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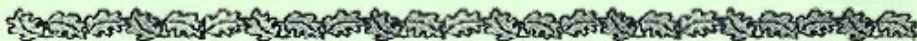
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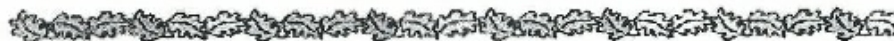
ELECTORAL ROLL

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Sunday Reflection

*Loving Lord, give us your words
when they are needed, your silence
when words might harm. Help us to
look with your eyes so we never look
away when someone is in need,
walk your way so we never walk
away from another's injury and
share your love to cast out our
all-too-human fear.*



Copy for April Magazine to
Anne Henderson – 48 High Street, Ecton
by March 11th please

Dear New Friends,

Thank you to all of you who attended my licensing service which was a joyful occasion. Also to those living at the lower end of West Street for putting up with an excessive number of builder's vans! Work on the Rectory is now more or less complete and John and I are beginning to settle down. We look forward to meeting more of you as the weeks go by.

Lent

With the coming of Spring our thoughts turn towards Easter. The bulbs are coming up in our gardens; the evenings are becoming lighter and there is a slight warmth in the air; that indescribable feeling of the passing of Winter and the promise of Summer.

At Easter we celebrate Christ's resurrection from the dead, which means that death is not the end, not the final word on our lives. The gift of life that we have been given and that we continue to receive at every moment, includes death within itself. Through the resurrection, the living Christ is present within us, leading us by his Spirit into his passage from death to life; life everlasting! This new source of life is unquenchable! Whatever we are going through, Christ is there with us in our joy and sorrow to give us hope.

But, before we get to Easter, we have to pass through Lent. The old practice of fasting during Lent has mostly been replaced by the 'giving up' of something that we enjoy. A token abstinence. But unless a purifying of our inner selves goes with this, it is meaningless. So what do our inner selves need to fast from? Quarrelling? Injustice? Selfishness? Pride? If we turn this round and put it more positively, the fasting that God requires of us is the reaching out to those around us; sharing; helping those in need; peace-making. How much easier to give up chocolates or wine! These works of love involve changing something deep inside ourselves; our innermost thoughts and attitudes! How do we fast from those thoughts and attitudes that are not loving?

The answer lies in prayer. Our prayer does not need to have many (or indeed any) words. The Lord's prayer is sufficient. At times our hearts may rest in silence, just allowing God's love to enfold us with all our imperfections. Prayer enables us to enter into the deepest reaches of our hearts and brings us nearer to the creative source of God's love.

Jenny

DIAL M FOR MESSAGE

A new free national service commences on Easter Day, March 31st. If you trace the letter M on your telephone keys you come up with 7415369. The prefix code is 08790 :ie dial 08790 7415369 for a two minute 'Thought for the Day'. Just try it and see.

This National Service is the follow up from church members in several areas in the South, responding to an appeal by the wife of former Archbishop Coggan to provide a Thought for the Day or Night to everybody free of charge.

The service has grown to the extent that on Easter Day you also can enjoy Message "M"

There is also a Webb Site number
WWW.NATIONALMESSAGE.ORG.UK.

Dennis Strange

"Arab Christians are the glue which holds the Middle East together" King Hussein of Jordan

Please remember them in your prayers.

Ecton Church Diary
March 2002

Sunday 3rd March

9.30am

6.00pm

Third Sunday of Lent

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

Tuesday 5th March

9.00am

Holy Communion.

Thursday 7th March

7.30pm

**Holy Communion followed by silent
reflection.**

Sunday 10th March

9.30am

Mothering Sunday

**Exodus 2. 1-10; Psalm 34. 11-20;
2 Corinthians 1. 3-7; Luke 2. 33-35.**

Tuesday 12th March

9.00am

Holy Communion.

Thursday 14th March

7.30pm

**Holy Communion followed by silent
reflection.**

Sunday 17th March

9.30am

6.00pm

Fifth Sunday of Lent

**Ezekiel 37. 1-14; Psalm 130;
Romans 8. 6-11; John 11. 1-45.
Evensong.**

Tuesday 19th March

9.00am

Holy Communion.

Thursday 21st March

7.30pm

**Holy Communion followed by silent
reflection.**

Ecton Church Diary continued
March 2002

Sunday 24th March

9.15am

9.30am

Palm Sunday

Procession from the school to the church

Liturgy of the Passion.

Tuesday 26th March

9.00am

Holy Communion.

Thursday 28th March

7.30pm

Maundy Thursday

Holy Communion followed by the Watch until 10pm.

Friday 29th March

10am

2-3pm

Good Friday

Family Service with hot cross buns after the service.

Meditation Hour.

Sunday 31st March

9.30am

Easter Day

Parish Communion: Acts 10. 34-43;
Psalm 118. 1,2, 14-24; Colossians 3. 1-4;
John 20. 1-18.

Tuesday 2nd April

9.00am

Holy Communion.

Sunday 7th April

9.30am

6.00pm

Second Sunday of Easter

Parish Communion: Acts 2. 14a, 22-32;
Psalm 16; 1 Peter 1. 3-9; John 20.
19-end.
Evensong.

FROM THE REGISTER

Faith is a leap into God's arms.

Funeral

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

Winifred Emily Voss (Wynne) 14-1-2002

To live in the hearts of those we love is not to die

"Dear Friends,

During the cruelly slow 10 months of Wynne's illness we received so much affection from our friends in Ecton that I feel unable to thank you adequately.

Your cards, concern, prayers, visits, flowers, telephone calls, gifts and understanding all helped to lift our spirits and to lighted many a tough day.

Wynne's sisters join me in thanking you for your support at the service - we were overwhelmed by the response and could not have managed without your help. The church looked beautiful and the buffet was incredible (even the car parking problem was taken off my hands!)

What I had dreaded as one of the darkest days became something quite special to be remembered with gratitude and I am delighted to tell you that donations reached a magnificent £1,000.

God bless you all for being so kind and generous.

Alice"

W.I. REPORT

The monthly meeting was held at the Village Club on 5th February.

We welcomed new member Sue Collins and two visitors.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed as correct.

After a short business time, during which we agreed to hold a Food.Wine Evening possibly July/August after a gap of 6 years. Also a possible outing to Brook Cottage Garden.

As February is our birthday month we 'tucked in' to a buffet and even a birthday cake.

We then went down Memory Lane with items from the Minute Books going back to 1921, read by Millie Harlott, and reminiscences from Sue Rands and Vera Middleton. Everyone agreed that was a happy evening.

Margaret Scott was presented with a token as winner of our yearly competition. Well done.

This months competition for a photo of "Myself when Young" which caused some amusement, was won by Millie, Marlene, Betty.

The next meeting will be on 5th March at 7.30pm at the Village Club.

Speaker: Mrs L. Pender, Subject: Whipsnade Zoo.

Competition: Animal Photo (preferably taken by member)

Teas: Mrs J. Henson

THANK YOU.

May I say a very big 'Thank You' to all who helped with the flowers, the food and the wine at Jenny's Installation Service. I am sure that you will all agree that it was a splendid evening and an inspiring start to a new chapter in the life of Ecton Church and Village.

Dorothy

St. Mary Magdalene

PREPARATION OF NEW CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL

Under Church Representation Rules a new electoral roll needs to be prepared this year. Anyone who wishes to have his or her name on the new roll (including those already on the existing roll) must apply for entry by completing the application form by 31st March 2002. A person who has moved from the parish will have his or her name removed from the new roll unless a request is made to the contrary. The new roll will come into operation on Sunday 21st April, 2002

Application forms for enrolment are available from: The Reverend Jenny Parkin,
The Rectory, West Street
or Mary Dicks, 40 West Street.

There will also be a supply available at the back of the church. .

Mary Dicks 6/02/02

An Advance Warning

Christian Aid Week is from May 12th to 19th. We shall be having our Annual Bread and Soup lunch on Sunday 12th May, 12noon to 1.30pm in the Church.

Please book this date and help the work of Christian Aid - A great ecumenical Charity.

No charge - just a donation

Count your blessings

food education health care clean water shelter peace



Christian Aid invites you this Lent to *count your blessings* and give thanks to God for what you have received in life.

Wed Feb 13	Ash Wednesday , the first day of Lent. GIVE 1P FOR EACH PANCAKE YOU ATE YESTERDAY TO SET YOU UP FOR LENT.
Thurs Feb 14	Heavy snows and freezing temperatures create life-threatening situations in Afghanistan at winter. GIVE 2P FOR EACH WARM COAT YOU OWN.
Fri Feb 15	Consumers have power to ensure that coffee and tea plantation workers are given fair wages. GIVE 2P FOR EVERY FAIRLY TRADED CUP OF TEA OR COFFEE YOU DRANK TODAY, 5P IF YOU DRANK NON-FAIRLY TRADED TEA OR COFFEE.
Sat Feb 16	120,000 people from Burma's ethnic minorities have sought refuge from their country's military regime in Thailand in the past decade. GIVE 5P FOR EACH MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY IN A SAFE HOME TONIGHT.
Sun Feb 17	Diarrhoea and disease caused by contaminated water kills more than two million children every year and causes suffering to a further estimated 900 million people worldwide. GIVE 2P FOR EVERY TAP IN YOUR HOUSE.
Mon Feb 18	Unemployment and poverty go together worldwide. GIVE 2P FOR EVERY HOUR YOU OR A FAMILY MEMBER WORKED FOR PAY TODAY.
Tues Feb 19	Many women in developing countries walk three or four miles twice a day to collect water for their families, carrying on average 15 litres of water each time. GIVE 20P FOR EACH CAR YOUR FAMILY OWNS.
Wed Feb 20	Instead of being tempted by a life of petty crime on the streets, Junayed from Ethiopia has found new skills and confidence in a dance troupe run by Christian Aid partner the Gemini Trust. GIVE 10P IN THANKS FOR TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES OFFERED BY EDUCATION AUTHORITIES.
Thurs Feb 21	Life expectancy in Mali is 46 years. GIVE 2P FOR EACH YEAR YOU OR A MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY HAVE LIVED BEYOND THIS.
Fri Feb 22	Worldwide, millions of refugees sleep rough every night. GIVE 5P FOR EACH BED IN YOUR HOUSE.
Sat Feb 23	The World Health Organisation advises us to eat at least five portions of fruit and vegetables a day. GIVE 2P FOR EACH PORTION OF FRUIT OR VEGETABLES YOU HAVE EATEN TODAY.
Sun Feb 24	Theological students in the Sudan consider themselves fortunate to leave school with a Bible. GIVE 5P FOR EACH BIBLE YOU OWN.
Mon Feb 25	One hundred per cent of profits from Christian Aid's free Internet Service Provider, <i>fish.co.uk</i> , go to support Christian Aid's work tackling poverty. GIVE 20P IF YOU HAVE INTERNET ACCESS AT HOME OR WORK.
Tues Feb 26	In Bale, southern Ethiopia, families walk up to 15 miles each week to the Christian Aid-funded health centre where malnourished children are monitored and helped back to health. GIVE 2P FOR EVERY HEALTHY CHILD IN YOUR FAMILY.
Wed Feb 27	The mass media provide us with a window on the world. GIVE 5P FOR EACH RADIO, TV AND VIDEO IN YOUR HOME.
Thurs Feb 28	Without water, a human being can survive for only three days. GIVE 2P FOR EVERY DRINK YOU HAVE DRUNK TODAY.
Fri Mar 1	"Some days we would only get one meal and some days we would not eat at all." (Torina Begum, Bangladeshi farmer). GIVE 5P FOR EACH MEAL YOU AND YOUR FAMILY HAVE EATEN TODAY.
Sat Mar 2	Jeanne D'Arc was widowed in the 1994 Rwandan genocide. She is now supported by the Christian Aid-funded Association of Widows of the Genocide. GIVE 20P IN THANKS FOR SUPPORTIVE FRIENDS.

Sun Mar 3	Freedom of religious expression is not enjoyed by all people worldwide. IF YOU WENT TO CHURCH TODAY GIVE 5P FOR EACH HYMN OR CHORUS YOU SANG.
Mon Mar 4	Sleep deprivation is used by oppressive regimes as a weapon of torture. GIVE 2P FOR EACH HOUR OF GOOD SLEEP YOU HAD LAST NIGHT.
Tues Mar 5	Each day in India two Dalits, who are regarded as lower than the lowest caste, are killed, three Dalit women are raped and two Dalit houses are destroyed. GIVE 10P IN THANKS FOR FREEDOM FROM PERSECUTION.
Wed Mar 6	Members of the Nova Esperanca co-operative in Parana, Brazil, are dependent on the climate for their tea crops and cattle. GIVE 1P FOR EACH DEGREE CELSIUS REACHED ON THE THERMOMETER TODAY.
Thurs Mar 7	The Uganda Debt Network has been a key player in successfully lobbying for £440 million of debt relief for Uganda. Primary schools are now free and enrolment has risen from two to six million. GIVE 5P FOR EACH MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY IN FULL TIME EDUCATION.
Fri Mar 8	In May 1997, over 50,000 people gathered in Birmingham to demand that the G8 cancel the debts of poor countries. GIVE 10P IN THANKS FOR FREEDOM OF SPEECH.
Sat Mar 9	Tomorrow we put our clocks forward to maximise the hours of sunlight. GIVE 2P FOR EACH YEAR YOU HAVE FORGOTTEN TO DO THIS!
Sun Mar 10	Mothers Sunday. GIVE 2P FOR EACH YEAR YOU HAVE ENJOYED YOUR MOTHER'S LOVE.
Mon Mar 11	An estimated four million people are displaced within Sudan because of its civil war. GIVE 20P IN THANKS FOR YOUR HOME.
Tues Mar 12	In many places girls aren't allowed or encouraged to go to school. GIVE 5P FOR EACH FEMALE FAMILY MEMBER WHO HAS BEEN EDUCATED.
Wed Mar 13	In Mali more than one in every five children die before their fifth birthday. GIVE 5P FOR EVERY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY OVER FIVE.
Thurs Mar 14	In the western world we live in an information age. GIVE 2P FOR EACH LETTER YOU RECEIVED TODAY AND 5P FOR EACH E-MAIL.
Fri Mar 15	Lack of vitamin A causes thousands to go blind each year. GIVE 2P FOR EACH PAIR OF GLASSES OR CONTACT LENSES IN YOUR HOME.
Sat Mar 16	The Democratic Republic of Congo has 800,000 AIDS orphans, largely as a result of inadequate or unavailable medicines. GIVE 2P FOR EVERY PRESCRIPTION OR PHARMACEUTICAL MEDICINE YOU HAVE.
Sun Mar 17	The 12 per cent of the world's population who live in the 48 poorest countries account for just 0.4 per cent of the value of world trade. GIVE 2P FOR EVERY FAIRLY TRADED PRODUCT IN YOUR HOME.
Mon Mar 18	In Maharashtra state in India, the Christian Aid-supported Ashish Gram Rachna Trust trains school children to teach literacy skills to children whose parents can't afford to send them to school. GIVE 2P FOR EVERY MAGAZINE AND NEWSPAPER YOU HAVE BOUGHT THIS WEEK.
Tues Mar 19	When Hurricane Mitch struck in 1998, in Matagalpa, Nicaragua, people didn't see the sun for seven days. It rained consecutively for four days and nights. GIVE 5P IF YOU SEE THE SUN TODAY AND 10P IF IT RAINS.
Wed Mar 20	In Kenya, power cuts frequently affect the whole country. GIVE 1P FOR EVERY LIGHT SWITCH OR ELECTRICAL SOCKET IN YOUR HOME.
Thurs Mar 21	Humour can be a life-giving force. GIVE 2P FOR EACH TIME YOU LAUGHED TODAY. IF YOU HAVEN'T YET LAUGHED, FIND A REASON!

Fri Mar 22	Christian Aid runs a gap year programme enabling 18-25 year-olds to work with a Christian Aid regional team in the UK and learn about global issues. GIVE 2P FOR EACH FRIEND YOU HAVE IN THIS AGE GROUP.
Sat Mar 23	Its good to talk – freedom of speech is something we take for granted. GIVE 2P FOR EACH PHONE CALL OR TEXT MESSAGE YOU HAVE RECEIVED TODAY.
Sun Mar 24	Palm Sunday when we celebrate Jesus's entry into Jerusalem. GIVE 2P FOR EVERY GUEST WHO HAS ENTERED YOUR HOME THIS WEEK.
Mon Mar 25	We are now in Holy Week . GIVE 2P FOR EACH REMAINING DAY IN LENT.
Tues Mar 26	Korab Rexhipi, a Kosovar Albanian from Pristina: "I am used to living in a cramped space. During the conflict we had 23 relatives staying at my house and it only has two bedrooms." GIVE 2P FOR EVERY ROOM IN YOUR HOUSE.
Wed Mar 27	Love makes the world go round. GIVE 10P FOR EACH TIME YOU HAVE EVER BEEN IN LOVE. GIVE AN EXTRA 5P IF YOU STILL ARE!
Thurs Mar 28	Mauddy Thursday , the night Jesus washed the feet of his disciples. GIVE 2P FOR EACH TIME SOMEONE HAS DONE SOMETHING FOR YOU TODAY.
Fri Mar 29	Good Friday , when some people fast. IF YOU FAST DONATE THE MONEY YOU SAVE ON FOOD TODAY, OTHERWISE GIVE ONE TENTH OF WHAT YOU HAVE SPENT ON FOOD TODAY.
Sat Mar 30	We buy Easter eggs to symbolise new life. GIVE 2P FOR EACH EGG, INCLUDING EASTER EGGS!, IN YOUR CUPBOARD OR FRIDGE.
Sun Mar 31	Easter Day! Celebrate the blessings of your life. GIVE 2P FOR EACH YEAR THAT YOU HAVE LIVED.

I enclose a cheque, made payable to Christian Aid, for £..... raised from *Count your blessings*.

Name:

Address:

Postcode:

Church (if applicable):

If you would like Christian Aid to be able to claim back the tax on your donation, please sign the declaration below.

I am a UK tax payer and I want Christian Aid to claim back the tax on all donations I have made since April 2001, and on all future donations.

Signed:.....

Date:.....

The Inland Revenue has asked us to remind you that you must pay an amount of income tax or capital gains tax at least equal to the tax we reclaim on your donations in the tax year.

Please return to Jenny Dawkins, Christian Aid, Lady Lodge Arts Centre, Goldhay Way, Orton Goldhay, Peterborough PE2 5JQ

DRAFT MINUTES — UNAPPROVED,

MINUTES of a meeting of Ecton Parish Council held on Monday 21 January 2002 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

1/02 Apologies were received from Mr W Wilson and Cllr K Payne.

2/02 The Minutes of the meeting held on 19 November 2001 were approved and signed.

Matters arising:

(a) Sywell. The original application had gone to Appeal for determination. A new application had been submitted (to be considered under Planning Matters).

(b) Lower Ecton Lane: A further clean-up had been undertaken recently. Dr Bantock reported on the presentation of the Petitions to both Wellingborough and Northampton Borough Councils and said that there had been a good response from both. Northampton Borough Council was now looking at the possibility of siting a skip outside the gates of the tip.

Dr Bantock produced further photographs of heavy lorries getting stuck in the High Street and it was agreed that these should be sent to Susan Mills (NCC) stressing the need for further action to prevent such vehicles coming through the village.

(c) West Street sign: A letter had been received from NCC stating that a "No turning head" sign had been ordered for the top of West Street. If a turning area was to be provided then land would need to be acquired from 40 West Street. Mr Dicks reported that in view of the size of the piece of land required he would not be prepared to surrender his land and the County Council was not prepared to purchase it; therefore it was hoped that the new sign would solve the problem.

(d) Pathways and Verges: A letter had been received from NCC stating that because of financial constraints only works which involved public safety were being carried out.

(e) No reply had been received from Hunts regarding replacement of the cradle seat. It was noted that an estimate had been received from Mr R Hollowell for repairs to the seat. This was £162 for repairs and £48 for painting (plus VAT). It was agreed that the estimate for both items should be accepted.

(f) Bus shelter replacement: Mr Dicks had heard that the new bus shelter would be included in the current financial year's work and it was agreed that the shelter and fittings should be ordered, in the sum of £2682.00 + VAT. This amount would be reclaimed from WBC on completion of the work. It was agreed to enquire about insurance costs for both the shelter and the repaired seat.

(g) Sunnyside Flats: Mrs Ingram reported that she and Mrs Humphreys had not prepared the questionnaire as the situation had changed since the last meeting in that there appeared to have been a change in housing policy regarding the tenancy of these flats. It was agreed to contact WBC to ask for details about this change of policy.

(h) Jitty adjoining Churchyard: Mrs Saunders asked whether action had been taken to discover the ownership of this jitty. The Clerk was of the opinion that this footpath had been included in a survey of village footpaths about two years ago and both she and the Chairman would check the files.

Police Matters:

The crime figures for December had been received which showed thefts and criminal damage to vehicles and a fatal accident on the A4500.

A letter had been received from Inspector Coltman informing parishes of their new Beat Officers and that P C Leonard had been allocated to Ecton.

It was agreed that a letter be sent to Insp. Coltman requesting more foot patrols in the early evening and the Chairman would also contact PC Griffin.

A further letter had been received from Insp. Coltman advising that speed checks would be carried out on the A4500 when the new 40 mph speed limit was introduced. Also Ecton High Street had been added to the list of areas for the mobile safety vans but because of the long waiting list this was not likely to happen in the immediate future.

5/02 Planning Matters:

Applications:

An application had been received from Mr & Mrs P Foster for a two storey extension to the rear of 12 Wellingborough Road (WP/2002/0001/F). There were no comments on this application.

WP/2002/0030/F - Sywell Aerodrome: A revised application had been received together with A copy of the Aerodrome's supporting letter. The Chairman reported that the Consortium was looking at the application. It is not understood how Wellingborough B.C. can ask for comments until the previous application has been resolved or until the Appeal has been dealt with. The revised Environmental Report had not been included with the application and it was considered that this should be available to all interested parties.

It was agreed to write to Wellingborough B.C. stating that this Council was not in a position to give definitive observations because it did not have the opportunity to read the appropriate papers and to request the information and the opportunity to meet with Officers of WBC to discuss the matter.

The Chairman reported that he had been contacted regarding the owner of Manor Farm wanting to re-site some small trees. He had approached Ms Felicity Webber at Wellingborough and she had inspected the site. It was agreed that there would be no objections to this proposal.

6/02 Street Lighting: Nothing to report.

7/02 Highway Matters:

The elder bush in the verge by the Worlds End had still not been removed. A further letter would be sent to NCC asking for this to be done, on safety to pedestrian grounds.

Thanks were expressed to Mrs Ingram for the provision of planters on the corner of Barton Fields. It was noted that the AGM of NALC had passed a resolution deploring the condition of the County's roads and requesting that copies of correspondence on highway matters should be copied to NALC so that they can take appropriate action on behalf of their members. Agreed.

Safety Speed Boards: Mr Green reported that the maximum number of boards had been ordered for February.

8/02 Financial Matters:

(a) Accounts for payment:

The following amounts were approved for payment:

ABB - Street Lighting Maintenance (2 quarters)	£249.22
District Audit - Two years' Audit fees	£579.87
Mrs P Hall - Salary & Expenses	£132.96
Ecton Village Club - Cost of three meetings	£30.00

It was also agreed to make the following payments from S. 137

Ecton Village Club	£500.00
Ecton Parochial Church Council (for Churchyard upkeep and Parish Magazine)	£500.00

(b) The Council considered a revision to the Revenue Grant requested for 2002/03 and noted that this would now be in the form of a Precept. It was noted that the grass cutting in the Playing Field would be included in the Precept and the Parish would be invoiced by WBC for this amount. It was also mentioned that the costs of any Parish Council election needing to be held in the event of a casual vacancy would have to be met by the Parish. After further discussion it was agreed to revise the Precept figure to £7000 for the next financial year.

(c) The Clerk had received details from Alliance & Leicester regarding business banking and it was agreed to request further information for the next meeting.

9/02 It was agreed that ~Mr Creed and Mr Green would attend the Best Value Action Group meeting on 7 February and Mr Dicko, Mr Moffett and Mr Creed would attend the Parishes Forum meeting on 21 February.

10/02 The following correspondence had been received and would be circulated to members:

	"Quality Parish & Town Councils" Consultation
DTLR	Local Government White Paper - Parish Proposals
NALC	Changes to NALC Constitution
NALC	October/November Update
NALC	Village Viewpoint
ABB	Details of Restructuring & booklet
NVSTG	Training News
NCC	"BYWAYS" - Road Safety Newsletter
Countryside Agency	Various booklets
WBC	Annual Report & Statement of Accounts
NCC	Budget Consultations
	Area Committee Agenda Papers

11/02 Any other Business:

Mrs Saunders raised the problem of sewage smells over recent weeks and it was agreed to bring the Council's concerns to the attention of Anglian Water. It was thought that the problems had been caused by the very cold weather and Peterborough pumping station being frozen up.

THE ECTON FELLOWSHIP

Our next meeting in the Village Club is on Tuesday
12th March at 2.30pm.

We are delighted to have the Rev.d James
Moggridge to come and share some Lenten
Thoughts with us.

Everyone is welcome.

Joan Dickins

Subject: Re: If We Could Shrink The World's Population

| If we could shrink the earth's population to a village of precisely
| 100 people, with all the existing human ratios remaining the same, it
| would look something like the following:

| There would be:

| 57 Asians

| 21 Europeans

| 14 from the Western Hemisphere, both north and south

| 8 Africans

| 52 would be female

| 48 would be male

| 70 would be nonwhite

| 30 would be white

| 70 would be non-Christian

| 30 would be Christian

| 89 would be heterosexual

| 11 would be homosexual

| 6 people would possess 59% of the entire world's wealth and all 6
| would be from the United States.

| 80 would live in substandard housing

| 70 would be unable to read

| 50 would suffer from malnutrition

| 1 would be near death

| 1 would be near birth

| 1 (yes, only 1) would have a college education

| 1 would own a computer

When one considers our world from such a compressed perspective, the need for acceptance, understanding and education becomes glaringly apparent.

The following is also something to ponder...

If you woke up this morning with more health than illness... you are more blessed than the million who will not survive this week.

If you have never experienced the danger of battle, the loneliness of imprisonment, the agony of torture, or the pangs of starvation ... you are ahead of 500 million people in the world.

If you can attend a church meeting without fear of harassment, arrest, torture, or death... you are more blessed than three billion people in the world.

If you have food in the refrigerator, clothes on your back, a roof overhead and a place to sleep... you are richer than 75% of this world.

If you have money in the bank, in your wallet, and spare change in a dish someplace ... you are among the top 8% of the world's wealthy.

If your parents are still alive and still married ... you are very rare, even in the United States and Canada.

If you can read this message, you just received a double blessing in that someone was thinking of you, and furthermore, you are more blessed than over two billion people in the world that cannot read at all.

Someone once said:

What goes around comes around.

Work like you don't need the money.

Love like you've never been hurt.

Dance like nobody's watching.

Sing like nobody's listening.

Live like it's Heaven on Earth

It's National Friendship Week. Send this to everyone you consider a

FRIEND. Pass this on, and brighten someone's day. Nothing will

happen if you do not decide to pass it along. The only thing that

will happen, if you DO pass it on, is that someone might smile

because of you.



SPRING

Spring! The dawn of brighter days
of tulips and daffodils, which always
delights the eye.

Causing a sigh.

When anxious birds are a-nesting,
when others are still conquering,
the young man's eye is a-roaming
for a capture, so consoling.

In march, mad is the hare.
And April's showers are fair.

For the first day of May
'tis not a political day,
'cos nature's sway
has the balmy way
of clothing in sunlight's hue,
all listless hearts, who
now, around Maypoles, trip
free from trouble's grip.

The sombre days
of winter's haze.
The dark nights' frowns
and mysterious sounds
are in the past,
and forgotten fast.
Look forward to Spring.
For hours that bring
longer days.

Silent Hoorays.

Godrey Philcox

Ecton Primary School

Easter Bonnet Parade.

On Wednesday 20th March at 2pm all villagers are invited to join us in the school hall for a parade of Easter bonnets.

If you would like to wear your own home-made creation (to be judged by the children), then please feel free to do so!

Refreshments will be served and there will be a raffle and a tombola. All proceeds will go to the Breast Care Unit of Kettering General Hospital as part of their 'Crazy Hats Day' promotion.

We look forward to seeing you!

Love is the key.
Joy is love singing.
Peace is love resting.
Long suffering is love enduring.
Kindness is love's touch.
Goodness is love's character.
Faithfulness is love's habit.
Gentleness is love's self- forgetfulness.
Self-control is love holding the reigns.

ECTON CHURCH CLEANING ROTA

March 2	Blue	A
March 9	Green	B
March 16	Orange	A
March 23	Red	B
March 30	Pink	A
April 6	Yellow	B

BRASS CLEANING

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

COFFEE ROTA

March 3	Nick & Mary Greene
March 10	Angela Crabtree/Millie Harlott
March 17	Rita Ward/Angela Allen
March 24	Marion Gleave/ Joyce Orford
March 31	Anthea Barnes/Margaret Finch
April 7	Pat Baylis/ Christine Murray

ECTON CHURCH LOTTERY JANUARY 2002.

185	R. Turnock	£50.00
29	A. Walker	£10.00
161	M. Wheatman	£10.00
45	S. Price-Stevens	£10.00
171	G. Earl	£10.00
112	J. Rubython	£10.00

SMILE LINES

What kinda Tater are you?

Some people are very bossy and like to tell others what to do, but don't want to soil their own hands. They are called "Dick Taters."

Some people never seem motivated to participate, but are just content to watch while others do the work. They are called "Speck Taters."

Some people never do anything to help, but are gifted at finding fault with the way others do the work. They are called "Comment Taters."

There are those who say they will help, but somehow just never get around to actually doing the promised help. They are called "Hezza Taters."

Some people can put up a front and pretend to be someone they are not. They are called "Emmy Taters."

Then there are those who love to do what they say they will. They are always prepared to stop whatever they are doing and lend a helping hand. They bring real sunshine into the lives of others. They are called "Sweet Taters".

What kind of Tater are you?

*You don't stop doing things
because you're old.*

*You grow old because you
stop doing things.*

As soon as they left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them. That evening, at sundown, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. And the whole city was gathered around the door. And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

Mark 1: 29 -24 (NRSV)