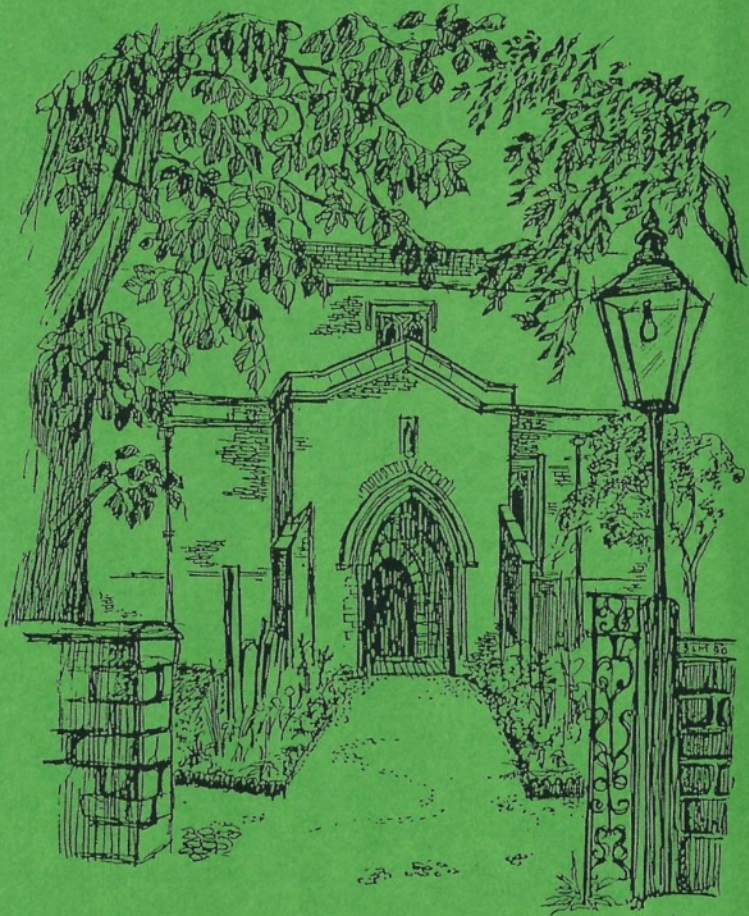


# ECTON CHURCH AND VILLAGE NEWS



*OCTOBER 1991*

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## FROM THE RECTOR'S STUDY

Why is it that many people who say that they believe in God and profess to call themselves Christian find it almost impossible to worship regularly in Church. The answer to this question is, I believe, one of the most important that we can ask at this time of revolutionary political and sociological change. I have known many men and women whose personal lives are exemplary and a cause for admiration yet who never, as they say, darken the door of a church except for the rites of passage. On the other hand my 30 years experience as a parish priest leaves me with no doubt of the high quality of many, many church attenders. There is obviously a great gulf fixed between two camps and I often wonder whether it is not simple a matter of shyness but one of loyalty to a way of life that prevents a coming together. Supposing somebody who had not been to church for years was discovered to be attending regularly, what would be the implications to a network of friendships? Would there be derision? Ridicule? Many young people have his problem if they attend church. What is wrong with worshipping God in His house on the Sabbath? We may have a low view of those who attend church but worship is, for the most part, beyond criticism; the Bible is read, the Sacrament celebrated, prayers offered and hymns of praise sung.

Some would say there is no time to go to church even for just one hour a week. To counter that there is the time that is given to so many other pursuits. Clubs and societies are demanding enormous commitment from members, whilst the church is simply asking people to

join in the regular round of worship so that souls may be fed and, more importantly, honour given to God through Jesus Christ.

All my life I have been pre-occupied with this question. Perhaps there is someone in the village who would help me to come to an understanding. Of one thing I am absolutely certain the time has come when the barriers between the two camps need to be broken down like the Berlin Wall, and then perhaps we shall all see ourselves as frail human-beings with a desperate need to know God's love and to be part of a loving, uplifting and nurturing community. A freely flowing movement in and out of church would be a glimpse of Heaven. God would truly be among His people should this happen.

**Every Blessing**

**Peter Naylor**

#### **IN APPRECIATION OF MAVIS PATTEN**

When the 12th Northampton Company of the Girls' Life Brigade was formed at Commercial Street Congregational Church in May 1940, Mavis, who was a member of the Sunday School there, was amongst the first girls to join the organisation. She rose through the ranks and was commissioned a Lieutenant in 1948. It was the foundation of much devoted work in the Girls' Brigade. She served as an Officer with the 1st Earls Barton, Ecton, Grendon, Little Harrowden companies and as Commandant and

Secretary of the Central Northants District of the Girls' Brigade. She became Girls' Brigade Divisional Co-ordinator in 1976 working together with the Boys' Brigade at the Training Centre in Northampton for four years. She represented the Girls' Brigade on the Standing Conference of National Voluntary Organisations in the County (SCNVYC) and served this Committee for some years as Secretary. When the Girls' Brigade acquired a Training Centre in Ecton, Mavis became Warden of that property, caring for parties of Officers and girls who took up residence there. In later years she became a member of the Girls' Brigade Guild of Friendship, a body of ex-members and friends whose aim is to support the serving officers in their work amongst girls. She belonged to the branch at Earls Barton and was always willing to come along to Divisional events and lend a hand in whatever capacity it was required.

Bethany Homestead in Northampton was the place in which her Mother spent the last 25 years of her life and the Annual Garden Party there saw Mavis helping on one or another of the Stalls.

Mavis' service to the community has been quietly and unobtrusively carried out. It has been deeply valued by those of us with whom she has been associated and we shall miss her. It is said that no one is indispensable - maybe this is true but a gap is left never to be filled again in quite the same way.

GRACE E ROBERTS (MRS)

## ECTON CHURCH FETE

13 JULY 1991

We were all thrilled to hear of the success of the summer fete held in July at Ecton House. Bob Allison, the Church Treasurer, tells me that the sum of almost £1,200 has been raised. What was most significant was the wonderful spirit of co-operation and the general feelings of happiness and goodwill. I want to thank everyone who contributed in any way. All those responsible for stalls and money raising have expressed their appreciation of support by individuals who gave time, energy, materials and money for the success of the event. I have received the following notes of appreciation:

### Cake Stall

Many thanks of appreciation to all those ladies who so kindly provided such a splendid choice of lovely cakes etc., all of which raised the sum of just over £205. We feel it was a splendid effort on the part of you all.

Dorothy Cross, Dorothy Austin  
and Marian Gleave

### Refreshments

To all the ladies (and the gentlemen) who helped to make the refreshments at the Fete such a tremendous success - both cake and sandwich makers - and the wonderful team serving and washing up - I would like to say THANK YOU.

Joy Wilson

**ACCOUNT FOR ECTON CHURCH FETE  
RECEIPTS**

Donations	112.00
Tombola	225.29
Cakes	205.53
Garden Produce	130.31
Handicrafts	100.83
White Elephant	64.65
Teas	75.46
"Paint a Picture"	3.30
Skittles	34.43
Raffle	85.70
Books	55.30
"Win a Goldfish"	10.65
Jewellery	85.00
Games - Various	32.78
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>1,221.23</b>
Less: Payment for Band	60.00
<b>PROFIT</b>	<b><u>£1,161.23</u></b>

**ECTON FELLOWSHIP**

Our next meeting will be at Great Billing on Tuesday October 15th at 2.30 p.m.

Great Billing Ladies Group are our host.

Transport will be arranged for those going so please be at Ecton House at 2.10 p.m. on that Tuesday.

JOAN DICKINS

**ECTON VILLAGE FESTIVAL  
10-12 JULY 1992**



**"LET US GO FORWARD TOGETHER"**

It's time to search in the roof, turn out the cupboards and dust off the cobwebs - the theme of next year's festival is "Ecton in the Forties".

Already the first meeting has been held to work out the outline details and after much discussion the 1940's was chosen. We thought that many of the older people in the village, and even those not so old can remember that era in the life of Ecton. How interesting it would be for the youngsters to learn more about our local recallable history first hand.

For many it was a time of shortages of most things, rationing and 'digging for victory' but what about the stars of the 'Silver Screen', of Workers Playtime and ITMA. Lets hear about the Ecton Pageants of the 1940's and the life in the

village centred around the Hall. If you have a story to tell please get in touch because we hope to be able to produce a booklet with photographs of Ecton, then and now.

Each month until next July we shall be covering different aspects of the festival, this month is just an introduction to the theme for the weekend and letting you know who you can contact if you want to help. Obviously everyone will be needed to do something, so don't wait to be asked!.

For now we only have an outline of events, but they will include a Flower Festival, an Art Exhibition, Pig Roast and Dance and of course the Saturday night themed Dinner with Entertainment. Very special parts of the weekend will be the Sunday morning service in the marquee and the Celebration Evensong to round off the whole event.

I have volunteered to act as the co-ordinator, so if you have any ideas or memories that you wish to pass on do get in touch either by telephoning 785550/406038 or drop into 17 West Street. If you would like to help in any particular area then these are the people who would like to hear from you:

Freda Richards & Pauline Charles -  
Flower Festival  
Brian Saunders & Henry Pinney -  
Stalls & Amusements  
Joy Wilson/Mary Dicks - Lunches & Teas  
John Strange - Raffle  
Martin Stears - Bar  
Peter Naylor - Art Exhibition  
Stephen & Julie Meakins - Saturday Dinner

Just to get things rolling and to start a float fund, would you collect 'money off' coupons once again. It doesn't cost anything to do and

at the last festival we managed to make over £100 on the goods purchased. Also if anyone would like to join the 'Talents Multiplication Scheme' ask me about it when you see me, and I'll also try to explain it in greater detail in the November magazine.

**Sheila Ingram**

### **Thank You**

I would like to thank everyone for the cheque for £300, plus gold earrings. It was a lovely surprise, and I think I will buy a microwave so I won't be tied to the stove in my retirement!! I have enjoyed my 12 years and three months doing the Post, seeing the seasons come and go, also looking at everyone's gardens and begging this and that for the festivals.

I shall be around again as I will be Pauline's relief. I also take this opportunity to thank my 3 reliefs for their help in the past.

Once again Thank You.

**Freda Richards**

### **ECTON OVER SIXTIES CLUB**

Thinking about our Autumn Programme, we shall be going to the Theatre to see "My Fair Lady". We also celebrae the Club's 21st Birthday with a lunch at The Lakeside restaurant at Overstone.

The dates of the meetings are September 30th, October 14th and 28th.

Our monthly Whist Drive is on 24th October, 7.15 p.m. for 7.30. Everyone welcome.

**Denise Langley**

## ALTAR SERVERS

Servers have an important role to play in the life of the Church in assisting the Priest at the Altar, and I am happy to report that we now have a good team of Servers to fulfil this role.

A Server should carry out his/her duties with reverence remembering that it is God's Work they are doing in God's House. They should always be punctual and reach the Church on time to prepare the Altar for the Service.

I will be putting the Servers on a rota basis and this will be published in the magazine each month.

The October Rota is as follows:-

October 6th	Victoria Green
October 13th	John Strange
October 20th	Charles Jordan
October 27th	Richard Stears

Will any Server unable to carry out their duties on a particular Sunday arrange for a substitute or contact me on telephone 409422.

**LESLIE MURDIN**

## READER'S DIARY

6th October 1991	Guides
13th October 1991	
20th October 1991	Belinda Jones
27th October 1991	
3rd November 1991	Sunday School

**ST LUKE'S HOSPITAL FOR THE CLERGY** is about to keep its Centennial Year, starting with a Service in St Paul's Cathedral on Wednesday, 16 October, at which the Archbishop of Canterbury will be the Preacher.

On the following **Saturday, 19 October**, just after St Luke's Day, it is hoped to ring a SPONSORED PEAL in various bell-towers around the country to raise funds for the Centenary Appeal. This is due to the initiative of one of the Consultants at St Luke's Hospital, who is himself a bell-ringer at St Paul's Cathedral.

Locally, this Anniversary Peal will be attempted at **St Peter's Church, Irthlingborough**, starting about 2.30pm under the guidance of Mr Murray A Coleman of Rothwell.

A Peal of this kind consists of about five thousand changes and takes about three hours continuous ringing. People are asked to support this venture either by giving their sponsorship for each thousand changes to be rung, or by making a donation. As the Deanery Representative for St Luke's Hospital, I write to ask for your help with this most worthy cause!

The Hospital depends entirely upon voluntary contributions, and costs over £2,000 a day to run, so the Centennial Appeal should go a long way to building up much-needed financial resources.

St Luke's provides prompt, free treatment for clergy, their spouses and dependent children; for clergy widows; for theological students and their families; members of Religious Orders; active and retired missionaries; Church Army

Officers; deaconesses and full-time licensed parish workers. Some 150 Consultants from other London hospitals give their time and talents (worth more than a quarter of a million pounds a year) entirely free of charge and in their own spare time. Patients come from all over the country, and from many parts of the world. In 1990 St Luke's admitted 825 people for treatment in this way.

In addition to the medical and surgical care which is given in London, St Luke's has recently set up a team of more than 50 honorary psychiatrists nationwide to help with appropriate referrals.

A 20-minute video about the Hospital's work will be shown to the meeting of Wellingsborough Deanery Synod in November.

**Sponsorship forms** for the Centennial Peal are available in your parish church. **Please hand any donations, or money collected in this way, to your own Church Treasurer by Sunday 17 November**, so that your gifts may be received by me at the Synod Meeting (on Wednesday 27 November) ready to forward to St Luke's Hospital.

Thank you for your interest and support!

**Father Martyn Wratten,  
The Vicarage, Great Doddington.  
(Telephone W.226711)**

### C L E A N I N G   R O T A

5th October	Pink Team	Shine
12th October	Yellow Team	Polish
19th October	Red Team	Shine
26th October	Green Team	Polish
2nd November	Orange Team	Shine

## PRAYERS FOR SEPTEMBER

"In the stilled silence, mind, heart and soul wait upon God, reach out to God, not thinking, not asking, not doing, just waiting stilled upon God."

Tue	1	St Therese de Lisieux, Religious, 1897
Wed	2	Family Problems
Thu	3	All who will be confirmed
Fri	4	St Francis of Assisi, Friar, 1226
Sat	5	Peace in the World
SUN	6	William Tyndale, Translator of the Bible, 1536
Mon	7	For Families
Tue	8	For Friends
Wed	9	For the Sick
Thu	10	St Parlinus, Missionary, 644
Fri	11	For the Village
Sat	12	For the Church
SUN	13	St Edward the Confessor, King of England, 1066
Mon	14	For the Workers
Tue	15	St Teresa of Avila, Mystic, 1582
Wed	16	For the Unemployed
Thu	17	St Ignatius, Martyr, 107 Bishop of Antioch
Fri	18	St Luke the Evangelist
Sat	19	For those involved in war
SUN	20	For the third World
Mon	21	For Members of the Government
Tue	22	For the Young and Old
Wed	23	For Travellers
Thu	24	For the Housebound
Fri	25	For all who live and work in Northampton
Sat	26	For the Parish Council
SUN	27	William Temple, 1944 Archbishop of Canterbury
Mon	28	St Simon and St Jude Apostles

Tue 29 James Hannington, Bishop of  
E Equatorial Africa, Martyr, 1885  
Wed 30 Martin Luther, Monk, Reformer, 1546  
Thu 31 Saints & Martyrs of the Reformation  
Era:- St John Fisher, 1535; John  
Rogers, 1555; St Margaret Clitheroe,  
1586; Hugh Latimar & Nicholas  
Ridley, 1535

### COFFEE ROTA

Oct 6th Millie Harlot and Dora  
Oct 13th Celia and Howard Carter  
Oct 20th Alice and Wynn  
Oct 27th Nick and Mary Green  
Nov 3rd Sue and Les Mitchell

If you find that you are unable to manage your assigned Sunday will you please arrange cover.

### BELLRINGING

The peace and quiet of the village was disturbed as bellringing practice began again. Two new learners joined three old learners and with the help of a ringer from Moulton, all six bells saw action, although no tune worthy of mention was made at this first practice session as those living closest to the church can testify. If we are to be in a position to assemble a band for regular Sunday ringing we still require more learners from the village. If you would like to join us for practice we meet at 7.30 on Wednesday evenings at the church or for more information ring Colin Tinston on 412233.

## ECTON HALL CRICKET CLUB

The Cricket Club's plans to improve its playing facilities still continue and much success has been achieved in getting Grants towards the cost, approved by local authorities.

Total cash requirements are approximately £40,000.00 and this will provide a new and larger pavilion, a new square together with an artificial strip, fencing, gates, netting and additional mowing equipment.

So far we have been granted £10,800.00 by the Wellingborough Borough Council provided the Northants County Council make a matching Grant of the same amount i.e. we would get £21,600.00 in total.

Unfortunately, Northants County Council do not have any spare cash at present and cannot, therefore, match Wellingborough's grant. Both Wellingborough and Northants County Council have agreed however, to leave our application "on the table" pending cash becoming available to the Northants County Council in the next year or so.

In addition to the Grants, Wellingborough Borough Council have agreed a loan of £4,000.00 to the Cricket Club at 9% p.a. over 10 years.

Provided we eventually receive all the above cash, we will have £25,600.00 towards the total cost of £40,000.00, leaving us £14,400.00 short, of which we have £2,500.00 in cash in the Club's Funds.

Our net deficit is therefore £12,000.00 which we must raise over the next few years.

Our Fund Raising activities currently encompass the monthly Prize Draw and Meat Raffle over the Winter months in The Three Horseshoes, which Sue Darwin kindly runs on our behalf. We will need to continue these and supplement them with additional events, the first of which is a Supper and Horse Racing Evening in November.

The venue is the Fir Trees Restaurant in Wellingborough on Thursday, 7th November and tickets are £7.50 each. We will also combine with this event the annual Trophy Presentations to the Season's best players.

Horse Racing events are very exciting and generate great enthusiasm. The races are shown on a large screen and a tote is run so that everyone can have a small gamble on their fancy. Horses can also be purchased - the winning Owner taking the prize money. Tickets are available from any member of the Cricket Club.

For next year, our President, John Beesley, has suggested a "bash" in his barn in June, which is something to look forward to.

The Cricket Club Committee would especially like to thank everyone that has supported us in the past with our fund raising. We are one of the oldest Cricket Clubs in the County and would like to carry on our tradition with improved playing facilities.

We respectfully request therefore, your continued support over the next few critical years.

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**ECTON HALL CRICKET CLUB**  
**Horseracing Evening and Supper**  
**at the**  
**Fir Tree Restaurant and Ballroom**  
**Northampton Road, Wellingborough**  
**on**  
**Thursday 7th November 1991**  
**7.30 for 8.00 pm**  
**Dress - Suit and Tie**  
**Tickets £7.50**

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**All proceeds to Ground improvement fund**

Tickets are available from :

Brian Beck, 76 Hight Street, or Steve Wheatman,  
6 Franklins Close - Tel: 401714

If you are interested in a "flutter" why not  
make up a party with your friends?

### **CRICKET CLUB RESULTS**

When you read this the 1991 season will be over  
but not forgotten. In the second half of the  
season we lost more games than we won but there  
were several close and exciting finishes.

9th June v Heyford - Lost at Home

The visitors scored 185 with Steve Wheatman  
taking 4 wickets for 51. Ecton replied with 126  
- Chris Ellis 27, Brian Saunders 46.

16th June v Arlington - Won Away

Playing at Abington Park for the first time for  
several years. Ecton scored 174 for 8, Stuart  
Jeffery 57 and Mark Patchine 59 not out.  
Abington replied with 108, Mark taking 3 for 11.

23rd June v Little Harrowden - Rained off

30th June v Guilsborough - Won Away

On a slow wicket Ecton totalled 115 for 9, Chris Ellis 24, Dave Croft 27 not out. Guilsborough found batting no easier and were all out for 95 with Malcolm Kearsley taking 5 for 23.

7th July v Roade - Lost Away

On a good batting wicket Roade scored 198. Good batting by Dave Croft 71 and Stuart Jeffery 50 not out enabled Ecton to close on 180.

14th July v Badby - Lost Away

Another hot day and good batting conditions saw Badby score 185. Ecton replied with 145, Mark Bullock 21, Steve Wheatman 24, Jason Wright 31.

21st July v Mears Ashby - Won at Home

Batting first the visitors were contained for 139 all out. Dave Croft 4 for 24, Mark Patching 3 for 16. Ecton replied with 142 for 5 with useful contributions from Chris Ellis 32, Brian Saunders 26, Stuart Jeffery 27 not out and Mark Patching 43 not out.

28th July v Collingtree - Won at Home

A good innings of 73 by Chris Ellis enabled Ecton to score 167. Collingtree put up a spirited effort but were dismissed for 158. With Dave Croft, Malcolm Kearsley and Kevin Lester each taking 3 wickets.

4th August v St Michaels 74 - Lost Away

On the Bugbrooke mat Ecton scored 173, Stuart Jeffery 42, Dave Croft 37 not out. The home side won by 3 wickets with the help of some sporting Ecton bowling, Steve Wheatman taking 5 wickets for 25.

11th August v Stoke Goldington - Lost at Home

The visitors batted first and scored 124. When

Ecton batted Dave Croft scored 32 but did have enough support from the other batsmen and were all out for 109.

18th August v Wootton - Lost Away

Wootton scored 124 on their notorious wicket. Ecton could only manage 67.

26th August v Earls Barton - Lost Away

On the first all day match against our neighbours on the Bank Holiday Monday the scores were:

Earls Barton: 1st Innings 146

2nd Innings 157

Ecton: 1st Innings 139

(M Bullock 71, M Kearsley 36)

2nd Innings 162

(M Bullock 31, M Kearsley 44 n.o.)

At the end of an enjoyable days cricket we had lost by 2 runs. The only disappointment was that Mark Patching, one of our best all round cricketers, had injured his knee and was not able to play any more this season.

This fixture could become an annual event.

1st September v Cogenhoe - Lost at Home

On yet another hot day and a good Ecton wicket. Cogenhoe scored 169, Jason Wright 4 wickets for 15. Ecton replied with 152, Mark Bullock 26 and Malcolm Kearsley 53 still in good form from Monday, and Kevin Lester 21.

8th September v Cold Ashby - Lost Away

On our first visit to this Northern Outpost conditions for batting were perfect. Unfortunately we lost the toss and the home side scored 251 for 7 with Simon Jones scoring 109. Ecton's reply of 226 for 4 was very commendable, with Steve Richards 42, Mark Bullock 42, Stuart Jeffery 56 not out and Chris Ellis 55 taking full advantage of the conditions. This must have been our highest score to lose a match.

Draw Pool winners are as follows:-

June	No 35	H Woodcock	£20
	No 133	S Wheatman	£10
July	No 77	C Marden	£20
	No 39	S Richards	£10
August	No 122	S Elliott	£20
	No 129	M Bullock	£10

**Brian Saunders**

### **RECTORS NOTES**

I can understand any villager being riled about the speed with which some drivers race their cars up and down our many streets. Clearly something must be done about it soon before we have cause for regret. I have decided to set an example by driving with greater care through the village, regardless of any driver who may be impatiently following me. In addition, I have asked those members of my staff at Ecton House, who are drivers, to set an example by driving slowly whenever they pass in or out on their way to work. I know that most of you drive responsibly but if we were all to slow down and set the pace, then this would be a step in the right direction until those in authority see sense.

May I remind you the Harvest Festival is on Sunday, 6th October with services at the usual time. At the 9.30 am Parish Communion the Very Reverend Randolph Wise, Dean of Peterborough Cathedral, will be our guest and preacher. During the afternoon there will be a peal of bells by the Peterborough Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers. After Evensong there will be the usual Harvest Supper at Ecton House. Mary Dicks and friends are arranging the supper and will need all the help we can give them. Tickets are available, price £4.00.

**Rector**

## ECTON PARISH COUNCIL

Although the Parish Council will have had a meeting in September it will be too late to insert any information in this magazine, so this article can only be an update of events that have taken place over the summer period.

Those of you living in the High Street area will no doubt be quite pleased that the road surface is now much improved. The Highways Department have been quite sensitive in their treatment of the road and use of golden gravel rather than black tarmac. We were reliably informed that other areas of the village will be treated similarly early next year when the Anglian Water Authority and others have completed their undergrounding. The main areas have also been sprayed with weed killer. This will maybe prompt more thorough attention to the weeds and litter throughout the village. Although we always manage to do well in the Churchyard competition due to the hard work put in by Henry Pinney, Tom Richards, Brian Saunders and others, we are never likely to have any success in the Best Kept Village competition whilst we have so many weeds along our verges. Where is the pride in our own village. As we have mentioned before if each householder undertook to maintain their own piece we would have a village to be proud of!

At the bottom of the village we can expect development in the near future, as yet no dates have been given to us but we understand that a Travelodge will be built on each side of the A45 adjacent to the existing petrol station and cafeterias. Also despite protesting very strongly during several meetings with the appropriate authorities we understand that there

will be an extension to provide 10 additional pitches to the existing gypsy site. Representatives of the Parish Council recently visited the site together with a member of the Northamptonshire Planning department and the site warden and once more quite clearly spelt out our worries and apprehensions about the proposals. The Parish Council has recently sent a letter to the authorities to finally outline and confirm one or two points that they would wish to see taken up by the Borough Council such as the provision of facilities for the site residents to dispose of their larger waste items, i.e. tree loppings, and to restrict the use of the village as a "short cut". None of these things can be guaranteed to happen but we have at least asked!

Little appears to improve with regard to the fouling of pavements and verges, in fact during the last month we have been visited by the Dog Warden who was appalled by the state of the village. During the next couple of months Wellingborough Council are carrying out spot checks in the area and they intend to concentrate much of their efforts in Ecton. The Parish Council has already taken delivery of a large number of poop scoops which are available free of charge. Just ask any council member.

One final item this month. We are very sad to be losing our present parish clerk. Jack Wright has looked after our affairs most admirably over the last couple of years, but has decided now that he has been eased gently from his previous full time occupation into retirement by looking after Ecton Parish Council, that he needs more time to himself. Thanks for all your hard work Jack!

Hopefully by next month we shall be in a position to introduce you to our new parish clerk. Watch this space!

### **ARTHRITIS & RHEUMATISM FLAG DAY**

We both wish to thank you all once again for your generous support to the above cause. £108.64 was collected. Thank you.

**Betty and Jock Cunningham**

### **FLOWER ROTA**

5th October 1991	Harvest Festival
12th October 1991	Volunteers please
19th October 1991	E A Treloar
26th October 1991	E A Treloar
2nd November 1991	Mary Dicks

### **FROM THE COLLECTION PLATE**

23rd June 1991	£194.86
30th June 1991	£229.63
7th July 1991	£143.41
14th July 1991	£284.20
21st July 1991	£175.40
28th July 1991	£240.35

## PARISH SHARE

The Right Reverend Hadyn Smart, Rural Dean of Wellingborough would like to share with you a letter received from Bishop William of Peterborough.

"I write this short note to thank the people and parishes of the Deanery of Wellingborough for paying in full their Parish Share for 1990. It has been a very difficult year for all of us financially and I know how deeply this recent recession has hit much of the business and industry of the diocese. I am grateful, therefore, that the parishes have found a way to pay their full share.

"If everyone in the diocese could do as you did in 1990 then we would surmount the problems which face us and I hope that the example set by you will be followed. Thank you all very much indeed."

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**Wine and Cheese Evening**  
**November 8th at 7.30 p.m.**  
**Youth Club Room**  
**Tickets £1.40 inc. first glass**  
**Craft and Plant Stalls etc.**

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**THE FRIENDS OF CYNTHIA SPENCER HOUSE** was formed in 1990 and the committee is made up mainly of individuals who have had contact with the Hospice when their partners, or close relatives were cared for by the Hospice.

The aim of the 'Friends' is simply to raise money for our Hospice, and of course give back-up to the staff when possible. The money raised will be used to enhance the comfort of patients and their relatives during the time they are being cared for by the Team at Spencer House, and to provide those many 'extras' which are so essential at such times. We give back-up also to the Day Unit, which is a very important part of the Cancer Care Unit.

The first main project the 'Friends' set themselves was to raise the money to have a Conservatory built in the lovely grounds at Cynthia Spencer House - this will be for the use of patients and their visitors. We need in the region of £25,000 to accomplish this and even though we have only been in existence for just over 12 months, our target is almost in sight. A lot of hard work has gone into raising this large amount of money by the committee, however, we are indebted to many individuals and organisations for helping us.

We have a membership of just over 200 'Friends' - the yearly subscription is only £1.00 and newsletters are sent out from time to time giving details of what events we have planned.

If you require any further information or would like to organise your own fund-raising event please contact Peter Nock on Northampton 402800.

## WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Our September gathering was saddened by the sudden death of Mavis Patten. To those of us who are comparative newcomers to the village, Mavis was an integral part of Ecton. As our Secretary she was impeccable and we shall all miss her very much.

Speaking on "British Cookery" Mr P Chubb said that if there is one thing tourists enjoy it is a full English breakfast. B & B advice apart, I'm sure everyone learned something from the handy hints sprinkled throughout his talk which covered hotel and restaurant catering through the ages. Personally I await the recipe sheet to solve the mysteries of "hindleakes" making!

Competition winners for "An interesting or pretty tea towel" were Joan Henson, Carol Jones and Stella Gibson.

Many thanks to all who supported our Food and Wine Evening on a sunny 2 August. From the £341 raised, donations are being sent to Cynthia Spencer Hospice and Princess Marina Hospital, a defibrillator for St John's Ambulance and a special appeal for Classrooms in Nepal.

On 1st October Mr E Moon talks about "Garden Birds" - perhaps he knows where they all went in August. Competition: "A Harvest Buttonhole".

**Carol Jones**

## **ECTON PRIMARY SCHOOL**

On Thursday, 14th November, ECTON PRIMARY SCHOOL are to hold an **"AUCTION EVENING OF TALENTS"**

This will be the main fund raising event of the year for the school.

Refreshments will be available on the evening, there will also be a bumper raffle.

Please come and support us.

Tickets will be available nearer the time. The Auction will be held at **"ECTON HOUSE"**. Time 7.30 p.m.

## **FROM THE REGISTERS**

### **Baptisms**

9.6.91 Christopher Lawrence Barltrop  
21.7.91 Natalie Francisca Howard  
25.8.92 Hannah Louise Steel  
25.8.92 Lucy May Steel  
1.9.91 Mark Andrew Reynolds

### **Marriages**

29.6.91 Danny McGovern and  
Linda Catherine Ficken  
29.6.91 Quentin Richard Tildesley and  
Catherine Cecilia Brown

### **Funerals**

6.9.91 Mavis Helen Patten

## CHURCH AND VILLAGE DIARY

### OCTOBER

- Tue 1 7.30 pm Women's Institute
- Thu 3 9.30 am Holy Communion
- SUN 6 HARVEST FESTIVAL  
9.30 am Parish Communion and Parade  
Service - Preacher: the Very  
Reverend Randolph Wise  
John 4.31-36  
Matthew 21.12-16  
6.00 pm Evensong followed by  
Harvest Supper
- Mon 7 7.50 am Holy Communion, House Chapel  
8.00 pm Cricket Club
- Tue 8 2.30 pm Ecton Fellowship
- Thu 10 9.30 am Holy Communion
- Sat 12 2.30 pm Wedding
- SUN 13 21 AFTER PENTECOST  
9.30 am Parish Communion and  
Sunday School  
Acts 26. 1-8  
Luke 18. 1-8  
6.00 pm Evensong  
7.00 pm Pathfinders
- Mon 14 7.50 am Holy Communion, House Chapel  
2.30 pm Over 60's - Rectory Room
- Wed 16 3.30 pm Over 60's  
Birthday Celebrations
- Thu 17 9.30 am Holy Communion

Fri 18 ST LUKE THE EVANGELIST  
 9.30 am Holy Communion

SUN 20 LAST AFTER PENTECOST  
 9.30 am Parish Communion and  
 Sunday School  
 Philippians 3. 7-end  
 John 17. 1-10  
 6.00 pm Evensong  
 7.00 pm Pathfinders

Mon 21 7.50 am Holy Communion, House Chapel

Thu 24 9.30 am Holy Communion  
 7.30 pm Whist Drive - Rectory Room

SUN 27 9 BEFORE CHRISTMAS  
 9.30 am Parish Communion and  
 Sunday School  
 Revelation 4  
 John 3. 1-8  
 6.00 pm Evensong  
 7.00 pm Pathfinders

Mon 28 ST SIMON AND ST JUDE, APOSTLES  
 7.50 am Holy Communion, House Chapel  
 2.30 pm Over 60's - Rectory Room  
 7.30 pm Holy Communion

Thu 31 9.30 am Holy Communion

NOVEMBER

SUN 3 8 BEFORE CHRISTMAS  
 9.30 am Parish Communion and  
 Parade Service  
 Genesis 3. 1-15  
 John 3. 13-21  
 6.00 pm Evensong  
 7.00 pm Pathfinders

## PARISH AND VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS

Parish Council	<b>Chairman</b>	Mrs Sheila Ingram Tel: Northampton 406038
Ecton Primary School	<b>Headteacher</b>	Mrs Helen Tite Tel: Northampton 409213
Ecton Fellowship	<b>Contact</b>	Miss Joyce Orford Tel: Northampton 414245 2nd Tuesday in month 2.30 pm in Rectory Room
Ecton W.I.	<b>Contact</b>	Mrs Millie Harlott Tel: Northampton 405938 1st Tuesday in month 7.30 p.m. in Rectory Room
Over 60's	<b>Contact</b>	Mrs Denise Langley Tel: Northampton 404173 Twice monthly on Mondays 2.30 pm in Rectory Room
Youth Club & Senior Club	<b>Contact</b>	Mrs M Beesley Tel: Northampton 810577 Y.C. Wednesday 7.00 - 9.00 pm S.C. Tuesday 8.00 pm at Club Hall, High Street, Ecton
Mums & Tots	<b>Contact</b>	Mrs Julie Meakins Tel: Northampton 411140 Every Thursday 2.30 - 4.00 pm in Rectory Room
Playgroup	<b>Contact</b>	Mrs Julie Meakins Tel: Northampton 411140 Tuesday and Friday 9.15 - 11.45 am at Youth Club Hall, High Street, Ecton
Cricket Club	<b>Captain</b>	Mr Steve Wheatman Tel: Northampton 401714
	<b>Secretary</b>	Mrs H Kearsley Tel: Northampton 810922
Brownies	<b>Contact</b>	Mrs Tricia Fuller Tel: Northampton 403137
Bell Ringers	<b>Contact</b>	Mrs Mary Strange Tel: Northampton 409306
Pathfinders	<b>Contact</b>	Mr Graham Jordan Tel: Northampton 410255

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# ECTON HOUSE



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