

THE ECTON VIEW
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January 2022, early one morning,
across the snowy Ecton fields.

Ecton Church Lottery		
Winners for October 2024		
1st Prize	£50	Lynne Nelson
2nd Prize	£25	Stuart Hammond
Winners for November 2024		
1st Prize	£50	Zoe McGregor
2nd Prize	£25	Beverley Kopecky

Editors Note

Welcome friends and neighbours and farewell as Editor.

The time is now right for me to retire as your editor. I have enjoyed the role for 10 years now but it is time for both myself and the magazine to move forward.

We welcome any volunteers who may be interested but as we do not have a new Editor just yet, I will try to keep the magazine alive in 2025 by producing a quarterly publication, so the next Issue will be out on the 1st March 2025, with a deadline for copy of 20th February. I hope by then one of you lovely readers will have offered to step into the breach.

My full support and assistance will of course come with the new post, until they are comfortable in their new role.

With this magazine you will find this years Ecton Village Christmas Card, this has always been a good fundraiser, and is again very well supported by the village. It takes a bit of planning and organising, starting in September, through to volunteers passing the messages to me mid November, typesetting nearly 100 messages, to be printed at the end of November and delivered, by volunteers with the Magazine around the 1st December.

As this is also my last year as editor of the Christmas Card, if anyone wishes to produce a Village Christmas Card next year and need any tips or hints, I will be more than willing to assist. It will then be their choice where funds raised can be donated.

My thanks go to all who helped and supported the Magazine over the years with Adverts, Articles, Crosswords and Distribution, hopefully you can all continue to support the next editor.

Best regards
Wendy

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EGO's

The 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.

OPEN CHURCH & CHURCHYARD TIDY

The next Open Church and Churchyard Tidy will be on Saturday 7th December. The church will be open for tea/coffee - you don't need to be helping to pop in for a drink!

Future Dates for 2025 are as follows: All Saturdays, 11th January, 1st February, 1st March & 5th April

ECTON BRIDGE DRIVE

Thank you so much to all the helpers of the Ecton Bridge Drive held in October. From setting up tables, selling raffle tickets, making and serving tea, preparing, cooking and serving lunch to the dreaded washing up - we couldn't have done it without you all! Because of all your hard work, we've raised £1,500 to be shared between Ecton Church and Northamptonshire Carers. Thank you all. You're the best!

(A date for your diaries ... the next one is on Wednesday 19th February 2025!)

ECTON VILLAGE HALL

Film night at the Village Hall, Friday 17th January, Doors open at 7pm, The Great Escaper, starring Michael Caine, Tickets £5 to include snacks, Bar will be open to buy drinks. Contact Paul 07906 518364 or Sally 07850 416429

Burns Night - Friday 24th January, watch village Notice Boards, Facebook & WhatsApp for more information

ECTON WALKS 2025

The Ecton Walks are now taking a rest over the winter and will resume in Feb/March 2025. Rather than publish planned dates in the magazine dates will be circulated to the mailing list via email.

There may be occasions over December - February where the weather is good and conditions are suitable for a walk. If so I shall email all those on the list if circumstances allow. I usually run two walks per month on a Wednesday morning which often involves a coffee stop.

If you would like to join the mailing list please let me know. -

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.

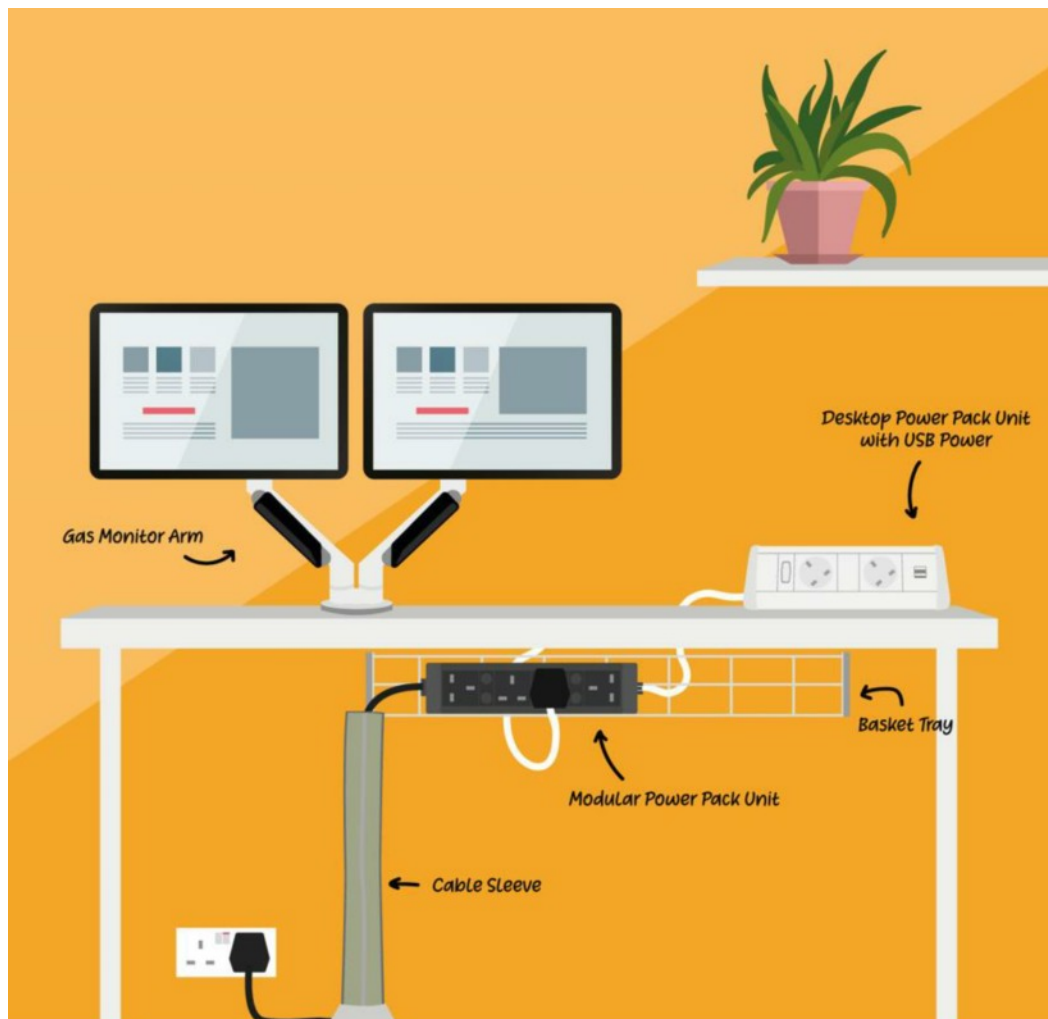
You can obtain a full copy of the latest Parish Council Minutes. Email: clerk@ectonparishcouncil.org.uk

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Sun 1st Dec.	No Service at Ecton. Please join us at one of our other churches (If you need a lift please contact Charlotte Eley 01933 225848)		
	9.30am	Holy Communion	Wilby
	11am	Holy Communion	Gt Doddington
Tues 3 rd Dec.	10am	Holy Communion	Ecton
Sun 8th Dec.	9.30am	Holy Communion with Christingle	Ecton
Sun 15th Dec.	9.30am	Holy Communion with Carols	Ecton
	6pm	Carol Service	Ecton
Tues 17 th Dec.	2pm	Christmas Songs of Praise	Ecton Village Hall
Sat 21 st Dec.	3pm	Quiet Christmas Service	Wilby
Sun 22nd Dec.	11am	Morning Prayer with Carols	Ecton
Tues 24th Dec.	11.15pm	Midnight Mass	Wilby
Wed 25th Dec.	10am	Benefice All Age Communion	Ecton
Sun 29th Dec.	10am	Benefice Holy Communion	Gt Doddington

Ecton Services for January 2025

Sun 5th Jan.	No Service at Ecton. Please join us at one of our other churches (If you need a lift please contact Charlotte Eley 01933 225848)		
	9.30am	Holy Communion	Wilby
	11am	Holy Communion	Gt Doddington
Tues 7 th Jan.	10am	Holy Communion	Ecton
Sun 12th Jan.	9.30am	Holy Communion	Ecton
Sun 19th Jan.	9.30am	Holy Communion	Ecton
Sun 26th Jan.	11am	Morning Prayer	Ecton

Ecton Services for February 2025

Sun 2nd Feb.	No Service at Ecton. Please join us at one of our other churches (If you need a lift please contact Charlotte Eley 01933 225848)		
	9.30am	Holy Communion	Wilby
	11am	Holy Communion	Gt Doddington
Tues 4 th Feb.	10am	Holy Communion	Ecton
Sun 9th Feb.	9.30am	Holy Communion	Ecton
Sun 16th Feb.	9.30am	Holy Communion	Ecton
Sun 23rd Feb.	11am	Morning Prayer	Ecton

Ecton Services for March 2025

Sun 2nd March	No Service at Ecton. Please join us at one of our other churches (If you need a lift please contact Charlotte Eley 01933 225848)		
	9.30am	Holy Communion	Wilby
	11am	Holy Communion	Gt Doddington
Tues 4 th March	10am	Holy Communion	Ecton

Rector's Letter December



As we enter December preparations for Christmas will most probably be at the fore front of our minds. With presents to buy and cards to write; food to organise and plans to be made. In fact, December can feel like chaos, as we try to create the perfect Christmas, but in the midst of this chaos, our churches can offer an opportunity to find peace.

The Church of England's theme for Advent and Christmas this year is *Follow the Star: Calm and Bright*, drawing on the words of the carol Silent Night. This carol draws us into the still centre of the Christmas story, as we see Mary holding the newborn Jesus, the Light of the World.

Follow the Star: Calm and Bright is also the theme of the benefice Christmas card. The Christmas cards, detailing the church services and events in December are being delivered to all the homes in our three parishes. Many thanks to those who have distributed these for us.

The Church begins to prepare for Christmas at the beginning of December, during the season of Advent, which this year begins on Sunday 1st December. Advent gives us time to prepare for and reflect on what we are celebrating, that God chose to come among us, as a baby, born in a borrowed stable, to put into place his plan to redeem the world.

Taking the theme of *Calm and Bright*, this year there will services of Compline (night prayer) with a short meditation for Advent on Weds 4th, 11th and 18th December 7.30pm at Wilby church. We then have a Quiet Christmas Service on Saturday 21st December 3pm at Wilby Church, a service with three carols, readings, reflection and prayers.

Midnight Mass will be at Wilby 11.15pm and the Christmas morning service is at Ecton at 10am. Great Doddington church will be open Christmas morning between 9.30am -10.30am for quiet prayer.

We have many other services and events planned across the benefice. Please see the Christmas card, notice boards or the website <http://www.gdwebenefice.wordpress.com> for more details.

May I wish you a very happy, blessed and peaceful Christmas, as we celebrate the birth of Jesus, the light of the world.

Yours in Christ,
Rev. Jackie Buck
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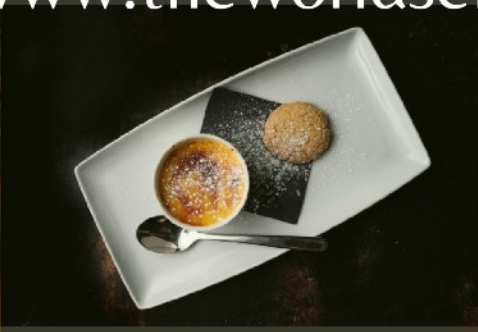




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Last year Ecton people donated exactly what we needed to provide the ingredients which allowed me to cook party food for 150 people. We also provided crackers, plates and napkins. This year there will be up to 200 guests.

Maybe a sign of our times!

Our Christmas party is being held on Thursday 19th December between 10:30am and 12:30pm. You are welcome to join us. In the meantime please can I ask for your financial support once again? If you feel that you can help please let me know, our Dementia Sings Out friends will be so grateful and you will feel as I do each day, that we are so fortunate to be us!

Thank you so much, Sheila Ingram

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As the fighting got worse the monks took on another role as knights, often referred to as the Knights of St John. The white cross worn on their monastic dress is the one we still wear on our uniforms today. The four arms of the cross represent the Christian virtues of prudence, justice, temperance, and fortitude. The points of the cross stand for the beatitudes from Jesus' sermon on the mount.

Over time the Knight/monks travelled to other areas coming to England in the Middle Ages where they set up their monastery in London. This is the site of our national headquarters and museum today. Things went well until Henry VIII decided to dissolve the monasteries.

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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? Not everyone has to host but we do need some 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. It's not a cookery competition – simple food is fine. (There will be a financial contribution for the food and we also provide wine).

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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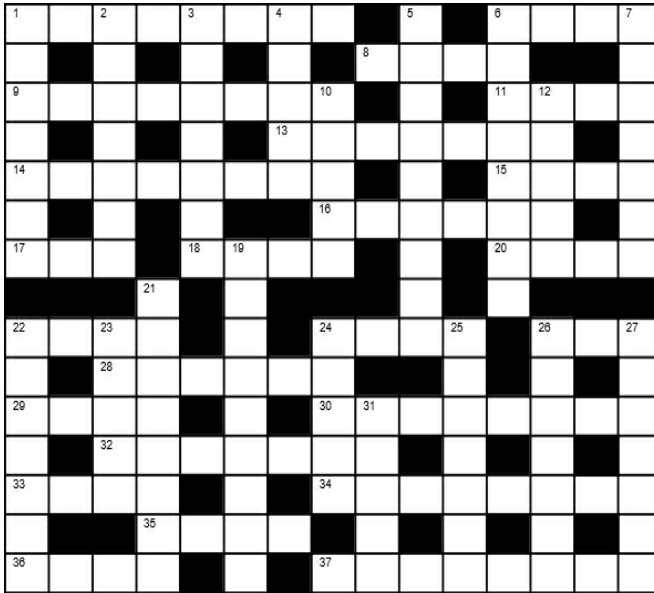
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Ecton Crossword



Christmas Day is not the only notable day in December, so there are three types of clue this month. The answers to clues that comprise only a date are the subject or name of special days in December. Clues marked with an asterisk are cryptic. The rest of the clues are normal.

Across

- 1 Often held on 37A (8)
- 6 Smelly standing * (4)
- 8 & 16th (4,6)
- 16
- 9 Tympanic membranes (8)
- 11 Scottish actresses Blair and St. Clair (4)
- 13 Croaker fish (7)
- 14 Quiz show hosted by Bradley Walsh (3,5)
- 15 Actress Cameron (4)
- 16 See 8
- 17 ___ polloi (3)
- 18 Johnny, guitarist of The Smiths (4)
- 20 Neat adjustment for volcano * (4)
- 22 German car brand (4)
- 24 Sharp tasting flan * (4)
- 26 Mecca pilgrimage (3)
- 28 Cream filled choux bun (6)
- 29 Composer Johan Sebastian (4)
- 30 Appearing insignificant (8)
- 32 Boat for drips * (4)
- 33 Money in Iran and Oman (4)
- 34 21st (8)

- 35 Common skin condition (4)
- 36 1st (4)
- 37 31st (8)

Down

- 1 4th (7)
- 2 Inhabitant of Tel Aviv(7)
- 3 Arabic form of Abraham (7)
- 4 Organic soil matter (5)
- 5 Lawyer (9)
- 6 Rudolph, for example (8)
- 7 26th (7)
- 10 Spoil a reputation (5)
- 12 & 6th (5, 8)
- 21
- 19 Hired killers (9)
- 21 See 12
- 22 Victoria's husband in front of a Canadian province * (7)
- 23 British record label (5)
- 24 Reset reset for woodland * (5)
- 25 No smart moves for crossbar * (7)
- 26 Inhabitant of Port-au-Prince (7)
- 27 Made from sugar cane, a bit like Mick * (7)
- 32 Warped rod of Baggins * (5)

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December 2024 – January 2025

I hope you have been able to spot some fungi this autumn. We have been treated to some wonderful colours on the trees and hedgerows this year. Now we have had the first snow of the winter.

Do take care when going out in cold, icy or snowy weather. Remember to feed the birds and move the feeders to different parts of the garden to prevent disease. There have been lots of new nature books published this year which are worth reading, so I hope you enjoy curling up with a book/Kindle when you are able to stay indoors in the holiday/winter weather.

The Big Garden Birdwatch is taking place 24th – 26th January 2025. I hope you enjoy taking part.

My best wishes to everyone for a Happy Christmas and a peaceful, healthy and successful 2025.

Thanks
Charlotte Eley

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Friday 13 th December	Black Bin
Friday 20 th December	Green Bin
Friday 27 th December	Black Bin
January 2025	
Friday 3 rd January	Green Bin
Friday 10 th January	Black Bin
Friday 17 th January	Green Bin
Friday 24 th January	Black Bin
Friday 31 st January	Green Bin
February 2025	
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Friday 21 st February	Black Bin
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Friday 14 th March	Green Bin
Friday 21 st March	Black Bin
Friday 28 th March	Green Bin

Crossword Solution

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What's On in Ecton -

Date	Time	Event	Location
December			
Wed 4 th Dec	20:00 -	Ecton Pub Quiz	Three Horseshoes
Fri 6 th Dec	10:00 -12:30	Ecton Brew Coffee Shop	Ecton Village Hall
Sat 7 th Dec	09:00 -12:00	Churchyard Tidy with Tea/Coffee	Ecton Church
Tue 10 th Dec	11:30 - 14:30	Winter Lunch Club	Ecton Village Hall
Sat 14 th Dec	10:00-12:00	Ecton Festive Coffee Morning	Ecton Church
Wed 18 th Dec	20:00 -	Ecton Pub Quiz	Three Horseshoes
Thur 26 th Dec	Evening	Open Mike Night	Three Horseshoes
January 2025			
Fri 3 rd Jan	10:00 -12:30	Ecton Brew Coffee Shop	Ecton Village Hall
Sat 11 th Jan	09:00 - 12:00	Churchyard Tidy with Tea/Coffee	Ecton Church
Tue 14 th Jan	11:30 - 14:30	Winter Lunch Club	Ecton Village Hall
Fri 17 th Jan	19:00-	Ecton Film Night - The Great Escaper	Ecton Village Hall
Fri 24 th Jan	TBC	Ecton Burns Night	Ecton Village Hall
Thur 30 th Jan	Evening	Open Mike Night	Three Horseshoes
February			
Sat 1 st Feb	09:00 -12:00	Churchyard Tidy with Tea/Coffee	Ecton Church
Fri 7 th Feb	10:00 -12:30	Ecton Brew Coffee Shop	Ecton Village Hall
Sat 8 th Feb 25	TBC	Ecton Safari Supper	TBC
Tue 11 th Feb 25	11:30 - 14:30	Winter Lunch Club	Ecton Village Hall
Wed 19 th Feb	TBC	Ecton Bridge Drive	Ecton Village Hall
Thur 27 th Feb	Evening	Open Mike Night	Three Horseshoes
March			
Sat 1 st March	09:00 -12:00	Churchyard Tidy with Tea/Coffee	Ecton Church
Fri 7 th March	10:00 -12:30	Ecton Brew Coffee Shop	Ecton Village Hall
Thur 27 th March	Evening	Open Mike Night	Three Horseshoes
April			
Fri 4 th April	10:00 -12:30	Ecton Brew Coffee Shop	Ecton Village Hall
Sat 5 th April	09:00 -12:00	Churchyard Tidy with Tea/Coffee	Ecton Church
Thur 24 th April	Evening	Open Mike Night	Three Horseshoes
May			
Tue 20 th May	TBC	Ecton Golf Day 2025	TBC

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