



The Ecton View

August 2025

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Ecton Church Lottery		
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June 2025	Bryan Bond	Melvyn Savage
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ECTON VIEW News

Welcome to the August edition of the Ecton View.

July was an interesting month weatherwise. We experienced our third heatwave of the summer together with some very heavy downpours.

Meanwhile on Saturday 19th brave Ectonites were confronted by torrential rain on the morning of the village BBQ. However, despite the damp start the afternoon brightened up and the event was an outstanding success. Food, drink, bouncy castle and live music made a great combination which was enjoyed by all, young and old. It would be remiss of me not to give a big shout out to all who helped on that day. (you know who you are).

You may have noticed the sheep have been temporarily moved from fields behind the village hall. This was due to some of the more ambitious amongst them forming an escape committee and strolling up the High Street. They may return to these fields at any time, so dog walkers be on guard.

August will herald the start of harvest, combine harvesters will be in the fields surrounding our village. As our own home grown produce peak before winter crops are planted. We may even return to cutting the grass after the dry June and July.

The Annual General Meeting of The Village Hall Committee was also held in July. The previous years accounts were agreed and shared with those who attended the meeting. The committee also outlined the plans for the village hall for the coming year.

Take a look through this edition of Ecton View as there is always something to look forward to in Ecton.

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Ecton Village Information

ECTON GOLDEN OLDIES (EGOs)

See page 9 for further details.

OPEN CHURCH & CHURCHYARD TIDY

The next dates for the tidy and open church are 2nd August and 6th September. 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 15 & 16 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 August - 6th long walk, 20th short walk

Walks in September - 3rd long walk, 17th short walk

ECTON PARISH COUNCIL

The Ecton Parish Council has 8 of it's 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 August 2025

Ecton Services for August 2025

Sun 3rd August	No Service at Ecton	
	Please join us at one of our other churches.	
	9.30am Holy Communion	Wilby
	11am Holy Communion	Great Doddington
Tues 5th August	10am Holy Communion	Ecton
Sun 10th August	9.30am Holy Communion	Ecton
Sun 17th August	9.30am Holy Communion	Ecton
Sun 24th August	11am Morning Prayer	Ecton
Sun 31st August	10am Benefice Holy Communion	Ecton
	with Bishop Debbie	

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



Summer Fayre
St Nicholas Church
Great Doddington
Saturday 30th August 2pm - 4pm
Cakes, Tombola, Bring and Buy
Plant and Produce Stall, Grand Draw, Refreshments
Free Entry
Money raised will go to:
St Nicholas Church, Great Doddington
St Mary the Virgin Church, Wilby
St Mary Magdalene Church, Ecton

Rector's Letter August 2025



As mentioned last month, the hymns we will be singing in our churches during August will be written by specific hymn writers including John Newton, William Cowper, John Bell and Eleanor Farjean.

There are literally thousands of hymns and worship songs to choose from, with some writers being known for many of them, while others have only one or two associated with their name. The latter is the case for English author Eleanor Farjean (1881-1965). Eleanor, known as Nellie to her family, wrote mostly children's literature, poetry and plays. She also wrote the hymn Morning has broken.

The hymn came about when Farjean was asked to write a poem to give thanks for each day and to fit the words to a traditional Scottish Gaelic tune "Bunessan". The resulting hymn Morning has broken was published in 1931 and is still a popular choice in churches today. It was given a modern twist in the 1970's when Cat Stevens and Rick Wakeman recorded their own version, leading to international recognition of the hymn.

We will be singing Morning has broken on Sunday 24th August 9.30am at Wilby and 11am at Ecton. Do join us for this and at any of our services, you will be made most welcome.

A reminder there will be a **Benefice Service on 31st August at Ecton 10am**. At this service our three churches will be joining together and we will be welcoming Bishop Debbie, the Bishop of Peterborough. Do make a note of the date and take this opportunity to meet with her, everyone is welcome. Refreshments of tea, coffee and cakes will be served after the service.

To end, some words from Morning has broken:

"Praise every morning, God's re-creation, of the new day!"

**Yours in Christ,
Rev. Jackie Buck
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53 people enjoyed a lovely lunch this month provided by Margaret Tinston and Wendy Mills, our thanks to them for a wonderful lunch.

Our next get together is on August 15th. If you have not already paid your subs please can you bring your purse or wallet on the 15th. If anyone has turned 60 and wants to join us please give Sally a call on 07850416429.

Remaining dates for this year: August 15th, September 19th, October 17th, November 21st, December tbc

Did you know??

Ecton has its very own Café ... Ecton Brew, run by volunteers. If you would like to join the friendly pool of helpers contact Claire.

Ecton Brew opens its doors on every first Friday of the month at Ecton Village Hall (10:00 - 12:00) serving freshly brewed hot drinks including 'Ecton Brew' our very own coffee blend (this is available to buy at the café, ground or beans)

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

We have introduced a 'Guest Baker' each month. Could you make your 'Signature Cake' for the café? if so please contact me.

Claire 07962 079564

Macmillan Coffee Morning - Save the date

The annual Macmillan Coffee Morning will be held in the church on Friday 26 September between 10am and 12 noon

GARDENING MAINTENANCE

For all your general gardening maintenance needs!

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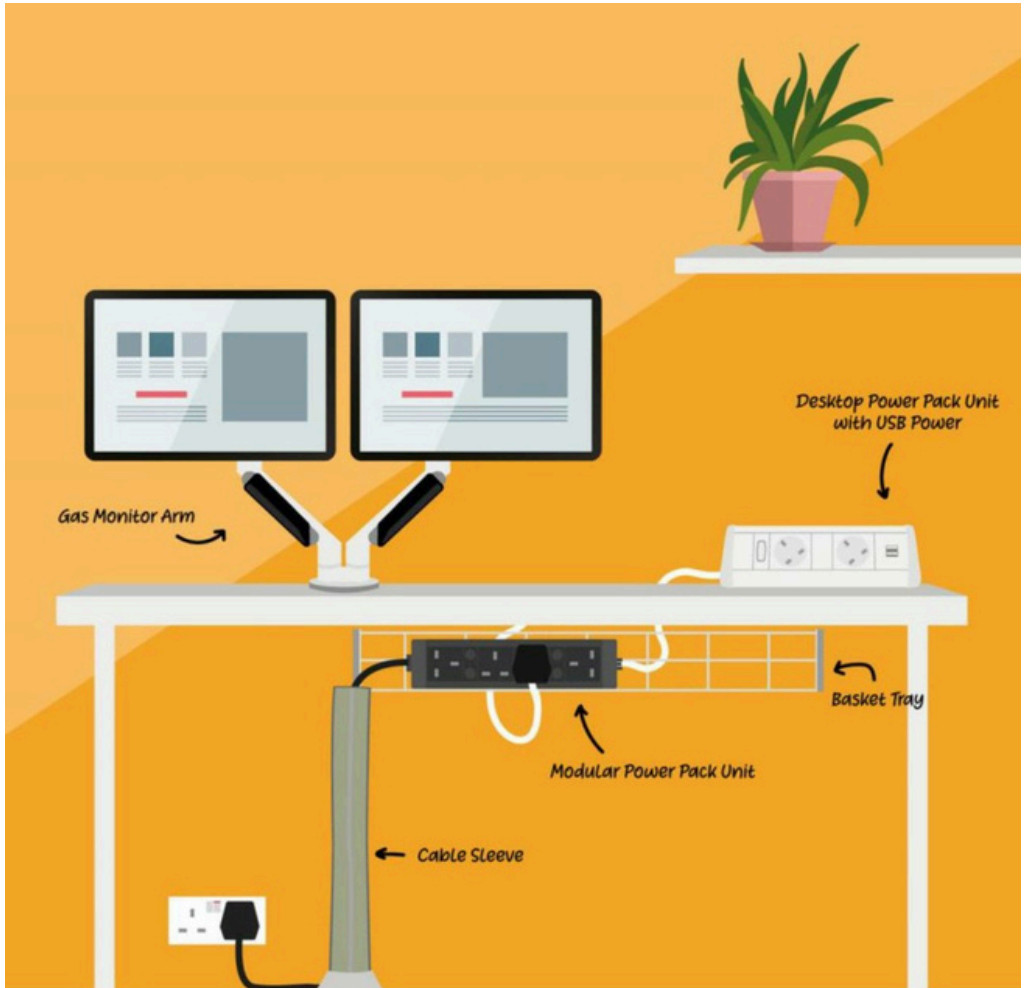
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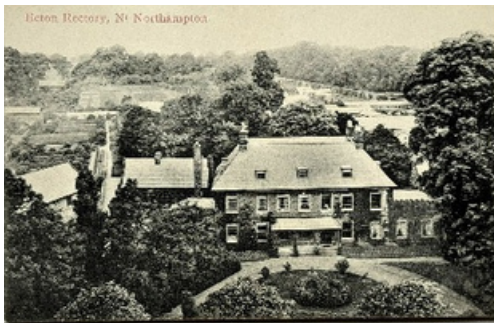
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Ecton History

Postcards of Ecton

British postcards were introduced in 1870 as a cost-effective way to send messages, 1894-1914 was known as the “Golden Age of Postcards” due to their popularity. Street Scenes and Village Views acted as souvenirs and now give us a snapshot of Ecton in the past. Here are just a few I have of Ecton, do you recognise the locations?



Postage stamps from these cards bear the ECTON post office mark, the dates are not very clear, but probably range from 1912-26? Alas I'm no expert on stamps, but I'm sure with a bit of research we can narrow down the dates. Any ideas please let me know.

Our next Ecton History Meeting will be Wednesday 3rd September at 8pm in the Skittles Room at The Three Horseshoes, look forward to seeing you all then.
Wendy Stephens.

ECTON VILLAGE LOTTERY 2025 to 2026

Thank you to everyone who continues to support and contribute to the Ecton Village Lottery.

The new lottery begins in October and we are proposing to keep everything the same this year,

Each ticket costs just £12 for the year. There are 12 monthly draws, drawn on or near the 3rd Sunday of the month, each with a first prize of £50 and a second prize of £25. All proceeds go to Ecton Church.

There are two ways to make your payment:

In the magazine there is an envelope with a response slip. Please complete this and return it together with cash or a cheque made payable to Ecton PCC to:

Nigel Bond, 34 West Street,
Linda Richards, 8 Church View or
Lynne Nelson, 2 Barton Fields. (Lottery Promoter)

OR:

Use Internet Banking to pay directly into the Church bank account using the details on the response slip and send an Email to nigelbond@talktalk.net to let us know your details.

If you do not have the Church bank details to hand, just Email nigelbond@talktalk.net and they will be sent to you.



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Look out for the **envelope** in August's **Ecton View**
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Community Page




From next month we are introducing a dedicated page to celebrate or share with the village an event or occasion. If you have an item you would like us to print please send to ectonviewmagazine@outlook.com by August 23rd

**Entries from
children are
welcome**

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Ecton Village Hall

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Rates of Hire

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		Main Hall Only	Main Hall & Lounge
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	Occasional Hire	£12.00 per hour	£17.00 per hour
Non Residents	Regular Hire	£15.00 per hour	£20.00 per hour
	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

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

Morning: Stay and Play – 2nd & 4th Friday of the month; Eventstylingbystacey

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or www.eventstylingbystacey.com

Planned Village Events for your diary

Race Night Friday 10th October

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Autumn Quiz Saturday 22nd November

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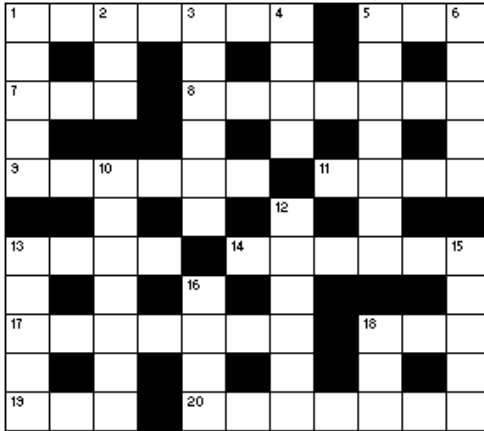
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Across clues are normal.

Across

- 1 Withstands (7)
- 5 Hobo (3)
- 7 Space (3)
- 8 Dependent (7)
- 9 Teaches (6)
- 11 Wealthy (4)
- 13 Style (4)
- 14 Pleaded (6)
- 17 Inactive (7)
- 18 Decorative knot (3)
- 19 "Little" sister (3)
- 20 Fairies (7)

Down

- 1 Correct starboard (5)
- 2 Deplete juice (3)
- 3 Leap season (6)
- 4 Fish alone (4)
- 5 Direction relevance (7)
- 6 Equal game (5)
- 10 Oration location (7)
- 12 Superior punter (6)
- 13 Intends ability (5)
- 15 Drinks hills (5)
- 16 Service lump (4)
- 18 Chomped piece (3)

Crossword compiled by Alistair MacRae.

Solution on page 23

A **GRAND DRAW** in support of our three churches of Ecton, Wilby and Great Doddington will take place on the 30th August at the Summer Fayre in Great Doddington. You can buy tickets from Nigel or Joy Bond in the coming weeks (34 West Street). There are 5 tickets per book, £1 per ticket, £5 per book.

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There is still time to take part in the Big Butterfly Count – it's on until 10th August. Our sightings give important information, which could help us to improve the chances of survival for this vital species. Red Admirals seem to be plentiful, but other butterflies are low in numbers. This is a citizen science project organised by Butterfly Conservation, so well worth your participation.

Charlotte Eley

Next Songs of Praise

Wednesday 3rd September 2pm

Ecton Village Hall

Singing from 2pm Refreshments 3pm

All Welcome

Crossword Solution

R	E	S	I	S	T	S		B	U	M
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August		September		October	
1st	Green	5th	Black	3rd	Black
8th	Black	12th	Green	10th	Green
15th	Green	19th	Black	17th	Black
22nd	Black	26th	Green	24th	Green
29th	Green			31st	Black

Ecton Odours!



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Flytipping



If you come across any Fly-tipping along the lanes of our parish, Please report immediately online at northnorthants/street-cleansing/fly-tipping in the Wellingborough section.

Also at clearwaste.com/flytipping/report where you can report anonymously.

You can also report via the app LoveCleanStreets.

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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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Our excellent facilities include a:

60 x 20m and a 40 x 20m All Weather Outdoor Arena's plus a 40 x 20m Indoor Arena all with automated sprinkler systems and graded daily to create the best possible surface for horse and rider to enjoy. We also have a lunge pen, set of light weight Poly Jumps, refreshments and function room including baby changing facility.

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Opening Times

Tues - Fri	10:00 to 21:00
Saturday	08:00 to 17:00
Sunday	09:00 to 17:00





What's On in Ecton

Date	Time	Event	Location
August			
Fri 1 st Aug		Green Bin Collection	
Fri 1 st Aug	10:00	Ecton Brew	Ecton Village Hall
Sun 3 rd Aug		Live Music with Grande Quatro	3 Horseshoes
Fri 8 th Aug		Black Bin Collection	
Sat 9 th Aug		Live Music with Joe Corkram	3 Horseshoes
Fri 15 th Aug		Green Bin Collection	
Fri 15 th Aug	12:00	EGOs	Ecton Village Hall
Wed 20 th Aug		Quiz Night	3 Horseshoes
Fri 22 nd Aug		Black Bin Collection	
Thu 28 th Aug		Open Mike Night	3 Horseshoes
Fri 29 th Aug		Green Bin Collection	
September			
Fri 5 th Sep		Black Bin Collection	
Fri 5 th Sep	10:00	Ecton Brew	Ecton Village Hall
Fri 12 th Sep		Green Bin Collection	
Fri 19 th Sep		Black Bin Collection	
Fri 19 th Sep	12:00	EGOs	Ecton Village Hall
Fri 26 th Sep		Green Bin Collection	
Fri 26 th Sep	10.00-12.00	Macmillan Coffee Morning	Ecton Church
October			
Fri 3 rd Oct		Black Bin Collection	
Fri 3 rd Oct	10:00	Ecton Brew	Ecton Village Hall
Fri 10 th Oct		Green Bin Collection	
Fri 10 th Oct		Race Night	Ecton Village Hall
Fri 17 th Oct		Black Bin Collection	
Fri 17 th Oct	12:00	EGOs	Ecton Village Hall
Sun 19 th Oct		Table Top Sale	Ecton Village Hall



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