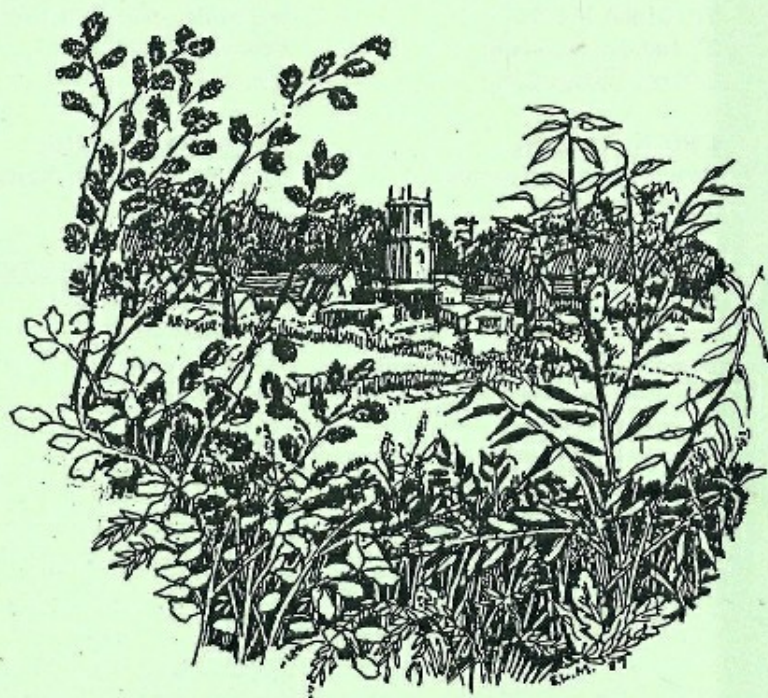


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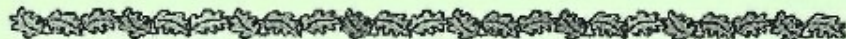
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GREATER THAN  
MAN.**

Job 33. 12. (N.I.V.)



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**ECTON CHURCH AND VILLAGE DAIRY**  
**MARCH 2001**

**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> March**     **First Sunday of Lent**  
9.30am                  Parish Communion: Deuteronomy 26.  
                                 1-11; Psalm 91. 1-11; Romans 10. 8b-13;  
                                 Luke 4. 1-13.  
6.00pm                  Evensong.

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> March**  
9.00am                  Holy Communion.  
7.30pm                  Women's Institute meet in the Village  
                                 Club.  
7.30pm                  Lent Course – see details in Church.

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> March**  
7.00pm                  Holy Communion followed by PCC  
                                 meeting.

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> March**     **Second Sunday of Lent**  
9.30am                  Parish Communion: Genesis 15. 1-12, 17,  
                                 18; Psalm 27; Philippians 3. 17 – 4. 1;  
                                 Luke 13. 31-35.

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> March**  
9.00am                  Holy Communion.  
2.00pm                  Ecton Fellowship meet in the Village  
                                 Club.  
7.30pm                  Lent Course – see details in Church.

**ECTON CHURCH AND VILLAGE DIARY**  
**MARCH 2001**

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> March    Third Sunday of Lent**

9.30am                  Parish Communion: Isaiah 55. 1-9;  
                                Psalm 63. 1-8; 1 Corinthians 10. 1-13;  
                                Luke 13. 1-9.  
6.00pm                  Evensong.

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> March**

9.00am                  Holy Communion.  
7.30pm                  Lent Course – see details in Church.

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March**

7.30pm                  Whist Drive in the Village Club.

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> March    Mothering Sunday**

9.30am                  Parish Communion: Joshua 5. 9-12;  
                                Psalm 32; 2 Corinthians 5. 16-21;  
                                Luke 15. 1-3, 11b-32.

**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March**

9.00am                  Holy Communion.  
7.30pm                  Lent Course – see details in Church.

**Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> March**

10am                     Annual Church Spring Clean.

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> April        Fifth Sunday of Lent**

9.30am                  Parish Communion: Isaiah 43. 16-21;  
                                Psalm 126; Philippians 3. 4b-14;  
                                John 12. 1-8.  
6.00pm                  Evensong.

Dear Friends

### **Lent and the Book of Job**

We talk about 'Job's comforters' and 'the patience of Job' and the Book of Job has intrigued and puzzled people down the ages.

The Book of Job stands alone amongst the books of the Old Testament. It forms part of the 'Wisdom' material, but in form and theme it is unique. No one knows who wrote it or just when it was written. Job is a wealthy and influential sheikh – wealthy in terms of flocks and herds rather than cash. Part of the year he is a man of the city; for the rest, on the move with his cattle. He belongs to the days before the priesthood and organised religion and to a region where these things were not needed.

A prose prologue introduces the great debate between Job and his friends which the author records in magnificent poetry. The subject is as old as the hills and as modern as the space age: if God is just and good, why does he let innocent people suffer? Why the casual victims of war and terrorism? Why the child dying of cancer? As a man Job is really good: about the best any man could hope to be. Yet calamity overwhelms him. Loss of possessions and family is followed by grim, prolonged physical suffering that shakes his faith to the depths.

The book leaves much unsettled. It is only in the New Testament that we approach and answer to the problem. As we look at Christ on the cross we see the suffering of the only really innocent man. And we see a God who cares so much for us he is prepared to shoulder the whole burden of human sin and suffering. Yet the book of Job is not out-dated. Even today, suffering men and women find that this book speaks to their need as no other book in the Bible.

I would like to invite you all, as a Lenten exercise, to read the book of Job carefully and thoughtfully during Lent. I intend to preach a brief address on the Book of Job on three Sundays in Lent at the 9.30 am Eucharist to focus our minds on this powerful book and what it says in 2001. Why not be there?

With my love and prayers for the keeping of a holy Lent,

**James**

**Sermon subjects in March:**

<b>4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Temptation</b>
<b>11<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Job 1</b>
<b>18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Job 2</b>
<b>25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Mothering Sunday</b>

## **PARISH AGM**

AT WHICH A NEW PCC WILL BE ELECTED

**SUNDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2001**  
**AFTER EVENSONG**

TO BE HELD IN THE CHURCH

ALL WELCOME



## **ECTON FELLOWSHIP**

Our next meeting is on Tuesday March 13<sup>th</sup> at 2.30 pm in the Village Club.

The Rev. James Mogridge will help our understanding of the events of Lent and Easter.

Everyone is very welcome.

Joan Dickins

## St George's Day Celebration Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> April

Bangers & Mash with Entertainment 7.30pm at Ecton Village Club

Plans are well underway to refurbish the Village Club and as part of our community fundraising we intend to hold a party to celebrate St George's Day. Naturally we need as many people as possible to be involved one way or another to ensure that we can improve the standard of the Village Hall facilities in Ecton - and have a good time as well!

However because of current restrictions on the capacity of the hall, we are having to offer tickets on a 'first come first served' basis. They cost £6 each and include a supper of Sausage & Mash followed by Fruit Pie & Cream and a beer or soft drink - a true English meal. Entertainment will be provided by Trevor Buswell who is a native of Ecton and known by many people in the village. There will of course be a raffle giving lots of new people the opportunity to win (amongst other stupendous prizes) the Ecton Everlasting Raffle Prize (the penguin jigsaw puzzle) and keep it for a short period - well, at least until the next fundraising event in the village.

Tickets are obtainable from the following people:

Millie Harlott Tel: 409538  
Freda Richards Tel: 405928  
Sheila Ingram Tel: 406038  
Maurice Creed Tel: 407864



### Village Club AGM

May we also remind you that the Annual General Meeting of the Village Club will be held on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm. This is your opportunity to come along and see, hear and voice your opinions about the plans for the refurbishment scheme which should convert our existing building into a superb Village Hall worthy of our beautiful village.

# **ECTON VILLAGE CLUB**

Reg. Charity No: 1078962

## *Needs your expertise*

*As many of you will know, a strong and active Committee exists to improve the facilities within the village now that the Rectory Room is no longer available.*

*As many of you will also know, The Village Club (otherwise known as the Village Hall) which is situated adjacent to the cricket field at the bottom end of the village, is in urgent need of refurbishment and modernisation and a great deal of time and energy is being spent in trying to obtain grants etc. for this purpose.*

*There are several fund raising events planned during the year that need your help and support (watch out for notices).*

*If you feel that you have a particular skill which will help the village to achieve this goal, please contact Tony Green(407141), Mary Dicks(407145) or any other Committee Member.*

## **AGM**

### **ECTON VILLAGE CLUB**

**High Street, Ecton**

**4<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2001**

**AT 7.30 PM**

**Your support will be welcome**

## **Notes from Ecton Parish Council Meeting held on 15 January 2001**

**Present:** David Dicks (Chairman), Kathy Humphreys, Sheila Ingram, Sylvia Saunders, Alastair Bantock, Maurice Creed, Tony Green, Ty Moffett. Apologies were received from Bill Wilson and Councillor Kate Payne.

### **Matters arising from the Minutes**

#### **Sywell Airfield**

It was reported that the Planning Application was not going to Committee at the present time.

#### **Highways**

A letter had been received from the County Council advising that a new No Through Road sign could probably be sited at the top of West Street to alleviate turning problems. They would also inspect the damage to the residents' driveways at the bottom of West Street.

The County Council again reported that there is no money available for further traffic calming in High Street. However it was agreed to write again to ask for additional signage for the Lower Ecton Lane/Station Road junction to prevent lorries from entering the village and then not being able to turn.

It was noted that there was a gap in the hedge to the field in Lower Ecton Lane, next to the restaurant, and it was agreed that this should be reported to Wellingborough Council.

#### **Millennium Trees**

Mr Dicks reported that the trees had been delivered some weeks ago and it is hoped that they will be planted on 16 January. An agent from Fisher German has been advised where the trees are to be planted.

#### **Playground Inspection**

It was noted that the inspection by RoSPA would not take place until June but as an inspection had been booked, the Health & Safety Authority would accept this as the Council's intention to undertake a risk assessment.

### **Planning Matters**

An application has been received for an extension at The Old Post Office in Blacksmith's Yard.

Approvals have been granted for extension works at 66 High Street, a yard and stables off Sywell Lane and a 15m mono-pole tower and ancillary buildings at West Lodge.

Arrangements to be made for the Conservation Planning Officer from Wellingborough Borough Council to inspect the Gazebo in the grounds of Ecton Hall.

### **Police Matters**

The Police were not in attendance at the meeting but had forwarded crime figures for December 2000, which included incidents at the Worlds End, Manor Farm, Three Horseshoes, West Street and South Lodge Farm.

### **Highway Matters:**

It was noted that a manhole cover, opposite Church Way, was in need of repair. This had been reported to Clarence and the matter was under review.

There was a problem with dog fouling in Wellingborough Road. It is thought that the Dog Warden is aware of the problem.

Mr Green reported that the road safety boards had been requested and this time there would be a total of 10.

It was agreed to request Wellingborough Council to cut back the footpaths between Ecton and Earls Barton and in Sywell Lane.

It was reported that the County Council would be tidying up the trees along the verges of the A4500 road between Ecton and the Northampton boundary.

### **Shrine and Playing Field**

Proposals are in hand to replace the vandalised cross on the Shrine and to repair a seat in the playing field.

## **Financial Matters**

### Accounts approved for Payment

NALC Councillors packs:	£22.00
Powergen quarterly account:	£126.43
Mrs P Hall salary and expenses:	£122.57
Ecton Village Club for meetings:	£30.00

## **Any Other Business**

Mr Dicks confirmed that he had in hand a small notice board for the bottom of High Street.

Mrs Ingram enquired whether any progress had been made regarding a new bus shelter. This would not be possible until it was known whether the finance had been approved.

Mr Green reported that the Mayor of Wellingborough wished to attend Parish Council meetings and it was agreed to invite him to the March meeting.

It was noted that the World's End licence was to be transferred to Belinda Blackmore and Lee David Rossiter (replacing Martin Toohy).

Mr Creed asked whether any response had been received from Mr. Stinchcombe regarding speed limits on the A4500.

## **Correspondence**

A letter had been received from Mrs F Richards reporting that the planting project for the shrine was complete and the Council's gratitude for the work done by Mr and Mrs Scott and others was recorded.

David Dicks, Chairman

### ITEMS FROM THE PCC.

1. Services during Lent and Holy Week will be as follows: -

February 28<sup>th</sup> - Ash Wednesday - 7.30 p.m. - Communion with the Imposition of the Ashes.

March 25<sup>th</sup> - Mothering Sunday - 9.30 a.m. - Family Communion.

April 8<sup>th</sup> - Palm Sunday - 9.30 p.m. - Communion with distribution of the palms.

April 12<sup>th</sup> - Maundy Thursday - 7.30 p.m. - Eucharist of the Last Supper followed by Watch until 10.00 p.m.

April 13<sup>th</sup> - Good Friday - 10.00 a.m. - Family Service.

“ “ 2.00 - 3.00 p.m. - Service of Devotion.

April 15<sup>th</sup> - Easter Day - Normal Services. (Other Services during Lent will be as normal).

2. The Lent Course will be held on Tuesday evenings at 7.30 p.m. in private homes within the village. Details to be announced.
3. The **Annual General Meeting** at which a new PCC will be elected is to be held on Sunday, **29<sup>th</sup> April** after Evensong. It will be held in the church.
4. The **Ecton Summer Fete** will take place on Saturday, **14<sup>th</sup> July** from 2.00 - 4.00 p.m. Like last year it will be held in and around the church.
5. Ecton will host the **Wellingborough Deanery Evensong** on Sunday, **15<sup>th</sup> July** at 6.00 p.m.
6. The **Harvest Festival** will be on Sunday, **30<sup>th</sup> September**. As usual there will be a Harvest Supper after Evensong, and like last year it will be held at the back of the church.
7. To date we have no news of an appointment to the vacant Priest-in-Charge post. For the moment James Mogridge will continue to look after the Parish.

Gwenda Barty,  
Secretary to the PCC  
February 2001

### COFFEE ROTA

March 4	Alice Adams/Wynne Voss
March 11	Dorothy Creed/Jean Leigh
March 18	Margaret Finch/Anthea Barnes
March 25	Nick & Mary Greene
April 1	June Marshman/Marian Gleave

### BRASS CLEANING

March 10	Alice/Wynne
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### CLEANING ROTA

March 3	Green	B
March 10	Orange	A
March 17	Red	B
March 24	Pink	A
March 31	SPRING CLEAN	



### **DATE FOR YOUR DIARY**

**31 MARCH 2001**  
**10 am**

### **ANNUAL SPRING CLEAN**

Please come and help with this very important day

## CHURCH LOTTERY

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE CHURCH  
LOTTERY IS NOW DRAWN ON THE  
LAST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH AT

THE VILLAGE CLUB

DURING THE BOWLS EVENING



### ECTON CHURCH LOTTERY JANUARY 2001.

148	David Cross	£45.00
21	Sarah Clutton	£ 9.00
144	Marlene Green	£ 9.00
84	Mary Woodcock	£ 9.00
163	Joanne Warner	£ 9.00
46	Margaret Tinston	£ 9.00

## **PARISH COUNCIL NOTICE**

Northants County Council have a "free-phone" service called CLARENCE on 0800 23 23 23 for the reporting of any faults/dangers concerning the highways. This mainly refers to road surfaces, kerbs, drains etc. However, our street lighting is the responsibility of the Parish Council, so please DO NOT report any light problems to the N.C.C. but ring either Sylvia Saunders (409444, Tony Green (407141) or Maurice Creed (407864.

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**FEBRUARY 10<sup>th</sup>**

*We had a fantastic response and an even more successful event this year. With the generosity and enthusiasm of all the 73 people who took part £808 was raised and a cheque will be sent off this week to Macmillan Cancer Relief Northamptonshire Appeal at Northampton General Hospital. A very big THANK YOU to everyone involved for the most generous support.*

*Mary Dicks*



**God Holds  
Your Hand**

*God understands the way  
you take  
He knows the trials of each  
day,  
And sympathizing, lends an  
ear  
To hear you e'en before you  
pray.  
He walks with those who  
trust His love,  
He holds them by the hand  
to guide;  
What need to fear or be  
dismayed,  
With His dear Presence by  
your side!  
"He knoweth the way that I  
take; when he hath tried me,  
I shall come forth as gold."*

*-Job 23:10*

## WI REPORT

The Birthday Party was held on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February at Ecton Village Club, when 14 members enjoyed a splendid dinner cooked by Sheila Ingram, who was warmly thanked by Millie Harlott on behalf of the members.

Gift tokens were presented to Stella Gibson, with thanks for her seven years as President and to Joy Wilson as winner, with most points, in our monthly competitions. We were pleased to welcome Moira Devlin as a new member after which we were entertained with a surprise performance of 'Aladdin' by Joy, Margaret, Marian, Maureen, Stella and "Tony". Well done ladies +1.

The competition for a Valentine Verse was won by Stella & Margaret. A very pleasant evening.

- March 6<sup>th</sup>** - **Village Club – 7.30 pm**  
Speaker - Mr Paul Doran – Community Service Orders and Probation Officers  
Competition - Design for WI Newsletter Cover  
Teas - Mrs S Gibson, Mrs B Shering
- April 3<sup>rd</sup>** - **Village Club – 7,30 pm**  
Speaker - Dr J Campling – Work of St John's Ophthalmic Hospital Jerusalem

## ECTON CHURCH LOTTERY FEBRUARY 2001.

97.....	Judith Monteiro.....	£45. 00
180.....	Ann Elliott.....	£ 9.00
73.....	Eileen Bilson.....	£ 9.00
130.....	Kathy Wright.....	£ 9.00
127.....	Mark Ingram.....	£ 9.00
80.....	Harry Ward.....	£ 9.00



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