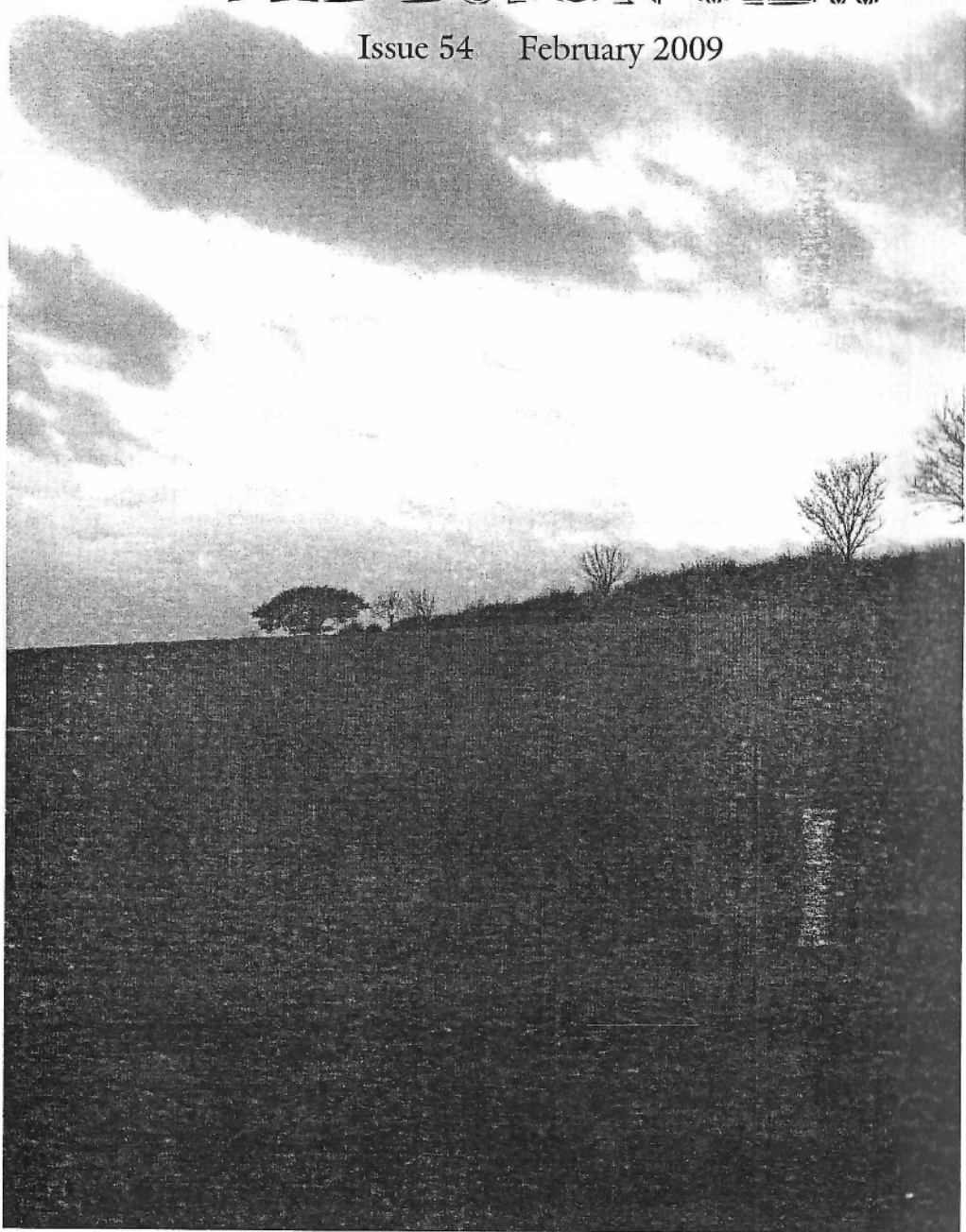


# THE ECTON VIEW

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## Editors Ramblings

Our first issue in 2009 starts with some bad news, in that Unity College, where the magazine is printed have doubled their costs, yes I do mean a **100%** increase. Whilst this will not change the magazine immediately it will have long term effects. There will be no coloured front covers and we might have to think about less pages or a bi-monthly issue. If we can obtain more advertising then this will help us, so any suggestions welcome.

Every month we have 250 magazines printed with 10 pages at a cost of 2p per page, a printing cost per month of £50. When we have a coloured front cover this rises to £175. Last year we had 8 issues at £50 and 2 at £175, total cost for year £750. This coming year if we have no colour or card front covers the cost for the 10 issues will be £1000.

Anyway, I hope everyone had a great Christmas despite the amount of illness going about the village. During Christmas and New Year we had a wedding in the village and some pictures are included in this edition. The music at the wedding by a Saxophonist trio was excellent and really sounded well in the church, the church bells were not bad either.

On the next page is my annual reminder to the 'romantics' in the village who I'm sure already have plans in place.

For those who do not read my ramblings the back page for the Ecton Garden Club annual show might think they have time warped, for those reading this it is the cover from the annual show of 1945. Whilst on the subject of gardening the church needs YOU to help with the churchyard if you have a few moments, details in this issue.

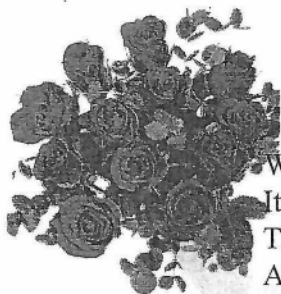
The December 'ECTON BIG BREAKFAST' was another great morning with 120 breakfasts being served. BIG BREAKFAST Aprons and T Shirts are for sale in this issue. We have not made a date for the next one yet so look at the next issue as tickets will be limited to 120 and people missed out on the last breakfast!!!

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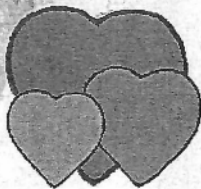
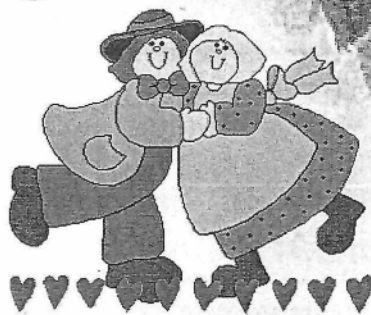
“To live a pure unselfish life, one must count nothing as one’s own in the midst of abundance.”

# Valentines Day

## February 14th



Where true Love burns Desire is Love's pure flame;  
It is the reflex of our earthly frame,  
That takes its meaning from the nobler part,  
And but translates the language of the heart.



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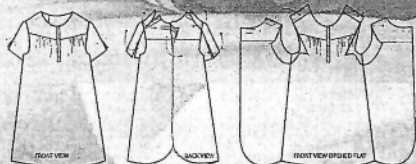
*Carer with mother in nursing-home*

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*- Lady with MS*

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limbs it's made dressing much  
more comfortable"*

*- Nursing Home manger*



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In to the New Year and I nearly forgot to tell you about our W.I. Christmas gathering. It was a quiet do, a finger buffet as it was decided not to have a big sit down Christmas meal like the previous year. Nevertheless nice warm mulled wine kept us chatting and mince pies to follow. A few games were played. Then bring a gift and take a gift were exchanged, as well as our cards and greetings to one another.

Also in the back of our minds, we were aware that our good friend Gill Leggett ( president of Ecton W.I.) was nearing the end of her life due to illness and sadly she died some days later.

Denise Collacott

### **Churchyard Garden Maintenance.**

For many years the general maintenance of the Churchyard has been done by a small team of volunteers with professional help over the grass cutting.

Through time the team is now reduced to an absolute minimum and a few extra volunteers are needed.

Traditionally, two hours on a Wednesday for eight months in the year is sufficient to cut the hedges, rake the footpaths and to trim the grass edges plus application of regular weed killer. The lawned grass areas are machine cut every three weeks.

Anyone willing to assist should contact the Churchwardens. It is our intention to resume these tasks during the first week in March.

A big thank you to all those, past and present, who have carried out this voluntary work over the years.

**Walter Barty**  
**Churchwarden.**  
**01604 642117**

## CHURCH DIARY FOR FEBRUARY 2009

Sunday 1st	6.00pm	Holy Communion
Tuesday 3rd	10.30am	Holy Communion
Saturday 7th	10.00am	Open Church (for quiet reflection)
Sunday 8th	9.15am	Holy Communion
Tuesday 10th	10.30am	Holy Communion
Wednesday 11th	7.30pm	Prayer and Compline
Sunday 15th	11.00am	Holy Communion
Tuesday 17th	10.30am	Holy Communion
Sunday 22nd	9.15am	Morning Prayer
Tuesday 24th	10.30am	Holy Communion

**Wednesday 25th 7.30pm**

**ASH WEDNESDAY**

**Special Service of Holy Communion for our combined  
three parishes, hosted this year at Ecton**

Thursday 26th 2.30pm Songs of Praise with Afternoon Tea

Sunday 1st March - 6pm Holy Communion followed by our Annual  
Parochial Church Meeting at 7pm.

## From the Vicarage,



February now, and in my garden there are already some signs of life from the crocuses and snowdrops I planted in tubs in the autumn – most encouraging. This winter we seem had far more real winter weather, certainly more frost, than we have had in many other recent winters all put together! People always say that a hard winter is actually more healthy for us because it kills off many of the nasty germs that are around at this time of year, but it seems to me that, despite the cold, many people in our villages have been suffering from a very malevolent and persistent bug that has laid many low. If you are one of those you have my heartfelt sympathy and I hope that you have now either completely recovered, or that recovery is well on the way.

This is the first opportunity I have had to write in ‘Ecton View’ since Christmas and I want to thank all those who worked very hard to make it such a wonderful season again this year. There were so many highlights that it’s hard to pick out a few, but the carol service, with its live adult tableau was incredibly moving. I’m extremely grateful to Fiona Major and her team for compiling that tableau, as well as to the choir who had worked very hard indeed to produce a very high standard of music for the service. Once again there were two events in which the village school members were seen in Church. There were two lovely performances for parents of the school’s Nativity and as last year we also had a great Christingle service which was fun as well as teaching a very serious point.

The end of January (just before this is published) we are at last holding our first meeting of ‘Story Keepers’. This is an initiative in partnership with the school, in which we are (monthly) running an after-school club for all school members and their families. About sixteen children have made a firm commitment to come along on January 26th and we have great hopes that it will grow. We had hoped to begin this last September, but for logistical reasons that was found to be impossible. We are delighted that we can now proceed.

Looking outside of our own community for a moment, many of us have been very much saddened by the recent news of the deteriorating situation in the Middle East, and especially the violence between Israel and the Gaza Strip. Without wishing to become embroiled here in political allegiances we can all sympathise with all those who are caught up in the violence that is not of their own making, and undoubtedly there are people in that category on both sides. Time and again I am reminded that the very name ‘Jerusalem’ comes from two Hebrew words – ‘Jeru’ (city), and ‘Salem’ (peace). The name of that city, then, means ‘City of Peace’, yet I understand that throughout history no other city has been as much fought over or the centre of so much violence. Nowadays it is seen largely as a religious conflict between Jew and Muslim (although not all Palestinians are Muslim), yet its roots go back way before Christianity or Islam – really before Judaism too, for it began with the difficulties between the two sons of Abraham, Isaac and Ishmael, way back in about 2000B.C.

It is very difficult to know what view to take in this matter and it is certainly dangerous to try to take sides. At the end of the day, perhaps the best we can do (and it’s a pretty good best) is to pray, ‘Lord, have mercy’. I’m reminded of a verse from one of the Psalms: ‘Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: “May those who love you be secure. May there be peace within your walls and security within your citadels.”’ Psalm 122:6-7

As you will see from the Church diary of events, at the very end of the month the season of Lent begins and this year it is Ecton’s turn to host the special evening Communion service for our group of parishes. We look forward to welcoming friends from Wilby and Great Doddington again on that occasion.

With very best wishes,

**Chris Pearson**

Church Cleaning Rota			Brass Cleaning
Week		Team	
February	7th	B	Pat Baylis & Dorothy Creed
	21st	C	
March	7th	A	Angela Allen & Rita Ward

Coffee Rota			
February	6pm	1st	No Coffee
	9.15am	8th	Margaret Weddle & Anne Henderson
	11.00am	15th	Gilly Littlewood & Joy Wilson
	9.15am	22nd	Fiona Major & Sue Bush
	7.30pm	25th	No coffee
March	6pm	1st	No coffee

Sidespersons		
February	1st	Margaret Weddle & Walter/ Marlene
	8th	Marian Gleave & Nick Greene
	15th	Brian & Sylvia Saunders
	22nd	Mick & Pauline Cook
	25th	David & Mary Dicks
March	1st	Margaret Weddle & Walter/ Marlene

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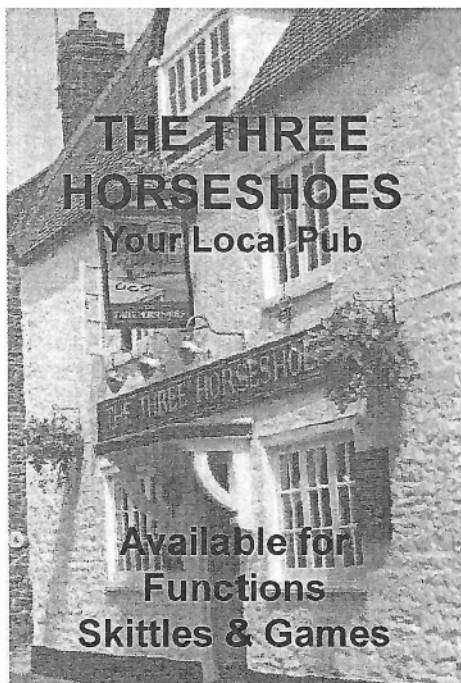
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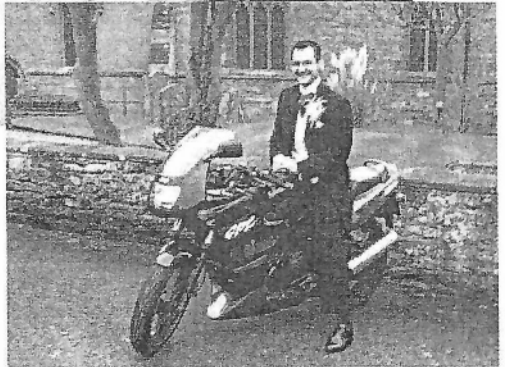
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## EX ORE INFANTIUM

LITTLE Jesus, wast Thou shy  
Once, and just so small as I?  
And what did it feel like to be  
Out of Heaven, and just like me?  
Didst Thou sometimes think of there.  
And ask where all the angels were?  
I should think that I would cry  
For my house all made of sky;  
I would look about the air,  
And wonder where my angels were;  
And at waking 'twould distress me--  
Not an angel there to dress me!

Hadst Thou ever any toys,  
Like us little girls and boys?  
And didst Thou play in Heaven with all  
The angels, that were not too tall,  
With stars for marbles? Did the things  
Play Can you see me? through their wings?  
And did Thy Mother let Thee spoil  
Thy robes, with playing on our soil?  
How nice to have them always new  
In Heaven, because 'twas quite clean blue.

Didst Thou kneel at night to pray,  
And didst Thou join Thy hands, this way?  
And did they tire sometimes, being young,  
And make the prayer seem very long?  
And dost Thou like it best, that we  
Should join our hands to pray to Thee?  
I used to think, before I knew,  
The prayer not said unless we do.  
And did Thy Mother at the night  
Kiss Thee, and fold the clothes in right?  
And didst Thou feel quite good in bed,  
Kiss'd, and sweet, and Thy prayers said?

Thou canst not have forgotten all  
That it feels like to be small:  
And Thou know'st I cannot pray  
To Thee in my father's way--  
When Thou wast so little, say,  
Couldst Thou talk Thy Father's way?  
So, a little Child, come down  
And hear a child's tongue like Thy own;  
Take me by the hand and walk,  
And listen to my baby-talk.  
To Thy Father show my prayer  
(He will look, Thou art so fair),  
And say: "O Father, I, thy Son,  
Bring the prayer of a little one."

And He will smile, that children's tongue  
Has not changed since Thou wast young!

**FRANCIS THOMPSON**

### **Francis Thompson (December 18, 1859 – November 13, 1907)**

was an English poet and ascetic. After attending college, he moved to London to become a writer, but in menial work, became addicted to opium, and was a street vagrant for years. A married couple read his poetry and rescued him, publishing his first book, *Poems* in 1893. Francis Thompson lived as an unbalanced invalid in Wales and at Storrington, but wrote three books of poetry, with other works and essays, before dying of tuberculosis in 1907.

"The grand essentials of happiness are: something to do,  
something to love, and something to hope for."

**THE FLORAL QUIZ**  
**All answers are names of flowers**

- 1) Hand warmed for reynard
- 2) Prickly wine from the Rhine
- 3) Breathless we cook on the range
- 4) Steps of a colourful Biblical character
- 5) A depressed ringer
- 6) Creeping brass instrument
- 7) Infant puff of air
- 8) Truthfulness
- 9) Frozen water falls
- 10) Birds of a feather do this together
- 11) Sugary green field
- 12) Moses smoke signal
- 13) Elderly relative might wear it
- 14) Feline polo
- 15) Mrs Bucket
- 16) Magnificent till noon
- 17) Dame Edna's favourite
- 18) That lovely Mr. Tell
- 19) You need two for a kiss
- 20) Water reptile gets you and me in the end
- 21) Old timber frame for miscreants
- 22) The entire country owns a vehicle
- 23) A snog in the fog
- 24) Female on a tandem
- 25) November remembrance
- 26) Proud capital city
- 27) Mr Stewart and his midas touch
- 28) Mend the leak before the beating stops
- 29) Name like author of James and the giant peach
- 30) Smorgasbord for a mouse

"The Constitution only gives people the right to pursue happiness.  
You have to catch it yourself."

- 31) Linen plant from the Antipodes
- 32) They seek him here, they seek him there
- 33) A girls name that adds up
- 34) After tea rose is demure
- 35) Flower from March 1st
- 36) The luck of the Irish
- 37) Prickly Scots emblem
- 38) Us film lawyer & shellfish together
- 39) Eye colour
- 40) The bush for lepidoptera
- 41) Pass quickly over Miss Farrow
- 42) Remember it was Brucie's 80th birthday
- 43) In love with himself
- 44) Elizabeth without a moment to lose
- 45) Effeminate-maybe
- 46) Universe?
- 47) A smokers drug
- 48) UNMIAGRE (ANG)
- 49) First lady MP
- 50) Called by another name, would it smell as sweet
- 51) Thus the huntress
- 52) There are a large variety of mums
- 53) Purple headed mountains covered in?
- 54) Scented drawer freshener
- 55) Exotic plant, protected in wild if seen in UK
- 56) Annual holiday under canvas
- 57) Hot fire iron
- 58) Wandering Phyllis
- 59) Tall Russell in the border
- 60) Could the Tour de France prompt the name

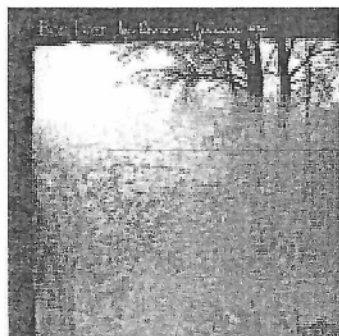
ANSWERS IN NEXT MONTHS MAGAZINE

“Some cause happiness wherever they go; others whenever they go.”



## FLEET FOXES

Signed to Sub Pop in the US and Bella Union in the UK, Seattle five-piece Fleet Foxes have tremendous support in releasing their self-titled debut LP. Musically, the band derives inspiration from the greats of the 1960s US folk explosion and more traditional pop influences, all of which is treated with a sophistication and modernity specific to Fleet Foxes alone. This debut sees the band tackling chamber pop, somewhat Morricone-influenced soundtrack-esque tracks and gentle folksy psychedelia. Lovers of Akron/Family, Fairport Convention and The Beach Boys will be enthralled.



## BON IVER

It's hard to believe that For Emma, Forever Ago is the work of one man. But when Justin Vernon's old band split he hauled himself (and presumably plenty of instruments and recording equipment) to his dad's hunting cabin in the woods of Wisconsin for the coldest season and worked through his issues in musical form. (The name comes from the French for "good winter"--"bon hiver"). By the start of the spring thaw he had recorded the bulk of this stunning debut, originally self-issued to acclaim last year in the USA and now picked up by 4AD for a British release. Vernon's voice grabs the ear from the start, switching easily into a smooth falsetto (and unusually for a white indie lad, without the slightest intent of emulating Prince). The formula is straightforward. He layers his vocal harmonies, while a gently strummed acoustic rhythm guitar just about holds the centre. All else from horns to slide guitar is mere detail. The quality is rough and ready but the effect is strangely similar though to the slick vocal confections of European women like Bjork and Camille, all mystery and distance. It's the musical equivalent of reading someone else's diary. In code. Through a dirty window. Enigmatic songs like the elegantly stumbling "Creature Fear" with its rowdy horn parts, the resolute opener "Flume" and the evanescent "Team" are just so pretty they seem to glide by without leaving a mark in the snow. Vernon is apparently a straightforward and friendly guy, but For Emma, Forever Ago genuinely sounds like something from a far off place.



## JAMES MORRISON

The Brit Award winning James Morrison follows his million selling debut, 'Undiscovered', with 'Songs For You, Truths For Me'. Running in a similar vein to his first record, this album comprises the soulful blues and distinctive voice that made 'Undiscovered' so successful. 'Songs For You, Truths For Me' includes 'Broken Strings', a duet with Nelly Furtado and is preceded by the single 'You Make It Real'.



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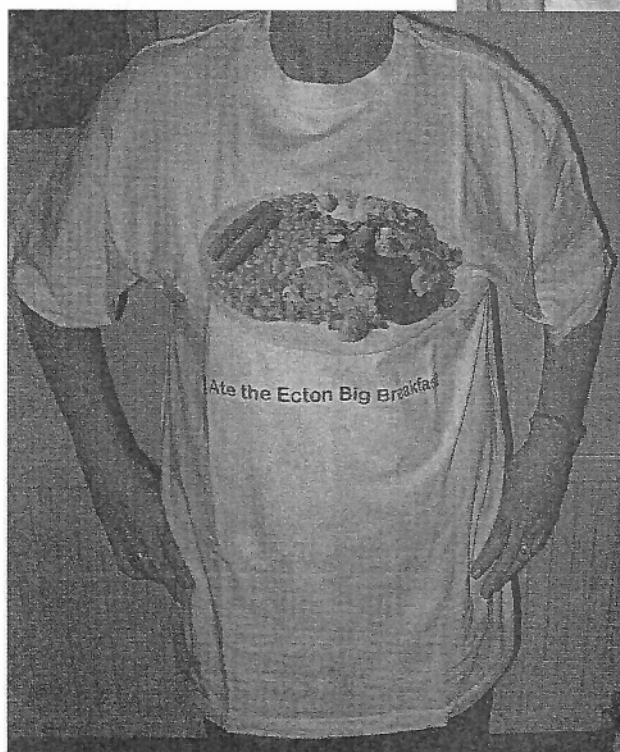
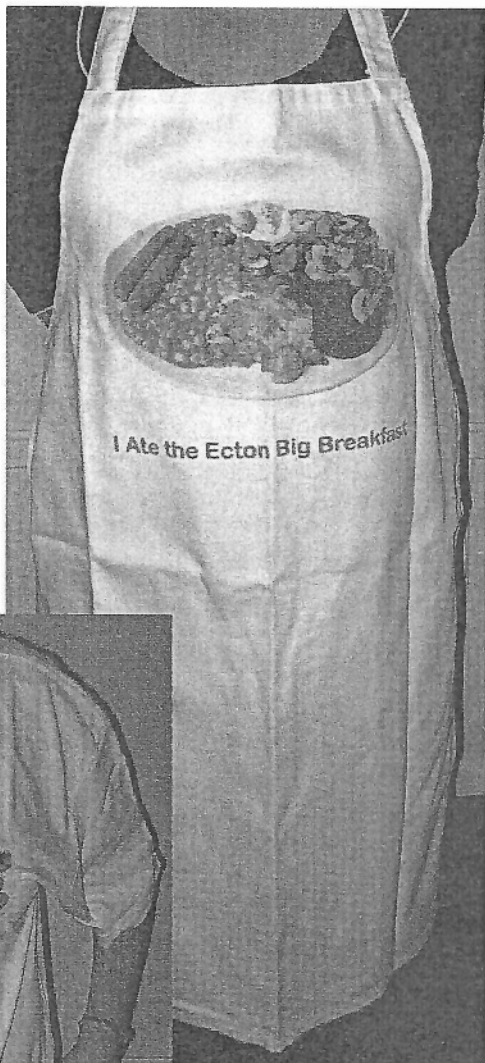
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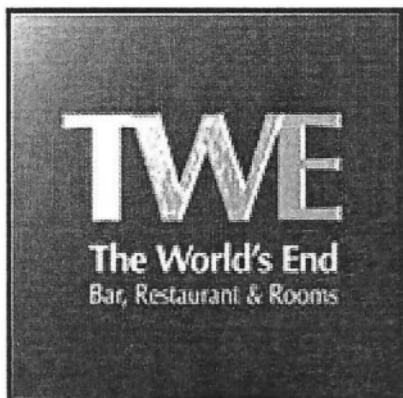
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