

# *Ecton Parish Magazine*



*Parish Magazine issue 6 July  
2004*

*"St Swithin's Day, if it do rain,  
For forty days it will remain  
St Swithin's Day an it be fair  
For forty days t'will rain nae mair."*

## Church Directory

### Priest in Charge

The Revd Jenny Parkin  
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### Churchwarden

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### Churchwarden

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### PCC Treasurer

Angela Crabtree  
Barton Fields Cottage  
Ecton  
Tel: 01604 404777

### Electoral Roll Officer

Mary Dicks  
Field House  
West Street Ecton NN6 0GF  
Tel: 01604 407145

## Parish & Village Organisations

### Bell Ringers

Contact: Colin Tinston  
Tel: 01604 412233

### Fellowship

Contact: Joyce Orford  
Tel: 01604 414245  
2nd Tuesday in month  
2.30pm Village Hall

### Cricket Club

Captain: Steve Wheatman  
Tel: 01604 401714

### Ecton Village Hall

Chairman: Tony Green  
Tel: 01604 407141  
Booking Clerk: Marlene Green

### Mums & Tots

Contact: Vicky Chapman  
Tel: 01604 788748  
Most Wednesdays  
2—4pm Village Hall

### Short Mat Bowls

Contact: Maurice Creed  
Tel: 01604 407864

### Parish Council

Chairman: David Dicks  
Tel: 01604 407145

### Pre-School

Mon, Tue, Thurs, Fri,  
9.15—11.15am  
Ecton Village Hall  
Tel: 01604 784711

### Primary School

Head: Sheila Sayers  
Tel: 01604 409213

### Womens Institute

Contact: Marlene Green  
Tel: 01604 407141  
1st Tuesday in month  
7.30 Village Hall

### Youth Club

Contact: Margaret Tinston  
Tel: 01604 412233  
Margaret@ectovillage.co.uk  
Wednesday  
7—9 Village Hall

## *Editors Ramblings*

<sup>3</sup> *July* and the long awaited opening of the village Hall. It will be great to have the village Hall open again for the whole village to enjoy, I know the village clubs have particularly missed it.

In the magazine this month Education has more than a mention with writings from the children at the primary school, to a piece on local poet John Clare.

On page 13 you will find "a day in the life of " our parish priest. Jenny also invites the village to view 'the wonderful and historic building' that is the church. The 'then and now' photos are appropriately of the interior of the church, if anyone can let me know when the gallery was removed I would be grateful. Also what was the winding stairs that go nowhere for?

**Mindless Vandalism** is still causing problems within the village, the latest being the use of fire to destroy trees in the churchyard as well as a fire in the entrance. If this is not stopped now it may well get out of hand!

Many thanks to Autohaus Mazda for advertising on the back page. Having seen the new Mazda RB with the reverse opening rear doors I think it's a winner. We might well do a revue in the next issue.

We are still looking for new people to learn bell ringing so if you have half an hour to spare on a Wednesday night come along to the church at 7.30pm.

The winner of last months quiz was Sue Rands with 20 out of 23, again from West Street! High Street and the rest of the village must try harder! And an apology to Jean Axeford who was last months winner, I lost your address so if you could give me a ring I will get your bottle of wine to you.

With the good weather in June it was fun to see the Three Horseshoes version of a French street cafe on a Sunday afternoon, even if it did extend into the road. (Pavement not very wide at this point). It certainly helped traffic calming.

The CLEAN group continue their work on Lower Ecton Lane which now makes it possible to drive that way out of the village without obstructions. Report on page 12.

The village was well represented at this years 24hour Le mans motor race and it was great to meet friends from Ecton on a sunny Saturday evening in France to have a most enjoyable meal. A report on the event and a collage of photos are on page 24.

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By 23rd July

**There's a fine line between genius and insanity. I have erased this line.**

**John Clare**  
**1793 - 1864**

John Clare<sup>4</sup> was born to a poor labouring family in **Northamptonshire**. His education did not extend much beyond basic reading and writing, and he had to start work herding animals at the age of seven. This was not a promising start for a future writer, but in his early teens he discovered *The Seasons* by James Thomson and began writing poems himself.

His first love, Mary Joyce, was the daughter of a wealthy farmer; their separation caused Clare great pain, and it contributed to the sense of loss which pervades much of his poetry.

In 1820 he married Martha Turner and published his first book of poems. He was described as '**John Clare, a Northampton Peasant**' on the title-page, and the current fashion for 'rural poetry' brought him some celebrity in London. He made friends with Charles Lamb and other literary figures, and was granted the sum of £45 a year by wealthy patrons.

The vogue for rustic poets did not last long however, and his popularity faded during the 1830s. The situation was made worse by his publishers, who insisted on 'correcting' Clare's individual style and use of dialect, to make his verse fit contemporary notions of poetic convention. Clare's attempts to write like other poets of his day, as well as his financial worries, put tremendous strain on his mind, and in 1837 he was admitted to a mental asylum in High Beach, Epping.

He escaped from the asylum in 1841, and walked home to **Northamptonshire**, under the delusion that he would be reunited with Mary Joyce there. A few months later he entered Northamptonshire General Asylum, where he lived for the rest of his life, still writing poems when his mental health permitted. The asylum poems are among his best known works, but the haunting descriptions of rural landscapes in poems such as 'The Flitting', 'Decay' and 'Remembrances' are more typical of the true character of his poetic voice.

You don't have to suffer to be a poet; adolescence is enough suffering for anyone.

# What is Life?

by John Clare

And what is Life? An hour-glass on the run,  
A mist retreating from the morning sun,  
A busy, bustling, still-repeated dream.  
Its length? A minute's pause, a moment's thought.  
And Happiness? A bubble on the stream,  
That in the act of seizing shrinks to nought.

And what is Hope? The puffing gale of morn,  
That of its charms divests the dewy lawn,  
And robs each flow'ret of its gem -and dies;  
A cobweb, hiding disappointment's thorn,  
Which stings more keenly through the thin disguise.

And what is Death? Is still the cause unfound?  
That dark mysterious name of horrid sound?  
A long and lingering sleep the weary crave.  
And Peace? Where can its happiness abound?  
Nowhere at all, save heaven and the grave.

Then what is Life? When stripped of its disguise,  
A thing to be desired it cannot be;  
Since everything that meets our foolish eyes  
Gives proof sufficient of its vanity.  
'Tis but a trial all must undergo,  
To teach unthankful mortals how to prize  
That happiness vain man's denied to know,  
Until he's called to claim it in the skies.



## Jenny's Page

Dear Friends,

Our lovely Parish Church is dedicated to Mary Magdalene, whose day falls on 22<sup>nd</sup> July. This year we decided to celebrate in style with a weekend of festivities (24<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup>)! How long is it since you looked inside this wonderful old village building, steeped in prayer and history?

The church will be open all weekend. There will be flower arrangements depicting all aspects of village life; lunches, cream teas and a warm welcome!

On Saturday evening there will be a concert, which promises a light hearted and entertaining evening. We have a visiting preacher from the Diocese of London at our 9.30am Festival Service on Sunday and we are rounding off the weekend with a Songs of Praise on Sunday evening with hymns chosen by village groups. Everyone is welcome.

But what of Mary Magdalene? Very little is known about her. It is presumed that she came from Magdala on the Sea of Galilee and traditionally she has been thought of as a woman of ill repute whose life was changed when she met Jesus, but there is no evidence about her dubious past. She is mentioned as having seven demons cast out in Luke's Gospel (Ch 8). She became a follower of Jesus, one of the women who travelled around the region of Galilee looking after him and providing for his needs from their own means.

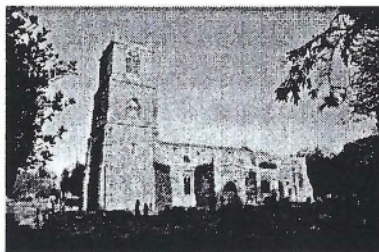
Whatever her former circumstances, Jesus' love and message transformed her. She was one of the few women who stayed and watched his crucifixion when all the disciples bar one had fled. John's Gospel gives her the privilege of being the first person to see the risen Christ, who sent her to take the news of the resurrection to the other disciples. Because of this, the early Church gave her the title of apostle to the apostles.

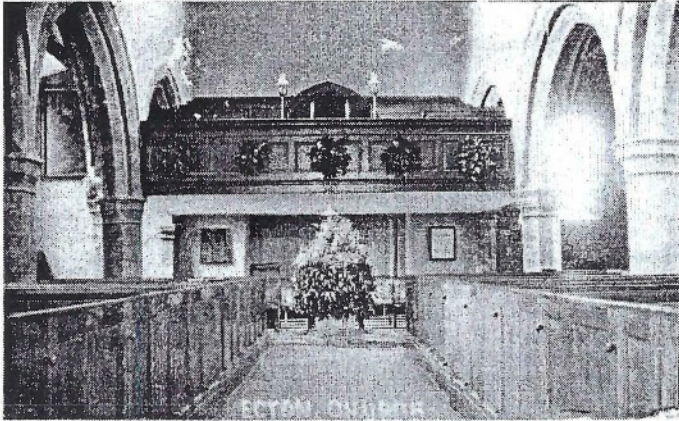
Her life of devotion to Jesus makes her a worthy Saint. She is our saint.

Come and celebrate!

Love and prayers

Jenny





**Last Words                      Charles Chaplin (1889-1977)**

**"Why not? After all, it belongs to him."**

Charlie Chaplin was a British actor who became a Hollywood star after joining with Max Sennet during a music hall tour of the US in 1913. He is usually remembered for his silent picture roles as a little man with a moustache wearing a baggy suit and derby. Many consider Chaplin to be cinema's greatest comedian. When the priest, who was attending on his deathbed, said "May the Lord have mercy on your soul," Chaplin quickly replied, "Why not? After all, it belongs to him."

## CHURCH CLEANING ROTA

Week ending	Team	Area
July 3rd	Yellow	A
10th	Blue	B
17th	Green	A
24th	Orange	B
31st	Red	A
August 7th	Purple	B
Brass Cleaning		
July	Walter & Gwenda	
August	Dorothy & Pat	

## COFFEE ROTA

July 4th	Rita Ward & Angela Allen
11th	Marian Gleave & Joyce Orford
18th	Margaret Weddle & Anne Henderson
25th	Jean Leigh & Joy Wilson
August 1st	Dorothy Creed & Fiona Major

## SIDESPERSIONS

	Morning	Evening
July 4th	Marlene & Tony Green	Sylvia Saunders & Marian Gleave
11th	Sylvia & Brian Saunders	
18th	Michael Cook & Peter Ward	Geoff Harlot & Joy Wilson
25th	Walter Barty & John Parkin	T.B.A.
August 1st	David Dicks & Alice Adams	Sylvia Saunders & Marian Gleave

## Ecton Fellowship

Our last meeting this summer will be a 'bring and buy' and a 'cup of tea' and a scone!

This will be held at the home of Dorothy Austin  
West Street from 2.30pm.

All proceeds will be for Charities—Everyone is welcome

The following meeting will be on Tuesday 14th September in the New Village Hall starting at 2.30pm. There will be a short AGM followed by a demonstration by Jane Wilson on 'Alternative Therapy for Healing'. Everyone is very welcome.

Joan Dickins

Christian Aid Week

Thank you for making the week so successful, in the generous response Ecton made for Third World projects. House to house collections raised £226.36, and the bread and soup lunch raised £130.00. Sale of Marmalade raised £67.00 giving a grand total of £423.36.

Special thanks to those who collected and to those who gave.

ECTON VILLAGE HALL

RE-OPENING

BY THE MAYOR OF WELLINGBOROUGH

SATURDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> JULY AT 7.30 PM

OPEN TO RESIDENTS OF ECTON AND REGULAR USERS OF  
THE HALL

APPLY FOR FREE TICKETS

TEL: 407145 OR 406038

# ST. MARY MAGDALENE

## 10 PATRONAL FESTIVAL WEEKEND

24<sup>TH</sup> /25<sup>TH</sup> JULY

FLOWER FESTIVAL "VILLAGE LIFE"

SATURDAY : 10.30 – 4.30

SUNDAY : 11.00 – 4.30

REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE ALL DAY

A truly wonderful example of an English Church at all times of the year – but more beautiful than ever when full of flowers in summer – a fitting tribute to our Patron Saint!

**DO COME AND SEE FOR YOURSELF - ALL WELCOME!!**

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**SATURDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> JULY - AN EVENING CONCERT OF LIGHT ENTERTAINMENT**

A perfect way to spend a summer evening.  
An evening of music and fun for all the family!

Tickets £5, children 5-12 £2, under 5's free (to include refreshments) available now  
From Angela Crabtree, Marlene Green, Dorothy Creed

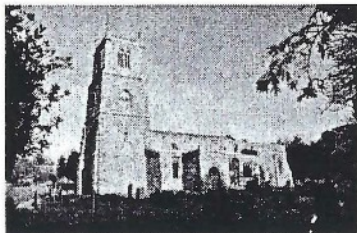
All proceeds from the concert will be divided equally between the  
Church and Village Hall

Please support this joint venture

**SUNDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> JULY – SONGS OF PRAISE**

Please join us in Church for our Songs of Praise, commencing at 6.00pm

A fine end to our Festival Weekend!



*A Familiar Hymn?  
(tune St. Denio)*

*Irresponsible, Impossible, God only knows  
How tenors and basses, sopranos, altos  
At service on Sundays are rarely the same  
As those who on Tuesday to choir practise came.*

*Unready, unable to sight read the notes  
Nor counting, nor blending, they tighten their throats:  
The descant so piercing is soaring above,  
The melody only a mother could love.*

*The have a director, but no-one knows why,  
No-one in the choir deigns turn him an eye.  
It's clear by his waving he wants them to look,  
But each of them stands with his nose in the book.*

*Despite the offences, the music rings out.  
The folk in the pews are enraptured, no doubt.  
Their faces are blissful, their thoughts are so deep,  
But it is no wonder, for they are asleep!*

## Church Lottery May

1st Prize.....Geoff Harlott  
2nd Prize.....Jan Rallings  
3rd Prize.....Mr. Labrum  
4th Prize.....Ellen Griffin  
5th Prize.....Simon Hegge  
6th Prize.....Graham Teal

First Prize £50.00  
subsequent prizes £10.00

## **CLEAN Progress Report Number 7**

**Covering the period 24th March 2004 to 23rd May 2004**

### **General Situation**

Northampton Borough Council (NBC) and Wellingborough Borough Council (WBC) have continued to clean the lane each working day in rotation. This has meant that any fly tipping has generally been cleared within 24 hours and an overall improvement has now been maintained for the **last ten months**.

Signs highlighting the penalties for acting illegally by fly tipping have been installed in Lower Ecton Lane and seem to be having an impact by reducing the incidents of fly tipping.

### **Major Actions & Achievements for this period**

A further meeting took place on 30<sup>th</sup> April 2004, with all the agencies i.e. Northampton County Council (NCC), Northampton Borough Council (NBC), Wellingborough Borough Council (WBC), the Environment Agency (EA), Paul Stinchcombe MP, the Police, our Local Councilor and CLEAN. The meeting reviewed Progress and set targets for the completion of actions to improve the appearance of the lane. In view of the progress made and the small number of outstanding items it was agreed that this would be final meeting of this forum.

In addition to clearing up litter and fly tipping the Lane has been swept by a "street cleaner" on a number of occasions from NBC & WBC.

The culvert giving access to Anglian Water Site which had been a recent black spot for fly tipping has been cleared and bunded by Anglian Water and the EA.

Notices have been installed in the Lane by CLEAN warning potential fly tippers of the financial and criminal penalties involved for these illegal actions.

A flyer was delivered to all houses in the village informing residents of the notices installed in the Lane and requesting anyone seeing fly tipping to report the matter to the relevant authority.

The Probation Service has carried out further litter picks in Lower Ecton Lane.

CLEAN made a presentation on 30<sup>th</sup> April 2004 to the Public Inquiry into the Northamptonshire Waste Local Plan and it's impact on Lower Ecton Lane. The Report on the Public Enquiry's findings and recommendations is to be published later in the summer.

Continued to lobby for actions to improve the situation in the longer term.

### **Major Actions for the next period**

Ensure that agreed actions are progressed and completed by the various Agencies as promised.

Install "more permanent" notices in the Lane warning that the area is under CCTV surveillance.

Continue to lobby for actions to improve the situation in the longer term.

Continue to make contacts with organisations in the area that has the same objectives as CLEAN.

Continue to promote CLEAN and raise the awareness of our campaign.

Contact ESSO to get the fencing repaired or replaced round the petrol filling station on the west bound A45 where it backs onto Lower Ecton Lane.

**Please report any incidents of fly tipping to: 01604 838281  
or 0800 807060.**

**Abandoned / stolen vehicles should be reported  
to the Police 01604 700700.**

Neurotics build castles in the air, psychotics live in them. My mother cleans them.

### 13 A Day in the Life of Jenny Parkin our Parish Priest

*Every day is different! That is one of the things that I love about this job! But here goes.....*

#### Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> June - Corpus Christi

*Woke early as usual, about 6.30am in the summer. Downstairs to do my Examen (reviewing yesterday with God).*

*Quick shower. Prayers with John at 7.30. At the moment we are using a Celtic Prayer Book; we say a Psalm together, read a short passage from the Bible, then have 5 minutes silence before offering the day to God. The parish and hospice are always included in our prayers.*

*Breakfast at 8am cereal and fruit as usual, listening to Radio 4.*

*Round to the church by 8.45am to get ready for the School Service. Lovely to see the children after a three week gap; today we looked at the life of St Columba which encouraged us to know that whatever has gone wrong, every day is a new start.*

*Back home by 10am, to check emails.*

*Coffee with John then to my desk to check hymns for next month, respond to phone messages and look through prayers and address for funeral.*

*Lunch - a quick sandwich*

*1.45pm Off to the Crem. at Milton Malsor, to take the funeral of someone who died in the hospice*

*Fit in a hair cut on the way back - feel scalped!*

*Back home by 3.30pm Cup of tea in the garden, have to drag myself indoors again to prepare for evening service.*

*5.15pm Prayers followed by a 20minute cat-nap and shower.*

*Early supper, cooked as usual by John*

*7pm To church for simple Communion Service (Corpus Christi is the commemoration of the Last Supper when Jesus gave us the words we use in every communion service).*

*Back by 9pm Check diary for tomorrow, and flop in front of the TV for a while, in between phoning for news of our new grandson.*

*Bed by about 10.30pm*

*Editor willing, a day in the life of a Hospice Chaplain to follow!*

**In the depth of winter, I finally learned that within me there lay an invincible summer.**

**Albert Camus (1913 - 1960)**

Ecton Church Diary  
July 2004

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**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> July**

9.30am

6.00pm

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> July**

9.00am

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> July**

10.30am

4.00pm

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> July**

9.00am

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> July**

9.30am

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> July**

9.00am

**Matronal Festival Weekend**

**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> July**

10.30am – 4.30pm

7.30pm

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> July**

9.30am

10.30am – 4.30pm

6.00pm

**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> July**

9.00am

**Fourth Sunday after Trinity**

Parish Communion: Isaiah 66. 10-14,  
Psalm 66. 1-8; Galatians 6. (1-6) 7-16;  
Luke 10. 1-11, 16-20.

Evensong.

Holy Communion.

**Fifth Sunday after Trinity**

Family Service.

Deanery Songs of Praise – Orlingbury.

Holy Communion.

**Sixth Sunday after Trinity**

Parish Communion: Genesis 18. 1-10a;  
Psalm 15; Colossians 1.15-28;  
Luke 10.38-42.

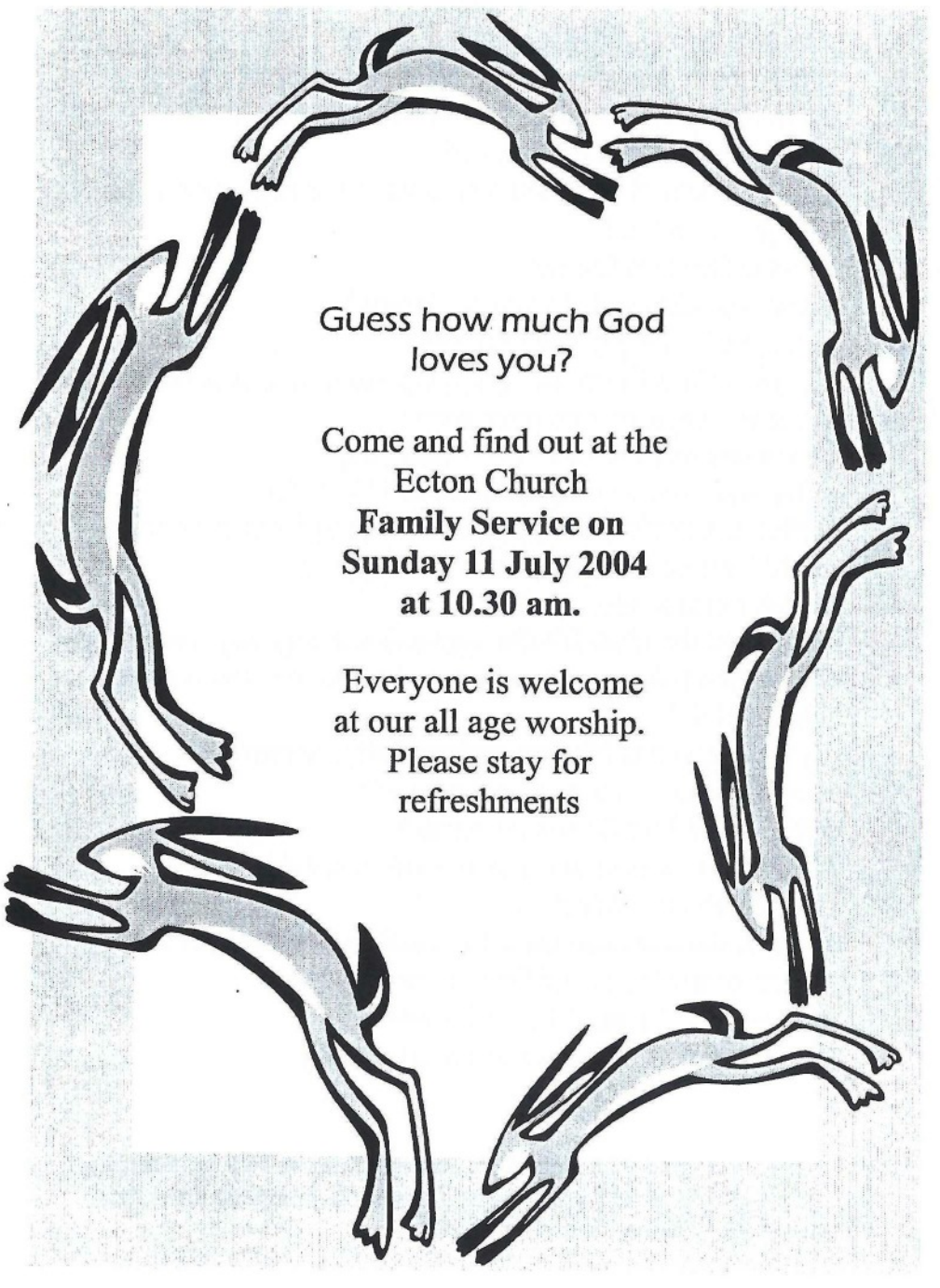
Holy Communion.

Flower Festival – refreshments available.  
Festival Concert.

Parish Communion.

Flower Festival – refreshments available.  
Songs of Praise.

Holy Communion



Guess how much God  
loves you?

Come and find out at the  
Ecton Church  
**Family Service on  
Sunday 11 July 2004  
at 10.30 am.**

Everyone is welcome  
at our all age worship.  
Please stay for  
refreshments

## Quiz

- 1) Which is the closest Galaxy to our own?
- 2) Where in the house would you find a Magnetron?
- 3) What did Pandora release when she opened her box?
- 4) Which was the first credit card?
- 5) What did John S Pemberton concoct in a 3 legged pot in his backyard in 1886?
- 6) What is Hobsons Choice?
- 7) What are: Mizaru, Mikazaru & Mazaru?
- 8) Sitting Bull belonged to which tribe?
- 9) If a dish is 'a la Florentine' which ingredient is it assumed to have?
- 10) What is a Leprechauns profession?
- 11) How many years for an Emerald wedding?
- 12) What was operation Dynamo in World War 2?
- 13) Parker & barrow were the names of which famous couple?
- 14) On T.V. where would you find chief Wiggim?
- 15) Which dynasty rules Jordan?
- 16) Where did the cloth DENIM used in jeans originally come from?
- 17) Which Bob Dylan song was written for the film "Pat Garrett & Billy the Kid"?
- 18) By which name is Allen Konigsberg better known?
- 19) How many lines are there in a Sonnet?
- 20) What is 1999 in Roman numerals?
- 21) What is the highest achievable break in snooker?
- 22) Of what was the Vulgate a version?
- 23) What is the collective name for the 9 handmaidens of Odin?
- 24) Which couple lived in Oil Drum Lane?
- 25) How is Ilyena Mironoff better known?
- 26) What is the perfect score in 10 pin bowling

Return to the editor by the end of the 23rd July and the winner will win a bottle of wine. In the event of several correct answers they will be drawn out of the hat to choose the winner. Editors answers are final!!!

.1) Ace 2) Chukas 3) Duncan Goodhew 4) Albatross 5) Miami 6) Rushden & Diamonds 7) No brakes 8) Sheffield 9) Gymnastics 10) Women Golfers 11) 10 players in a mens team & 12 in a womens 12) Tony Alcock 13) Isis 14) Everton 15) Jenny Pitman 16) Graham Hill 17) Eddie Edwards 18) 10 in each 19) Six 20) Boxing 21) Paul Gaugin 22) Blue Suede Shoes 23) He created Batman

### Ecton W.I.

Our June meeting was held at the home of Tony and Marlene as the Village Hall is still not quite finished. Our speaker was Mrs. Gwen Hayes and what a joy she was. She entertained us with readings of humorous poetry and prose and had us in stitches with some of the works of Pam Ayres, Joyce Grenfell, Stanley Holloway and others. She didn't just read them, she acted them out and we all went home smiling.

In July we have our Strawberry Tea and we are hoping for an improvement in the weather.

Christ has no body now on earth but ours, No hands but ours  
 No feet but ours  
 Ours are the eyes which bring Christ's compassion to the world.,  
 Ours are the feet with which he has to go about doing good;  
 Ours are the hands with which he blesses his people daily;  
 Help us, dear Lord, to become the instruments of your peace. Amen  
**Luke 11; 1-4: Romans 8; 26-27: Eph 6:18**

*MINUTES of the Annual Parish Meeting for Ecton Parish held on  
Monday 17th May 2004 at The Old Chapel, West Street, Ecton.*

**Present:** Mr T. Green (Vice-Chairman)

Dr. A. Bantock, Mr. J. Crabtree, Mr. M. Creed, Mrs. K. Humphreys,  
Mrs. S. Ingram, Mr. T. Moffett and Mr. B. Wilson

**In attendance:** Mr. C. Palmer, District Councillor  
2 Parishioners

**Apologies** were received from Mr D. Dicks and PC. P. Leonard

The Vice Chairman welcomed the members of the public to the meeting.

**The Minutes** of the meeting of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 14th May 2003 were approved and signed.

**Chairman's Report**

In his absence the Chairman presented the following written report.

This year saw the departure of Pauline Hall as Clerk after 12 years valuable service and we welcomed John Wilson in her place. My thanks go to John for his help and for fitting in so easily.

The proposed hard runway at Sywell Aerodrome has not progressed at all as a new planning application has not yet been submitted.

The situation of Lower Ecton Lane is still very much improved with cleansing being carried out each day Monday to Friday.

Sadly, the playing field became the target for mindless vandalism, with lots of litter and broken glass and one of the seats having its end frame broken. Both seats were removed for the winter and repaired and redecorated. Repairs were made to the concrete base and both seats returned and re-fixed in March.

The long awaited repairs to the tarmac surface of the new bus shelter were finally completed and now plans are in hand to try and replace the remaining brick shelter with a more suitable type subject to being able to raise the funding.

Again, this Spring there was a spectacular display of daffodils around the village.

Having served as your Chairman for 10 years I have decided that it is time for a change and thank the members of the Council for their support over the years.

The Parish Council recorded a vote of thanks and appreciation to Mr. Dicks as retiring Chairman.

**Accounts for 2003/2004**

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Accounts for 2003/2004 were presented and adopted. They remain to be audited.

**Charity Accounts**

*A written report from Mr. Dicks was presented giving details for the Ecton Charities as at year ended 15 November 2003*

**Ecton Relief in Need Charity**

Income	£72.00
Grants made	£130.00
Balance c/fwd	£134.00

**Ecton Educational Charity.**

Income	£2272.00
Admin. Expenses	£164.00
Grants made	£2388.00
Balance c/fwd	£1384.00

**School Governor's Report**

The Chairman read a report from Mr W Brophy on the progress of the school and the problems it had encountered over the past year.

The Clerk was asked to write to Mr. Brophy thanking him for his report and for his continued involvement with the School.

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council of Ecton held in The Old Chapel, West Street, Ecton on Monday 17th May, 2004 at 7.00 p.m.**

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**PRESENT:** Dr. A. Bantock, Mr. J. Crabtree, Mr. M. Creed, Mr. T. Green, Mrs. K. Humphreys, Mrs. S. Ingram, Mr. T. Moffett and Mr. R. Wilson

**In attendance:** Mr. C. Palmer, District Councillor, 2 Parishioners

**26/04** APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRPERSON

RESOLVED that Mr. T. Moffett be appointed as Chairman for the year 2004/05  
Members of the Council recorded their votes of thanks and appreciation to Mr. David Dicks as the retiring Chairman.

**27/04** APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIRPERSON

RESOLVED that Mr. D. Dicks be appointed as Vice Chairman for the year 2004/05  
The Council recorded their thanks and appreciation to Mr. Tony Green as retiring Vice Chairman

**28/04** APOLOGIES for non attendance were received from Mr. D. Dicks and PC. P. Leonard.

**29/04** APPOINTMENT OF PLANNING COMMITTEE

RESOLVED that Mr. B. Wilson be appointed as Chairman with Dr. A. Bantock, Mr. M. Creed and Mrs. S. Ingram as other committee members.

**30/04** APPOINTMENT OF PUBLIC LIGHTING CO-ORDINATOR

RESOLVED that Mrs. Humphreys be appointed as lighting co-ordinator

**31/04** REPRESENTATIVES TO JOINT PARISHES MEETINGS

RESOLVED that Mr. Moffett, together with any other member/s, attend the meetings

**32/04** DATES OF MEETINGS 2004/05

Dependent upon the availability of the Village Hall the following suggested dates were agreed:-

19 <sup>th</sup> July	20 <sup>th</sup> September	15 <sup>th</sup> November	2004
17 <sup>th</sup> January	21 <sup>st</sup> March	16 <sup>th</sup> May	2005

**33/04** MINUTES of the meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> March 2004 as previously circulated, were read confirmed and signed.

**34/04** MATTERS ARISING

Sywell Airport

Nan Maddock and Mathew Hague from STARE presented a report giving the background as to why STARE had been created. They made it very clear that STARE had no intentions to try and close Sywell Airport in its present form. Their main function was to stop the creation of a hard runway.  
They are now questioning a number of issues on developments taking place at the airport and which have been raised with Wellingborough Borough Council.

A large amount of earth moving has taken place, initially unknown to the Borough Council, who have now issued an Enforcement Notice. It is understood that the airport has lodged an appeal. Stare have raised the issue with the Ombudsman

One of the grass runways has been moved and a hard standing created without planning permission. Wellingborough Council are investigating this issue.

A 12,000 gallon fuel tank has been installed, again without planning permission and without the Borough Council's knowledge. The Council are raising the issue with the airport.

STARE have raised these matters with the Civil Aviation Authority but have received a lukewarm response.

Wellingborough Borough Council have been requested to ensure that when a planning Application is submitted that they ensure a full consultation process is undertaken.

The Parish Council thanked the representatives of STARE for their report and for their campaign against the development of a hard runway.

Lower Ecton Lane

Mr. Crabtree reported that approximately 30 notices had been displayed in Lower Ecton Lane advising that fly tipping is illegal, also a copy has been delivered to every household in Ecton.

ESSO have been approached to replace fencing around their site.

Members of the Council noted that Lower Ecton Lane was looking much better and cleaner and expressed their appreciation and thanks to CLEAN for all their input into this campaign.

## New Bus shelter – north side of A4500

The Clerk reported that the County Council have now advised what steps need to be taken for the erection of a new shelter:-

Requires Planning permission from Wellingborough Council

Appoint a contractor

Carry out utility checks.

RESOLVED that the Clerk write to Queensbury Shelters to obtain prices and once a design and price has been agreed to write to the following contractors for a quotation of costs.

Harvey Smith, Ringstead  
Mineral Starr Construction, Earls Barton  
Ray Bell & Sons, Brixworth

## Wilby Trees

Clerk reported that he had not received any reply from Wellingborough Borough Council regarding whether the site has the appropriate planning permission for the work being undertaken.

Agreed that the Clerk writes again and Council Mr. Palmer raises the matter with the appropriate officer.

## Playing Field

The Council noted that the seats have now been repaired and re-sited and a dead tree had been removed. Members recorded their thanks to Mr. Dicks for repairing the seats.

**35/04** MINUTES of the special meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> May 2004 as previously circulated, were read confirmed and signed.

### **36/04** STREET LIGHTING

Mrs. Humphreys reported that the street light in Barton Field had been repaired.

Following cabling works in Church View there appears to be a deterioration in the quality of the lights, Mrs. Humphreys will raise the matter with ABB Lighting

### **37/04** HIGHWAY MATTERS

#### Traffic Calming

The County Council had now received the application for the narrowing of the High Street in accordance with drawing No. 272204/2/A. They confirmed that the application would be considered for inclusion in the 2004/05 works programme.

#### Northampton Road

The Clerk reported that Wellingborough Borough Council have now investigated the erection of illegal steps and confirmed that those responsible for their erection would be liable if an accident occurred, if they were untraceable then the Borough Council would be held responsible.

For these reasons they are arranging for the steps to be removed.

### **38/04** TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING

WP/2004/0034/LB:	Game Larder Cottage, Church Way Remove door to utility room and provide window with stonework below	APPROVED
WP/2004/0139/F:	46 Rectory Farm House, High Street	
WP/2004/0140/LB:	Erection of single storey conservatory Within rear private garden	NO OBJECTION
WP/2004/0289/F:	3, stone Cottage, High Street	
	Single storey rear sun lounge/wc	NO OBJECTION
WP/2004/0314/F:	28, West Street	
	First floor rear extension	NO OBJECTION

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39/04 APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS FOR 2003/04

The Clerk presented a balances sheet for the financial year 2003/04, showing a carried forward amount of £5813.71.

RESOLVED that the balances as presented be accepted and presented to the External Auditors

**40/04 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

RESOLVED that the following accounts be paid.

Cheque No.

0058	J. Wilson (15.3.04 – 16.5.04)		
	Salary	242.47	
	Holiday pay 2003/04	65.57	
	Expenses	82.57	
	Postage	7.56	398.17
0059	Wellingborough Borough Council		
	Playing Field maintenance		299.63
0060	Allianz Cornhill		
	Insurance for 2004/05		1,120.41

**41/04. BANKING ARRANGEMENTS**

The Clerk explained the difficulties he was experiencing with the Alliance & Leicester Bank, the accounts are held at their Liverpool branch and therefore there is no personal over the counter contact.

RESOLVED that the Clerk make arrangements to transfer the accounts to the Nat West Bank, Weston Favell Branch.

All Parish Councillors to be registered as co-signatories with any two signatures required on each cheque

**42/04 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Old Chapel, West Street

The Council thanked Mrs. Ingram for the use of the Old Chapel as a meeting room.

**43/04. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

RESOLVED that the next meeting be held on Monday 19th July, 2004 at 7.00p.m.in the Village Hall.

**And the weather forecast courtesy of Constantine Olebar**

**July 24 1786** Fair serene morning - terrific clouds at noon but only a little rain - fine evening but weather not looking settled.



## Neighbourhood Watch

*There have been several incidents of vandalism recently at Ecton Hall.*

- 1) The attempted break-in to a parked car.*
- 2) The complete destruction of a 'No Parking' sign.*
- 3) The covering of the ancient Ice House with graffiti.*

*It is essential that a 'zero tolerance' approach should be adopted towards these anti-social acts, as they destroy the quality of this beautiful village.*

**The Police are aware of the above. Please report any incident you know of on the dedicated number 01604 432436, or notify our local Neighbourhood Watch representative on 01604 786200**

### *ADVANCED WARNING!!!*

### *CHURCH FETE.*

The Annual Fete will take place on Saturday, 11th September from 2.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m. - in and around the church.

There will be all the usual stalls - bric-a-brac; books; children's toys, games and books; cakes; plants; teas; tombola and the raffle. We would be grateful for any contributions towards these.

A list of stall holders will be published shortly.

Creditors have better memories than debtors.

## Ecton to Le Mans by Porsche

Having been to LeMans for eighteen years on the trot the Navigator was bemoaning the fact, whilst crying into his gin and slimline, that this year's 24-hour extravaganza was to take place without his presence. We resolved there and then to put things right.

So off we went together in the 911 – the first time my Porsche would visit it's spiritual home. Travel 'Club' through Le Tunnel and you're in France in no time, enjoying the roads in a way impossible in England. A delightful Lunch at Bec Hellouin broke the journey to 'Malhabrie' where we spent the evening.

On Friday we arrived, after an hour's drive, at La Chatre-sur-le-Loir to meet up with the boys from Castrol for lunch at Derek Bell's favourite – the Hotel de France in this charming town square. Full of Ferrari, Porsche, Lamborghini and E-Type exotica this is a must-visit town about ½ hours drive south of Le Mans. A three-hour lunch of foie gras, tournedos and fine wine (not too much for me) and we're off to Maison Blanche camp site at the circuit. After several hours enjoying Castrol's 'hospitality' we decided that the reverse-bunjee at the funfair looked like a good thing. If your idea of fun is being strapped into a cage beside an inebriated Navigator and launched 150 feet into the night sky and bounced around for two or three minutes then you would love this!

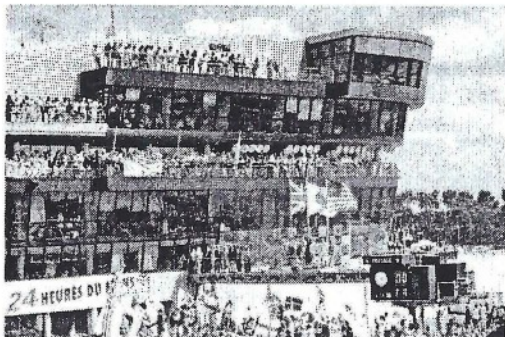
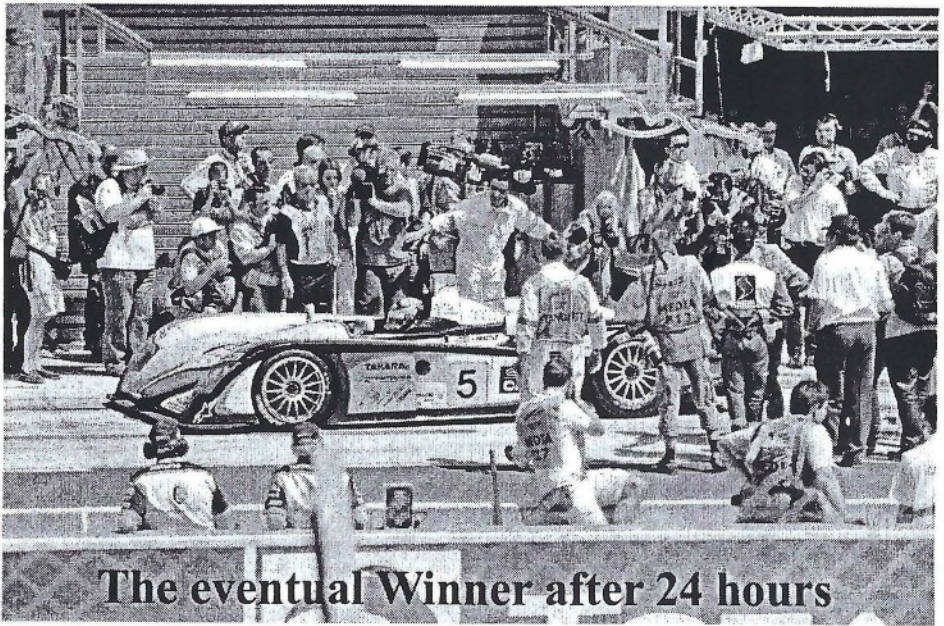
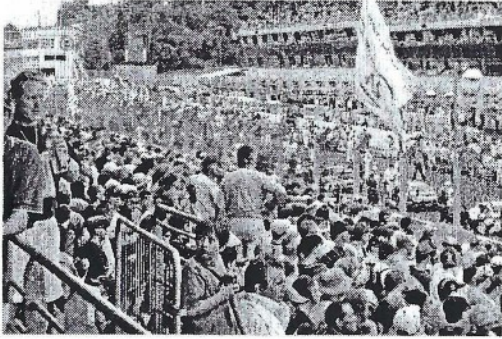
We didn't expect a classic race as the Audi Sport UK Veloqx team cars no 8 and 88 were clear favourites. Two more Audi R8's from Audi Sport Japan Team Goh and Champion Racing would make sure of an Audi win. However around two hours into the race, car no 8 driven by Alan McNish and the Champion Racing no 5 Audi crashed out of the race at 180 mph on an oil slick at the Porsche Curves. That these two crashed Audis were repaired and eventually finished third and fifth says a great deal about the strength of these LMP Audi R8's. Later on Saturday evening we met up with fellow Ecton Porsche driver Ady Stones and Paul '2 Porsches' Holland, spending a great evening watching the night racing from above the pit-lane and drinking coffee to keep us awake.

Through the night and into dawn the no 8 Audi driven by Johnnie Herbert led the race until pitting to repair rear suspension problem. This allowed the Audi Japan car into the lead. The No 5 Audi Sport Japan Team Goh went on to win the 2004 24 Heurs du Mans and history was made as Tom Kristensen enjoyed his sixth Le Mans victory, equalling the record of the great Jacky Ickx. It was the first victory by a Japanese entrant since 1995. It was one of the closest finishes ever, with driver Seiji Ara narrowly defeating Johnny Herbert. Although Herbert drove a similar Audi R8, his car was from a different team and the two cars spent the last hour in a tight battle. American entrants won each of the other classes, which is also unprecedented.

Derek Bell stated in the following day's press that it was one of the best Le Mans ever – and we were there to enjoy it. After the race, back at the Castrol camp site, we celebrated by watching the England v France Euro 2004 match – the less said about that the better, but the fireworks display afterwards was spectacular. 'Fruits-de-Mer' in Honfleur on the way home on Monday rounded off a great weekend.

Must do it again next year, Nav.

**Adrian Pulford**



## From the Children at Ecton School

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*At Ecton Primary we have a new head teacher called, Mrs Burrows she is taking us to Legoland in July.*

*Mrs Burrows has brought back our Football team, she has also organised a rugby team and we are having a rounders team. We have a library and a computer suite. We also have a new secretary Mrs Roberts.*

*We are having new toilets built and will be finished by the end of the summer holidays.*

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*On Monday mornings we do English with Mrs Stacey until 10:30am and then go out to break. After break we do maths with Mrs Clarkson and Tom and David go to a special teacher called Mrs Coulter-Brophy who does GCSE work with them.*

*In the afternoon we do ICT in the computer suite and do P.E. outside and play different games with Mrs Livingston.*

*Our school is a Christian school due to which we go to church every week on Thursday, and year six's hold the younger children's hands going down to the church, to make sure their safe, and not naughty. When we get in Jenny the Vicar welcomes us, and we light the holy candles to send our praise to God*

Grown-ups never understand anything for themselves, and it is tiresome for children to be always and forever explaining things to them.

Antoine de Saint-Exupery (1900 - 1944), "The Little Prince", 1943



# Ecton School Summer Fete

10th July 2004

2pm till 4pm

## Begging Letter!!!!

For the Summer Fete to be another success we need your help.

We need:

Cakes

Wine

Sparkling Wine

Fancy Goods

Toys

Bric-a-Brac

Tombola items

Bags of sweets

Items for childrens tombola

No Books

A donation of tea, coffee, sugar, squash and beer would be helpful.

A member of the Friends will be at school on the following mornings to collect any donations.

Thursday 1st July

Friday 2nd July

Tuesday 6th July

Thank you so much for your anticipated help.

**Ecton Friends**

Education is what survives when what has been learned has been forgotten.

**B. F. Skinner** (1904 - 1990), New Scientist, May 21, 1964



**Autohaus Mazda  
The Embankment  
Wellingborough  
01933 443030**

**Opens June 21<sup>st</sup>**

**Zoom Zoom**