

THE ECTON VIEW

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Ecton Church Lottery					
Winners for November 2022					
1st Prize	£50	Maggie Mulvey	2nd Prize	£25	Sarah Charles
Winners for December 2022					
1st Prize	£50	Cora Ross	2nd Prize	£25	Colin & Margaret Tinston
Winners for January 2023					
1st Prize	£50	Hannah Earby	2nd Prize	£25	Maggie Mulvey

Editors Note

A belated Happy New Year to you all and Xīnnián hǎo to all our Chinese Friends. As we swing towards February the days are bright and frosty, so I am glad to say that the Winter Warmer Events at the village hall will continue into March. I know from the excellent feedback, that everyone has enjoyed the great food and the company that comes with it! A big thanks to those who are volunteering for this and the monthly Ecton Brew, you really do make a difference.

If you wish to get some more warmth, then Toast Sunday with Anita returns on 19th February - This is a great fun and fund-raising afternoon at the Three Horseshoes..

Here is the first moan of 2023. You may be aware that, starting this year we will have a pay £40 for our Brown Bins to be emptied. I encourage you all to start composting asap. For more details go to www.northnorthants.gov.uk/bin-collections/garden-waste

See you all again in March

Wendy

ECTON WINTER WARMERS

The Village Hall, Church and Parish Council have all been discussing the difficult economic situation the country is facing. We have decided to offer some opportunities for our community to come together in the warmth of the village hall, to have some lunch and to meet friends and neighbours. Just come and join us for lunch and hot drinks. Everyone is welcome and there is no need to book and there is no charge.

Just a few days when you don't need to worry about heating your house or cooking a meal. - Please come and join us.

We will open the Hall from 11am until 3pm, come and have a chat, read the paper, have a hot drink.

Lunch will be served between 12noon and 2pm. The upcoming dates are: February 10th & 24th and March 10th & 24th.



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Ecton Village News

EGO's

The EGO's next get-together is Friday 17th February, at the Village Hall for Lunch, the next few meetings are on the following dates,

Friday 17th March

Friday 21st April

Friday 19th May

These may change but we will always keep you updated as we go along through the year. New members are always welcome, all year round, just pop along and have a chat. Keep an eye out for Winter Warmers as well for other opportunities to come for lunch and to keep warm at the Village Hall.

ECTON WALKS 2023

The new season of Ecton Walks will begin in February. The plan is for two walks per month - one of which will be more of a stroll and the other a longer walk. I am planning to begin on Wednesday 8th February for a 3-4 mile walk, meeting at the Shrine at 9.30am.

If you would like to be included on the email list please let me know - nigelbond@talktalk.net.

ECTON PARISH COUNCIL

There are two vacancies for Parish Councillor at Ecton Parish Council, for all those that are interested, please email the Parish Clerk at clerk@ectonparishcouncil.org.uk. You can obtain a full copy of the latest Parish Council Minutes. Email: clerk@ectonparishcouncil.org.uk
Agendas and Minutes can also be downloaded from the website - www.ectonvillage.co.uk/parish-council/meetings-and-copy-minutes/

A MESSAGE TO ECTON

A heartfelt "thank you" to all those who gave me support during the last few months. May I also extend thanks to the EGO's and helpers on 29th December
Maurice Creed

<u>Bin Collection for February & March 2023</u>			
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Friday 17 th February	Green Bin	Friday 17 th March	Green Bin
Friday 24 th February	Black Bin	Friday 24 th March	Black Bin
		Friday 31 st March	Green Bin
Brown Bins - For information on the new Garden Waste Scheme - Please go to - www.northnorthants.gov.uk/bin-collections/garden-waste			

Ecton Churchyard Tidy

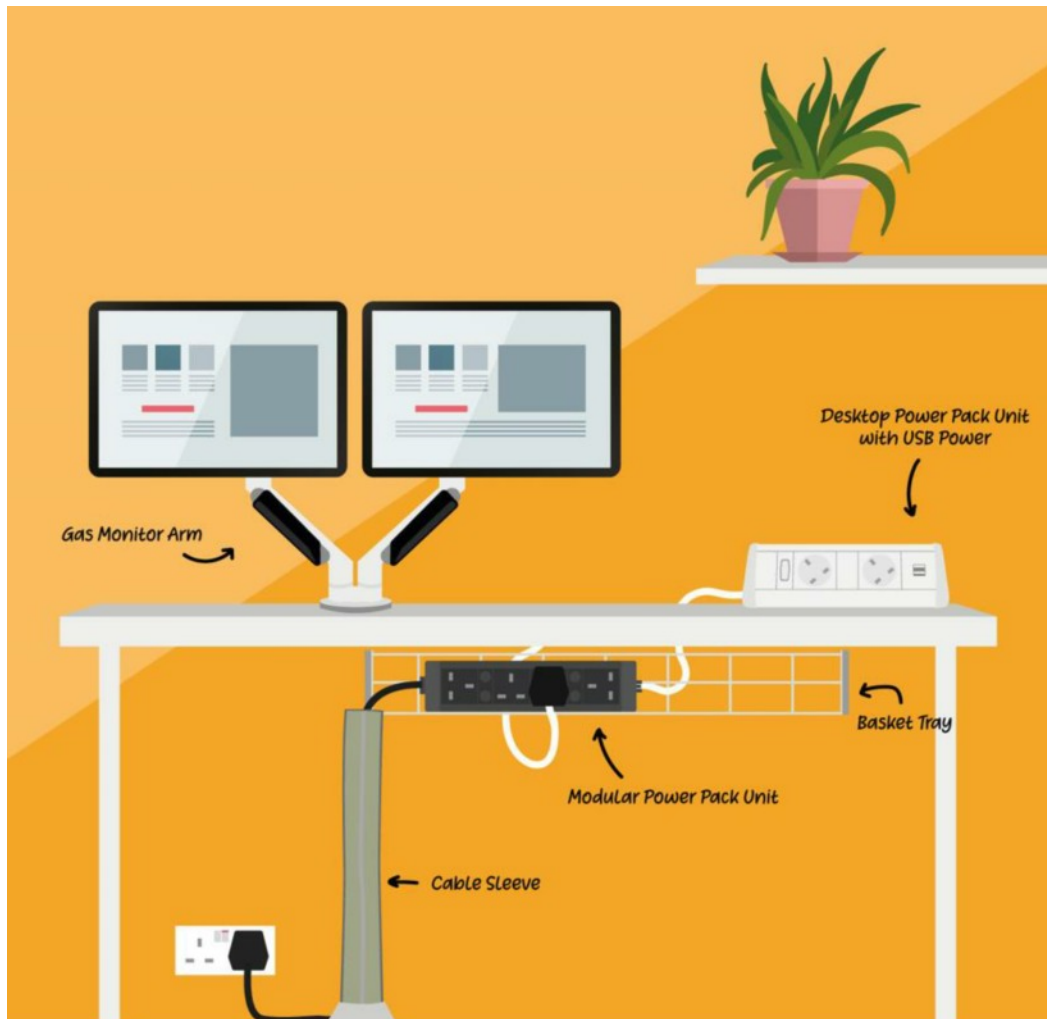
The next Churchyard Tidy will be on Saturday 4th February anytime in the morning, weather permitting. Saturday 4th March will be the next date.

If you would like to help please do come along, there is always a job!



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Quinquennial Inspection of the Church

The Quinquennial Inspection of the church building and churchyard took place in October 2022. The written report to the PCC acknowledges the work that has been done on the building and churchyard over the past 5 years, and has clearly identified the work that needs to be carried out over the next 5 years. The following paragraphs are short extracts from the report.

'The building is well maintained, however, ancient structures such as this do require constant maintenance and repair.'

'We are pleased to report that, despite the challenges presented by Covid, the church is a viable operation and the PCC are to be encouraged and congratulated for the diligent manner in which they maintain and operate the church.'

'The churchyard is extremely well maintained and is in good order. For the most part it is down to grass, which is well mown, but there are gravel footpaths from the south west corner, leading to the south porch, there are paths which surround the church and paths to the north churchyard wall gates. All are in very good condition, the grass edgings obviously having been recently maintained.'

These statements are as a result of a great deal of hard work and financial contributions from many individuals and organisations in the village and beyond. The PCC is extremely grateful and as churchwardens, Linda and Joy would like to express their sincere thanks to you all. We would also like to thank all who help to make sure that church services run smoothly and to ensure that all visitors to the church and church yard feel welcome. Your contributions are greatly valued and very much appreciated.

Ecton Services for February 2023

Sun 5th February	No Morning Services at Ecton Please join us at Wilby & Great Doddington	
	9.30am Holy Communion	Wilby
	11am Holy Communion	Gt Doddington
Tues 7 th February	10am Holy Communion	Ecton
Sun 12th February	9.30am Holy Communion	Ecton
Sun 19th February	9.30am Holy Communion	Ecton
Wed 22nd February	7.30pm Benefice Holy Communion	Ecton
Sun 26th February	11am Morning Prayer	Ecton

Rector's Letter February 2023



With the arrival of the month of February the evenings are gradually getting lighter and signs of spring are beginning to appear. The first spring flowers are bursting into life and the trees and shrubs are beginning to stir out of their winter slumber.

As a keen gardener I am looking forward to the prospect of getting out into the garden once again and I have already been sorting through my seed packets to see what I can set first.

February also sees the beginning of Lent, a season which begins on Ash-Wednesday, which this year is on 22nd February. The season of Lent, a period of 40 days (46 if you include Sundays) reminds us of the time Jesus spent in the wilderness before his ministry began.

Many traditions have grown up around Lent. Some people find it helpful to give something up, for example chocolate, as the season is one of fasting. Others take something up, committing maybe to spending more time in prayer or reading the Bible or Lent book; others commit to learning a Bible verse each day. All have their own advantages and help prepare us for Easter Day. Please do contact me if you would like some suggestions on what you might do.

To begin Lent there will be a service of Holy Communion on **22nd February at Ecton church at 7.30pm**. During the service we will receive the sign of the cross, in ash prepared from last year's palm crosses, on our foreheads with the words "*Remember you are dust and to dust you shall return. Turn away from sin and be faithful to Christ*" This reminds us of our own mortality and our need of repentance, saying sorry for the things we have done wrong, and asking for God's forgiveness.

Lent gives us the opportunity to grow closer to God, and so be ready to meet the risen Lord on Easter Day, which this year is on 9th April. It is lovely to think that by the time Easter comes our gardens will be bursting with new life, reminding us of the new life that God offers to us through His Son Jesus Christ.

However you prepare for Easter I pray you will have a very holy and peaceful Lent.

Yours in Christ,

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Ecton Parish Council

Hello again, this is my second article for the newsletter and as/when we have any information from our council meetings I will try to write something! At our latest meeting we had to discuss the thorny issue of the village Precept.

You many not know, but for the last 7-8 years the Parish Council has deliberately frozen the Precept amount needed (unlike some neighbouring villages) and tried to work with what we have, but our usable “money pot”, has become smaller as a result.

In general we have received about £8000/year to use, but recently we had to fix some street lights on the A4500 at cost over £1000, so you can see a huge chunk of our annual money is going out of the door just to stay static! Not to mention the increased electricity costs to keep them lit!!

To try and keep “future” precepts down, we are currently looking to “proactively” upgrade all the lights in Ecton, to LED lights, to

1. Reduce electricity bills (9w bulbs)
2. 10 years of maintenance free use
3. No expensive repair bills
4. More Environmental friendly
5. Better lighting / more focused light
6. Dimmable lighting when needed

We know if the lights are left “as is” we will end up in a much worst position overall, with massive costs being stored up in the near future, which will require more severe requests for money, which we would all have to pay for.

We have therefore, after careful thought, decided to ask for an increase of the precept now, but with the intention that any increases to future precepts will only be “where necessary”.

I hope you understand our dilemma coming to you for money, but we believe that in most circumstances it equates to about £2/month for most households.

Kind regards - Ian Whittaker

Chair - Ecton Parish Council

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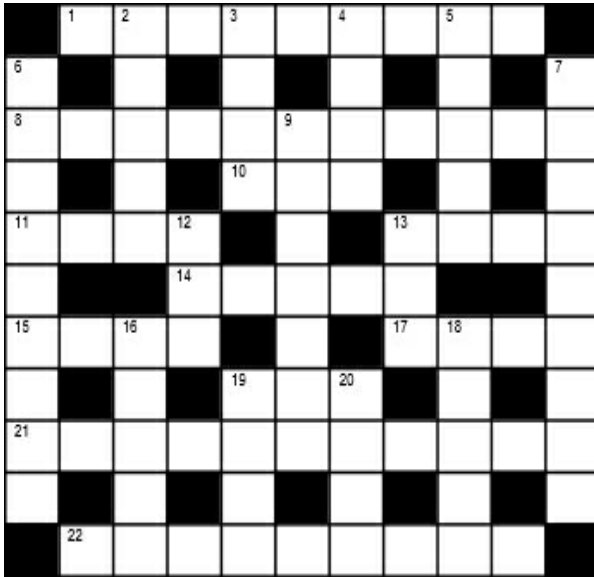


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Ecton Crossword - February 2023



Clues marked * are cryptic, including one that relates to Ecton. The rest of the clues are normal.

Across

- 1 Completely confuse LA wealthy * (3,3,3)
 8 Alas a sacred mixed dish * (6,5)
 10 For what reason (3)
 11 Bauxite perhaps nothing added for biscuit * (4)
 13 Able to mix bundle * (4)
 14 Brand of resonator guitar (5)
 15 Daring (4)
 17 Wannabe star holds premiere * (4)
 19 Provide weapons (3)
 21 Enthusiast brewed average beer * (5,6)
 22 Eat into game bird by a river * (5,4)

Down

- 2 Feudal superior (5)
 3 What changed Morse actor? * (4)
 4 Undemanding (4)
 5 Largest town in Clackmannanshire (5)
 6 Recent bow tied on first Friday * (5,4)
 7 Endure VAT, arranged escapade * (9)
 9 Indistinct crowd noise used by actors (7)
 12 Unusual (3)
 13 Brief curtsy (3)
 16 Regal knocks back drink * (5)
 18 Leaves off 50 roof edges * (5)
 19 Zone (4)
 20 Brief missive (4)

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Winter pruning

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Bird feeders and nest boxes

Remember to regularly clean bird feeders and move their position in the garden, to help keep birds healthy and prevent disease.

It is not too late to put a nest box up in your garden. The BTO & RSPB have lots of information on the best places to site nest boxes.

Snowdrops and Aconites

Now is the time to get out to see these beautiful flowers. Chelveston churchyard has a wonderful display and a special weekend on 11th/12th February. The snowdrops are starting to show in Ecton churchyard too.

- Charlotte Eley



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Date	Time	Event	Location
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Fri 3 rd Feb	06:30-	Green Bin Collection	-----
Fri 3 rd Feb	10:00-12:30	Ecton Brew Coffee Shop	Ecton Village Hall
Sat 4 th Feb	09:30-12:00	Churchyard Tidy-Up	Ecton Church
Wed 8 th Feb	09:30 -	Ecton Walk	Ecton Shrine
Fri 10 th Feb	06:30-	Black Bin Collection	-----
Fri 10 th Feb	11:00 - 15:00	Ecton Winter Warmers	Ecton Village Hall
Sat 12 th Feb	Evening	Live Music - Brighton Riot	Three Horseshoes
Wed 15 th Feb	12:00-	Pub Quiz - 8pm Start	Three Horseshoes
Fri 17 th Feb	06:30-	Green Bin Collection	-----
Fri 17 th Feb	12:00-	EGO's Lunch Meeting	Ecton Village Hall
Sun 19 th Feb	12:30-	Anita's Toast Sunday	Three Horseshoes
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