

THE ECTON VIEW

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Snowdrops & Daffodils, photo taken by Wendy

Ecton Church Lottery

1st Prize for February Lottery: Ray Wright

Editors Note

As we go to press, Boris has outlined his escape route for England and with confidence on the increase, it looks as if life will be back to something like normal by the end of June. So for all you fabulous organisers of village events and the people that were formally running Cafes, Classes and Sports events in the village hall, its time to let everyone know when you are back in business. In the April issue, we will have a double page set aside for just this. So please let me know when your event is planned or when you will be starting your classes etc.

I hope you have noticed that the grass verges all around the village and the roads in & out of Ecton have been litter picked, thank you to the tireless volunteers, who have not only picked up hundreds of bags of rubbish, but some have also offered to monitor some of the verges and keep them rubbish free. Now you can all play your part in our "Ecton Kerbside Appeal" campaign. It takes just a few minutes to transform the look of the villages road side dwellings. Details in this magazine.

At the beginning of April we will have an Easter Hunt where everyone can wander around the village to spot Easter Eggs in decorated windows, if you have a window facing the road or pathway and wish to join in, please do so. Details in this magazine.

Considering we are still in lockdown, there is so much going on in our little Village, we have take-out of our Village Brew, now available from the Three Horseshoes, the re-fill van visits the Three Horseshoes car park 12 - 2pm on the last Wednesday of each month, and there is also a house to let. More details in this magazine.

Lastly, if you can help me with my own 'Lockdown Project' I would be most grateful, if you have any old copies of the Ecton View or Ecton Church & Village Magazine, please may I borrow them, at a socially acceptable distance of course. Even more details in this magazine!!

Tell me about your Lockdown Projects? How have you been spending all your time at home? Baking? Knitting? Sewing? Painting a Masterpiece? Writing a novel? Stay healthy and see you in stage II of un-lockdown.

Wendy

Copy for the **April**
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Ecton Village News

ECTON - EGO's

Hello, we are missing getting together with you all. We sincerely hope that there will be some progressive relaxation of the lockdown over the coming months. If so we will start to plan something for you all. Meanwhile, continue to stay safe and look forward to the spring. Don't forget you can always ring us if you need to - Sally - 403027, Pat - 402582, Wendy - 07986 557773, Kathy - 404590, Denise - 07810 004051.

THANKS

Thanks to all of you who are litter picking. You are doing a marvellous job, sadly it's a never ending task. The Parish Council has written to the new managers of the tip, asking if they can at least keep the area outside of the tip clean and tidy. Fingers crossed they might take notice.

Thanks again. Sally Jones

ECTON ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATION

Following the success of our starter plots earlier this year we have prepared another 1 plot which is now available. This plot is ideal for anyone who is new to Allotment growing and wants a smaller plot which is more manageable before possibly going on to a full plot in the future.

If you are interested or have any questions please contact Mel Savage 07850 842505

ECTON PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

One of our long standing Councillors, Ty Moffat, has decided to retire from the Parish Council. Ty was elected to the Council in May 1995 and has served our community since then. He has always been very interested and passionate about all issues affecting our village and his knowledge and experience will be missed. We are sorry to see him go but wish him well in his "retirement".

The next Parish Council meeting will be postponed until further notice. You can obtain a full copy of the latest Parish Council Minutes. Email: ectonparishcouncil@yahoo.co.uk

If a long winter lockdown has left you feeling indifferent to the world in general, why not liven up a Wednesday evening and try...

The Ecton Village Virtual Quizzes



March dates are **Wednesday 10th and 24th** at 7.30. Join in via Facebook or have questions emailed to you, send a message to ectonquiz@outlook.com to go on the mailing list. You mark your own answers and its up to you whether or not you post your scores.

Wanted: Terracotta Flower Pots

During the next few weeks as we prepare for the Spring and Summer growing season I would like to ask if anyone here in Ecton has any old terracotta/clay flower pots that they no longer need. I will be happy to collect them and either make a small payment or give a donation to a charity of your choice.

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Thank you.
Sheila Ingram



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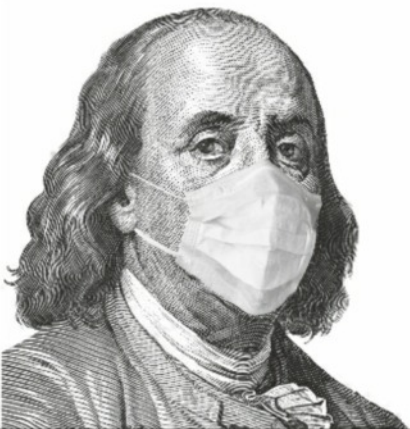


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Ecton Walks - 2021



Depending on what Boris's roadmap looks like I will get the Ecton Walks going as soon as I can.

If you would like to be added to my mailing list please email me at nigelbond@talktalk.net.

Ecton Churchyard

By the time you read this we will have had some necessary tree work done - the silver birch by Church Way will have been trimmed and the large bushes by the North Porch will have been removed opening this aspect of the church to what it used to be.

As a consequence we are planning some work on pathways and hopefully a new layer of pea shingle will help in some areas.

The flower beds at the North Porch will be stocked but we shall need to buy some appropriate plants.

Mowing is starting now too, so if you have a spare hour with your mower to help at any time, or you would be happy to take responsibility for a section of the churchyard please let me know.

(nigelbond@talktalk.net)

Inevitably this work is costly and any contributions towards the outlay will be gratefully accepted!

Thank you, Nigel Bond

Church Service Update

At the time of writing we do not have any indication of when our churches will reopen.

Please see our church website <https://gdwebenefice.wordpress.com/>
Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/Churches-of-Great-Doddington-Wilby-Ecton-106368197701664> and the village Facebook page for updates.

Please be assured of the Church's continued prayer and concern for you all.

Revd. Jackie Buck



Rector's Letter March 2021

I hope this letter finds you well and hopeful as the beauty of spring begins to show itself and we tentatively come out of Lockdown. As Lockdown ends we are entering another time of waiting, as one by one we wait for different sectors of society to reopen. A time of waiting which will run alongside the church season we entered a couple of weeks ago - Lent.

Lent always begins on Ash Wednesday, 46 days before Easter Sunday, and is in fact a 40-day season because Sundays are not counted. The 40-day period represents Jesus' time of temptation in the wilderness, where he fasted and where Satan tempted him. Lent is an opportunity for people to set aside time to focus on Jesus' life, ministry and sacrifice as we wait to celebrate Jesus' Resurrection at Easter. It is an active waiting, a time of growth in a season of growth.

If you would like to receive a daily reflection and much more, including family activities, during the rest of Lent, just click on this link and sign up or download the app.

<https://www.churchofengland.org/resources/livelent-2021-church-resources-gods-story-our-story>

Let us hope that by Easter Sunday 4th April, we will be able to celebrate in person with those closest to us.

Yours in Christ,
Revd. Jackie Buck



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EARTH HOUR

27th March 2021 8.30pm –
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This year there are some online activities/videos to share
for those who partake in social media.

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Advance Notice Earth Day – 22nd April 2021

If you “Google” Earth Day there is a
lot of information on how to get
involved, as individuals and groups
(if we are allowed to mix by then!).

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As is says on the site -

“A healthy planet is not an option – it is a necessity.”

Charlotte Eley

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN BREWERY

Some 2 years ago, the owners of the 3 Horseshoes pub in Ecton, Steve & Sandra Wheatman, were approached by Richard Denny about setting up a brewery in the outbuildings at the back of the pub.

Richard had been looking for a suitable location for some time and the 3 Horseshoe's owners had also been considering entering the Craft Brewing scene, so the partnership made good business sense especially as Richard had some 17 years' experience with Carlsberg as a technical brewer and was a qualified Master Brewer. A name for the brewery was debated and eventually it was decided to call it the 'Benjamin Franklin Brewery Ltd' due to Ecton and particularly the 3 Horseshoes having such a close association with the family of Benjamin Franklin, one of the foremost figures in North American history and one of the 5 men, who in 1776 drafted the American Declaration of Independence.

The Franklin family lived in Ecton from at least 1555 and Benjamin's uncle, Thomas, was a village blacksmith, based in the yard behind the 3 Horseshoes pub (hence the pub name) and along with his wife Eleanor, was buried in the Ecton churchyard after his death in 1702.

Benjamin Franklin visited Ecton to discover his family history in July 1758 and spent time around the 3 Horseshoes and viewed his family graves.

The great man himself was a huge fan of beer and amongst his many famous quotes was the very appropriate 'Beer is proof that god loves us and wants us to be happy' perhaps a sign that this area in Ecton was destined to one day be a site to brew ale.

A brand-new brewery was purchased from Oban Ales Brewery in Scotland and installed and commissioned in early 2020 just in time for the Covid 19 lockdowns to have a dramatic effect on the demand for beer !

After the July re-opening an initial 3.6% real ale named Benjamin Franklin Bitter was brewed and some 20 barrels (approx. 1400 pints) was produced.

The majority of this first brew was supplied to the 3 Horseshoes in Ecton, but beer was also sold to local venues in Holcot, Earls Barton, Sywell, Olney, Burton Latimer and Kettering and was enthusiastically received ..

A second stronger ale was developed during lockdown 2, the 4.2% Dougal's Thumper, named after the legendary Ex Saints player, Geoff Wright (nicknamed 'Dougal') who has close family connections with Ecton and is ready to be added to the beer menu when lockdown finishes and local pubs re-open.

Both craft beers are now currently available in 5 litre (8.8 pints) kegs which can be collected from the 3 Horseshoes (by arrangement) or delivered locally and have initially been found to be very popular locally.

Ecton Kerbside Appeal

We are asking all residents in the village to sweep in front of your home up to the curb. It takes just 5 minutes to brighten up the neighbourhood.

The Brown Bin collection starts up again on March 5th 2021



As you may have noticed that the grass verges, all around the village and the roadways in & out of Ecton, have been litter picked, thanks to the tireless volunteers who have, not only picked up hundreds of bags of rubbish, but have also volunteered to patrol the verges and keep them rubbish free.

We still have a few more areas available, to completely cover our parish, areas that just need to be monitored, walked, litter picked or reported as necessary, about once a month.

If you feel you could spare a little time to do this, please let me know - Wendy 07986 557773 or email - swippets@hotmail.co.uk

Special thanks to Alex & Evie, pictured with a neat pile of rubbish, for tackling the byway and footpaths. Evie is volunteering as part of the hard work towards the Duke of Edinburgh Award. Well done.





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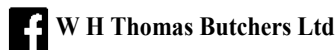
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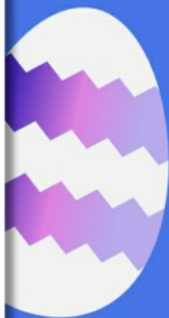




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My Ecton Lockdown Project - Wendy Stephens

When I started as Editor for The Ecton View, back in August of 2015, I had great plans to upload as many copies of the parish magazine as possible, onto the Ecton Village Website, with help from Thomas Coulter-Brophy.

Several copies were kindly passed on to me by Sheila Ingram, Denise Collacott and Tracey May Lester, to whom I am most grateful. So I started to scan all the old paper copies, and a few were uploaded along with the current magazines.

Fast forward to this Third Lockdown phase! And my mind has returned to my former plans, and I'm glad to say, with Thomas's help, there are now just over 190 separate copies of the Ecton magazine available to view on www.ectonvillage.co.uk, just go to the Village Magazine tab and click on the word 'archive' and up pops a list of dates.

At present they range from 1985 to our latest magazine, but we are still many missing. I am currently working on copies from 1991 - 2003 and these should appear over the next couple of weeks.

As you will see from the list, I am missing a chunk from 1986/7 and 2006 - 2009. If by any chance you have these in a dusty box in your attic, please may I borrow them?

Below is a couple of excerpts from 1993 issues, some of you may remember?

February 1993 - Thomas Dicks, 40 West Street, Ecton

OFF TO COLDER CLIMES - SIBERIA 93

I have been lucky enough to win a place on an Operation Raleigh (now Raleigh International) expedition for 1993. This is a registered charity involved in all kinds of environmental and community projects in Third World Countries.

I am off to Siberia for my expedition which starts in June for three months. Project work will be mainly studying the effects of pollution on plants and animals in one of the World's last wilderness areas - Lake Baikal. It is the oldest, deepest and largest freshwater lake in the World and is unique for its animals and plants, as you might have seen in the recent TV series - Realms of the Russian Bear.

It is going to be tough and the hard work starts here for me. Before going I must raise nearly £3000 through several fund raising events. More news soon - hope you can help.

October 1993 - Thomas Dicks

ESCAPE FROM SALT MINES AND FROSTBITE

I'm safely back from my Operation Raleigh Expedition to SE Siberia (11th June - 27th August). Based around the Lake Baikal area it was a fascinating experience.

What a Country Russia is! Projects proved worthwhile and successful.

I would like to put on a small slide show in Village to say thank you to everybody who helped me to get there with my fund raising. Should be fun - hope you can come. Dates and venue to decide by next issue. Thanks again. Thomas Dicks.

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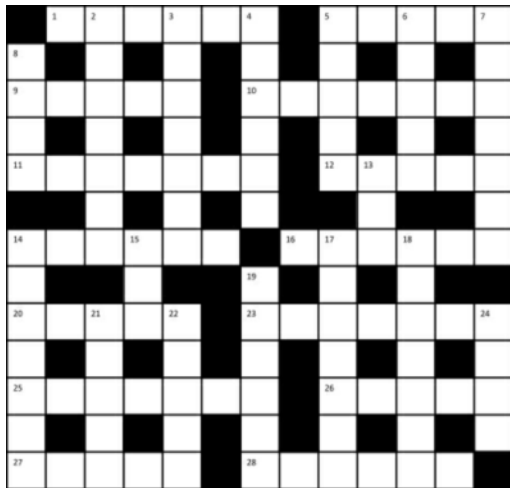
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Puzzle Page - March 2021



Clues marked * are cryptic, including four that are related to days in March. The rest are normal clues.

Across

- 1 Selection (6)
- 5 Croak changed into person performing * (5)
- 9 Stroll (5)
- 10 Relaxing (7)
- 11 Personal assistant deception on 17th * (7)
- 12 I ran after phosphorous on 5th * (5)
- 14 Superior perhaps on 14th * (6)
- 16 Speaker system (6)
- 20 Specialised segment of the market (5)
- 23 Bedevilled (7)
- 25 Persea americana (7)
- 26 500 enthusiastic on 1st * (5)
- 27 Creepy sounding nest * (5)
- 28 Listen, two points from back to front join up * (6)

Down

- 2 Shop founded by Terence Conran (7)
- 3 List parts (7)
- 4 Archimedes' exclamation (6)
- 5 A reverse pose for storyteller * (5)
- 6 Attempter (5)
- 7 Green Young Conservative changed age from 1811 * (7)
- 8 Exaggerated behaviour under canvas * (4)
- 13 Tavern (3)
- 14 Romantic meeting after male authority * (7)
- 15 Questioning exclamation (3)
- 17 Rule and change West Sussex town * (7)
- 18 Locals (7)
- 19 Changing another loses a chair * (6)
- 21 Group of singers (5)
- 22 Rub out (5)
- 24 Guy (4)

Crossword design and construction: Alistair MacRae

Bin Collection for March & April 2021

Friday 5th March

Friday 12th March

Friday 19th March

Friday 26th March

Green Bin & Brown

Black Bin

Green Bin & Brown

Black Bin

Friday 2nd April

Friday 9th April

Friday 16th April

Friday 23rd April

Friday 30th April

Green Bin & Brown

Black Bin

Green Bin & Brown

Black Bin

Green Bin & Brown

Note:- First Brown Bin Collection - Friday 5th March 2021

Fly-tipping in Ecton Parish

Occasionally we come across incidents of Fly-tipping along the lanes of our parish.

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Crossword Solution March 2021

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What's On in Ecton - March 2021 +

Date	Time	Event	Location
Fri 5th March	07:00-	Green & First Brown Bin Collection	-----
Sat 6 th March	10:00-12:00	Tidy Churchyard - Postponed	Ecton Church
Wed 10 th March	On Line	Ecton Virtual Village Quiz	-----
Fri 12 th March	07:00-	Black Bin Collection	-----
Fri 19 th March	07:00-	Green & Brown Bin Collection	-----
Wed 24 th March	On Line	Ecton Virtual Village Quiz	-----
Fri 26 th March	07:00-	Black Bin Collection	-----
Sat 27 th March	20:30-21:30	Earth Hour - www.earthhour.org/take-part	-----
April 2021			
Fri 2 nd April	07:00-	Green & Brown Bin Collection	-----
Fri 2 nd April	All Day	Ecton Easter Egg Hunt - Map to follow	All Around Ecton
Fri 3 rd April	All Day	Ecton Easter Egg Hunt - Map to follow	All Around Ecton
Fri 4 th April	All Day	Ecton Easter Egg Hunt - Map to follow	All Around Ecton
Fri 5 th April	All Day	Ecton Easter Egg Hunt - Map to follow	All Around Ecton
Fri 9 th April	07:00-	Black Bin Collection	-----
Fri 16 th April	07:00-	Green & Brown Bin Collection	-----
Thurs 22 nd April	All Day	Earth Day - www.earthday.org/earth-day-2021	-----
Fri 23 rd April	07:00-	Black Bin Collection	-----
Fri 30 th April	07:00-	Green & Brown Bin Collection	-----
May 2021			
Tues 25 th May	TBC	Ecton Village Golf Day	Overstone Golf Club

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