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PARISH MAGAZINE

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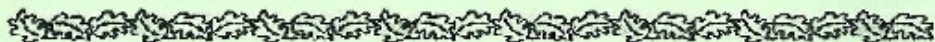
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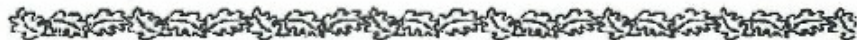
## WHAT YOU WANT IS ...

**CONTRARY** to popular opinion,  
sin is not what you want to do  
but can't; it is what you should  
not do because it will hurt you -  
and hurt you bad...

God is not a policeman; he is a  
Father concerned about his  
children. When a child picks up  
a snake and the father says, 'Put  
that down right this minute!' the  
child thinks he's losing a toy.  
The fact is, he is not losing a toy;  
he is losing a snake.

## REMEMBER THE LORD.

Nehemiah 4. 14.



Copy for April Magazine to  
Anne Henderson - 48 High Street, Ecton  
by March 15th please

## The Keeping of Lent

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March is Ash Wednesday. A common question even today is what are you giving up for Lent? St Benedict felt that, 'the life of a monk ought to be continuous Lent'. But as few had enough strength for this he urged them during the forty days of Lent to spend more time in prayer and to deny themselves, 'some food, drink, sleep, needless talking or idle jesting'!

So, what are you giving up for Lent?

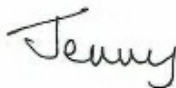
For some of us it is an ideal opportunity to help our diet by giving up chocolate, or cutting down on alcohol. But, I can't say that the times I have managed to do this have made any real difference to my Christian life. I have just felt rather smug if I have managed to hold out! Giving up something we enjoy may just be proving to ourselves that our willpower can triumph over our bodies for a short while!

But, the season of Lent gives us an opportunity to spring-clean our spiritual lives and this could mean taking on more, rather than giving something up. Perhaps we need to make more room for God in our lives. Christ walks alongside us as a friend who is non judgemental. We can make time for God by making time for a friend or a neighbour; by trying to think more positively about someone whom we find difficult to love; by trying to look for the best in others, rather than criticizing.

Above all we should try to make time for the things in our lives which restore us and give us hope and peace in our hearts.

We pray that our world leaders will also take time to look for hope and peace in their hearts before making decisions which affect us all.

Love and prayers,



Family Service : 10.30am Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> March

Mothering Sunday : 9.30am Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> March

Everyone is welcome

Church Diary

March 2003

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> March

9.30am

6.00pm

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March

7.30pm

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> March

9.00am

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March

7.30pm

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> March

10.30am

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> March

9.00am

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> March

9.30am

6.00pm

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> March

9.00am

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> March

9.30am

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> March

9.00am

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> March

9.30am

Sunday next before Lent

Parish Communion: 2 Kings 2. 1-12;

Psalm 50. 1-6; 2 Corinthians 4. 3-6;

Mark 9. 2-9.

Evensong.

Moving Forward Together. Meeting  
in the Church. All welcome.

Holy Communion.

Ash Wednesday

Service with Imposition of Ashes.

First Sunday of Lent

Family Service.

Holy Communion.

Second Sunday of Lent

Parish Communion: Genesis 17. 1-7, 15-16;

Psalm 22. 22-30; Romans 4. 13-25;

Mark 8. 31-38.

Evensong.

Holy Communion.

Third Sunday of Lent

Parish Communion: Exodus 20. 1-17;

Psalm 19; 1 Corinthians 1. 18-25;

John 2. 13-22.

Holy Communion.

Mothering Sunday

Parish Communion.

### ITEMS FROM THE PCC.

1. We have now received the faculty granting permission for the bell ringer's Millennium plaque to be put up in the ringing chamber. It lists the names of those who rang the bells at mid-night 1<sup>st</sup> January 2000. There are several plaques there already that commemorate other special occasions when the bells were rung and which date back over very many years.
2. Maurice Creed has recently resigned as co-ordinator for the church lottery. The PCC would like to thank him for the work that he put into running this project, which has raised some very useful money towards the development fund. We would also like to thank every one who takes part each month. Your support is much appreciated.
3. It is hoped that the weather vane and lightening conductor, which were blown off the church tower during a gale, will be replaced shortly.

### SOME DATES FOR YOUR DIARY IN 2003.

**Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> March at 10.30 a.m.** Children's Service.

All welcome. There will be no Communion Service that day.

**Sunday, 6<sup>th</sup> April after Evensong.** Church Annual General Meeting.

**Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup> September-2.00 to 4.00 p.m.** Annual Fete.

**Sunday, 28th September.** Harvest Festival.

Further details of these and other events will be published in due course.

Gwenda Barty.

Secretary to the PCC

February 2003.

## Ecton Village Web Site

Visit the web site at  
[ectonvillage.co.uk](http://ectonvillage.co.uk)

Following our meeting in February  
we are gathering information and  
will be starting to put this on our site  
soon.

We need typists, people to gather  
information, societies to give us their  
updated information and anyone  
with spare time and computer skills.

We will also be doing some training  
sessions for the software.

If you would like to join in the  
project the please contact MTinston  
tel 412233  
e-mail [Margaret@ectonvillage.co.uk](mailto:Margaret@ectonvillage.co.uk)

There will be  
A Family Service

on

Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> March 2003

at 10.30 a.m.

Please come and join us.

Young and old,  
all are welcome.

# CYP CYB

## Children and Young People

### 'Count Your Blessings'

Thank you to the pupils of St Bede's school, Cambridge, who helped devise this sheet, for children and young people to use in Lent.

Date	What and where	You give
Wed. March 5	Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent.	1p for each pancake you ate yesterday
Thu March 6	In Cambodia, children have to learn where it is safe to play, because there are still many land mines in the earth.	5p if you played in the playground today.
Fri March 7	Kavita, 12, lives in India. Christian Aid supports her 'Green School', which teaches her about farming.	4p if you have a garden, or 1p for each windowbox or plant.
Sat March 8	Poor families don't have enough for their children to have pocket money.	All the small change you have left at the end of the day.
Sun March 9	For people in many countries, meat is a luxury they can rarely enjoy.	10p if you have a Sunday roast.
Mon March 10	<a href="http://www.globalgang.org.uk">www.globalgang.org.uk</a> is Christian Aid's website for children like you!	5p for a computer at home, 2p if at school.
Tue March 11	Srinivas, from India, would like to be a doctor when he grows up. He hopes he can afford to study!	1p for each lesson you've had today.
Wed March 12	Mary, from Uganda, has 5 children and grows tea. Before Fairtrade, her children had to work. Now she gets fair prices so they can go to school.	3p for each cup of tea you drink, and look out for the Fairtrade logo in the shops.
Thu March 13	Passage House helps children in Brazil who might otherwise have to live in danger on the streets.	1p for each hour you slept safely.

<b>Date</b>	<b>What and where</b>	<b>You give</b>
Fri March 14	When Bangladesh floods, some families have to live on rafts for weeks.	2p for each bed in your home.
Sat March 15	<i>Mario</i> , from Nicaragua, lives 3 hours walk from the nearest good road. He has to walk everywhere, even if he's ill.	Give 10p if you went anywhere in a car today.
Sun March 16	<i>Heretier</i> lives on the streets in Kinshasa. Like many orphan boys, he has to work but Humanité Nouvelle makes sure he has time to make friends too.	3p for each time you meet a friend.
Mon March 17	The internet can be a chance to talk to people around the world, but only the richest have computers.	5p if you send any e-mails today.
Tue March 18	A quarter of all the world's people will go to bed hungry tonight.	1p for each meal, 2p for each snack.
Wed March 19	<i>Josefa</i> (13) lives in Colombia. She doesn't like the violence she sometimes sees and prays every night for peace.	1p for each time someone's smiled at you today.
Thu March 20	In Tanzania, 158 children out of every 1000 die before their fifth birthday.	2p for each year you've lived.
Fri March 21	Conflict in a country can mean families are split up, and it can take years to reunite children and parents.	5p if you see your Mum or Dad this week.
Sat March 22	<i>Laura</i> , from the Philippines, makes trainers – hard work for low pay. "I made trainers for 11 years but look what I wear on my feet – a cheap pair of sandals"	3p if you wear trainers today.
Sun March 23	<i>Lillian</i> , from Honduras, had to move when a hurricane destroyed her home. She's lots of friends in her new village.	5p if you've ever moved house.
Mon March 24	<i>Román &amp; Alberto</i> plumbed toilets into a poor school in Peru. Authorities ignored requests, so they did it themselves!	When you spend a penny, give a penny!
Tue March 25	In remote communities, communication with others is hard, even in emergencies.	2p for each text message you send
Wed March 26	Where there is no medical care, even minor problems can become serious.	1p for each plaster you can find.
Thu March 27	<i>Gabriel</i> , from Ghana, says 'my life and education are dependent on cocoa'.	Ask your local shop for fairtrade choc!

<b>Date</b>	<b>What and where</b>	<b>You give</b>
Fri March 28	Many people in poor countries of the world don't have running water.	1p each time you turn on the tap.
Sat March 29	Like most young people everywhere, <i>Junayed</i> , from Ethiopia, loves music and says his dance group has changed his life.	5p if you listen to the radio or pop music today.
Sun March 30	Meals in some African countries are eaten with the fingers from one central plate.	3p for each plate or bowl you use
Mon March 31	<i>Cleuri</i> , in the Dominican Republic, says his wish is that he would like to live in a house with two floors and have a school to go to.	1p for each stair or step in your house.
Tue April 1	Many poor houses have only one or two rooms where all the family sleep.	2p for each room in your house.
Wed April 2	Mothers in countries like Mali have to walk to a pump or well to get water.	5p if you had a bath or shower
Thu April 3	<i>Bumeh</i> was born in Burma but her family had to run away to Thailand when she was 6. She'd like to see her birthplace.	3p if you are free to travel where you want.
Fri April 4	<i>Ala'</i> lives in Jerusalem and likes to play football. The YMCA helps him as he has lost an eye. Christian Aid support them.	5p if you like football.
Sat April 5	Most young people in the world will never be able to afford to have a TV.	5p if you turn the TV on today.
Sun April 6	<i>Dani</i> , from Indonesia, is one of millions working hard for just 35p a day.	Do an extra job at home for 35p
Mon April 7	In Uganda, it is <i>Herbert's</i> job to look after <i>Ida</i> , the cow his mother owns.	3p if you've drunk milk today.
Tue April 8	In Ethiopia, having twins can mean there's not enough food to go round. The Gemini trust helps families with twins.	2p for each brother or sister you have.
Wed April 9	Young people all around the world like a joke!	1p each time you laugh.
Thu April 10	Christian Aid helps S-Corner help <i>Megan</i> in Jamaica. 'Teachers here spend time with you and help you get your goals'	2p for each of the teachers you have had today.
Fri April 11	Homes in poor countries have no electricity and are lit by oil lamps.	1p for each lightswitch.
Sat April 12	<i>Marvin</i> helps support his family by cleaning shoes - he charges 5p a pair.	3p for each pair of shoes you own.

Date	What and where	You give
Sun April 13	<i>Palm Sunday.</i> People shouted and sang as Jesus rode into Jerusalem.	25p if you sang or shouted today!
Mon April 14	Children in poor countries who don't have clean water can get very ill.	1p for each glass of water you drink.
Tue April 15	Many people can't afford to spend a day not working.	5p if you'll go on holiday this year.
Wed April 16	Can you imagine having just one set of clothing?	3p for each clothes item bought in Lent
Thu April 17	<i>Maundy Thursday.</i> Jesus shares the last supper with his friends. Many people don't have enough to eat.	3p for each meal you've shared today.
Fri April 18	<i>Good Friday.</i> In some countries people can't openly practise their faith.	2p if you can find a cross or another sign worn as a sign of faith.
Sat April 19	Jesus said he had come to bring good news to the poor.	1p for each bible you find in your house.
Sun April 20	<i>Easter Sunday.</i> Jesus is alive!	5p for each Easter Egg you're given.

**Well done! You completed it. Thank you so much!**

Please return your form to: **Christian Aid, Lady Lodge Arts Centre, Goldhay Way, Orton Goldhay, Peterborough PE2 5JQ.**

I enclose a cheque for the sum of £                      raised by 'Counting my Blessings'.  
Name

Address

Church

Please tick here if you would like us to send you a Children's and Young People's Count Your Blessings next year.

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# Count Your Blessings

food education healthcare clean water shelter peace



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***"This is where we are and what we have: let us give thanks.  
This is where we want to get to: let us have faith"***  
*A Jamaican Christian Aid partner.*

**Christian Aid invites you this Lent to *Count Your Blessings* and give thanks to God for what you have received in life.**

Wed. March 5	<b>Ash Wednesday</b> , the first day of Lent. GIVE 2P FOR EACH PANCAKE YOU ATE YESTERDAY.
Thu March 6	In Southern Africa, farmers have been battling chronic food shortages for over a year. GIVE 10P FOR EACH MEAL YOU EAT TODAY.
Fri March 7	Heavy snow and freezing temperatures threaten life in Afghanistan in the winter. GIVE 5P FOR EACH COAT YOU OWN.
Sat March 8	In Zambia, women volunteers give up a day a week to support people living with HIV/AIDS. GIVE 25P IF TODAY IS A REST DAY FOR YOU.
Sun March 9	Freedom of religious expression is not enjoyed by all people. IF YOU WENT TO CHURCH, GIVE 5P FOR EACH SONG YOU SANG.
Mon March 10	Gram Vikas is an award-winning partner helping Indian villages improve sanitation. GIVE 2P FOR EACH TAP IN YOUR HOUSE.
Tue March 11	Farmers in Ghana can produce good crops but can't get them to their markets. GIVE 5P FOR EACH SHOP VISIT YOU MAKE THIS WEEK.
Wed March 12	A teacher in Kenya says that only 7 out of his 1000 pupils could afford the fees. GIVE 4P FOR EACH YEAR OF EDUCATION YOU'VE HAD.
Thu March 13	HIV/AIDS has orphaned 12 million children. Adequate medicines are not available. GIVE 2P FOR EACH TYPE OF MEDICINE YOU HAVE.
Fri March 14	Maria, a worker in a Free Trade Zone in the Dominican Republic, is threatened with the sack for joining a union. GIVE 10P FOR EACH MEMBER OF YOUR HOUSEHOLD IN FAIR EMPLOYMENT.
Sat March 15	Half of the world's people have never used a telephone. GIVE 3P FOR EACH TEXT MESSAGE YOU HAVE SENT TODAY.
Sun March 16	A Sudanese theological student would be fortunate to leave school with a bible. IF YOU WENT TO CHURCH, GIVE 5P PER BOOK USED.
Mon March 17	Electricity is a luxury most of the world live without. GIVE 2P FOR EACH LIGHT SWITCH IN YOUR HOME.
Tue March 18	Puntos De Encuentro, Nicaragua, helps young people produce popular radio with empowerment and health messages. GIVE 5P FOR EACH RADIO PROGRAMME YOU LISTENED TO TODAY.
Wed March 19	War displaces millions of people and many refugees will sleep rough tonight. GIVE 10P FOR EACH BED IN YOUR HOUSE.
Thu March 20	The World Health Organisation recommends eating 5 portions of fruit or veg a day. Many don't have control over their diet. GIVE 5P FOR EACH PIECE OF FRUIT YOU HAVE EATEN TODAY.
Fri March 21	In Bolivia, ACLO produces newspapers giving indigenous people a voice. GIVE 3P FOR EACH PAPER YOU HAVE READ THIS WEEK.
Sat March 22	Guadelope, in Nicaragua, sells his coffee crop to Fairtrade producers, so his children have been able to go to school. GIVE 5P FOR EACH CUP OF TEA OR COFFEE YOU'VE DRUNK TODAY. GIVE 10P IF THEY WEREN'T FAIRLY TRADED!
Sun 23	GIVE 1P FOR EACH TIME YOU HAVE RECEIVED A SMILE TODAY!

Mon March 24	In Bangladesh a crisis is unfolding as many tubewells have arsenic contamination. GIVE 3P FOR EACH GLASS OF WATER YOU DRINK.
Tue March 25	A political voice is a privilege. Remember the queues for the first free and fair South African election. GIVE 5P FOR EACH MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY WHO HAS THE VOTE.
Wed March 26	Peace Brigades International, in Columbia, places volunteers to accompany and protect community and human rights workers. GIVE 4P FOR EACH HOUR OF SECURE SLEEP LAST NIGHT.
Thu March 27	Only the top 8% of the world's wealthy have ready access to spare cash or a bank account. GIVE 10P FOR EACH BANK ACCOUNT HELD BY SOMEONE IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD.
Fri March 28	Planting trees in Afghanistan helps prevent soil erosion. GIVE 3P FOR EACH POTTED PLANT IN YOUR HOUSE.
Sat March 29	TV opens eyes to the world, but only the rich own TV sets. GIVE 5P FOR EACH HOUR OF TV WATCHED IN YOUR HOUSE TODAY.
Sun March 30	A Chilean comment on collections in Christian Aid Week - 'Do you mean church people in your country beg on behalf of the world's poor?' GIVE 25P IF YOUR CHURCH HAS A CHRISTIAN AID REP. IF NOT, WHY NOT VOLUNTEER? (call 0207 523 2229)
Mon March 31	1 in every 236 Cambodians has lost a limb due to a landmine. GIVE 2P FOR EACH SAFE JOURNEY YOU HAVE MADE TODAY.
Tue April 1	In Sudan, civil war is being exacerbated by the presence of oil companies. GIVE 5P FOR EACH CAR JOURNEY MADE TODAY
Wed April 2	The Deccan Development Society of India trains girls, giving skills and confidence to make choices – some bravely choose to study rather than to marry as children. GIVE 10P FOR EACH FEMALE IN YOUR FAMILY WHO HAS HAD EDUCATION.
Thu April 3	A quarter of the world's population go to bed hungry every night. GIVE 5P FOR EACH TAKE AWAY YOU'VE HAD THIS MONTH.
Fri April 4	Many women in developing countries walk 3 or 4 miles a day to fetch gallons of water for their families. GIVE 25P IF YOU OWN A CAR.
Sat April 5	IF YOU MADE A LENT RESOLUTION, GIVE 5P FOR EACH TIME YOU HAVE BROKEN IT.
Sun April 6	Oné Respé works to empower Haitian women's groups in the Dominican Republic. They use weekly studies to apply the bible to their lives. GIVE 10P EACH TIME YOU OPEN A BIBLE TODAY.
Mon April 7	Millions of people in developing countries lose their sight through preventable diseases. GIVE 5P FOR GLASSES, 10P FOR CONTACTS
Tue April 8	In Mali, one in five children die before their fifth birthdays. GIVE 5P FOR EACH MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY OVER 5.
Wed April 9	A campaign by MAHAL, a Philippines partner, has prevented further pollution from a mine. GIVE 2P EACH TIME YOU USE A BIN.

Thu April 10	Half of the world's population survive on less than two dollars a day - £1.30. GIVE ANOTHER £1.30
Fri April 11	Many refugees risk their lives escaping persecution in their own country. GIVE 5P PER FOREIGN COUNTRY YOU'VE VISITED.
Sat April 12	Humanité Nouvelle, in Kinshasa, gives street boys a chance to enjoy their childhood. GIVE 20P IF YOU SEE FRIENDS TODAY.
Sun April 13	<b>Palm Sunday.</b> Jesus rode into Jerusalem—some waved branches in celebration. GIVE 4P FOR EACH TREE IN YOUR GARDEN.
Mon April 14	In Tanzania, 158 children out of every 1000 die before their fifth birthday. GIVE 2P FOR EACH YEAR YOU'VE LIVED BEYOND 5.
Tue April 15	The Alternative Information Centre is a joint Israeli-Palestinian organisation, working for mutual understanding. GIVE 25P AND PRAY FOR PEACE.
Wed April 16	A Swords into Ploughshares scheme run by the Christian Council of Mozambique, gives useful items such as tools when citizens give up weapons. GIVE 5P FOR EACH TOOL IN YOUR SHED.
Thu April 17	Jesus shared the last supper. 800 million people go hungry every day. GIVE 25P AND PRAY FOR DAILY BREAD FOR ALL.
Fri April 18	<b>Good Friday.</b> GIVE 5P FOR EACH CHRISTIAN CROSS IN YOUR HOUSE.
Sat April 19	Jesus said he came to bring good news to the poor. GIVE 25P AND PRAY FOR JUSTICE FOR TODAY'S POOR.
Sun April 20	<b>Easter Day!</b> We thank God for new life. GIVE 10P FOR EACH BIRTHDAY YOU HAVE CELEBRATED.

Please return your form to **Christian Aid, Lady Lodge Arts Centre, Goldhay Way, Orton Goldhay, Peterborough, PE2 5JQ.**

I enclose a cheque, made payable to Christian Aid, for £ from *Count Your Blessings*

Name

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Postcode

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If you would like Christian Aid to be able to claim the tax back on your donation, please sign this declaration: I am a UK taxpayer and I want Christian Aid to be able to claim back the tax on all donations I have made since April 2001, and on all future donations.

Signed

Date

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Please tick here if you do want us to send you a receipt.

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## ECTON COMMUNITY CENTRE FUND

Further to the notice in the February Parish Magazine, this matter was discussed at the Parish Council meeting on January 20<sup>th</sup>. It was agreed unanimously that the most appropriate use for this money would be to put it towards the refurbishment of Ecton Village Club. A cheque for £928.91 has now been withdrawn and the old account closed. The Parish Council also agreed that a suitable plaque should be included, when the Village Club is complete, to commemorate the use of the old funds.

David Dicks.

4.02.03.

## THE ECTON FELLOWSHIP

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 11th March at 2.30pm in the Village Club. Jenny Parkin is coming to tell us about her Care Work at the Cynthia Spencer Hospice.

Everyone is welcome.

Joan Dickins

## I DONT GOTO CHURCH

It doesn't matter, if you are distressed, ill, or just in need, there is a small group of people who will pray for you. They are linked by telephone to meet your needs.

Ring Anne 405942 or Jenny 416326

or just put a note in the prayer box in Church.

## MOTHERING SUNDAY 2003.

A special service with the distribution  
of flowers will take place on  
30<sup>th</sup> March at 9.30 a.m.

Everyone welcome.

### A PRAYER

When I am confused Lord,  
show me the way.

Baffled and Bruised Lord,  
show me the way.

When I'm afraid Lord,  
show me the way.

Weak and dismayed Lord,  
show me the way.

Still my heart and clear my mind,  
prepare my Soul to hear.

Your still small voice, always so close  
to show me the way.

### ECTON CHURCH LOTTERY JANUARY 2003.

190	J. Wincott	£50.00
119	G.Harlott	£10.00
113	D.Langley	£10.00
195	S.Wheatman	£10.00
96	A.Saunders	£10.00
143	T.Green	£10.00

## ECTON W.I.

February sees the anniversary of the founding of Ecton W.I. and so, instead of our usual monthly meeting, we held our Birthday Dinner. This year we went to The World's End where we enjoyed good food and service and friendship.

The annual award for the most competition points won during the year went to Stella Gibson and she was presented with the Trophy.

Each member received a small gift and it was agreed that a good time had been had by all.

Due to illness, Mrs. Philpott, who was to have been our speaker in March will be unable to be with us. Her place will be taken by Mrs. Edwards with a talk entitled The Story Behind The Painting. This meeting will be on March 4<sup>th</sup> and all are welcome to attend.

# Ecton Village Youth Club

Please note change in times as from 12<sup>th</sup> Feb.

<b>DATE</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>ACTIVITY</b>
5 <sup>th</sup> March	6.30-8.30	Basket Ball at Benham
12 <sup>th</sup> March	6.30-8.00	Social
19 <sup>th</sup> March	6.00-8.30	Trampolining at Benham
26 <sup>th</sup> March	6.00-8.00	Social
2 <sup>nd</sup> April	6.30-8.00	Zapatax
16 <sup>th</sup> April	6.30-8.30	Bowling at Wellingborough

Changes may be made –to confirm activities call  
Margaret 412233

## FROM THE REGISTER

### **Funerals**

We extend our love, sympathy and prayers  
To the family and friends of

Joyce Carlisle 5.2.03  
Fred Hector 12.2.03

*"Christ has been raised from the dead, the first  
fruits of those who have fallen asleep" St. Paul.*

# Picture Competition

**We need pictures to illustrate our brand new Fairtrade recipe book!**

**If you are aged 13 or under, you could win the chance to see your picture illustrate the finished book, and win other prizes too.**

- Draw a simple picture in black and white, (so that it can be easily printed). You could draw pictures of food, of cooking, of eating; or you may choose to take up the fair trade theme.
- The picture should ideally be no bigger than A5 size.
- Send your picture to one of the addresses below, with your name, address & age attached.
- The competition will be judged in two age groups: up to 9, and 9-13. The winner in each age group will receive a prize, as well as having their picture printed in the recipe book.
- The closing date for pictures is 17 April 2003. If you are a winner, we will tell you before 11 May 2003, when the prizes will be given.

Send your pictures to:

Daily Bread Co-  
operative Ltd  
The Old Laundry  
Bedford Road  
Northampton  
NN4 7AD



Christian Aid  
Lady Lodge Arts  
Centre  
Goldhay Way  
Orton Goldhay  
Peterborough  
PE2 5JQ



Or e-mail:  
[peterborough@christian-aid.org](mailto:peterborough@christian-aid.org)

Or hand your picture  
to your Christian Aid  
Church rep.

**Christian Aid**

Reg Charity no. 258003

MINUTES of a meeting of Ecton Parish Council held at Ecton Village Club on Monday 20 January 2003.

Present: Mr D C Dicks (Chairman)

Mrs K Humphreys, Mrs S Ingram, Mrs S Saunders, Dr A Bantock, Messrs, T Green, T Moffett and W Wilson.

- 1/03 Apologies for absence were received from Mr M Creed and Cllr K Payne.
- 2/03 There were no declarations of interest.
- 3/03 The Minutes of the meeting held on 18 November 2002 were approved and signed.
- 4/03 Matters arising from the Minutes
- (a) Lower Ecton Lane: There had been no response from the County Council following the letter sent after the last meeting. Mr Stinchcombe had also been in touch with Mr Pau and it was hoped that a further meeting of the Authorities concerned would soon be arranged. Recent clear-ups have taken place and the Lane is reasonably clear at the present time. Noted that Northampton B.C. clear up to the back of the restaurant.  
It was noted that there was a build up of rubbish in the field gateways along the A4500 towards Northampton. This would be reported to Wellingborough B.C.
- (b) Bus Shelter: Mr Hubbard (NCC) had been contacted regarding the condition of the footpath under the new shelter. He was inspecting the site last week and a response was expected soon. To follow up in about 2 weeks if nothing has been heard.
- (c) Sywell Airfield: There was a Consortium meeting in December when it was considered that the next step would be in the region of 15 - 20K. It was decided at that meeting not to go any further, ie they would not go to appeal on the refusal of permission to seek a Judicial Review. Since then a local benefactor came forward and offered funds to take it through the Appeal stage, SAC decided to go to Appeal and this was won, the Judge upholding all seven claims. The matter can now go forward to full Judicial review. At a further Consortium meeting members could not foresee sufficient funds being available to go through this next stage as at the very outside the costs of all parties could be in the region of 60 - 70K. However, a group of volunteers are trying to raise the funds required. Sworn statements have to be in by Friday of this week.  
It was noted that S.137 funds could only be put towards the cost of the Appeal if agreed by parishioners.  
It was likely that another Consortium meeting would be held within the next two weeks.
- (d) Village Club: A response had been received from NALC confirming that goods and services for improvements to the Village Club could not be purchased through the Parish Council.
- (e) Sand & Gravel excavation; Mr Green and Mr Wilson had look at the revised application and no further comments had been required.
- (f) Website. Nothing further had been heard from Northampton School for Boys. However, a group of people in the village were setting up a website and Mrs Ingram agreed to represent the Council on this group.
- 5/05 Financial Matters:
- (a) Accounts for payment: £124.61 - ABB Ltd; £136.07 - Clerk's Salary/Expenses; Mr D C Dicks (Chairman's Allowance) £100; Ecton PCC £750 (Churchyard £450, Parish Magazine £300); Ecton Village Club £500. It was agreed that Mrs Saunders would raise an invoice for the Youth Club rent for the Hall.
- (b) A draft precept figure had been prepared by the Clerk and this was accepted in the sum of £8490.
- (c) Ecton Community Centre Fund had been established in 1945 with a balance of £180. The current balance was over £600 and when the book had been made up this rose to £928. The original intention of the fund was to raise funds in the eventuality of Ecton School being sold. None of the original Trustees was alive and it had been suggested that the money should be transferred to the Village Club to be earmarked for a specific purpose during the redevelopment. It was proposed by Mr Dicks, seconded by Mr Wilson and carried unanimously that this should be done. The Bank holding the account was quite happy with this arrangement provided that the necessary letter of authority was received by them.

6/03 Planning Applications:

The following planning application has been received: WP/2002/0721/LB & 720/F - 44 High Street, Extension to existing brick built rear addition on ground and first floor; raising existing slate roof and new dormers. The Council objected to this application as the proposed extension would have a significant detrimental effect on the main stone cottage and would also impact on the neighbouring property. A further application had now been received and was under consideration. It was noted that letters of objection had been received from two residents.

Planning Permission had been granted in respect of: WP/2002/0627/F - Conservatory at 49 Mumbles Cottage, High Street.

Village Club: Mr Green reported that the Village Club will need to submit new plans but there will be no further fees to pay.

7/03 Street Lighting:

Mr Dicks had received a letter from ? Country Property Management regarding the lamp within Ecton Hall grounds which had been damaged by the falling tree. It was agreed to consider a higher light source for this lamp and members of the Council would be assessing the condition of the lamp in the near future.

All lights in the village appeared to be working at the present time.

8/03 Highway Matters:

It was agreed that the Parish Council did not wish to be responsible for Urban Highway Grass Mowing.

It was noted that the HGV sign at Lower Ecton Lane entrance was missing. The Chairman would report this to NCC.

It was noted that the County Council was making significant reductions in the budget for Rights of Way and as part of these cuts the Parish Path Wardens scheme was being abolished.

The Chairman reported that the Parish Lengthsman Scheme questionnaire had been returned to NALC. An update on the scheme had been received and would be circulated to members.

Bank Holiday refuse collection dates had been received from Wellingborough B.C. and would be published in the Parish Magazine and on noticeboards.

Mr Moffett reported that the speed camera on the A4500 was being installed.

9/03 Telephone Box: The telephone box on Northampton Road had been damaged over the Christmas period and BT had removed the remains from site. They wished to replace this with a new style 3-sided box. However, the Council felt that as Ecton is a conservation village the box should be replaced with a red box and it was agreed to write to BT with a request to this effect.

10/03 Correspondence:

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

NALC	November and January Updates with enclosures
Northamptonshire ACRE	Village Viewpoint
	"Step Forward" - An Action Plan for Young People
Northamptonshire Learning Partnership	Learning & Skills - The Voluntary Sector Contribution
Charity Commissioners	Newsletter
E. Midlands Development Agency	Annual Report, Newsletter etc.
Wellingborough Community Forum	Notice of Meeting - 24 January

It was noted that the next Parishes Forum Meeting would be held on 19 February.

11/03 Any other Business:

It was agreed to postpone the inspection of playing field equipment until the outstanding items from last year's inspection had been dealt with. Clerk would chase Wicksteed with regard to the safety surface repairs.

# Fairtrade Recipe Competition

## Fairtrade Fortnight 2003

10-21 March 2003

Christian Aid (Northamptonshire) and Daily Bread Co-operative are working together to produce a Fairtrade recipe book. In Fairtrade Fortnight, we launch a competition to fill it! You could win the chance to see your recipe printed, *and* prizes donated by Daily Bread and others.



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There are a wider and wider range of fairtrade goods on the market. Those available at Daily Bread include:

Chocolate / cocoa ♦ Sugar ♦ Orange Juice ♦ Coffee ♦ Tea

You may also be able to find bananas, mangos, dried fruits, wine, honey, and more through Traidcraft and some Co-op stores.

Have you a favourite recipe using fairtrade ingredients like these? Could you invent a new recipe to show them at their best? Any recipe accepted – sweet, savoury, baked food, drinks...

#### The small(er) print.

- Recipes must contain at least 2 fairtrade ingredients (Daily Bread stock many and can give advice about what is available. Alternatively, try [www.fairtrade.org.uk](http://www.fairtrade.org.uk) for more information))
- The competition will be launched 10 March 2003 and recipes will be accepted from that date until 17 April 2003.
- The recipe book will contain between 15 and 30 recipes. Your entry to the competition indicates your willingness to have your recipe printed.
- Testing will take place in the first week of May, with prizes being awarded in Christian Aid Week (11-17 May)
- Three prizes will be awarded, including baskets of goods from Daily Bread.

#### Send your recipes to:

Daily Bread Co-operative Ltd  
The Old Laundry  
Bedford Road  
Northampton  
NN4 7AD

Orton Goldhay  
Peterborough  
PE2 5JQ

Or hand your recipe in to your Christian Aid Church rep.

Christian Aid  
Lady Lodge Arts  
Centre  
Goldhay Way

Or e-mail:  
([peterborough@christian-aid.org](mailto:peterborough@christian-aid.org))

## ECTON CHURCH CLEANING ROTA

March 1	Yellow	A
March 8	Blue	B
March 15	Green	A
March 22	Orange	B
March 29	Red	A
April 5	Purple	B

## BRASS CLEANING

March 1	Sylvia Fraiel/Joy Wilson
April 5	Colin/Sandie/Serena/William

## COFFEE ROTA

March 2	Pat Baylis/Christine Murray
March 9	Margaret Weddle/Anne Henderson
March 16	Jean Leigh/Joy Wilson
March 23	Dorothy Creed/Fiona Major
March 30	Nick & Mary Green
April 6	Angela Crabtree/Millie Harlott

### **A Prayer for the stressed**

*Help me always to give 100% at work...*

*12% on Monday  
23% on Tuesday  
40% on Wednesday  
20% on Thursday  
And 5% on Friday*

*And help me to remember  
when I'm having a bad day  
and it seems that people  
are trying to wind me up,  
it takes 42 muscles to frown  
but only 28 muscles to smile.*

Have your say on the 1st of May!

**BOROUGH AND PARISH  
COUNCIL ELECTIONS  
1ST MAY 2003**



Polling Stations open 8am to 9pm

This is YOUR chance to vote for your Local Councillor

Need to add your name to the voting register?

You must apply by 11th March 2003

Want a postal vote?

Your application must be received by

23rd April 2003



Do not run out of time!



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### **Mark 4: 35-41**

On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, 'Let us go across to the other side. And leaving the crowd behind they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him.

A great gale arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, 'Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?' He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, 'Peace, be still!' and there was a dead calm. He said to them, 'Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?' And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, 'Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?'

(New Revised Standard Edition)