

# **THE ECTON VIEW**

## **MARCH 2024**

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# Parish and Village Directory



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Cover Photo:- Spring is coming!  
Photo by John Crane

<b>Ecton Church Lottery</b>		
<b>Winners for February 2024</b>		
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Prize</b>	<b>£50</b>	<b>Paul Hulse</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Prize</b>	<b>£25</b>	<b>Gary Wheatman</b>

## Editors Note

Welcome to a packed March edition of the Ecton View. Spring has certainly sprung in Ecton and there are a lots of events for you to enjoy. Ecton Brew Coffee Shop at the Village Hall on 1<sup>st</sup> March to start and Easter Coffee Morning at the Church on 30th. In between you can play Killer Skittles, go to 70's 80's and 90's Disco and enjoy the last of the Winter Warmers. All in all, plenty to get your teeth into.

See you all in April - please keep sending me your stunning spring photographs for the front cover.

Wendy

**Reminder to all  
dog owners,  
please pick up  
after your dog!  
Thank You**



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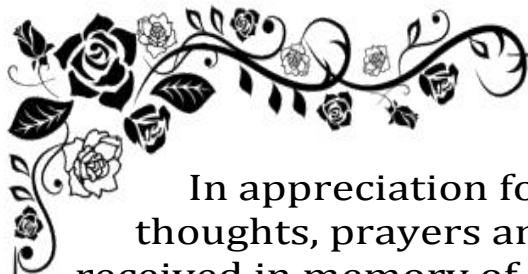
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# **Ecton Village News & Information**

## **EGO's**

Ego's plan is to meet on the third Friday every month, to enjoy meals and trips together and most of all enjoy each other's company. Our numbers are growing and most months 50+ people come together. We will meet again on March 15<sup>th</sup> 2024.

## **THE WINTER LUNCH CLUB**

Following the success of the first winter lunch club we are pleased to release one more date:

Tuesday March 5<sup>th</sup>

Please come and join us at the Village Hall for lunch and hot drinks, an opportunity to meet up with friends and neighbours in a warm space. Just £2.50, everyone welcome.

## **ECTON WALKS 2024**

The March walks will be on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March. Details will be sent by email beforehand.

If you would like to join the mailing list please let me know - [nigelbond@talktalk.net](mailto:nigelbond@talktalk.net)  
Its a great way to meet new people, chatter and enjoy the countryside all at the same time.

## **ECTON BRIDGE DRIVE**

A massive thank you to all the helpers of the Ecton Bridge Drive held in February. Because of you, we've donated £1,000 to Ecton Church and £750 to "Dogs on the Streets" - a charity that provides veterinary care to dogs belonging to people who are homeless. We couldn't have done it without you all. Lots of compliments were received from the bridge players, so, thank you so much for giving up your time.

(A date for your diaries ... the next one is on 30th October 2024!)

Thank you all again, Margaret, Caroline & Carol

## **ECTON PARISH COUNCIL**

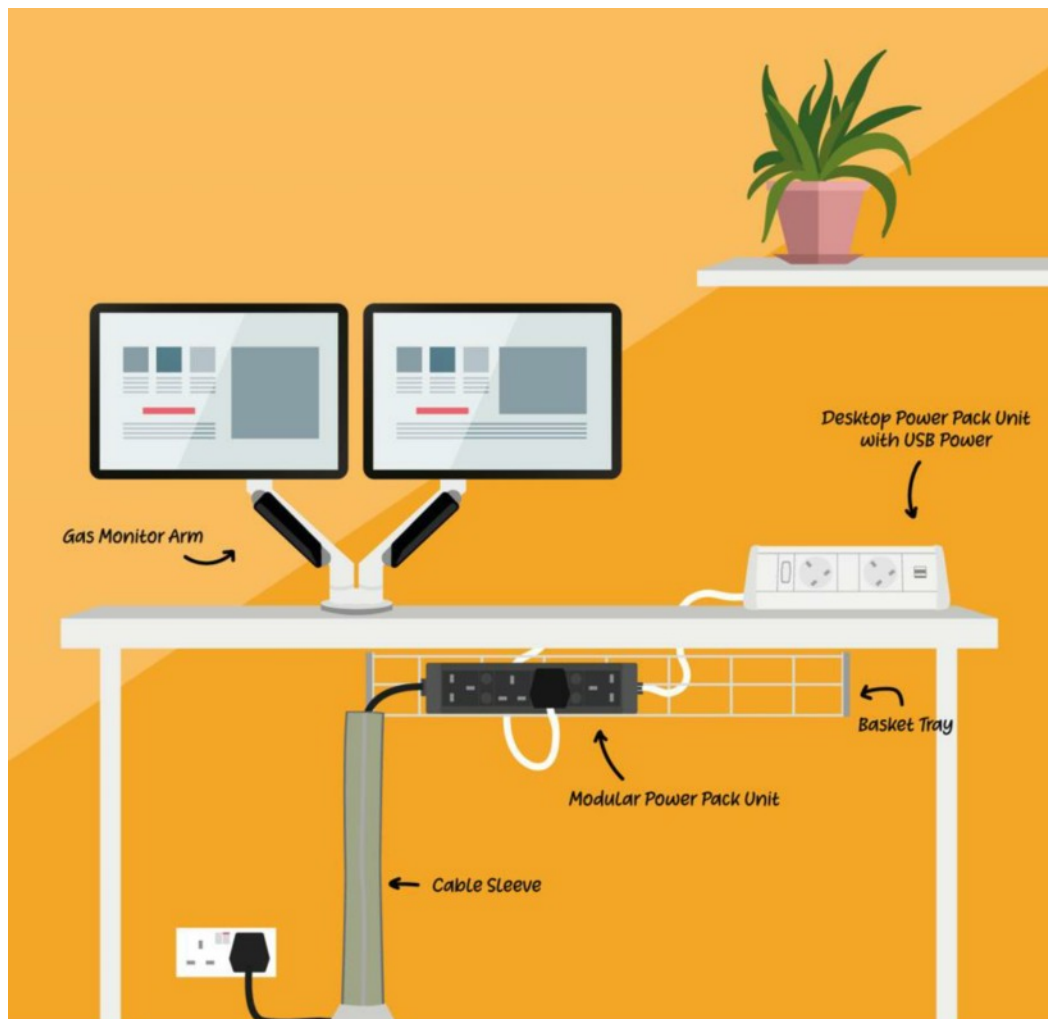
There are still vacancies for a Parish Councillor at Ecton Parish Council, for all those that are interested, please email the Parish Clerk at [clerk@ectonparishcouncil.org.uk](mailto:clerk@ectonparishcouncil.org.uk).

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

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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Brew & a Bap  
Bacon or Sausage £2.50

## CHURCHYARD TIDY

The next Churchyard Tidy will be on Saturday morning 2<sup>nd</sup> March, then 6<sup>th</sup> April. We like to keep the churchyard looking good - grass cutting, flowerbed maintenance, clipping back, maintenance of the wilder areas, clearance of gullies etc. It is an important space but it does take a lot of looking after - so thank you to everyone who helps.



### **Ecton Services for March 2024**

<b>Sun 3<sup>rd</sup> March</b>	<b>No Service at Ecton. Please join us at one of our other churches 9.30am Holy Communion 11am Holy Communion</b>	<b>Wilby Gt Doddington</b>
Tues 5 <sup>th</sup> March	10am Holy Communion	Ecton
<b>Sun 10<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>9.30am Holy Communion</b>	<b>Ecton</b>
<b>Sun 17<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>9.30am Holy Communion</b>	<b>Ecton</b>
<b>Sun 24<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>11am Morning Prayer</b>	<b>Ecton</b>
Mon 25 <sup>th</sup> March	7.30pm Compline (Night Prayer)	Ecton
Thur 28 <sup>th</sup> March	2pm Hour Before the Cross	Gt Doddington
<b>Sun 31<sup>st</sup> March</b>	<b>11am Easter Holy Communion</b>	<b>Ecton</b>

## Rector's Letter March 2024



At the end of March we will be celebrating Easter. You will have received an Easter card from the church with your Ecton View this month and my thanks go to all those who have delivered the cards for us.

There are several special services during Holy Week, all of which are detailed in the Easter Card, please do feel free to join us, or contact me for further information. Also, do join us on Easter Day Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March 11am when there will be a service of Holy Communion with traditional Easter hymns in Ecton church.

Many Easter hymns have been written for the season with one of the best loved being *There is a green hill far away*. The hymn was written by Mrs Cecil Frances Alexander, who also wrote *All things bright and beautiful*. Born in Northern Ireland in 1818 the hymn was composed while she sat by the bedside of a sick child and was inspired by a little hill outside the walls of Derry, where Mrs Alexander lived. In her mind it was on a hill like that that Jesus was crucified. She said her hymn was written to help children to understand the statements in the creed which state that Jesus "*Suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried*".

Whatever age we are making sense of Easter is not always easy, but the third verse of the hymn can help us:

*He died that we might be forgiven,  
He died to make us good,  
That we might go at last to heaven,  
Saved by his precious blood.*

Wishing you a very happy Easter,

Revd. Jackie Buck

01933 631232 [jackiebuck@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:jackiebuck@hotmail.co.uk)



# Winter Lunch Club @ EVH

Get together with friends &  
neighbours at Ecton Village Hall  
and enjoy comfort food & hot drinks  
in a warm space.

11.30am to 2.30pm

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March

£2.50 per person everybody welcome ::

A colorful poster for a disco event. The background is green with white musical notes and zig-zag lines. The main text is on a green background with yellow text. There are illustrations of a pink boombox, a CD, and musical notes.

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**Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2024  
at The Three Horseshoes**

Registration - 3.30pm prompt

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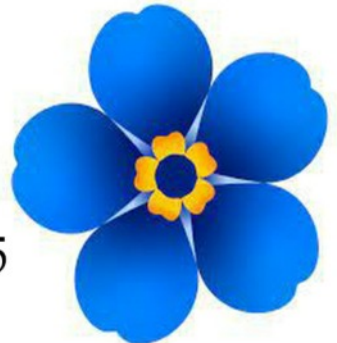
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# Ecton Parish Council

Hi everyone!!

It has been a while since I last wrote an article for the newsletter, as generally life in Ecton and the work of the Parish Council tends to be nice and steady, which I do prefer!!.

However some of the more observant of you may have notice that some of the street lights have now been upgraded to energy efficient & greener LED versions. So far, about half of these have already been replaced and the remainder, including the historic "lantern" type ones in the village are due to be replaced imminently. I must thank everyone for accepting the precept increase, which allowed us to purchase the new lights outright, and I can report that our monthly electricity costs have now dropped by a substantial amount to just by £80/month, with hopefully, more savings to come.

The new lights are guaranteed for 10 years, so our maintenance costs have also gone, saving us approximately about £4-5k per year on repairs, which we were incurring just to stand still!!

We have also renegotiated with the electricity supplier the fact that they hadn't adjusted previous bills based on new technology and received a nice £2k windfall, which we put into the LED project.

I must also thank my fellow councillors and our parish clerk, for their time and patience, in order to get this project over the line and then actioned.

Traffic wise, we have been told by NNC that engineers have looked at the A4500 and proposals have been agreed to make the road safer, however that's going to be dependent on NNC having any money!! , Regardless if it happens or not, the parish council will keep on pushing to get the road down to a 30mph limit!!.

Fly tipping is something we all agree, needs to be sorted, and will be discussed again at our next meeting in March, there are a few ideas, I have heard of, so watch this space!!

Finally, if anyone would like to join the parish council there are 2 vacancies available, open to anyone in the village.

I can't think of anything else at the moment, so hopefully you all enjoy the Spring weather!!

Kind regards,

Ian Whittaker - 07971 336555

Chairman - Ecton Parish Council

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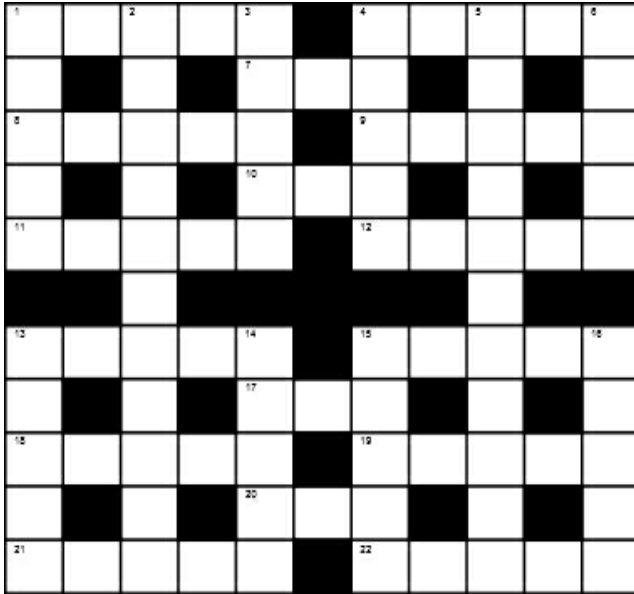


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# Ecton Crossword - March 2024



Clues marked \* are cryptic, including one that is about Ecton.

The rest are normal definition clues.

## Across

- 1 So CID changed event on the 16th \* (5)  
 4 Material occupied chair \* (5)  
 7 Barrel sounds heavy \* (3)  
 8 Folded back on front of jacket (5)  
 9 Sailor's term for stop (5)  
 10 Moose (3)  
 11 Blue terrier (5)  
 12 Surpass Roman 40 \* (5)  
 13 South American ruminant (5)  
 15 Lottery for Sooty's mate \* (5)  
 17 Eisenhower's nickname (3)  
 18 Manufactures (5)  
 19 I bail out defense \* (5)  
 20 Old Danish horn used as butter logo (3)

- 21 Loose rocks below a cliff (5)  
 22 Aroma sounds posted \* (5)

## Down

- 1 Arch enemy of Dr Who (5)  
 2 Bulk transporter of oil (11)  
 3 West Yorkshire town (5)  
 4 Serpent (5)  
 5 Supporter of Tory Leader 1975-1990 (11)  
 6 Birth related province \* (5)  
 13 Compact masses (5)  
 14 Ale is mixed for passage \* (5)  
 15 US dept store burns \* (5)  
 16 Apply liquid (5)

## Fly-tipping

If you come across any Fly-tipping along the lanes of our parish, Please report immediately online at  
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Crossword design and construction:  
 Alistair MacRae

Bin Collection for March & April 2024			
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> Mar.	Green Bin	Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> Apr.	Black Bin
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> Mar.	Black Bin	Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> Apr.	Green Bin
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> Mar.	Green Bin	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> Apr.	Black Bin
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> Mar.	Black Bin	Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> Apr.	Green Bin
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> Mar.	Green Bin		

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# **ECTON SAFARI SUPPER**

## **Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2024**

(in aid of Ecton Church)

**How does it work?** All the guests go on safari, moving from house to house between courses. The evening will begin at 7.30pm as we all meet together in one house for a pre-dinner drink and canapés. Everyone then moves to different houses - with different groups of people - for each course. The evening will end with everyone together again for cheese, coffee and port.

**Who can take part?** Everyone! It's a great way to meet friends and neighbours – particularly if you are new to Ecton. Numbers are limited to 64 people so initially, tickets on sale for Ecton residents only.

**What do I have to do?** We do need people to host a main course or a pudding for 8 people, or to bring a plate of canapés to the pre-dinner drinks house. If you haven't hosted before you'll be extra welcome! It's not a cookery competition – simple food is fine. (There will be a financial contribution for the food and wine is provided).

**What does it cost?** Tickets are £20 per person (and we will be selling raffle tickets on the night, so please bring some extra pennies with you!).

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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?

**For further crime prevention advice contact your local Crime Prevention Officer on 101**

## Appreciate nature and stay safe

Well, aren't the birds singing beautifully. They are busy finding partners and starting to build nests. Such a joy to watch and listen to them.

If you are thinking of going for a walk or bike ride in the countryside, it is well worth checking the Countryside Code to help keep you and nature safe. I didn't know the meaning of the different coloured arrows on footpaths. I found this and other helpful advice on "Northamptonshire Talking" which is well worth signing up to, as there are regular tips on all aspects of safety, as well as seasonal, car/driving and crime prevention issues. If you can't sign up yourself, ask a friend to keep you up to date on helpful advice.

- Charlotte Eley

### Crossword Solution - March 2024

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### Opening Times

Tues - Fri 10:00 to 21:00  
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# What's On in Ecton - March 2024 +

Date	Time	Event	Location
Fri 1 <sup>st</sup> Mar	06:30-	Green Bin Collection	-----
Fri 1 <sup>st</sup> Mar	10:00-12:30	Ecton Brew Coffee Shop	Ecton Village Hall
Sat 2 <sup>nd</sup> Mar	Morning	Tidy Churchyard	Ecton Church
Tues 5 <sup>th</sup> Mar	11:30-14:30	Ecton Winter Lunch Club	Ecton Village Hall
Fri 8 <sup>th</sup> Mar	06:30-	Black Bin Collection	-----
Wed 13 <sup>th</sup> Mar	TBC	Ecton Walks	TBC
Wed 13 <sup>th</sup> Mar	20:00-	Ecton Pub Quiz	Three Horseshoes
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> Mar	06:30-	Green Bin Collection	-----
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> Mar	12:00-	EGO's Lunch Meeting	Ecton Village Hall
Sat 16 <sup>th</sup> Mar	19:00-	Disco and Supper	Ecton Village Hall
Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup> Mar	06:30-	Black Bin Collection	-----
Sun 24 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Afternoon	Live Music - Matt Rees	Three Horseshoes
Wed 27 <sup>th</sup> Mar	TBC	Ecton Walks	TBC
Wed 27 <sup>th</sup> Mar	20:00-	Ecton Pub Quiz	Three Horseshoes
Thur 28 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Evening	Open Mike Night	Three Horseshoes
Fri 29 <sup>th</sup> Mar	06:30-	Green Bin Collection	-----
Sat 30 <sup>th</sup> Mar	10:00 - 12:30	Easter Coffee Morning	Ecton Church
<b>Sat 30<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>	<b>15:30-</b>	<b>Charity Killer Skittles</b>	<b>Three Horseshoes</b>
<b>April</b>			
Fri 5 <sup>th</sup> Apr	06:30-	Black Bin Collection	-----
Fri 5 <sup>th</sup> Apr	10:00-12:30	Ecton Brew Coffee Shop	Ecton Village Hall
Sat 6 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Morning	Tidy Churchyard	Ecton Church
Wed 10 <sup>th</sup> Apr	20:00-	Ecton Pub Quiz	Three Horseshoes
Fri 12 <sup>th</sup> Apr	06:30-	Green Bin Collection	-----
Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> Apr	06:30-	Black Bin Collection	-----
Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> Apr	12:00-	EGO's Lunch Meeting	Ecton Village Hall
Wed 24 <sup>th</sup> Apr	20:00-	Ecton Pub Quiz	Three Horseshoes
Thur 25 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Evening	Open Mike Night	Three Horseshoes
Fri 26 <sup>th</sup> Apr	06:30-	Green Bin Collection	-----
<b>May</b>			
Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	10:00-12:30	Ecton Brew Coffee Shop	Ecton Village Hall
Sat 4 <sup>th</sup> May	Morning	Tidy Churchyard	Ecton Church
Sat 10 <sup>th</sup> May	19:30-	Ecton Spring Quiz	Ecton Village Hall
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> May	12:00-	EGO's Lunch Meeting	Ecton Village Hall
Thur 30 <sup>th</sup> May	Evening	Open Mike Night	Three Horseshoes
<b>June</b>			
Sat 15 <sup>th</sup> June	TBC	Ecton Safari Supper	-----
<b>October</b>			
Wed 30 <sup>th</sup> Oct	TBC	Ecton Bridge Drive	Ecton Village Hall

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