

The Ecton View

A photograph of a sheep and her lambs in a lush green field. A large, gnarled tree with dense foliage stands in the background. In the foreground, a mother sheep is surrounded by several lambs. One lamb is lying down, while others are standing. The scene is peaceful and rural.

April 2025

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March 2025 in Ecton

Ecton Church Lottery		
	1st Prize £50	2nd Prize £25
February 2025	Maggie Mulvey	Sam Gray
March 2025	Phil Foster	Chris Jordan

ECTON VIEW News

Welcome to the second edition of the Ecton View produced by the Village Hall Committee, we're getting used to it now! Soon we'll be introducing new content as we develop our skills.

Spring in Ecton is always a special time of the year, the daffodils bloom at the top of the village while the gentle sound of lambs in the fields reminds us winter is near her end and soon blossom, followed by fresh green leaves appearing on trees and vegetation.

This year there will be no cattle in the field behind West Street, but dog walkers beware sheep will be in all the fields around Ecton so do remember to keep your leads on and pick up anything left behind.

We are lucky in such a small village to have a pub with a restaurant and a pub with an award-winning brewery, let's not forget to support these businesses. As the weather gets warmer they both have lovely beer gardens to enjoy too.

Finally, as normal there are lots of activities and events at the Village Hall and the Three Horseshoes if you wish to participate, these are further explained in this issue (see Whats On on page 27).

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Ecton Village Information

ECTON GOLDEN OLDIES (EGO's)

See page 11 for further details.

OPEN CHURCH & CHURCHYARD TIDY

The next dates for the tidy and open church are 5th April and 3rd May.

We are growing sunflower seeds which we would like to plant on the North of the churchyard adjacent to Church Way. These are being germinated in pots and if you or your (grand) children would like to take one to nurture for a few weeks you can bring them back at the beginning of May to plant out. So if you would like to get involved please come along on 5th April to collect a pot.

ECTON BELL RINGERS

The Ecton Bell ringing Band meet at 7.30pm until 9pm on most Wednesday evenings at St Mary Magdalene Church, Ecton. Everyone is welcome. For more information contact David on 01604 407145.

ECTON VILLAGE HALL

See pages 14 & 15 for further details

ECTON WALKS 2025

Ecton Walks are continuing this year with two walks per month on the first and third Wednesdays. If you prefer a short walk - up to 3 miles - come along on the third Wednesday and if you prefer a longer stride - 5-8 miles - come along on the first Wednesday. I try to factor in a coffee stop where I can. We meet at the Shrine at 9.30am. I have an email circulation for more information about the individual walks, car seat availability etc. If you would like to join the walks/email list please let me know by email - nigelbond@talktalk.net.

Walks in April - 2nd long walk, 16th short walk

ECTON PARISH COUNCIL

The Ecton Parish Council has it's full compliment of 9 councillors.

You can obtain a full copy of the latest Parish Council Minutes.

Email:clerk@ectonparishcouncil.org.uk Agendas and Minutes can also be downloaded from the website -www.ectonvillage.co.uk/parish-council/meetings-and-copy-minutes/

Ecton Services for April 2025

Sun 6th April	No Service at Ecton	
	Please join us at one of our other churches.	
	9.30am Holy Communion	Wilby
	11am Holy Communion	Great Doddington
Tues 8th April	10am Holy Communion	Ecton
Sun 13th April	9.30am Holy Communion	Ecton
Mon 14th April	7.30pm Compline (Night Prayer)	Ecton
Tue 15th April	7.30pm Compline (Night Prayer)	Great Doddington
Wed 16th April	2pm Songs of Praise for Holy Week	Ecton Village Hall
Wed 16th April	7.30pm Compline (Night Prayer)	Wilby
Thur 17th April	7.30pm Holy Communion	Wilby
Fri 18th April	2pm Hour Before the Cross	Ecton
Sun 20th April	9.30am Easter Holy Communion	Ecton
	11am Easter Holy Communion	Great Doddington
	2pm Easter Praise	Wilby
Sun 27th April	11am Morning Prayer	Ecton

Please contact Charlotte Eley 01604 891109 if you need a lift to a service

Church Electoral Roll

Every six years churches must prepare a new Electoral Roll. To remain on a Roll, or to join, you will need to complete a new form.

Forms are available in the church or via Mary Dicks, the Electoral Roll Officer (01604 407145).

Once completed please return your form to the box in church or to Mary. The closing date for the new roll is 12th April. Thank you.



Rector's Letter April 2025



With the internet firmly established in our lives the number of cards people send are becoming fewer and fewer. However, for those important occasions, weddings, big birthdays and milestone anniversaries a card is often still the way to go. For Christians, Easter is the most important celebration of the year. Without Easter there would be no Christianity, and so we are sending a card to everyone in our three villages and to Wilby Way, part of Great Doddington parish and Wendel View, part of Wilby parish.

A big thank you to everyone who has delivered the cards, which give details of the services and events taking place across the benefice of Great Doddington, Wilby and Ecton. On the front of the card there is a photograph of some yellow tulips, symbols of love, hope, new life and cheerfulness. Jesus' death on the cross was an act of great love and his resurrection gives hope to the world and new life to all. I hope the card you receive will bring you some cheer and be a reminder of the real meaning of Easter.

Whenever we receive a card, for whatever reason, it means someone has thought about us. The Church is here for everyone, whether you are a regular attender or not and we regularly pray for our communities.

I look forward to seeing many of you over the Easter period and wish you all a very hopeful and happy Easter.

**Yours in Christ,
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Come as a team or come to join a team

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Easter Coffee Morning



Saturday 19 April
Ecton Church
10 until 12noon
Coffee/Tea and Cakes

Easter Raffle and Plant Sale



ECTON GOLDEN OLDIES

This is our very own group for older people. We have been getting together for over a decade and we meet once a month, usually on the third Friday of the month. We enjoy a meal together and sometimes have speakers or entertainment and we try and have a day trip once a year. We are supported by a great group of volunteers.

A big thank you to Carol East for the lovely lasagne she made for our March get together. Someone said it was the best lasagne they had ever had.

Our next get together is on April 11th at the Village Hall from 12 noon. We will have lunch and our Easter Tombola.

We are looking at outings this year to the Cotswolds or Coventry. In addition if anyone is interested in Music around the world or Jesus Christ Superstar please let us know in April. We are also aware of a visiting theatre group called Mikron, more information will be available in May.

Dates for this year: April 11th (early to avoid Easter), May 16th, June 20th, July 18th, August 15th, September 19th, October 17th, November 21st, December tbc



A Great Big Thank you

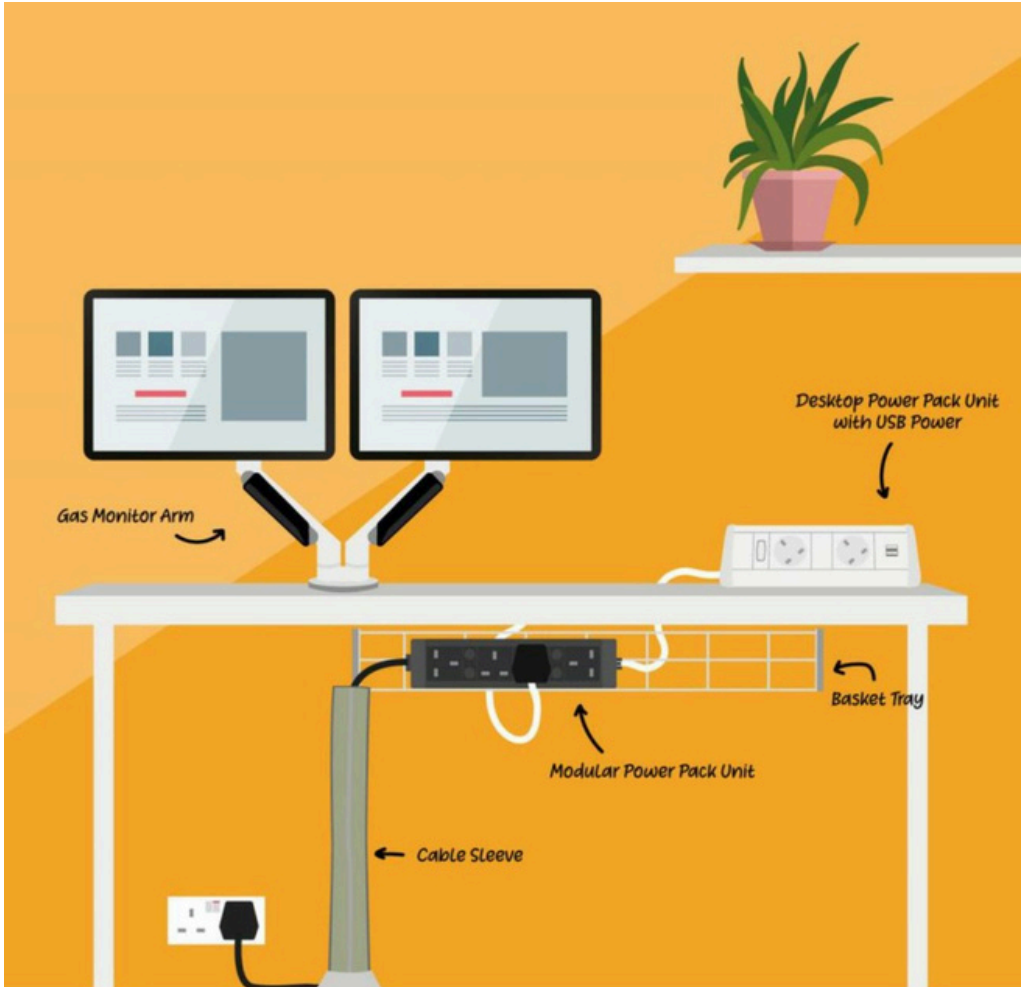
Thank you to our Family and Friends who celebrated our Diamond Wedding Anniversary with us. We had an amazing afternoon and received some wonderful gifts and flowers.

We also received £930 in donations which we have donated to our two chosen charities, MNDA & Dementia Sings Out.

Thank you all again, Sue & Len Edwards

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MAY 2025

The 8th May 2025, marks the 80th Anniversary of the end of war in Europe and WWII.

Ecton Village will be joining the nation to come together on Sunday 4th May, to remember the millions that paid the ultimate sacrifice fighting and securing the freedom we all enjoy today.

If you have any memorabilia you would be happy for us to display in the hall on the day, please contact Sally Jones, 07850 416429

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	Occasional Hire	£18.00 per hour	£23.00 per hour

Requests for booking to be made to the Bookings Clerk who confirms availability and price depending on whether hirer is an Ecton resident or not.

Email: evhbookings@gmail.com

Regular Village Hall Hirers

The village hall is a community resource which hosts a number of regular hirers who provide a range of groups.

Monday

Morning: Pilates – Laura Longstaff 07912 022912 SHEvolutionfit@gmail.com

Afternoon: Art Class - Derek Geater 01933 381848 djgartist@hotmail.com

Evening: Action for Children youth group – Tonice Da-Costa 07977 672185
tonice.dacosta@actionforchildren.org.uk

Tuesday

Morning: Stay and Play – Eventstylingbystacey Contactable via Facebook & Instagram
Or Email on eventstylingbystacey@gmail.com or www.eventstylingbystacey.com

Evening: Step By Step Dance School Ecton - Helen Bond 07753 868734

Facebook: Step by Step Dance School/Ecton

Wednesday

Morning: Splat Messy Play - Jasmine Hammond 07929 331060

jasmine@splatmessyplay.co.uk

Thursday

Morning: Pilates - Paula Donovan - 07790 541064 - Facebook: Well Being Pilates

Evening: Project Sing Choir – Chris Startup – 07841 425835 chriskstartup@gmail.com

Friday

Morning: Ecton Brew 1st Friday of the month

EGOs 3rd Friday of the month

Planned Village Events for your diary

Spring Quiz Friday 4th April - 7.30 pm

VE day celebration Sunday 4th May – afternoon and early evening

Ecton Big Lunch Sunday June 8th - Lunchtime

Ecton BBQ Saturday 19th July – Daytime

Event TBC September

Autumn Quiz Friday 22nd November

Christmas Brunch Sunday 7th December

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Ecton Historical Group

Each month I hope to share with you some of my research, as well as information found in the books already written about Ecton, and hopefully some of you will be able to add to our combined knowledge.

This month I have been looking at the Langdell family and their long association with The Three Horseshoes in Ecton, this is a 'snapshot' of my findings.

The Langley, otherwise Langdell family have been recorded as living in Ecton from before 1650, in 1670 Jonathan Langdell, Blacksmith, married Elizabeth Lilly, they had 6 children. Although the exact location of where they lived cannot be confirmed at the moment, as the generations progressed we see them fixed at 'The Three Horseshoes'

His Great Grandson, also Jonathan and also a Blacksmith, married Mary Lambert in 1755 they had 3 children, during this time the main part of 'The Three Horseshoes', was rebuilt (Date Stone 1757), unfortunately Mary died only 12 years later, so in 1774 Jonathan married Anne Hart and went on to have 6 more children.

George Langdell, Son of Jonathan and Anne, then lived there with his Wife Mary (Hodges) and their 3 children, when Mary died in 1819 at the age of 33, George then married Elizabeth (Jolley) in 1823.

The remaining date stones show the south and east parts of the building were rebuilt by George in 1831 & 1835 respectively, Elizabeth Langdell is then listed in the 1851 Census as a Widow & Victualler.

The next generation to take over was Thomas & Mary Langdell, he is also listed as a Blacksmith & Publican in the 1861 Census, where the address is listed as 'Freehouse' with their 7 children.

Looking forward from these dates it is believed that somewhere between 1861 & 1871 Thomas Langdell sold the property to Ambrose Isted to become part of Ecton Estate, after being in the family for over 200 years.

There is too much detail to put here, my research continues, if you wish to suggest a Historical topic for next months magazine or you are interested in more information on the Langdell's, please let me know.

Wendy Stephens - email - ectonview@hotmail.com

Our next meeting is Wednesday 23rd April, 8pm at The Three Horseshoes



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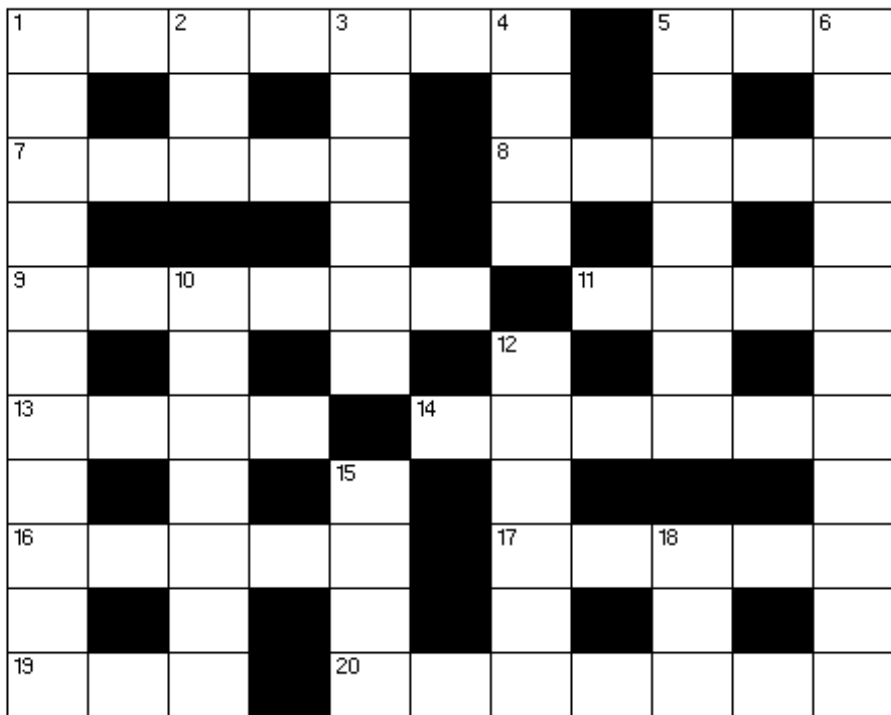
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Across

- 1 Lead stonefruit to bottom * (7)
- 5 Host holds one small microphone * (3)
- 7 Tripe prepared for specimen dish * 5)
- 8 Nina ^ (2)
- 9 Whale fat loses black lummo * (6)
- 11 Milne's bear backs circle * (4)
- 13 Work (4)
- 14 Rob ^ (6)
- 16 Vauxhall model (5)
- 17 Frankie ^ (5)
- 19 Special forces unit of the British army (3)
- 20 Logs about ropes * (7)

Down

- 1 Territories under the control of the Pope (5,6)
- 2 Last month (3)
- 3 Bill ^ (6)
- 4 Lee ^ (4)
- 5 Jason ^ (7)
- 6 Apes (11)
- 10 Kevin ^ (7)
- 12 Central semitic language (6)
- 15 Alan ^ (4)
- 18 Isle of Wight river (3)

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Winter to Spring

Oh! for some snow, I cry! Although snow (and we could still get some) is a hazard for many, especially the elderly, those with mobility issues and travellers, we do miss the beauty of the snow covered landscape when we don't get snow. During April we will see the gardens and countryside awakening, with spring flowers, leaf buds unfolding, lambs in the fields and we will mark Mothering Sunday and Easter.

Some dates for your diary:

Earth Day – 22nd April

Wildness Awareness Days – International Beaver Day – 7th April.

The beavers have arrived at Nene Wetlands.

My favourite – Be kind to spiders week – 6th to 13th April. They are an important part of the eco system.

Lots more information online.

Charlotte Eley

Crossword Solution

P	L	U	M	B	U	M		M	I	C
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X46	08:20	X46	08:14
X46	08:48	X47	08:58
X47	09:10	X46	09:14
X46	09:39	X47	09:49
X47	10:08	X46	10:14
X46	10:29	X47	10:49
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X47	17:58	X46	18:22
X46	18:42	X47	18:46
X47	19:02	X46	19:27
X46	19:38	X47	19:44
X47	19:59		



Ecton Odours!



From time to time we can experience strong odours. If you detect a 'Pong' you suspect is from the Treatment Works, please report it to Anglian Water on 08457 145 145 once a call is logged they can deal with the problem and will report back to you.

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Bin Collected from 6.30am



April		May		June	
4th	Black	2nd	Black	6th	Green
11th	Green	9th	Green	13th	Black
18th	Black	16th	Black	20th	Green
25th	Green	23rd	Green	27th	Black
		30th	Black		



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What's On in Ecton

Date	Time	Event	Location
April			
Wed 2nd Apr	20:00	Pub Quiz	3 Horseshoes
Fri 4th Apr	10:00-12:30	Ecton Brew Coffee Shop	Ecton Village Hall
Fri 4th Apr		Black Bin Collection	
Fri 4th Apr	19:30	Spring Quiz	Ecton Village Hall
Sat 5th Apr	09:00-12:00	Churchyard Tidy with Tea/Coffee	Ecton Church
Fri 11th Apr	12:00 - 14:00	EGO's	Ecton Village Hall
Fri 11th Apr		Green Bin Collection	
Sun 13th Apr		Live music with The Hobos	3 Horseshoes
Wed 16th Apr	14:00	Songs of Praise for holy week	Ecton Village Hall
Wed 16th Apr	20:00	Pub Quiz	3 Horseshoes
Fri 18th Apr		Black Bin Collection	
Sat 19th Apr	10:00-12:00	Coffee Morning	Ecton Church
Sun 20th Apr	14:30	Live music with Roly Coly Sax	3 Horseshoes
Thu 24th Apr		Open Mike Night	3 Horseshoes
Fri 25th Apr		Green Bin Collection	
Sat 26th Apr		Live music with The Sax Man - Roly	3 Horseshoes
Wed 30th Apr	20:00	Pub Quiz	3 Horseshoes
May			
Thu 1st May	07:00 - 22:00	Local Elections	Ecton Village Hall
Fri 2nd May		Black Bin Collection	
Sun 4th May	12:00 - 20:00	VE Day celebration	Ecton Village Hall
Fri 9th May		Green Bin Collection	
Wed 14th May	20:00	Pub Quiz	3 Horseshoes
Fri 16th May		Black Bin Collection	
Sum 18th May		Live music with Brighton Riot	3 Horseshoes
Fri 23rd May		Green Bin Collection	
Wed 28th May	20:00	Pub Quiz	3 Horseshoes
Fri 30th May		Black Bin Collection	



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