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EDITORS RAMBLING'S

As we look forward to spring with new colours appearing in the garden and the temperature rising its time to think about getting the picnic sets down from the attic and cleaned ready for summer. 2015 will see the return of the family picnic!

*Newcomers to the village, where are you and who are you as I have had no replies to my questions about why your here, or what you want from village life. On the 14th April why not go to the village hall and meet the committee and express your views and get a **free drink**. mmm might go myself.*

Next item is of some importance in that I am looking for someone to take over as editor during this year. i think it would be good to have a younger person with new ideas, on the age thing that includes most of the village! March and we will have been in the village 2 years after our move from the Costa del Corby (how I miss the sun and the culture). My how time flies as you get older.

In this issue you will find information on a race night at the village hall, an easter egg hunt starting at the park, wine tasting again at the village hall and how you can help at a community coffee shop. We also have a puzzle page.

The following poem on the lottery was written by someone in the village, but who? answers to email below.

	CHURCH LOTTERY February 2015
£50	Steve Wheatman
£15	A & L Robertson

O! Magic Paper,who can tell
Whether by thy powerful spell, Kind fortune in
a pleasant mood,
may mean her favour should be shewd:
And to her ministers of state,
The Blue-Coat Dealersforth fate,
assign it as her kind Degree
to draw the First Grand Prize for me!

Copy for The April magazine to
e-mail: navigator@ectonvillage.co.uk
by 20th March

Doubt grows with knowledge



CALLING ALL DOG **OWNERS**

PLEASE, WOULD ALL DOG OWNERS & WALKERS TAKE EXTRA CARE NOT TO LEAVE ANY DOG MESS ON OUR VILLAGE PAVEMENTS. YOU ARE REQUIRED BY LAW TO CLEAN IT UP AND DISPOSE OF IT RESPONSIBLY.

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ECTON CHURCH LOTTERY
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HISTORIC VILLAGE CHURCH BY JOINING
THE LOTTERY

The new lottery for 2015 to 2016 will begin again in May and collectors will be calling to ask for your support during March and April (£12 per year). The prizes per month are:
1st prize £50; 2nd prize £15; 3rd prize £10
Half of the total raised is used in prizes and the rest is paid into the Church General Fund.
The draw takes place very month and the results are published in the village magazine and on the two village notice boards.

Mary Dicks
01604 407145

Sheila, Louise and Matthew would like to say a huge thank you for all of the love and support shown to them in the days following Rodney's death. For some time his illness had progressed to the stage when it was difficult for him to receive visitors but he was constantly reminded by the many acts of kindness that both he and I were shown by members of the community here in Ecton. It was very moving for us to welcome over 200 people to share the wonderful Thanksgiving Service held in the church on 23rd January when we were able to enjoy singing, and listening to friends and relatives tell us snippets of his life. We were extremely fortunate to have the address given to us by The Right Reverend Trevor Willmott, Bishop of Dover in Canterbury and the service lead by our previous Priest in Charge, Jenny Parkin, both very dear friends. Rodney's brother Andrew played the organ and we hope that the whole day was as Rodney would have wished it to be. I know that he would have particularly loved the tea party at the Village Hall. It was a joy to see it filled to overflowing with people enjoying themselves and the whole building filled with happiness and laughter. Thank you to all of our friends who made it all possible. Just one more thing. I understand from Hollowells that the donations in lieu of flowers that were made in support of Birdlife Malta and Ecton Village Hall is now standing at just over £2000. Thank you everyone who donated. Your contributions will make a big difference to both of these worthy projects.

With grateful love, Sheila Ingram

Ecton church Tea / Coffee rota March 2015

Date	Time	Type of service	Duty Team
1st March	6.00pm	Holy Communion	Ingrid Cartwright & Linda Richards
8th March	9.15am	Holy Communion	Anne Henderson & Charlotte Ely
15th March	11.00am	All age communion	Wendy Villette & Joy Bond
22nd March	9.15am	Morning Prayer	Joy Wilson & Chris Jordan
29th March	10.00am	Joint Service (Palm Sunday)	

Ecton church side persons rota March 2015

Date	Time	Type of service	Duty Team
1st March	6.00pm	Holy Communion	Wendy Villette & David Fuller
8th March	9.15am	Holy Communion	Brian & Sylvia Saunders
15th March	11.00am	All age communion	Steve & Linda Richards
22nd March	9.15am	Morning Prayer	Mary & David Dicks
29th March	10.00am	Joint Service (Palm Sunday)	T.B.A

Services and Other Events for March

Sun. Mar. 1 st	18.00	Holy Communion	Ecton
Mon. Mar. 22 nd	14.30	Lent Course, part 2	Ecton
Sat. Mar. 7 th	10.00	'Open Church'	Ecton & Gt. Doddington
Sun. Mar. 8 th	09.15	Holy Communion	Ecton
Mon. Mar. 9 th	14.30	Lent Course, part 3	Ecton
Tues. Mar. 10 th	10.00	Holy Communion	Wilby
Sun. Mar. 15 th	MOTHERING SUNDAY		
	11.00	All Age Worship with Holy Communion	Ecton
Mon. Mar. 16 th	14.30	Lent Course, part 4	Ecton
Sat. Mar. 21 st	10.00	The Big Breakfast and Messy Church	Gt. Doddington
Sun. Mar. 22 nd	09.15	Morning Prayer	Ecton
Mon. Mar. 23 rd	14.30	Lent Course, part 5	Ecton
Tues. Mar. 24 th	10.00	Holy Communion	Ecton
Sun. Mar. 29 th	PALM SUNDAY		
	14.30	Afternoon Songs of Praise	Ecton
	21.00	Night Prayer with Meditation	Ecton
Sun. Apr. 5 th	EASTER DAY		
	06.00	Dawn Service with Holy Communion and followed by breakfast	Ecton
	10.00	Holy Communion (by extension)	Ecton

From the Rectory,



Welcome March! I don't know about you, but I always feel some sense of relief when March arrives, and with the promise of the end of winter the spring flowers begin to appear. Lots of people had nasty bugs around Christmas time, but they too should now be passing. In our family we managed to keep clear this year (so far!) and as we now care for my father at home, we are especially grateful for that as even a minor infection at his age can turn into something much more serious. It has been quite a heavy time for us though, in the past little while. We counted up the other day and found we have lost no fewer than **eight** friends or family members over the past fifteen months, and nearly half of those have been from our generation; I guess we have to accept that we're the elderly ones now!

We all expect physical changes as we grow older – we no longer run up the stairs three at a time, when gardening we spend more time leaning on the spade and admiring the view, we think twice before climbing that ladder to change a light bulb or fix that bit of guttering. But I'm also aware of mental changes these days; attitudes aren't quite the same, I find it harder to embrace new systems and processes that come along; I'm (initially at least) more suspicious of new ideas, and find myself more frequently using the phrase 'if it aint broke, don't fix it!' In short, I have to push myself harder because I don't want to put the brakes on what God wants to do.

In the last couple of weeks my coming retirement has been officially announced although the news had been informally circulated for some time. I still love the work here after nearly twelve years, still count it a great privilege to serve God here, but am also aware that it's really time to go. This benefice needs a younger person now with more new ideas and initiative – yes, and more energy too. I leave at the very end of August and shall no doubt say much more about this before then, but please do look forward to the future with expectancy and excitement. I've no doubt that God has wonderful things in store for this group of villages if we all trust Him and are ready to step out bravely. I have been reminded recently of God's words to Joshua after Moses had died and he was given the task of leading the Israelite nation into the Promised Land:

"Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go." (Joshua 1:9)

That promise is for us too, and we can claim it; I as we move into a new kind of ministry during retirement and the parishes as you prepare to welcome a new minister with new ideas and initiatives. There are exciting times ahead for us all.

The whole of March this year is in the season of Lent and we move into April just a few days before Easter. Therefore we have included all the Easter services in our calendar this time even though that extends a little beyond the end of the month. We do hope you will join us for this, arguably the biggest and most important festival of the Christian year. Let's walk the road to the cross together, that we may also celebrate properly together the wonderful joy of the resurrection on Easter morning. **After Easter, at the beginning of April, there will be one or two minor changes to our regular pattern of Sunday services. See next month's issue for full details.**

With every blessing,

Chris Pearson

THE ECTON RAFFLE



Many thanks to all of you who supported the Village Hall raffle, it made a massive £880 which will really help boost the fund to renovate the old cricket changing rooms at the Hall. Special thanks to Maggie Mulvey who organised the raffle and sold most of the tickets and thanks to all of you who kindly and generously donated prizes.



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atmosphere and the company of others; where
exhausted shoppers take a break.

If you think you may be able to help, please pop
in and see Hue, our Manager, to find out more –
and have a cup of our delicious coffee! Or call
him on 01604 402150.

We are open from 9.00am – 2.00pm
Monday to Friday
Emmanuel Coffee Shop
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Go through the double doors below the library (the exit to
the buys stops) and you will find the Coffee Shop past the
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There are
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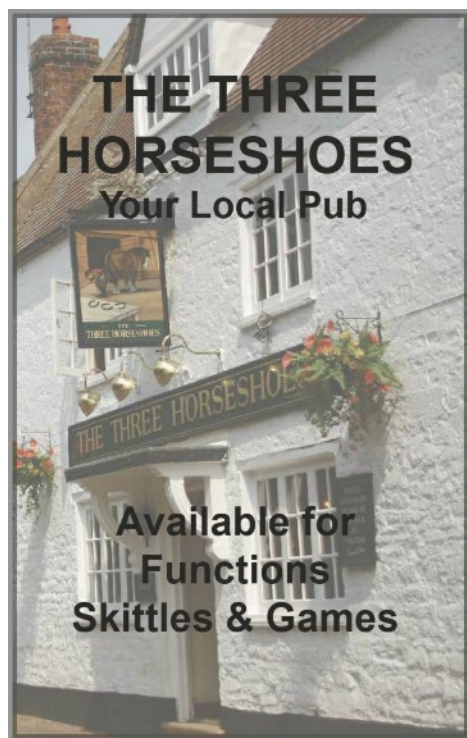
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To help planning for the future, the village hall committee needs to understand your views on the activities and events there have been and what you would like to see in the future.

Therefore all villagers are invited to join us for a drink at the village hall on Tuesday April 14th to hear a report on the committee's actions over the last 12 months, the hall's financial situation and thoughts on future development.

To give the committee the best chance of meeting the needs of the villagers we need your views. So please join us at the Village Hall Annual General meeting on the 14th April at 7.30pm.



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Cake Tasting

March

4th Benham - Girls rock climbing
& Boys badminton

11th Table Top games challenge

18th Social night

25th Crafts, games & social



Entries for the Cake decorating competition which was won by Millie

Many thanks to all the helpers at the Ecton Bridge Drive, raising funds for the Youth Club to allow us to pay the leader, insurance, affiliation to NAYC, craft materials and outings.

They all worked hard and the meal was tasty and looked fantastic. Thanks to all who donated raffle prizes which enabled Kathy to make the table look stunning. Thanks also to Phyllis for her never ending supply of biscuits.

A big thanks to all concerned

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Interested? Drop a line to the Chair of Governors Maggi Hunt 01604 411042 or ask for more details at the school reception.

Easter Egg Hunt



Saturday 4th April - Between 11am and 1pm

Starting in the play park

Come and join us for an Easter egg hunt around Ecton village, face painting and raffle.

All money raised will go towards the play park renovation.

ECTON WINE TASTING

"Old World vs New World"

Saturday 18th April
7.30pm in the Village Hall



Tickets £15.00 includes meal and wine

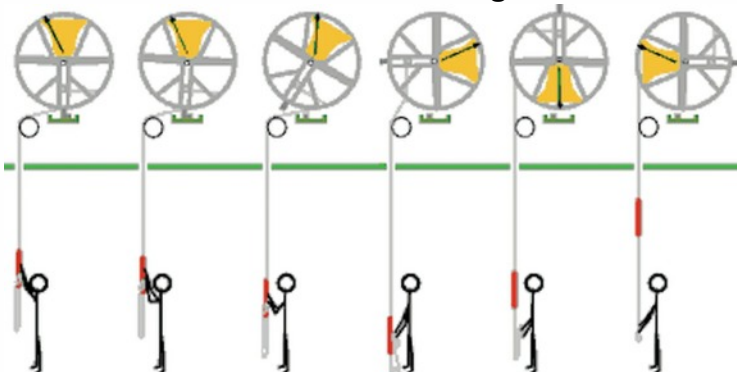
Available from Nicky Bedford at 30 West Street
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Are you interested
in learning how the bells of Ecton are rung?
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7.30-8.30pm

For further details contact Jude 408588

All welcome-anyone aged from 10 onwards
can learn to bellring.



NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH



How to Create Strong Passwords - to protect your online accounts.

Fraudsters regularly attempt to hack into personal online accounts to obtain details which will allow them to defraud you. To prevent fraudsters, it's very important to use strong passwords when setting up and accessing online accounts and online banking.

Passwords should be memorable enough not to have to write them down and long enough to be unique and hard to guess, which will ensure they are less vulnerable to being stolen. If it is not possible to remember passwords a password manager program (which can be found online) could be used to store them securely.

Protect yourself:

- * Make sure passwords are memorable so that you don't have to write them down.
- * Make sure they are unique.
- * Think about how you could change the letters in your normal password to make them more difficult to guess!
- * Use long, non-dictionary words and use different ones for each of your personal accounts.
- * Make sure you change them regularly.
- * Make sure passwords are not stored on devices that have shared access by other people, for example in Internet cafes and when using other public WiFi.

If you believe you have become a victim of account hacking, change your password immediately and report to Action Fraud: www.actionfraud.police.uk/report_fraud

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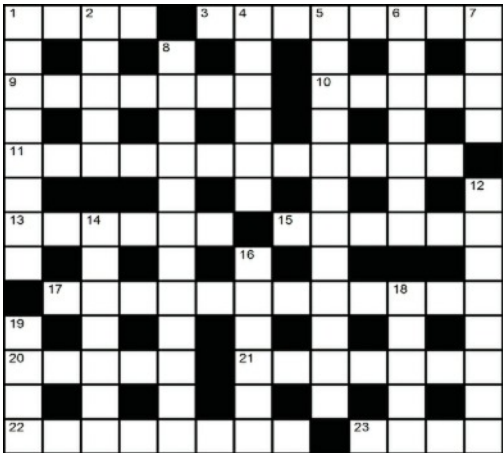


Puzzle Page - March 2015

Quick Crossword

Across

- 1 Prejudice
- 3 Relating to measurement
- 9 Blatant deception
- 10 Eye pencil
- 11 Making alcohol
- 13 Surpass in cunning
- 15 Spanish dance
- 17 Irrevocable
- 20 Arouse
- 21 Ape
- 22 Gifted
- 23 In case

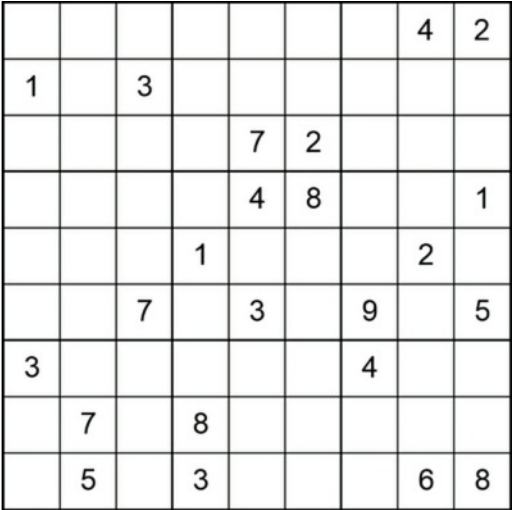


Down

- 1 Background to a scene
- 2 Accumulate
- 4 In a level way
- 5 Kinship
- 6 Imply
- 7 Italian money
- 8 Swollen artery in the legs (8,4)
- 12 Motion
- 14 Agitation
- 16 Choose
- 18 Hold responsible
- 19 Overcome

Puzzle compiled by Bianca Morèl

Sudoku - Medium



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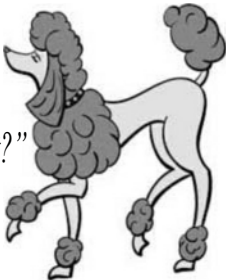
Bin Collection for March & April

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|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| March 6 th Black | April 3 rd Black |
| March 13 th Green & Brown | April 10 th Green & Brown |
| March 20 th Black | April 17 th Black |
| March 27 th Green & Brown | April 24 th Green & Brown |



"I wonder if other dogs think poodles are members of a weird religious cult?"

By Rita Rudner





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