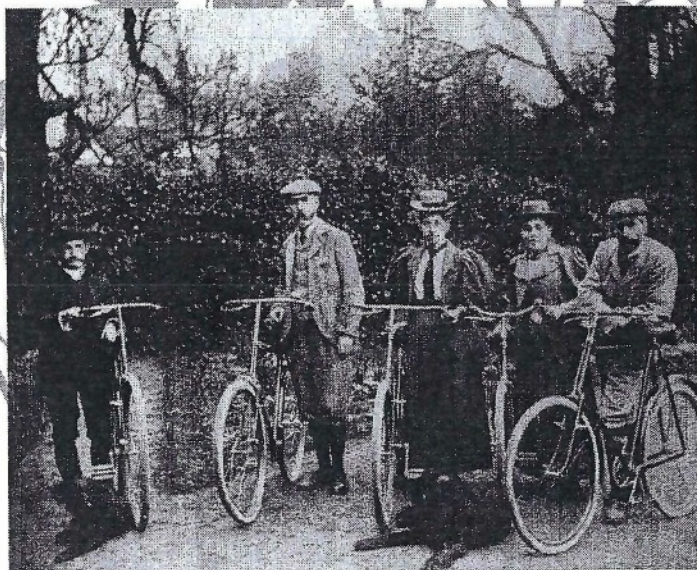


*Ecton Parish
Magazine*



Parish Magazine

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May 2005

May brings grass and leafy trees,
Wavering in each gentle breeze.

Church Directory

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Fellowship

Contact: Joyce Orford
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2nd Tuesday in month
2.30pm Village Hall

Cricknet Club

Captain: Steve Wheatman
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Contact: Rodney Ingram
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Booking Clerk: Marlene Green

Mums & Tots

Contact: Vicky Chapman
Tel: 01604 788748
Most Wednesdays
1.30-3.30pm Village Hall

Short Mat Bowls

Contact: Maurice Creed
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Lunch Club

Wednesday, monthly
Contact: Sheila Ingram 406038

Parish Council

Chairman: Ty Moffett
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Pre-School

Now relocated to the school
Contact: Mrs Vicki Burrows

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1st Tuesday in month
7.30 Village Hall

Youth Club

Contact: Margaret Tinston
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Wednesday

6.30-7.30 Junior Youth Club
7.30-8.30 Senior Youth Club
Village Hall

Badgers Group

Tuesdays 5.45 - 7.15pm Village Hall
Contact: Vicky Chapman 788748 or
Nita Gill 493455

Editors Ramblings

Summer is definitely not far away so perhaps its time to get the bikes out and make an effort to get fit (I keep telling myself) like those on the front cover! The Cricket season has started and Ecton fixtures are included in this issue.

For those who were looking for the article on recycling in last months issue I replaced it with an item on the churchyard but forgot to change it in editors ramblings, so my apologies, but you can find it in this issue (if I haven't changed it at the last minute again!) on page 12.

In this months issue I have printed one of my favourite poems by Longfellow (page 14) which I hope you enjoy, and invite you to submit your favourites for future issues.

For those looking for some new ideas in the kitchen on page 19 can be found 'Jude's Easy Peasy Recipes'

Do not forget that this month sees Christian Aid Week from 15th to 21st and on page 18 you will find a statement from Archbishop Rowan Williams (yes, the one that looks as though he has just got out of bed in a rush), as well as what we are doing locally.

One of my favourite authors published a new title this month, Lee Childs 'One Shot, and a review can be found on page 15. The Book club is presently reading 'Cocaine Nights' so perhaps a review in the next issue.

All the activities of the Youth club take place at the village hall this month as there is an abundance of new equipment which Margaret and I spent a happy Sunday assembling, and as usual with everything we put together the instructions were too complicated and numerous nuts and bolts were left over at the end, but I was really impressed with the basketball nets, first class design and engineering.

The Village Hall AGM took place in April and the retiring chairmans report is on page 12. Unbelievably in the same week in April, two big events, the new Pope was elected (Joseph Ratzinger now Benedict 16th picture on page 10) and Rodney Ingram becoming the new chairman of the Village Hall, as of time of going to press Rodney had not chosen his new name!.

Congratulations to Chris Petrie on completing the London Marathon in a time of four and a quarter hours,(no pit stops were witnessed) and he has raised in excess of £1500 for the CHILDRENS WISH APPEAL.

It's good to have Joyce back in the village after her operation and wish her a speedy recovery so she can continue her wanderings , the village has not been the same without her wanderings around it.

Anything for **June** Magazine to
Colin Tinston: Rectory Farm House, High Street
Telephone: 412233 or
e-mail: navigator@ectonvillage.co.uk
by 22nd May

To me, old age is always 15 years older than I am.

Ecton Church Diary

Sunday 1st May	<u>The Sixth Sunday of Easter</u>
9.30am	Parish Communion: Acts 17. 22-31; Psalm 66. 7-18; 1 Peter 3. 13-22; John 14. 15-21
6pm	Evensong
Thursday 5th May	<u>Ascension Day</u>
7.30pm	Holy Communion
Sunday 8th May	<u>The Seventh Sunday of Easter</u>
9.30am	Parish Communion: Acts 1. 6-14; Psalm 68. 1-10 32-35; 1 Peter 4. 12-14; 5. 6-11; John 17. 1-11.
Tuesday 10th May	
9.00am	Holy Communion
Saturday 14th May	Pentecost Party - childrens activity session to be held at the Village Hall.
10am - 12 noon	
Sunday 15th May	<u>Pentecost</u>
10.30am	All Age Communion Service
6.00pm	Evensong at Blakesley Church
Tuesday 17th May	
9.00am	Holy Communion
Sunday 22nd May	<u>Trinity Sunday</u>
9.30am	Parish Communion: Isaiah 40. 12-17, 27-31; Psalm 8; 2 Corinthians 13. 11-13; Matthew 28. 16-20
4 - 6pm	Deanery Open Air Service-Bassetts Park Wellingborough
Tuesday 24th May	
9.00am	Holy Communion
Thursday 26th May	<u>Corpus Christi</u>
7.30pm	Holy Communion
Sunday 29th May	<u>First Sunday after Trinity</u>
9.30am	Parish Communion: Genesis 6.9-22, 7.24, 8.14-19; Psalm 46; Romans 1. 16-17, 3. 22b-28, (29-31); Matthew 7. 21-29.
Tuesday 31st May	
9.00am	Holy Communion

The Ecton Fellowship

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 10th May at 2.30pm. Joy Drage and her husband will give another fascinating afternoon with slides and a talk on their latest holiday.

*Everyone is welcome.
Joan Dickins.*

Tony and Jean Haycox

Sincerely Thank everyone who sent Flowers and Cards, Telephoned and called at 2 Barton Fields with offers of help and to wish us a speedy recovery, after the traumatic road accident in the High Street.

We were overwhelmed by the concern shown to us by so many people and will always be grateful for this.

Walter and Gwenda

would like to take this opportunity to say a big "thank you" for all your prayers and good wishes during Walter's stay in hospital in Oxford.

Also to Jenny and John for taking time off to visit.

Walter is now back at home working a daily routine to restore some normality to life and looks forward to re-joining life at Ecton and the church.

I along with a few colleagues from both Pre-School and Badgers will be doing the 'Race for Life' on Saturday May 7th at Willen Lake. We are trying to raise at least £500 for the breast cancer charity, which is extremely close to my heart as my mum died of breast cancer at the young age of 37.

***I would be most grateful for sponsorship for this event
Vicky Chapman 788748***

It is not worth an intelligent man's time to be in the majority.
By definition, there are already enough people to do that.

Jenny's Page



Dear Friends,

'Wellingborough Deanery Mission' 15th-22nd May.

I wonder what that conjures up in your mind? The word 'mission' might make you think that people will be round to sell you bible advice with a foot in the door! You might receive glossy pamphlets similar to election manifestos!

'Wellspring', for that is the name of the mission is a chance for people in every parish in the deanery to celebrate and share their faith, and to encourage others to ask, "What does your faith mean to you? Why do you go to church on Sundays? What's it all about?"

The week deliberately coincides with the celebration of Pentecost, the time the church thinks back to the day the first apostles received the Holy Spirit as Jesus had promised. The Spirit gave them strength and power to begin the spread of the gospel. It must have been quite something for numbers to have increased so rapidly, despite persecution; for Christianity to grow from a small band of followers into a major world religion.

We think of Pentecost as the birthday of the Church, so to say Happy Birthday to Ecton Church there will be:-

A Pentecost Party for 5-11 yr olds in the Village Hall,
10-12 on Saturday 14th May

A Special All Age Communion Service, 10.30am on Sunday 15th May
(everyone is welcome)

This will be followed by a bread and soup lunch, the price of our usual Sunday lunch being donated to the charity Christian Aid. Those not able to join us are invited to make a donation anyway.

On Sunday 22nd, 4-6pm, we shall join with Christians from all over the deanery for an Open-air celebration in Bassett's Park in Wellingborough. There will be a picnic and a huge patchwork celebration cake, made up from cakes made by each church.

If you would like your child/ren to come to the Pentecost Party, please fill in the reply slip on the enclosed flyer.

Love and prayers,

Jenny

CD Reviews by Adrian Pulford

Martha Wainwright – Martha Wainwright

Old hippies like me may have Loudon Wainwright III records in their vinyl collection but in 1971 we wouldn't have thought that, having married Kate McGarrigle (of the renowned folk duo Kate & Anna McGarrigle), two of his offspring would be the toast of music critics and CD buying public alike in 2005.

Growing up in a family where music was the central focus, Martha sang on stage and in the studio from an early age. She began writing songs and performing in clubs while a drama student in her native Montreal.

This eponymous new album is remarkable and her emotional renditions of self-penned masterpieces like 'Far Away' and 'Factory' are excellent especially after a few listens. 'B.M.F.A.' – I won't give it its full title here, is the best track on the album. Full of pent-up sexuality and emotional angst this could be a depressing collection in the hands of a lesser talent but it's ultimately uplifting. Buy it.

Rufus Wainwright – Want Two

This is Rufus Wainwright's fourth album but finally the world (including me) is catching on according to a recent Guardian article: 'Want Two is doing well in Europe ("although once the Germans get it, you're f***ed," says Rufus), but it occasionally occurs to Rufus that had he been a different kind of artist, had he concealed some sides of himself, his career might have taken off a while sooner.'

Charismatic, with a captivating voice (he sang 'Hallelujah' on the Shrek soundtrack) and a huge songwriting talent this breakthrough album is his catharsis after entering rehab and getting over a drug and drink fuelled attempt to self-destruct. With soaring orchestral arrangements and operatic vocals these songs were written before during and after his 'breakdown' and although full of such diverse influences the whole effect is powerful and again ultimately uplifting.

That two such towering talents should emerge from one family maybe says something for the power of breeding. Anyway if you buy this album and enjoy it, you might want to delve into Rufus's back catalogue of albums 'Want One', 'Rufus Wainwright' and 'Poses'. I will. James Blunt – Back To Bedlam

"Beautiful dawn, lights up the shore for me, there is nothing else in the world I would rather wake up and see, with you". The opening lines of 'High', the first track of this album and the first single, sum up the simple beauty of James Blunt's singer / songwriter's talent. The rest of the songs on the album are superb especially the second single 'Wisemen'.

Coming from a military family with no one having a musical bone in their body his background not be more of a contrast to the Wainwright's musical schooling, his father considering all music a redundant noise. Yet ironically his music owes more to Loudon Wainwright's style than either Martha or Rufus's output.

His life-story is nothing short of unique. A British Army career saw him stationed in Kosovo as part of NATO's peacekeeping force. He then protected the Queen on horseback and the Queen Mother whilst she lay in state. Within weeks of leaving the Army he was in the USA and after one live show was signed to Atlantic recording 'Back To Bedlam' in Los Angeles. I love this album and so does everyone I've played it to. You may well enjoy it too, so take a listen.

Church Cleaning Rota			
Week Ending		Team	Area
May	7th	Blue	B
	14th	Green	A
	21st	Orange	B
	28th	Red	A
Brass Cleaning			
May		Simpson Family	
June		Ingrid & Barbara	

Coffee Rota		
May	1st	Dorothy Creed & Christine Murray
	8th	Nick & Mary Greene
	15th	Rita Ward & Angela Allen
	22nd	Marian Gleave & Joyce Orford
	29th	Margaret Weddle & Anne Henderson

Sidespersons		Morning	Evening
May	1st	Brian & Sylvia Saunders	Marian Gleave & Sylvia Saunders
	8th	Michael & Pauline Cook	
	15th	Walter Barty & John Parkin	Geoff Harlott & Joy Wilson
	22nd	David Dicks & Alice Adams	
	29th	Ken Jones & Nick Green	Marian Gleave & Sylvia saunders

**BEWARE
WATCH OUT FOR
DISTRACTION BURGULARIES**

A case has occurred in the village where someone came to the door to say their car had broken down and needed cash for fuel. They did not want the householder to phone anyone. The Police were called and confirmed there had been numerous cases of this type locally.

Ecton Cricket Club Fixtures 2005

SATURDAYS

2pm Start

Evening Game

Tuesday 7th June

Boughton (away)

6.15 pm start



SUNDAYS

2.30pm Start

Saturday Dates	Opponents	Venue
May 7th	Mears Ashby	Ecton
14th	St. Michaels	Weston Favell
21st	Horton house 3	Ecton
28th	Raunds 2	Ecton
June 4th	Horton House 3	Caroline Chis.
11th	St. Andrews	Ecton
18th	Obelisk 2	Ecton
25th	Spencer	Rylands
July 2nd	St. Michaels	Ecton
9th	Raunds 2	Raunds
16th	Mears Ashby	Mears Ashby
23rd	Spencer	Ecton
30th	West Haddon 2	Ecton
August 6th	Obelisk 2	Obelisk
13th	Geddington 3	Ecton
20th	West Haddon 2	West Haddon
27th	St. Andrews	St. Andrews

Sunday Dates	Opponents	Venue
May 1st	Nether Heyford	Heyford
15th	Collingtree	Ecton
22nd	Abington	Abington Park
29th	Great Houghton	Ecton
June 12th	Nether Heyford	Ecton
19th	Billing	Ecton
26th	Eaglets	Ecton
July 10th	St. Michaels 74	Bugbrooke
17th	Spencer	Ecton
24th	Stoney Stratford	Ecton
31st	St. Michaels 74	Ecton
August 14th	Grendon (2pm)	Grendon
21st	Great Houghton	Great Houghton
28th	Earls Barton 10.30am	Earls Barton



Pope Benedict XVI.

German-born Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, 78, was elected head of the Roman Catholic church

W.I. Walks Group

Led by Gill Leggett six intrepid members of the group set off to Salcey Forest for the first walk of the season. It was excellent, thoroughly enjoyed by everyone. The date and venue for the next walk will be arranged by Gill.

In the discussion afterwards it was decided that the W.I. should widen its interests further and will be setting up a Book Club and Discussion Group in addition to the regular monthly meeting.

*Looking for things to do with the kids?
Every weekend and school holidays in May at Sywell Country
Park they have
Kids Quests Activity Packs from 11am - 4pm*

With a choice of Nature Detective, Water World, Unflappable Birds, Trees, Ugly Bugs, Survival and History packs there's loads of fun waiting for you at the park. Get some gentle exercise in this picturesque park while you and your children discover more about the world around us. This is aimed at 8 to 12 year olds and the packs cost £1 each

CLEANER REQUIRED

For the Village Hall

Approximately one and half hours per week

Terms to be agreed

Apply to Mary Dicks 407145

Youth Club

DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY	VENUE
May 4th	6.30 - 7.30	Crafts/Social	Village Hall
	7.30 - 9.00	Crafts/Social	Village Hall
May 11th	6.30 - 7.30	Games/Social	Village Hall
	7.30 - 9.00	Games/Social	Village Hall
May 18th	6.30 - 7.30	Crafts/Social	Village Hall
	7.30 - 9.00	Games/Social	Village Hall
May 25th	6.30 - 7.30	Craft/Social	Village Hall
	7.30 - 9.00	Craft/Social	Village Hall



Youth Club Questionnaire

Many thanks to everybody who filled in the questionnaire
 The £20 when drawn from the hat on 15th April goes to
 Judith Bomben
 Contact Margaret Tinston to collect.

A Wonderful World

I will not hurry through this day!
 Lord, I will listen by the way
 To humming bees and singing birds,
 To speaking trees and friendly words;
 And for the moments in between
 Seek glimpses of thy great unseen.

I will not hurry through this day;
 I will take time to think and pray;
 I will look up into the sky,
 Where fleecy clouds and swallows fly;
 And somewhere in the day, may be
 I will catch whispers, Lord, from thee!

Ecton Recycling centre

I have just visited a recycling centre (dechetterie) in France and have a suggestion for a major improvement at the Ecton site. In France you drive into the recycling centre up a concrete slope and park adjacent to the bin you wish to use . You just have to drop the items to be disposed of into the bin below, no climbing slippery ramps, no lifting to get items into the bin and furthermore you can dispose of large items in the same way.

Obviously the French do not have to comply with European health and safety legislation as we do, the need for guard rails to stop you falling in etc. (which helps)

Ecton improvements for 2005

- 1) New signs to help you find right bin (already there in France)
- 2) Meet & Greet to provide assistance (If its not too busy)
- 3) Future plans state that the site is to be redesigned to help unloading facilities (Perhaps a trip to France first)

The two recycling centres I visited in France seemed to be run by no more than 2 people (just to answer any queries) whereas the Ecton centre has a major workforce.

Colin Tinston

If you have any thoughts on this I will be pleased to print your comments

The Village Hall

RETIRING CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Since our 2004 AGM we have seen our dreams come true with the official re-opening of the Hall in July by the Mayor of Wellingborough; a very good article appeared in the Wellingborough Link magazine, giving us some good publicity.

We got over our final financial hurdle through generous interest-free loans from villagers and friends; this sum of £9,500 enabled us to complete the project. These loans were given on the understanding they would be repaid within 10 years; I am pleased to say that nearly half have already been paid back.

All this has been achieved by some very successful fundraising events. I believe the success of these events is down to the fact that they are a social occasion as well as fundraising and we all know that Ecton folk know how to enjoy themselves – the sight of so many 'skilled performers' at the Barn Dance was something to remember – or should I say forget!!

Since re-opening we have seen an increase in bookings with a large variety of usage from Spanish Classes to Golden Wedding celebrations. This year 5th May sees our hall become a Polling Station for the first time; on 12th June local Wellingborough artist, Michael Peachey is holding an exhibition of his work.

My thanks and appreciation go to Maureen Robinson, who keeps the hall spick and span, to our Treasurer, Sylvia Saunders, who never makes a fuss but just gets on with the job and keeps our finances in good shape, to Rodney who, as our Project Manager, oversaw the mammoth refurbishment programme and whose help was invaluable with special thanks to Mary Dicks, our very efficient Secretary, without whose help my job would have been nigh impossible.

Finally, I want to thank everyone who contributed in any way to the wonderful hall we now have. When I took on the task of Chairman seven years ago little did I realise just how much work would be involved but I can look back with pride at what we have achieved together and look forward with confidence knowing I leave the hall in good hands and that the future of Ecton Village Hall is, indeed, a very healthy one.

Tony Green

The Final Church Lottery of the year has been drawn at the bowls meeting in the Village Hall.

The £50 winner 170 - Kerry Pulford -drawn by Jean Leigh

The £10 prizes were:

122 Joyce Orford - drawn by Freda Richards

50 The Weddles - drawn by Margaret Scott

77 Steve Hunt - drawn by Barbara Jones

190 J.Wincot - drawn by Shirley Cart and finally

24 The Bearders - drawn by Isa Blunt

As you can see a variety of winners were drawn by a variety of members of the bowls club. (All hoping to pull out their own tickets!). The lottery is always drawn by a minimum of four people, usually more. During the year some people have won a number of times and others only once. You can't win if you don't join in! We have spare capacity at the moment as people have dropped out due to various reasons, moving away, illness etc so NOW is your chance to join in and keep the numbers up so the first prize stays at £50. The gallant band of Collectors will be knocking on doors as the 2005/2006 first draw starts in May. The cost: £12 per year per lottery number; a minimum of 200 numbers sold ensures a first prize of £50 and subsequent ones of £10. Treat your relatives, children, dogs! (This is not a joke as Caroline's dogs have won a £10 prize during the year).

I am also very grateful to the Collectors without whom it would be very difficult to organise the whole thing and I would like to thank Caroline who took over Millie's long list last year. Then due to being unavailable this year as she is having a back operation found a replacement collector in Vicki Jaffey. We hope all goes well and that she will be back in full health soon.

The money raised by the lottery has been used for developing the Church Vestry into a meeting room and replacing the organ. We now have to refurbish the South Porch which has been subject of attacks by vandals, lighting fires and generally being a pain. Once the Vestry project is finally completed then the lottery money will be used for towards the Porch. Half of the lottery money received goes back as prizes and the other to the Church Development Fund. If you don't come across a Lottery Collector and wish to buy more numbers then please pop down to 1, Barton Fields as Church Treasurer I am always available to lighten your load and relieve you of your money. (for a good cause naturally!).

Angela Crabtree.

Ecton Bowls Club

We recently entered Cogenhoe Gala Day, our team consisting of Shirley Cart, Geoff Harlott, Maurice and Dorothy Creed. We had a very enjoyable day with some hard fought matches. Unfortunately, we were narrowly beaten in our last match of the day therefore just missing a place in the final. The final of the Ecton inter-club tournament, held in the village hall was won this year by Melvyn Savage who beat Tony Green on the last end. It was an exciting match and a shame that someone had to be the loser. The match was followed by our annual dinner, as usual, this was a most enjoyable event with the food prepared and served by some of the lady members. Thanks go to them as always for providing such an excellent meal. The club A.G.M. was held on April 14th and provoked much lively discussion. The new committee i.e. Maurice Creed (Chairman), Dorothy Creed (Secretary), Freda Richards (Treasurer), and Geoff Harlott and Marlene Green hope that the forthcoming year will be successful. New members welcome.

*Nature does nothing uselessly.
Aristotle*

The Old House by the Lindens

Longfellow

The old house by the lindens
Stood silent in the shade,
And on the gravel'd pathway
The light and shadow played.

I saw the nursery windows
Wide open to the air;
But the faces of the children,
They were no longer there.

The old Newfoundland house-dog
Was standing by the door;
He looked for his little playmates
Who would return no more.

They walked not under the lindens,
They played not in the hall;
But shadow, and silence, and sadness
Were hanging over all.

The birds sang in the branches,
With sweet familiar tone;
But the voices of the children
Will be heard in dreams alone.

And the boy that walked beside me,
He could not understand
Why closer in mine, ah ! closer,
I pressed his warm, soft hand.

Last Months Place Quiz Answers

- 1) Bath
- 2) Bangor
- 3) Nuneaton
- 4) Leamington Spa
- 5) Dumfries
- 6) Exeter
- 7) Dunstable
- 8) Crewe
- 9) Worcester
- 10) Thame
- 11) Blisworth
- 12) Newcastle
- 13) Stoke Bruerne
- 14) Towcester
- 15) Motherwell
- 16) Gateshead
- 17) Dublin
- 18) Fort William
- 19) Woodstock
- 20) Barton Seagrave
- 21) Deal
- 22) Winchester
- 23) Carlisle
- 24) York
- 25) Weedon

Email sent to the school website

From: Glynn Ford
Lara Lake, Victoria, Australia

Details

I was so thrilled to see your website, Ecton was my first primary school at age 5 in 1942. In those days I lived in a house in the courtyard of the Three Horseshoes with a family named Tipler. I have not been back to Ecton since the mid 50's but the memories I have are much treasured. Best wishes

Book Review

One Shot by Lee Childs

'One Shot' is the ninth book in Lee Child's series about retired US military cop Jack Reacher, and it's the real deal: a stunningly original, and superbly orchestrated thriller. It delivers a high body count, yet has more intelligence than practically any other book in the crime/thriller genre.

The author's clipped, laconic, to-the-point narrative and stylistic mannerisms mirrors the speech and acute thinking of Reacher. Incredibly, Lee Child is British, but his writing voice, and his hero, is more authentically American than Thanksgiving Day and pumpkin pie.

The initial opening sequences of a sniper acting alone seem, at first, deceptively simple. But from them, Lee spins a whole web of complexities and develops the plot with enormous skill. By the end of the book you're acknowledging that he's a master magician who's pulled off many great sleight-of-hand tricks that you didn't see coming.

I ask myself when the last time was that I read a thriller with as many breath-catching twists as 'One Shot'? Twists that surprise yet make perfect logical sense when you think about them afterwards. Each one a brilliant set piece that detonates in the brain and gets one figuratively slapping the thigh in admiration, and thinking, "that blasted Lee Child got me again!"

Books 6,7 and 8 in the series, for me, offered no progression from their predecessors. Respectively, 'Without Fail' is easily the low point in the sequence; 'The Persuader' merely marked time; and last year's 'The Enemy' though good, took a backward step into Reacher's army days. The good news is that 'One Shot' finds Lee Child once again writing at the top of his game and through it he has breathed new life into the entire series. If, like me, you loved the first five books I can't see you being disappointed with this latest volume.

Most of the titles in the sequence would make terrific action movies. But I know of no established actor - step forward the usual suspects: Willis, Arnie, Seagal, Vin Diesel etc - has anywhere near enough toughness, charisma, intelligence, believability and sheer physical size to do justice to the character of one-man army Jack Reacher. And ladies, you're going to love him too!

<p><i>Any reviewer who expresses rage and loathing for a novel is preposterous. He or she is like a person who has put on full armour and attacked a hot fudge sundae.</i></p>
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The covers of this book are too far apart.



ECTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Northampton**

(off the A4500 near to the World's End Pub)

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If you are looking for a village school education for your child in a caring and stimulating environment then come and visit Ecton Primary School.

- For our younger children we are delighted to offer our Ecton Acorns Pre-School.

And in addition to our normal school hours we are proud to offer our Breakfast and After School Clubs.

We believe in strong community links and encourage parental/family involvement in the school.

If you would like to arrange a visit to the school then please contact our Head Teacher, Mrs. V. Burrows on 01604 409213 to arrange an appointment.

Why not come and meet us and let us show you round our School at our Open Day which is being held on Thursday 16th June.

FRIENDS OF ECTON SCHOOL

have organised a

LADIES FASHION SHOW

on 19th May at the School at 8pm

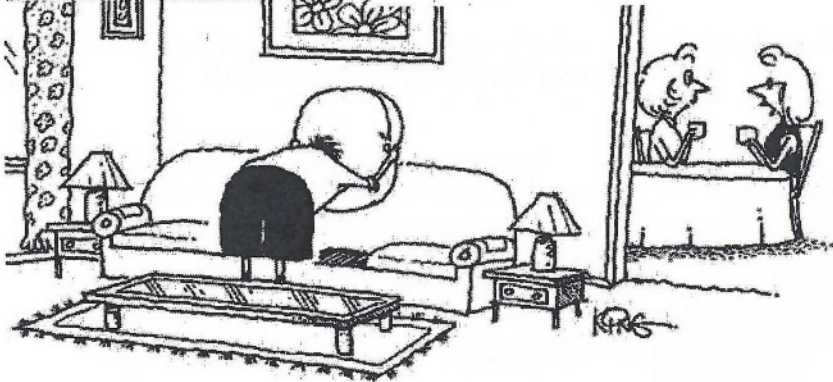
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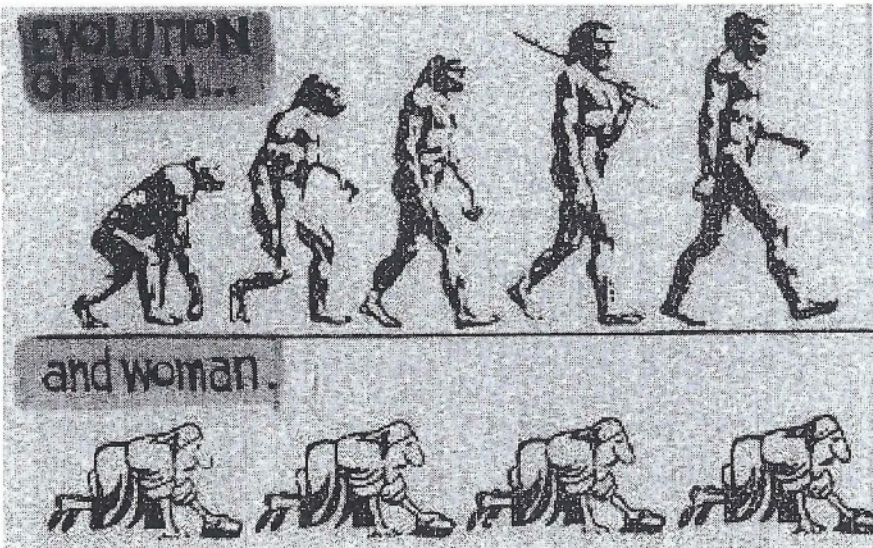
SIGN WRITERS ON STRIKE



Here, take these I'm going back for my wife!



The doctor said he needed more activity. So I hide his T.V. remote three times a week.



Christian Aid



We are having a Soup and Bread lunch at 12.30 - 1.30. at the back of the Church on Sunday 15th May. John Parkin has kindly offered to make Lentil Soup.

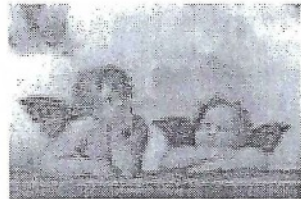
There is NO charge but a donation please.

There is also a House to House collection during Christian Aid Week. Please give generously. This is an Ecumenical Charity for the needs of the Third World



Archbishop Rowan Williams has written that "It is clear that the needs of those who live in poverty, oppression, hunger and insecurity remain very great. But they are not greater than our global capacity to meet them. Christians know we must continue to play a full part in giving substance to that reality, through witness, through prayer and through our own giving. Christian Aid Week offers an important opportunity to do that."

Make a memory with your children,
Spend some time to show you care;
Toys and trinkets can't replace those
Precious moments that you share.
Money doesn't buy real pleasure,
It doesn't matter where you live;
Children need your own attention,
Something only you can give.
Childhood's days pass all too quickly,
Happy memories all too few;
Plan to do that special something,
Take the time to go or do.
Make a memory with your children,
Take the time in busy days;
Have some fun while they are growing,
Show your love in gentle ways.



Happiness is when what you think, what you say, and what you do are in harmony.
Mahatma Gandhi

Jude's Easy Peasy Recipes

All recipes serve 4 (ish)

Mushroom Bhaji

- 3-4 tablespoons cooking oil
- 1 onion, finely chopped
- 2-3 cloves of garlic, crushed
- 1/2 teaspoon turmeric
- 1/2 teaspoon chilli powder
- 1 teaspoon ground coriander
- 1 teaspoon cumin
- 1 teaspoon tomatoe puree
- 8 oz mushrooms, chopped

Heat oil; fry onions until browned. Lower heat, add garlic and spices, fry, adding a tablespoon of water to stop sticking. Repeat, if necessary, for 5 minutes. Add tomatoe puree, mix well. Add mushrooms, mix well. Sprinkle with 2 tablespoons of water. Cover with pan lid and simmer for about 10 minutes.

Sweet Potatoe and Chick Pea Curry

- 10 oz sweet potatoes, peeled and roughly chopped
- 1 tin tomatoes
- 1 tin chick peas, drained
- 2 tablespoons mild curry paste
- 2 teaspoons chilli powder
- 4 oz baby spinach leaves
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh coriander

Boil sweet potatoes in pan of water for 10-12 minutes until tender. Meanwhile, in a saucepan stir together tomatoes, chickpeas, chilli and curry paste and simmer gently for about 5 minutes. Drain sweet potatoes and add to mixture. Stir in spinach leaves and coriander. Heat until spinach has wilted.

Lentil Curry

- 2 tablespoons sunflower oil
- 2 onions, chopped
- 4 tablespoons curry paste
- 1 1/2 pints vegetable stock
- 750g stew pack vegetables
- 6oz red lentils
- 1/4 teaspoon turmeric

Heat oil in large heavy pan. Fry onions for about 8 minutes until golden brown. Stir in curry paste and cook for a minute. Slowly pour in stock, stirring continually. Add rest of ingredients and simmer for 20-25 minutes.

I've been on a diet for two weeks and all I've lost is two weeks.

EXHIBITION OF PAINTINGS

by

MICHAEL PEACHEY

at

ECTON VILLAGE HALL

on Sunday, June 12th 2005

10.30 am - 4.30 pm

Refreshments available

There will be in the region of 70+ high quality paintings on show in various mediums covering a wide range of subject matter: landscapes, seascapes, portraits, flowers, fantasy etc. - *something for everyone!*

**For further information please ring
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