

# Ecton Parish Magazine



Parish Magazine

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October 2004

*"A good October and a good blast  
To blow the hog, acorn and mast"*

## Church Directory

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## Parish and Village Organisations

### Bell Ringers

Contact: Colin Tinston  
Tel: 01604 412233

### Fellowship

Contact: Joyce Orford  
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2nd Tuesday in month  
2.30pm Village Hall

### Cricket Club

Captain: Steve Wheatman  
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### Ecton Village Hall

Contact: Tony Green  
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Booking Clerk: Marlene Green

### Mums & Tots

Contact: Vicky Chapman  
Tel: 01604 788748  
Most Wednesdays  
1.30-3.30pm Village Hall

### Short Mat Bowls

Contact: Maurice Creed  
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### Parish Council

Chairman: Ty Moffett  
Tel: 01604 407474

### Pre-School

Now relocated to the school  
Contact: Mrs Vicki Burrows

### Primary School

Head: Vicki Burrows  
Tel: 01604 409213

### Womens Institute

Contact: Marlene Green  
Tel: 01604 407141  
1st Tuesday in month  
7.30 Village Hall

### Youth Club

Contact: Margaret Tinston  
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Margaret@ectonvillage.co.uk  
Wednesday  
6.30-7.30 Junior Youth Club  
7.30-8.30 Senior Youth Club  
Village Hall

### Badgers Group

Tuesdays 5.45 - 7.15pm Village Hall  
Contact: Vicky Chapman 788748 or  
Nita Gill 493455

## Editors Ramblings

October is already here and our thoughts are turning to winter, time to order the winter fuel, service the boiler or go to a Barn Dance. O.K. so a bit obscure as a link but Betty Cunningham is organising a Barn Dance for the Village Hall fund, details can be found on the back page, but a link from Betty to the poem on page 11 works.

If you notice a difference in the presentation of the magazine it is because I am using a new computer programme and I am still getting used to it. The reason for the new programme is to allow the magazine to be put onto the Ecton website, so perhaps by the time you get this in hard copy some may have already read it via the web. The quality will be much better. With the delivered magazine we have problems with the printing as to make it affordable we have to print it, then get it photo-copied, each process losing clarity. We are at present looking for grants that will allow us to buy equipment and print the magazine ourselves but the cost is quite high.

What has happened in the village since the last issue, see a picture of the new skittle league champions on page 15. I guess also holidays have been big on the agenda. The football and rugby seasons have started and the Olympic games are now just a memory.

The new youth club and Village Hall timetables are in this issue and may or may not be complete.

We welcome Helen and Max (the new owners of the Worlds End) to the village, and by this remote link the 'Then and Now' picture is chosen. I hear the food side will be greatly improved and I will take it on myself to visit and do a review for a future issue. While I'm there I'll also check out the new Cocktail and Wine bar. The sacrifices I make for this mag. They are also rugby supporters and sponsor one of the Saints new players, (picture on the then and now page). And here comes another link, see the feature about the Saints on page 18.

If you have visited the village Hall recently you cannot have missed the wonderful display of sunflowers and our thanks go to whoever planted these and many other plants thus making a drab wall into one of colour.

On a less happy note I have had reports of newspapers going missing from the pick up point, it may be that people have come back off holiday and collecting a paper a day before delivery restarts. Please check that you are on the list provided or let me know if you have had problems.

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by 16th October

*I hate to advocate drugs, alcohol, violence, or insanity to anyone, but they've always worked for me.*

*Ecton Church Diary  
October 2004*

***Sunday 3rd October***

9.30am

6.00pm

***Tuesday 5th October***

9.00am

***Sunday 10th October***

9.30am

***Tuesday 12th October***

9.00am

***Sunday 17th October***

9.30am

6.00pm

***Tuesday 19th October***

9.00am

***Sunday 24th October***

9.30am

***Tuesday 26th October***

9.00am

***Sunday 31st October***

9.30am

***Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity***

*Parish Communion: Lamentations 1. 1-6;*

*Psalm 137; 2 Timothy 1. 1-14;*

*Luke 17. 5-10.*

*Evensong.*

*Holy Communion.*

***Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity***

*Parish Communion: Jeremiah 29. 1,4-7;*

*Psalm 66. 1-11; 2 Timothy 2. 8-15;*

*Luke 17. 11-19.*

*Holy Communion.*

***Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity***

*Parish Communion: Jeremiah 31. 27-34;*

*Psalm 119. 97-104; 2 Timothy 3.14-4.5;*

*Luke 1. 1-8.*

*Evensong.*

*Holy Communion.*

***The Last Sunday after Trinity***

*Parish Communion: Joel 2. 23-32;*

*Psalm 65; 2 Timothy 4.6-8, 16-18;*

*Luke 18. 9-14.*

*Holy Communion.*

***All Saints' Day***

*Parish Communion: Daniel 7. 1-3,*

*15-18; Psalm 149; Ephesians 1. 11-23;*

*Luke 6. 20-31.*

"The road to a friend's house is never long."

Today dear Lord I'm 80  
And there's much I haven't done.  
I hope dear Lord, you'll let me live  
until I'm 81  
But then, if I haven't finished all I  
want to do,  
Would you let me stay awhile until  
I'm 82?  
So many places I want to go, so very  
much to see,  
Do you think that you could manage  
to make it 83?  
The world is changing very fast,  
There is so much in store,  
I'd like it very much to live until  
I'm 84.  
And if by then I'm still alive, I'd like  
to stay till 85.  
More planes will be up in the air  
So I'd really like to stick  
And see what happens to the world  
when I'm 85.  
I know dear Lord, it's much to ask  
(and it must be nice in heaven)  
But I would really like to stay until  
I'm 87  
I know by then I won't be fast  
And sometimes will be late,  
But it would be so pleasant to be  
around at 88  
I will have seen so many things,  
And had a wonderful time,  
So I'm sure I'll be willing to leave  
at 89  
MAYBE.....

**Whist Drives**  
have started again and  
continue at the Village Hall  
at 7.30pm on the following  
dates

October 22nd  
November 26th  
December 17th

January 28th  
February 25th  
March 25th  
April 22nd  
May 27th  
June 24th

Everyone Welcome

**NOTE FOR YOUR DIARY**  
**A Village Christmas Party is being planned**  
**for Saturday 4th December in Ecton Village**  
**Hall.**  
**More details in the next magazine.**

**Ecton Village Mother & Toddler Group**  
Wednesday 1.30 - 3.30 at the village hall

Come and join us at the village hall, we have lots of new and interesting toys. All children welcome. Cost is £1 per child including drinks and snacks

Contact Vicky Chapman 788748

Lord Jesus,  
I give you my hands to do your work,  
I give you my feet to go your way,  
I give you my eyes to see as you do,  
I give you my tongue to speak your words,  
I give you my mind that you may think in me,  
I give you my spirit that you may pray in me.

Above all I give you my heart that you may love in me, your father, and all mankind. I give you my whole self that you may grow in me, so that it is you, Lord Jesus, who lives and works and prays in me.

I hand over to your care, Lord, my soul and body, my mind and thoughts, my prayers and hopes, my health and my work, my life and my death, my parents and my family, my friends and my neighbours, my country and all men. Today and always.

## Jenny's Page



Dear Friends,

*"Isn't Church what you used to do on Sundays before Garden Centres"?*

*I think it was John Peel; no, not 'D'ye ken John Peel', but the broadcaster of Home Truths on Radio 4 on Saturday mornings, who asked that question.*

*It is a valid question isn't it? The older members of our community will remember the time when lots of people went to church. Most children were either taken or sent to Sunday School where they listened to Bible stories, learned that God loved them and collected attendance stamps. Let's face it there was nothing else to do on a Sunday.*

*But today, Sunday has become more or less like any other day of the week, as the crowded car parks at Garden Centres, DIY stores and supermarkets make plain!*

*We read in the press that Church attendance has dropped drastically in recent years. But here in Ecton we are fortunate to have a thriving congregation of between 50 and 60 people each Sunday. About a third are from the village which is a very good percentage of our small population. But I'm aware, as I get to know more people in the village, that there are quite a few of you who have come to church in the past and no longer do so.*

*Have you fallen out with God, or have you just found other things to do on Sundays?*

*This is your Church! It is not only a beautiful building it is a place of prayer and fellowship which has been used for Christian worship for the last 800 years! If your Sundays have become too busy, would you like an opportunity for prayer and quietness, or praise and hymn-singing on another day of the week?*

*Get in touch if you would like to talk about it.*

*Love and prayers*

Jenny

## From the Register

### Funeral

Ada Underwood - 17th June 2004

### A Service of Thanksgiving for the late:-

Douglas Shearing - 25th June 2004

We extend our love and sympathy to their families and friends

*"And I will be with you always to the end of the age"*

Matthew 28.20

### Weddings

We congratulate:



Simon Duncan Heggie and Katy Woods  
Married on 17th July 2004



Philip Alan Searing and Clare Elizabeth Watson  
Married on 31st July 2004

*Love never gives up: and its faith, hope and patience never fail.*

1. Corinthians 13:7

I would like to convey my sincere thanks for all the support I have been given during my recent illness. It really was appreciated.

Warmest wishes to you all.

Kathy Humphreys.

*The weak can never forgive. Forgiveness is the attribute of the strong.*  
**Mahatma Gandhi**

*Indian ascetic & nationalist leader (1869 - 1948)*

## Church Cleaning Rota

Week Ending		Team	Area
October	2nd	Pink	B
	9th	Yellow	A
	16th	Blue	B
	23rd	Green	A
	30th	Orange	B
November	6th	Red	A
Brass Cleaning			
October		Simpson Family	
November		Ingrid & Barbara	

## Coffee Rota

October	3rd	Pat Baylis & Christine Murray
	10th	Nick & Mary Greene
	17th	Millie Harlott & Pauline Cook
	24th	Rita Ward & Angela Allen
	31st	Marion Gleave & Joyce Orford
November	7th	Margaret Weddle & Anne Henderson

Sidespersons		Morning	Evening
October	3rd	Tony & Margaret Weddel	Sylvia Saunders & Marian Gleave
	10th	Tony & Marlene Green	
	17th	Brian & Sylvia Saunders	Geoff Harlott & Joy Wilson
	24th	Michael Cook & Peter Ward	
	31st	Walter Barty & John Parkin	
November	7th	David Dicks & Alice Adams	Sylvia Saunders & Marian Gleave

### The Childrens Society

The Childrens Society has requested that the money boxes be collected in October this year. I would be very grateful if church members would bring them to church. I will collect the remainder early October.

Pat Baylis

Sunflowers at the village hall



*Ecton Village Web Site  
are looking for  
Someone interested in Genealogy  
to collect information for a  
Family History page  
on the website  
[www.ectonvillage.co.uk](http://www.ectonvillage.co.uk)  
Contact Margaret Tinston 412233*

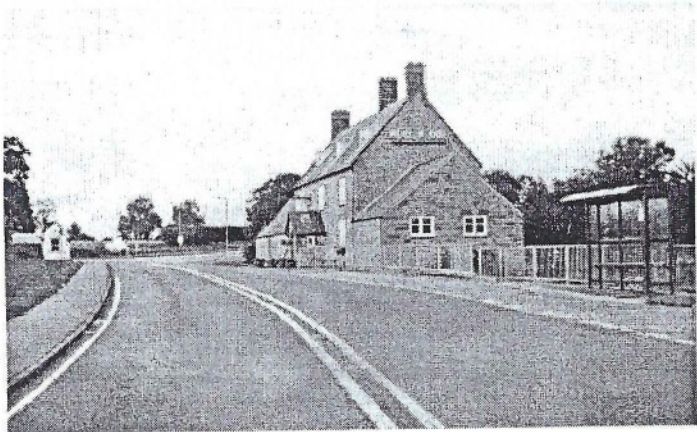
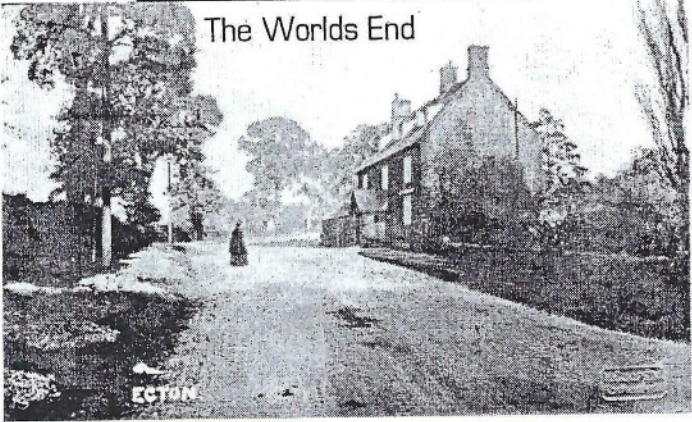
***Volunteers Required***  
For  
**Cancer Research UK 10 run at**  
Althorpe Estate  
on 17th October  
If you can help ring Northampton Volunteering Centre  
01604 637522

*Ecton Fellowship*

*Our next meeting on Tuesday October 12th will be our  
afternoon visit to Wyvale Garden Centre. We will meet outside  
the church at 2pm.*

“Be not afraid of growing slowly, be afraid only of standing still.”

Then & Now

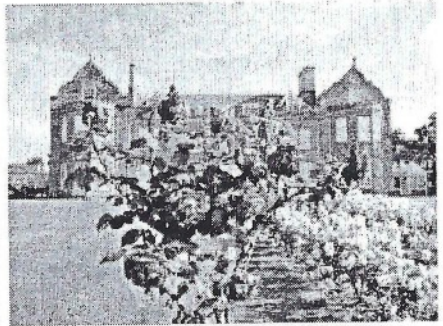
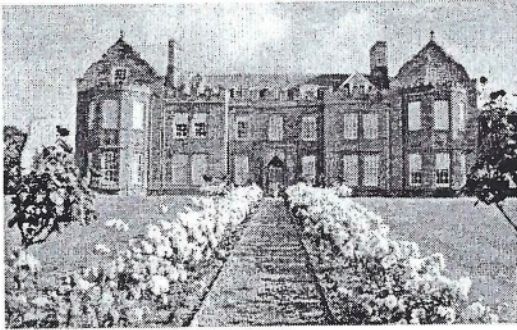


A warm Ecton welcome to the new owners  
Helen & Max  
and we look forward to having a good  
restaurant in the village.



Saints Player  
Selborne Boome  
Sponsored by  
The Worlds End  
Ecton

## *Ecton Hall in Summer*



### TO: SOME SPECIAL FOLK

Ecton is a fascinating place – I'm sure we all agree  
Ancient, modern and lots of interesting features to see  
But there's something extra special as well  
And that's the story I'm about to tell

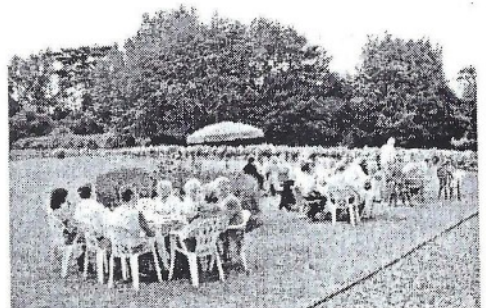
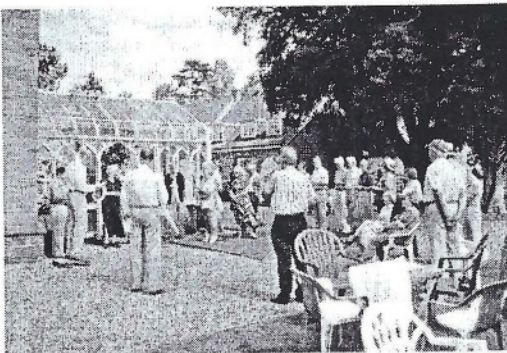
Ecton has community spirit – some ask – how can this be?  
And I say the answer's easy – it's there for you to see  
It's about some special folk – you know who I mean  
They work hard, rarely stop, they are incredibly keen

Organisation leaders, cooks, writers, fundraisers, artists and much more  
They create, sustain – Ecton's lucky to have this power, well to the fore  
They're our social entrepreneurs – rarely at rest  
An amazing group of people – simply the best

They help make our village such a super place to live  
They encourage community spirit – the magic they so freely give  
And that's the story I wanted to tell  
Hope you approved, and enjoyed it as well.

22 August 04

T.W.



*The Annual Ecton Hall Garden Party*

## The Film Quote Quiz

There are marks for

The character, the film and the year made

- 1) Tell me something, my friend. You ever dance with the Devil by the pale moonlight?
- 2) Stupid is as stupid does *Tom Hanks, Forest Gump*
- 3) Show me the money.
- 4) Frankly, my dear, I don't give a damn. *Humphrey Bogart, Casablanca*
- 5) The answer is out there, Neo, and it's looking for you, and it will find you if you want it.
- 6) Hasta la vista, baby. *Terminator*
- 7) If my calculations are correct, when this baby hits 88 miles per hour. *Doc*
- 8) I wish we could chat longer, but I'm having an old friend for dinner. *Back to the Future*
- 9) Of all the joints in all the towns in all the world, she walks into mine. *Harold Lloyd, The City Dances*
- 10) Jane, since I've met you I've noticed things that I never knew were there before; birds singing, dew glistening on a newly formed leaf, stoplights.
- 11) You seem somewhat familiar. Have I threatened you before.
- 12) Houston, we have a problem *Apollo 13*
- 13) I feel the need. The need for speed.
- 14) I think Dorothy is smarter than I am.
- 15) Rosebud
- 16) You mean that Mr. Aerial's dead
- 17) Hide in plain sight. Highest possible profile
- 18) If you believe they will come
- 19) My wife, the creature that ate Europe is here.
- 20) We have so much time, and so little to do! Strike that, reverse it.

### Lottery Results

#### August Results:

191 Mr.L.Robinson £50

104 Mrs.P.Charles £10 *Pauline*

74 Mr.S.Fitzhugh £10

43 Mrs.A.Crabtree £10

137 Mrs.P.Cook £10

154 Mrs.M.David £10

#### September Results:

57 Mr.W.Wheatman £50

8 Pat Macrae £10

179 T.Hunwick £10

21 John Cook £10

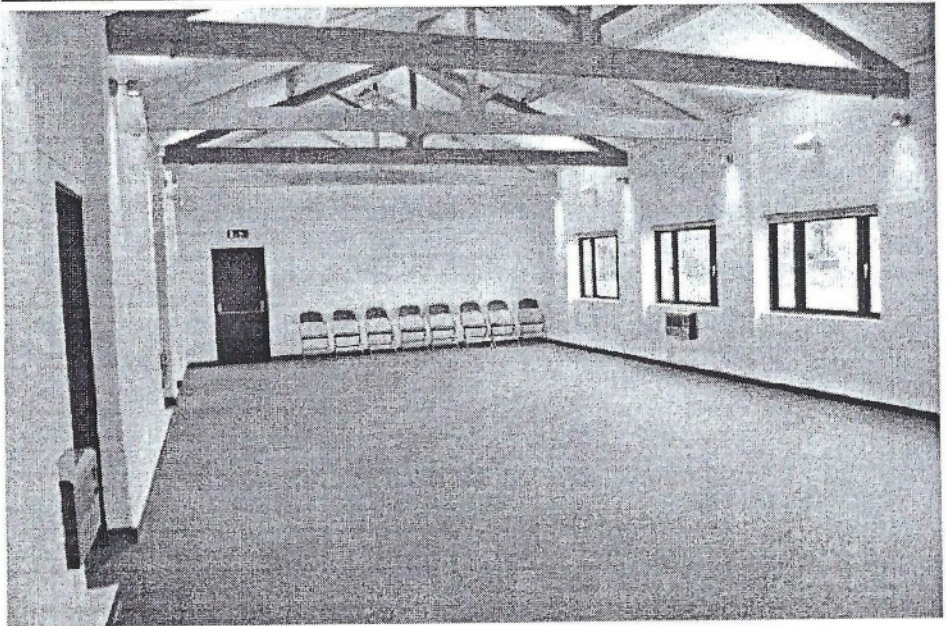
174 P.Berrill £10

189 Vicki Carter £10

*These can also be found on Church & Village Notice boards*

## Ecton Village Hall Timetable

Day	Daytime	Evening
Monday	Pilates by Jan Blaber	Pilates by Jan Blaber
Tuesday	Ecton Fellowship 2.30-4.30 2nd Tuesday in month	Badger Group 5.30-7.30 WI 7.30-9.30 1st Tuesday Parish Council 3rd Tuesday
Wednesday	Mums & Tots 1.30-3.30	Youth club 6.30-7.30 & 7.30-9
Thursday	Short mat bowls 2-4	Short mat bowls 8-10
Friday		Whist 7.30-9.30 monthly
Saturday		
Sunday		



Cherish all your happy moments: they make a fine cushion for old age.

**Christopher Morley (1890 - 1957)**



# Ecton School



West Street  
Ecton  
Northampton NN6 0QF  
Head Teacher: Mrs V Burrows  
Phone No: 01604 409213

*Having had extensive renovation to the building and many exciting changes during the last term and through the holidays, Ecton Primary School staff are looking forward to the new school year. We ended the summer term with the finest SAT's results in the school's history and now look forward to building on our achievements.*

*School will open at 8.15am on Monday 6th September with the start of our new breakfast club. This will give many of our children a good start to the day ahead.*

*Work is underway to open the school to Ecton Acorns by the second half of the Autumn term. This will be a well resourced and stimulating pre-school class aimed at giving our 3 year olds the best possible start to education, with seamless transfer to our reception class which now offers full time education from the beginning of the Autumn term. Our specialist staff are working hard to ensure that the children will be welcomed into a caring, safe environment where the needs of individual children will be met.*

*If you are interested in enrolling your son or daughter to school or pre-school, please telephone 409213 and we will be pleased to show you around.*

*Vicki Burrows*

*Headteacher.*

*“Ever wonder if illiterate people get the full effect of alphabet soup?”*

## *Ecton Ladies Win Skittle League*



### **The Victorious 3 Horseshoes Skittles Team**

The 3 Horseshoes ladies skittle team joined the league 17 years ago in the bottom section, and within 3 years had won all sections to be promoted to the premier section. The 14 years in the premier section have seen them come 2nd and 3rd but this year is the first time they have obtained the Premier Trophy.

Having lost brewery sponsorship the team is now self sufficient with presentation nights attended by some 200 people.

Thanks go to the customers of the 3 Horseshoes for their support with the fortnightly raffle, profits going to the league charity which raised over £3000 over a 3 week period, and is heavily supported by the 3 Horseshoes team.

The 3 Horseshoes Skittle team would like to thank Jane Stafford (Captain) and husband John, for their sponsorship and hard work over the years.  
It would not happen without them!

*"I will not eat oysters. I want my food dead. Not sick, not wounded, dead."  
Woody Allen.*

## Ecton Youth Club

Ecton Village Youth Club returned to the Village Hall on Wednesday 8th September, we were all delighted to be able to use the newly refurbished hall. Not only does it look much bigger but there seems to be lots more space. (Tell the truth Rodney, you did push out all the walls!)  
Our new session times are:

6.30-7.30 Junior school children  
7.30-9.00 Senior school children

We wish a warm welcome to all our new members  
Everyone is welcome

Since we have increased the number of sessions and the age range we need more help, either on a regular or a casual basis. There will always be a leader there to be in charge and organise the activity.

Date	Time	Activity	Venue
6th Oct	6.30-7.30 Juniors	Games/Crafts	Village Hall
	6.30-9.00 Seniors	Football 7-8	Benham
13th Oct	6.30-7.30 Juniors	Crafts/ Games/Social	Village Hall
	7.30-9.00 Seniors	Crafts/ Games/Social	Village Hall
20th Oct	6.30-7.30 Juniors	Crafts/Games	Village Hall
	7.30-9.00 Seniors	Crafts/Games	Village Hall
27th Oct	6.30-7.30 Juniors	No youth club	Half Term
	6.30-9.00 Seniors	No Youth club	Half Term
3rd Nov	6.30-7.30 Juniors	Potz /Games	Village Hall
	7.30-9.00 Seniors	Potz /Games	Village Hall

Youth Club restarts on Wednesday 1st September-note change of times and increase in subs for the older children. This is due partly to the increase in rent charged by the Village Hall.

o 6.30-7.30 for Junior School Children-charge 50p

7.30-9.00 for Senior School Children-charge £1

Please look at the programme to see when you are on the rota and put the date in your diary. If you cannot make a session please arrange a swap with another parent or helper. We have a cleaning rota-please make sure you are aware which night your child is on the rota-they may need to stay for an extra few minutes.

*A friend is a second self.*

*Aristotle*

*Greek critic, philosopher, physicist, & zoologist (384 BC - 322 BC)*

My daughter Susan and I would like to say THANK YOU VERY MUCH, to all the talented performers in the concert on July 24th, who made such an enjoyable evening for the rest of us in the audience (or should that be congregation).

And THANK YOU to all those who worked so hard "behind the scenes", preparing a lovely buffet, and giving hours of their time depicting "Village activities" in suitable "props" and beautifully arranged flowers.

It all made an evening to remember with a great deal of pleasure.

Mrs. Jean Knight

### *Ecton Church Fete*

*For several weeks people beavered away to make the fete successful, generously donating everything from bric a brac to raffle prizes to plants, cakes, books and toys etc. The day before, a working party met at the church to put up the tables, awnings and bunting. The weather looked bleak, it rained hard during the morning and the forecast for Saturday was, 'changeable'.*

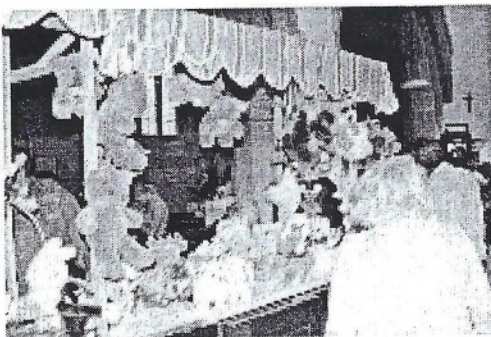
*But on the day, after a doubtful start, the sun came out and people were queuing from 1.30 onwards for the opening at 2pm! The church was packed and to a background of traditional jazz, people drank tea, spent their money and enjoyed themselves.*

*This year the fete coincided with the Historic Churches Ride and throughout the day, brave souls who were cycling from church to church around the county, visited our fete. One couple had come up for the day from St Albans in Hertfordshire. They commented that it was lovely to see a church so full of people enjoying themselves.*

*The afternoon culminated with the drawing of the raffle prizes and many hands made light work of the clearing up to restore the church in time for worship on Sunday morning.*

*We are grateful to all those who donated goods, time and energy to make it such a successful day. We raised nearly £2000.*

*John Parkin*



## *A belated return to Franklin's Gardens*

*Being a lover of the round ball (writing this after the Cobblers 3 0 defeat by Southampton) I initially refused the invitation to visit the home of the Northampton Saints. After great pressure from No1 daughter (read her report elsewhere) I was persuaded to change my mind and pay only my second visit to the Gardens. (Quiz question! What connects the supporters of N'ton Saints and the followers of Southampton F.C?)*

*To put things into context my previous visit to Franklins Gardens was to see Bob Taylor play his last match for the Saints. For those who are too young to remember, Bob Taylor was one greatest forwards to play for the Saints gaining international honours for England and the British Lions.*

*The match we were going to see was the pre-season friendly between the Saints and Newport Gwent Dragons. The weather was fantastic, warm, bright and sunny. A perfect day to watch rugby. A great many people must have agreed as a very large and enthusiastic crowd gathered to witness the Saints first home game of the season.*

*On entering the ground my first impression was what a wonderful venue in which to play rugby. The stadium looked fantastic. It bore no relationship to the old open-ended stadium of the past.*

*As for the game; during the first twenty minutes the Saints could not get hold of the ball and could consider themselves a little lucky to be only 3 points behind. However, after this the home side playing fantastic open attacking rugby ran in 7 tries and ended the game comfortable winners 35 points to 13. A great result and a great day out. It is my intention to make sure my third visit to the Saints will be sooner rather than later.*

*Two points to finish... answer to quiz question both sets of supporters sing 'When the saints go marching in'. Secondly be very careful where you park, as my enjoyment of the day was slightly impaired by getting a parking ticket for leaving my car in a residents only area.*

**Bill Brophy**

### *A day to Franklin's Gardens - by Sarah Coulter-Brophy*

*It was my first trip to see the Saints and I was really excited. They were playing Gwent Dragons.*

*It was my first time ever to see a live rugby match and it was our local team the Saints. The dragons were dressed in black. Before the game both teams warmed up, did stretches on the pitch. Just after we found our seats in the Tetley stand the match began. At half time we were winning and had scored lots of tries.*

*Then team mascots came out and kicked a ball about. Soon the second half began and in the end we won 35-13.*

*I really enjoyed my trip to the Rugby.*

**"Boy, those French: They have a different word for everything!"**



Northamptonshire  
County Council



# Spanish Courses

To enrol  
**01933 664030**

Starting week beginning 10th January 2005  
at Ecton Village Hall

Monday's 7.00 to 9.00pm  
East Northants & Wellingborough  
Lifelong Learning Service  
Wollaston Centre, Wollaston School  
Irchester Road  
Wollaston Northants NN29 7PH  
*01933 664030*



November 27th  
7.30pm



## The Great Ecton Barn Dance

At Ecton Village Hall with Live Music by the

### Weavers

There will be a bar and light refreshment  
and a great Raffle

Tickets are £5  
available from

Betty Cunningham 408415 or  
Margaret Tinston 412233



Limited Numbers so be quick!!



*A Barn Dance, sometimes known as a Ceilidh (Kaylee) or Hoedown ; is a mix of dances done in differing formations - lines, circles, squares, partner dances etc. The nature of most dances is that you dance with your own partner but progress to meet other couples with whom you repeat the dance or do a particular movement.*

*All proceeds for the Village Hall Fund*