

The Ecton View



June 2025

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ECTON VIEW News

Welcome to the June edition of Ecton view. On May 4th the village celebrated 80 years since VE Day. Roberta Galan (nee Campion) who was a resident of the village between 1938 & 1955 had informed us that the villagers danced the conga at the war memorial on VE Day in 1944. Therefore, in recognition of what took place in 1944 the event began with a conga from the War memorial down the High Street to the Village Hall. Once at the Village Hall we were entertained by “Maggie May” singing standards from the 40's, in addition there was a display of WWII memorabilia loaned by our residents. Despite the cold weather a good day was had by all. (see front cover and pages 16 & 17 for pics of the day). A big thank you to all the villagers that attended the event or put up bunting to help Ecton commemorate the occasion.

The next village event Ecton residents are invited to is our version of Britain’s “Big Lunch” on June 8th. if you wish to attend see page 10 for contact details to book your place(s).

We encourage contributions to this magazine from all the village residents. If you have thoughts or advice you want to share, a story to tell or you want to celebrate home grown achievements, you can email us or speak to any member of the Village Hall committee. It is clear from Facebook posts that we have some very competent photographers in the village. If you have any seasonal pictures that would suit the magazine cover, we would love to use them.

VILLAGE HALL AGM
7pm July 16th at the Village Hall
All are welcome

Cover Photo:- Taken by Bryan Bond taken at the Village Hall on May 4th



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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 7th June and 5th July.

Come along and give us a hand to keep the churchyard tidy, or just come for a coffee and bikkies.

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 18 & 19 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.

The pattern is slightly different this month - 2nd and 3rd Wednesday

Walks in June - 11th long walk, 18th short walk

Walks in July - 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/

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By 23rd June 2025

Ecton Services for June 2025

Sun 1st June	No Service at Ecton Please join us at one of our other churches. 9.30am Holy Communion 11am Holy Communion	Wilby Great Doddington
Tues 3rd June	10am Holy Communion	Ecton
Sun 8th June	9.30am Holy Communion	Ecton
Sun 15th June	9.30am Holy Communion	Ecton
Wed 18th June	2pm Songs of Praise	Ecton Village Hall
Sun 22nd June	11am Morning Prayer	Ecton
Sun 29th June	No Service at Ecton, please join us at our 10am Benefice Service	Great Doddington

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

<p style="text-align: center;">Songs of Praise <u>Wednesday 18th June 2pm</u> Ecton Village Hall Singing from 2pm Refreshments 3pm All Welcome</p>



Rector's Letter June 2025



Bishop John, the Bishop of Brixworth, will be retiring in September, after 14 years of ministry in Peterborough Diocese. Below is an extract from a letter he has written, as he prepares to move on to pastures new.

“I recently went to Lee Abbey on the North Devon coast for a Prayer Retreat to reflect upon retirement later this year. One of the wise guides suggested it would be good to choose a “theme song” for this next stage in life. At first I didn’t think this was a very good idea! Then I remembered that on a previous visit, fifteen years ago, before my interview to be one of your Bishops, I sang a hymn on my prayer walks.

That hymn was “Father, I place into your hands the things I cannot do” by Jenny Hewer and it has been a special favourite ever since. It’s a wonderful reminder of God’s trustworthiness in the face of life’s challenges. The verses cover the whole range of anxious questions; “What will I do?” “Where will I go?” “Who will I be?” “What about my family?” and “How will I cope?”

The final verse focusses on walking close to God and loving his people, the Church. It’s a lovely call to pastoral leadership and it continues to inspire me after 39 years of ordained ministry.”

We will be singing the hymn Father, I place into your hands the things that I can’t do at our services on Sunday 1st June 9.30am at Wilby and 11am at Great Doddington. As Bishop John says, it is a hymn that can help us through many of life’s challenges. In fact, so many of our hymns and worship songs speak to us about our lives and the difference God can make to us. If you have a favourite hymn, do let me know and we can sing it at one of our services.

**Yours in Christ,
Revd. Jackie Buck
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ECTON GOLDEN OLDIES

Everyone enjoyed Anita's buffet in May and Paul helped some people with their IT issues – thanks to both. Thanks also to Kathy for our popular raffle.

We will not be meeting at the Village Hall in June as we are off to the Cotswolds on June 6th. For those of you who are coming on the trip we are meeting at the lay-by in the High Street next to Sunnyside and the post box at 9.45 as we are leaving promptly at 10a.m.

If anyone has changed their mind and wants to join us or if you cannot come at the last minute please let Sally know on 07850 416429 or Kathy on 01604 404590.

We do have spaces for more people, if you are not an EGO you are welcome to join us. The cost for non EGO's is £25. Please call Sally or Kathy.

Our July get together is on July 18th usual time.
Looking forward to seeing everyone.

Sally Jones

Remaining dates for this year: June 6th (Coach trip), July 18th, August 15th, September 19th, October 17th, November 21st, December tbc



Did you know??

Ecton has its very own Café ... Ecton Brew

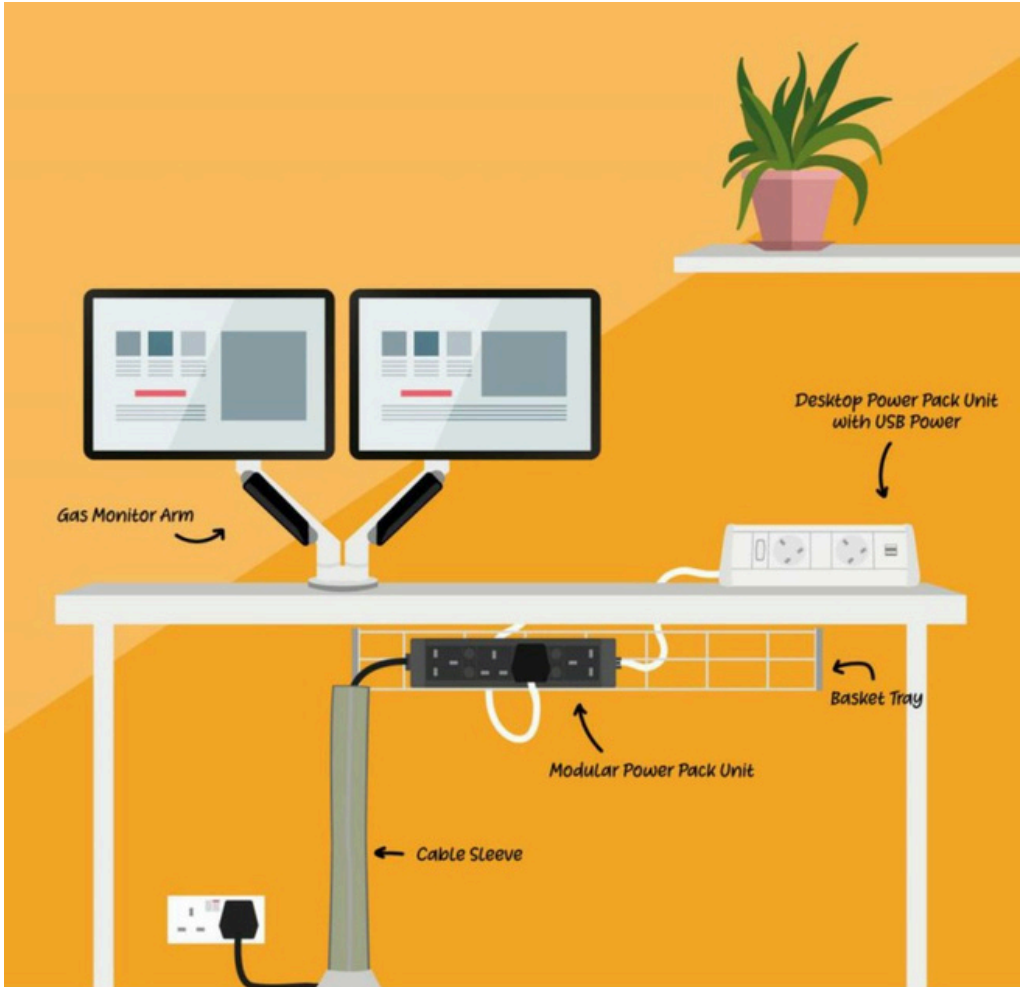
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We also serve homemade cakes baked by Ecton Villagers, teacakes and our famous 'Brew & Bap' sausage or bacon roll deal.

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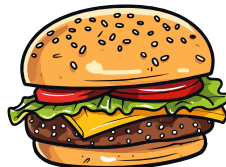
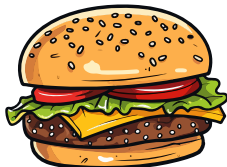


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Ecton History

This month, I am staying with the topic of Festivals, Ecton has always loved a good festival. In July 1986 Ecton had a Doomsday Festival, to commemorate Ecton's inclusion in the Doomsday Book, with a Norman Banquet & Barn Dance, Band Concert and Village Fete including a Crafts Fair and Hot Air Balloon rides.

Information was included in the Parish Magazine to suggest designs for costumes for the Laydes and Menfolk of the village. This was all arranged by the Rector at the time, Trevor Willmott, with a band of willing helpers in the village, to raise £5000 to retard the progress of Death Watch Beetle in the Church Roof.

Next month I am planning to do a piece on shops & businesses in Ecton, all memories, photos etc are most welcome.
Wendy Stephens

ECTON VILLAGE DOMESDAY FESTIVAL 18, 19, 20th JULY 1986

FRIDAY 18th
BARN DANCE
AND BARBECUE
8.00 pm

SATURDAY 19th
VILLAGE FÊTE
OPENS 10.00 AM

HOT AIR BALLOON,
STALLS, GAMES,
BOUNCY CASTLE,
BAIL, LUNCHEONS,
AFTERNOON TEAS,
CRAFT FAIR,
CHILDREN'S FANCY
DRESS AT 2 pm



SUNDAY 20th
FAMILY
COMMUNION 9.30 am
BAND CONCERT
AT 2 pm IN THE MARQUEE
AFTERNOON TEAS,
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RAFFLE DRAW
EVENSONG AT 6 pm



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ECTON DOMESDAY: COSTUMES SUGGESTION SHEET

THE LAYDES

THE MENFOLK

In 12th and 13th c. a woman wore a long gown with a high collar and long sleeves. The gown was decorated with gold and silver threads.

Embroidered with gold and silver threads.

When a woman lay sick during the first year of a wedding, it could be seen that it was when she first came to bed for the first time. She is dressed in the same gown as the bride.

She also wears a mantle which covered her head and shoulders. This mantle was made of gold and silver threads.

The gown she wore on the wedding was made of gold and silver threads.

Many knights wore as graceful as the knights.

An Almoner was kind of a messenger. He carried the king's letters. He wore a long gown with a high collar and long sleeves.

A knight was a soldier who had been trained in the art of fighting on horseback.

The next Ecton History Group meeting will be on Wednesday 25th June at the Three Horseshoes, 8pm, please send any topics or ideas for discussion by email to our new address ectonhistory@outlook.com

VE Day 80

A selection of photos from Ecton's celebration of VE Day held on May 4th in the village.





Ecton Village Hall

We are so lucky to have such a lovely venue in our village. It is also a great building to host parties and other events and includes the main hall, lounge and outside area, all of which can be hired for competitive rates.



Rates of Hire

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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

Ecton Big Lunch Sunday June 8th - Lunchtime

Ecton BBQ Saturday 19th July – Daytime

Event TBC September

Autumn Quiz Saturday 22nd November

Christmas Brunch Sunday 7th December

Christmas starters Saturday 20th December – 7pm



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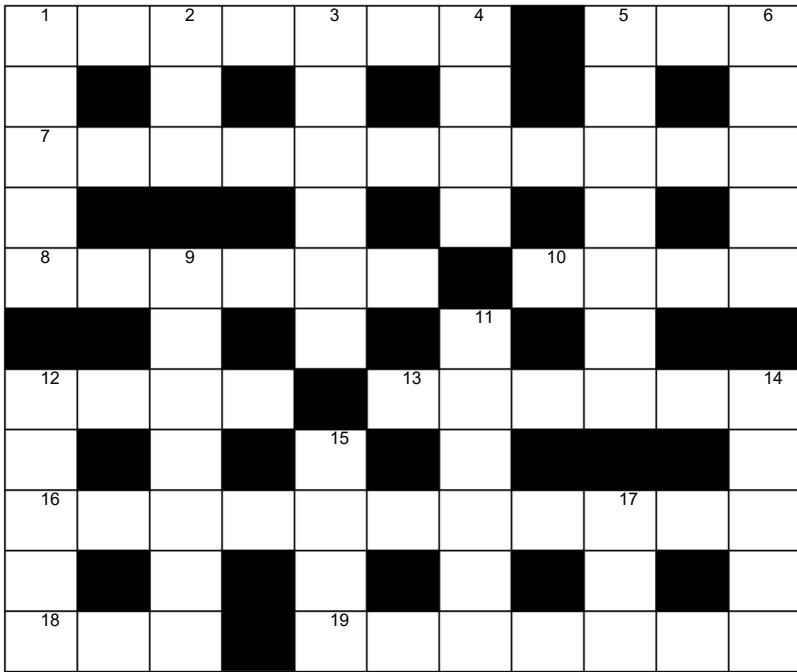
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June Crossword



Clues marked * are cryptic, including one that is about Ecton. The rest are normal definition clues.

Across

- 1 Classic race at Cheltenham (4,3)
- 5 Saddle between two peaks (3)
- 7 Night club he rocked on 8th * (3,3,5)
- 8 Reduce in strength (6)
- 10 Reel back and ogle * (4)
- 12 Tool promotions to the listener * (4)
- 13 Prepared for publication (6)
- 16 Shrove Tuesday event in Olney (7,4)
- 18 Either way she was first * (3)
- 19 Abandons (7)

Down

- 1 With restricted acces (5)

- 2 Fib in repose * (3)
- 3 Voucher (6)
- 4 Ballot North or South to to be heard * (4)
- 5 Musical entertainment (7)
- 6 Merry Widow composer (5)
- 9 Diamond shaped table (7)
- 11 Reptiles counters * (6)
- 12 Famous tech company (5)
- 14 Actions (5)
- 15 Return of dull poet * (4)
- 17 Can prefix to port, waves or ship (3)



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Wild and Walking

The Wildlife Trust are encouraging us to do something wild each day during June again this year. It can be something simple like feel the bark of a tree or you might choose a bigger challenge. I have just done my first bird surveys this year for the British Trust for Ornithology. One is a walk you might like to do – from Billing Road take the turn Weston Mill Lane, then at the bend go straight on through the kissing gate, along the track & from Northampton Boat Club Gate there is a little hidden footpath to the right that takes you over the lock, up the steps, left across the bridge to the washlands. The path between the lakes and the river gives you a good view of birds on the lakes (I've counted over 150 geese on the lakes in June) and those on the river, look out for herons and swifts. The path takes you to the Bedford Road where you might take refreshments at the Waterside café at the water sports centre opposite before the return walk - there are several options depending where you park your car.

Charlotte Eley

Crossword Solution

G	O	L	D	C	U	P		C	O	L
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X46	08:20
X46	08:48
X47	09:10
X46	09:39
X47	10:08
X46	10:29
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X46	11:27
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X46	19:38
X47	19:59

BusesTo W'boro	
X47	08:00
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X46	17:25
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X47	18:46
X46	19:27
X47	19:44



Bin Collected from 6.30am



June		July		August	
6th	Green	4th	Green	1st	Green
13th	Black	11th	Black	8th	Black
20th	Green	18th	Green	15th	Green
27th	Black	25th	Black	22nd	Black
				29th	Green

Ecton Odours!



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Fix My Street



Many highway and public access items can be reported to "Fix My Street" at <https://highways.northnorthants.gov.uk/>

This covers a wide range of concerns including pot holes, abandoned vehicles, dog fouling, fly tipping, obstructive vegetation and so on.

HGVs



The Parish Council have received a few items about HGVs going through the village. The correct response is to report them to the police via 101 or DVSA Intelligence unit enquiries@dvsa.gov.uk Telephone: 0800 030 4103 Monday to Friday, 7:30am to 6pm.

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What's On in Ecton

Date	Time	Event	Location
June			
Fri 6 th Jun		Green Bin Collection	
Fri 6 th Jun		Ecton Brew	Ecton Village Hall
Fri 6 th Jun		EGOs Coach trip to Cotswolds	
Sun 8 th Jun	13:00	The Big Lunch	Ecton Village Hall
Fri 13 th Jun		Black Bin Collection	
Sun 15 th Jun	14:30	Old School Revival	3 Horseshoes
Wed 18 th Jun	14:00	Songs of Praise	Ecton Village Hall
Fri 20 th Jun		Green Bin Collection	
Wed 25 th Jun	20:00	History Society	3 Horseshoes
Thu 26 th Jun	20:30	Open Mic Night	3 Horseshoes
Fri 27 th Jun		Black Bin Collection	
July			
Fri 4 th Jul		Green Bin Collection	
Fri 4 th Jul		Ecton Brew	Ecton Village Hall
Sun 6 th Jul	14:30	Sam Wilkinson Band	3 Horseshoes
Fri 11 th Jul		Black Bin Collection	
Fri 18 th Jul		Green Bin Collection	
Wed 16 th Jul	19:00	Village Hall AGM	Ecton Village Hall
Fri 18 th Jul		EGOs	Ecton Village Hall
Sat 19 th Jul	14:00	All American BBQ	Ecton Village Hall
Sun 20 th Jul	14:30	Family Affair	3 Horseshoes
Fri 25 th Jul		Black Bin Collection	
Fri 25 th Jul	19:30	Summer Quiz	Ecton Village Hall



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