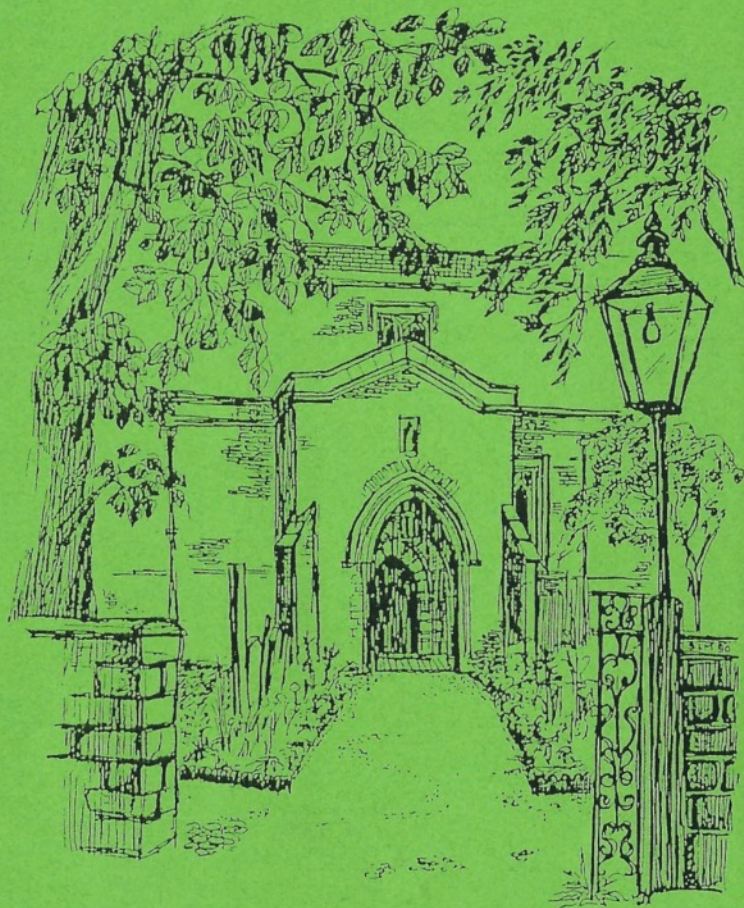


ECTON
CHURCH AND VILLAGE
NEWS



AUGUST / SEPTEMBER

ECTON CHURCH DIRECTORY

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FROM THE RECTOR'S STUDY

A Garden Fete will be held on Saturday, 21 August beginning at 2.00 pm. It will take place at Ecton House but this time be a modest occasion. It is my hope that you will bring your relatives and friends, not particularly to make a great deal of money, but to spend time with each other in a friendly, social atmosphere. We live such busy lives that there are few opportunities when we can meet in relaxed circumstances. It was thought good to arrange a traditional event such as this. Any money raised will go towards the final stages of the restoration of the Church.

Here is a list of stall-holders please give them your support:

The Monday Club - Freda Richards - Provisions

The Bell Ringers - Dorothy Creed - Handicrafts

Sandy Robinson - Tombola

Dorothy Cross and friends - Cakes

Youth Group - Susan Oppenheim - Second-hand books

Henry Pinney has volunteered to help with the placing of the tables. Stella Gibson and the Women's Institute are to provide refreshments.

Patricia Naylor has arranged a display of the kneelers that have recently been so lovingly produced by many members of the Church and also there will be a display of Circle Dancing.

At the time of writing promises have been made of other kinds of fund-raising activities and so the list is not exhaustive.

Thank you for your support; all we will need is a beautiful afternoon.

For some time Paddy MacQuire and Dennis Strange have been arousing interest in the purchase of a loop system to be installed in Church as an aid for those who are hard of hearing. They have raised money and investigated the merits of several systems now available for purchase. Others in the congregation are expressing their need for a sound reinforcement system for those who do not wear hearing aids but have less severe hearing difficulties. The Parochial Church Council has given much time in considering the various views expressed to the Rector, the Churchwardens and members of the Council. The enthusiastic fund-raising event held recently at the Austen's and the size of donations are outward and visible signs of the keenness of support for such benefits. The Council voted unanimously to call a Special Parochial Church Meeting to consider all the aspects of this issue and, if there is sufficient support at the meeting, a decision will be made to apply for a faculty. The special meeting will be called sometime in the autumn, the proper announcements made and the legal requirements for calling the meeting met. Graham Jordan, one of our Churchwardens, is taking a personal interest in the quality and value of the various systems and, giving weight to what Paddy and Dennis have learnt and achieved, will contribute his findings at the special meeting when it takes place. Last, but not least, I am sure you will not need reminding that only members who are on the Electoral Roll can attend the meeting and vote if they so wish.

As you will see elsewhere there is a special notice concerning the Harvest Festival Supper following Evensong. The Parochial Church Council have given their support to this event and I hope that many of you will attend in order to make it a memorable Ecton occasion. I trust that there is something here to please everybody. An impossible dream?

*Every Blessing,
Peter Naylor*

ECTON CHURCH CLOCK

**Extract from the Northampton Daily Echo,
September 29, 1926:**

Ecton Church clock is being repaired and, after some weeks will soon be heard again. The clock, says the Parish Magazine, is the oldest in the kingdom. It was given to the parish in 1630 by Archdeacon Middleton, who was Rector of Ecton and Archdeacon of Radnor. Dr. Middleton was a pluralist, and lived away from Ecton but put in a curate to do the duty here. The parishioners grumbled at the absence of the Rector and the partial closing of the Rectory, so Dr. Middleton gave them the church clock and so told them the right time, even if he did not do his duty. The Cathedral clock at Peterborough is a few years older than Ecton clock. The late curate appointed by the Ven. Robert Middleton was a young man, well born and wealthy, called John Palmer. He fell in love with the squire's only daughter Isabel and married her. Her father, George Catesby, made over the advowson of the living to his son-in-law and thus secured a resident rector in future.

THE MISSIONS TO SEAMEN

Rob Hearmon, the Regional Director, has written to thank all who took the trouble to put the library together. He has collected the books and they will shortly be on their way to Immingham.

LUNCH CLUB DATES

Wednesday 22nd September

Wednesday 20th October

Wednesday 17th November

Christmas Lunch Wednesday 22nd December

"O Lord remember not only the men and women of good will but also those of ill will. But do not only remember all the suffering they have inflicted on us, remember the fruits we bought, thanks to this suffering, our comradeship, our loyalty, our humility, the courage, the generosity, the greatness of heart which has grown out of all this, and when they come to judgement, let all the fruits that we have borne be their forgiveness."

[This prayer was found on a piece of wrapping paper near the body of a dead child in Ravensbruck Nazi Concentration Camp where 92,000 women and children died]

MORE SUMMER WITH ECTON WI

ANTIQUES ROADSHOW with BRIAN HIGGS

WI OPEN MEETING

on TUESDAY, 8TH SEPTEMBER at 8.15 p.m.

in THE RECTORY ROOM

Bring family, friends and an heirloom
Entry £1 to non-members

KNITWEAR FASHION SHOW

with DESIGN and COLOUR DEMONSTRATION

by RAPPORT FASHIONS LTD

on MONDAY, 13TH SEPTEMBER at 7.30 p.m.

in ECTON HOUSE

A unique opportunity to purchase current ranges direct from these manufacturers who design and retail quality ladies knitwear.

Coffee and biscuits Non-members ticket £1

KNEELERS AND CUSHIONS

Twenty three kneelers have been purchased to date. Please come and see the display of completed ones at the Garden Fete on 21st August.

As promised to those finding the pews too hard eight new blue cushions are now available for their comfort. When funds are available more will be made.

The enthusiastic team of embroiderers are looking forward to making a second batch of kneelers. They would welcome any contributions from people with Ecton connections either past or present. Dedications can be placed on a particular kneeler if so desired.

Patricia

The staff and children of Ecton CP School would like to thank all of you who helped to collect the Tesco Vouchers. Thanks to your valiant effort we collected 2520 vouchers. We have combined with Great Doddington and Mears Ashby schools and have enough vouchers to purchase a computer, printer and two programmes. This means that we shall have an extra computer in school for one term every year.

Thank you for helping us to achieve this.

We are now collecting W H Smith Vouchers for books, so if you should be shopping in W H Smiths please could you collect their vouchers for us too and pop them into school.

Thank you again.

Mrs H Tite
Headteacher

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Tuesday, 10th August

A visit to Earls Barton WI for a Fashion Show. Meet at Bartons Field at 6.30 p.m. to walk to Earls Barton. Transport will be available for the return journey.

Saturday, 21st August

Mini Festival to be held at Ecton House at 2.00 p.m. WI members to provide and serve tea. Donations of cakes or sandwiches welcomed.

Tuesday, 7th September

Mr Brian Higgs will talk on Antiques and members and visitors (Admission £1.00) are invited to bring along their favourite antiques for discussion.

Monday, 13th September at 7.30 p.m.

A display of RAPPART KNITWEAR to be held at Ecton House. Articles will be for sale.

Tuesday, 4th October at 7.30 p.m.

AGM and election of Committee for the coming year.

A well attended meeting in July in spite of "holiday time". Members enjoyed a talk, accompanied by very beautiful slides of British Butterflies, given by Mr E Moon. A vote of thanks to Mr Moon was given by Paddy.

The competition was for "A favourite Photograph" and these were judged by Mr Moon. From the many entries points were awarded to (1) Joy, (2) Marion, and (3) Margot.

The WI is the largest voluntary women's organisation in the Country. The movement was founded in Canada in 1897. The first meeting in the UK was held at Llanfair in 1915. Today there are nearly 9000 Institutes throughout Great Britain. Do come and join us and be involved in a wide range of activities. Our meetings are held on the first Tuesday of every month (except August) in the Rectory Room at Ecton House. A warm welcome awaits.

Mary Bane

ECTON MONDAY CLUB

We could not have had a better night for our Mystery Trip on 7th July ending up at the Spencer Arms, Chapel Brampton for a welcome cool drink.

Our next Mystery Tour is on Wednesday, 4th August 6.00-9.00 p.m. when non-members are welcome for £2.50p. Also on 1st September there is an afternoon tour with tea at Olney. 1.30-6.00 p.m. £5 for members and £5.50 for non-members. Everybody welcome.

Club Dates:

2nd and 16th August
13th and 27th September

The first Whist Drive is on Thursday, 23rd September when we will be pleased to see you.

Freda and Eileen

ECTON HALL CRICKET CLUB

Results of recent matches are as follows:

Following Malcolm Kersley's century earlier in the season the match against Bugbrooke St Michaels at Ecton on 23rd May produced two Ecton centuries. Mark Patching scored 133 not out and Chris Ellis 109 not out in an Ecton total of 257 for 1 wickets. Bugbrooke replied with 164. Aran Shah taking 3 wickets for 24 runs.

30th May rain stopped play at Collingtree with no result possible.

6th June Ecton 199 for 6, Mark Patching 69, Jason Wright 41, lost to Heyford 200 for 6. Malcolm Kersley 4 for 47.

13th June Ecton 131, C Ellis 32, M Kersley 43, lost to Abington 132 for 4.

20th June Little Harrowden 83, B Saunders 4 for 7. Ecton 84 for 9, won by one wicket.

27th June Guilsborough 243 for 9, S Wheatman 4 for 53. Ecton 199, Dave Croft 66, lost by 44 runs.

11th July In the first match for the John Wallenger Challenge Shield played at Billing. Ecton battled first and scored 178 with Steve Richards scoring 38 and M Kersley 64. An outstanding innings by Billing teenager Terry Rhodes of 117 saw the home side to victory by 2 wickets in the last but one over. This was an enjoyable match in the first local Derby for many years. This will now be an annual fixture for the shield.

Several evening matches have been played where several of the teenagers have been given the opportunity to bat and bowl. Good contributions have been made from Kevin Dartnell, Steve Wallis, Damian Coates and Jason Carter.

The remaining fixtures are as follows:

August

1st St Michaels 74	Bugbrooke
8th Stoke Goldington	St Goldington
15th Cogenhoe	Ecton
22nd Wootton	Wootton
29th Earls Barton	Earls Barton

September

5th Cold Ashby	Cold Ashby
12th Heyford	Heyford
19th Great Houghton	Gt Houghton

Brian Saunders

GOOD QUALITY TOP SOIL

There is a large amount of good top soil in the corner of the Churchyard. It would seem to be tragic if we actually have to pay someone to remove this so that we can tidy up the yard. If any gardener would like to collect some they are welcome to do so.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Sunday School closed on 18th July. It will re-open on 12th September at 9.25 a.m. in the Rectory Room as usual.

WHIST DRIVES

The whist drive season is once more upon us, in aid of "Monday Club" (formerly Over 60's) funds.

It has been decided in order to maximise number, that the whist drives will be held on the "fourth Thursday" of every month, from September to May inclusive, except for December, to avoid a clash with Christmas.

The dates for your diary are as follows:

23rd September
28th October
25th November
9th December
27th January
24th February
24th March
28th April
26th May

With the retirement of Denise Langley and Kathy Wright, Dorothy Creed has agreed to serve the refreshments.

Please come along and bring a friend, you can be assured of a happy, informal, entertaining evening. We start prompt at 7.30 p.m. Donations of raffle prizes would be greatly appreciated.

Charles Marden

Collection for sale at the Garden Fete
Unwanted Videos
to 32 West Street, please
Thank you

Patricia

COFFEE ROTA

August

1st Alice Adams and Wynn Voss
8th Pat Peacock and Dorothy Creed
15th Jean Leigh and Brenda Jones
22nd Johann Pinney and Audrey Treloar
29th Millie Harlott and Dora Reynolds

September

5th Youth Group
12th Celia and Howard Carter
19th Sue and Les Mitchell
26th Nick and Mary Greene

CAKE STALL - GARDEN PARTY 21ST AUGUST

Would the ladies kind enough to make cakes for the garden party on 21st August let us have them on the Friday, 20th August, so that we can get them priced.

Dorothy Cross, 38 West Street
Dorothy Austin, The Granary, West Street

THE ECTON CHARITABLE TRUST

The Ecton Charitable Trust is now up and running. Small cash grants are available for young people under the age of 25 who are resident in the Village. The money has to be used for education/training purposes and the grants are made solely at the discretion of the Charity Trustees. Application forms are available from Dorothy Creed at 22a Church View, Ecton.

HARVEST CELEBRATIONS AND AGAPE SUPPER

We celebrate Harvest Home with joy and thanksgiving to God for peace and the produce of the land.

All the gifts of tinned and dried goods, with the fruit and vegetable decorations that will beautify the Church, will be given to feed the homeless cared for at the Night Shelter in Northampton.

After Evensong there will be an "Agape Supper" in Ecton House. This is a supper of mutual sharing of food and of loving identification with those celebrating harvest in India and Africa. A simple Third-World meal of potatoes and plain and savoury rice, with tea and coffee to follow, will be provided.

Everyone attending is invited to increase the feast by bringing one dish to be shared - either sweet or savoury; drinks will be on sale at the bar, also raffle tickets. Prizes for the Raffle would be welcomed.

After supper there will be an opportunity to view a Tear Fund video entitled "A Time to Sow", about the lives and work of farmers in Nepal. This will be shown in the Conference Room.

Tickets for the evening will be £2.00, to be used as a donation to Tear Fund. Proceeds from the bar and raffle will go to parish funds to off-set the evening's expenses.

I think this could be a very enjoyable evening but I do need lots of help to make it happen. Volunteers please contact me (tel: 416322).

**SUNDAY 3RD OCTOBER - 5.30 p.m. Evensong
7.15 p.m. Supper in Ecton House**

AUGUST & SEPTEMBER 1993

SUNDAY - 9TH AFTER PENTECOST : 1 August

9.30 am Parish Communion

Ephesians 6:10-20 : John 17:11b-19

6.00 pm Evensong

Monday, 2 August

7.50 am Holy Communion in the House Chapel

2.30 pm The Monday Club meet in the Rectory Room

Wednesday, 4 August

6-9 pm Monday Club "*Mystery Tour*"

Thursday, 5 August

7.30 pm Holy Communion

TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD : Friday, 6 August

9.30 am Holy Communion

SUNDAY - 10TH AFTER PENTECOST : 8 August

9.30 am Parish Communion

Philippians 2:1-11 : John 13:1-15

6.00 pm Evensong followed by Holy Communion

Monday, 9 August

7.50 am Holy Communion in the House Chapel

Thursday, 12 August

9.30 am Holy Communion

SUNDAY - 11TH AFTER PENTECOST : 15 August

9.30 am Parish Communion

2 Corinthians 4:1-10 : John 13:31-35

Noon Holy Baptism

6.00 pm Evensong

Monday, 16 August

7.50 am Holy Communion in the House Chapel

2.30 pm The Monday Club meet in the Rectory Room

Thursday, 19 August

9.30 am Holy Communion

Saturday, 21 August

2.00 pm Garden Fete at Ecton House

SUNDAY - 12TH AFTER PENTECOST : 22 August

9.30 am Parish Communion

2 Corinthians 5:14-6:2 : John 17. 20-end

6.00 pm Evensong

Monday, 23 August

7.50 am Holy Communion in the House Chapel

A R T E X H I B I T I O N begins in Rectory Room

9am - 8pm (23-30 August)

ST BARTHOLOMEW THE APOSTLE : Tuesday, 24 August

7.30 pm Holy Communion

Thursday, 26 August

9.30 am Holy Communion

SUNDAY - 13TH AFTER PENTECOST : 29 August

9.30 am Parish Communion

Preacher: Mr Ken Baker, Reader

Acts 7:54-8:1 : John 16:1-11

6.00 pm Evensong

Monday, 30 August

7.50 am Holy Communion in the House Chapel

Wednesday, 1 September

1.30-6pm Monday Club Afternoon Outing

7.30 pm Ecton Women's Institute meet in the Rectory Room

Thursday, 2 September

9.30 am Holy Communion

SUNDAY - 14TH AFTER PENTECOST : 5 September

9.30 am Parish Communion Sunday School

Ephesians 5:25-6:4 : Mark 10:2-16

6.00 pm Evensong

6.15 pm Confirmation Class for Young People

7.30 pm Youth Group

Monday, 6 September

7.50 am Holy Communion in the House Chapel

Tuesday, 7 September

7.30 pm Ecton Women's Institute meet in the Rectory Room

THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY : Wednesday, 8 September

7.30 pm Holy Communion

Thursday, 9 September

9.30 am Holy Communion

Saturday, 11 September

4.00 pm Holy Matrimony

SUNDAY - 15TH AFTER PENTECOST : 12 September

9.30 am Parish Communion and Sunday School

Romans 13:1-7 : Matthew 22:15-22

4.30 pm Holy Baptism

6.00 pm Evensong followed by Holy Communion

6.15 pm Confirmation Class for Young People

7.30 pm Youth Group

Monday, 13 September

7.50 am Holy Communion in the House Chapel

2.30 pm The Monday Club meet in the Rectory Room

Tuesday, 14 September

2.30 pm Ecton Fellowship meet in the Rectory Room

Thursday, 16 September

9.30 am Holy Communion

Friday, 17 September

7.30 pm Annual Meeting of Ecton Church Guild in Rectory Room

SUNDAY - 16TH AFTER PENTECOST : 19 September

9.30 am Parish Communion and Sunday School

Romans 12:9-end : Luke 10:25-37

6.00 pm Evensong

6.15 pm Confirmation Class for Young People

7.30 pm Youth Group

Monday, 20 September

7.50 am Holy Communion in the House Chapel

ST MATTHEW THE APOSTLE : Tuesday, 21 September

7.30 am Holy Communion

Wednesday, 22 September

12 o'clock The Lunch Club meet at the Youth Club

Thursday, 23 September

9.30 am Holy Communion

7.15 pm Whist Drive in the Rectory Room

SUNDAY - 17TH AFTER PENTECOST : 26 September

9.30 am Parish Communion and Sunday School

James 1:16-end : Luke 17:11-19

6.00 pm Evensong

6.15 pm Confirmation Class for Young People

7.30 pm Youth Group

Monday, 27 September

7.50 am Holy Communion in the House Chapel

2.30 pm The Monday Club meet in the Rectory Room

ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS : Wednesday, 29 September

7.30 pm Holy Communion

Thursday, 30 September

9.30 am Holy Communion

SUNDAY - 18TH AFTER PENTECOST : 3 October

9.30 am Harvest Festival Communion and Parade Service

Genesis 1:24-end : Matthew 21:12-16

5.30 pm Festival Evensong

7.15 pm Agape Supper in Ecton House

7.30 pm Youth Group

PARISH AND VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS

PARISH COUNCIL	Chairman	Sheila Ingram Tel: Northampton 406038
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YOUTH CLUB & SENIOR CLUB	Contact	Mary Beesley Tel: Northampton 810577 Y.C. Wednesday 7.00 - 9.00 pm S.C. Tuesday 8.00 pm, Club Hall, High Street, Ecton
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YOUTH GROUP	Contact	James Fraser at Ecton House Tel: Northampton 406442

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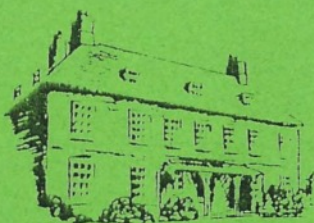
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