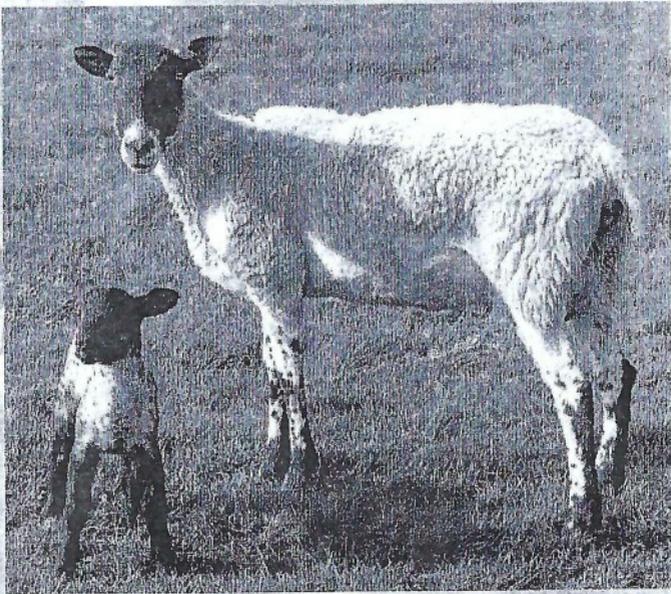


The  
Ecton View



Parish Magazine

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May

Hark! The sea-faring wild-fowl loud proclaim  
My coming, and the swarming of the bees.  
These are my heralds, and behold! my name  
Is written in blossoms on the hawthorn-trees.  
I tell the mariner when to sail the seas;  
I waft o'er all the land from far away  
The breath and bloom of the Hesperides,  
My birthplace. I am Maia. I am May.

## Church Directory

### Priest in Charge

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## Parish and Village Organisations

### Bell Ringers

Contact: Colin Tinston  
Tel: 01604 412233

### Fellowship

Contact: Joyce Orford  
Tel: 01604 414245  
2nd Tuesday in month  
2.30pm Village Hall

### Cricknet Club

Captain: Steve Wheatman  
Tel: 01604 401714

### Ecton Village Hall

Contact: Rodney Ingram  
Tel: 01604 406038  
Booking Clerk: Marlene Green 407141  
Jenny Moffett 407474

### Parent & toddler Group

Contact: Justine Leggett  
Tel: 01604 400205  
Most Wednesdays  
1.30—3.15pm Village Hall

### Short Mat Bowls

Contact: Maurice Creed  
Tel: 01604 407864

### Parish Council

Chairman: Chris Petrie  
Tel: 01604 788810

### Pre-School

Now relocated to the school  
Contact: Mrs Vicki Burrows

### Primary School

Head: Vicki Burrows  
Tel: 01604 409213

### Womens Institute

Contact: Gill Leggett  
Tel: 01604 414216  
1st Tuesday in month

7.30 Village Hall

### Youth Club

Contact: Margaret Tinston  
Tel: 01604 412233  
Margaret@ectonvillage.co.uk  
Wednesday  
6.30-7.30 Junior Youth Club  
7.30-9.00 Senior Youth Club  
Village Hall

### Lunch Club

Wednesday, monthly  
Contact: Sheila Ingram 406038

## *Editors Ramblings*

**May** and the village has changed as the weather brings out an abundance of colour in the gardens and fields. It makes Ecton an even better place to live.

To the village we welcome Edward and Jenny who have moved into (as it will always be known) Dr. Bantoch's house.

Lofty has now settled into his new home at Brockhall, his final leaving of the village was marked with the lowering of the flag in the garden, which the dog walkers in Barton Fields had become accustomed to. I will try to get him to do the odd country page in the magazine.

Next month our church joins with Great Doddington and Wilby, the Priest in Charge being the Revd. Chris Pearson. There is to be an open meeting to discuss how he will manage the three churches on 3rd May at 7.30pm, full details on page 12.

The web site continues to receive hits and is continually updated so worth a regular visit. Keep sending the photos for the 'seasonal photos of Ecton' section which has been very popular. If you have old photos of Ecton which you would like scanned I would be pleased to do this, just give me a ring.

The music night in April at the village hall again proved a great night raising £870 for their funds. A bit closer to getting the hard standing so needed in the winter months.

On page 19 is your SAFER COMMUNITY TEAM with their phone number and email address. I have spotted a patrol car in the village so things are looking up.

A date for your diary, the 28th July is the annual village BBQ another not to be missed event! Full details nearer the time.

Also in this issue is a suggestion for wine, a new feature which I am sure you will appreciate from "Our Man at Majestic".

For the Desert Island disc page we have gone to West Street and asked newcomer to the village Dean Bedford for his choices. Start thinking about yours, you could be asked next!

*Copy for The June Magazine to  
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"The sun does not forget a village just because it is small"

## Contact a Family

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself and my role as volunteer local area representative for Contact a Family in Northamptonshire. My name is Anja Sacké and I am mum to 2 children, the youngest of whom has moderate learning difficulties and cardiac problems. Like many parents of disabled children, I've found great solace in talking to other parents in a similar position, and this has led to my helping parents on an informal basis. This in turn led to my receiving details of the Contact a Family post of volunteer Local Area Representative. Some of you may already be familiar with the work of Contact a Family but, for those of you who are not, here is a summary.

Contact a Family originated in London bringing together families caring for disabled children. In 1979, Contact a Family became a national charity and today works across the UK to support families caring for children with any disability or special need – a learning difficulty, physical disability, sensory impairment, medical condition, rare syndrome, life –shortening condition or behavioural difficulty. It is the only UK charity to cover such a wide brief.

Contact a Family helps families in a number of different ways:

- By providing advice and information to individual families
- By promoting linking services between individual families
- By encouraging and maintaining parent support groups throughout the UK at national, regional and local levels
- By publishing information which will be of help to parent groups, individual parents and to professional workers providing services for disabled children and their carers
- By bring the needs and views of families caring for disabled children to the attention of national legislators, local councillors, professionals, the media and the wider public.

My role as a local area representative is to be the “face” of Contact a Family in Northamptonshire. My aim is to provide parents and professionals with information about local services of help to parents, as well as keeping Contact a Family's office in London in touch with the various initiatives that are taking place in my area.

I can be contacted on (01933) 359 623 (dedicated phone line with answer machine).

Lastly, if anyone has information about local parent groups, play schemes, toy libraries, etc which they would like me to pass on to parents, then I would be pleased to hear from them.

**Church Diary**  
**May**

**Saturday, 5th May**  
**10 am – 12 noon**

**Open Church**

**If you are new to the village, why not take this opportunity to come and have a look round the church, have a cup of tea or coffee and enjoy this very special place – the best ‘house’ in the village!!**

**Sunday 6th May**  
**9.30 am**

**Fifth Sunday of Easter**  
Parish Communion  
Priest: Rev. Rowena Bass

**Sunday 13th May**  
**9.30 am**

**Sixth Sunday of Easter**  
Parish Communion  
Priest: Canon Michael Baker

**12noon**

**CHRISTIAN AID**  
**Bread and Soup Lunch in church**

**Thursday, 17th May**  
**7.30 pm**

**Ascension Day**  
Holy Communion  
Priest: Rev. James Mogridge

**Sunday 20th May**  
**9.30 am**

**Seventh Sunday of Easter**  
Parish Communion  
Priest: Rev. James Mogridge

**Sunday 27th May**  
**9.30 am**

**Pentecost**  
Parish Communion  
Priest: Rev. James Mogridge

**Dates For Your Diary :**

**Thursday, 7th June at 7.30pm Licensing of Rev. Chris Pearson as Priest in Charge, St.Mary Magdalene, Ecton. ALL WELCOME**

**Saturday 30th June 2-4pm CHURCH FETE**

Church Cleaning Rota			
Week Ending			Brass Cleaning
May	5th	B	Simpson Family
	19th	C	
June	2nd	A	Ingrid Cartwright & Marlene Green

Coffee Rota		
May	6th	Gilly Greenfield & Joy Wilson
	13th	Sue Bush & Fiona Major
	20th	Dorothy Creed & Christine Murray
	27th	Nick & Mary Greene
June	3rd	Rita Ward & Angela Allen

Sidespersons		Morning
May	6th	Brian & Sylvia Saunders
	13th	Pauline & Mick Cook
	20th	David Dicks & Sue Bush
	27th	Walter Barty & Nick Greene
June	3rd	Margaret & Tony Weddle

CHURCH LOTTERY April	
£50	Mr. W. Wheatman
£10	Mr. E. Dickins
£10	Mrs. Hector
£10	Vicky Ward
£10	Mrs. P. Baylis



**CHRISTIAN AID WEEK**  
MAY 13th - 19th



A reminder that a Soup and Bread lunch will be served at the back of the Church on Sunday May 13th at 12 noon. Cost is a donation!

During Christian Aid week, there will be a House - House collection in all roads in Ecton. Please give as generously as you can.

All Churches unite in this week to help pverty in the Third World.

“Music is the universal language of mankind”

**ECTON CHURCH LOTTERY**  
**MAY 2007/APRIL 2008**

The last lottery draw for 2006/7 has been drawn and collectors will be coming round to start collecting for the current year. We would like to thank all the people who have given their support to the Church in this way.

All monies raised go to the refurbishing and redevelopment of the Church in Ecton and do not go to the Diocese. The current expenditure required is to repair the wall which has fallen between the Estate and the Churchyard opposite the South porch and to refurbish the South porch itself which was badly damaged by vandals. Also to replace windows which have been recently broken by stone throwing. All this will cost in excess of £5,000 so the PCC greatly appreciate the support you give by buying lottery numbers. Over the year the lottery can raise £1,000 when all 200 numbers are sold.

The year 2007/8 will start in May. For people new to the Village who may like to join the monthly draw of the Church Lottery the cost is £12 per number per annum. Half the money raised is used for prizes and the remaining half goes into Ecton Church's redevelopment/refurbishment fund and is not sent to the Diocese. It is money raised by the Village and Congregation to help keep our beautiful Grade 1 listed Church in good order. Anyone can purchase a draw number and the draws are made monthly by various groups around the Village.

**If you would like to know more please contact Angela Crabtree,  
1 Barton Fields (01604-404777)**

**ECTON FELLOWSHIP**

Our next meeting Tuesday May 1st is an outing to the Buddhist Temple on the Market Harborough Road just outside Kelmarsh Hall on the left. A light lunch is provided at approximately 12 noon.

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**Joan Dickins**

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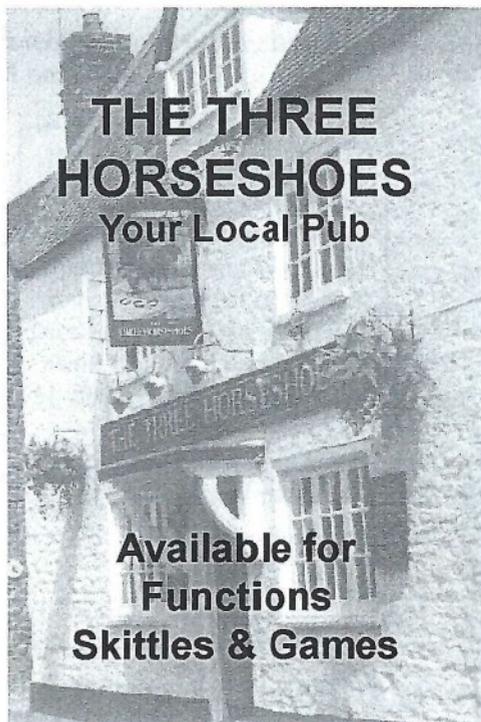
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## **A letter from the Churchwardens – May 2007.**

Since our last letter in April we have had the AGM in Church when reports were submitted by the volunteer groups involved in running the affairs of the Church in Ecton. This brought to mind the amount of voluntary work that takes place even in a small place like Ecton which makes the community functions run smoothly.

There were several new additions to the PCC and the Churchwardens were re-elected for a further twelve months. Now that the new Priest-in-Charge has been announced it remains to work out how the task of running three parishes is to be accomplished.

As a first step there is to be an open meeting in church with Chris Pearson on Thursday evening, 3rd May at 7.30 pm so those interested should come along to hear what is proposed and to make their views known. Meantime, the usual 9.30 am Sunday Services will continue taken by invited clergy until 3rd June. Following his Licensing on Thursday, 7th June at 7.30 p.m. (which everyone is welcome to attend) Chris Pearson will take over and implement the new pattern of services.

Last month we mentioned about petty vandalism around the churchyard and this has continued with both plain and stained glass windows being broken. The police were notified and came to inspect the damage – but nothing more was forthcoming. Our contact on this occasion was PC Ian Baylis, who advised that a restructuring is in hand and a designated police contact for Ecton will be appointed shortly. Meantime incidents should be reported on 01933 440333.

Sadly we recently saw the death of Ken Jones from the Courtyard and a long term helper in the Parish Church. He was mainly concerned in recent years in assisting the Treasurer with weekly duties, always done quietly and without fuss. We shall miss him. We offer our condolences to Barbara and their daughters. His funeral took place in Church on Thursday, 26th April. May he rest in peace.

**Walter Barty and Marlene Green.**

“We tend to forget that happiness doesn't come as a result of getting something we don't have, but rather of recognizing and appreciating what we do have.”

## Ecton's Desert Island Disc's – This month Dean Bedford

I find music is the biggest prompter of memories. Personally I must spend almost one third of my day with music around me. We all do it, when a familiar song is played, we can't help but to recall good and bad memories. I have just highlighted in no particular order some albums and tunes that have made me who I am and would have to be with me on my island.



For example if I hear any songs from a group called Journey, mainly the Escape album (best song "Don't stop believin"). I think of good times when I was young living in America. The weird thing is this album is the only possession I reckon came over to the UK with me when I was 9 years old in 1983. I have upgraded to CD now as the vinyl got a little worn and the record player got replaced.

Growing up in the eighties was pretty cool, we must have had the widest variety of tunes. Just think about it, street dancing, I would need to bring to my desert island these tunes, (I remember stealing my mother's furniture polish and taking my stereo outside to these) "Break Dance". Who remembers my Chaka Kan – 'Ain't no body, or Breakin there's no stopping us' ....of course you do.

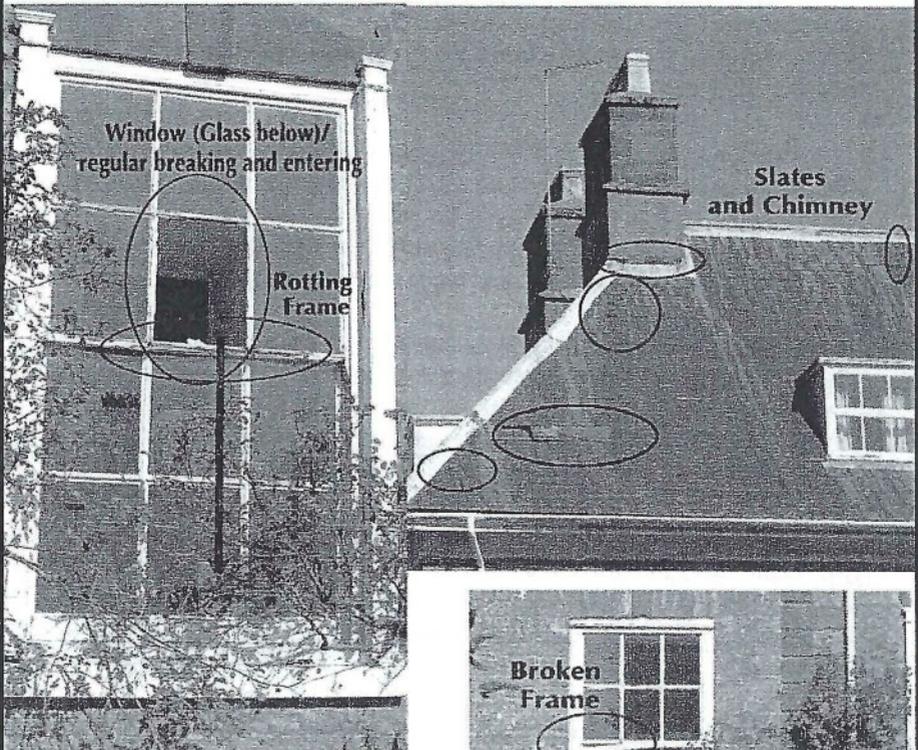
By the end of the eighties my sappy side started to come out in me, youth club and girls. I can't help admitting it but AHA's – "Take on me", Duran Duran's – "Wild boys" and Wham's – "Bad Boys" influenced my wardrobe, yet it was my dancing to Rick Astley's – Never gonna give you up and Wet Wet Wet's Angel eyes that got the girls.

Moving swiftly on I still have two Albums permanently in the CD player, my all time favourites that will be with me forever No.1 Prefab sprout – Langley Park to Memphis (best song - "Cars and Girls") and No.2 Decon Blue – Raintown (favourite song - dignity)

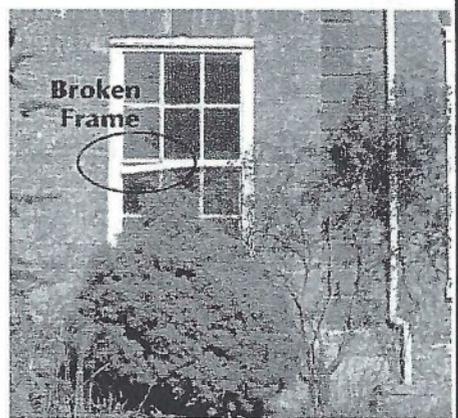
Of course we all have very special songs that stop you in your tracks for one reason or another, try Smokey Robinson – "Tracks of my tears", I use to make my wife dance with me to this around the house of course I did all the singing. Also Boys to Men – I swear, this was one of the songs played at our wedding and is on our wedding video.

Not to end on a sour note but we also have music that remind us of people that we have lost or have moved away and for that I enjoy listening to the Verve – "Bitter sweet symphony". Trying to make ends meet, you're a slave to the money then you die".

**Ecton House**  
Some recent pictures sent to the magazine



The decline of Ecton House continues despite the owners comments (as printed in the February magazine) to Wellingborough Council that “short term repairs” would be carried out a.s.a.p.  
We hope it’s before next winter!



*May I be filled with loving kindness.  
May I be well.  
May I be peaceful and at ease.  
May I be happy.*

**“Reality is merely an illusion, albeit a very persistent one.”**

# ECTON WITCHES



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not be forgotten,  
as soon as you are  
dead & rotten,  
either write things  
worth reading,  
or do things  
worth the writing.

*Ben Franklin*



# Youth Club

## Visit to Alton Towers

On Thursday 5th April Ecton Village Youth Club went to Alton Towers theme park for the day. The trip was organised for the senior side of the youth club. The weather was perfect with sun and good temperature throughout the day. We took a bus to and from the theme park, and spent the full day travelling around the park, with some of us conquering our fears on what was an extremely enjoyable day. Both youth club members and leaders enjoyed themselves thoroughly and I am sure another organised trip would be extremely welcome later on in the year. I am sure most would agree with me when I say that this should be before Sian leaves later in the year. The day was a great opportunity for some of the youth club members to spend an enjoyable day out with each other and gave us a good opportunity to bond as a group.

**Alan Anthony**



"Children begin by loving their parents; as they grow older they judge them; sometimes, they forgive them"

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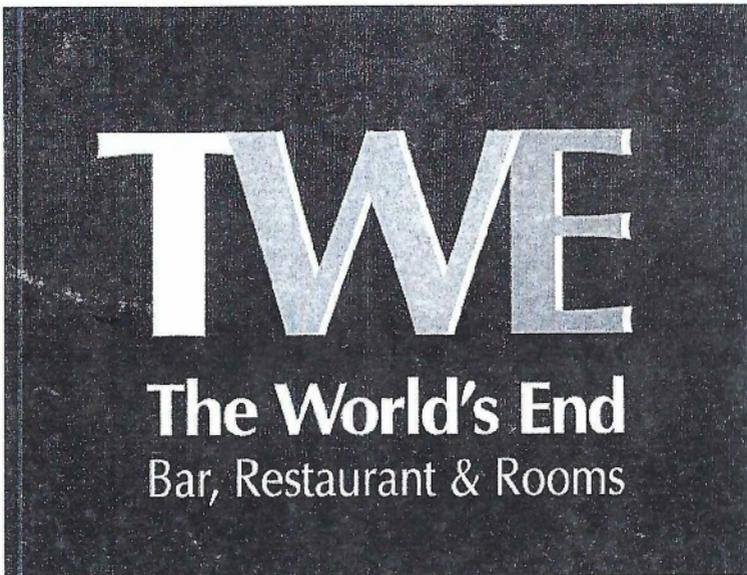
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