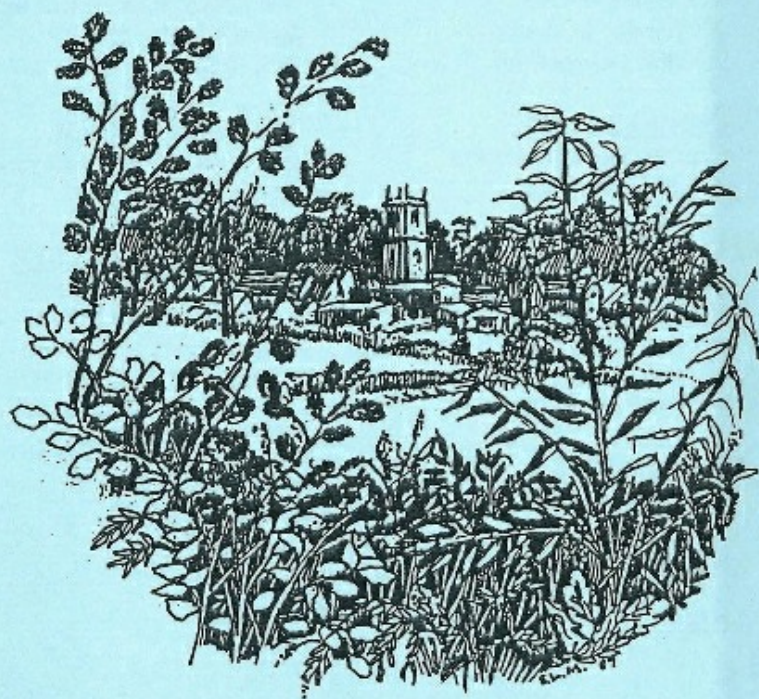


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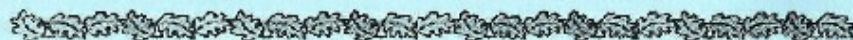
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**MY PRESENCE
WILL GO
WITH YOU.**

Exodus 33. 14. (N.I.V.)



Copy for **March** Magazine to
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By please

From James and Anne Mogridge

Dear Friends at Ecton,

We were quite overwhelmed by our last Sunday at the church of St. Mary Magdalene.

A (typically Ecton) send-off after the 9.30 am service with so many people there, an over-generous cheque (for which many thanks) and those lovely flowers!

So our very real thanks to those who organised the occasion, for your many cards and good wishes and for our presents.

We both much enjoyed our four years with you and have many happy memories - not only of church but of village life and school; also of the many friends we made.

It is wonderful that you are now pressing on with the next phase of up-grading the facilities of the church. The positive spirit in which all this has been undertaken proves that there is life after Ecton House. Our congratulations to everyone who has worked so hard to achieve this.

And, of course, our good wishes to Jenny Parkin and you all as you enter the next phase in the history of Ecton church. Be assured of our love and prayers.

Every blessing and thanks -

James and Anne.

Ecton Church Diary

February 2002

Sunday 3rd February

9.30am

6.00pm

Candlemas

Parish Communion: Malachi 3. 1-5; Psalm 24;
Hebrews 2. 14-end; Luke 2. 22-40.

Evensong.

Tuesday 5th February

9.00am

Holy Communion.

Sunday 10th February

9.30am

Sunday next before Lent

Parish Communion: Exodus 24. 12-end;
Psalm 2; 2 Peter 1. 16-end;
Matthew 17. 1-9.

Tuesday 12th February

9.00am

Holy Communion.

Wednesday 13th February

7.30pm

Ash Wednesday

Holy Communion with Imposition of the Ashes.

Sunday 17th February

9.30am

First Sunday of Lent

Parish Communion: Genesis 2.15-17, 3. 1-7;
Psalm 32; Romans 5. 12-19;
Matthew 4. 1-11.
Evensong.

6.00pm

Tuesday 19th February

9.00am

Holy Communion.

Sunday 24th February

9.30am

Second Sunday of Lent

Parish Communion: Genesis 12. 1-4a;
Psalm 121; Romans 4. 1-5, 13-17; John 3. 1-17.

Tuesday 26th February

9.00am

Holy Communion.

Sunday 3rd March

9.30am

Third Sunday of Lent

Parish Communion: Exodus 17. 1-7; Psalm 95;
Romans 5. 1-11; John 4. 5-42.
Evensong.

6.00pm

ITEMS FROM THE PCC.

1. Apart from the addition of things such as towel holders and storage cupboards Phase 1 (the toilet) of the development project has now been very successfully completed. We are grateful to all those who contributed to making this possible.
2. Phase 2 (work on improving the servery area) will start shortly. It is hoped the work will be completed by the end of January in time for the Induction Service of Jenny Parkin on 29th January.
3. The PCC is very grateful for the help and guidance received from James Mogridge over the past 4 years. He will be missed very much indeed. We wish James and his wife, Anne, a very happy and healthy retirement and hope that they will visit Ecton from time to time.
4. Thanks to the generous donations received we were delighted to give James a cheque for £500 after his last service on 30th December 2001. This surely indicates just how highly regarded he was in the parish.

Gwenda Barty
Secretary to the PCC
13th January 2002

SAFARI SUPPER

The next Safari Supper is provisionally arranged for Saturday 23rd November 2002. Further details will be advertised in September.



HOUSE OF COMMONS
LONDON SW1A 0AA

Paul Stinchcombe MP

will be available for consultation at the
following times and places:

Saturday March 23rd

Ecton Village Hall	10.45 am
Sywell Village Hall	11.15 am
Mears Ashby Village Hall	12.00 noon
Earls Barton Village Hall	12.45 pm

If you have any concerns or issues you wish
to raise with your MP he would be delighted
to see you.

For alternative arrangements please telephone
01933.279022

DRAFT MINUTES — UNAPPROVED.

MINUTES of a meeting of Ecton Parish Council held on Monday 19th November 2001 at Ecton Village Club.

Present: Mr D C Dicks (Chairman)

Mrs K Humphreys, Mrs S Ingram, Mrs S Saunders, Dr A Bantock, Messrs M Creed, T Green and Mr T Moffett

61/01 Apologies were received from Mr W Wilson and Cllr K Payne.

62/01 The Minutes of the meeting held on 17 September were approved and signed after two small amendments had been made.

63/01 Matters arising:

(a) Sewell: Cllr Payne had notified the Chairman that the application was likely to be considered by the Planning Committee on 5 December.

(b) Lower Ecton Lane: Noted that Mr C Williamson from MAM Transport had not turned up for this meeting. The Chairman reported that the meeting in September, with all the Authorities involved, had been very positive. Everyone listened and took note of matters that they were not previously aware of. Bunding of most of the land has now been completed and Northampton Borough Council has carried out a major clear up in the last few days. However, it was noted that the hedgerow to the travellers site is still in need of attention. Noted that Mr Paul Stinchcombe MP had been most helpful in the matter. Dr Bantock informed the meeting that the petition was being presented to Mr Morris on Wednesday morning and that a date was to be fixed to present it to Mr McArdle also. It was also noted that Mr Stinchcombe had met with Mrs K Kirton and the Chairman to discuss the problem. Mr Moffett informed the meeting that the problems seemed to have moved to Ecton Pits where cars were now being dumped and anglers were being intimidated.

(c) Drainage - High Street: A representative from the County Council had surveyed the site with the Chairman and an additional drain had been put in to see if this would improve the situation.

(d) Bus shelter replacement: There had been a delay in the design work for the project but the work should be going out to contract soon. The contractors would be ordering the shelter direct.

(e) Sunnyside Flats: A letter had been received from Wellingborough B.C. stating that their previous letter had been incorrect and that they would support the scheme (provided that there was no financial burden on the Borough Council).

Mrs Ingram and Mrs Humphreys would draft a questionnaire for the residents to ask whether they would be in favour of the scheme.

The Council was reminded that the flats were for people of any age and not specifically for the elderly (as were all such properties within Wellingborough Borough).

(f) West Street sign: The County Council surveyor had looked at the problem area and would be investigating options for signing and for providing a turning area.

64/01 Planning Matters:

Applications: Amended plans had been received for the partial demolition of existing accommodation to separate Ecton House into two dwellings. The Council was in agreement with the proposed changes but wished to comment that if the application is granted it is hoped that no further modifications will be carried out without further consultation.

An application had been received concerning land at Aggate Way which was over the border into Earls Barton. No comments were made.

Approvals were received:

WP/2001/0303/CA - Replacement of wrought iron entrance gates, Bakchouse Cottage, 12 High Street;

WP/2001/0396/F - New windows and sun lounge, 30 High Street;

WP/2001/0534/F - Ecton Village Club - Extensions to front and rear.

65/01 Street Lighting: Nothing to report.

66/01 Highway matters:

The Chairman reported on the 'workshop' relating to the Sustainable Minor Works programme as a result of which an application had been submitted to the County Council for a refuge lane to be provided on the A4500 at the junction with Northampton Road. This will be considered by the Wellingborough Area Committee at the meeting in early 2002.

The County Council is continuing to look at alternative signing for the Lower Ecton Lane area. It is not likely that a speed camera will be provided for the A4500 but it was agreed that this Council should request another visit from the County Council's roving camera and the Police mobile safety vehicle, with particular emphasis on the A4500 and the lower part of the High Street.

It was noted that the kerb on the corner of the Worlds End/Wellingborough Road had not yet been repaired. A reminder would be sent.

The ownership of the jetty below the Church was questioned and it was agreed to ask Wellingborough B.C. if they knew who owned this pathway.

Wellingborough B.C. had inspected the area of Northampton Road which needed tidying up and advised that this was the responsibility of the County Council as it was the verge. The pathway to Earls Barton is now almost overgrown, as is the path in Sywell Lane. A further request would be made to the County Council on these matters, together with a request for the elder tree at the Worlds End to be cut down, and killed if possible.

67/01 Playing Field. It was noted that the centre swing had been removed and also the cradle swing. An estimate for a new cradle swing, with chains, would be requested from Hunts. It was noted that one of the benches required repair and it was agreed to obtain an estimate from Mr Hollowell. It was agreed to request that the Worlds End should cut back the laurel bushes overhanging the playing field.

68/01 Times of Council meetings: It was unanimously agreed that the starting time of Council meetings should be changed to 7.00 pm as from the January 2002 meeting.

69/01 Financial Matters:

(a) Accounts for payment: The following amounts were approved for payment - Powergen £126.42 (paid out of meeting), R. Hollowell - Repairs to War Memorial: £64.63, P Hall - Salary & Expenses £131.25 and Ecton Village Club £214.00 for the Luncheon Club, this amount having been received by way of grant from Wellingborough B.C.

(b) The Chairman reported that Wellingborough B.C. had now agreed to the introduction of Precepting for Revenue purposes for Parish Councils. The Capital grants scheme would continue as at present. The scheme would come into effect from 1 April 2002 and it was thought that the amounts requested for the Revenue Grant for 2002/03 would become the amount of the Precept figure for the same period. It was hoped that formal notice would be received by Parish Councils following this decision.

70/01 Correspondence:

The following items of correspondence had been received and would be circulated to members:

NALC	"A new approach to Local Council Audit"
NALC	Countryside Agency: Vital Villages - various leaflets
NALC	September UPDATE
NALC	Village Viewpoint
NALC	Minutes of AGM held in October 2000 / Annual Report for 2000/2001 /
	Proposed subscription rates / Village of the Year results
NALC	Draft Corporate Plan

NALC	(with the Countryside Agency) National Training Strategy for Parish & Town Councils - Update
E. Midlands Development Agency	Annual Report, Business Plan and Newsletter
Northamptonshire Police Authority	"Unsung Heroes" Awards
NCC	Rural Bus Services - New Rural Transport Officer

71/01 Any other Business:

The Chairman reported on his and Mr Creed's attendance at the Joint Parishes meeting where the new Committee structure was explained. One parish had raised the question of funding in the event of a by Election for a Parish Council vacancy. At the present time this would have to be met by a Parish Council and a recommendation was made that this expenditure should fall back on to the Borough Council.

Concern had been expressed by one or two residents about the burning of hedge cuttings etc at Towerfield farm.

The premises have been let to Wilby Tree Surgeons who, although shredding a lot of the waste, are still burning wood etc. on a daily basis. It was agreed that residents should bring this matter to the attention of the Environmental Health Officer at Wellingborough in the first instance.



2 December 2001

Lower Ecton Lane

We have all been shocked by the state that Lower Ecton Lane has been allowed to fall into. The feelings of most residents in the village were freely expressed at a Parish Council meeting, and again at the annual meeting of the Neighbourhood Watch for the lower high street.

This led us to collect a petition from the whole village, assisted by the enthusiastic support of Mary Dicks, Ruth Kilpin, Maurice Creed, Jennifer Harrison, Kerri Pulford, Yvonne Bandy, and Stuart Harrington. EVERYBODY bar one who was approached signed giving us 263 signatures for 210 households.

This feeling in the village was conveyed to both our M.P.s and helped us considerably when we held meetings with the Chief Executives of Northampton and Wellingborough, and presented your petition to them. It is appropriate to especially mention the support that we received from Mr Stinchcombe MP for Wellingborough which I personally feel helped considerably in getting the lane cleaned up. Let us now hope that it is kept clean, and that people no longer feel threatened when using it.

Thanks to all who supported this campaign.

Alastair Bantock

W.I. REPORT

The monthly meeting was held on 8th January 2002 at the Youth Club - one week later than usual owing to the New Year.

the Meeting dealt with the new resolutions to be put before H.M. Government.

We had no less than 9 subjects to deal with and decided to take a new approach. Having split into small groups, lively discussions developed making what is sometimes a rather formal meeting into a very enjoyable one, and time passed so quickly we had no time left for the planned Trivial Pursuit. Having drawn conclusions to our satisfaction in order of preference, they will now go forward to National Level.

We happily welcomed another new member to our Group this month and hope she enjoyed the meeting.

The next meeting is our 80th Birthday Party on February 5th and will start at 7.30pm as usual and not 6.30pm as previously planned.

May I remind everyone in the village that there is still a wheel-chair available for anyone to use for short periods for a small donation to cover repairs.

Contact Joy Wilson - phone 408664

IF THERE BE RIGHTEOUSNESS
IN THE HEART THERE WILL BE
BEAUTY IN THE CHARACTER.

IF THERE BE BEAUTY IN THE
HEART THERE WILL BE HARMONY
IN THE HOME.

IF THERE BE HARMONY IN THE HOME
THERE WILL BE ORDER IN
THE NATION.

WHEN THERE IS ORDER IN EACH
NATION THERE WILL BE
PEACE IN THE WORLD

VERY OLD CHINESE
PROVERB

ANGER

THOSE WITH GOOD SENSE ARE
SLOW TO ANGER, IT IS THEIR
GLORY TO OVERLOOK AN OFFENCE.
WHO IS SLOW TO ANGER IS
BETTER THAN THE MIGHTY
A FOOL GIVES FULL VENT
TO ANGER, THE WISE QUIETLY
HOLD IT BACK

PROVERBS

WE WERE MEANT TO BE
UNCERTAIN ABOUT OURSELVES
BUT CERTAIN ABOUT GOD.
UNFORTUNATELY TODAY
WE ARE STAGGERINGLY
COCKSURE OF OURSELVES
BUT UNCERTAIN ABOUT GOD.



Queens Golden Jubilee

***"Come and join the party
3rd June 2002"***

Everyone is invited to join in the celebration for the Queens Golden Jubilee on 3rd June 2002.

We hope to start with bucks fizz and bacon rolls at the village club followed by an action packed day of fun and games with a lunchtime pig roast on the cricket field.

There will also be an evening bar-b-cue at the Three Horseshoes with entertainment.

The next meeting is at the village club on Wednesday 20th February at 8pm so come and bring your ideas or contact either

*Or Margaret Tinston.....412233
Kathy Humpheys*

Or fill in the form below & return

.....
I would like to help with the arrangements for the celebrations

Name.....

Address.....

Tel No.....

Please return to: Rectory Farm House, 46 High Street

CLEANING ROTA

February 2	Orange	A
February 9	Red	B
February 16	Pink	A
February 23	Yellow	B
March 2	Blue	A

BRASS CLEANING

February 2	Dorothy & Pat
March 2	Sylvia Fraiel & Joy Wilson

COFFEE ROTA

February 3	Ingrid & Keith Cartwright
February 10	Millie Harlott/Margaret Weddle
February 17	Dorothy Creed/Jean Leigh
February 24	Margaret Finch/Anthea Barnes
March 3	Nick & Mary Greene



ECTON CHURCH LOTTERY DECEMBER 2001.

65	Mr. G. Wheatman	£50.00
5	Mr. Sanford	£10.00
137	Mrs. K. Pulford	£10.00
114	Mrs. J. Rallings	£10.00
86	Mr. G. Peacock	£10.00
168	Mr. C. Peach	£10.00

THE ECTON FELLOWSHIP

On Tuesday 12th February we are having our Annual Lunch Outing.

This year we have booked to go to "The Stag" at Doddington

We hope all our Members will join us. Friends are very welcome ,

Transport for those who need it will be in Church Way, ready to leave at 12 noon

Lunch will be about 12.30pm.

May I have names of those coming for the luncheon by Wednesday 6th February.

Many Thanks Phone No. 415576.

Joan Dickins

Foul play! Women fined for dog mess offences

TWO women were each fined £50 and ordered to pay £30 costs for not cleaning up after their dogs.

They appeared at Wellingborough Magistrates' Court in September.

The women were spotted by council officers allowing their dogs to foul a public place and not clearing up afterwards.

Chairman of the Council's Environment Committee, Cllr Paul Crofts, said: "There is no excuse for this."

The Council is warning that it will not hesitate to prosecute in future.

In Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying 'Abba! Father!' So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

Galatians 3:26-28;4:4-7 (NRSV)