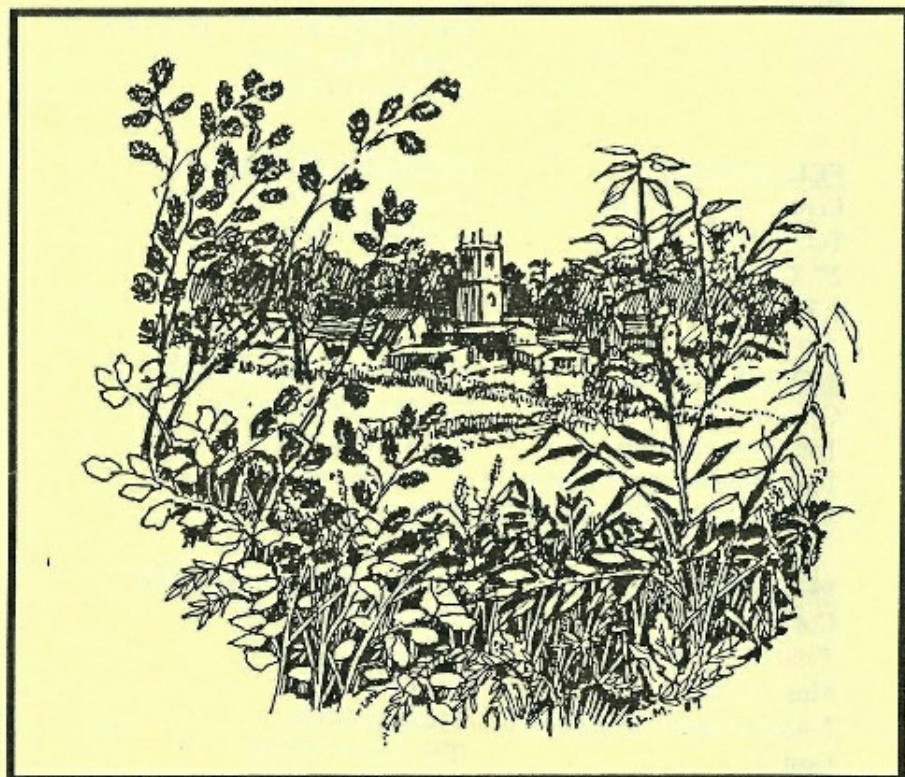


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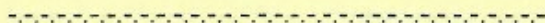
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### **'Walk with the poor'**

#### ***A thought for Christian Aid Week***

*'Jesus became more aware of his identity with God and his divine mission when he engaged himself with the poor, entering into their situations. When we walk with the poor we become more Christ-like. It is a holy moment.'*

Bishop Simon Chiwanga of Mpwapwa, Tanzania.  
(speaking in Lichfield Cathedral, July 1998)

On Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> May 1999  
at 11 am

there will be a **Memorial Service**  
for the late

**MAURICE JONES**

Everyone is welcome at this service

## **From the Priest-in-Charge**

In last month's magazine I mentioned that on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> May, Tony Armitage, the Diocese's Parish Development Officer, will join us for the 9.30 a.m. Parish Communion to help launch *TRIO*, a much needed fund-raising initiative within the parish.

My letter produced a number of responses - not all favourable! Some were critical of my call for more facilities within the parish church, others critical of my suggestion that all was not rosy in the parish garden and that we needed to address our giving and the financing of the parish church and its work.

Since I wrote that letter a major development has taken place, about which some of you will already be aware.

At a meeting of the Bishop's Council, held at Ecton House on 15<sup>th</sup> April, it was recommended that Ecton House be placed on the open market for sale in the Spring of 2000. This recommendation will now go forward to the Diocesan Synod in June for ratification.

For many years Ecton House has supported the work of the parish church providing meeting rooms, kitchen facilities, toilets, photocopying and other ancillary services. In less than a year's time those facilities will no longer be available to us.

This development underlines, all the more strongly, my calls in last month's magazine for meeting up to our responsibilities as a parish **now**. We need to get our finances sorted out - **now**! We need to replace the organ - **now**! We need to carry out repairs to the building - **now**! We need a toilet and a kitchen and a meeting room - **now**! And what is more we must realise that these things are up to us!

The days of our reliance on past generations of Ecton estate owners and the diocese are over. We face a new millennium with new challenges and we have to be realistic about our response.

**TRIO** stands for The **R**esponsibility **I**s **O**urs. It is a campaign just in the nick of time and one to which I hope you will give your full support.

So please try and come along on May 2<sup>nd</sup> to hear Tony Armitage and help us to meet the challenge of being the living, active and growing Body of Christ here in Ecton in the Third Millennium - **now!**



Stephen J. Evans  
Priest-in-Charge

## ECTON PARISH SUMMER FETE

*SATURDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> JULY 1999*

A PLANNING MEETING WILL BE HELD IN THE CHURCH ON WEDNESDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> MAY AT 8 PM. PLEASE COME WITH YOUR ENTHUSIASM AND IDEAS TO MAKE THE FETE A GREAT SUCCESS.

## ECTON CHURCH AND VILLAGE DIARY

### MAY 1999

**Sunday 2nd May**

9.30am

6.00pm

**Tuesday 4th May**

9.00am

7.30pm

**Thursday 6th May**

7.30pm

**Sunday 9th May**

9.30am

1.00pm

6.00pm

**Monday 10th May**

2.30pm

**Tuesday 11th May**

9.00am

2.30pm

**Thursday 13th May**

7.30pm

7.30pm

**Sunday 16th May**

9.30am

6.00pm

**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

Parish Communion: Acts 7. 55-60; Psalm 31. 1-5,  
15-16; 1 Peter 2. 2-10; John 14. 1-14.

Evensong.

Holy Communion.

Women's Institute meet in the Rectory Room.

Holy Communion.

**Sixth Sunday of Easter**

Parish Communion: Acts 17. 22-31; Psalm 66. 7-18;  
1 Peter 3. 13-22; John 14. 15-21.

Christian Aid Lunch in the Rectory Room.

Evensong.

Monday Club meets in the Rectory Room.

Holy Communion.

Ecton Fellowship meets in the Rectory Room.

Holy Communion.

Whist Drive in the Rectory Room.

**Seventh Sunday of Easter**

Parish Communion: Acts 1. 6-14; Psalm 68. 1-10,  
33-36; 1 Peter 4. 12-14, 5. 6-11; John 17. 1-11.

Evensong.

## ECTON CHURCH AND VILLAGE DIARY

### MAY 1999 CONTINUED

<b>Tuesday 18th May</b> 9.00am	Holy Communion.
<b>Thursday 20th May</b> 7.30pm	Holy Communion.
<b>Sunday 23rd May</b> 9.30am  6.00pm	<b>Pentecost</b> Parish Communion: Acts 2. 1-21; Psalm 104. 25-35. 37; 1 Corinthians 12. 3b-13; John 20. 19-23. Evensong.
<b>Monday 24th May</b> 2.30pm	Monday Club meets in the Rectory Room.
<b>Tuesday 25th May</b> 9.00am	Holy Communion.
<b>Thursday 27th May</b> 7.30pm	Holy Communion.
<b>Sunday 30th May</b> 9.30am  6.00pm	<b>Trinity Sunday</b> Isaiah 40. 12-17. 27-31; Psalm 8; 2 Corinthians 13. 11-13; Matthew 28. 16-20. Evensong.
<b>Tuesday 1st June</b> 9.00am 7.30pm	Holy Communion. Women's Institute meet in the Rectory Room.
<b>Thursday 3rd June</b> 7.30pm	Holy Communion.
<b>Sunday 6th June</b> 9.30am  6.00pm	<b>First after Trinity</b> Parish Communion: Genesis 12.1-9; Psalm 33. 1-12; Romans 4. 13-25; Matthew 9. 9-13. 18-26. Evensong.

## **ECTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**Traffic Survey - Friday 19<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> March 1999**

**Thank you to everyone who so willingly gave of his or her time to help collect car numbers!**

**In a funny sort of way, I think we all enjoyed it, it gave us the chance to get to know people a little better and in some cases make new friends. More importantly it served to bind us together as a community and further our resolve to close Lower Ecton Lane to through traffic.**

**All our information has been handed to Northamptonshire County Council Highways Department and we are now waiting for their results and for the opportunity to set up a discussion meeting with them in order to decide what our next step should be.**

**We shall let you know as soon as possible how things are going.**

### **Millennium Project**

**(The almost annual) Coffee Morning & Plant Sale**

**Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 10am at 17 West Street, Ecton**

**You are invited to come along and bring your excess plants, cuttings and seedlings and donate them to the cause or if you don't have any to bring then come and buy some! On previous occasions we have been blessed with good weather, if we have the same good fortune this year and you would like to stay a little while and have a chat with friends and neighbours do bring a garden chair with you.**

**Coffee and home-made biscuits will be £1.**

### CLEANING ROTA

May 1 <sup>st</sup>	Orange	A
May 8 <sup>th</sup>	Red	B
May 15 <sup>th</sup>	Pink	A
May 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Yellow	B
May 29 <sup>th</sup>	Blue	A

### BRASS CLEANING

May 1<sup>st</sup> Alice/Wynne

### COFFEE ROTA

May 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Alice Adams/Wynne Voss
May 9 <sup>th</sup>	Jean Leigh/Brenda Jones
May 16 <sup>th</sup>	Pat Peacock/Dorothy Creed
May 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Nick and Mary Green
May 30 <sup>th</sup>	June Marshman/Marian Gleave
June 6 <sup>th</sup>	Millie Harlott/Christine Murray

From the Registers

**BAPTISMS**  
Easter Day - 4<sup>th</sup> April 1999

*We welcome into the family of the Church*

**Samuel Edward Taylor**  
**Colin George Simpson**  
**Serena Rosemary Simpson**  
**William James Simpson**

Dear Friends

Towards the end of Lent, twelve people from this parish spent a day at Turvey Abbey with the Benedictine community - a time of prayer and quiet reflection. It's good that so many from our congregation believe that doing this is important. The Community at Turvey exists to follow a life of prayer and service.

On my frequent-but-not-frequent-enough visits to France, I often stay at the Abbaye of Fontanelle in Normandy. It is an extraordinarily peaceful place. Patrick Leigh-Fermor wrote a lovely book, "A Time to Keep Silence", which describes his stay in the abbey. He wrote this:

"The dominating factor of monastic existence is the belief in the necessity and power of prayer; and it is only by attempting to grasp the importance of this principle - a principle so utterly remote from every tendency of modern secular thought - to the monks who practise it, that one can hope to understand the basis of monasticism. This is especially true of the contemplative orders like the Benedictines, Carthusians and Carmelites ..... Belief in this power, and in the necessity of worshipping God daily and hourly, is the mainspring of Benedictine life."

We Christians must surely believe in the power of prayer, for does not Our Lord himself teach us how to pray?

Some of us have spent time drawing up a cycle of prayer for Ecton. Our hope is to pray for each aspect of the village (and congregation, remembering that not all of us live in the village) systematically throughout each month at the two weekday services on a Tuesday and Thursday. You will find the proposed Ecton Parish Cycle of Prayer set out in this magazine. There may be errors and omissions: if you care to tell me about them, I shall like to know.

James

## ECTON PARISH CYCLE OF PRAYER

	<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>THURSDAY</b>
<b>WEEK 1</b>	High Street The Fellowship The Church Congregation	Church View The Primary School Those who are housebound
<b>WEEK 2</b>	Franklins Close Ecton House The Monday Club	Northampton Road The Pre-School Group Traidcraft
<b>WEEK 3</b>	Wellingborough Road The PCC Church Gardeners/Choir/Servers	Barton Fields Parsons Close The Women's Institute
<b>WEEK 4</b>	West Street The Lunch Club Providers of medical and social services to the village	Church Way The Hall The Parish Council

**A retiring collection was taken during two Sundays in April raising £244 for the refugees in Kosovo.**

**Thank you.**

## **NOTES FROM ECTON VILLAGE CLUB**

The AGM was held on Wednesday 14 April at 7.30pm when 22 people attended. A representative from each village organisation using the Club was elected onto the Committee. The Chairman, Tony Green, Treasurer Sylvia Saunders and Secretary Mary Dicks were reappointed. Freda Richards continues as the Keyholder and Bookings Clerk.

In his report the Chairman thanked all those who helped make the last year so successful, both in financial terms with fund raising and enthusiastic support. The Club is at the moment applying for charity status. This is to enable applications to be made for local government/lottery grants to upgrade the facilities to conform to current regulations. It is a slow process involving the Charity Commission and Fisher Hoggarth but things are moving forward positively.

In view of the uncertainty of retaining the use of the Rectory Room, the future of the Village Club becomes even more important to village life. On a positive note, bookings are increasing and hopefully will raise enough funds to pay the rent. It is expected that, with continued support, things will move forward for the good of the village community.

**Tony Green**  
**April 1999**

### **+ BRITISH RED CROSS - KOSOVA REFUGEE APPEAL +**

**MANY THANKS** to everyone who donated, attended and helped at the quickly arranged Coffee Morning at 2 Barton Fields on Easter Monday.

The sum of £140 was raised and sent to this worthy cause.

## **Millennium Project**

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

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> July at the Village Club - 7.30pm**

It has been some time now since we had a Talents Auction in Ecton. On other occasions it has been a very good fundraiser, so we thought it a good time to have another.

People always try to make the excuse that they have little in the way of talent and therefore cannot contribute but I'm sure lots of us can do something and others can come and spend their money!

Tony Green has had his arm twisted to be our guest auctioneer for the evening. (How could he refuse after the Father Christmas performance last December!)? Hopefully strawberries will be in plentiful supply and together with a glass or two of bubbly (either alcoholic or not) we can have a great evening enjoying ourselves and making a few more pounds to support our millennium projects.

If you have a talent then do share it with us. Could you bake a cake, clean a car, garden for an hour or two? Cook a meal, paint a picture or a room, then do let me know as soon as possible and then I shan't have to come knocking on doors begging!

This is only a preliminary notice, I shall be nagging again next month if you do not get in touch to either volunteer or buy a ticket.

**Tickets £5 from Sheila Ingram, 17 West Street. Tel:406038**

Copy for May Magazine to  
Anne Henderson - 48 High Street, Ecton - by 17<sup>th</sup> May please

## **WI Report**

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> May - 7.30pm - Rectory Room**

**Speaker - Mrs P Mackay VCO**

**Teas - Mrs D Creed, Mrs J Henson**

**Competition - Photograph "Myself when young"**

This evening is an opportunity to discuss the choice of resolutions to be forwarded to the National Federation. As usual these embrace such diverse subjects as genetically modified foods to women's' human rights.

Eight members enjoyed a morning trip to Podington Garden Centre in early April and several went on the outing to London later in the month.

The members' evening on 6<sup>th</sup> April proved to be a great success with entertainment and refreshments provided by the members. A highlight proved to be the return of the redoubtable duo Sue and Vera, with another performance of their sketch "At the laundrette".

A vote of thanks was given by our President, Mrs Stella Gibson.

**M Scott**

## **ECTON HALL CRICKET CLUB**

We have now started the new season and will be playing league cricket on Saturdays and friendly matches on Sundays and some evenings.

Net practice is on Wednesday evenings and if anyone is interested in joining the club they would be very welcome and should contact the captain, Steve Wheatman (tel:401714).

Fixtures for May and June are as follows:

**ECTON HALL CRICKET CLUB  
FIXTURES - 1999**

**SATURDAYS**

May 1	Kingsley Park WMC	Abington 2
May 8	Queens Park WMC	Ecton
May 15	Abington	Abington 1
May 22	Cherry Orchard	Cherry Orchard
May 29	St Michaels	Ecton
June 5	Monks Park 2	Ecton
June 12	Primrose Hill	Kingsthorpe 1
June 19	Buckle & Hyde	Ecton
June 26	St Michaels	Kingsthorpe 1

**SUNDAYS**

April 25	Mears Ashby	Away
May 2	Brampton & Harlestone	Ecton
May 9	Stoke Goldington	Away
May 16	St Michaels Bugbrooke	Away
May 23	Collingtree	Ecton
May 30	Heyford	Ecton
June 6	Abington	Away
June 13	Little Harrowden	Away
June 20	Guilsborough	Ecton
June 27	Wombats	Ecton

**EVENINGS**

June 15	Boughton	Away
June 22	Pedants	Ecton
June 29	St Andrews	Away

Brian Saunders

## **NOTES OF ECTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 15<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 1999**

**Present:** David Dicks (Chairman), Kate Kirton,  
Sylvia Saunders, Tony Green, Ty Moffet,  
Bill Wilson plus Cllr D Bletsoe Brown and two  
members of the public.

**Apologies:** Sheila Ingram and Ted Needham

**Police:** PC Robson reported on recent crime in the area

### **Matters arising from minutes:**

Result of village poll confirmed as total response of 90% of which 95% were in favour of closure with 3% against and 2% abstained.

Venue for Council meetings in the future was discussed and decided to wait until after new Council at next meeting.

### **Millennium projects:**

Wellingborough Borough Council advised their agreement in principle to new notice board, sign and stone wall and agreed to contribute £500. Form for Planning consent to be completed and submitted. Application form for Regeneration Fund had already been completed and returned. Total amount applied for was £14,905 which included notice board, sign stone wall plus costs of proposed road closure.

Letter received from Fisher Hoggarth advising that whilst in favour of a millennium avenue of trees, they did not agree with suggested site in Washbrook Lane. They would advise further in due course.

### **Planning:**

Revised plans received for outbuildings at Ecton Hall, which were more acceptable to all members of Parish Council. Agreed to make formal request for Tree Preservation Order to be placed on existing trees in front of the old Coachhouse together with the walnut tree in playing field.

## Accounts:

Following were approved for payment:

Mr A Stones	£1,342.79	The Shrine
Mr A Stones	£2,562.58	Ditto plus stone walls
Ecton CP School	£15.00	Hire of Room
Mrs P Hall	£133.99	Salary and expenses
Northamptonshire		
Acre	£20.00	
Mrs S Ingram	£18.36	Photocopying for Traffic Survey

Recent Audit has raised several minor matters which were advised to the meeting and would be acted on in future.

David Dicks  
March 1999

## Other Parish Council Notes

Date of next meeting is Monday 17<sup>th</sup> May which is the Annual Parish Meeting, at which time members of the village may ask questions. This is then followed by the Annual Parish Council Meeting.

Special thanks are due to all those who kindly gave their time to make the recent 2-day traffic survey possible. Your help is very much appreciated. Extra special thanks are also due to Sheila and Rodney Ingram for their very efficient organisation and gap-filling at the last minute. Finally, thanks to the kind lady in Wellingborough Road who supplied numerous cups of coffee! The findings of the survey are still being processed by the County council, so not yet available.

**DON'T FORGET TO USE YOUR VOTE ON 6<sup>TH</sup> MAY 1999**

David Dicks

## A LAST REMINDER

On Sunday May 9<sup>th</sup> between 12 noon and 2pm there will be a Bread and soup Lunch for Christian Aid.

No Charge - just a donation. Please encourage a friend to come with you.

Ecton Fellowship

### *ECTON FELLOWSHIP*

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday May 11<sup>th</sup> at 2.30 pm when Pauline Charles - of Ecton - will give a demonstration on flower arranging.

Everyone welcome.

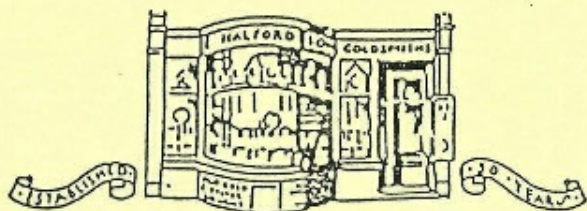
Tea Rota: Vera Middleton and Jean Leigh

Joan Dickins

### **CHRISTIAN AID WEEK MAY 9<sup>TH</sup> - 16<sup>TH</sup> 1999**

There will be a House to House Collection for this Inter-Church Charity. Please give generously and, should you miss the collector, please put your contribution in 40, High Street.

Joan Dickins



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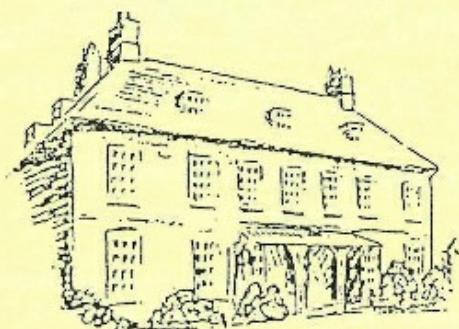
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retreats and conferences: may they know  
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love, and have grace in their hearts,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

✠ Amen

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