

# **THE ECTON VIEW**

## **MAY 2021 - ISSUE 183**



# Parish and Village Directory



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Watching over the nest - Photo by John Crane

## **Ecton Church Lottery**

**1<sup>st</sup> Prize for April Lottery: T & J Ackroyd**

## Editors Note

Welcome to the May issue of the Ecton View. May is named after the Roman god Maia, goddess of growing plants. It's also the month when you, the good people of Ecton, get to vote for your Councillors, Police and Fire Commissioner and most importantly, a ballot on getting the council to recognise our Village Neighbourhood Plan. Please vote!

Thank you for the extra spring pictures we have this month, although we cannot print them in colour this month, you can see them in full colour in the email version, which will also be added to the Ecton Village Website. Special thanks to Chris Ellis and John Crane, keep the pictures coming in.....

As I approach my 6<sup>th</sup> year as Editor, would anyone be interested in becoming my assistant editor? This would be to edit just one or two issues per year, to cover future holidays etc. I find the process great fun and very rewarding. Basic IT skills would be an advantage, but assistance and training is available, any questions please give me a call - 07986 557773

Wendy



## Ecton Walks - 2021



We have resumed the Ecton Walks, starting with a five mile jaunt around Boughton and Pitsford. These will continue on a regular basis and will be publicised via the email list. If you would like to be included in the list please let me know.  
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# Ecton Village News

## ECTON - EGO's

Hello, we are missing getting together with you all. We sincerely hope that there will be some progressive relaxation of the lockdown over the coming months. If so we will start to plan something for you all. Meanwhile, continue to stay safe and look forward to the spring. Don't forget you can always ring us if you need to - Sally - 403027, Pat - 402582, Wendy - 07986 557773, Kathy - 404590, Denise - 07810 004051.

## It's all change at Ecton Village Hall!

As you know we have been closed for almost a year and restrictions will still be with us until June at the earliest. We now have a different Committee and we are beginning to plan for reopening. Last year we said goodbye to Alistair McRae, our secretary, and Sally Jones stood down as Chair and this year Carol Armstrong has handed over the booking clerk duties.

The new line up is as follows:

President - Colin Sotheby

Chair - Amy Brock

Secretary - Sally Jones

Treasurer - Claire Reid

Booking Clerk - Helen Bond

Committee members - Caroline Hunt, Lynne Nelson, Alistair McCarter, Paul Hulse, Alex Fernley and Rod Wilson

We hope we will be able to host a big village event to thank key workers in the village and to celebrate a return to community living. We may also organise a few other events this year. If you would have any ideas about possible events, or you would like to organise something please let any of us know or email Sally: [sally\\_bresnahan@hotmail.com](mailto:sally_bresnahan@hotmail.com)

We are looking forward to seeing our Hall in full use again. Thanks - Sally

## ECTON PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Moving on - Huge thanks to Martyn Hope and Bill Brophy for their contribution and commitment to the Parish Council which has been much appreciated by me and the PC. Bill joined in 2007 and became the lead for planning, this was an interesting role and introduced Bill to the world of Wellingborough Council . Bill has always spoken out for what he believes in and has brought useful and relevant challenge to the Council. Martyn joined more recently not long after he arrived in the village. He has also brought a new perspective that has been very helpful for us all. Martyn has always wanted to help and be involved in the village and he does this in lots of ways including organising and delivering the magazine. We will miss them both and I would like to personally thank them for their support.

I am stepping down as well this year as I need some more time for me and my family. I have enjoyed my involvement with the Parish Council for some 12 years and have appreciated the help and support of the other members. I hope some new people will now come forward to join the PC and I wish the Council all the best in its next chapter as part of North Northamptonshire Council. Thanks - Sally Jones

You can obtain a full copy of the latest Parish Council Minutes. Email: [ectonparishcouncil@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:ectonparishcouncil@yahoo.co.uk)

# Anglian Water Traffic



Grant Tufts has sent an email on behalf of Anglian Water with the following content. I have replied thanking him for persevering with trying to stop unauthorised Anglian Water traffic through the village (a planning condition when the Crow Lane site was first given planning permission).

*"I wanted to share some news about our further response to the issue of Anglian Water and contractor vehicles using the village as a 'rat-run'. As we have discussed previously, frequent attempts have been made to get this message across to our teams which hasn't always been heeded unfortunately. However, following a recent senior manager review, some firm actions have now been implemented to address this problem, including:*

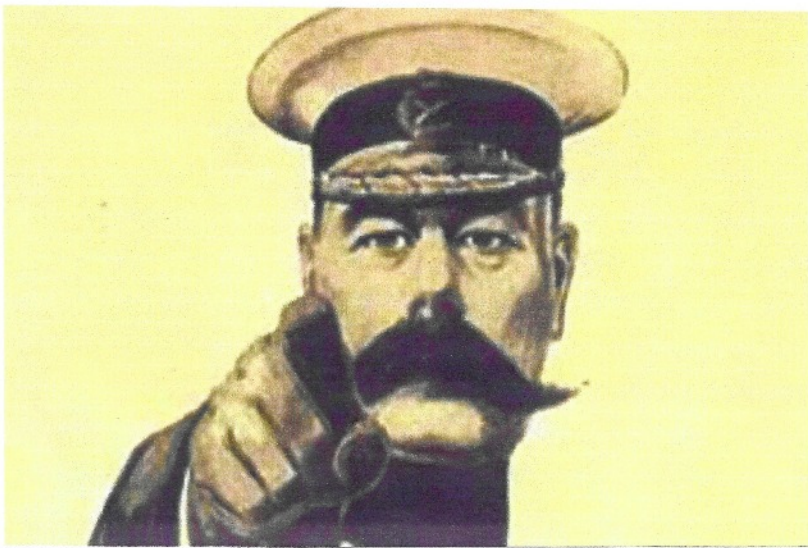
- *Clear signage on our exit gate(s) at our Great Billing site, as shown in the image below; as well as other reminder signs on the roads within the site.*
- *A detailed briefing note including a map showing the 'approved' route for our drivers, avoiding Ecton village – sent directly to the few hundred employees / contractors who use the site.*
- *A company-wide message informing all of our employees about the need to avoid driving through the village included in our weekly all-employee communication.*
- *Posters in mess rooms / offices on site showing the 'approved' route.*
- *Spot checks, whereby managers will, at random times (most likely early morning / late afternoon) observe traffic at either end of the village and will stop any Anglian Water vehicles seen to tell them not to drive through the village – and turn around if necessary.*
- *Reminding our drivers that if they have no choice but to go through the village, they drive at a minimal speed. As there may be a valid operational reason for us to visit the village of course.*

*I hope this provides some reassurance that we are taking this matter seriously, and we will endeavour to do all we can to reduce the impact of our activities on the village – we want to be good neighbours and do the right thing by our customers.*

*If you have any further questions do please let me know, and by all means share this note with the parish council and local community."*

*Kind regards - Grant*

- Alistair McCarter



## **ECTON PARISH COUNCIL** **NEEDS YOUR HELP**

**OUR MEETINGS ARE HELD EVERY 2 MONTHS  
AND USUALLY LAST NO MORE THAN 2 HOURS.**

**AS WE ARE NO LONGER PART OF THE LOCAL  
BOROUGH, IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WE  
CONTINUE TO MAKE OUR OWN DECISIONS  
ABOUT ECTON.**

**Without a Parish Council, all Village affairs would be  
decided by the new Unitary authority, North  
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**IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN JOINING OUR PARISH  
COUNCIL TO HELP DEAL WITH VILLAGE MATTERS  
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# NOTICE OF UNCONTESTED ELECTION

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## Election of Parish Councillors for Ecton on Thursday 6 May 2021

I, being the Returning Officer at the above election, report that the persons whose names appear below were duly elected Parish Councillors for Ecton.

Name of Candidate	Home Address	Description (if any)
BOND Nigel	(address in North Northamptonshire)	Resident for ten years
DICKS David Christopher	Field House, 40 West Street, Ecton, NN6 0QF	
FERNLEY Joe	Walnut House, 56A High Street, Ecton, Northamptonshire, NN6 0QB	
MCCARTER Alistair	35 High Street, Ecton, Northants, NN6 0QA	

Dated Thursday 8 April 2021

Rob Bridge  
Returning Officer

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## No Mow May

The charity "Plantlife" are encouraging everyone, including councils NOT to mow grass/lawns in May. This gives wildflowers a chance to bloom at a time when bees, butterflies and other important insects really need the pollen and nectar. If you can't leave all your grass un-mown in May, then how about leaving part of it un-mown and see the beautiful flowers and grasses that appear.

## Peat

We must all be aware now of the importance of peat bogs and their disastrous decline. There are many more peat free composts available at garden centres and even shops such as Wilko, B&Q and Homebase so why not give them a try this year.

- Charlotte Eley

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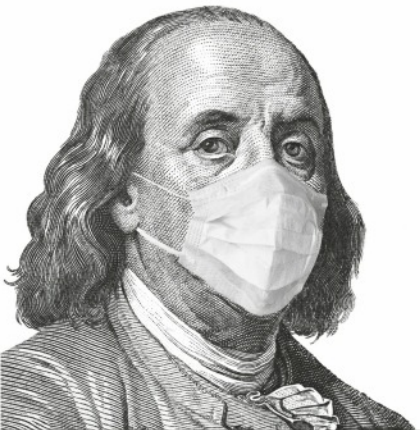
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## **Ecton Churchyard Monthly Tidy Up**

A very big thank you to all who gave up their time on a sunny Saturday a couple of weeks ago to give the churchyard a good tidy up. At least five bulk bags of clippings etc were created (and removed thanks to Alistair). And thank you to all those who regularly help with mowing and strimming.

To keep the momentum we are reverting to our monthly clear up, starting on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> May and then continuing on the first Saturday of each month thereafter, the next one being 5<sup>th</sup> June.

(And hopefully it won't be long before coffee and cakes is on the agenda too!)

### **Update on Church Opening**

We are pleased we are now open again for prayer and services. Hygiene regulations and social distancing are in place and face coverings must be worn in church

Ecton church is now open for private prayer on Saturdays 9.30am - 10.30am (except when there is a service on the Sunday)

Worship across the benefice in May is as follows:

<b>Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 10am</b>	<b>Wilby</b>	<b>Morning Prayer</b>
<b>Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> May 11am</b>	<b>Gt Doddington</b>	<b>Morning Prayer</b>
<b>Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> May 10am</b>	<b>Ecton</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
<b>Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 10am</b>	<b>Wilby</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
<b>Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> May 11am</b>	<b>Gt Doddington</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>

All are welcome, but because restrictions have reduced the maximum number of people it is possible to have in the building, it is **important that you let Revd. Jackie Buck know if you intend to come to a service.** A temporary record of those attending will be taken for track and trace purposes.

We are continuing to hold **worship on Zoom at 4pm each Sunday**  
Please contact Revd. Jackie Buck for more details.

Revd. Jackie Buck  
jackiebuck@hotmail.co.uk - 01933 631232



## Rector's Letter May 2021

Given the impact of Covid there is a great need for prayer at this time, prayer for our world, our neighbours and ourselves.

In May 2016 the Archbishops of Canterbury and York invited Christians from across the Church of England to join a wave of prayer during the days between Ascension and Pentecost - a time when the church traditionally focuses on prayer.

What started out as an idea gained momentum and in a short space of time *Thy Kingdom Come* has become a global ecumenical prayer movement, a great wave of prayer across our land, throughout the Church of England and many other Churches.

This year the event is being held from 13<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> May.

Because of the pandemic we will not be holding an event in the church this year but booklets and prayers will be available in the church porch or can be delivered to your door.

There are also lots of resources online at [www.thykingdomcome.global](http://www.thykingdomcome.global). Included this year are some resources specifically aimed at children. *Thy Kingdom come* has partnered with the **Cheeky Pandas** to bring a variety of resources that seek to get children excited about the Bible and prayer, and ultimately, help each child build a beautiful life-long relationship with God... with some panda fun along the way!

If you would like more information on praying or guidance on any aspect of the Christian living, please do get in touch.

Yours in Christ,

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# ECTON VILLAGE GOLF DAY 2021

The annual Village Golf Day is postponed from Tuesday May 25<sup>th</sup> to Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2021 at Overstone Park Golf Club.

Please advise Steve Hunt if you are still keen to play, on 07545 463721

As the main purpose of the day is social rather than the actual golf, if we can't safely have a meal afterwards or congregate down the Three Horseshoes later in the evening due to Covid-19 then it will be postponed until we can! Surely it will be safe by then??

Cost should be similar to 2019 – c. £20 for members at Overstone and c. £32 for non-members.

I'm not asking for a deposit yet until we are more certain of the date – I still have 2 or 3 deposits from last year – you may remember who you are!!

All who have played before are invited – please let me know if you intend to play. Guests will be welcome at the meal afterwards.

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## Ecton Neighbourhood Development Plan Referendum

Work on our Neighbourhood Plan started when the Parish Council felt that the community should have a say in how our Parish is developed and in ensuring that any developments reflect the unique character of the village.

Our Neighbourhood Plan sets out a vision for our Parish until 2031 which aims to ensure that:

*'Ecton will retain its distinctive village character whilst the built and natural heritage of the Parish, including its valued countryside, will be retained and enhanced. Ecton will feel safe and will continue to be a vibrant, thriving and inclusive rural community.'*

**The final stage of our journey to getting our plan adopted is a Referendum. This will be held alongside the 6<sup>th</sup> May council elections. If you agree with the above statement, *please do vote YES to the plan.***

If you want to read the plan in detail, or just refresh your memory, you can find a download at: <https://tinyurl.com/epcnp> or by following the QR Code on the right.





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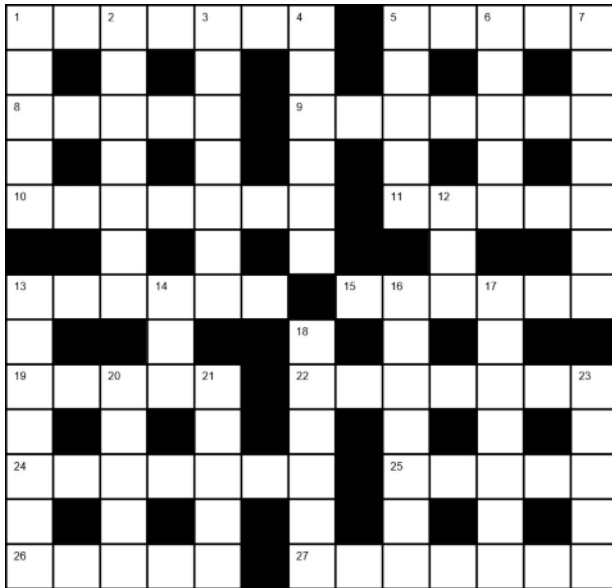


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# Puzzle Page - May 2021



Clues marked \* are cryptic. Some of their answers begin with this month which is ignored in the clue. Unmarked clues are normal definition clues.

## Across

- 1 Opportunities (7)
- 5 Cosa Nostra (5)
- 8 Impress a mark (5)
- 9 From Lodz perhaps \* (4)
- 10 Spectre swaps penny and cent for staff \* (7)
- 11 First PM of India (5)
- 13 Soar \* (3)
- 15 24 hours \* (3)
- 19 Beryllium \* (2)
- 22 TV show featuring Grayson Perry (3,4)
- 24 Largest flightless bird (7)
- 25 Alternatively \* (2)
- 26 Excessive speed (5)
- 27 Roam back around a little bull fighter \* (7)

## Down

- 1 Valises (5)
- 2 Secondary school (7)
- 3 Main city (7)
- 4 Plastic explosive (6)
- 5 Indefinite article \* (2)
- 6 Top of a beer (5)
- 7 Neolithic henge in Wiltshire (7)
- 12 England's smallest city (3)
- 13 Huge moth holds a millimetre \* (7)
- 14 Defibrillator holds a lie \* (3)
- 16 Try agency worker in a TT \* (7)
- 17 Place in action is late \* (7)
- 18 Folded edge \* (3)
- 20 Yes, it changed mountain creatures \* (5)
- 21 Mobile provider holds illuminated best \* (5)
- 23 Woodworm for example (5)

## Bin Collection for May & June 2021

Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> May	Black Bin	Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	Black Bin
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> May	Green Bin & Brown	Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> June	Green Bin & Brown
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	Black Bin	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	Black Bin
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> May	Green Bin & Brown	Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	Green Bin & Brown

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Post Box at The Laurels:-

Monday to Friday 9:00am and Saturday 7:00am

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From time to time we can experience strong odours.



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If someone in your bubble tests positive, stay home and get a test

## Crossword Solution May 2021

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Date	Time	Event	Location
Wed 5 <sup>th</sup> May	On Line	Ecton Virtual Village Quiz	-----
Fri 7 <sup>th</sup> May	07:00-	Black Bin Collection	-----
Sat 8 <sup>th</sup> May	10:00-16:00	Tidy Churchyard	Ecton Churchyard
Fri 14 <sup>th</sup> May	07:00-	Green & Brown Bin Collection	-----
Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> May	07:00-	Black Bin Collection	-----
Fri 28 <sup>th</sup> May	07:00-	Green & Brown Bin Collection	-----
Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> May	07:00-	Black Bin Collection	-----
Fri 28 <sup>th</sup> May	To Sun 13 <sup>th</sup> June	Great British Spring Clean	-----
June 2021			
Fri 4 <sup>th</sup> June	07:00-	Black Bin Collection	-----
Sat 5 <sup>th</sup> June	10:00-16:00	Tidy Churchyard	Ecton Churchyard
Fri 11 <sup>th</sup> June	07:00-	Green & Brown Bin Collection	-----
Fri 18 <sup>th</sup> June	07:00-	Black Bin Collection	-----
Fri 25 <sup>th</sup> June	07:00-	Green & Brown Bin Collection	-----
July 2021			
Tue 6 <sup>th</sup> July	TBC	Ecton Village Golf Day	Overstone Golf Club

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