

ECTON CHURCH AND VILLAGE NEWS



OCTOBER 1989



32 confirmation candidates discovered they were making local history this summer when for the first time in our diocese's history a Bishop of Brixworth took a confirmation at Brixworth parish church.

Rejoice in their success

Every quarter I get the Economic Report published by the Central Policy and Research Unit of the Northamptonshire County Council. It tells of unemployment in the County.

It is an important document because I feel that a Bishop ought to know as much about his diocese as he can and it is encouraging. It tells me that the total number of unemployed in the county has gone down by 11,580 in the last two years and is still going down. It tells me that in April there were only 4% men unemployed in the county and 3% women and even in Corby which was hit so hard by the closure of the steelworks the numbers are 7% and 6%.

Why should I belabour you with employment statistics in a diocesan leaflet?

To inform and encourage. It means that less of our fellow citizens are enduring the demoralising effects of unemployment: more of them have the fulfilment that work can bring and the greater opportunities that their salaries and wages may offer them. The Christian religion is about life more abundant and that I believe is not something simply spiritual.

For too long our Nation and our Church have dwelt on deprivation and defeat. Of course I believe that we should aid those who are facing these, which is why I believe we should support the Church Urban Fund. However, we really have neglected to affirm those who have fought their way out of deprivation, we have failed to encourage those who have sought to overcome despair. In the face of success - however modest or great, we have been strangely silent.

The great Prayer Book prayer has us pray for all sorts and conditions of men, that they may have a happy issue out of all their afflictions. When they do, let us rejoice.

William.

Who's Who in Ecton

RICHARD MAYNE

Yes, it's that time of the year again, when the new Assistant Warden bares his soul (but not his body) before the village.

It seems odd writing this now, having been here for over two months, and already knowing so many of you. My thanks go to all of you who helped me settle in by giving me cups of tea in my hour of need.

I come to you having just finished my degree at Leeds University. Not theology as many people suggest, but mathematics, which will probanly frighten half of you to death.

I'm here really to assuage my position for the future. I've always wanted to teach, but I couldn't face going from University straight back into education. So I decided to take a year out, and ended up here in Ecton. I'd been here a few times before, singing in the Church and on retreat, but it's a lot different 'on the other side of the fence'.

I've got two brothers ; a twin, Harvey; and a younger brother of nineteen , Travis. Both are at University, although Harvey is in Germany at the moment as part of his course. He does English and German, Travis does Land Surveying.

I'm looking forward to re-discovering some of the pastimes I dropped in favour of study last year. I play chess, and love a game of cards. I used to be a musician, and there seems to be a gamut of choirs around to join. If only I had the time ! Without a Warden at the moment I sometimes feel obliged to stay in more than I perhaps should. I've started bell-ringing since I've been here too - it's great. It's mathematical too - and I need as much of my second greatest love as I can get.

I've always gone to Church, and was very fortunate to have a great group of friends that kept me at Church at the age when people tend to leave. Since leaving school my commitment has grown, although there are certain problems that I have that need sorting out. I like to be involved in things, but perhaps that will have to change here. It's not easy to walk into a village and 'take over'.

I'm really looking forward to this year - running the house will be a great challenge for me. Thankfully I've a great staff behind me. And the way the village has taken me in has been fantastic.

The King is dead, long live the King !

Richard Mayne.

COPY FOR THE NOVEMBER MAGAZINE

Should be delivered to Ecton House
by 15th October.

Enquiries :- Tel. Northampton 407888.



RE: MEMORIAL TO CANON JEPHSON

After all these years it is very good to see a Memorial erected to the memory of Canon Jephson in our Church.

Will those who helped with the cost of this memorial please accept my grateful thanks.

Henry Pinney

CANARIES

A local breeder has offered to donate £1 to the Tower Fund for each canary purchased at £4 (normal cost £12).

If anyone is interested please contact Wynne or Alice.

ARTHRITIS & RHEUMATISM FLAG DAY

We both wish to thank you all once again for your generous support for the above cause.

£119.75p was collected door-to-door.

Thank you all once again.

Betty and Jack Cunningham

Over 60's Club

On Monday 4th September we had a very interesting meeting when Mrs Adams from DHSS, Wellingborough addressed the Club on the benefits available for those who needed financial help. The secretary has some leaflets if anyone would like to see them.

RUTLAND WATER

On Thursday 7th September a coach party went to visit one of our water sources. It was a very interesting outing and thanks to the weather, boat trip and the novelty of the outing there were many appreciative remarks. Many lady members provided tea and cakes. Well over forty went on the outing and anyone not a member over 60 in the village should come and join us.

WHIST DRIVES

Thursday 19th October & 16th November at 7.30pm.

If you have any unwanted presents or Antiques? We would be glad to have them for prizes.

Future meetings will held on October 2nd 16th & 30th.

MRS.WELCH

We are sorry to say that owing to failing health Mrs.E.Welch has resigned from being Secretary. Her work in the past has been very much appreciated and we still hope that as she improves she will still remain a member of the Club.

Denise Langley.

Church of St. Mary Magdalene

HARVEST SUPPER

after Evensong Sunday

1st October

in Ecton House

£2.00

followed by auction of produce.

If you're quick its not too late to join us. Contact Mary Dicks or Kathy Stears for tickets.

VOLUNTEERS

We are looking for more volunteers to help with the cleaning and sacristans. The more helpers we have the less often each pair have to do it.

Anyone interested please see or phone Kathy Stears, Northampton 407888.

Women's Institute

Firstly grateful thanks to everyone who so generously supported our Food & Wine evening on 4th August. A grand total of £159 was raised of which £50 has been given to the Ecton Youth Club roof appeal. All proceeds from the raffle (£65) were donated to the Renal Unit at Northampton General.

Summer activities included a walk across the fields to join Gt Billing WI as part of the Institute's county wide footpath campaign and an enjoyable coach outing to Windsor.

Campaigns of a different nature were part of the long history of the 1300 year old Order of St John of Jerusalem and Mr Frank Roberts, Commander of the Order, took the July meeting on a time journey from Jerusalem, via Malta up to present day England and the now familiar St John Ambulance Brigade.

"Do you know it is the loves and hates within you which can make you unwell?" was the rather surprising question posed by homeopathic doctor, Mike Thomson on 5 September. He backed this up with a fascinating talk on how the principles of homeopathy are used to treat the vital force of a person by lessening susceptibility to infection or allergy.

Winners of the competition for a small herb pillow were Paddy Macquire, Audrey Treloar and June Henson. There is no set competition for our meeting on 3 October which is the AGM. Do come along. New and former members are always welcome - especially those willing to lend their talents to the committee for the new year!

CAROL JONES

LETTER FROM ANDREW CURRAH

I have failed to keep in touch with my 'sponsors' during the academic year at Selly Oak, for which I apologise. I hope that this letter to all those who have helped fund my course will make up for the silence.

The summer term of the academic year has just closed. I continue to work on my dissertation, the submission of which will signal the end of my participation in the Diploma in Mission Studies programme. The year at Selly Oak has proved valuable in two important ways. Firstly, the study of mission has been interesting and formative, and will provide a good base on which to build future work and possibly future academic study. Secondly, the people of the Selly Oak Colleges and the city of Birmingham have been marvellous resource and environment in which to live and work. I have greatly enjoyed the rich diversity of races, faiths and traditions to be found here.

The promise of the mission studies programme was ultimately a practical one: to relate the study of mission to its practice at home and abroad. The true value of this year will be seen in the coming months and years. One of the major themes to arise from the course has been the Christian encounter with people of other faiths. My dissertation finds its roots in this inter-faith arena, and it is to work involving interreligious encounter that I go in October. I have recently accepted an invitation to take up the post of Community and Race Relations Worker in the West Yorkshire District of the Methodist Church. The Bradford-based job, a three year appointment will be an enormous challenge. As an Anglican working for and with Methodists, I will find

myself at the heart of an ecumenical endeavour; as a British Christian in Bradford, I will need to cross the frontiers of faith and culture crucial to community relations. In both I will be challenged and confronted while also encouraged and stimulated; in both I hope to glimpse some more of the excellence of God.

It is with gratitude that I address all of you who have made possible the year at Selly Oak. It has been an immensely enjoyable period of study and encounter. I had thought it quite likely that at its end, I would pursue a ministry abroad: none of the overseas opportunities that I have explored have felt appropriate, and it is to Bradford that I go. There feels a deep rightness about the move. The past twelve months will serve me well in all that is ahead, and I extend my grateful thanks to you all for enabling that year to happen.

Yours sincerely,

Andrew Cunnah .

Mums & Tots

All mothers with children under school age are welcome to join us.
Every Thursday in the Rectory Room at 2.00pm till 3.30pm.

Church & Village Diary

OCTOBER

Monday 2 Over 60's Club
Tuesday 3 W.I. 7.30pm
Thursday 5 9.30am Holy Communion
Saturday 7 Blessing of Civil Marriage 12noon
Sunday 8 21ST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

9.30am Parish Communion

Acts 26. 1-8

Luke 18. 1-8

6.0pm Evensong

Tuesday 10 Ecton Fellowship 2.30pm
Thursday 12 9.30 Holy Communion
Sunday 15 22ND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

9.30am Parish Communion

1. John 2. 22 to end

Luke 16. 1-9

6.0pm Evensong

Monday 16 Over 60's Club
Thursday 19 9.30am Holy Communion
7.0pm Whist Drive Over 60's
Sunday 22 LAST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

9.30am Parish Communion

Phil 3. 7 to end

John 17. 1-10

6.0pm Evensong

Thursday 26 9.30am Holy Communion
Over 60's Club

Sunday 29 9TH BEFORE CHRISTMAS
9.30am Parish Communion
Rev 4
John 3. 1-8
6.0pm Evensong

Monday 30 Over 60's Club

NOVEMBER

Thursday 2 9.30am Holy Communion

Sunday 5 8TH SUNDAY BEFORE CHRISTMAS
9.30am Parish Communion &
Parade Service
Romans 7. 7-13
John 3. 13-21
6.0pm Evensong

From The Collection Plate

JULY

2nd	£181.76
9th	£178.08
16th	£172.12
23rd	£231.87
30th	£218.95

AUGUST



6th	£114.80
13th	£158.50
20th	£271.45
27th	£122.40

SEPTEMBER

3rd	£193.90
10th	£180.09
17th	£176.93

RADON IN HOMES

Radon is a naturally occurring radioactive gas which is believed to give an increased risk of certain cancers.

The Borough Council took part in a National survey for radon and found slightly elevated readings in 3 houses in Earls Barton, Finedon and Isham. In a further survey 6 more houses in Great Harrowden, Little Irchester and Orlingbury and 3 in Wellingborough were also sufficiently high for the National Radiological Protection Board to offer a 12 month survey to these properties. Additionally they have said they are prepared to offer a free short survey of 3 months to any house within the Borough of Wellingborough.

It would be most useful if as many households as possible would take up this offer. If you would like to take part please contact the Environmental Health Department, Borough Council of Wellingborough, 20 Sheep Street, Wellingborough. Telephone 229777 extension 4708.

From The Registers

BAPTISMS

JULY

- 9th William Charles Barnes
- 16th Emma Louise Powell
- 23rd Ruth Alexandra Elizabeth Tuck

Ecton Youth Club

Youth Club meet every Wednesday night at 7.0pm any young person is welcome.

The next Lunch Club will be on Wednesday 4th October and 1st November.

There will be a Craft Sale in the Youth Club on Saturday 4th November.

The members of the Youth Club committee would like to thank everyone for their support at the Strawberry Tea, last July which made £91.27p. We have recieved donations of £50 each from Ecton W.I. and Ecton Playgroup, which we thank them both very much.

How wonderful our village is when something like this has to be done. The Youth Club is used for so much now, not only the Youth Club, but the Playgroup, Adult Club, not least the Lunch Club. We hope we have a new roof when this is printed, but we still have a little way to go yet, to get all the money.

Thankyou very much everyone.

Mary Beesley.

Ecton Village Playgroup

For any information about the Playgroup please contact Jan Lennon, Northampton 410658.



Friends of Ecton School

Another year has started and we continue to value your support for our events at the school. Our first meeting of the year will be held on Monday 2nd October at 7.30pm in the school.

Please join us if you can or send your ideas for fund-raising to me, Barbara Wheeler 44 High Street, Ecton.

I look forward to seeing or hearing from you

The winners for our monthly draw are as follows :-

May	Mr and Mrs Vail	£10
June	Eric Wheeler	£10
July	Kevin Vail	£10
August	Margaret Tinston	£10

Ecton Fellowship

Tuesday October 10th at 2.0pm

Jim Hawkins of .B.B.C. Radio Northampton will be coming to talk about his work. Jim is one of the General Producers and currently presents the 9.05am - 10.30am weekday show.

Everyone is very welcome.

By an oversight the Committee Meeting has had to be cancelled and will be on Thursday 5th October in the Benham Room at 10.0am.

Joan Dickins

READERS

OCTOBER

- 1st Stan Kidney
8th Stephen Meakins
15th Brenda Jones
22nd Howard Carter
29th Denis Lennon or Richard Mayne

NOVEMBER

- 5th Les Mitchell

Cleaning Rota

OCTOBER

- 7th Alice & Wynne (L)
14th Mrs Dicks & Mrs Cartwright (R)
21st Mrs Harlott & Mrs Wright (L)
28th Mrs Wilson & Mrs Hunwicks (R)

NOVEMBER

- 4th Mrs Baylis & Mrs Stears (L)
11th Mrs Robinson & Mrs Haycox (R)

Sacristans Rota

OCTOBER

7th Mrs Treloar & Miss Gleave (A)
14th Mrs Baylis & Mrs Stears (B)
21st -----do----- (A)
28th Mrs Aveyard & Mrs Maud Dicks(B)

NOVEMBER

4th Mrs Aveyard & Mrs Maud Dicks(A)
11th Mrs Cross & Mrs Mary Dicks (B)

Flower Rota

OCTOBER

7th Audrey Treloar
14th Audrey Treloar
21st Dorothy Cross
28th Dorothy Cross

NOVEMBER

4th Jean Leigh
11th Jean Leigh

From The Registers

WEDDINGS

AUGUST

16th Ann Marie Hadfield
&
Gary Gallagher

19th Steven Clifford Mitchell
&
Lindsey Louise Coutts

SEPTEMBER

16th Rachael Louise Hewitt
&
Nigel Jonathon Penn

Coffee Rota

OCTOBER

1st Audrey Treloar & Ingrid
Cartwright

8th Millie Harlott & Dora

15th Alice & Wynne

22nd Celia & Howard Carter

29th NEW VOLUNTEERS PLEASE

NOVEMBER

4th Nick & Mary Green

11th Tricia Fuller & Mavis Ahead

We need more people to help with coffee on Sunday Mornings. If you would be willing to help, please speak to Trevor Hunwicks.

PARISH AND VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS

Parish Council	<u>Chairman</u>	Mr John E Beesley Tel: Northampton 810577
Ecton Primary School	<u>Headteacher</u>	Mrs Sarah Stopps Tel: Northampton 409213
Ecton Fellowship	<u>Contact</u>	Mrs Joyce Orford Tel: Northampton 414245 2nd Tuesday in month 2.45 p.m in Rectory Room
Ecton W.I	<u>Contact</u>	Mrs Millie Harlott Tel: Northampton 405938 1st Tuesday in month 7.30 p.m in Rectory Room
Over 60's	<u>Contact</u>	Mrs Denise Langley Tel: Northampton 404173 Twice monthly on Monday's 2.30 p.m in Rectory Room
Youth Club & Senior Club	<u>Contact</u>	Mrs M Beesley Tel: Northampton 810577 Y.C Monday 7.00-9.30 p.m S.C Tuesday 8.00 p.m at Club Hall, High Street, Ecton
Mums & Tots	<u>Contact</u>	Mrs Jan Lennon Tel: Northampton 410658 Every Thursday 2.30-4.00 p.m in Rectory Room
Playgroup	<u>Contact</u>	Mrs Jan Lennon Tel: Northampton 410658 Tuesday & Friday 9.15-11.45 a.m at Youth Club Hall, High Street, Ecton
Cricket Club	<u>Secretary</u>	Mr J Collip Tel: Northampton 405688
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Every Sunday (except Parade Service
Sunday) 9.30 a.m in Rectory Room

