



**THE ECTON VIEW**  
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# Parish and Village Directory



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Front Cover:- Spring has Sprung! The sheep  
are back in the fields. Photo by Nigel Bond.

<b>Ecton Church Lottery</b>		
<b>Winners for March 2023</b>		
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Prize</b>	<b>£50</b>	<b>Audrey Fitzhugh</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Prize</b>	<b>£25</b>	<b>John Holmes</b>

## Editors Note

Well Spring has officially begun, we have Lambs in the fields, daffodils in full bloom and the Easter holidays are rapidly approaching. All we need now is some sunshine!

This months issue is packed with What's On and the village plans for The Coronation so there's lots to do.

If you, or a relative of yours, have memories of the late Queen's Coronation, please send them too me for inclusion in May or June issues.

See you in May

Wendy

**IT'S BACK! .....**  
**SAVE THE DATE ....**  
**SATURDAY 25TH NOVEMBER**  
**ECTON SAFARI SUPPER**  
**MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW SOON!**

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# **Ecton Village News**

## **EGO's**

The EGO's next get-together is Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April, at the Village Hall for Lunch, the next few meetings are on the following dates,

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> August

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September

These may change but we will always keep you updated as we go along throughout the year. New members are always welcome, all year round, just pop along and have a chat.

## **ECTON WALKS 2023**

The next Ecton Walks are planned for 12<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> April. Details will come out to the mailing list beforehand. If you would like to be included on the email list please let me know - [nigelbond@talktalk.net](mailto:nigelbond@talktalk.net).

## **THE CORONATION**

The Village Hall committee have organised a Big Lunch on Sunday May 7<sup>th</sup>. If you want to get involved please contact Sally on 07850 416 429.

## **THANK YOU TO ECTON BRIDGE DRIVE**

The PCC (Parochial Church Council) are very grateful for the continued support from the organisers of the Ecton Bridge Drive and their recent donation of £555. Thank you.

## **ECTON PARISH COUNCIL**

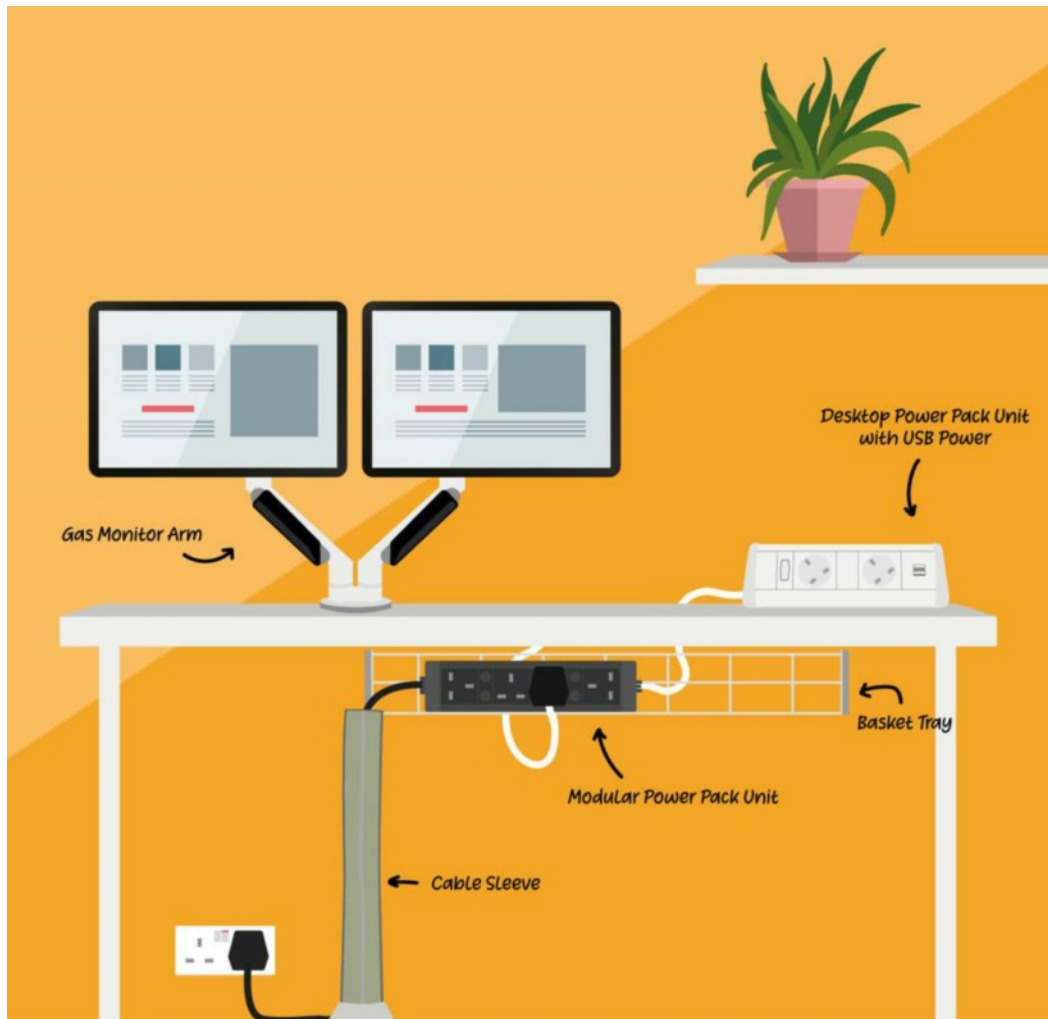
There are still vacancies for a Parish Councillor at Ecton Parish Council, for all those that are interested, please email the Parish Clerk at [clerk@ectonparishcouncil.org.uk](mailto:clerk@ectonparishcouncil.org.uk). You can obtain a full copy of the latest Parish Council Minutes. Email:

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Agendas and Minutes can also be downloaded from the website - [www.ectonvillage.co.uk/parish-council/meetings-and-copy-minutes/](http://www.ectonvillage.co.uk/parish-council/meetings-and-copy-minutes/)

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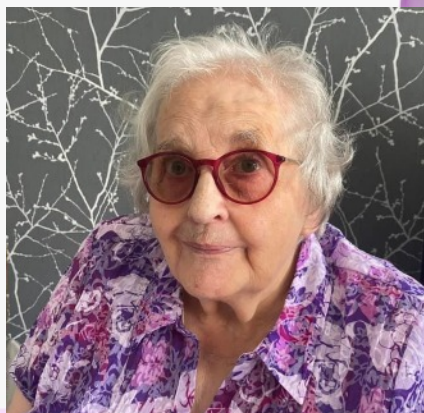
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# JUNE LESTER

Tracey and Kevin Lester wish to thank you all for the lovely kind cards, gifts of flowers and words of support and love, received after the sad loss of their Mum.

Also a special 'thank you' for all the generous donations for The British Heart Foundation, received in memory of June.



## Ecton Churchyard Tidy

The next Churchyard Tidy will be on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> April anytime in the morning, weather permitting.

The next date will be on the Bank Holiday for the Coronation (8<sup>th</sup> May) designated as a volunteering day under the banner -

### **The Big Help Out.**

Please see separate article for details.



## **Ecton Services for April 2023**

<b>Sun 2<sup>nd</sup> April</b> <b>Palm Sunday</b>	<b>No Morning Services at Ecton</b> <b>Please join us at Wilby &amp; Great Doddington</b> 9.30am Holy Communion 11am Holy Communion	<b>Wilby</b> <b>Gt Doddington</b>
Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	7.30pm Compline (Night Prayer)	<b>Ecton</b>
Tues 4 <sup>th</sup> April	10am Holy Communion	<b>Ecton</b>
Tues 4 <sup>th</sup> April	2pm Songs of Praise	<b>Ecton Village Hall</b>
<b>Sun 9<sup>th</sup> April</b> <b>Easter Day</b>	<b>9.30am Holy Communion</b>	<b>Ecton</b>
<b>Sun 16<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>9.30am Holy Communion</b>	<b>Ecton</b>
<b>Sun 23<sup>rd</sup> April</b>	<b>11am Morning Prayer</b>	<b>Ecton</b>
<b>Sun 30<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>No Service at Ecton</b> <b>Benefice Holy Communion</b>	<b>Wilby</b>

## Rector's Letter April 2023



*"There is a time for everything and  
a season for every activity under the heavens"*  
Ecclesiastes 3:1

April is traditionally the time for spring cleaning. As the sun shines through the windows so the layers of dust are exposed and we notice items which, in the darkness of winter, have all but hidden themselves from view.

As we look in our wardrobes, so our spring clothes call to us and we tentatively store away our winter jumpers. As cupboards are opened, we see afresh the need to have a clear out!

Having a good spring clean is not only good for our homes but for our souls too. As we look at things in a different light, making decisions on what to keep and what to let go of, we create more space and new opportunities arise. If you have ever watched any of the house cleaning programmes on television, you will know how true this can be. Even clearing out just one cupboard can make a difference to how we see ourselves and our surroundings.

For Christians April is a time of new life and new opportunities, as we celebrate Jesus' rising from the dead on Easter day. Easter Sunday this year is on 9<sup>th</sup> April and there will be a service in each of our churches, do join us if you can.

Through Jesus new light has come into the world, a light which can show up the dusty corners and forgotten things in our own lives. Maybe there is a Bible on a shelf which hasn't been read for while; maybe the habit of going to church has been broken; maybe there are things to say sorry for or things to do which have been put off.

Just as clearing out one cupboard can make a difference to our homes, likewise if we do just one thing to come closer to God this month, our outlook on life will be changed and new opportunities arise.

Happy Spring cleaning and may God's light shine upon us this Eastertide and give us peace.

Yours in Christ,  
Revd. Jackie Buck

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**MONDAY  
8TH MAY**

*...Big Churchyard Clean up*

*.....and Coffee Morning in Church*

*.....and a bring and buy plant stall*

The Bank Holiday following the Coronation of King Charles has been designated as a volunteering day. Your opportunity within the village to volunteer is the **Big Churchyard Tidy Up!!** Between 9am and 12noon we shall have a range of jobs to choose from if you wish to join in. Bring tools (no power tools please). We won't be mowing that day.

*Between 10am and 12noon Coffee, Tea and Cakes will be served in church and there will be a Bring and Buy Plant stall.*

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## Cuckoos

Cuckoos have started their journey back from Africa. They will rest and feed up for the next leg of the journey – crossing the Sahara Desert. They will then rest and feed in Europe before the final leg of the journey to Britain, when they should arrive about the end of April. These journeys and their wintering grounds mean they lead a very perilous life and much research is being done to provide them with safer winter habitats and journey routes. You can follow the progress of the tagged cuckoos on the BTO website. You can sponsor a cuckoo too, which I did as a present for a family member who has really enjoyed getting updates on the journeys and rest periods of “their” cuckoo

**A reminder that next month is “No Mow May”**

Charlotte Eley

**Not tried this myself,  
but seems like a good  
idea?**

### **Fat for the Birds!**

To avoid putting fat down the drain, and potentially blocking the sink, try adding rolled oats to the cold fat in the pan, to absorb the fat, then scoop out into an old pot or empty bird feeder/half coconut shell type of thingy, and put out for the birds!



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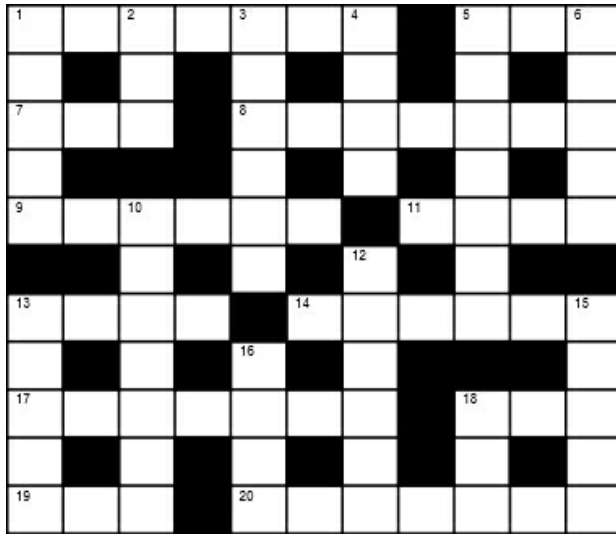


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# Ecton Crossword - April 2023



To celebrate April 1st clues marked \* are titles of songs. The answers are the artists who had hits with them. For group names "The" is omitted; for individuals the answer is the surname. All other clues are cryptic.

### Across

- 1 The Fool On The Hill \* (7)
- 5 Fool If You Think It's Over \* (3)
- 7 see 2D
- 8 Fools Rush In \* (7)
- 9 Informal Richard is unsound (6)
- 11 Don't hit young woman (4)
- 13 Spanish approval follows right part (4)
- 14 Got older after saint put on show (6)
- 17 Simon holds English author (7)
- 18 Increase speed of vicar (3)
- 19 Won't Get Fooled Again \* (3)
- 20 Right Reverend chess pieces (6)

### Down

- 1 Second rate country is uninteresting (5)
- 2 & Pirate agreeing with a 7A lemur (3,3)
- 3 Cheeky cosmetic (6)
- 4 Lose hair in hut (4)
- 5 & Fool To Cry \* (7,6)
- 12
- 6 Equine holds by great depth (5)
- 10 Capital TV detective (7)
- 12 see 5
- 13 Worse change to seed again (5)
- 15 What Kind Of Fool Am I \* (5)
- 16 Slight buns up (4)
- 18 Bounder hears French road (3)

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Crossword design and construction: Alistair MacRae

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Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> April	Black Bin	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> May	Black Bin
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> April	Green Bin	Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> May	Green Bin

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- Asked for identification?
- Checked their identification using the number in the phonebook?
- Felt pressured to act quickly?
- Noticed that the caller is being overly helpful or friendly?

### Protect others: have they...

- Been too trusting of visitors before?
- Mentioned an unexpected caller?
- Become frightened or worried about answering the door?
- Had money or valuables go missing?
- Often left doors or windows unlocked and therefore vulnerable to sneak-ins?

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## Crossword Solution - April 2023

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# What's On in Ecton - April 2023 +

Date	Time	Event	Location
Sat 1 <sup>st</sup> April	09:30-12:00	Churchyard Tidy-Up	Ecton Church
Sat 1 <sup>st</sup> April	15:30-19:00	5 Lives Killer Skittles Charity Match	Three Horseshoes
Sat 1 <sup>st</sup> April	Evening	Live Music - Grande Quatro	Three Horseshoes
Tue 4 <sup>th</sup> April	14:00-	Songs of Praise	Ecton Village Hall
Fri 7 <sup>th</sup> April	06:30-	Black Bin Collection	-----
Fri 7 <sup>th</sup> April	10:00-12:30	Easter Ecton Brew Coffee Shop	Ecton Village Hall
Sat 8 <sup>th</sup> April	Evening	Live Music - Similar Jones	Three Horseshoes
Wed 12 <sup>th</sup> April	TBC	Ecton Walks	Ecton Shrine
Fri 14 <sup>th</sup> April	06:30-	Green Bin Collection	-----
Sun 16 <sup>th</sup> April	Afternoon	Live Music - The Skunks	Three Horseshoes
Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> April	06:30-	Black Bin Collection	-----
Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> April	12:00-	EGO's Lunch Meeting	Ecton Village Hall
Wed 26 <sup>th</sup> April	TBC	Ecton Walks	Ecton Shrine
Thur 27 <sup>th</sup> April	Evening	Open Mike Night	Three Horseshoes
Fri 28 <sup>th</sup> April	06:30-	Green Bin Collection	-----
Fri 28 <sup>th</sup> April	Evening	Ecton Witches	Ecton Village Hall
<b>May</b>			
Fri 5 <sup>th</sup> May	06:30-	Black Bin Collection	-----
Fri 5 <sup>th</sup> May	10:00-12:30	Ecton Brew Coffee Shop	Ecton Village Hall
Sun 7 <sup>th</sup> May	12:00-	Ecton Big Lunch	Ecton Village Hall
Mon 8 <sup>th</sup> May	09:00-12:00	Churchyard - The Big Help Out	Ecton Church
Wed 10 <sup>th</sup> May	TBC	Ecton Walks	Ecton Shrine
Fri 12 <sup>th</sup> May	06:30-	Green Bin Collection	-----
Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> May	06:30-	Black Bin Collection	-----
Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> May	12:00-	EGO's Lunch Meeting	Ecton Village Hall
Wed 24 <sup>th</sup> May	TBC	Ecton Walks	Ecton Shrine
Thur 25 <sup>th</sup> May	Evening	Open Mike Night	Three Horseshoes
Fri 26 <sup>th</sup> May	06:30-	Green Bin Collection	-----
<b>November</b>			
Sat 25 <sup>th</sup> Nov	TBC	Ecton Safari Supper	TBC

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