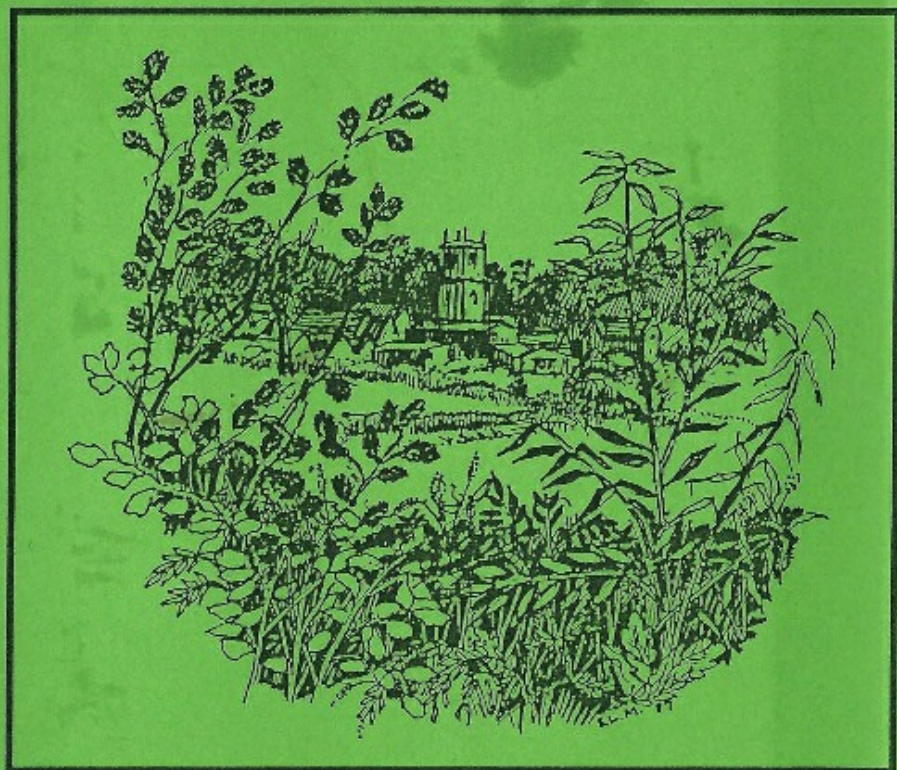


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## The Political Face of Jesus

Recent market research shows that the Church of England is too like an elephant (slow), a mole (in the dark), or an ostrich (head in the sand) for most people's liking. Those questioned wanted to see the Church more like a lion (bold), a giraffe (not afraid to stick its neck out), or an octopus (with its tentacles extended into all areas of the community). It's the latter which interests us.

Desmond Tutu, lately Archbishop of Capetown, once said that, when people claim that you shouldn't mix religion and politics, he really wonders what bible they are reading. Yet, because some do make such claims, let's see what lies behind the Archbishop's statement, and what it means for us.

Very many of the political movements in the Old Testament are headed by the religious leaders. It was Moses who, following the call of God, led the people of Israel out of Egypt and their slavery there. It was Joshua who, in turn, led the invasion of the Holy Land. It was Samuel who, acting on God's instructions, appointed first Saul and then David as King of his people. Nathan and Elijah, in their turn, castigate Kings David and Ahaz respectively for their unjust rule. Ezra and Nehemiah, who, returning from exile in Babylon, are appointed by God to rebuild Jerusalem, its wall and its Temple, actions deeply resented by Israel's neighbouring nations for political reasons. Centuries later Judas Maccabaeus, a deeply Godfearing man, leads the revolutions against the occupying Greek rulers. It is very easy to see why Archbishop Tutu is so puzzled.

Of course in the New Testament there is less political action, but there are clear reasons for this. First, that the earliest Christians believed in an imminent return to earth of the ascended Jesus. Telling others about him, and bringing them to faith, was so urgent that there was no time for other things. A little later the Church was a persecuted minority, powerless to bring about change however bad the political situation. Even so, the writer of the Book of the Revelation does not hesitate to picture the Roman Authorities as an evil beast, and to align them with the devil.

No political action, possibly, but an event which implies the greatest political concern possible is the incarnation - God comes and shares this world, this life, for us; all of which means that he is passionately concerned with the affairs of this world and what goes on here. Politics is about the regulation of the affairs of this world.

Aristotle said that man is a political animal. What the Incarnation shows us is that God is equally political.

The truth is that religion and politics badly need each other. Without true beliefs and ideals to guide them, politics can all too easily become unprincipled. What happened in Germany before the Second world War stands as a warning for all time. The majority of the Church believed that saving souls, not politics, was their business.

Religion needs to be earthed. Poverty, housing, employment, conservation, international relations are political matters. And unless our faith leads us to be concerned with these things it becomes other-worldly, mere pietism. Jesus came to this earth partly so that we should apply his teaching to the affairs in this world. Unless we do, we fail him; we fail to understand what that coming means.

This means that we should all be concerned and informed in world affairs - and may even be required to be involved.

**James**

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### **MONDAY CLUB**

Everyone enjoyed their day out on the 9<sup>th</sup> June when we visited Walpole-St-Peters for their 37<sup>th</sup> Annual flower Festival. What a sight to behold!! After lunch and a few bargains from the stalls, we went on to Sandringham.

We were very lucky to have had a lovely fine and hot day.

**August Dates - 2<sup>nd</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>**

**September Date - 13<sup>th</sup> NO CLUB ON TH 27<sup>th</sup>**

**Whist Drive - 23<sup>rd</sup> September**

**Freda**

## *CHURCH & VILLAGE DIARY*

### *AUGUST & SEPTEMBER 1999*

<b>Sunday 1st August</b> 9.30am  6.00pm	<b>Ninth after Trinity</b> Parish Communion: Genesis 32. 22-31; Psalm 17. 1-7, 16; Romans 9. 1-5; Matthew 14. 13-21. Evensong.
<b>Monday 2nd August</b> 2.30pm	Monday Club meets in the Rectory Room.
<b>Tuesday 3rd August</b> 9.00am	Holy Communion.
<b>Thursday 6th August</b> 7.30pm	Holy Communion.
<b>Sunday 8 August</b> 9.30am  6.00pm	<b>Tenth after Trinity</b> Parish Communion: Genesis 37. 1-4, 12-28; Psalm 105. 1-6, 16-22,45b; Romans 10. 5-15;Matthew 14.22-33. Evensong.
<b>Tuesday 10th August</b> 9.00am	Holy Communion.
<b>Thursday 12th August</b> 7.30pm	Holy Communion.
<b>Sunday 15th August</b> 9.30am  6.00pm	<b>The Blessed Virgin Mary</b> Parish Communion: Isaiah 61. 10-11; Psalm 45. 11-18; Galatians 4. 4-7; Luke 1. 46-55. Evensong.
<b>Monday 16 August</b> 2.30pm	Monday club meets in the Rectory Room.
<b>Tuesday 17th August</b> 9.00am	Holy Communion.

## *CHURCH & VILLAGE DIARY*

### *AUGUST & SEPTEMBER 1999 continued*

- Thursday 19th August**  
7.30pm Holy Communion.
- Sunday 22nd August** **Twelfth after Trinity**  
9.30am Parish Communion: Exodus 1. 8-2. 10; Psalm 124; Romans 12. 1-8; Matthew 16. 13-20.  
6.00pm Evensong.
- Tuesday 24th August**  
9.00am Holy Communion.
- Thursday 26th August**  
7.30pm Holy Communion.
- Sunday 29th August** **Thirteenth after Trinity**  
9.30am Parish Communion: Exodus 3. 1-15; Psalm 105. 1-6, 23-26, 45b; Romans 12. 9-21; Mathew 16. 21-28.  
6.00pm Evensong.
- Monday 30th August**  
2.30pm Monday Club meets in the Rectory Room.
- Tuesday 31st August**  
9.00am Holy Communion.
- Wednesday 1st September**  
2.30pm Women's Institute meet in Rectory Room.
- Thursday 2nd September**  
7.30pm Holy Communion.
- Sunday 5th September** **Fourteenth after Trinity**  
9.30am Parish Communion: Exodus 12. 1-14; Psalm 149; Romans 13. 8-14; Matthew 18. 15-20.  
6.00pm Evensong.

## *CHURCH & VILLAGE DIARY*

### *AUGUST & SEPTEMBER 1999 continued*

**Tuesday 7th September**

9.00am Holy Communion.

**Thursday 9th September**

7.30pm Holy Communion.

**Sunday 12th September Fifteenth after Trinity**

9.30am Parish Communion: Exodus 14. 19-31; Psalm 114;  
Romans 14. 1-12; Mathew 18. 21-25.

6.00pm Evensong.

**Monday 13th September**

2.30pm Monday Club meets in the Rectory Room.

**Tuesday 14th September**

9.00am Holy Communion.

**Thursday 16th September**

7.30pm Holy Communion.

**Sunday 19th September Sixteenth after Trinity**

9.30am Parish Communion: Exodus 16. 2-5; Psalm 105. 1-6,  
37-45; Philippians 1. 21-30; Matthew 20. 1-16.

6.00pm Evensong.

**Tuesday 21st September**

9.00am Holy Communion.

**Thursday 23rd September**

7.30pm Holy Communion.

7.30pm Whist Drive in the Rectory Room.

**Sunday 26th September Seventeenth after Trinity**

9.30am Parish Communion: Exodus 17. 1-7; Psalm 78. 1-4,  
12-16; Philippians 2. 1-13; Matthew 21. 23-32.

6.00pm Evensong.





To Ecton Christian Aid Committee

Thank you for your kind Christian Aid Week donation of £420.32. Christian Aid Week is Christian Aid's biggest fund-raising event of the year. Your hard work and effort is very much appreciated.

As you know Christian Aid Week this year focused on three countries which are heavily burdened by international debt: Jamaica, Mozambique and Tanzania. After paying interest on their debts there is not enough government money to invest in basic health care and education. Christian Aid is working with organisations in these countries to help people overcome these difficulties.

In Jamaica, for example, the 'S-Corner' project provides a range of health services, education and help with sanitation. It also has a small scale nutrition scheme which encourages local people to grow their own food for consumption and sale. The project is based in Bennettsland, one of the most densely populated areas of downtown Kingston.

The S-Corner project has helped people like Elsie. She is 61 and has lived in Bennettsland all her life. Her house is a hut, a single room with holes in the wall for windows. S-Corner has built Elsie a 'VIP toilet' (ventilated improved pit) in her yard. It is low maintenance and works without access to the sewage system.

On behalf of S-Corner and all the other organisations Christian Aid works with, thank you for your gift.

Yours sincerely

Glenn McWatt  
Supporter Relations  
Christian Aid

## WI REPORT

### **August - No meeting**

#### **Tuesday, September 7<sup>th</sup> - 7.30pm Rectory Room**

Speakers - J and J Johnson - Audio Visual Slides

Competition - Sea Shell

Teas - Mrs J Wilson and Mrs M Robinson

Minutes read and approved

Letters had been received from Sue and Mrs Garlick, expressing their appreciation for the plant and card received during their recent stay in hospital. Both are home now and we hope they continue to progress favourably.

The 'Millennium' Tree planting ceremony took place on Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup> June at the playing field. A plaque to mark the occasion has been ordered, and will be put 'in situ' shortly.

#### **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> August - Trip to Coton Manor**

Meeting at the school at 1.30pm

#### **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> September - 2.00pm Rectory Room**

Return visit by members of Earls Barton WI who will join us for tea. All members welcome. Names were taken for sandwiches and cakes etc.

The meeting continued with a 'Calligraphy' demonstration, given by Miss Linda Allen and Mrs Nicola Dunn - both members of the Northampton Scribes County Group. They participate in Craft Exhibitions and Workshops all over the County.

We were shown many examples of their work, all illustrating the wide variety of their skills and artistic ability. Equipment required is simple and we were invited to take part in a 'hands on' session!! Several members had a 'go' - with varying results! It is not as easy as it looks and needs a great deal of patience and concentration. However, we had a lot of fun and felt it had been a real 'learning' experience.

Vote of thanks.

**June Marshman**

## THE CHRIST WE SHARE IMAGES OF CHRIST

Who is Christ for you? Who am I for Christ? Who are we, as a parish church for Christ?

The congregation are exploring their faith using images of Christ from around the world. I have reproduced two of these on the centre pages and hope to show more in future months. The originals in the back of the church are much better - come and look at them sometime.

### LATIN AMERICA

#### 1. Jesus Christ:Liberator (The Laughing Christ)

Although copies of this picture have been found in a number of different settings world-wide, its original source remains unclear. Whether the encounter with 'the Liberator' comes at the Ecumenical Centre in Bangalore or on the wall of a prison cell in Korea, the effect remains the same. Hope is at the heart of liberation theology. Gustavo Gutierrez, the 'father' of liberation theology wrote that behind the dreadful and the sad there is real hope for change. For the poor this in itself is a major development because for centuries they believed themselves fated to remain as they were, a belief reinforced by the teachings of the church. Now the poor are discovering that God does not will suffering; but rather fullness of life and love for all.

An important and unexpected result of this has been the advent of 'the joy of the poor'. Even in the midst of poverty and oppression there can be joy. Festivals and ceremonies do not ignore past indignities, but celebrate future possibilities, by bringing the events of the gospel into the life of the community. The Gospel of Luke states that 'those who suffer today shall laugh tomorrow' and the real force for change in that message is that 'tomorrow' has already begun in the events of today.

It is perhaps that sense of anticipation which most concerns the oppressors when confronted by the laughter of the poor. That the poor can weep is what the powerful expect, but how do they account for their laughter; what dreadful force for change does that indicate?

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## ASIA

### 24. Christ entering Jerusalem on Palm Sunday

This photograph is one of a series from Christian art exhibitions at the University of Fu-Jen, Beijing (then Peking), published in 1938 as 'The Life of Christ by Chinese Artists'. The originals, commissioned mainly for churches, were painted on silk in traditional Chinese style- lines conveying movement, trees symbolising growth and in the case of the plum tree, strength, impressionistic techniques - and using Chinese ideas. Christ is shown in the setting of well-to-do Chinese life (a setting amidst poverty would be irreverent). He and his companions carry a sense of infinite peace. During the civil war between Nationalists and Communists, most Chinese despised Christianity as a 'foreign' religion. Is this a Chinese Christ or a western Christ in a Chinese gown?

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## LUNCH CLUB

Thank you very much for my bird bath for our new garden, which will bring both John and me much pleasure.

Although the food had to be cooked at home and taken to the Village Club, Freda, Stella, I, and sometimes Dorreen always had a good time. The menu was simple and the cost kept down, it has earned money for the building. I hope some people come forward to help keep it going. We have met once a month for ten months of the year with between twenty five to thirty people coming.

Ecton has been very good to me, with very happy thirty plus years there. A very supportive and generous crowd. Not only in the village but at South Lodge when we had fund-raisers there.

Thank you very much and all the very best for the future.

Mary Beesley  
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Dear Mrs Hall

#### CLOSURE OF ECTON LANE STUDY

I enclose for the attention of your Council six copies of the report prepared following the study carried out by the small Working Party of Parish Councillors and supported in part by officers of the County Council on the possible closure of Ecton Lane.

As the report states the proposal to close Ecton Lane south of the village raises many problems that would need to be overcome and most likely cannot be resolved for a combination of reasons. Based on the conclusions identified on the report the members of the Working Party have requested I provide estimates of other speed reducing measures that the Parish Council may wish to consider and consequently fund if the residents of the village support any of them.

A "gateway" arrangement which is a typical traffic calming feature that can be provided on the entrance to the village costs from £3k upwards depending on the measures included in the gateway and the highway features in the surrounding area.

An additional throttle in the High Street towards the south end of the village could be considered, but this would need further site investigation before a realistic cost could be provided. Typical throttle costs vary from £5k upwards with the costs directly relating to the width of carriageway and other highway features in the vicinity.

Also I have contacted my Road Safety colleagues on your behalf and requested that they arrange for the Speed Indicator Device to visit the village and inform drivers of their actual speed on entering the village.



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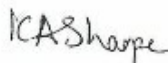
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Finally, may I take this opportunity on behalf of my colleagues and myself who have assisted in this project to express our gratitude for the professional approach and hard working determination to seek solutions shown by the Council members of the Working Party. The positive attitude shown by your members has helped greatly in allowing this report to be prepared.

I know await your Council's comments.

Yours sincerely



Traffic Engineering Manager

## PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

### Proposed closure of Lower Ecton Lane

*We have now received a letter and report from Northants County Council regarding the above, copy of which follow these notes. They have unfortunately decided that in the circumstances they are unable to proceed any further. It would appear that despite all the hard work that has gone into this project, there are still several factors which prevent a closure and these are listed in the report.*

*Alternative measures will now have to be investigated further, but road humps/ramps have been ruled out completely.*

*Special thanks once again to everyone who helped to make this whole survey possible by giving their valuable time.*

*David Dicks, July 1999*

## REPORT ON THE CLOSURE OF ECTON LANE

BY THE WORKING GROUP OF  
ECTON PARISH COUNCIL

JUNE 1999

## CLOSURE OF ECTON LANE

### **1.0 Introduction**

- 1.1 This report contains the results and conclusions of the Ecton Parish Council Working Group study on the feasibility of closing Ecton Lane at the southern end of the village. The aim being to stop 'through' traffic and reduce vehicle speeds in the village.
- 1.2 The Working Group consisted of members of the Parish Council with the support of officers of the County Council whose primary role was to advise the Working Group on the issues that needed considering.
- 1.3 The objectives of the Working Group were defined as follows:-
  - 1.3.1 Determine traffic flow movements in the village.
  - 1.3.2 Consider the implications of a physical closure and identify the most suitable location for the closure along Ecton Lane.
  - 1.3.3 Preliminary suggestions on how the two local planning authorities (NBC and WBC) may need to manage the issues of Lower Ecton Lane if it becomes a cul-de-sac.
  - 1.3.4 Seek local opinion to the proposal.
  - 1.3.5 Consider the financial implications.

### **2 Results of Traffic Volume Survey**

- 2.1 The Parish Council arranged and carried out traffic surveys on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March 1999 (a full 12 hour count 7am – 7pm) and a further survey on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> March 1999 (8am – 5pm).
- 2.2 The survey sites were set at the following locations to measure traffic movements:-
  - Site 1 - Sywell Road
  - Location - Junction of A4500 principal road with Sywell Road (immediately north of the Main Road in Sywell Road)
  - Site 2 - Wellingborough Road
  - Location - Wellingborough Road adjacent to junction with Church View
  - Site 3 - Northampton Road
  - Location - Northampton Road adjacent to junction with Franklins Close

Site 4 - High Street

Location - High Street south of the Laurels

2.3 Survey results at North end of the village based on the Friday 12 hour count

2.3.1 Vehicles entering the village

(i)	Sywell Road	188
(ii)	Wellingborough Road	252
(iii)	Northampton Road	317
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	Total 12 hour flow	757

2.3.2 Vehicles leaving the village

(i)	Northampton Road	685
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2.4 Survey results at south end of the village

2.4.1 Vehicles entering the village

(i)	High Street	280
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2.4.2 Vehicles leaving the village

(i)	High Street	303
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2.5 Vehicles travelling straight through village without stopping

2.5.1 Vehicles travelling south bound based on the Friday 12 hour count

(i)	Sywell Road	101
(ii)	Wellingborough Road	52
(ii)	Northampton Road	20
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	Total 12 hour flow	173

2.5.2 Vehicles travelling northbound

(i)	High Street	118
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2.6 Conclusion of traffic volume survey

2.6.1 There is a straight through movement of non-village traffic of the following proportions in relation to all village movements:-

- |      |                      |     |           |
|------|----------------------|-----|-----------|
| (i)  | North end of village | 23% | (173/757) |
| (ii) | South end of village | 17% | (118/685) |

- 2.6.2 Although this through movement figure was not as high as expected by members of the Working Group it was more balanced than was expected and demonstrates that this route is used by local traffic to the area even though it is not generated by the residents from within the village.
- 2.6.3 The majority of movements through the Wellingborough Road survey site related to the school. This was expected and the survey clearly identified that this is a predictable element of the overall number of traffic movements in this area of the village.
- 2.6.4 Any changes in traffic movements at the two A4500 road junctions with the village must be considered carefully due to the history of accidents along this principal road. The survey results together with the previously gathered information by County Council officers shows that the junctions influence each others traffic movements due to their close proximity.
- 2.6.5 The implications of closing Ecton Lane south of High Street within the village affect the two A4500 junctions in the following ways.
- 2.6.5.1 In simple terms the 101 traffic movements identified in the survey currently crossing the A4500 at Site 1 the Sywell Road and continuing through the village will have to turn right out of the side road and proceed along the A4500 towards Northampton. In highway safety terms this is the least safe manoeuvre possible at either of the junctions due to the high speed vehicles approaching the junction from the Wellingborough direction.
- 2.6.5.2 The proposed banned movements of village generated traffic along Ecton Lane will have to travel along the A4500 and enter the village through Site 3 the Northampton Road junction or Site 2 the Wellingborough Road junction with the principal road. This manoeuvre (162 in total) in highway safety terms also increases the risk of potential accidents occurring.
- 2.6.5.3 For village generated traffic the number of movements based on the centre of the village i.e. in the vicinity of the Church Way junction remains the same even if Ecton Lane was closed but substantially more movements would occur along the length of High Street from Church Way to the A4500 junction with Northampton Road under the revised arrangement.
- 2.6.5.4 It is not possible to improve either of the village junctions with the A4500 principal road without acquiring additional land. Also the existing highway alignment and geometry does not help in improving the layout of the junctions. The financial implications are high and difficult to justify.

- 2.6.5.5 It would be difficult in a road closure application to demonstrate to a Magistrate that the road should be closed on current highway usage. The through movement although less than expected is still sufficient to prevent closure of Ecton Lane.

### **3.0 Implications of a Physical Closure**

- 3.1 It was agreed early on in the procedure that this objective only needs developing if some of the other objectives can be resolved.
- 3.2 Where ever the physical closure occurred turning head arrangements would be necessary within the highway controlled land to enable vehicles to turn around.
- 3.3 No additional developments have been considered.

### **4.0 Involvement of the Local Planning Authorities**

- 4.1 This proposal of closing Ecton Lane at some point south of the village meant that two Planning Authorities have to be consulted and their wishes taken on board.
- 4.2 Informal discussions with the two Planning Authorities identified the following considerations:-
- 4.2.1 NBC – need to consider the implications of managing the Civil Amenity site adjacent to a traveller's camp in a cul-de-sac. What physical arrangements would be in place and who would fund such a proposal.
- 4.2.2 WBC – this authority would not give any informal advice at this time.

### **5.0 Local Opinion**

- 5.1 The Parish Council surveyed the village on this issue and identified that clearly the majority of the village supported the principle of closing Ecton Lane at some point. However the survey also identified potential objectors to the proposal.
- 5.2 The County Council has already received correspondence from local people who live in the vicinity of the village raising concerns and be possible objectors to the proposals.
- 5.3 On current evidence it is likely that the proposal for closing Ecton Lane would raise objections thereby making the road closure application unlikely to be successful. Unresolved objections mean the road closure application cannot proceed.

### **6.0 Cost Implications**

- 6.1 The whole exercise has been based on the premis that the Parish Council would fund all the activities necessary.

- 6.2 The legal process of a potential road closure application would have to be underwritten by the parish Council. It is very difficult to evaluate costs if any objections are unresolved and cannot be overcome. The Parish Council would have to stand guarantor to all final implications even if the proposal collapsed during the process.
- 6.3 The physical works such as turning heads on the highway and the actual barrier are substantial to provide and the Working Group has not attempted to estimate the overall cost. The likely costs are many thousands of pounds which the Parish Council acknowledge it could not fund.

## **7.0 Summary of Conclusions**

- 7.1 The overall traffic figures identified by the survey were within the range of figures to be expected, although the straight through movement was less than expected by the village community. Perhaps the reasonably "balanced" flow in each direction was not expected to occur.
- 7.2 It is generally agreed that the proposal to close Ecton Lane would receive objectors that could not be resolved. It is likely some of these objectors may live in the village or use it daily. It is apparent that in highway terms the straight through movement along the High Street does serve the wider local community.
- 7.3 The County Council as Highway Authority could not support the closure of Ecton Lane south of the village due to the increase of traffic manoeuvres on the A4500 principal road. The changes in traffic pattern at these junctions if Ecton Lane was closed as discussed would increase substantially the risk of injury accidents occurring.
- 7.4 It is apparent there will be a need to justify this proposal to two planning authorities with differing requirements. A difficult task to undertake.
- 7.5 The financial implications are quite dominating and this alone could prevent any further progress.

## **8.0 Conclusions**

- 8.1 It was accepted by the working group it is not feasible to continue with this proposal and other speed reducing options need to be considered.

Ecton Millennium Project

## **Talents Auction with Strawberries & Fizz!**

A very warm evening but I am sure one that was enjoyed by everyone who came. Enough to eat and drink and through your generosity a variety of super talents on offer. I know we were desperate to make money to swell the fund but did Tony Green really have to sell his shirt and tie? Seriously, a great effort by so many people raised the wonderful sum of £1031. All we can say is thank you once again for all your help. Whether you gave a talent, bought one, or just came along to the party you shared one of the great evenings in Ecton.

Since the last magazine we have received two further donations of £50 & £100 which brings our balance at the Nationwide to £2472.

We are getting there but if you would like to contribute in any way or have new fundraising ideas, then please do tell any member of the Parish Council. We already have the Village sign and Notice board on order; it would be great to start on the stone wall before any bad weather comes along later in the year or indeed before the stonemason accepts another job.

### COFFEE ROTA

August 1st	Ingrid & Keith Cartwright
August 8th	Alice Adams/Wynne Voss
August 15th	Millie Harlott
August 22nd	Pat Peacock/Dorothy Creed
August 29th	Nick & Mary Green
Sept 5th	June Marshman/Marian Gleave
Sept 12th	Millie Harlott/Christine Murray
Sept 19th	Ingrid & Keith Cartwright
Sept 26th	Alice Adams/Wynne Voss

### BRASS CLEANING

August 7th	Dorothy/Pat
Sept 4th	Alice/Wynne

### CLEANING ROTA

August 7th	Pink	B
August 14th	Yellow	A
August 21st	Blue	B
August 28th	Green	A
Sept 4th	Orange	B
Sept 11th	Red	A
Sept 18th	Pink	B
Sept 25th	Yellow	A

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*We extend our love and sympathy to the families and  
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*David Purvey - 2<sup>nd</sup> July 1999*

*Anthony Elliot - 22<sup>nd</sup> July 1999*

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*Thank you*

*"God has used the blessing of your thoughtfulness  
To bring His presence nearer to my heart"*

*from  
Ann, Dick and Tina*

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### **Ecton Fellowship**

**Please note change of date and meeting place.**

Our next meeting will be on **Tuesday October 12<sup>th</sup>** in the **Rectory Room** at **2.30pm** when we shall have a short AGM followed by the video **Kez**, kindly provided by Paddy.

Looking forward to seeing everyone then!

**Joan Dickins**



FRIEND is a person who is for you always. .  
He wants nothing from you except that  
you be yourself.

He is the one being with whom you can feel safe.

With him you can utter your heart, its badness and its  
goodness.

Like the shade of a great tree in the noonday heat is a  
friend.

Like the home port with your country's flag flying after a  
long journey is a friend.

A friend is an impregnable citadel of refuge in the strife of  
existence.

It is he that keeps alive your faith in human nature  
that makes you believe that it is a good universe.

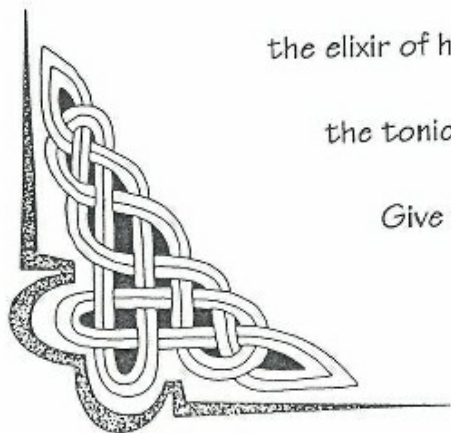
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