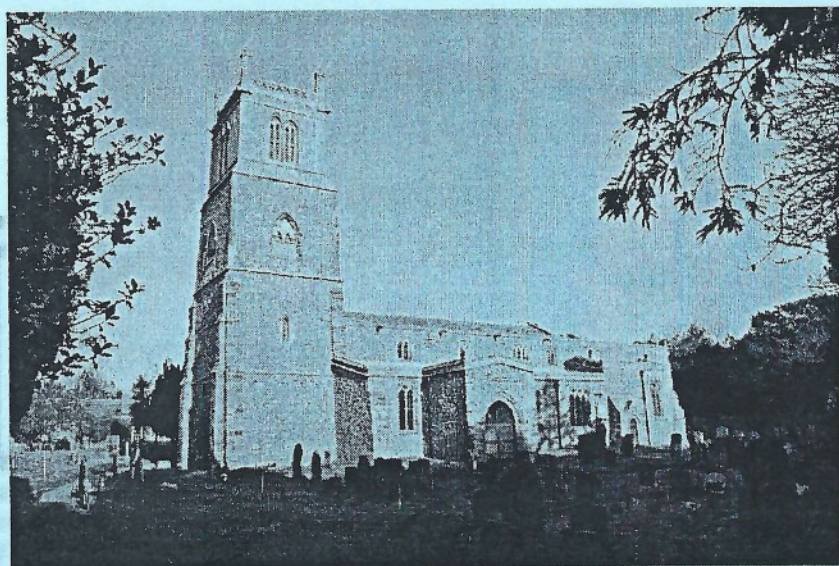


# *St. Mary Magdalene Ecton*



*Parish Magazine*

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## *Church Directory*

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## *From the Editor*

*This is my first issue as editor of the magazine so I would appreciate your input and comments for future editions. If you have comments relating to the church, parish council decisions, the clean campaign or any other village related matters I will be pleased to hear from you.*

*On behalf of the Village, can I thank Anne Henderson for producing this magazine for the past nine years and making it full of interest and information so that everyone looked forward to it dropping through their letterbox each month.*

### ***Here's something you can help me with***

*Do you recognize anybody in this picture? What was the year? Who was head of the School? Etc. etc*



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## *Jenny's Page*



Dear Friends,

I guess that by now we have all recovered from the strain of Christmas and wished each other a HAPPY NEW YEAR. But I doubt that many of us have kept those resolutions made rashly and so enthusiastically on New Years' Eve!

On Radio 4 recently, a speaker suggested that spring would be a better time to make and keep resolutions about changes in life-style, rather than in deepest winter when energy levels are low and it is easy to feel despondent and give up. In contrast spring is a time of hope!

As a Christian, I was disappointed at first that the speaker did not connect this hope to Easter. But what he said next interested me greatly. He was advocating regular 'philosophical exercise'! Just as people go regularly to the gym or jog to keep their bodies fit, so he reminded us, the mind can benefit from a regular time of quiet contemplation on the deep issues of life.

This got me thinking on how we could use such a space.

We could ponder our place in the world. How do we find contentment and purpose in our lives? What keeps us going in times of stress and difficulty? What do we find awesome in the true sense of the word? Where do we feel most at peace? Perhaps all these questions can be contained in just one. How do we fulfil our spiritual needs?

We all have a spiritual dimension to our lives. Spirituality is not the same as religion, although some of us find our spiritual fulfilment through religion. We all need to receive spiritual nourishment to sustain us when things go wrong and to give to us inner peace and well being for our quality of life.

As the first signs of spring appear, let's try and make that regular space. Who knows what we might discover about our innermost need.

Love and Prayers

*Jenny*



# The continuing saga of the Ecton Cook Book

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A long time ago, in 1999 in fact, when we started our millennium project of the new stone wall and notice board we asked people who had connections with the village to contribute recipes to produce a second Ecton Cook Book. (The first was compiled as a fundraiser for the Armada Beacon Festival in 1988). Most of the work to get it ready for printing was completed and then at the last minute we found that we had enough money to complete the project without the book and so it was put on 'the back burner' pending another time when we as a village might need to raise a pound or two.

Well, the time has come; we need several thousand pounds to finish the latest Ecton project, our much needed Village Hall. So, we have dusted down the recipes that we already have on file and now would like to give everyone the opportunity to retract any recipes that they have given to us or indeed add others that have become favourites in your homes. Indeed many contributors have left Ecton or have even died but I am sure that they will not mind being included posthumously!

*If you have moved here during the last few years and have not yet had the opportunity to contribute then now is your chance. We hope to get things underway quickly so that we can start selling the book!*

*It would be great if we could assemble all additional recipes by the end of February so that we can be in print ready for Easter—what a great present and so much better for you than Easter eggs!*

*Please let us have your contribution, handwritten, typed or emailed as soon as possible.*

Sheila & Rodney Ingram 17 West Street Ecton  
Email: [ingramecton@yahoo.com](mailto:ingramecton@yahoo.com)

## CHURCH CLEANING ROTA

February	7th	Yellow	B
	14th	Blue	A
	21st	Green	B
	28th	Orange	A
March	6th	Red	B
	13th	Purple	A
	20th	Pink	B
	27th	Yellow	A

## Brass Cleaning

February	Dorothy/Pat
March	Sylvia Fraiel/Joy Wilson

## PRAYING TOGETHER

Please join us from 7.30—8.30pm on 12th February at Anne's 48 High Street  
A Prayer box in the church is for any prayer requests you may have  
Or telephone Anne 405942

## Your Member of Parliament

Paul Stinchcombe MP



Born 25th April 1962 Haslemere

Married with three children

Educated at High Wycombe grammar,  
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Law School

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Quote me as saying I was mis-quoted  
Groucho Marks



## VANDALISM

The Parish council at a recent meeting discussed the problem of vandalism in Ecton, particularly on the playing field.

During the past few months damage has been caused to the stone wall, 2 village seats and 2 trees. This has resulted in the parish council having to use parish precept money, which has been set aside for other purposes. The parish precept money is needed by the parish council to pay for services throughout the village e.g. street lighting, playing field maintenance and grass mowing, bus shelters, insurance, etc., etc.

The precept for 2003/2004 is £8,490.00. If money has to be used for repairs following acts of vandalism then the parish council will need to increase the precept for 2004/2005. Any increase will result in the council tax being increased to cover the cost. For every extra £100 raised by the parish precept, it will cost each household an additional 0.34p per year. This is of course in addition to any council tax increases made by the County council, Wellingborough Borough Council and the Police. The parish council, therefore urge parishioners to be vigilant and report any acts of vandalism immediately to the POLICE: Tel: 01933 440333. A follow up call to a member of the parish council would also be very much appreciated



They are Saints





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Youth Club is looking for Roller Blades  
Ring Margaret Tinston on 412233

The School is looking for  
Lego men & playmobile men  
Contact  
Sheila Sayers on 409213

Ecton Village School require  
A Permanent Lunch-Time Supervisor  
5days a week  
Please contact Sheila Sayers 409213

Dog walker—someone to walk a very nice, obedient dog named Bess around the fields behind Manor Farm. Suit someone 13plus. Please apply even if you only want to do this once or a few times a week. We hope to create a flexible schedule.

Pay - 2pounds per walk - Apply Vickie Jaffee 407112

## Church Lottery December

1st Prize.....	A. Henderson
2nd Prize.....	T. Weddle
3rd Prize.....	T. Richards
4th Prize.....	M. Robinson
5th Prize.....	M. Hillary
6th Prize.....	M. Clark

First Prize £42.50 subsequent prizes £8.50

# Ecton Church Diary

## February 2004

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Sunday 1st February

9.30am

### Candlemas

Parish Communion: Malachi 3. 1-5;

Psalm 24. 7-10; Hebrews 2 14-18;

Luke 2 22-40.

Evensong

6.00pm

Tuesday 3rd February

9.00am

Holy Communion

Sunday 8th February

10.30am

Family Service

Tuesday 10th February

9.00am

Holy Communion

Sunday 15th February

9.30am

### Second Sunday before Lent

Parish Communion: Genesis 2 4b-9,

15-25; Psalm 65; Revelation 4.

Luke 8. 22-25

Evensong

6.00pm

Tuesday 17th February

9.00am

Holy Communion

Sunday 22nd February

9.30am

### Sunday next before Lent

Parish Communion: Exodus 34. 29-35;

Psalm 99; 2 Corinthians 3. 12-4. 2;

Luke 9. 28-36

Tuesday 24th February

Holy Communion

Wednesday 25th February

### Ash Wednesday

7.30pm

Holy Communion with imposition of ashes

Sunday 29th February

9.30am

### First Sunday of Lent

Parish Communion: Deuteronomy 26

1-11; Psalm 91. 1-2, 9-16; Romans 10.

8b-13; Luke. 1-13



Our annual lunch outing is on Tuesday February 10th when we are going to the Red Lion at Broughton. Everyone is welcome including friends.

We can provide transport for anyone who needs it, leaving Church Way at 12 noon.

Please let me know if you are hoping to join us, so that the Red Lion is well prepared and lifts can be arranged.

Joan Dickens 415576

### TRAIDCRAFT—ONE YEAR ON

It is now just over a year since my husband Pete and I took over the running of Traidcraft in the local area. Since that time we have seen the number of participating churches go up from six to eleven, and turnover increase dramatically as a result. In addition to selling through the churches we have held several successful 'At Home' evenings promoting Fair Trade, and the Fair Trade Lunch attended by many of you and our MP Paul Stinchcombe was a resounding success. Together we have raised awareness of the issue of Fair International Trade locally, and I know that, as a result, Paul has raised the matter of our concerns with the Prime Minister.

On a personal note, we have been informed that we are amongst the top ten new Fairtraders for the last year, and have been invited to a national seminar to discuss our success in order to help other new traders.

The future is certainly looking good for Traidcraft locally too, as we are negotiating with five more churches to join us, and have identified a further three to contact in the future.

All has been made possible because we have such a dedicated team out there in the churches, selling Traidcraft month by month, pushing the goods and the message. We offer them our heartfelt thanks.

Of course, without you buying the goods nothing would have happened, so a huge thank you to all who have purchased goods during the year. With your help we have turned over more than £6,500 and raised over £600 for charity. Furthermore, we have all benefited from the great variety and quality offered by Traidcraft goods. We have proved that we can do something about the situation ourselves.

We would like to offer all of you our sincere thanks for making this possible. Please keep up the good work, and remember 'Together we Make a Difference'



*Safari Supper*

*is on*

*6th March 2004*

*Contact Mary Dicks For details*

*Tel:407145*

## **GRAND RAFFLE : SAFARI SUPPER**

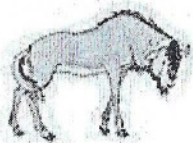
At the Safari Supper on 6th March we will be having a Grand Raffle with a first prize of £100 plus at least twelve other great prizes.

Tickets will be available early in 2004 through all user groups of the village hall and committee members.

Help to network these tickets would be greatly appreciated.

Raffle Organisers : Maurice Creed : 407864

Tony Green : 407141





## *Ecton W.I.*

The December meeting was held at the Hovel, Barton Fields courtesy of Tony and Jean Haycox. Members were welcomed with mulled wine and then entertained with Christmas readings by the committee.

A buffet supper then followed, together with more wine and then came the highlight of the evening....a performance of Snow White (mingled with a little Sleeping Beauty) acted? with great aplomb by the committee. This was received with rapturous applause and it was only after many curtain calls that the evening came to an end and we reluctantly left the warmth of the log fire and wended our way into a wet December night.

### SIDESPERSONS

	Morning	Evening
Feb 1st	Tony & Margaret Weddle	Sylvia Saunders & Marian Gleave
8th	Tony & Marlene Green	
15th	Brian & Sylvia Saunders	Geoff Harlott & Joy Wilson
22nd	Jim & Angela Crabtree	
29th	Walter Barty & John Parkin	
March 7th	David Dicks & Alice Adams	Sylvia Saunders & Marian Gleave

### COFFEE ROTA

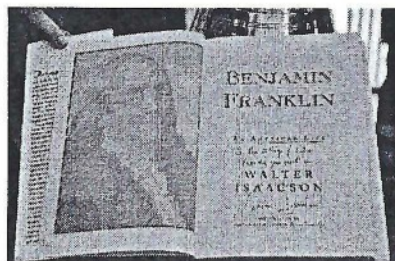
Feb 1st	Margaret Weddle & Anne Henderson
8th	Jean Leigh & Joy Wilson
15th	Dorothy Creed & Fiona Major
22nd	Pat Bayliss & Christine Murray
29th	Nick & Mary Green
March 7th	Millie Harlott

## Franklin descendant visits Ecton

On Sunday 7th December a presentation was made to the Village by Lanny Franklin, a descendant of John Franklin the elder brother of Benjamin Franklin. He gave a biography of Benjamin Franklin by Walter Isaacson and inscribed by the author 'to the village of Ecton'. Lanny Franklin travelled from Atlanta Georgia to make the presentation and visit Ecton.



Lanny Franklin presenting the book to the village being received by Geoff Harlott and priest in charge Jenny Parkin.



## Life in Ecton

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*Our little slice of England  
Tucked between two bustling towns  
How pleased we are to be here  
Than any place we've found*

*Village life is easier  
Quieter and healthier too  
Although I have to say in Ecton  
Other options tinge the brew*

*Hectic social life is here  
For those that seek these things  
Party animals mix and match  
In fact we live like kings*

*Scholars take an interest too  
In the Doomsday book, a mention  
But living in this rare commune  
We don't seek much attention*

*Whilst change and 'progress' pass us by  
That's how we'd like to keep it  
Upset the balance, change the pace  
Sow that, and then we'd reap it*

*Look at the Village photographs  
Carefully compiled before we arrived  
In a hundred years not much has changed  
But how much pleasure has been derived*

*So thank you Ecton villagers  
For welcoming us 'newcomers' here  
For five sweet years we've loved the place  
And I haven't drunk that much beer!*

*Adrian Pulford*

## A POEM FOR THIS YEAR

Life is an opportunity	Benefit from it
Life is beauty	Admire it
Life is bliss	Taste it
Life is a dream	Realise it
Life is a duty	Complete it
Life is a game	Play it
Life is costly	Care for it
Life is wealth	Keep it
Life is love	Enjoy it
Life is a mystery	Know it
Life is a promise	Fulfil it
Life is sorrow	Overcome it
Life is a song	Sing it
Life is a struggle	Accept it
Life is a tragedy	Confront it
Life is an adventure	Dare it
Life is luck	Make it
Life is precious	Don't destroy it
Life is life	Fight for it



O Lord give me the sincerity to accept the things I cannot change, the things I can and the wisdom to know the difference.  
Reinhold Niebuhr 1892—1971

With work on the village hall refurbishment progressing steadily, the hall will be closed from Christmas until completion, which we anticipate will be early Spring.

The management committee has accumulated through grants and fundraising in excess of £100,000. As marvelous as this sum is, we still have a shortfall of £30,000 to complete the project.

Do you know of a Fund who is sympathetic to community projects whom we may not have approached?

*CAN YOU HELP?* I know this is not a good time of the year to come knocking on doors with a begging bowl, but should you be able to help us to complete our task with maybe a short-term loan or better still a donation – however large – please contact myself, Mary Dicks or any committee member.

Please help us to build a village hall worthy of Ecton!

*Tony Green*  
Chairman

#### Bible Reading Notes

February is the month for re-ordering the Bible Reading Notes for the year beginning with the May issue. Please let me know before the middle of February if you would like "New Daylight" or "Guidelines" again. New enquiries welcome.

Annual subscription for the 3 copies, each covering 4 months readings will be £9.45

Marian Gleave 407889

A book of quotations .....can never be complete  
Robert M. Hamilton

# *Kid's Page*

Customer: Do you have any invisible ink?

Shop assistant: Yes sir, what colour?

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Did you hear about the fool going round saying "no"

No

Oh! so its you

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What lies at the bottom of the sea and shivers?

A nervous wreck

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Which goalkeeper can jump higher than a cross bar?

All of them, a crossbar can't jump!

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Son: I can't go to school today

Father: Why not?

Son: I don't feel well

Father: Where don't you feel well?

Son: In school

Send or email any jokes to the editor

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The funds go towards the Village Web site and paying for our service provider. For more information contact

navigator@ectonvillage.co.uk or  
margaret@ectonvillage.co.uk

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### Bell ringing

A number of people have expressed an interest in learning bell ringing so lessons will start at the church at 7.30pm on Wednesday February 18th. Please let me know if you will be attending.

Colin Tinston 412233  
navigator@ectonvillage.co.uk

*The greatest ability  
is dependability*

Children seldom misquote you. In fact, they usually repeat word for word what you shouldn't have said



## *Parish & Village Organisations*

### **Bell Ringers**

Contact: Dorothy Creed

Tel: 01604 407864

### **Fellowship**

Contact: Joyce Orford

Tel: 01604 414245

2nd Tuesday in month

2.30pm Village Club

### **Cricket Club**

Captain: Steve Wheatman

Tel: 01604 401714

### **Ecton Village Club**

Contact: Tony Green

Tel: 01604 407141

Booking Clerks:

Geoff & Millie Harlott

Tel: 01604 405938

### **Mums & Tots**

Contact: Kate Kirton

Tel: 01604 409809

Most Wednesdays

2—4pm Village Club

### **Short Mat Bowls**

Contact: Maurice Creed

Tel: 01604 407864

### **Parish Council**

Chairman: David Dicks

Tel: 01604 407145

### **Pre-School**

Mon, Tue, Thurs, Fri,

9.15—11.15am

Ecton Village Club

Tel: 01604 784711

### **Primary School**

Head: Sheila Sayers

Tel: 01604 409213

### **Womens Institute**

Contact: Marlene Green

Tel: 01604 407141

1st Tuesday in month

7.30 Village Club

### **Youth Club**

Contact: Margaret Tinston

Tel: 01604 412233

Wednesday

6.30—8pm Village Club



Ecton Village School  
West Street  
Ecton  
Northampton, NN6 0QF  
Headteacher Mrs Sayers  
Tel 01604 409213

We are accepting applications for places in Reception for  
September 2004.

We also have vacancies in a few other years.

The school is now in the top 25% of all schools for Value Added  
Education.

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FOR  
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*Ring Colin Tinston on 412233*