



THE ECTON VIEW

**And now the Torch and Poppy Red
We wear in honour of our dead.**



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No tree has branches so foolish as to fight among themselves.

Editors Ramblings

The warning was given in last months magazine regarding the £10 donation towards the 'special edition' Ecton Christmas card that will fund the Christmas lunch for the village elderly. I am pleased to say that prior to sending my merry band of extortioners - - I mean helpers out, I have already received a number of envelopes through my door containing £10. I have seen the unique artwork for the Christmas card and you will be pleased it has your name in as sponsor. For the european travellers we will accept 10 euro notes or even \$20 notes from world travellers but definitely no Baht, Lek, Kwanza, Pula, Riel, Kroon, Dalasi, Gourde or Lats.

The collectors have now been released!!!

We would like to invite all respected & senior members of the village to join us for a Christmas lunch on Wednesday 16th December, for a ticket just give Sheila Ingram a ring on 406038 or Margaret Tinston 412233, please let us know by 9th December, lifts can be provided.

In the magazine this month is a message to the 'big lunchers', game supper information for the few remaining tickets, (for the organisers I like my pheasant hung for at least a week), the re-birth of 'Ecton Mums & Tots', as well as our Borough Councillors Missive and Part 2 of the Origins of the Worlds End and Hensman family. Oh yes, and if your throwing out old clothes give them (No not me as much as you think I need them) to the school, details also in the magazine.

As I have been walking the dog around the fields Autumn seems to have arrived on time, (not too much climate change) and walking back to the village the smell of wood fires improves my enjoyment of this time of year.

In the coming issues we will re-start the Ecton Dessert Island disc's so if any of you would like to let me have your favourites, please do, I will probably ask 'I am a linesman for the county' to do his first (another 'see if he reads the magazine moment') and might even do a big prize quiz next year, it only needs someone to donate a 'big prize'.

November 8th is Remembrance Sunday with the service at the Shrine at 10.55am, no doubt there will be the usual appearance of the legend that is Stuart Lofty Harrington.

The weather will be sunny but cool.

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by 22nd November

I shall desire and I shall find
The best of my desires;
The **autumn** road, the mellow wind
That soothes the darkening shires.
And laughter, and inn-fires.

In Flanders Fields
by John McCrae, May 1915

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.



We Shall Keep the Faith
by Moina Michael, November 1918

Having read John McCrae's poem 'In Flanders Fields' Moina Michael made a personal pledge to 'keep the faith'. She felt compelled to make a note of this pledge and hastily scribbled down a response entitled "We Shall Keep the Faith" on the back of a used envelope. From that day she vowed to wear a red poppy of Flanders Fields as a sign of remembrance.

Oh! you who sleep in Flanders Fields,
Sleep sweet - to rise anew!
We caught the torch you threw
And holding high, we keep the Faith
With All who died.

We cherish, too, the poppy red
That grows on fields where valor led;
It seems to signal to the skies
That blood of heroes never dies,
But lends a lustre to the red
Of the flower that blooms above the dead
In Flanders Fields.

And now the Torch and Poppy Red
We wear in honor of our dead.
Fear not that ye have died for naught;
We'll teach the lesson that ye wrought
In Flanders Fields.

Dear Big Luncher,

A Big Thank you for your support in the first Big Lunch - we hope you enjoyed the day! We wanted to write to give you the full picture of the glorious celebration of community spirit you helped create across the nation on 19th July.

One of our organisers summed it up perfectly: "At the end of the day we felt we had a community spirit, which we didn't have before. Now when we see each other we say hello, good morning, how are you doing:

we are on first term names, it's brilliant! People are actually smiling." What happened

On Sunday 19th July 2009:

Up to 2 million people took part - who knows how much more that might have been without the wind and the rain!

31% of those who took part rated The Big Lunch 10 out of 10.

The average score for Big Lunches was 8.1 on a scale of 1 to 10.

Big Lunches took place across every type of community including some of the poorest neighbourhoods in the UK.

34% Big Lunches took place in a closed street. We hope to work with Councils to provide greater advice on road closure procedures next year.

36% of the population are now aware of the Big Lunch: some 22 million people.

Thank you to everyone who completed our Organisers survey. Your feedback is vital in how we develop The Big Lunch 2010.

What people said

"It is a pleasure to know that the word 'community' is still alive. After The Big Lunch, I can strongly say that community spirit has been born from this event."

"I was thrilled at the response from my community which I have been in for years but which had become more fragmented in recent years."

"The oldest attendee was aged 93 and rarely leaves her flat as she is unable to walk... so she was thrilled to be in the open air amongst the neighbours."

"Just wanted to say the neighbours got together yesterday on my street (we have never done this... ever!) And we all had a great time chatting with each other. I got to know some 'new' faces and learn a bit of history about the street from some of the neighbours that have lived on the street for almost half a century!"

Check out the movie and photos

We captured some great footage of Big Lunches in this movie: <http://www.thebiglunch.com/the-first-big-lunch.php> And Big Lunchers have uploaded their own photos to: www.thebiglunchers.com

What happens next

We want The Big Lunch to be an annual event - almost like a Thanksgiving for neighbours. So let's use the momentum from this year's nationwide party to go on and make the 2010 Big Lunch even more fab.

Even if not everyone could make it to a Big Lunch themselves this July, we know some 22 million people did hear about it - and that over 9 million (that's 15% of the population) want to take part next year. So it's good news that 85% of Big Lunchers say they're looking to organise one for 2010.

The Big Lunch team is also gearing up for next summer, working with our sponsors and partners and joining up with new ones who can help us to help the nation throw a most spectacular bash in 2010 - and beyond.

We're still finalising the date, but if you want to start planning now, one thing you could do is to spruce up your neighbourhood by planting bulbs. You could get every family on the street to plant them in containers and pop them on the doorstep. When they come out in the spring it'll be a timely reminder to get the next Big Lunch off the ground in your community. You'll find all the resources to do this - before 30 November - at www.thebigbulbplant.com

Church Cleaning Rota			Brass Cleaning
Week		Team	
November	7th		Ingrid Cartwright
	21st	A	
December	5th	B	

Coffee Rota			
November	6pm	1st	No Coffee
	9.15am	8th	Dorothy Creed & Ingrid Cartwright
	11.00am	15th	Nick & Mary Greene
	9.15am	22nd	Marian Gleave & Joyce Orford
	10am	29th	Service at Great Doddington

Sidespersons		
November	1st	Mick & Pauline Cook
	8th	David & Mary Dicks
	15th	Margaret Weddle & Mark Aveyard
	22nd	Marian Gleave & Nick Greene

	CHURCH LOTTERY October
£50	Mr. Labrum
£10	Pauline Charles
£10	Daniel Richards
£10	Fred Wallis

ST. MARY MAGDELENE CHURCH, ECTON

CHURCH KNEELERS

The NADFAS Church Recorders have found that many of the kneelers have no 'Jackson of Hebden Bridge' label on the base and therefore it is impossible to record who made them.

If you made a kneeler – know someone who did make a kneeler - know of a list of those who took part in the project, and in fact if you can shine any light on this matter, could you please let me know on 01604 784980, or come to the church on a Monday, my team are usually there from about 10.30am.

Jennifer Harrison, Group Leader.

From the Vicarage,



With October nearly at an end the leaves are falling fast from the trees and autumn is turning towards winter. Where does the time go these days? Having complained of a wet summer we have had a very good autumn with an unusually dry September and (so far) October. I do enjoy this time of year, especially the wonderful colours as I drive around the villages, even if it does mean extra work outside preparing for the winter. We have already lit our open fire at the Vicarage for the first time. This is always a treat and we look forward to using the roasting fork again soon.

On October 3rd the Church at Ecton saw the latest in our series of concerts this year. Rachel Major, a member of the Church here until she moved away to attend university, is now a professional singer (soprano) and returned with her friends Dingle Yandell (bass) and Robert Smith (organ and piano) for what was a wonderful recital. Sadly I was not able to be present as I was attending an event in one of the other churches, but I have heard great reports of a truly lovely evening. A number present particularly commented that they had never heard the Church organ produce so much sound with such a variety of tonal colour. We are most grateful both to the performers and to those who worked very hard at all the practical details of the evening. The proceeds were shared equally between St. Mary Magdalene Church and Rachel's favourite children's charity, 'Hope and Homes'.

Sunday 11th gave us an opportunity to say a proper 'good bye' to Tony and Marlene Green, who had moved away from the village earlier in the summer following Tony's retirement earlier in the year. They had been very faithful workers for the Church in Ecton for a good many years, Marlene as churchwarden and Tony as P.C.C. member, and for the last two years as our Reader. Their moving date was finally arranged at somewhat short notice so we had to wait for them to return for a visit before we could say a proper farewell. It was lovely to have them worshipping with us again and we were delighted to be able to make a presentation to them at the end of the service. They move to the Somerset / Dorset border with our love and prayers.

I am delighted to report that we have had few funerals in our three churches recently, but we did lose our friend David Cross during this month (funeral on October 14th), and his ashes were interred with those of his wife just the following day. Our prayers are with his family and friends. In addition, many residents of Ecton will remember the Bainbridge family, local farmers in past years. Robert Bainbridge became a well-known local vet and equestrian expert and in recent years he has lived with his wife Bärbel at Wilby. Very sadly, recently Robert and Bärbel lost their dear adult daughter Martina after a very long fight against a brain tumour, and she goes to rest now with our love and prayers. Martina lived in Germany but her cremated remains are being returned to Ecton where we shall hold a Memorial Service for her on Wednesday November 11th at 2.30pm, following which her cremated remains will be interred in a family plot in the churchyard. All friends will be most welcome there.

Looking at brighter things, 2009 has also been a 'bumper' year for weddings in this village (there were four), and overall they seem to be on the increase. To date I have taken bookings for no fewer than twelve weddings for 2010 across our three churches although Wilby seems to have the lion's share this time, and bookings are also arriving for 2011. I am delighted to find that, after a number of somewhat 'lean' years, now it seems that more couples want to be married in Church. This is despite the fact that it is easier to be married in all sorts of venues these days – stately homes, beaches in the Caribbean, and so on. I am also encouraged that many couples are opting for marriage rather than simply to co-habit.

At the very end of the month (Sunday 29th) we shall be entering the season of Advent – those four weeks when we prepare ourselves for Christmas, and once again I am staggered at how fast this approaches. No doubt I shall write much more next month about our plans, but a recent meeting of our joint Church Councils finalised a pattern of services for the Christmas season. We recognised that we attempted too much last year so we have tried to rationalise things somewhat this time whilst still endeavouring to be very fair to each of our three villages and their churches.

With very best wishes,

Chris Pearson

CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER 2009

Sunday 1st	6.00pm	Holy Communion
Tuesday 3rd	10.30am	Holy Communion
Saturday 7th	10.00am	Open Church – time for reflection and quiet – coffee is served
Sunday 8th	REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY	
	9.15am	Holy Communion
	10.55am	Act of Remembrance (at the village war memorial)
Tuesday 10th	10.30am	Holy Communion
Sunday 15th	11.00am	All-Age Worship with Holy Communion
Tuesday 17th	10.30am	Holy Communion
Sunday 22nd	9.15am	Morning Prayer
Tuesday 24th	10.30am	Holy Communion
	2.30pm	Afternoon Songs of Praise
Sunday 29th	10.00am	Fifth Sunday Joint Celebration Service (Hosted this time at Great Doddington)

STEWARDSHIP ENVELOPES

For those people continuing to give their weekly collection at church in the envelope scheme, the new ones will be ready again by Remembrance Sunday (November 8th), to start at the end of November

If anyone else would like a box of envelopes for this coming year please let me or one of the churchwardens (Walter Barty or Mark Aveyard) know, and if you are unable to collect them from the church they can be delivered to you.

Marian Gleave
01604 407889

GAME SUPPER

Saturday 14th November 2009

7.30pm at Ecton Village Hall

We want this to be a community evening and for once in Ecton not a specific fund raising event. This is your opportunity to join in even if you have never been to any other event in the village. The cost is minimal, there are no hidden extras. We shall give you one drink on the house and anything else (other than water) you may bring with you to share with friends. There will be no raffle or tombola, we want Kathy, Phyllis and Reg to enjoy a night off! Instead there will be a short table quiz with a liquid prize and lots of time to chat and catch up on all the local gossip.

We still have a few tickets left for the supper. If you don't know whether you like game or not now is your opportunity to try it. There will be an alternative if you are a vegetarian or really do not like it.

If you would like to we still need help to get the room ready and set tables.

Tickets are £7.50 each.

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'Ecton Mums and Tots'

'Ecton Mums and Tots' is starting up again in the village hall from 9:30am through to 11am every alternate Friday.

Please feel free to bring your children, grandchildren, or any other small relative of pre-school age!

We are desperate for toys so if you have any 'spare' then please contact either Jenny Moffatt on 407474 or Caroline on 407113.

We would also appreciate any help with the sessions; especially making the tea..... so please do come along and join in.

We hope to meet every 2 weeks as follows:
23/10, 06/11, 20/11, 04/12, 18/12

We really look forward to seeing you.

Friday's
from
9:30am
until
11am



Jenson Button – Good Guys Do Win!

Jenson Button, Britain's tenth Formula One World Champion cemented his position in the history books with a drive to fifth from a damp-qualifying fourteenth place on the starting grid at Sao Paulo. Unlike some previous Champions he won it with one race to spare, and for the first time in history an Englishman will hand the title to a fellow countryman.



With as many superbly crafted overtakes as one would normally be treated to in a whole season he carved his way into contention and was in a championship-winning sixth place with Rubens Barrichello, his only real rival for the crown, in third place.

This would have been enough but a hard-charging Lewis Hamilton sealed Jenson's and Ruben's fate when squeezing past Barrichello he clipped the McLaren's endplate against the front left tyre of the Brawn as he took a podium position having started from fifteenth on the grid. On any other day Lewis would have been 'driver of the day', but with Ruben's puncture requiring him to pit for a third time Jenson just needed to drive safely to the chequered flag to fulfil a lifetime's ambition and for the day and the season to be his.

What does an English sportsman need to do to win the full support of the British press? Since wiping the floor with his rivals by winning six of the first seven races and going on to continuously lead the championship the press still question and condemn. What sort of success would satisfy them for goodness sake? The armchair pundits mutter that in the Brawn car 'anyone could win' and Vettel and Hamilton made up more places than Jenson in the Brazilian race. Maybe so, but they weren't risking an ignominious exit and the dreadful repercussions that Jenson was grappling with, and still he made it look serene. It was the drive of a worthy world champion and should shut up the doubters once and for all, but it won't.

For many of us that love F1, Jenson has for years been acknowledged as the smoothest and safest pair of hands on the grid, and insiders know this from the telemetry that allows them to really assess who's quick and who's not. They've known for years even if the pundits don't. He made some duff decisions for sure, always seeming to be in the wrong team at the wrong time. But since his commitment to the Honda effort, and despite their wasted millions producing one poor car after another he has matured, kept his head down and his spirit up.

Honda's ill-judged exit from the scene at the end of last season, just as Ross Brawn was about to work his magic (surely the biggest business mistake in automotive history?) could have been the hammer blow to a lesser man, but he took the chance to fully commit to the team and by an extraordinary effort and some good luck the team were on the grid as Brawn GP at the first race of 2009 – the fairy tale began with a one – two finish for the rookie team and culminated in the tears of grown men as Jenson crossed the finish line in Brazil. Since being told it hasn't been done before he has now set his sights on being the first British driver to win back-to-back championships – don't bet against it, or that the doubters will continue to doubt it. Whatever, it'll be worth watching him try.

Adrian Pulford

Borough Councillor's Missive.

October 2009

The Diary.

Last month the Council held its annual Policy Seminar. This session is one of the few "closed" meetings during which Members have the opportunity to review the direction that the Council is moving. It is fair to say that many Councillors expressed strong views in particular with respect to the pedantic movement over the development at Stanton Cross (WEAST). I have for some time expressed the view that we should buy under a Compulsory Purchase Order the land currently being used for a ransom to the east of the Station. Apparently we cannot buy land that already has planning consent, not sure why that is the case. Other issues included the levels of crime in the area, the town centre re-development program and of course the reaction to the very disappointing news that the Learning and Skills Council (LSC) gave formal notification that no funding would be available to re-locate the Tresham College I know the Director Mark Silverman is very frustrated but a far bigger problem is the mess it makes of the re-development of the town centre as many issues and projects depended on the college moving to the High St site. We now know that the LSC has funding shortfalls in excess of £2 billion, how on earth can that have happened.

Council Meetings

At the last full Council meeting in September we had a representation by the prospective Labour Party candidate for Wellingborough, on the subject of no-inflammable waste bins. I did not know that in the borough there have been some 30 fires in waste bins over the past year or so. I understand most of these are started deliberately but only a year or so ago a young boy died as a result of a waste bin burning adjacent to his home. It seems to me that we should be tackling the problem of the idiots who dare to set fire to the bins as well as the material of construction. Waste bins currently cost the Council around £30:00 each dependant on quantities. I would imagine that non-inflammable ones would cost a great deal more and to replace all of them in our Borough would probably be in the region £4 million and most likely a Council tax increase to cover the cost, not, I think, possible in the current climate.

Council for the Protection of Rural England CPRE

This committee meets on a quarterly basis and reviews a whole raft of issues from windfarms, new roads and all of the development areas in the County. Broadly representative of all of the areas of the Northants there are some interesting discussions. The meeting had a presentation on windfarms the logic being that there is a requirement for a national CPRE policy on the generation of electricity from wind. We do of course have what appears to be a reasonably efficient site at Burton Wold and Kettering Council are proud of the performance of this site. It does however seem that the wind levels around our county are not that conducive to many more windfarms. The group decided to set up a sub-committee to garnish as much data as possible for the next meeting.

Sywell Aerodrome was also discussed as was the West Northants Emergent Core Strategy more of this below.

West Northants Joint Planning Committee

I mentioned in my last missive that I felt that there were major flaws in the emerging strategy documents. It looked rushed and missing some fundamentals, such as “Where were all of these people coming from? Where is their employment coming from? Who is funding the infrastructure?” It is therefore great news that the County Council has rejected the Emergent Core Strategy for number of simple reasons. But everybody should be aware that the West Northants Planning Committee had not voted on the document anyway. The rejection is for review not cancellation but it is hard to see how all of the development as justified anyway.

There has been a rise in the speculation of the potential sale of land in the Parish of Sywell, you will be aware that all Planning for this Borough is done through Wellingborough BC not through West Northants JPC. That being the case those speculators hoping to make a “killing” can forget it until the next review of the CSS which is not likely to be before 2021 and hopefully under the guidance of a Conservative Government!

Sywell Aerodrome JCC The next meeting of the JCC will be held in Sywell Village Hall on 24th November it is scheduled to start at 18:00 which I appreciate is a little early but I understand some of the aviators have to travel distances to get home. I am hoping we can have a Public Q & A at around 19:00. The meeting is scheduled to end at 20:00. **Everybody is welcome but you may need to get there early as I am sure there will be great interest.** I mentioned in my last Missive that Sywell Aerodrome Ltd had made a formal complaint about my conduct with respect to their business, there is now a degree of crystallisation of the allegations. I list them below:

- 1) I am using my “office” to pursue a personal vendetta against Sywell Aerodrome.
- 2) I am using my “office” to make various enquiries of public bodies to obtain information that would not otherwise be available to a member of the public.
- 3) I am attempting to use the authority of the Council in my investigations and have been trespassing on private land and have instigated investigations with the aim of harassing/harming the business of SAL.

I already have a significant amount of support via Parish Council’s, I am of course representing your views as stressed during my election campaign in September and October 2007. I look forward to your comments and individual support in this matter. In the meantime SAL has admitted (in the evidence to the above) that the new All Weather Runway does not comply with the Secretaries of States Decision to allow an **“All Weather covering of the existing 03/21 Runway”**. In fact they say that it complies with an abstract drawing used in evidence but never referred to in the Decision Letter or the Conditions. This refers to a **re-aligned 03/21** not an existing 03/21 runway. Now it is my belief that only one of these statements can be “true”. I have to believe the Secretaries of State knew what they were doing.

Jim Bass (Councillor for Sywell, Ecton and Mears Ashby, Wellingborough Borough Council) e-mail: jhbass@btconnect.com Tel+44 1604 647594 Mob +44 7711 103816

“Origins of the Worlds End and the Hensman Family

Compiled by John Smith of Southampton, 10x great grand nephew of John Morris circa 1535-1598 and 10x great grandson of Mychael Hensman circa 1544-1584” **Part 2**

The lack of any mention of the Worlds End in Thomas’s Will would seem to indicate that he had been a tenant landlord rather than an owner, and this may well have been the case with the previous Hensman landlords.

The actual Worlds End building and the land it stood on may have been the property of the Lord of Ecton Hall and leased out on lengthy terms.

Whether Joseph Hensman returned from his soldiering and received his inheritance, or whether it went to Morris Hensman and Samuel Smith is not known, but one William Sutton now continued as licensee of the Worlds End, and the Hensman occupancy had seemingly come to an end.

William Sutton had married Ann Hudson in Ecton 14th of July 1735, and was living in Earls Barton during the births of their five children. William, having taken over the running of the Worlds End in 1761 remained the publican there until 1777, when aged 76, he died. He was buried in Ecton, in March 1777.

Now the name shown in licensee records was now changed to Edward Wheeler.

Edward Wheeler had been born in Dallington, in December of 1747 and in April of 1777 had married Mary Hensman; she was the daughter of John and Ann Hensman of Ecton, and grand daughter of Worlds End Inn keeper, John Hensman 1702-1735, so for a very brief period a Hensman was back in residence.

Some kind of untimely misfortune befell Edward and he died in 1778 aged just 30, he was buried in Ecton in the July of that year. His Widow Mary later married a John Brown of Ecton, in Mears Ashby in the August of 1781.

For the remainder of 1778 and 1779 the keeping of the Inn was now in the hands of one Samuel Knight.

Samuel Knight had been born in Ecton on the 7th of November 1736, and married Rebecca Gillitt of Mears Ashby; they had married in that parish, in the November of 1768. Rebecca died in Ecton, aged 35, in May of 1782.

Here the waters muddy slightly and I am not sure how long Samuel Knight continued as landlord, perhaps he was the Samuel Knight, Victualler of Doddington, who married Mary Lambert in Grendon in December of 1782. But whatever had become of Samuel Knight, in the year 1799, one Daniel Clayson was recorded as the Inn keeper at Ecton, his Suritie for the sum of Ten Pounds was a John Knight of Great Doddington.

Daniel Clayson is thought to be the person born at Brafield on the Green in 1756, and who married Elizabeth Marston in Ecton, St Mary Magdalene, on the 1st of October 1787. Daniel Clayson was recorded as the Inn keeper in 1803 but his name does not appear in the ‘Ale House Recognizances’ for the Wellingborough district of 1805, however, when he made out his Will in April of 1806 he identified himself as Victualler at Ecton, he died early the next year and was buried in Ecton on the 18th of January 1807.

The next recorded licensee was Thomas Blason in 1806, although he may well have been in situ before that year, his Suritie for the sum of Ten Pounds was one Samuel Eaton of Earls Barton.

Thomas Blason had been born in Ecton in 1779, the son of William and Elizabeth Blason, he married Dorothy Meredith of Cransley, in that parish in 1807, they raised their family of seven children in Ecton and at the baptism of their first daughter Elizabeth in 1808, Thomas is recorded as a Publican.

In the 1841 census of Ecton, Thomas is shown as Victualler at the Worlds End. He died in 1849 aged 70 and his wife Dorothy died two years later in 1847 aged 73, both were buried in Ecton.

Thomas Blason must have given up the job of landlord some years prior to his death because in the Kellys directory of 1847 Joseph Wills is now shown as Inn keeper at the Worlds End having taken over from Thomas Blason, and in the 1851 census, 56 year old Joseph Wills, who was born in Felmersham Bedfordshire is shown as a Victualler in Ecton, along with his Denton born wife Ann, and with a niece, a servant and a lodger.

Neither Joseph nor Ann were buried in Ecton, Ann appears elsewhere in the 1861 census as a Widow living close to her son Charles who was at that time a retired Publican, so it would appear that Joseph and Ann had moved on shortly after 1851, making way for Thomas Lansberry.

Thomas Lansberry is shown in the 1854 Post Office directory as Inn Keeper of the Worlds End, Ecton, he was born in Ecton in 1800 the son of Joseph Lansberry and Patience Pettit, he married Frances Britten, born 1804, of Weston Favel in the year 1825 and in 1829 a daughter, Fanny Selina Britten Lansberry was baptised at the Church of All Saints Northampton. At some time between 1829 and 1842 both wife and daughter must have died because in the 1851 census Thomas has a new wife named Caroline and a two year old son, Joseph Thomas. (Joseph Thomas Lansberry died in 1855 and was buried in Ecton).

Thomas had married Caroline Britten (of Weston Favel) in the Church St Dunstan Stepney, London, on the 12th of July 1842, (Caroline and Frances Britten were sisters) but he was now living in Kettering with his wife, his son, and two servants, another daughter also named Frances Selina Britten Lansberry was born in Kettering at the end of 1851 but she died in 1859 and was buried in Ecton.

By the time of the 1861 census Thomas had moved on was living at the Angel Inn, Wellingborough, with his wife Caroline, a seven year old son named William, one bar maid, and three servants. In the 1871 census he is shown living in Silver Street Wellingborough with wife Caroline and several employees, where he is now described as a Hotel Keeper. After he died in 1874 Thomas was buried in his home village of Ecton on the 31st of December, he was aged 74. Caroline remained in Wellingborough and in the 1881 census was shown as a 73 year old Widow living off the rent of the houses she now owned.

At some time between 1854 and 1861 William Slow had become the new licensee of the Worlds End.

William Slow was born in Northampton in 1829 and had married Charlotte Liner of Rushton in 1856, in the 1861 census he is shown as a Publican and farmer employing a labourer and two boys. In the 1871 census he is shown living at the Worlds End in Turnpike Road along with his wife and five children, he was farming 30 acres of land and employing two men and three boys.

By 1774 William Slow had given up the running of the Worlds End and at the time of the 1881 census was living in his farm house at Thorpe Malser, now with eight children, and farming 254 acres of land, while employing six men and two boys.

Meanwhile, back at the Worlds End, William Christopher Perkins was now in charge. William Christopher Perkins was born in All Saints Northampton in 1851, the son of Frederick Perkins, Nurseryman, and Anne his wife, in the 1871 census William is still in All Saints working as a gardener. His wife, Annie Tarry was born in 1848 and in the 1871 census is a domestic servant to John Ash, a sugar bailer in St Giles Northampton, they must have married around 1876 as their first son, Frederick Tarry Perkins was born in Northampton 1878, their other four children were all Ecton born.

William Christopher Perkins appears in the 1881 and 1891 census as living at 1 Turnpike Road (Worlds End Inn) and is described as a Farmer and Inn Keeper. He is first shown as the Worlds End licensee in 1874 and is also shown as Inn Keeper at the Worlds End in various trade directories right through to 1914. Annie Perkins died in 1919 and William Christopher Perkins died in 1924.

And there my research has stopped as we are coming into modern times and living people.

Note #1; John Cole, in his book 'The History and Antiquities of Ecton published in 1825, claims that the 'Worlds End' was at one time called 'The Globe'. Unfortunately during my research I could find no confirmation of this claim, perhaps when the Inn was rebuilt the name changed for a short while, or perhaps it was known by that name prior to 1667. The name 'Worlds End' has always been in popular use for Taverns and a 'Worlds End' can be found in many counties throughout England.

Note#2; A Garner was a place where grain was stored; a Hovelling was a form of shelter.

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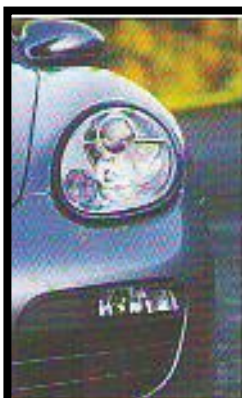
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