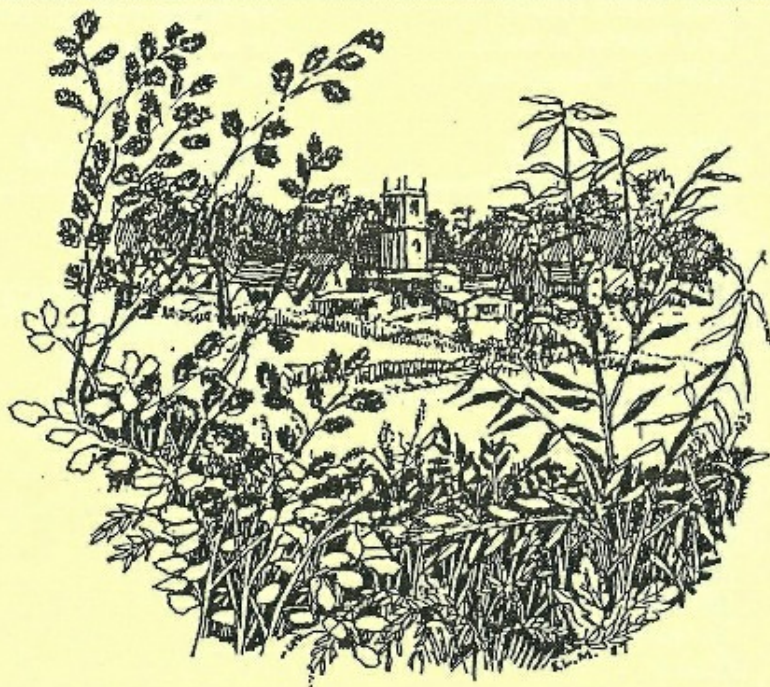


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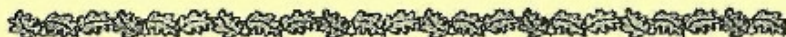
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**WITH  
HIS STRIPES  
WE ARE HEALED.**

Isaiah 53. 5.



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## POPULISM AND JESUS

Some vicars have to cope with a heartbreaking weekly opinion poll. As a friend of mine used to say in a loud voice, "I see we're playing to packed houses again." But in many churches there are packed houses and it is equally important that they are not fooled by their own popularity. In my experience the Church is only too ready to accept the blame for low attendance. We blame it on the vicar, on the old-fashioned services, or the new-fangled ones, on the cold in the air or the cold in the heart. But we should never make our judgments solely on numbers.

There is a fundamental snag in the populist approach. The faith is not invented by the consumer, nor is it an entertainment. It is about the truth, the truth that can set people free. Don't misunderstand me, I enjoy being a Christian, I want the Christian faith to be popular, and I rejoice when I see our churches full, but that is not a guarantee we have got it right, any more than the apathy of people is proof that we have got it wrong.

Imagine a poll taken outside Jerusalem in AD 30. Do you think his claim to be the Son of God is

- a. An interference in politics?
- b. Naïve rubbish?
- c. The truth?

50% said (a). 49% said (b), and a pagan soldier said it was true.

"Truly this was the Son of God."

James

## 2000—2001 PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

At the Annual General Meeting held on Sunday, 9th April 2000,  
the following people were elected:-

### **Churchwardens**

Dorothy Creed	22a Church View, Ecton
Walter Barty	1 East Butterfield Court, Northampton

### **Deanery Synod Representatives**

Walter Barty	1 East Butterfield Court, Northampton
Anne Henderson	48 High Street, Ecton

### **Parochial Church Council**

Gwenda Barty (Secretary)	1 East Butterfield Court, Northampton
Marian Gleave	19 Church View, Ecton
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Sylvia Saunders	18 Church View, Ecton
Colin Simpson (Treasurer)	31 Bentley Close, Northampton
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Elin Wilson	The Grange, Ecton



## CHURCH LOTTERY

**Do you have £1 each month to chance on winning £50?**

If so please support the new Church Lottery.  
If there are 200 tickets sold, there will be six prizes each month

**FIRST PRIZE - £50  
FIVE FURTHER PRIZES OF £10  
EVERY MONTH!!**

**More tickets mean bigger prizes**

The draw will take place on the last Thursday of each month at 7 pm in the World's End Public House - everybody is welcome to attend.

**You will be contacted soon about buying tickets for a 12 month period - please support this worthy cause.**

The proceeds will be used to upgrade the church building, providing a lavatory, kitchen and meeting room - everyone in the village can benefit from these changes.





**CHILDREN'S CLOTHES &  
TOYS  
(NEARLY NEW PLEASE)**



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## **ECTON PARISH SUMMER FETE**

**IN AND AROUND THE CHURCH**

**SATURDAY 22 JULY 2000**

**2-4 PM**

**PLEASE SEARCH YOUR CUPBOARDS, BEG FROM FAMILY, FRIENDS—  
WE WILL COLLECT**



**TOMBOLA PRIZES  
(BOTTLES, JARS, TINS, GIFTS,  
COSMETICS, CHOCS, ETC)**



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Next Planning Meeting  
Tuesday 11 July—7.30 pm in Church

## MAGAZINE CONTRIBUTIONS

The Magazine is delivered free throughout the village and is available to all who attend our Church but contributions towards the cost of the 10 issues per year would be greatly appreciated.

Donations can be handed to your distributor, the Church Wardens or any member of the PCC.

THANK YOU

Anne Henderson, Editor



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

HARVEST FESTIVAL  
OCTOBER 1<sup>ST</sup>

AGAPE SUPPER IN CHURCH AFTER EVENSONG  
(Agape – a shared Christian Feast in token of  
fellowship)

MORE DETAILS LATER



## **ECTON PARISH SUMMER FETE**

**Raffle Tickets will soon be on sale**

**FIRST PRIZE—£100**

**The chances of winning are considerably higher than  
the Lottery Jackpot!!**

**Proceeds to church funds**



**Northamptonshire Family History Society**  
has printed a booklet of memorial inscriptions in the  
Church of St Mary Magdelene Ecton. Contents in-  
clude history, memorials in the church and graveyard  
and a plan of the church and graveyard.

**Copies are available to buy, please sign for your copy  
at the back of the church or apply to Trudy**



**BELL RINGING COMPETITION**

**RINGERS WILL BE USING THE CHURCH ON**

**JUNE 7 BETWEEN 6-9 PM**

## Notes from Ecton Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 20 March 2000

**Present:** David Dicks (Chairman), Sylvia Saunders, Maurice Creed, Tony Green, Ty Moffett, Peter Nock and Bill Wilson.

Apologies were received from Cheryl Gyte, Sheila Ingram and Councillor Payne.

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

#### Church Rooms

It was reported that the sale of Ecton House was proceeding but no further information was available about possible replacement of facilities.

#### Millennium

A Church Fete has been arranged for Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> July. No further approach has been made to the Parish Council regarding possible involvement.

#### Trees

The Pre-School Playgroup had written to say that a Prunus had been planted in the corner of the playing field but, sadly, it was noted that the WI tree planted last year had since been vandalised.

### **Police Matters**

A Report from PC Hooper indicated that there had been one crime in West Street, two in Church Way and several on the A45 during January and February.

### **Planning Matters**

#### Ecton Hall

The Council had considered an Application for the conversion of the Coach House and Stables at Ecton Hall into three units but had certain reservations, which were being raised with Wellingborough Borough Council.

#### Sywell Aerodrome

The Chairman outlined the considerable action that had been taken to date and reported on the Public Meeting that had been held in Holcot.

The Chairman reported that 45 letters concerning the new runway had been submitted by Ecton residents and that these had been passed on to the Planning Officer.

### **Highway Matters**

An unsatisfactory response had been received from Wellingborough Borough Council concerning a request from the Parish Council to alter the signs at the bottom of Lower Ecton Lane and further representations would be made.

### **Financial Matters**

Accounts approved for payment:

Ecton Village Club (PC meetings)	£40.00
Powergen	£126.43
EME Contracting (maintenance)	£118.85
Mrs P Hall (salary and expenses)	£120.22
ACRE	£30.00
NALC	£76.00

Wellingborough Borough Council had confirmed that the Revenue Grant for 2000/01 would be £3510.00 - £1130 less than the current year. They had asked for the 1999/2000 Accounts to be submitted as soon as possible.

A Project Grant of £1500 has been made for the demolition of the damaged bus shelter but this could not be implemented until approval had been received for its replacement, the cost of which would be sought from the Regeneration Scheme fund.

### **Any Other Business**

It was decided to write again to Anglian Water to complain about smells from the sewage works.

It was agreed that a letter of objection should be sent to the relevant Local Authority concerning an application by Glenvilles Night Club at Billing Garden Centre for an extension of hours (possibly all night).

The date for Operation Springclean was set for Saturday 1 April.

David Dicks, Chairman

## ETON HALL CRICKET CLUB

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### ECTON CRICKET CLUB TOUR TO LOS ANGELES

During early April, Ecton Cricket Club went on an inaugural tour to California, USA and played in four matches in Los Angeles.

The tour was a follow-up to a visit from the LA based 'Compton Homies & the Pops' cricket team to the UK last September, which attracted widespread publicity and included a game against a Northampton XI at Castle Ashby, which included 5 Ecton players.

The Ecton touring side comprised 14 players, of which 9 are either resident in the village or regular Ecton team players, along with 5 selected guests.

The tour proved successful in both attracting wide publicity (coast to coast TV coverage in the USA for 5 nights, as well as articles in the LA Press) and with results, with Ecton winning 3 of the 4 games, including the prestigious 'Compton Cup', the first such trophy contested between an all USA cricket team and a visiting international side.

Cricketing highlights were:-

Compton Cup, Ecton v Compton Homies, Ecton 157-5, (Dan Jackson 40, Tony Boulemier 32), Compton 129-9, (Arun Shah 3.25, D Birch 3-18), Ecton won by 28 runs.

Ecton v Beverly Hills, Ecton 141-4 (Chris Ellis 59, Andy Kay 36), Beverly Hills 138-5 (Graham Kinnear 4-7), Ecton won by 6 wickets.

Ecton v British & Dominion, B&D 183-2 (Steve Warren 2.42), Ecton 163-5 (Andy Kay 54, Dan Currie 28, Ecton lost by 18 runs.

Ecton v Compton Homies (Warm up game), Ecton 189-7 (Chris Ellis 71 no, Graham Kinnear 53, Dan Jackson 23), Compton 142, (Steve Wheatman 2.12), Ecton won by 47 runs.

Three 17 year olds were on the tour, including 2 living in the village, Dan Currie and Stuart Coates.

Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the trip, which certainly put Ecton on the map in Los Angeles and thanks must go to the generosity of our sponsors which include: The Three Horseshoes, The Worlds End, Steve Tong, London Plant, the Ecton charities, the Ecton Village Book fund and two very generous anonymous donations.

On a more down to earth level, the domestic village season is about to start, and initial fixtures in May are:-

Sunday, April 23	Mears Ashby	Away
Saturday, May 5	K.P.W.M.C	Abington Park
Sunday, May 7	Cogenhoe	Ecton
Saturday, May 13	County Hall	Wootton
Sunday, May 14	Bugbrooke	Bugbrooke
Saturday, May 20	Bugbrooke	Ecton
Sunday, May 21	Collingtree	Ecton
Saturday, May 27	Abington	Abington Park
Sunday, May 28	Heyford	Heyford

Steve Wheatman, Captain

**Further notes about the tour:**

Off the field there was always something happening. Mexican families took short cuts across the outfield and when the wind blew up, tumbleweed threatened to disrupt play.

Ecton also met some splendid characters. Beverly Hills fielded an expatriate aristocrat, lawyer Lord Alexander Rufus-Isaacs. Plus an actor rejoicing in the name of Clement von Franckenstein who appeared at first slip in a pair of gloves.

Between games Ecton made a two-day visit to Las Vegas where players did a reverse bungee jump up the outside of one of America's tallest buildings. Strapped into seats they were catapulted at 40 mph up the 1,100 foot high Stratosphere Tower. They flew over the Grand Canyon in a helicopter and saw exotic hotels with lions, white tigers and a Venetian canal running through reception. And a tour guide informed Ecton that females born in LA don't get a birth certificate - they get a credit card. Skipper Wheatman, who has been organising the trip since last October helped by Compton leaders Ted Hayes and Katie Haber, said: 'Everybody has performed to the best of their abilities and I hope we've all enjoyed ourselves. It was great to win the cup and we've made a lot of friends in LA as well as bringing Compton publicity to help them get funding for the homeless. They are coming to England either this summer or next to try and win the cup back and we hope to play for it on an annual basis.'

## An Extract from a Local Newspaper

One opposition team is one of the most remarkable cricket teams ever formed, a club named Compton Homies and the Popz.

Its members are mainly Hispanic kids from one of LA's toughest suburbs, the home of the 'Gangsta Rap'.

Some were homeless and others were trying to escape from the daily diet of drugs and gang shootings.

None had even played cricket when the club was founded in 1995 by 6ft 4ins Rastafarian Ted Hayes.

He believed the game would teach kids to respect authority and open up a new way of life. So how has it gone? Quite simply, the cricketing world has been their oyster.

They have toured Britain three times, buoyed up by letters of encouragement from President Clinton, the US Consul General, the US Congress and the MCC.

They have played at Lords, Hambledon Down and Old Trafford. They had tea at Buckingham Palace, met Prince Edward and most bizarrely, played in Belfast where they presented cricket bats as symbols of peace to Gerry Adams and David Trimble.

They told the Irish politicians: 'You got troubles, we got troubles. People shoot each other in Compton over arguments about trainer laces and graffiti.'

Perhaps, they suggested, if Ireland couldn't sort out its differences any other way, they may find the solution on the cricket field

The team's theme song raps: 'From bullets to balls, from gats(guns) to bats.' Now they're preparing to receive their first English tourists.

On last year's tour of England they played at Castle Ashby, going down narrowly to an Ecton side.

Why Ecton? Skipper Steve Wheatman explains: 'The father of American revolutionary leader Benjamin Franklin was born in our village. And Franklin visited Ecton in 1758 to see his ancestors' graves.'

There's another tie-up. Nearby Castle Ashby is home to Earl Compton .... whose ancestor gave his name to the Compton in Los Angeles.

## WI REPORT

Tuesday, 2nd May	Village Club—7.30 pm
Speaker	Mrs C Farmer—Resolutions
Competition	One flower from the garden
Teas	Mrs M Robinson & Mrs B Shearing

Tuesday, 6th June	Village Club—7.30 pm
Speaker	Mrs Billson—Lace Making
Teas	Mrs J Marshman & Mrs B Jones

This was our last meeting in the Rectory Room. New venue—the Village Club—next month. We hope everyone will continue to attend, if any lifts needed—please shout!! Our President was not present—we hope that she has fully recovered and will be back at our next meeting. The minutes were read and approved.

- a Membership fee - £1.00 - now due for the 500 club
- b Millennium Tree  
Sheila Ingram has offered a donation to replace the 'vandalised' tree. We are very grateful and our special thanks go to you Sheila - and the Ecton Book Fund.
- c The WI Cupboard has now been emptied. Some crockery has been donated to the Church. Our 'best' cups and saucers etc will go down to the Village Club.
- d The wheelchair will be in Joy's car in the barn. Thank you.
- e Places still vacant for outing on June 17th to the Sikh Temple - enquiries to Millie please.

Other dates - from Mears Ashby

- a Wednesday 17th May - Kensington Palace - £17.50
- b Wednesday 5th July - Sandringham & Hunstanton - £12.50
- c Wednesday 6 September - Keftscote Court Gardens - £11.50

### SUN DIAL SEARCH

Betty - on 411869 - will be pleased to hear of any sundials in the village. They must be aligned and in use. This is a national WI project.

Our speaker was Peter Nock, 'local' jeweller (Halfords). We were delighted to welcome him to the meeting. Needless to say he brought along some valuable and interesting 'pieces' ranging from Rolex wristwatch to Victorian Mourning Pin, with some very desirable rings too! We were able to handle and examine all the items and even had the chance to value some of them. Peter very kindly donated a gift voucher to the winner. It was interesting to hear about the 'valuation' of jewellery and the different purposes, i.e.; probate, insurance, divorce proceedings etc. It's not quite as straightforward as you think and is quite time consuming.

Vote of thanks - Margaret Scott  
competition - Favourite Brooch a) Joy, b) Vera & June c) Denise

J Marshman

### COFFEE ROTA

May 7	Ingrid & Keith Cartwright
May 14	Alice Adams/Wynne Voss
May 21	Jean Leigh/Brenda Jones
May 28	Pat Peacock/Dorothy Creed
June 4	Nick & Mary Green

### BRASS CLEANING

June 3	Marian/Barbara
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### CLEANING ROTA

May 6	Blue	A
May 13	Green	B
May 20	Orange	A
May 27	Red	B
June 3	Pink	A



**CHRISTIAN AID WEEK IS VERY NEAR!**

**A LAST REMINDER –**

**On Sunday May 14<sup>th</sup> – 12 noon – 2pm  
we have  
The Annual Bread and Soup Lunch  
at the back of the Church**

**Please come and bring a friend and a donation**

**Christian Aid needs our financial help to meet the  
World's Disasters**

## ECTON FELLOWSHIP

Our next meeting on Tuesday May 9<sup>th</sup> at 2.30 pm is in the Village Club.

A member of St John's Ambulance Team will give us hints on first Aid. We hope everyone will try to come to our new venue.

Please contact me if you require a lift to the Village Club

Tea Helpers – Vera Middleton and Jean Leigh

Joan Dickins

**A prayer for  
Christian Aid Week**

*O God, you have called us  
to be like little children.  
Give us the eyes of a child –  
curious and determined  
to see what is going on.  
Give us the ears of a child –  
sharp and attentive  
to hear your word of love.  
And give us the energy of a child –  
expecting a response  
and confident that we can change  
the world.  
Amen.*

*(Janet Morley)*

## SUNDAY JOB

*The Bishop of Guildford, while in 'civvies', was invited by a mother to hear her daughter play in a concert at the Cathedral. 'You know where it is?' she asked. 'Yes', replied the Bishop, 'I have a part time job there on Sundays.'*

*From Christ Church Virginia Water*



Definition of 'Pillars of the Church' (of which we have so many in the Church of England). They hold everything up and obscure vision.



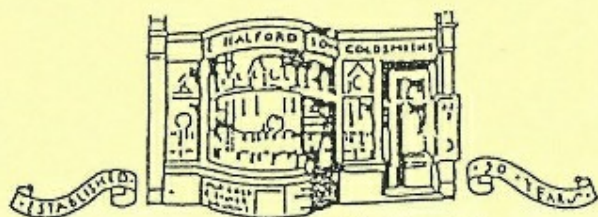
## COMPUTERS AND SEX

**WOMEN** believe computers are masculine for the following reasons:

- In order to get their attention you have to turn them on
- They have a lot of data but they are still usually clueless.
- Most of the time they are a problem.
- As soon as you commit to one you realise that you could have had a better model if you had only waited a little longer.

**MEN**, however, believe computers are feminine for these four reasons:

- No one but the Creator understands their internal logic.
- The secret language they use to communicate with other computers is incomprehensible to everyone else.
- Even your smallest mistakes are stored in the memory for later retrieval.
- As soon as you commit yourself to one you find yourself spending half your pay cheque on accessories.



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*Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, 'Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.' And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate it in their presence.*

*Luke 24:36b - 43 (NRSV)*