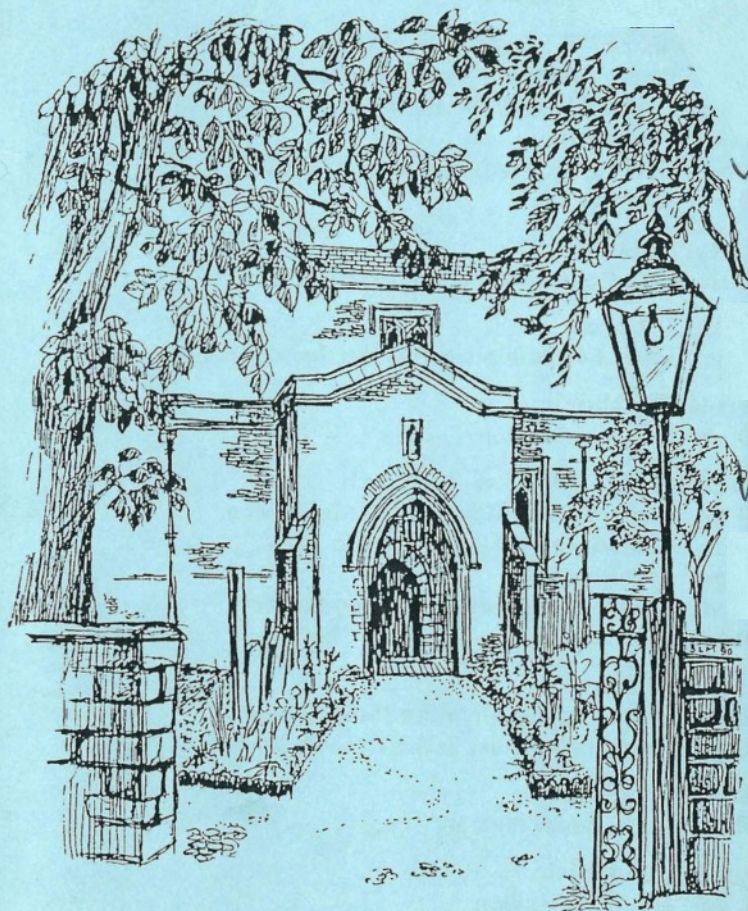


# ECTON CHURCH AND VILLAGE NEWS



*March 1993*

# CHURCH AND VILLAGE DIARY

## MARCH 1993

**Monday, 1 March**

7.50 am Holy Communion in the House Chapel

2.30 pm Over Sixties meet in the Rectory Room

**Thursday, 4 March**

9.30 am Holy Communion

**SECOND IN LENT : Sunday, 7 March**

9.30 am Parish Communion and Sunday School

1 John 4: 1-6 : Luke 19: 41-end

6.00 pm Evensong

6.15 pm Confirmation Class for Young People

7.30 pm Youth Group

**Monday, 8 March**

7.50 am Holy Communion in the House Chapel

**Tuesday, 9 March**

2.30 pm Ecton Fellowship meet in the Rectory Room

**Thursday, 11 March**

9.30 am Holy Communion

**THIRD IN LENT : Sunday, 14 March**

9.30 am Parish Communion and Parade Service

Colossians 1: 24-end : Luke 9: 18-17

6.00 pm Evensong

6.15 pm Confirmation Class for Young People

7.30 pm Youth Group

**Monday, 15 March**

7.50 am Holy Communion in the House Chapel

2.30 pm Over Sixties meet in the Rectory Room

**Tuesday, 16 March**

7.30 pm Ecton house meeting

**Thursday, 18 March**

9.30 am Holy Communion

7.15 pm Whist Drive in the Rectory Room





# ECTON HOUSE

OPEN DAY

Thursday,  
13 May 1993

We present an opportunity for prayer,  
quiet study and silence.

## “A Time for Reflection” Programme

9.30 am	Holy Communion in the Parish Church opposite Ecton House
11.00 am	Coffee
11.30 am	Address
1.00 pm	Ploughman's Lunch
4.00 pm	Tea
5.30 pm	Address
6.30 pm	Buffet Supper
7.30 pm	Devotions and Address in the Chapel followed by Compline

Coffee or Tea : 60p  
Ploughman's Lunch : £2.00  
Buffet Supper : £3.50

Come for the whole or any part of the day.

R.S.V.P. The Warden, Ecton House, Church Way, Ecton,  
Northampton, NN6 0QE with meal requirements.

## FROM THE RECTOR'S STUDY

When I was a child and went to school it seemed that to challenge authority would be on a par with committing a great sin. What the teachers said was rarely challenged by the pupils or the parents. At one deeply unhappy time in primary school our class was ruled by a large man who took every opportunity to beat his children with a cane. The thrashing I received one day for a mistake I certainly did not make will live in my memory for ever, and I promise you that I did not cry openly. The authority of the parson, the squire in the village, the teacher in the school, the policeman on his beat and the doctor in his surgery never seemed to be challenged. It was thought that they knew best and anyone who criticised was considered a malcontent. How times have changed! Now it seems that all authority is being challenged and ridiculed. Morale in the police force is said to be at an all-time low. There are many many signs of a breakdown in the social structure of our country, particularly in areas of law and order. You cannot assume that if you leave your car in either town or country that it will be there when you return to drive away. Some would say that there is no respect for God, man, beast or car-owner.

To take a low view and dismiss everybody as being an anarchist would be stupid in the extreme. Clearly there are many people who respect the law and would wish to have a proper regard for authority. These people are as upset as I am by the present situation and deeply saddened when God is reviled; the innocent are tormented and the animal kingdom abused. I believe that once again in the history of mankind the teaching of Jesus Christ is of paramount importance for the saving of our civilisation. Being kind to our neighbours and being good to the poor could be said to be the essence of our religion. What is also needed, so it seems to me, is a right judgement in all things and the growth of a holy life based on a belief that Jesus is the Saviour of the world. Many find when



walking in His steps that they are led on to a deeper understanding of what life is about. Jesus is to be found at the centre of all creation, therefore through faith we can learn how to live.

The Faith is not dead. It continues to be practised by countless Christians in our own country during times of great difficulty, but what would be a great blessing is the strengthening of the churches. A weak Church is not good for the state of health of our nation. The teaching of Jesus Christ does not lead us to a life of servility, but to one of freedom in the Gospel. It is a freedom that is able to withstand anything the world can throw at us. It helps us to be authoritative in the right way and to know what authority is good or bad. This is no blind acquiescence to dictators. However, there is a growing recognition that a well ordered society needs an authority which is based on Christian morality and Godly virtues. During the time of the collapsing Roman Empire and during the worst times of the Dark Ages, the Christian church set a wonderful example. Christians were noted for their personal discipline and willingness to be the best kind of servant. It could be claimed at these times of great crisis that Jesus saved the world through His followers. Is it reading too much into what is happening in a rapidly changing world to claim that the same example is required today in every walk of life?

I am tired of yobbish attitudes and behaviour wherever and whenever they are found. Remember the older person can be as guilty as the young. The only answer for me is to be found in the teachings of Jesus Christ. What about us? Let us share our thoughts and feelings at all levels of village and parochial life.

*Every Blessing for Holy Week*  
*Peter Naylor*

CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

Our fund-raising for 1992 was as follows:

Safari Supper	£424.76
Christingle Service	50.03
Boxes	£287.36
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Total Sum Raised	£762.15
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Sincere thanks to each and every contributor for reaching this great result.

Many thanks also to all who contributed and helped in so many ways to the success of the Safari Supper. Special thanks to Anne and Tom Henderson and Dorothy and Gordon Austin for their hospitality to all the participants - and last, but not least, to Mary Dicks for all her help and hard work in transforming "the good idea" into an enjoyable and smooth running evening.

Although the actual number of box holders was down on the previous year, we almost reached last year's figure which is marvellous, especially in view of the recession. New box holders would be much appreciated! Just see me in Church or give me a ring on Northampton 415806. Millie Harlott once again shared the joy of counting the box money. Many thanks.

On behalf of the children we never meet, my heartfelt thanks to you all for your generous donations and support.

Ingrid Cartwright

SERVERS ROTA

7th March  
14th March  
21st March  
28th March

Victoria Green  
John Strange  
Leslie Murdin  
Charles Jordan



## LOOPING THE LOOP

Budget Target £1200 : Donations to date £402

The spectacular acrobatic of looping the loop is, in fact, very simple to perform in a small aircraft providing you have sufficient power to start the manoeuvre.

Our appeal for the Parish Church loop system for the hard of hearing certainly has the power all we need is your generous support to complete the loop circle loop right round the Church including the Chancel.

Joyce Orford rang me with the encouraging news that the Ecton Fellowship had generously donated £50 from the jewellery sales which Joyce has been organising. A further £25 was pressed into my hand in Church and three promises of £100 each and one of £27 brings the total to date to £402.

A summer afternoon tea will increase the fund and, no doubt, others will be encouraged to support this effort.

Meanwhile Paddy McQuire, Graham Jordan and myself are collecting information and quotations from various firms.

By next month I hope we will be able to pay for almost one half of the loop with the donations given or promised.

Dennis Strange

## ECTON FELLOWSHIP

Our next meeting is on Tuesday, 9th March at 2.30 p.m. We are having a talk on Guide Dogs for the Blind.

Everyone is very welcome.

Some of our readers will know that there has been correspondence and comments in various newspapers about the state of the Graveyards surrounding many Churches. Most use the excuse that there are no close family members left to look after Graves or that there is not any money.

Following the publication of this article many people have told me how pleased they are with our Churchyard and at least one person wrote in saying that they felt that the comments did not apply to Ecton. The Churchyard is certainly a credit to the Parish and to the hard work put in by Henry Pinney and his band of helpers.

Never one to miss an opportunity, though, I would draw to your attention that it cost £1300 to look after the Churchyard last year. Bearing in mind that the growing season is not a full twelve months, and that there is a lot of voluntary labour, makes us realise how expensive things can be. All contributions will be welcome!

**NEW KNEELERS FOR OLD!**  
**NEW KNEELERS FOR OLD!**

It won't be a part exchange at the Church door, but fourteen willing embroiderers would like to have a kneeler each to start work on in March. To make this possible we need funding for six more kneelers, please.

The designs being used are on display in the Church every Sunday and at the Rectory during the week. Bob Allison will be delighted to accept any donations.

Action in response to a recent comment "Our bottoms could do with some help! Not all of us can kneel" will follow shortly!

**Patricia Naylor**



FIFTEEN DAYS IN CARINTHIA

(The SE Province of AUSTRIA)

Wednesday, 16th - Wednesday 30th June 1993  
Hotel Charlottenhof, Velden  
£699 per person sharing accommodation  
Half Board basis  
Single Supplement £7.45 per person per night  
Escort, for Raymond Cook Holiday of Bedford:

Fr Martyn Wratten  
The Vicarage  
72 High Street  
Great Doddington  
NN9 7TH  
Tel: 0933 226711

Brochure and further details on request.  
Do hope you can join me!

POOR SHEEP

On Sunday, 24th January between 10.30 a.m. and 1.30 p.m. somebody went walking in our Park land and left the hand gate open into the Spinney.

This is not a public footpath. Our ewes in lamb got into the woods and ate young laurel which poisoned them. Six were dead on Monday morning, with the vets help we gave them some medication but sixteen died in all.

How anybody could be so cruel by just leaving gates open. Ewes expecting lambs in March were poisoned by thoughtless intruders into the countryside.

John, Mary and David  
South Lodge, Beesley

The Sunday School will meet as usual during March with the family service being held on the 7th and the rest of the meetings being in the Rectory Room. For April there is a complete change:

4th April	Family Service in Church
9th April	Rectory Room 9.25 a.m. - Good Friday
11th April	All into Church at 9.15 a.m.
18th April	Holiday
25th April	Rectory Room 9.25 a.m.

### ECTON CHARITIES

Many of our readers will know that the Scheme for the Ecton Charities has now been approved by the Charity Commissioners. The original six Charities have now been merged into two and renamed the Education Charity and the Relief in Need Charity.

The Commissioners have clearly defined the capital which is available for each Charity and the purposes that the income therefrom can be put to.

The result is that the Educational Charity has a substantial cash endowment whilst the Relief in Need Charity has a capital sum of less than £100.

In the past the older residents of Ecton have always received Christmas boxes from the Charity but it would now seem that these were paid for by what was, in effect, the Education Charity and not by the Relief in Need. The new Charities Act prevents the Trustees from mixing the two and so there are simply not the funds to make similar gifts in future.

The Trustees to the Scheme are as follows:

- \* Appointed by the Parish Council:  
Mr David Dicks and Mr Colin Sotherby
- \* Appointed by the Parochial Church Council:  
John Strange
- \* Appointed by Northamptonshire County Council:  
Gordon Gee
- \* The Rector is the ex-officio Trustee and  
Chairman.



## STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

A note to thank all of our Parishioners who responded to our Stewardship Campaign. We anticipate that our pledged income, together with tax rebates, will be in the region of £12500 each year for the next four years. This should cover increases in our Parish Share and other foreseeable expenses.

If you have still not joined the Scheme but would like to do so please contact either John Strange or Marian Gleave.

Stewardship is time and talents as well as cash and we do still need volunteers to help with all sorts of Parish activities. People who will assist with functions, sing in the choir, train to be a server, etc., are always welcome.

You could perhaps use some of your time to go through your old paperback collection. There is still a box at the back of the Church and all old paperbacks, or even hard backs, will be more than welcome. Once the box is full it will be given to the Mission for Seamen who have a great need for all sorts of books all the year round.

Sheila is also still collecting money-off tokens and there remains a box at the back of the Church for these.

### MARCH 1993

7th Red  
14th Green  
21st Orange  
27th Spring Cleaning  
28th Blue

### APRIL 1993

4th Pink  
11th Yellow  
18th Red  
25th Green

Brass cleaning will take place on 13th March, 3rd April and 24th April.

After being made redundant at the end of October and with the prospects of future work remote. I have decided to do grass cutting and gardening.

If you have a need for this please let me know.

Brian Saunders  
Tel: 785332

### ECTON HALL CRICKET CLUB

The Dinner and Cabaret will be at Ecton House on Thursday Evening, 22nd April.

The combined cost will be only £7.50 per person. The Dinner will be followed by a Cabaret as follows:

#### "An Evening to Remember"

Featuring the international singing star Joy Devon, accompanied at the piano by John Fox, the well known composer, arranger and conductor, featuring well known songs both old and new with some piano solos.

In May John will be conducting a large symphony orchestra in Cologne where Joy will be a soloist.

This represents excellent value for money and as the number of tickets will be restricted to 40 you are recommended to book now.

Enquiries to Brian Saunders Tel: 785332

The Annual General Meeting will be held at the Rectory Room on Monday, 8th March at 8.00 p.m. all interested people will be welcome.

Cabaret tickets will be available at this Meeting.

Brian Saunders

ECTON YOUTH CLUB

LUNCH CLUB

Wednesday, 17th February  
Wednesday, 17th March  
Wednesday, 21st April  
Wednesday, 19th May  
Wednesday, 16th June

ECTON YOUTH CLUB

Our building is in good order and money in funds, but we lack members on our Committee, the members that are on the Building Committee are looking for new members with new ideas. Please help. Contact Mary Beesley on 810577 or come to our AGM on Wednesday, 31st March in the Youth Club Building at 7.30 p.m.

Lunch Club will be held on Wednesday, 17th March, and Wednesday 21st April about 12.00 noon which any one can come to at the cost of £1.50p for three course lunch.

Mary Beesley

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The Ecton Fellowship have received an invitation to visit the Hindu Temple in Wellingborough on Monday, 29th March at 6.30 p.m. followed by an Indian meal.

We shall travel in shared cars leaving Ecton House at 6.00 p.m.

If you would like to join us - both men and women - please contact me as soon as possible.

Joan Dickins  
2 Church Way  
Ecton

Tel:415576



### SLOW DOWN!

You watch the one who drives ahead,  
And the one who drives behind.  
You watch to the left and watch to the right  
And drive with a calm clear mind.  
But the one you really have to watch on the  
highway you will find,  
Is the one behind the one ahead,  
And ahead of the one behind.

### CHURCH CHRISTIAN AID WEEK

Ecton Fellowship are having a Bread and Cheese Lunch for Christian Aid on Tuesday, 18th May from 12 noon to 2.30 p.m. To be held at the Rectory Room, Ecton House.

No charge, but a donation for the Lunch.

### OVER 60'S CLUB

Monday Meetings: 1st and 15th March in Rectory Room at 2.30 p.m.

AGM is on Monday, 29th March at 2.30 p.m. in the Rectory Room. It is hoped that all members will be present.

Whist Drive: Thursday, 18th March in Rectory Room, 7.15 p.m. for 7.30 p.m.

Fish and Chip Supper on Wednesday, 24th March in Rectory Room 5.45 p.m. for 6.00 p.m. Will members please let me know if they are coming as the supper has to be ordered.

Denise Langley

VISIT THE HOLY LAND  
WITH THE DEAN OF PETERBOROUGH

24th April to 2nd May 1993  
£695 Half Board

You are most welcome to join us on this four star holiday/tour of the Holy Land with the Dean of Peterborough, the Rev Michael Bunker, and his Wife.

The tour, in luxury modern coaches, will include: Tel Aviv, Tiberias, the Sea of Galilee, Cana, Nazareth, Mt of Transfiguration, Tiberias, Jericho, Bethany, Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Gethsemane, Garden Tomb, Masada, Dead Sea, Qumran, Emmaus and Caesarea. Further details: Mrs Anne Coomes 0733 52012.

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In Ecton Church on Thursday, 1st April at 7.45 p.m. the Ecton based Lawrence Lloyd Singers will be giving a musical meditation of Lenten music.

Admission will be free but there will be a retiring collection in aid of the Church Restoration programme.

The music will reflect the main events of the Easter story beginning with Ash Wednesday and ending by looking forward to Easter Day.

Stephen Meakin

## ECTON PARISH COUNCIL

First of all let me apologise for not keeping the magazine articles going. Over the last few months the publication of the magazine has not been compatible with the Parish Council meetings making any news history before it could be published. I know that the grapevine works well in Ecton and since not a lot has been happening I've taken a little rest!

To bring you up-to-date then. We haven't had a lot of success in persuading the Highways Department to implement a "traffic calming" scheme through the village. It had been hoped that works of a minor nature such as parking bays in the High Street could be introduced but we have been told that this restricts the overall available width of highway too much to construct any permanent feature. The closure of the Wellingborough Road into Ecton would not be entertained by the Traffic Police, but we haven't given up. Requests are being made to the Highways Department to at least look at reinforcing the signage and roadmarkings into the village in an effort to slow drivers down. On the plus side, the money allocated for us may now be able to be used to modify the Bus Stop at the Worlds End to make it easier for people to get up the steps onto the buses. Once we have confirmation of this a small meeting will be called to get the views of the Over 60's and the Mums and Tots.

Following a request to the County Council, modifications have been made to the stile in Franklins Close and indeed several additional stiles and footpath signs have been erected around the village. Staying with Franklins Close, Wellingborough Council have recently painted the fronts and doors of the garages and intend very shortly to clear away the rubbish from behind them. Although the road was not resurfaced in the original scheme and therefore not eligible for the remedial resurfacing, we have been promised that Franklins Close will be surfaced during this coming year.



Over the last few weeks our street lighting seems to have taken on a life of its own, going on and off erratically so the Council has made a request to East Midlands Electricity Board for an annual "check up" on all the lights in the village.

One advance notice, Operation Springclean will take place in Ecton on Saturday, 24th April, starting from Ecton House at 9.30 a.m. Those of us that take part always have a good time and everyone agrees that the village looks so much nicer afterwards, so do come and join in, remember its your village!

### WOMENS INSTITUTE

At our February meeting films were shown that took us back more than half a century, portraying life in England, the living conditions, housing and social aspects that have changed so dramatically since the Second World War.

A further film showed the work and people involved in St Dunstons care for the blind, mostly servicemen who had lost their sight in action. A harrowing reality overcome to some extent by loving care, skilled nursing and patient teaching.

Competition winners were:

1. Brenda Foster
2. Marian Gleave, and
3. Milly Harlot

On Tuesday, 6th April Mrs K Richmond will demonstrate "Hand Painting on China" and the competition will be "A Decorated Egg".

Empty jars are needed by WI - please bring them to the next meeting rather than the bottle bank.

Mary Bane

### COPY DATES

Copy date for the April Magazine is midnight on Sunday, 14th March. If all contributors to the Magazine could let me have their copy by that date this will ensure that it is included in the April Magazine.

The date for the May Magazine is Sunday, 19th April.

### EDITORS NOTE

In this Magazine we have included a couple of articles which could be construed as advertisements. They are definitely not and are simply the Editor trying to publicise a good cause. If you would like similar publicity please let me know.

All advertisements must be paid for.

I have received a couple of letters regarding the Magazine and if you have any comments please let me know. I would be willing to run a "Letters to the Editor" column if our readers did have any views which they wanted to publish.

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Fear was within the tossing bark,  
When stormy winds grew loud,  
And waves came rolling high and dark,  
And the tall mast was bowed:

And men stood breathless in their dread,  
And baffled in their still:  
But One was there who rose, and said  
To the wild sea - "Be still!"

F D Hemans

**St Joseph, Husband of the BV Mary : Friday, 19 March**

9.30 am Holy Communion

**FOURTH IN LENT : Sunday, 21 March**

9.30 am Parish Communion and Sunday School

Micah 4: 1-5 : Mark 10: 13-16

6.00 pm Evensong

6.15 pm Confirmation Class for Young People

7.30 pm Youth Group

**Monday, 22 March**

7.50 am Holy Communion in the House Chapel

**Wednesday, 24 March**

5.45 pm Over Sixties Fish & Chip Supper

**Annunciation of our Lord to the BV Mary : Thursday, 25 March**

9.30 am Holy Communion

**FIFTH IN LENT : Sunday, 28 March**

9.30 am Parish Communion and Sunday School

Colossians 2: 8-15 : John 7: 40-52

6.00 pm Evensong

6.15 pm Confirmation Class for Young People

7.30 pm Youth Group

**Monday, 29 March**

7.50 am Holy Communion in the House Chapel

2.30 pm Over Sixties Annual General Meeting in the Rectory Room

**Thursday, 1 April**

9.30 am Holy Communion

**PALM SUNDAY : 4 April**

9.30 am Parish Communion and Sunday School

Phil. 2: 5-11 : Matthew 21. 1-13

6.00 pm Evensong

6.15 pm Confirmation Class for Young People

7.30 pm Youth Group

**Monday in Holy Week, 5 April**

7.50 am Holy Communion



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