressing for those who come to tend the graves of their loved ones. Thank you for your co-operation

## **ECTON VILLAGE HALL**

### **News Update October 2003**

*Good news at last. Sufficient funds have been secured to begin the building work early in November. The hall will be out of action for the winter season until Easter, although the Pre-School will be able to use the main room until just before Christmas with access through the kitchen.*

*Watch this space for further updates.*

*Tony Green*

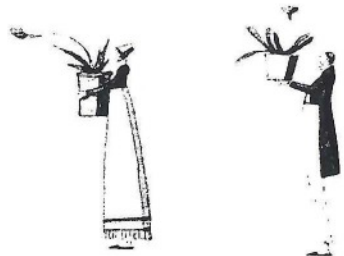
## THE OLD COPPER KETTLE

Sitting round the fire on a winters night  
My arms around my loved one,  
My soul filled with delight,  
I would whisper 'Darling, How I love you so',  
Shyly she would answer, 'Yes my dear I know'.  
The old copper kettle would start to sing,  
In the firelights golden gleam,  
It was as though it tried to say  
'Here is Loves Young Dream'.  
We parted over jealousy, now we're far apart,  
I drift along just aimlessly,  
with pain tangs round the heart.  
Today I wandered aimlessly.  
Passing an old junk store,  
I saw an old copper kettle lying broken on the floor.  
My heart started beating wildly,  
my pulse was quick to race,  
I heard the kettle singing, I saw my Darlings face.  
Now I'm safely home again,  
In the firelights golden gleam,  
Now the old Copper Kettle purrs sweetly  
Here is Loves Young Dream.

Captain John E. Malcolm Master Mariner  
and Betty Wheatman's dad.

You buy some flowers for your table;  
You tend them tenderly as you're able;  
You fetch them water from hither and thither –  
What do you get for it all? They wither.

Samuel Hoffenstein (1890–1947)



## **A NEW EDITOR FOR THE MAGAZINE IS NEEDED**

The next magazine is for December 2003/January 2004. It will be my last as Editor. After 9 years I have decided we need a change and many of you have skills to make a church/village/community magazine more attractive and interesting. It is such an opportunity to have something that goes into every home in the village and available to all who worship at the church. It is a regular communication resource - please do not let it die. We are very grateful to all who help to produce it, write for it, distribute it and to the church and parish council who have subsidized it.

Thank you

Anne Henderson

### **CHURCH LOTTERY** **SEPTEMBER 2003**

- 1st Prize: Caroline Sandford (4)**
- 2nd Prize: Mrs.Hector (58)**
- 3rd Prize: Mrs.Strange (49)**
- 4th Prize: Dorothy Creed (68)**
- 5th Prize: H. Collip (94)**
- 6th Prize: Jim Crabtree (76)**

**The First Prize was £42.25 and subsequent prizes £8.45.  
The next draw will be Thursday October 23rd 2003**

## PRAYER.

**When you pray you rise to meet in the air those  
who are praying at that very hour, and whom  
save in prayer you may not meet.**

## GIVING.

**You give of little when you give of your  
possessions. It is when you give of yourself that  
you truly give.**

**There are those who give little of the much they  
have - and they give it for recognition and their  
hidden desire makes their gifts unwholesome.**

**And there are those who have little and give it all.**

**These are the believers in life and the bounty of  
life and their coffer is never empty.**

**There are those who give with joy, and that joy is  
their reward.**

**And there are those who give with pain, and that  
pain is their baptism.**

**And there are those who give and know not pain  
in giving, nor do they seek joy, nor give with  
mindfulness of virtue. They give as in yonder  
valley the myrtle breathes its fragrance into  
space.**

**Through the hands of such as these God speaks,  
and from behind their eyes He smiles upon the  
earth.**

**It is well to give when asked, but it is better to  
give unasked, through understanding.**

**UNCONFIRMED.**

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council of Ecton held in The Village Club, Ecton on Monday 15th September, 2003 at 7.00 p.m.

**PRESENT:-**

**Mr. D.C. Dicks - Chairman**

**PRESENT: Dr. A. Bantock, Mr. J. Crabtree, Mr. M. Creed, Mr. T. Green, Mrs. K. Humphreys, Mrs. S. Ingram.  
MR. T. MOFFETT.**

**In attendance: Mayor of the Borough Council of Wellingborough, Councillor D. Smith  
2 Parishioners**

The Chairman welcomed the Mayor to the meeting.

The Mayor explained that he was attending all parish meetings in the Borough.

His theme for 2003 was harmony and peace between the Borough Council and all agencies that the Council has contact with in the hope that a closer working relationship will develop.

Over the years the role of Parish Council's has changed and in the Borough Council case the introduction of a parish precept which result in Parish Councils having a greater responsibility for their own finances.

He asked that he be invited to any local events, although he may not be able to attend them all, he would endeavour to be present at as many as possible.

**54/03 APOLOGIES for non attendance were received from Mr. W. Wilson and District Councillor C. Palmer**

**55/03 DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

Mrs. Ingram declared an interest in planning application WP/2003/0408/F

**56/03 MINUTES of the meeting held on 21st July 2003 as previously circulated, were read confirmed and signed with the following amendment:-**

Add Mrs. K. Humphreys to the list of members present

**57/03 MATTERS ARISING**

**Sywell Airport**

Chairman and Vice Chairman reported that they had attended a meeting with the Chief Executive and Councillor Cyril Palmer, Borough Council of Wellingborough and representatives of "Stop the Aerodrom Runway Expansion" (STARE).

A general discussion ensued with all parties expressing their views.

The Parish Council were informed that Sywell Airport Ltd (SAL) had submitted a Scoping Report in respect of an Environmental Impact Assessment.

The report had been considered by Mears Ashby Parish Council and a copy of their comments, which had been sent to Councillor Palmer was read.

The Parish Council agreed to re-affirm their previous objections and a letter sent to Councillor Palmer in line with the comments made by Mears Ashby Parish Council.

Noted that no reply had been received from Sloane Helicopters Ltd re the amount of air traffic over the village.

The Clerk to pursue this matter.

#### Lower Ecton Lane

Although problems still exist with fly tipping the rubbish is being cleared on a weekly basis.

A meeting has been arranged with the Borough Council of Wellingborough and Northamptonshire County Council to discuss various aspects

Concern was expressed that the concrete ramp was too steep and therefore difficult to negotiate - this matter to be raised at the joint meeting.

#### Bus Shelter

No response from the County Council - Clerk to pursue

#### Police

The Clerk presented a letter from the Police re the "Rave" party in July

The contents were noted.

The Council expressed concern at the lack of visible Police presence in the village.

Agreed to invite Inspector Coltman to the next meeting to discuss this matter

#### Street Lighting

Mrs. Humphreys reported that 3 street lights were waiting repair.

A request had been received from a resident in Northampton Road asking that the Parish Council give consideration to the provision of an additional street light adjacent to the steps.

Mrs. Humphreys reported that the problem was that the two street lights in situ were covered in foliage and overhanging branches from nearby trees.

Agreed Clerk to write to the Borough Council asking for the offending trees to be cut back and a general tidy up of the trees and bushes in Northampton Road be undertaken.

### 58/03 HIGHWAY MATTERS

The Chairman reported that the bollard in the High Street had been repaired.

The Clerk to ask the County Council to include Church View in the road sweeping contract. It may well be that the small road sweeping lorry would be needed due to the turning facility available.

### 59/03 TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING

WP/2003/0522/F: Ecton Hall  
Proposed installation of temporary telecommunications tower

RESOLVED that this Council recommends refusal on the following grounds:-

Sited in open countryside and is therefore contrary to Local and Structure Plan

Is an obtrusive development in an open and exposed location

Parish Council agreed that planning applications be sent direct to the Chairman of the Planning Committee thus avoiding any delay in the Planning Committee receiving applications via the Clerk

Chairman of Planning Committee to advise Clerk of Committee decision and he will write to the Borough Council.

The Parish Council expressed concern that a recent planning application had not been received and therefore the Parish Council had been no unable to make any comment.

Clerk to write to the Borough Council asking them to review their procedure thus ensuring that the Parish Council is consulted on every application.

#### 60/03 TENDERS

RESOLVED that for any work costing over £1,000.00 the Parish Council would tender for quotes

#### 61/03 RESPONSIBLE FINANCIAL OFFICER

RESOLVED that the new Clerk, Mr. J. Wilson, be appointed this Council's Responsible Financial Officer.

#### 62/03 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

RESOLVED that the following accounts be paid.

Mrs. P. Hall August 2003

Salary	55.80
Expenses	7.30
Postage	9.12

72.22

#### 63/03 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

The Clerk informed the Council that there was a need to upgrade his computer to keep in step with present technology.

As he was already Clerk to two other Parish Council's, who had agreed to paying one third each of the cost, the Clerk to pay the other third, he asked if Ecton Parish Council would pay what would now be or quarter of the cost.

RESOLVED that the Council agrees to the request.

#### 64/03 CORRESPONDENCE

##### Parish Magazine

Reported that the editor of the Parish Magazine was resigning.

Future editing to be a joint effort between the Church and the Parish Council - volunteers are therefore requested. Agreed a notice be placed in the Parish Magazine and on the Notice Board.

##### Street Light 35

Reported receipt of a letter from Countrywide Property Management requesting urgent repairs to street light no 35.

Chairman reported that the lights was not in a dangerous condition and it was agreed that due to the cost of providing a new lamp no action be taken at the present time.

5/03 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Playing field

The Chairman informed the meeting that the playing field had been damaged and was in need of repair

Agreed that JM Construction of Earls Barton be asked to undertake the necessary repairs together with other small areas in need of attention

Traffic Speeding

The Parish Council discussed the speed of traffic through the village and agreed to ask Miss Sarah Lister Area Highway Engineer to attend a meeting of the Council to discuss traffic calming measures.

Wilby Trees

Clerk to write to Enforcement Officer at Wellingborough Borough Council regarding the volume of shredded waste on site.

66/03. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED that the next meeting be held on Monday 17th November, 2003 at 7.00p.m.



Ecton Village School  
West Street  
Ecton  
Northampton, NN6 0QF  
Headteacher Mrs Sayers  
Tel 01604 409213

**Vacancy**  
Lunchtime Supervisor required  
12.00-1.30 Daily

The school is now in the top 25% of all schools for Value  
Added Education.

**FROM THE REGISTER**  
**BAPTISM**

We welcome into the family of the Church

Emily Watson - baptised on 16.09.03

Eloise Chapman )  
Jade Wright ) baptised on 21.09.03  
Charlotte Petrie )

Jesus said "*Let the little children come unto me*" Matthew 19:24.

**WEDDINGS**

We congratulate:

Alison Byrne & Mark Brandham  
Married on 16.08.03

Victoria Needham & Neil Falango  
Married on 12.09.03

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*Love never gives up; and its faith, hope and patience never fail.'*  
1. Corinthians 13:7.

**FUNERAL**

We extend our love and sympathy to the family and friends of

Stella Pownall - 21.07.03

*"And I will be with you always to the end of the age"* Matthew  
28:20

THOUGHTS FOR THE DAY

Prayer is the key of the Day  
and the lock of the Night

## ECTON W.I.

**Ecton W.I. held their A.G.M. at the October meeting. The Committee was re-elected with the exception of Win Garlick who had been the Treasurer. Win had decided to step down and thanks were expressed to her for the work she had done during the past year.**

**The evening continued with a fish and chip supper which was enjoyed by all present**

**The speaker at the November meeting will be Mr. D.Larkin who will give a slide show entitled Wildlife in Northamptonshire.**

**May I remind all members that the November and December meetings will be held at Tony and Jean Haycox's Hovel and we thank them in advance for their hospitality.**

**IT IS THE KINDNESSES  
THAT HOLD GOD'S WORLD  
TOGETHER**

## **STEWARDSHIP ENVELOPES**

Once again it is time to remind you that the new boxes of stewardship envelopes will be ready for Advent Sunday and will be delivered to you or put on the table at the back of the church about the second week in November.

If there is anyone else who would like envelopes for their giving to the work of the church, please let me or one of the churchwardens know.

Marian Gleave [407889]

## **THE MASTER TAYLOR**

The pattern of our lives is formed  
with tender loving care,  
and he who does the weaving works  
in colours dark and fair.  
We see odd strands of colour  
as the tapestry unfolds  
Not understanding there must be greys  
as well as golds.  
But in the master weavers eyes  
the whole design is clear,  
For he alone knows why and where  
The dark threads must appear,  
And if we trust his guiding hand  
then one day we shall see,  
Th final picture woven  
in a perfect tapestry.

## The Devil's Beatitudes

Blessed are those who are too tired, busy or disorganised to meet with their fellow Christians on Sunday each week  
- they are my best workers.

Blessed are they who enjoy noticing the mannerisms of clergy, choir and stewards  
- I can see their heart is not in it.

Blessed are the Christians who wait to be asked and expect to be thanked  
- I can use them.

Blessed are the touchy  
- with a bit of luck they will even stop going to church.

Blessed are they who keep themselves and their time and money to themselves  
- they are my missionaries.

Blessed are they who claim to love their God at the same time as hating other people  
- they are mine for ever.

Blessed are they who have no time to pray  
- they are easy prey to me.

Blessed are you when you read this and think it's about other people and not about yourself  
- I've got you.

## ECTON CHURCH CLEANING ROTA

<b>1 November</b>	<b>Yellow</b>	<b>B</b>
<b>8 November</b>	<b>Blue</b>	<b>A</b>
<b>15 November</b>	<b>Green</b>	<b>B</b>
<b>22 November</b>	<b>Orange</b>	<b>A</b>
<b>29 November</b>	<b>Red</b>	<b>B</b>

## BRASS CLEANING

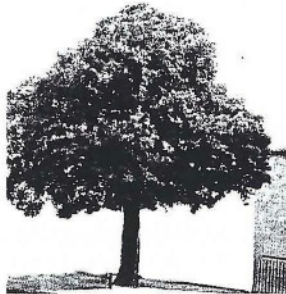
<b>1 November</b>	<b>Ingrid/Barbara</b>
<b>6 December</b>	<b>Angela/Rita</b>

## COFFEE ROTA

<b>2 November</b>	<b>Dorothy Creed/Fiona Major</b>
<b>9 November</b>	<b>Nick &amp; Mary Greene</b>
<b>16 November</b>	<b>Angela Crabtree/Millie Harlott</b>
<b>23 November</b>	<b>Rita Ward/Angela Allen</b>
<b>30 November</b>	<b>Marion Gleave/Joyce Orford</b>

The vicar looked at his diary and read, '9:30 a.m. H.C.' So he went to church, put on his vestments and got ready for the service of Holy Communion. Not a single person arrived. He couldn't understand it until he got home and his wife said, "I thought you were having your hair cut this morning."

DID you hear about the vicar who vetoed the request by the PCC for a chandelier in church. He explained 'I would have to write the order for it and I can't spell the word, and furthermore we have no-one in the parish who can play it'.



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We are accepting applications for  
places in Reception for September 2004.  
We also have vacancies in a few other  
years.

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# CLEAN Campaign for Lower Ecton Action Now

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## Progress Report Number 3 Covering the period 1st August 2003 to the end of September 2003

### General Situation

Northampton Borough Council (NBC) and Wellingborough Borough Council (WBC) have both confirmed their commitment to clean the entire length of Lower Ecton Lane from Ecton village to the Crow Lane end on a daily basis. The two Councils are working together, with NBC cleaning on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays and WBC cleaning on Tuesdays and Thursdays. This has made a significant improvement in the cleanliness of the Lane although the situation still remains very volatile with the conditions changing on a daily basis.

CLEAN are working with Northampton County Council (NCC), NBC, WBC, the Environment Agency and the Police to try and "design out" the opportunities for fly tipping in the Lane.

As noted in Progress Report Number 2, the biggest problem now seems to be changing a lot of people's mindset, so that fly tipping is seen as unacceptable behaviour. To assist in this the Chronicle & Echo has promised to name and shame anyone prosecuted for fly tipping. It is therefore very important that anyone witnessing fly tipping reports the details to the appropriate authority so this can be done. The telephone numbers for this are given at the end of this Progress Report.

### Major Actions & Achievements to date.

1. A meeting took place on 1st August 2003, with NCC, WBC and the Police to consider how to "design out" the opportunities for fly tipping. A set of proposals was then tabled for review at a meeting on 22nd of September 2003, with the various 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.
2. The meeting held on 22nd of September produced a series of action items for all parties to work on and report back by early November 2003.
3. **The fund raising effort throughout this period has again been very well supported and CLEAN would again like to thank all those who have contributed so generously.**





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4. We received a copy of the Report on the operation of the Household Waste Recycling Centre (HWRC) in Lower Ecton Lane, prepared by a NCC Working Party. Following a review CLEAN passed a set of comments back to NCC. The Working Party's Report and CLEAN's comments are to be presented to Cabinet on 28th October 2003.
5. Planning is in progress for an Auction Evening on 8th November 2003, to raise additional funds.
6. Contacts continue to be forged with other organisations in the area that have similar objectives to CLEAN.

### **Major Actions for the next period.**

1. CLEAN to participate in the follow up survey of Lower Ecton Lane with NCC, NBC, WBC and the Police, so that areas for improvements can be agreed which would improve the situation in the Lane and inhibit future fly tippers.
2. Hold follow up meeting(s) with the various agencies involved ensuring agreed actions are progressed.
3. Continue with fund raising so that we have the resources to continue to keep the pressure on the responsible agencies.
4. Hold the fund raising Auction.
5. Attend and participate in the presentation to NCC Cabinet meeting on 28th October 2003, to review improvements in the HWRC.
6. Continue with making contacts with organisations in the area that have the same objectives.
7. Continue to promote CLEAN and raise the awareness of our campaign.

**Please report any incidents of fly tipping to: 01604 838281 or 0800 807060.**



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# “QUIZ NITE” AT THE THREE HORSESHOES

QUIZ NIGHTS WILL  
TAKE PLACE AT THE  
THREE HORSESHOES  
ON THE FOLLOWING  
DATES.....

Thursday	6 <sup>th</sup>	November
Thursday	20 <sup>th</sup>	November
Thursday	4 <sup>th</sup>	December
Thursday	18 <sup>th</sup>	December

Everyone welcome  
Hope to see you there



*Mother and Toddler Group*

**Every Wednesday**

**2-3.15pm**

**At The Village Hall**

**Just turn up and join us for a tea  
or coffee and a chat.**

**Contact M Tinston 412233**

***And I said: 'Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!' Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: 'Now that this had touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.' Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?' And I said, 'Here am I; send me!'***

***Isaiah 6:5-8 (NRSV)***