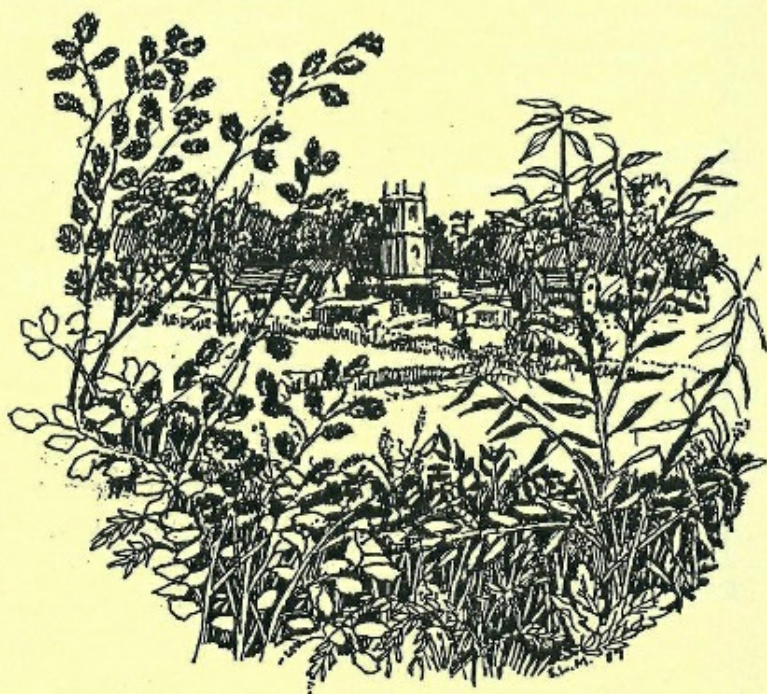


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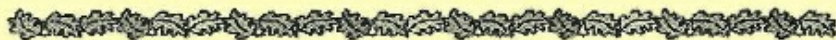
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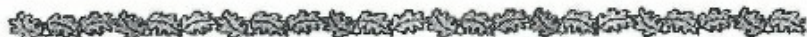
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Ecton's Easter Sepulchre (or more about what I said in church on Easter Day)

For long ages a ceremony had taken place in churches on Easter Day which was the seed from which English drama was to spring. On Good Friday the cross from the altar, wrapped in a veil, would be laid upon a curtained tomb, either permanent or temporary, set against the north wall of the sanctuary. There it would lie hidden, until the eve of Easter Day, when it was secretly removed. On Easter Sunday, while the congregation waited expectantly, the priest, robed in white and playing the part of an angel, would, after the Gospel for Easter Day had been read, advance towards the tomb and sit down beside it. At once three servers, representing the three Marys, would come forward as if looking for something.

"Whom seek ye in the tomb, O followers of Christ?" the 'angel' would ask, to which the 'Marys' would reply,

"Jesus of Nazareth, the Crucified, O dweller in heaven."

"He is not here," the angel would then answer triumphantly, "He is risen, as he foretold"; and tearing aside the curtain he would display to all the empty tomb. Only the veil which had wrapped the cross remained. Whereupon the three Marys would seize the veil and hold it high above their heads, singing, "The Lord is risen, He is risen!" and the whole congregation would at once break into song while the bells of the church rang out over the countryside.

The tombs used in this ceremony were called Easter Sepulchres. In the thirteenth century Easter sepulchres became increasingly popular as part of the liturgy, and any flat-topped tomb near the altar would no longer do: a special Easter Sepulchre must be made, and this would have been the case in Ecton Church. The opportunity came when the chancel was lengthened in the thirteenth century and so a proper 'purpose-built' Easter sepulchre could be made. Complete examples of Easter sepulchres are rare in English parish churches today as the ceremony was abolished at the Reformation and many existing then were swept away as chancels were later lengthened or rebuilt.

This was almost the case at Ecton, for a 17th. century rector (during the Palmer-Whalley régime) cut a door into the North wall of the chancel so that he could enter what was at that time the private chapel and burial place of Ecton rectors, with the chancel walled off from the nave. This door cut through the east end of the Easter sepulchre. However, in 1924, when the memorial window to Admiral Sir Edward and Lady Sotheby was erected by their son Alfred, he restored the damaged part. You can see the new stonework clearly to the right of the radiator which an insensitive heating engineer saw fit to put there! You might also like to go outside into the churchyard and see the 17th. century door lintel below the Sotheby window. The Easter sepulchre story offers another fascinating insight into the history of Ecton Church.

James.

A prayer for our parish church, its builders and benefactors,  
and all who have worshipped here down the centuries:

"Eternal Father, who art the God of the dead and of the living:  
we give thee thanks and praise for all the generations of the  
faithful, who, having served thee here in godliness and love, are now  
with thee in glory; and, we beseech thee, enable us so to follow  
them in all godly living and faithful service, that hereafter we  
may with them behold thy face, and in the heavenly places be one  
with them for ever; through Jesus Christ our Lord."



### WISDOM PROFOUND

Oh Wisdom Profound, where to be found.  
In sobriety of night, a word edged with slight.  
Hand stayed, shedding the blow.  
Closing eye, sighting the bow.  
In leaps of intent, or the aged and bent.  
Where Wisdom Profound are you to be found?

In the droll languid yarn, expounding to charm  
the unheeding ear, courting memory's cheer.  
The mind hustles on, for a quest  
beyond it's turbulent thought.  
Has sadness caught, wound in gossamer taunt.  
Most anxious of hand, stops Vindictives command.  
Is this Wisdom Profound, is it really found?

Oh Truth, what shame destroys your name  
By accusations thrust and perpetrated lust.  
Cruelties merciless pride, Gods face hides.  
Then Wisdoms sad look - unseen  
steals the nook of Reasons high gift  
And gives Love a lift.  
With Patience's cool brow, Joy's prize bestows  
Such Grace and Care, crushes all despair.  
This is Wisdom Profound - Ah, NOW it is found.

Godfrey Philcox.

**Ecton Village Church and Parish Diary**  
**May 2001**

<b>Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> May</b> 9.00am 7.30pm	Holy Communion. Womens Institute meet in the Village Club.
<b>Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> May</b> 9.30am  6.00pm	<b>Fourth Sunday of Easter</b> Parish Communion: Acts 9. 36-43; Psalm 23; Revelation 7. 9-17; John 10. 22-30. Evensong.
<b>Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> May</b> 9.00am 2.30pm	Holy Communion. Ecton Fellowship meet in the Village Club.
<b>Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> May</b> 9.30am	<b>Fifth Sunday of Easter</b> Parish Communion: Acts 11. 1-18; Psalm 148; Revelation 21. 1-6; John 13. 31-35.
<b>Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> May</b> 9.00am	Holy Communion.
<b>Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> May</b> 9.30am  6.00pm	<b>Sixth Sunday of Easter</b> Parish Communion: Acts 16. 9-15; Psalm 67; Revelation 21. 10, 22- 22. 5; John 5. 1-9. Evensong.
<b>Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May</b> 9.00am	Holy Communion.
<b>Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> May</b> 9.30am	<b>Seventh Sunday of Easter</b> Parish Communion: Acts 16. 16-34; Psalm 97; Revelation 22. 12-14, 16-17, 20-21; John 17. 20-26.
<b>Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> May</b> 9.00am	Holy Communion.

## CHRISTIAN AID WEEK

Sunday May 13<sup>th</sup> – Sunday May 20<sup>th</sup>

This is the only 'Ecumenical Charity' we have.  
A house to house collection will be made during  
the week.

Please be generous in giving to the need of the  
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### A BREAD AND SOUP LUNCH

This will be held at the back of the church on

Sunday May 13<sup>th</sup>

between 12 noon and 1.30 pm

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## **Notes from Ecton Parish Council Meeting held on 19 March 2001**

**Present:** David Dicks (Chairman), Kathy Humphreys, Sylvia Saunders, Alastair Bantock, Maurice Creed, Tony Green, Ty Moffett, Bill Wilson and Councillor Kate Payne. The Mayor of Wellingborough, Councillor George Ryan was welcomed to the meeting.

Apologies were received from Sheila Ingram and from the Police.

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

#### **Sywell Airfield**

It was reported that the Planning Application was not going to Committee in April.

#### **Parish Council Financing**

A report has been prepared by Maurice Creed regarding a meeting with Wellingborough Borough Council to discuss the introduction of Precepting in 2002.

#### **Constitution of the Borough**

Maurice Creed reported on a joint meeting of Parishes concerning the future constitution of Wellingborough Borough.

### **Highway Matters**

A letter had been received from the County Council advising that the matter of signage in Lower Ecton Lane was still under review.

A broken bollard and potholes in High Street and damage to the World's End boundary wall were to be reported.

Concerns were expressed regarding the condition of the grass verge on the corner of Northampton Road and the A4500 and this will be reported to the appropriate authority.

### **Planning Matters**

Applications have been received for the repair/rebuilding of boundary walls to Mahola, 32 High Street and for a new conservatory at 20 High Street.

Amended plans had been received for an extension at The Old Post Office in Blacksmith's Yard.

It was reported that an application for a permanent dwelling for Mr Shenfield in Sywell Lane had been approved.

It was agreed that the County Structure Plan will be adopted unless any official objections are received.

### **Police Matters**

The Police were not in attendance at the meeting but crime figures for January and February 2001 included several incidents within the village. It was agreed that the police should be asked to attend the Annual Parish Meeting on 21 May to discuss crime prevention and listen to the views of residents and Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinators.

### **Fly Tipping**

It was noted that Government money is being made available for the improvement of Travellers' sites and it was agreed that Northampton BC should be approached to increase maintenance levels at the Lower Ecton Lane site. Councillor Payne reported that Wellingborough BC may have to be involved in clearing up the mess left by travellers. The Travellers' Liaison Officer should be made aware of the dangers of rats, broken glass etc on the uncleared site. It was suggested that the Environmental Response Team should be contacted each time there is a tipping problem.

### **Operation Springclean**

This will take place on Saturday 21 April. It was noted that the school will take part this year.

### **Shrine and Playing Field**

Estimates are still awaited for the replacement of the vandalised cross on the Shrine and the repair of a seat in the playing field.

## **Financial Matters**

### Accounts approved for Payment

ABB:	£118.85
NALC:	£78.00
ACRE subscription:	£30.00
Mrs P Hall salary and expenses:	£131.96

It was noted that a Revenue grant of £5147 had been made for 2001/2002 and that this was an increase over the grant for the current year.

## **Correspondence**

A response to the current Foot and Mouth outbreak had been received from Northamptonshire County Council.

## **Any Other Business**

The Chairman expressed his satisfaction with the public's response to the closure of village footpaths because of the Foot and Mouth outbreak. However this has caused increased dog fouling in the village. An article will appear in the Parish Magazine asking dog owners to be responsible for clearing up after their dogs.

David Dicks, Chairman

## **THE ECTON FELLOWSHIP**

Our next meeting is to a Garden Centre for tea, on **Tuesday May 8<sup>th</sup>**. We shall leave outside Ecton House at 2.15 pm. Transport will be available for those who need it!

It would be helpful if those joining us would let a Committee member know – we don't want to leave any one behind!

**Joan Dickins**  
**415576**

### COFFEE ROTA

May 6	Margaret Finch/Anthea Barnes
May 13	Nick & Mary Greene
May 20	June Marshman/Marian Gleave
May 27	Millie Harlott/Christine Murray
June 3	Ingrid & Keith Cartwright

### BRASS CLEANING

May 5	Ingrid & Keith
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### CLEANING ROTA

May 5	Red	B
May 12	Pink	A
May 19	Yellow	B
May 26	Blue	A
June 2	Green	B



## 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

## WI REPORT

**Tuesday – May 1<sup>st</sup> – Village club – 7.30 pm**

**Speaker – WI Adviser Jenny Hayes**

**Competition – A 'Holiday' Memento**

**Teas – Miss M Gleave, Mrs M Scott**

**Tuesday – June 5<sup>th</sup> – Visit to 'Daily Bread' –**

**7 pm - Bedford Road Lifts available**

A collection was made for 'Coins for Friendship' and members were invited to join the '500' club again. Hopefully, we shall be more successful this year! A raffle was held, raising £8.00 for funds – thank you for all contributions.

Dr J Campling was welcomed as our guest speaker. he has been a GP in Moulton for 30 years. His interest in St John's Eye Hospital in Jerusalem. This includes £10,000 raised towards supporting a Palestinian nurse for one year in the hospital.

Dr Campling has first hand knowledge of the area – providing us with an interesting history of this troubled land – and slides showing the hospital itself – and satisfied patients. The hospital has been providing high quality eye care for people of the Holy Land since 1882. 25% of 50,000 patients seen are children under 12. A clinic opened in Gaza in 1992 for those who have difficulty in obtaining access to Jerusalem. A mobile 'Out Reach' service takes the hospital to the villages and refugee camps of the West Bank. 80% of all income comes from charitable donations.

Vote of thanks – Margaret Scott

Competition – Posy of Flowers – Marian, Margaret, Sue



**ANNUAL RED CROSS WEEK**

**WILL BE FROM**

**6<sup>TH</sup> – 12<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2001**

## ECTON VILLAGE CLUB

*Our grateful thanks go to Freda Richards for the many years as keyholder and booking clerk for the Club. Freda has resigned as she and Maurice are moving to Mears Ashby and she will no longer be able to continue in this role. We shall miss her and the support she gave to the Club and the village generally. We wish them both every happiness in their new home.*

In the meantime, as a temporary measure, Millie and Geoff Harlott have offered to take on the role of booking clerk and key holder. All enquiries regarding hire of the room to them: 01604 405938.

In the future, we shall require a permanent booking clerk and would be pleased to hear from anyone who would consider taking this on. If you are interested please contact Tony Green 01604 407141 or Mary Dicks 01604 407145.

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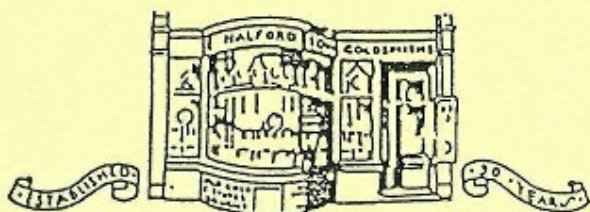
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*John 10:1-4*

*Thank you, Lord, for being my shepherd and friend. Help me never to forget that I am special to you, for you call me by name. Amen.*