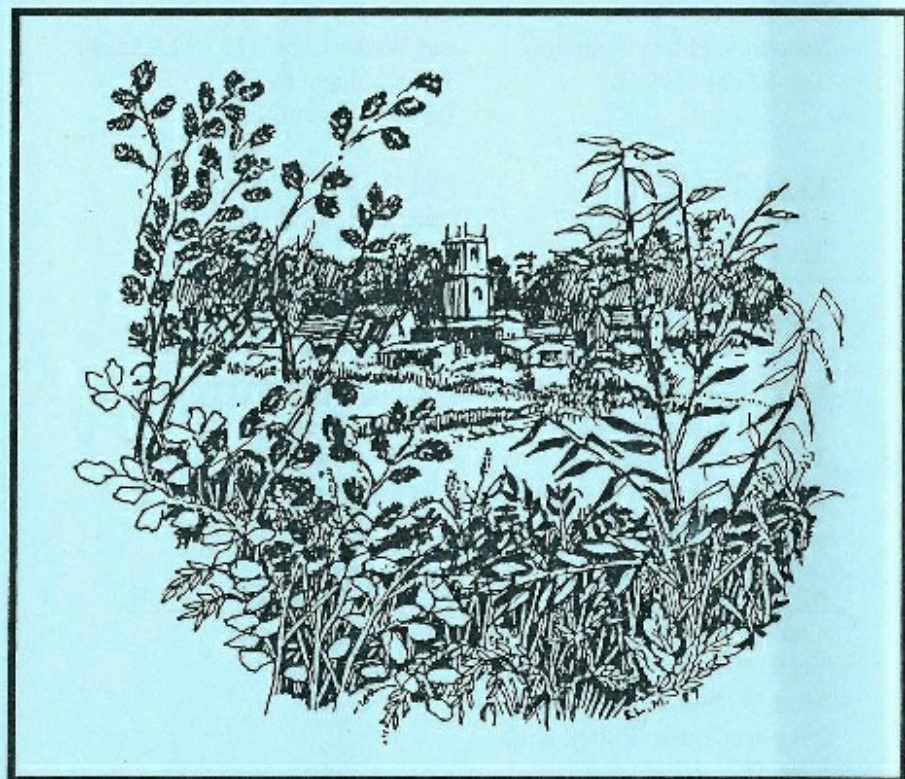

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LENT COURSE 1999

Our Lent Course this year will be a refresher course in the basics of Christian Faith, in response to a number of requests.

We shall follow "Credo: A Course for the Curious", which is written and presented by the Rt. Revd. Lindsay Irwin, the Bishop of Horsham.

Sessions will take place after the Holy Communion Service on Thursday evenings in Lent (7.30 pm). It would be good to be all together at that time, but we're all busy people and if you're home late from work don't let it stop you coming to the course which should follow the service at about 8.05 pm in the Franklin Room of Ecton House. We shall finish each session with Night Prayer and end by 9.30 pm.

The subjects of the sessions are:

- February 25th - The Creation
- March 4th - The Incarnation
- March 11th - The Crucifixion
- March 18th - The Resurrection
- March 25th - The Holy Spirit

James

From the Registers

FUNERALS

We extend our love and sympathy to the family and friends of

David Horton Wilson - 7th December 1998 R.I.P.

'Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep' - St Paul

CHURCH AND VILLAGE DIARY FEBRUARY 1999

Monday 1st February

2.30pm Monday Club meets in the Rectory Room

Tuesday 2nd February

9.00am Holy Communion

Thursday 4th February

6.30pm Women's Institute Meal at Ecton House

7.30pm Holy Communion

Sunday 7th February

9.30am **Second Sunday before Lent**
Parish Communion: Genesis 1.1 - 2.3;
Psalm 136. 1-9, 23-26; Romans 8. 18-25;
Matthew 6. 25-34.

6.00pm Evensong

Tuesday 9th February

9.00am Holy Communion

Thursday 11th February

7.30pm Holy Communion

Sunday 14th February

9.30am **Sunday next before Lent**
Parish Communion: Exodus 24. 12-18;
Psalm 2; 2 Peter 1. 16-21; Matthew 17. 1-9.

6.00pm Evensong

Monday 15th February

2.30pm Monday Club meets in the Rectory Room

Tuesday 16th February

9.00am Holy Communion

Thursday 18th February

7.30pm Holy Communion

CHURCH AND VILLAGE DIARY CONTINUED

Sunday 21st February	First Sunday of Lent
9.30am	Parish Communion: Genesis 2. 15-17, 3. 1-7; Psalm 32; Romans 5. 12-19; Matthew 4. 1-11
6.00pm	Evensong
Tuesday 23rd February	
9.00am	Holy Communion
Thursday 25th February	
7.30pm	Holy Communion
7.30pm	Whist Drive in the Rectory Room
Sunday 28th February	Second Sunday of Lent
9.30am	Parish Communion: Genesis 12. 1-4a; Psalm 121; Romans 4. 1-5, 13-17; John 3. 1-17;
6.00pm	Evensong
Monday 1st March	
2.30pm	Monday Club meets in the Rectory Room
Tuesday 2nd March	
9.00am	Holy Communion
7.30pm	Women's Institute meet in the Rectory Room
Thursday 4th March	
7.30pm	Holy Communion
Sunday 7th March	Third Sunday of Lent
9.30am	Exodus 17. 1-7; Psalm 95; Romans 5. 1-11; John 4. 5-42
6.00pm	Evensong

Joy Wilson and family have been overwhelmed by the great kindness shown to them during their sudden sad loss and would like to say Thankyou for the many beautiful cards, letters, floral tributes and a very full church which were a wonderful tribute to David.

Great strength and consolation has been received from you all.

ECTON FELLOWSHIP

Our February meeting is the lunch outing to the College. The date is Friday February 5th at 12 noon.

Please meet outside Ecton House at 11.30 am. Transport is available to anyone who requires it.

Please may I have names of all those coming as soon as this notice is read. Many thanks.

Joan Dickins

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HONDURAS APPEAL

A retiring collection was taken during two Sundays raising £130.70 for this very worthy and necessary appeal. The money was sent to Save the Children Fund who acknowledged receipt of your generosity with grateful thanks.

ECTON PARISH COUNCIL

LOWER ECTON LANE CLOSURE

During January you will have indicated whether or not you wish to see Lower Ecton Lane below the village closed to through traffic. If the indications are that the majority of villagers wish the lane to be closed we now have to move on a stage and prove to the various government bodies and the emergency services that we have a real case which deserves their support.

Under the auspices of the County Council Highways Department and using a formula which they will supply we are to carry out a comprehensive traffic count over two days, Friday and Sunday during the week of 15th March. This will be staged at various points within the village boundary but also at the edges of the parish along the A4500 and Lower Ecton Lane.

We understand that at least a 12 hour watch will be carried out each day and that quite detailed information will need to be collected. All the equipment that we need to do the job will be supplied but what we do need is people who would be willing to sit in a car in pairs for two hour periods to help us gather the information.

If we assume that there will be six monitoring sites and six shifts each day then it is not difficult to work out that we shall need at least 72 volunteers to carry out the whole operation. If you would be willing to help us then please complete the form below or speak directly to me.

This is your opportunity to get involved in what could be a wonderful millennium project for our village that will stretch well beyond 2000.

Sheila Ingram Tel: 406038

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I/We would like to help

Day and time that would be convenient

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Contact telephone number & address

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ECTON HALL CRICKET CLUB

The AGM will be held on 8th February 1999 in the Rectory Room at 8 pm.
All players and supporters are invited to attend.

The 1999 Draw Pool will commence on Sunday 28th February 1999.
The winners for 1998 were as follows:

	No.	Name	Prize
February	76	F. Wallis	£20
	86	P. Booth	£10
March	59	T. Warren	£20
	77	J. Jones	£10
April	178	A. Birnie	£20
	62	A. Stones	£10
May	107	D. Fusco	£20
	103	F. Wallis	£10
June	69	G. Marden	£20
	27	B. Beck	£10
July	97	J. Humphries	£20
	89	A. Lester	£10
August	4	M. Kearsley	£20
	176	L. Robinson	£10
September	31	B. Beck	£20
	12	M. Kearsley	£10
October	150	T. Jones	£20
	82	K. Edwards	£10
November	179	A. Walker	£20
	61	M. Fitzhugh	£10
December	28	B. Beck	£50
	78	F. Wallis	£25

Brian Saunders

**NOTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 23RD NOVEMBER 1998**

PRESENT: David Dicks (Chairman), Sheila Ingram, Sylvia Saunders,
Tony Green, Vic Lester, Ted Needham and Bill Wilson.

APOLOGIES: Kate Kirton, Ty Moffett, and Cllr. David Bletsoe-Brown.

PC's Hooper and Lewis attended the meeting and reported the crime figures for October. There were 7 reported crimes of which 4 related to the A.45 petrol station.

Matters arising

Following the repainting of the bus shelter on the north side of A4500, it was agreed to again write to the County Council to see whether any fund would be available to re-locate the other bus shelter nearer to the bus lay-by.

Further estimates had been received concerning the refurbishment of The Shrine and side-walls. Agreed to accept estimate from Mr Stones.

It was noted that the bulkhead light at the steps to 86/94 High Street was at long last now working.

Planning

Application received from Mr K Worley, Tower Field, Sywell Lane, for mobile home (for 5 years).

Approval had been granted to Mr Higgins, 35 West Street, for 2 storey extension.

Following the site meeting at Ecton Hall, Wellingborough Borough Council had asked for further details of the proposed conversion and to date there had been no response from the applicants.

Highway matters

It was reported that all of the landowners affected by the proposed closure of Lower Ecton Lane had now been visited. In view of the mainly positive response it was agreed to arrange a meeting with Mr Hoddle N.C.C. to discuss the next stage, which would involve conducting a full traffic survey and a village poll.

It was agreed to write to Wellingborough B.C. requesting attention to both footpaths on Sywell Lane and on the A4500 towards Earls Barton. Both are badly in need of attention as they are almost overgrown.

It was also agreed to try and establish all of the village grass areas which should be mown on a regular basis. Sheila Ingram agreed to act as representative for a possible site meeting/walk-about.

Vic Lester raised the matter of the steps to the flats in West Street, to see if the depth of the steps could be reduced. A letter would be sent to the Housing Dept. W.B.C. Concern was also raised regarding the steep drop from the pathway to No. 94 High Street. This also to be raised with Housing Dept. in view of the potential danger in icy conditions and especially to young children.

Financial matters

A letter was received from the Parochial Church Council to enquire whether the P.C. could contribute towards the upkeep of the churchyard, as in other villages. It was agreed to make a donation of £100 from the Free resource monies.

Following accounts were approved for payment:

East Midlands Electricity:	£245.28
Cornhill Insurance	£67.60 (Balance)
Ecton C.P. School	£15.00 (Hire of room)
Mrs P Hall (Clerk)	£115.68
Ecton P.C.C.	£100.00 (Churchyard)

A.O.B.

It was agreed to write and thank Mr Tom Richards for his kind gift of wallflowers for The Shrine.

Ted Needham advised the meeting that he might be unable to attend the next 2 meetings and as such, this might be his last meeting. The Chairman thanked him for his contribution during more than 25 years.

David Dicks, November 1998

OTHER PARISH ITEMS

If any member of the village needs to report a street light which is not working, then please ring Sylvia Saunders Tel: 409444.

There will be ELECTIONS again in May for the election of a new Parish Council. So now is the time for anyone interested in working for their community to consider standing for election. PLEASE CONTACT CHAIRMAN IF INTERESTED. Application papers will be available later.

David Dicks, January 1999

MONDAY CLUB

The year ended with our Christmas dinner in Ecton House, which was enjoyed by everyone. Our thanks go to Brian Saunders for playing the organ for our carol sing-a-long.

We really do need to increase our numbers to keep the Club going, so if you like a game of crib, whist, scrabble, dominoes or just some company, come along and give it a try!!!!

Dates for February 1999:

1st & 15th - Club
25th - Whist Drive

Dates for March 1999:

1st, 15th & 29th - Club
25th - Whist Drive

Freda

WI REPORT

Thursday 4th February - 6.30 pm at Ecton House

Birthday Dinner

Please remember a small gift

Tuesday 2 March - 7.30 pm Rectory Room

Speaker Colin Eaton - Fawsley Hill with slides

Competition - Flower Ornament

Teas Mrs C Guyte, Mrs J Wilson

The January meeting was well attended, two new members were welcomed, Maureen Robinson and Winifred Garlick.

There are various trips coming up - so keep your diaries handy! London and Wells and Cheddar sounded interesting. The plans for the tree planting are in hand - and estimates for a plaque are being obtained.

Our speakers were 'The Bards of Barton' - namely Mr Tony Roche and Diane Stewart. A miscellany of poems - very much in modern mode, providing human and pathos were read to us. Mr Roche has had five books published and has appeared with the BBC. Diane Stewart has written many poems too - she was originally a student with Mr Roche. A vote of thanks was given by Marian Gleave.

Competition - Winter Poem - won by three 'Budding Bards' - Stella, Marlene and Margaret.

J Marshman

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RUBBISH IN LOWER ECTON LANE

Since moving to Ecton two years ago, the rubbish in Lower Ecton Lane has been a constant source of amazement and irritation. Every time I received a rate demand from Wellingborough Council I fired off a letter of complaint and they answered that they were aware of the matter and in consultation with various Bodies. This year I found the increase in burnt-out cars, the piled up contents of houses, and in particular, the placing of oil-drums on the bridge over the A45 in such a position that they could easily be thrown into the road below, with no apparent reaction from the Councils, made me really angry. So I finished off a film on the worst examples of this dumping, photocopied the results and sent a sheet of photos, plus a letter asking for immediate action, to Wellingborough and Northampton Councils, and for good measure, to Anglia Television and the Chronicle in Northampton. I was contacted by Robert Elson who is in charge of environmental problems in the Northampton area and we had a long inconclusive telephone conversation, however two days later I passed a large Council lorry in the lane, piled high with the contents of the hedgerows. For a week or so it all looked cleaner, but soon the rubbish returned.

About six weeks after I'd dispatched my letters and photos, and on the same day which was interesting, I had a letter from Anglia Television saying they were "investigating feature ideas connected to the environment and 'eyesores' in the E. Anglia area", to which I replied that I would be happy to help! I also had a telephone call from the Chronicle asking if I could gather some villagers together so that they could be photographed in Ecton Lane. At short notice I managed to round up 4, including the Chairman of Ecton Hall Management Committee, and we met their photographer the next day. Interestingly, after all that, when the article appeared they had used my photographs, taken from the photocopies I had sent and they had come out quite well.

From what I can discern from talking to various people locally, there seems to be tide of opinion that Lower Ecton Lane should be closed. Two matters against this seem to me to be the access of fire-engines and ambulances from the A45 and the difficult access to the village from the A4500 junction. I also feel closing the road is rather defeatist. I like to be able to drive down the lane and on to the A45, I also need to go through Great Billing quite often and I get fed up wandering round endless roundabouts which the alternative route entails. Better fencing, greater police presence and large notices stating that those found dumping will be prosecuted, would help. No other roads in the area are affected quite so badly. Avon Water, the sewage company, the oil company Esso should all be enlisted to help in keeping the road free of this gross infringement of a public right of way.

Jennifer Harrison

CLEANING ROTA

February 6	Red	B
February 13	Pink	A
February 20	Yellow B	
February 27	Blue	A

BRASS CLEANING

February 6	Dorothy/Pat
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COFFEE ROTA

February 7	Nick & Mary Green
February 14	Sue & Les Mitchell
February 21	June Marshman/ Marian Gleave
February 28	Millie Harlott/ Christine Murray

CHURCH SPRING CLEAN

This will take place at:

10 am on Saturday 13 March 1999

It really is a case of many hands making light work - so please make every effort to come along with your mops and dusters.

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at 9.30 a.m.

The next Family Service will be on

MOTHERING SUNDAY

Sunday, 14th March 1999 at 9.30 a.m.

Why not come?

BIBLE READING NOTES

For the last two months there have been some introductory copies of "New Daylight" and "Guidelines" on the table near the Church door. If these have prompted anyone to consider ordering them on a regular basis I shall be sending in the new order in the middle of February for the year beginning in May.

The price is still the same as last year - £8.10 for the annual subscription which is the three copies covering the year (i.e. £2.70 per copy which lasts for four months).

Please let me know as soon as possible if you wish to order them. They are a very useful aid to regular Bible reading and those who already take them find them helpful.

Marian Gleave
(407889)

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LENT QUIET DAY

Following the very successful quiet day at Turvey Abbey, held in Advent, places have been booked for us to join the community again for a day during Lent.

The date is **Saturday 27th March 1999**

Please let James know if you would like to go.

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ARE POSSIBLE.**

Matthew 19. 26.

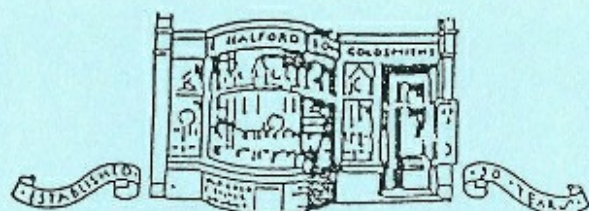
ECTON VILLAGE CLUB: GRAND CHRISTMAS DRAW

<u>Prize</u>	<u>Ticket No.</u>	<u>Name</u>
1 £100	2172	Kathy Humphreys
2 Golf Day	1501	R Savage
3 Trailer of Logs	1708	Brian, 31 High St
4 Pair Table Lamps	3054	Des c/o Freda
5 £25 Halfords Voucher	0906	Robin c/o Wicken
6 £25 Worlds End Voucher	1474	A Siddon
7 Christmas Hamper	0352	R Ashpole
8 Wine & Stilton	0977	J Baker, Wicken
9 Christmas Cake	1645	Anne Higgins
10 Whisky	3157	Vera Middleton
11 Pair Shelf Units	0449	Anne c/o Nobles
12 200 Cigarettes	2496	Brian Beck
13 Brace of Pheasants	3842	W Garlick
14 Radio	2659	Claimed on night
15 Wine	3586	Tony Green
16 Turkey	3031	Freda Richards
17 Cake Plate	0506	Charlotte Busby
18 Christmas Pudding	3147	John Smith
19 Box Chocolates	1594	Adrian Teal
20 Wine	3355	W Wilson
21 Chicken Voucher	0350	Mollie Smith
22 Jar Roses Chocolates	1214	H Collip
23 Glass Picture Frame	2619	Mrs Lester
24 Wine	2208	Sheila
25 Pot Pourri	2768	S George
26 Wine	3224	E Clemence
27 Ferrero Rocher Chocolates	1824	Amy Meenaghan
28 Wine	4028	c/o K Humphries
29 Wine	2789	Claimed on night
30 Wine	1873	Ward, Church View
31 Dried Flower Arrangement	1065	Phil Wright
32 Wine	1334	Woggy
33 Sherry	3465	Les Robinson
34 Chocolates	4911	Pat Bayliss
35 Christmas Crackers	2828	Daniel Foley
36 Wine	3091	Des c/o Freda
37 Wine	0017	Willy
38 Wine	0120	David c/o Nobles
39 Smellies	1551	M Billingham
40 Wine	2627	Mr Murdin
41 Scented Candle	0395	T Denny
42 Wine	3530	J Morrison

CONGRATULATIONS to all the above prize winners.

Ecton Village Club Committee would like to thank all who sold tickets, bought tickets and/or donated prizes.

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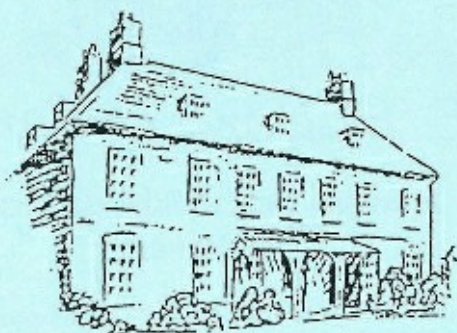
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Amen

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