

# THE ECTON VIEW

## APRIL 2024

### - ISSUE 215



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<b>Ecton Church Lottery</b>		
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<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Prize</b>	<b>£25</b>	<b>Ashton Bedford</b>

## Editors Note

So the lambs are skipping in the fields and it's still raining! So welcome to the official Spring edition of the Ecton View, and **Breaking News** to start with, The Three Horseshoes has been awarded both Rural Pub of the Season and Pub of the Year for the County of Northamptonshire by The Campaign for Real Ale CAMRA. Big congratulations to Steve & Keith, and to the team of bar staff, who make a visit to the Pub a real pleasure. A celebration of the award will be held on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April (obviously in the Pub!) At 8pm

We are also continuing with our Ecton History Page, where we hope to interview some of our villagers, old and young, who may have been 'Born & Bred' or attended the village school, and wish to share share their memories and stories of life in Ecton from years past.

It is with great sadness that we inform you all, of the recent passing of Margaret Berry, after a short illness, at 90 years old. Both Bob and Mark thank everyone who has sent their Condolences. Details of the Funeral Arrangements will be announced by the family in the coming days.

Wendy



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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 40-50 people come together.

We will meet again on Friday April 19<sup>th</sup> for Fish & Chips

Following dates for your Diary:

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> August

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November

## **CHURCHYARD TIDY**

The next Churchyard Tidy will be on Saturday morning 6<sup>th</sup> April, then 4<sup>th</sup> May.

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 WALKS 2024**

The next walks will be on 10<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> April. Details will be sent via 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 PARISH COUNCIL**

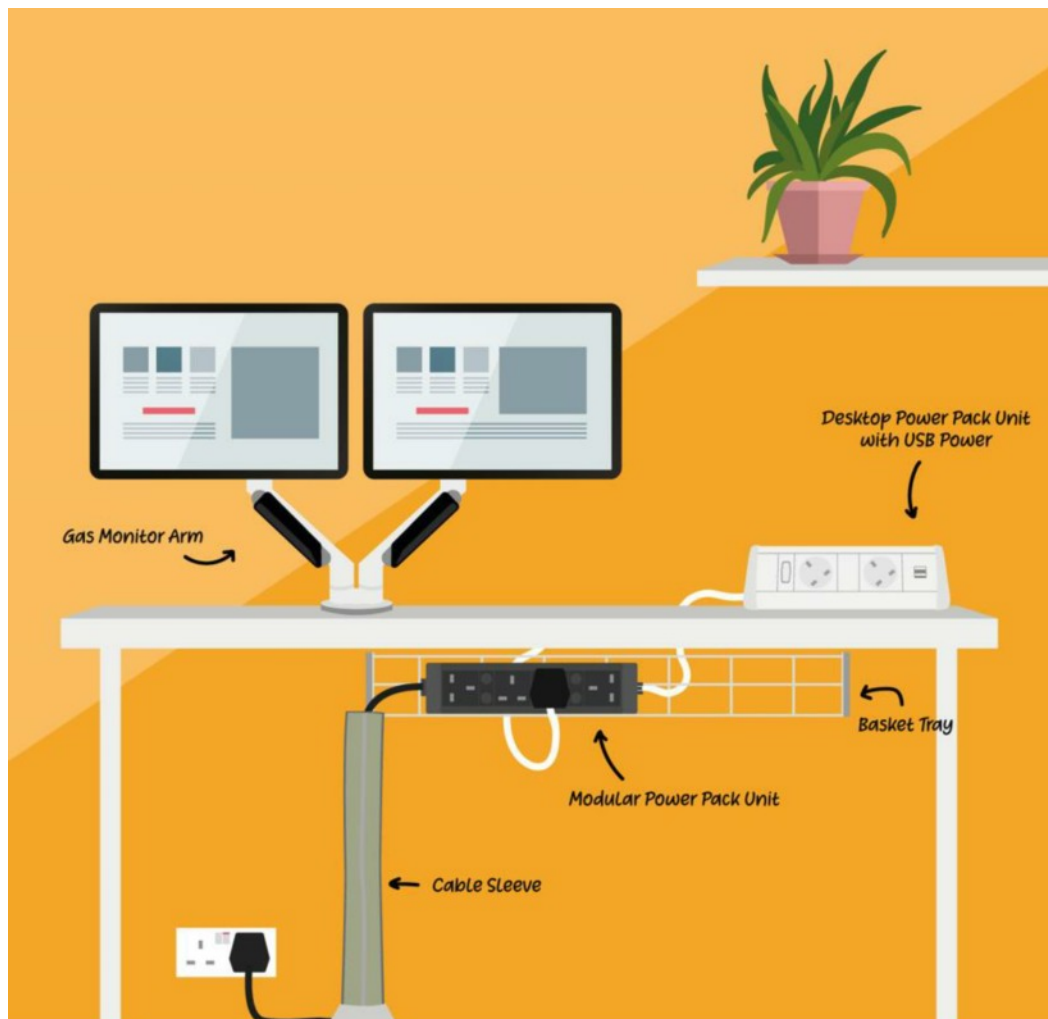
There are still vacancies for a Parish Councillor at Ecton Parish Council, for all those that are interested, please email the Parish Clerk at [clerk@ectonparishcouncil.org.uk](mailto:clerk@ectonparishcouncil.org.uk).

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

## Books in the Church Porch

Thank you to everyone who has donated books in the church porch. This initiative began during the pandemic and has been very popular. However, the volume of books has at times been difficult to manage, especially the hardback and large reference books. Members of the church regularly sort and take books to the charity shops to prevent the porch becoming overcrowded.

Now the pandemic is over we would like to encourage people to take their books once more to a charity shop and just bring paperbacks to the church. We will try this for a trial period and see how things go. Notices will be placed in the porch to this effect.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation and if you have any questions, please contact Revd. Jackie.

Revd. Jackie Buck

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

01933 631232

## **Ecton Services for April 2024**

<b>Sun 7<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>No Service at Ecton. Please join us at one of our other churches</b> (If you need a lift please contact Charlotte Eley 01933 225848)	
	9.30am Holy Communion	<b>Wilby</b>
	11am Holy Communion	<b>Gt Doddington</b>
Tues 9 <sup>th</sup> April	10am Holy Communion	Ecton
<b>Sun 14<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>9.30am Holy Communion</b>	<b>Ecton</b>
<b>Sun 21<sup>st</sup> April</b>	<b>9.30am Holy Communion</b>	<b>Ecton</b>
<b>Sun 28<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>11am Morning Prayer</b>	<b>Ecton</b>

## Rector's Letter April 2024



During the month of April the Church continues to celebrate Easter, for while Easter Day was on 31<sup>st</sup> March the season continues until the day of Pentecost (19<sup>th</sup> May). Sometimes referred to as the *Great Fifty Days of Eastertide* it is a period of great joy as the Church celebrates Christ's resurrection.

In our churches the altar frontals and hangings are changed to white and after having no flowers during Lent, our buildings are once again beautifully decorated with spring blooms.

The Easter candles are lit and we proclaim in word and song "*Alleluia! Christ is risen!*"

In order to understand more about why Jesus had to die and rise again it is helpful to know more about his life and one way to do that is to read one of the Gospel accounts.

On 25<sup>th</sup> April the Church remembers St Mark, the writer of the first Gospel in the New Testament.

Mark's Gospel is thought to be the earliest account of Jesus' life, probably written in Rome around AD 50 - 60. It is the shortest of the four Gospels and records Jesus' actions and teachings in a concise and easy to read format. Mark was himself a companion of Paul and Barnabas and he probably used the preaching of the disciple Peter as the basis of his account.

The Gospel of Mark states it is "*The beginning of the gospel about Jesus Christ, the Son of God*" (Mark 1:1) which reminds us that the story goes on, throughout history, to our present day and beyond. And so it is the Church continues to celebrate Christ's triumph over death and the new life he gives to all.

If you would like a Bible to read, please do contact me.  
Happy Easter!

From Revd. Jackie Buck  
[jackiebuck@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:jackiebuck@hotmail.co.uk)  
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**Friday May 10<sup>th</sup>  
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**Proceeds towards The Village Hall**

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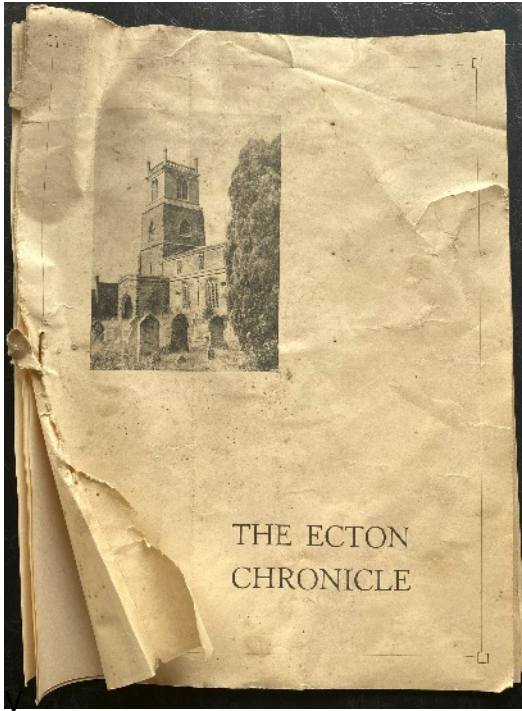


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# Ecton History



As many of you already know, over the last few years I have been researching into the history of Ecton, with the ultimate aim of adding to the wonderful history books, already written about the Village.

Last month, David Mills, who has been renovating a house in the village, contacted me to say he had found, in the loft, a copy of the Parish Magazine from March 1962, and he has kindly passed it on to me.

I have included here a photograph of the front of the magazine 'Ecton Chronicle' as it was then known.

The Rector at the time was The Venerable R. C. O. Goodchild M. A.

The Churchwardens were Mr Thomas Dicks of Rectory Farm & Lt Col J. R. Wetherall of The Cot, and all the telephone numbers were 3 digits and began with a Cogenhoe area code.

Other organisations were mentioned, and their secretaries were:

Mother's Union	-	Mrs J. H. N. Goodchild
Women's Institute	-	Mrs Simpson
British Legion	-	G. Labrum
Moral Welfare	-	Mrs J. Wetherall
Children's Church	-	Mrs Fitzhugh
Charity Trustees	-	Mr G, Rand

It was primarily a Church news letter, as they would have covered the cost of printing and it was probably only available to collect from the Church, so it is amazing it has survived over 60 years. Do you have any memories of the village at this time? Or recollections of some of the names mentioned? I would love to hear all about village life at that time.

PARISH NOTES (Cont'd.)

CHURCH REGISTERS. The Registers of births, marriages and deaths in the village of Ecton go back over 400 years. I have been asked if it would be possible to print these records so that it would be possible to trace back many old families in the village. Many of these records are difficult to decipher, but for someone with time it could gradually be done. Would anyone like to undertake this task ?

In the Parish Notes, the Rector mentions the Parish Registers that cover over 400 years, and I have answered his call! Over the last few years I have been slowly transcribing as many of these as I can to assist distant relatives in their family history searches, and yes, some of the early documents are very difficult to read. But records of Births, Deaths & Marriages and Censuses can only tell you so much, local stories, memories and memoirs can fill in the gaps.

Please let me know if you would be willing to write some notes or stories of the past or if you would let me come along and chat with you and make some notes. I would love to eventually put on an exhibition at the village hall with stories and pictures of local people from Ecton. - **Wendy Stephens at [ectonview@hotmail.com](mailto:ectonview@hotmail.com) or 07986 557773**

Over the years folks have written to the website or in the magazine about their recollections, such as Mr W. A. Darby wrote it this newsletter over 60 years ago, parts of which are below.

Letter received from Mr. W. A. Darby

Just a few lines to you being a native of Ecton, Northants. I would like to return one day on a visit.

My Grandfather and Grandmother, Mr. & Mrs. W. Monk, are buried in the Churchyard, also my Mother, Mrs. Mary Darby. As you go up the Belfry steps to where the bells are rung, you will notice a brass plate with Mr. William Monk's name on it, as he built those steps. He also built the Shrine for the fallen in the 1918 War, which is situated by the School and corner of field to the "World's End" public house. The piece of oak from which the

I would like to hear something of my native place and home. Good wishes and hoping you are in the best of health.

I am, Yours sincerely, an old Ectonian,  
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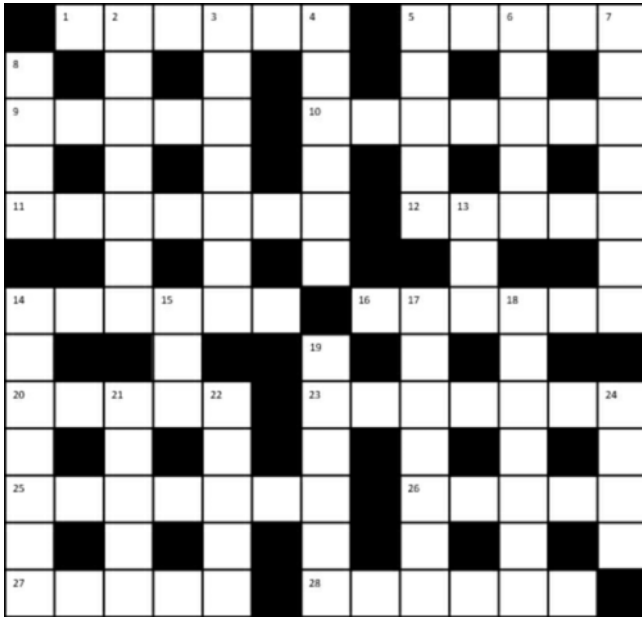


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# Ecton Crossword - April 2024



To celebrate 1st April clues marked \* are songs with "fool" in their title. Each answer is the artist(s) who had a hit with that song in the year specified. In the case of groups ignore the "The". The rest of the clues are normal.

## Across

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| 1 Difference between income and costs (7)       | 3 & Why Do Fools Fall In Love, 21D 1956 * (7,5) |
| 5 & Fools Rush In, 19D 1963 * (5,6)             | 4 Royals preceding the Hanoverians (6)          |
| 9 Dot (5)                                       | 5 Dance parties (5)                             |
| 10 See 26A                                      | 6 Hindu class (5)                               |
| 11 Blood is ___ than water (7)                  | 7 Types of delivery in cricket (7)              |
| 12 Person from Stockholm (5)                    | 8 Narrow coastal formation, usually of sand (4) |
| 14 Army brass player (5)                        | 13 Won't Get Fooled Again, 1971 * (3)           |
| 16 See 2D                                       | 14 Fool On The Hill, 1967 * (7)                 |
| 20 City on the Rhone (5)                        | 15 Sheltered side (3)                           |
| 23 Give authority to (7)                        | 17 Arrange text to be printed (7)               |
| 25 City on the Vienne (7)                       | 18 Male reporters (7)                           |
| 26 & What Kind Of Fool Am I, 10A 1962 * (5,5,2) | 19 See 5A                                       |
| 27 St Nicholas (5)                              | 21 See 3D                                       |
| 28 Jotting down (6)                             | 22 18th Greek letter (5)                        |

## Down

- |                                   |                       |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 2 & Fool To Cry, 16A 1976 * (7,6) | 24 Beams of light (4) |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|

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Crossword design and construction:  
Alistair MacRae

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Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> Apr.	Green Bin	Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> May.	Green Bin
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> Apr.	Black Bin	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> May.	Black Bin
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> Apr.	Green Bin	Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May.	Green Bin
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**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).

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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**

# Out and About

Now Spring is here let us hope we are going to get some dryer weather, so we can get out in the garden and our local countryside.

The reserves at Nene Wetlands and Summer Leys have events with children in mind during the Easter holidays.

Summer Leys Visitor Centre is also having a free "Opticron " event on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April 10am-3pm, when you can try out binoculars and talk to an expert.

Perhaps you will buy your first pair of binoculars or treat yourself to an upgrade. I am interested in buying a scope for watching water birds at a distance, on the lakes along the Nene Valley.

- Charlotte Eley

## Crossword Solution - April 2024

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

Date	Time	Event	Location
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	-----
Sun 14 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Afternoon	Live Music - Ronan & Joe Corkram	Three Horseshoes
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	06:30-	Black Bin Collection	-----
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
Wed 8 <sup>th</sup> May	20:00-	Ecton Pub Quiz	Three Horseshoes
Fri 10 <sup>th</sup> May	06:30-	Green Bin Collection	-----
Fri 10 <sup>th</sup> May	19:30-	Ecton Spring Quiz	Ecton Village Hall
Sun 12 <sup>th</sup> May	Afternoon	Live Music - Enzo	Three Horseshoes
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> May	06:30-	Black Bin Collection	-----
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> May	12:00-	EGO's Lunch Meeting	Ecton Village Hall
Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	20:00-	Ecton Pub Quiz	Three Horseshoes
Fri 24 <sup>th</sup> May	06:30-	Green Bin Collection	-----
Thur 30 <sup>th</sup> May	Evening	Open Mike Night	Three Horseshoes
Fri 31 <sup>st</sup> May	06:30-	Black Bin Collection	-----
<b>June</b>			
Fri 7 <sup>th</sup> June	10:00-12:30	Ecton Brew Coffee Shop	Ecton Village Hall
Sat 15 <sup>th</sup> June	TBC	Ecton Safari Supper	-----
Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> June	12:00-	EGO's Lunch Meeting	Ecton Village Hall
Thur 27 <sup>th</sup> June	Evening	Open Mike Night	Three Horseshoes
Fri 28 <sup>th</sup> June	Evening	Live Music - Massy Ferguson	Three Horseshoes
<b>July</b>			
Fri 5 <sup>th</sup> July	10:00-12:30	Ecton Brew Coffee Shop	Ecton Village Hall
Sun 7 <sup>th</sup> July	Afternoon	Live Music - Family Affair	Three Horseshoes
Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> July	12:00-	EGO's Lunch Meeting	Ecton Village Hall
Thur 25 <sup>th</sup> July	Evening	Open Mike Night	Three Horseshoes
<b>October</b>			
Wed 30 <sup>th</sup> Oct	TBC	Ecton Bridge Drive	Ecton Village Hall

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