

THE ECTON VIEW

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Editors Ramblings

Last month saw the daffodils on the A4500 erupt into bloom giving a whole new look to the village, on the down side the grass in my garden started to grow and needed cutting, and weeds started to compete.

This month sees the start of a regular recipe page by villagers, starting with Jude Coulter. If you have a recipe you would like to share with the village let me have it for inclusion in a future issue.

There is a notice reminding everyone of the Village Hall AGM. We are very lucky to have such a great facility in a village of this size, so try and make an effort to come along and contribute your ideas for improvement.

YOUR VILLAGE HALL NEEDS YOU!!

As the weather improves let the picnics begin, (note to myself to get the picnic set down from the loft) perhaps a grand village picnic could be organised during the summer months. Any volunteers to organise give me a call.

The Ecton Golden Oldies met for a fish & chip lunch at the three horseshoes during March which proved very popular as can be seen from the pictures in this issue. They all enjoyed the new decor in the pub. The fish & chip van arrived spot on time with everything served freshly cooked.

I have had a request from the push chair users in the village so can you please try and avoid parking on the pavements as it is really difficult to walk around the village with a pram or pushchair and stay safely on the path. Whilst the village can be quiet there are times when the road is busy and it is dangerous to be forced to walk on the road.

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by 20th April

Imagine all the people living life in peace.

You may say I'm a dreamer, but I'm not the only one.

I hope someday you'll join us, and the world will be as one.

A Night in the life of **Liam Tinston**,

Harvest Winemaker, Angove Family Winemakers, Renmark, Australia

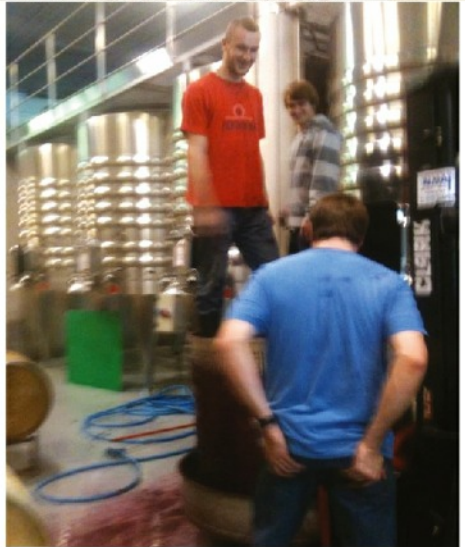
- 9.30pm Wake up, shower (in brown river water that harbours quite an unpleasant odour), have breakfast (toast) and a cup of tea (a weak Australian approximation).
- 10.30pm Walk the 75 metres to work (used to be 20 metres, but they put a new fence up). Check my emails, set up the laboratory, turn on my coms radio, have a coffee, put on my high-vis vest and hard hat. Liaise with the shift supervisor (All the time hoping it's not the depressed alcoholic "Schooner").
- 11.00pm The first truck load of grapes arrives and the action commences. The crushers and presses start going and I rush back and forth from crush pad to Laboratory, taking samples, doing lab analysis, giving instructions and ordering additions of tartaric acid (because Australian grapes have lots of sugar but no acid), sulphur (for protection against oxidation) and enzyme preparations (for juice clarity and stability).
- 12.00am The bugs come out, the sheer volume of crickets, moths, spiders, mosquitoes and all other manner of creepy crawlies is mind boggling. I then follow the mass exodus to the supervisor's office for 'Aeroguard', which each person sprays over every single inch of exposed flesh to protect themselves.
- 12.30am Spray myself with more 'Aeroguard'. (This happens every 30 minutes all night so I won't mention it again, it might get quite repetitive).
- 1.00am Usually around this time a truck of grapes will be late, arrive with low sugar or a high level of disease. If this happens I will have to call growers and harvesters to follow up on trucks or cancel trucks, generally it never goes down too well with them.
- 2.00am "Smokco", a 20 minute break 3 hours into a shift, so named for the smoke or coffee you have during that 20 minutes.
- 2.20am Begin fermentation rounds. During which I sample every fermenting tank for Baume (measurement of sugar remaining in the juice, and thus how far a juice is through fermentation) and temperature. I also take a small juice sample for the winemaking team to assess in the morning. (Depending on the amount of fermenting tanks, this can take upwards of 90 mins, so my Ipod is essential).
- 4.00am Once grapes have been crushed and are in the press, I will have to taste off the free run and press cuts. This basically involves me standing around the presses with a tasting glass, periodically tasting the juice while the people around me do the hard work.
- 5.00am Dinner break. 20 mins to eat (generally for me a cheese sandwich and a packet of crisps, however, for most Australians it is a meat pie).
- 5.30am I continue analysing juices to ensure they are 'in specification', if not, I order more additions. My aim is to have all the grapes crushed on time and 'in spec' by the time the winemakers arrive in the morning (If I fail to have this done, nobody gets angry, they just give me looks of disappointment, which everyone knows is way worse).

8.00am

The winemakers arrive and we all taste the fermentations and the juices that were crushed that night as a group and make decisions on additions and temperatures for ferments and fining for the juices.

9.00am

If there are still grapes crushing, I hand over to the on duty winemaker, and then make my way home, 75 metres down the road, where I attempt to sleep through the hottest part of the day.



A DID YOU KNOW MOMENT

In the modern economy a huge amount of jobs - as much as 40% in the UK - are essentially about coordination and intermediation rather than doing things directly. They may seem more pointless than picking crops, fixing the plumbing or doing brain surgery. And there is good evidence that practical skills are often more stimulating, and use more of our intelligence than office work.

Coffee Rota		
April	3rd	Wendy & Ingrid
	10th	Dorothy Creed & Ingrid Cartwright
	17th	Margaret Weddle & Anne Henderson
	24th	

CHURCH LOTTERY March	
£40	Catherine Lambie
£10	Anne Mc Carter
£10	Margaret Tinston

Sidespersons			
April	11am	3rd	Brian & Sylvia Saunders
	9.15am	10th	Linda & Steve Richards
	11am	17th	David & Mary Dicks
	9.15am	24th	

Church Cleaning Rota		Brass Cleaning	
Week		Team	
April	2nd		Anne Henderson & Joy Wilson
	9th	A	
	23rd	B	

CALENDAR FOR APRIL 2011

Saturday 2nd

10.00 Open Church - coffee is served.

Sunday 3rd

MOTHERING SUNDAY

11.00 All-Age Worship with Holy Communion.

(Visiting minister, The Rev'd Christine Ostler).

(Please note, this is an extra Morning Service instead of the regular 18.00 time this month)

Tuesday 5th

10.00 Holy Communion (at St. Nicholas Great Doddington).

Wednesday 6th

19.30 Compline & Prayer.

Sunday 10th

09.15 Holy Communion.

Tuesday 12th

10.00 Holy Communion (at St. Nicholas Great Doddington).

Thursday 14th

19.45 Benefice Prayer Meeting – (107, The Ridge, Great Doddington).

Sunday 17th

PALM SUNDAY

11.00 All-Age Worship with Holy Communion.

18.30 St. Luke Passion (Bach), by Deanery choir and local soloists -All Saints, Wellingborough.

Monday 18th

21.00 Compline & Meditation - Wilby

Tuesday 19th

10.00 Holy Communion

Wednesday 20th

21.00 Compline & Meditation – Ecton

Maundy Thursday 21st

21.00 Compline & Meditation - Great Doddington

Good Friday 22nd

19.30 Holy Communion - Ecton

09.30 Untied March of Witness and Service – Earls Barton

12.00 An hour Before the Cross – Gt. Doddington

12.00 Activities for nursery and primary children - Memorial Hall(both followed by a Hunger Lunch in aid of T.E.A.R. Fund)

14.00 An hour Before the Cross – Ecton

20.00 Tenebrae Service – Wilby

Sunday 24th

EASTER DAY

09.15 Holy Communion (Visiting Minister, The Rev'd James Mogridge).

There is no midweek Communion service this week

Tuesday 26th

14.30 Afternoon Songs of Praise (at Ecton)

Thursday 28th

14.15 Pre-School Praise – Gt. Doddington.

From the Vicarage,



As we look around the world, what a month it has been. Politically we have seen governments fall and revolution taking place. In the natural world too there have been (literally) earth-shaking disasters, first in New Zealand, and more recently even more severely in Japan. At the time of writing the cost is still being counted there and experts are fighting to bring under control a damaged nuclear power plant. The Japanese death-toll is still rising and I think we need to ask the question, ‘where is God in all this?’

It’s very hard, and many people are tempted, very reasonably, to question how a loving God can permit such things to happen, causing death, injury, and devastation to literally millions of lives. The same is true of the revolutions in North Africa and the Middle East. The first thing to say very firmly is that God doesn’t cause such things so we shouldn’t blame Him. They happen because we are part of a very damaged world, and I know I have written that here before. It’s true, and the best answer I can give as to why it is permitted is that to remove it would require that God overrule the ability He has given us to make choices and that would mean removing all love from the world for love can only be given freely. Surely such a world would be far far worse.

Into April, and Easter is on the way – at last! I think it falls the latest it can possibly this year with Easter Day not until 24th. As usual we shall have a wide variety of services and other activities going on, and in due course all those living in the village will be receiving a copy of our regular Easter leaflet (with further copies available to pick up in Church), but they are all listed here on the services page as well. One difference this year is that we are not holding a ‘Service of Light’ at Wilby on Easter Eve. Actually we didn’t hold one last year either, but that was because there was a central one at All Saints Church in Wellingborough for the whole of our deanery. We decided to discontinue it this year because numbers attending have been steadily dropping over the past few years and we gather it has perhaps ‘had its day’.

That gives us the opportunity to do something different. This year we are holding a ‘Tenebrae’ service on Good Friday at Wilby instead, at 8.00pm. If you’re not sure what this service is – come and find out! We held one of these for the first time last year at Ecton. Give it a try, and tell us what you think. We could always go back to the ‘Service of Light’ another year if it’s really wanted.

Another new thing last Easter was a deanery-wide musical production. We sang ‘The Crucifixion’ by John Stainer on Good Friday evening with a choir of over seventy from all around the deanery. It was a great success with members of our choir taking part. This year there is a similar event, but on this occasion it is on the evening of Palm Sunday and the work will be Bach’s St. Luke Passion, again in All Saints Church, Wellingborough. Yes, there’s a very wide range of things taking place, and as last Christmas, I would encourage you to attend perhaps one thing taking place in one of the other churches. We cannot possibly provide everything in every building.

With very best wishes and Easter greetings,
Chris Pearson

'ECTON MUMS AND TOTS'



'Ecton Mums and Tots' meets in the village hall from 10am through to 11:30am every alternate Friday.

Cost is £1 per child to cover hire of hall. Tea, coffee, lots of biscuits and good conversation are available for the adult carer!

Please contact Jenny on 4072724 or Caroline on 407113 for more information.

We will be meeting on the following dates due to Bank Holidays:

25th March

8th April

6th and 20th May

10th and 24th June

We really look forward to seeing you.

ECTON VILLAGE HALL

**The Ecton Village Hall
Annual General Meeting
will be held in the Hall on
Tuesday 12th April 2011
at 7.45pm**

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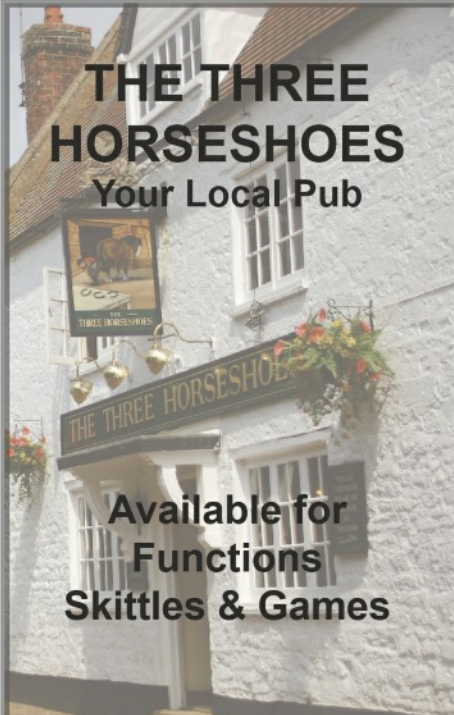
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- 2 onions, chopped
- 2 celery sticks, chopped
- 3 carrots, chopped
- tin of chopped tomatoes
- ¾ pint vegetable stock
- 2 tbsp tomato puree
- 4oz red lentils
- 3 tbsp pesto

For the topping

- 2lb 4oz potatoes
- 1 bunch spring onions
- 4fl oz milk
- 10z butter
- 4oz vegetarian cheddar, grated



Heat oil in large pan, add onions and fry for 10 mins. Add celery and carrots, fry for 5 mins. Add tomatoes, stock, tomato puree and lentils; bring to boil and then simmer for 20 mins. Season well and add pesto; tip into ovenproof dish. Meanwhile peel potatoes; boil in water until tender. Drain, mash with butter, milk and 2/3 cheese. Add spring onions and spread over vegetable mixture. Sprinkle with remaining cheese. Bake for 30mins (200c/fan 180c/gas 6) until crisp and golden.

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“ECTON PLAYING FIELD

The Parish Council are pleased to report that the Mum and Tots Group in the village have very generously donated £1409.00 for the purpose of providing play equipment for the younger children in the village.

The equipment may well have been installed and the Parish Council on behalf of the whole community would like to thank the Mums and Tots for their generous donation”

Ecton Witches

Friday 6 May 2011 – 7.30pm

30 West Street

Please telephone the hostesses Nicky – 402451 or Pat – 400456, the Wednesday before, to confirm your attendance. £5.00 is also required prior to cover the cost of food.

As usual, bring a bottle of wine on the night.

If you need any other information, email: nicola_buckley@sky.com

Dates for the diary:

24 June 2011 – 46 High Street

29 July 2011 – hostess required!



2012 Village Calendar

**Don't forget to take
your photos for the
calendar – we need
images of the village
for every month.**

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Fun and effective fitness classes on your doorstep!

My name is Emily Cox and I am a level 2 REPS qualified fitness instructor. I have been delivering a weekly 'Aerobitone' fitness class on Tuesday evenings from the Ecton village hall since September 2010.

When I qualified as a fitness instructor I spoke with my tutor about which route I intended to take; teaching in a gym environment or developing my own community based classes. At the time my tutor was teaching classes in both environments and although she told me that she really enjoyed teaching in a gym facility, it was the community classes that remained her favourite. When I asked why, she described the enjoyment she had experienced over the past 10 years, how welcoming and friendly local community groups has been and the freedom she found that comes with being able to tailor fitness classes to a specific community. I remember thinking 'that sounds good to me!' and I can honestly say that during the past 6 months I have found all these things to be true in Ecton. I have met some wonderful local people who have supported my class week on week come rain or shine since September. Although I always aim to make sure people work hard during the class, we certainly have lots of fun and the feeling experienced after the class knowing you've had a challenging workout makes you feel fantastic and will hopefully be the motivation you need to keep coming back! There are numerous benefits from participating in regular exercise including reduced risk of heart disease, lowered blood pressure, greater joint mobility, weight management and improved sense of wellbeing.

The class runs every Tuesday 6:30-7:30pm (apart from when parish council meetings are being held every 8 weeks) and combines both aerobic (to improve cardiovascular fitness) and toning elements. If you've ever done aerobics before there will be lots of moves you recognise – including the good old box step and my favourite the grapevine!

The class is suitable for all ages and abilities and I always offer alternatives for those that wish to work harder and others that might need to take things a bit easier due to age or injury.

The classes are £4 per session or you can purchase a 5 session card for £18. With spring on the way it's a great time to re-energise your fitness regime and start something new! So if you're looking to adopt a healthier lifestyle why don't you come along and join us on a Tuesday evening and start feeling all the benefits of participating in regular exercise.

If you would like any further information, or to register your interest please contact me on 07793 539357, email hotpinkfitness@hotmail.co.uk or visit our website www.hotpinkfitness@hotmail.co.uk

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THE EGO PAGE



The Ecton Golden Oldies enjoyed a great fish and chip lunch at The Three Horseshoes on 18th March.

It was lovely to see so many people in our refurbished pub, thanks to Steve and Keith for letting us meet there. Thanks also to Phyllis who provided scrumptious biscuits.

The fish and chips were a great success and we hope the supplier will visit Ecton again.



The next opportunity for the Golden Oldies to get together is on APRIL 29th - come to The Three Horseshoes, watch the Royal Wedding and enjoy a glass of fizz and canapes. The wedding ceremony is at 11 a.m. so be at the pub in time to watch the celebrations.

The first of the "David Cross" outings is planned for MAY 27th when we are going to Huntingdon Garden Centre. If you have not registered your interest please telephone Sally on 403027 or Kathy on 404590





Ecton Village Primary School

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Head Teacher: Mrs Esther McIntosh Chair of Governors: Mr Simon Vilette

As spring's bright, sunny mornings are finally upon us, staff and pupils at Ecton Village Primary School have been working and playing very hard. After the full OFSTED inspection in March 2009, January's visit confirmed that the school has indeed made satisfactory progress in making improvements, and satisfactory progress in demonstrating a better capacity for sustained improvement - perhaps it's not surprising that school attendance has reached an all time high (97%) and that, as the Inspector recognised, 'behaviour in lessons and around the school is good'.

Such behaviour is thankfully not confined within the classrooms or the school grounds. As reported in February's edition of the Ecton View, three of our pupils have shown great loyalty and community spirit in becoming Junior Road Safety Officers, keeping an eye on the flow of traffic in and through the village. More recently Class 3 children have extended their knowledge of road (and car!) safety, enjoying a day out at Silverstone. The day's learning included a 30 minute presentation on road safety, referring to general hazards on the road, different types of skid - what causes them and how to correct them - and demonstrations of computer aided systems, such as ABS (Anti-lock Braking Systems). The children were then treated to demonstrations in Silverstone's specially adapted skid cars.

In February, pupils celebrated pancake day, making and enjoying their own pancakes, under the watchful eyes of staff and others. They are now looking forward to taking part in the school's annual Easter Bonnet Competition and Parade (8 April). Silverstone staff are looking forward to a return visit to the school on the same day. They are promising to bring some parts of an F1 car for the children to hold, and even a single seat racing car! Why not come and enjoy the fruits of the children's labours at the Parade, and take a glance at the fabulous 'Roald Dahl'-themed wall displays, and communications from their French school friends.

Our comparatively small class sizes mean that Ecton's children enjoy an almost unparalleled level of care and attention. Perhaps this has been a significant contributory factor to the children's excellent performance in recent SATs tests. Sadly, it means also that such achievements fall outside of the reporters' scope!

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