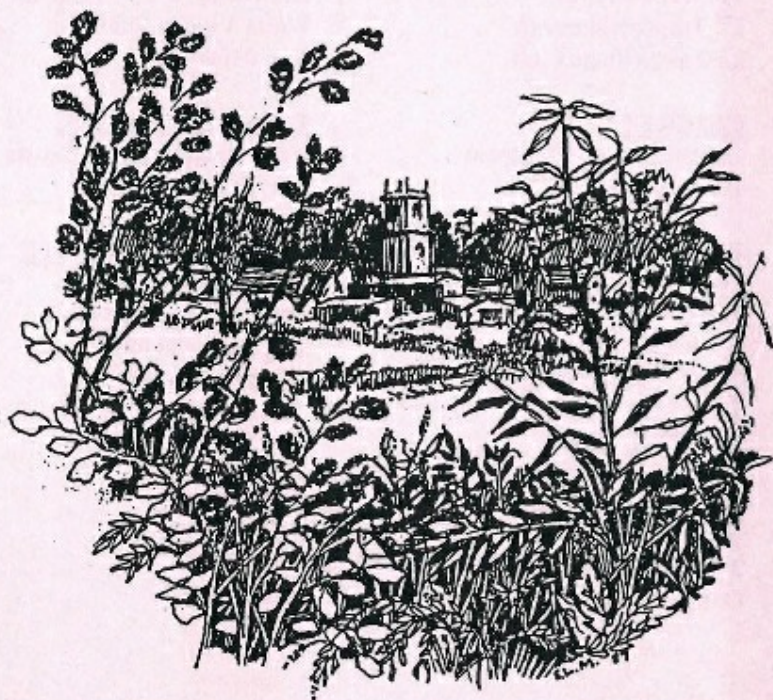


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**HOLY FATHER,  
PROTECT THEM  
BY THE POWER OF  
YOUR NAME.**

John 17. 11. (N.I.V.)



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Little Harrowden, October 10th. 2001

Dear Friends,

Writing this in the middle of October for the November magazine, I am aware that world events may have moved on by the time you read it.

However, it seems appropriate in a time of conflict and anxiety to reflect on that strange, visionary book with which the Bible ends, the Book of Revelation. It's a disturbing read. Its violent images and dire threats seem far removed from mainstream Christianity, but it reminds us that the heart of the Christian Gospel, the cross and resurrection of Jesus, are both earth-shattering and awesome. Things can never be the same again (an expression much heard in the media since September 11th.). It's natural that we should prefer our faith to make us comfortable, but, if we are honest about ourselves, we know that it doesn't: the Gospel changes everything. These are the terrible sentiments of the Book of Revelation:

"There was a violent earthquake, the sun turned black as a funeral pall and the moon as red as blood. The stars in the sky fell to the earth like figs blown off a tree in a gale. The sky vanished like a scroll being rolled up and every mountain and island was dislodged from its place. The kings of the earth, the nobles and commanders, the rich and the powerful, hid themselves in caves and under mountain crags; and they called out to the mountains and the crags: 'Fall on us, hide us from the one who sits on the throne and the wrath of the Lamb.' (Revelation Ch.6 vv. 12 - 16)."

I often think that we like our religion to be kind and gentle and non-violent, a soothing balm on our troubled world. But that's only half the message: it's also a gospel of judgment which ought to make us feel uncomfortable. And we are all under that judgment but especially, according to the Book of Revelation, the rich and the powerful, and in today's divided world that means most of us in the west.

Will we use our power and our wealth in the cause of justice for the poor and the dispossessed?

"Lord, forgive us for our indifference.  
Repair in us our sense of justice and  
fellowship with the poor. Reveal to us  
what is good and help us to do it,  
today and always. Amen."

James.

Ecton Church Diary  
November 2001

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> November

9.30am

6.00pm

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> November

9.00am

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> November

9.30am

10.55am

6.00pm

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> November

9.00am

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> November

9.30am

6.00pm

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> November

9.00am

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> November

9.30am

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> November

9.00am

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> December

9.30am

6.00pm

All Saints Day

Parish Communion: Daniel 7. 1-3, 15-18;  
Psalm 149; Ephesians 1. 11-23; Luke 6.  
20-31.

Evensong.

Holy Communion.

Remembrance Day

Parish Communion: Job 19. 23-27a; Psalm 17.  
1-8; 2 Thessalonians 2. 1-5, 13-17; Luke 20.  
27-38.

Service of Remembrance at the Shrine.

Service of Words and Hymns for Remembrance  
Day.

Holy Communion.

Second Sunday Before Advent

Parish Communion: Malachi 4. 1-2a; Psalm 98;  
2 Thessalonians 3. 6-13; Luke 21. 5-19.

Evensong.

Holy Communion.

Christ the King

Parish Communion: Jeremiah 23. 1-6; Psalm 46;  
Colossians 1. 11-20; Luke 23. 33-43.

Holy Communion.

First Sunday of Advent

Parish Communion: Isaiah 2. 1-5; Psalm 122;  
Romans 13. 11-14; Matthew 24. 36-44.

Advent Carol Service.

### THE CONCERT.

What a wonderful evening we had on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> October. The Informal Concert held in the Church was a real joy. What hidden talent we have in our midst! It would be invidious to single out any one performer so here is the cast in order of appearance:

Godfrey Philcox  
Sylvia Fraiel  
Tiffany Smith  
Hannah Smith  
Dorothy Creed  
George Allen  
Christine Murray  
The Smooth Ones  
Serena Simpson  
William Simpson  
Colin Simpson  
Elenor Finch  
Breon Finch  
Pat Baylis  
Jessica Mogridge

The Choir accompanied by Anne Henderson

Added to this Star-studded cast we also enjoyed the delights of The Ocarina Players and the Community Sing-song. Refreshment were enjoyed during the Interval.

Anyone who was not there missed a treat, the like of which may never be witnessed again.

Our thanks go to Anne Mogridge who devised and directed the entire production.

The proceeds were donated to Action Aid Rwanda Appeal

### HARVEST FESTIVAL.

This year has seen another successful and rewarding Harvest Festival.

There was, as you may know, a wedding in Ecton on the day before and this led to some difficulty with regard to the decoration of the Church but with the help of Pat and Millie we coped.

We received many gifts of produce and other items and these were taken to the Daylight Centre at Wellingborough who rely heavily upon Harvest goods from various Churches in the area.

In the evening we had Songs of Harvest Praise with words and music chosen by James and our thanks go to him for all his work.

After this Service 40 friends of Ecton Church sat down to Harvest Supper which this year consisted of Harvest Pork Casserole, new potatoes and peas, followed by apple crumble and custard. Tea and coffee with chocolate mints rounded off an evening of good fun and fellowship. With the help of a raffle and the sale of wine and fruit juice we made a profit of £196.00 and this also has been given to the Daylight Centre.

My thanks go to Pat, Gwenda, Trudie, Anne, Victoria, Ben and, of course, Maurice for their help and support.

Dorothy.

## FROM THE REGISTER

### **Baptism**

We welcome into the Family of the Church

Olivia Jessica Blackburn 29.07.01

*Jesus said" Let the little children come unto me"*  
Matthew 19:24.

### **Weddings**

We congratulate:

Bob Workman and Jenni Wilson  
married on 4.08.01

Kevin Lester and Louise Ives  
married on 8.09.01  
and

Gavin Peter Hunt and Janeen Shelley Law  
married on 29,09,01

*"Love never gives up; and its faith, hope and  
patience never fail"* 1. Corinthians 13:7.

### **Funeral**

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

Winnie Mary Francis  
1.10.01

*"And I will be with you always, to the end of the age"*  
Matthew 28:20

## **BUILDING WORK.**

The contractors for the improvement of the social facilities currently being undertaken in the church are Colson and Loaring of Ringstead who expect to complete the main installation by 21<sup>st</sup> December.

During this period there may be some disturbance at the West End of the church but as most of the internal work will be in the tower any inconvenience to the congregation should be minimal.

The most obvious disturbance will be digging up the footpath from the tower to Church Way to connect to the main sewer. The contractors will erect suitable plastic barriers but care needs to be taken by all requiring access to the church and churchyard.

Dorothy Creed and Walter Barty.  
Churchwardens.  
October 2001.

## **BRASS CLEANERS WANTED!**

Is there any one in the village or congregation who would be willing to help with the brass cleaning? Providing we can keep to our regular six teams who undertake this duty on a monthly rota it only means being on duty twice a year.

We can't pretend this is an easy job but it does give great pleasure to see the candle sticks and so on gleaming in the sunlight knowing that your hard work was worthwhile.

If you are able to help, please let me know.

Gwenda Barty

*Ecton*  
*Golden Jubilee*  
*Celebration*



*We are interested in having a Village Celebration for the **Queens Golden Jubilee**. Let's join together for a village community celebration.*

*We are inviting you to get involved by putting your ideas forward and coming along to the village club on **Wednesday 28th November at 8pm**. It would be great to see as many people as possible. If you cannot make this date but have ideas then please contact either*

*Margaret Tinston.....412233*

*Or Kathy Humphreys*

Help us to create tomorrows history today!

# *ECTON TIME CAPSULE PROJECT*

If you would like to take part in the time capsule project you can send us information and photos about you, your family and your home. In fact anything that goes to make up the rich tapestry of village life.

The minimum donation is £5.00 to  
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The Manor House  
56, High Street, Ecton  
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If you would prefer someone to collect your donation, please call the telephone number.

Your support is very much appreciated.

Deadline 24-10-01!

# *The ECTON Time Capsule*

Insert photograph

Our names:

Our address:

Our dates of birth:

Where we were born:

How long we have lived in Ecton

Where did we live before:

Our occupations:

Our pets:

Our interests and hobbies:

What we want to be when we grow up:

The school we go to:

## Notes from Ecton Parish Council Meeting of 17 September 2001

**Present:** David Dicks (Chairman), Kathy Humphreys, Alastair Bantock, Maurice Creed, Tony Green, Ty Moffett, and Bill Wilson.

Apologies were received from Sheila Ingram, Sylvia Saunders and Councillor Kate Payne.

PC Hooper attended the meeting on behalf of the Police.

### **Minutes of March meeting**

The Minutes of the July and August meetings were approved and the following matters arising from the Minutes were discussed:

#### Sywell Airfield

Cllr Payne had reported that it was unlikely that the application would be considered by the Planning Committee until the November meeting.

#### Lower Ecton Lane

It was agreed to request County Council funding for two signs [Unsuitable for heavy goods vehicles] at a cost of £550 + VAT.

It was noted that several letters had been received concerning the tipping etc in Lower Ecton Lane. The Council was informed of MAM Transport's request to attend a Council meeting to discuss the problems in Lower Ecton Lane and possible solutions, including development. They had been informed of the meeting on 19 September involving the various public bodies involved. It was agreed that the Parish Council should meet them but only with regard to the tipping problems in Lower Ecton Lane and to point out that any planning decisions were outside the remit of the Council.

#### High Street Drainage

A letter had been received from the County Council saying that no further work had been done but another inspection would be carried out. Mr Dicks agreed to contact them again to try to arrange a meeting on site.

#### Bus Shelter

The replacement shelter is scheduled to be priced in October and thereafter the work will be passed to W S Atkins, Contractors.

#### Trees in Cricket Field

A letter had been received from Fisher German stating that they would monitor the condition of the trees and replace any which have died. Their letter suggested that the trees were not all horse chestnuts and they would be reminded that cherry trees had also been planted at their suggestion.

### Sunnyside Flats

A letter had been received from Wellingborough Housing Department in response to the Parish Council's request to enhance the garden area of the flats as a Golden Jubilee project, stating that it would object to the project, that the residents would need to be contacted for their views and that there was no funding available. It was agreed to respond by asking what their objections were and to confirm that fund raising would be undertaken within the Village. It would also be pointed out that the provision of gates would improve security and keep out stray dogs.

### Elder bushes

A further request would be made to have the elder bushes at the Worlds End cut back.

### **Planning Matters**

The following applications had been received:

30 High Street: New rear windows and conservatory.

Ecton House: The conversion of the accommodation block into a detached dwelling house. This was approved in principle but reservations were expressed concerning the external appearance of the building as it is not faced completely in stone.

Pear Tree Cottage: Approval had been granted for a loft conversion and conservatory and it was noted that two small windows facing the churchyard had been deleted from the scheme.

It was agreed that Mr Moffett and Mr Creed would complete a 'Best Value Review' questionnaire from the NCC Planning & Transportation Service.

Mr Wilson raised concerns regarding the conditions applied to the conversions taking place within the grounds of Ecton Hall and asked if these could be raised with the Planning Department of Wellingborough BC.

### **Highway Matters**

West Street sign: The new 'No through road' sign is not deterring heavy vehicles from using West Street and turning at the bottom. It was considered that the sign needs to state that there are no turning facilities available at the end of the street and a letter will be written to NCC requesting it.

A4500 - Proposed 40 mph speed limit: The Parish Council fully supports this proposal but will request speed cameras so that the speed limit can be enforced.

Sustainable Minor Works programme: Mr Dicks and Mr Green will attend the proposed meeting in Wellingborough and will then meet with other members to discuss possible projects.

## **Playing Field**

It was agreed that the main recommendations of the Playing Field Report should be carried out. The centre swing would be removed, the Worlds End would be asked to cut back the bushes, the rust on the slide would be monitored and enquiries would be made from the supplier regarding a sealant for the tiles.

## **Police Matters**

Police Report: PC Peter Hooper was in attendance for this item and reported that the crime figures for July and August were very low in respect of crime in the village itself, most having been either at Sywell Country Park or on the A45.

The Chairman referred to the letter from Inspector Coltman regarding the consultation process for the local policing plan for 2002/03. It was agreed that the four subjects mentioned in his letter should be supported and PC Hooper would convey this to Inspector Coltman.

PC Hooper informed the Council that he would be returning to duties in Wellingborough at the end of the month and that a new PC would be allocated to Ecton. He was thanked for all the excellent work he had done for the village over the last four years. It was noted that PC Peter Griffin will be the contact point in the office for an indefinite period.

## **Financial Matters**

### Accounts approved for Payment

Playground Inspection	£85.19
Powergen:	£126.43
ABB:	£32.55
Mr D Dicks [Chairman's allowance]	£50.00
Mrs P Hall salary and expenses:	£137.79

It was noted that a budget of £6260 had been submitted to Wellingborough BC for the year 2002/03.

## **Correspondence**

The following correspondence had been received:

WBC	Planning Guidance Notes for Parish Councils
NALC	Notice of AGM on 27 October and Agenda papers
NALC	Details of courses for Councillors/Clerks

NALC	Proposed changes in Local Council Audit
NALC	July/August Update
Northants Police Authority	Annual Report 2000/2001
WBC	Contaminated Land Strategy
Wellingborough Forum	Dates of Meetings
NHS Executive	Consultation on proposal to establish a Leicestershire/ Northamptonshire/Rutland Strategic Health Authority.
Northamptonshire ACRE	Minutes of AGM and Activities Report 2000/2001
NCC	Wellingborough Area Committee.

### **Any Other Business**

A date of 23 March 2002 had been agreed for Mr Paul Stinchcombe to hold a surgery in the village.

Dr Bantock reported his attendance at the Caravan Roadshow in Crow Lane regarding the proposed Family allocated sites for travellers. Forms were handed out and dates given when public meetings were to be held.

David Dicks, Chairman

## **THE ECTON FELLOWSHIP**

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 13th November at 2.30pm in the Village Club

Joy Drage and her husband will show slides and talk about Nepal. Joy and her husband have given us many interesting and facinating accounts of their varied experiences, so we are sure of another enjoyable afternoon

Please come and bring a friend.

Joan Dickins

Ecton Primary School would like to take this opportunity of inviting all residents of Ecton to a Christmas Tea Party to be held on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm in the school hall.

Tea and mince pies will be served, and the children will entertain with carols and songs. There will also be a raffle and tombola stall.

Please come!!

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### **W.I. REPORT**

The Annual General Meeting was held on 2nd October.

Reports from the Treasurer and Secretary were read and adopted as a true record of the years activities. The programme was varied and enjoyed by everyone.

We entered the Short Mat Bowls Competition and now look forward to the County Quiz in November.

Members enjoyed Poems and Puddings with some surprising talents.

We are sorry to bid farewell to June Marshman, a very loyal member. Though she assures us she will keep in touch.

Next Meeting 6th November. When we will hold an Autumn Auction. Anything goes!

Teas Mrs N. Scott Mrs J. Wilson

Competition. A handy Household Hint.

**Ecton Village Club**  
**Proposed Refurbishment of Hall**

The Committee is naturally very disappointed at the failure to secure funding from the Community Fund (National Lotteries) on their recent application. The bid failed on just a few minor points and assurance has been given by the Community Fund and Northants ACRE that most requests are not successful at the first few attempts.

Thanks and appreciation go to the Sub-committee for all their hard work gathering and submitting the necessary information for the application and, in view of this, the decision was made at the recent Committee Meeting to go ahead and submit another application in December.

If we do not do something to obtain funds to refurbish our village hall there will not be anywhere for the community in general to meet, for whatever reason, as the present facilities do not meet current health and safety regulations etc. We must try once more ..... Please do all you can to support our endeavours.

TG 11<sup>th</sup> October 2001

**CHILDRENS SOCIETY**

I WILL BE COLLECTING THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY BOXES IN NOVEMBER. IT WOULD BE VERY HELPFUL IF THOSE WHO ATTEND CHURCH WOULD BRING THEIR BOXES TO CHURCH

THANK YOU

Pat Baylis

### CLEANING ROTA

November 3	Green	A
November 10	Orange	B
November 17	Red	A
November 24	Pink	B
December 1	Yellow	A

### BRASS CLEANING

November 3 Ingrid & Keith Cartwright

### COFFEE ROTA

November 4	Millie Harlott/Margaret Weddle
November 11	Dorothy Creed/Jean Leigh
November 18	Margaret finch/Anthea Barnes
November 25	Nick & Mary Greene
December 2	June Marshman/Marian Gleave



### **ECTON CHURCH LOTTERY..SEPTEMBER 2001.**

90	Mrs. L. Richards	£50.00
139	Mrs. W. Soames	£10.00
19	Mrs. A. Henderson	£10.00
66	Mrs. S. Saunders	£10.00
121	Mrs. I. Day	£10.00
164	Mrs. M. Utting	£10.00

## STEWARDSHIP ENVELOPES

As usual the new boxes of envelopes will be delivered to you or put on a table at the back of the church, from the middle of November, ready to start on Advent Sunday, December 2nd.

As there has been a surplus over the last few years, we are using up these for this year, re-dated and numbered. If anyone else would like envelopes for their weekly giving, please let me know.

If you pay Income Tax you can take advantage of the Tax Gift Aid Scheme, which enables the church to recover tax at the standard rate, Walter Barty or I can give you details.

Marian Gleave  
[407889]

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*The Lord spoke to Moses and said, 'I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, "At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God."' In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, 'What is it?' For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, 'It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat.'*

*Exodus 16:11-15 (NRSV)*