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Editors Ramblings

First this month an apology for the magazine being late, the reason being I went away for two weeks in June, (make a note not to do this again) and a further apology for not including pictures from Glastonbury (Glasto 2010), will do next month. Unusually the weather for both holidays was roasting with not a drop of rain in Glastonbury, but over 3000 people were treated for heat related problems. I can tell you though that the music was fantastic finishing with Stevie Wonder on Sunday night performing all the songs you know so a good old sing-along.

In this issue you will find pictures from the Big Breakfast, which proved another outstanding success, pictures from the youth club visit to see the Alpaca shearing, a notice of a concert in the church, Big Lunch form, Mums and Tots summer programme, pictures from the senior citizens lunch at the Three Horseshoes (will put them in next month as I have not received them yet and I have to go to print, really is ramblings this month!) and a new bus service to Ecton. I even remembered to include the answers to the anagram quiz. Mums and Tots must be pleased as they have an additional member this month with the arrival of Austin Taylor, picture on page 18.

*Finally lets have a moan about the weather, far too hot, not enough rain for the allotment or garden, hard to sleep at night, costing a fortune in BBQ fuel and food, the dust making a mess of your car, people with short tempers, running out of sun cream, **roll on winter!!***

Final item:- I need people to learn bell-ringing as we are likely to lose 2 band members when they move from Ecton. You can do it the easy way by volunteering or be press ganged, your choice suggest you ring me on the number below!! SOON

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'Ecton Mums and Tots' will meet in the village hall from 10am through to 11:30am every Friday throughout the school holidays.

Please feel free to bring your children, grandchildren, or any other small relative along to join in the fun.

We would appreciate any help with the sessions, especially making the tea..... so please do come along and join in.

From the 30th July we will meet EVERY week until the end of August.

Please contact either Jenny on 407474 or Caroline on 407113 for more details.

We really look forward to seeing you.

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holidays

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July	3rd	B
	17th	C
	31st	A

Coffee Rota		
July	4th	Wendy & Ingrid
	11th	Margaret Weddle & Anne Henderson
	18th	Nick & Mary Greene
	25th	Joy Wilson & Chris Jordon

Sidespersons			
June 6pm	4th	Margaret Weddle & Mark Aveyard	
9.15am	11th	Marian Gleave & Nick Greene	
11am	18th	Brian & Sylvia Saunders	
9.15am	25th	Linda & SWteve Richards	

CHURCH LOTTERY June	
£40	Amy Brock
£10	Mr. & Mr. chapman
£10	Joan Dickens

CALENDAR FOR JULY 2010

Saturday 3rd	10.00	Open Church – time for reflection and quiet– coffee is served
Sunday 4th	18.00	Holy Communion
Tuesday 6th	10.30	Holy Communion
Wednesday 7th	19.30	Compline & Prayer
Sunday 11th	09.15	Holy Communion
Tuesday 13th	10.30	Holy Communion
Thursday 15th	14.15	‘Pre-School Praise’ – at Great Doddington
Sunday 18th	11.00	All-Age Worship with Holy Communion
Tuesday 20th	10.30	Holy Communion
Sunday 25th	09.15	Morning Prayer
Tuesday 27th	10.30	Holy Communion
	14.30	Afternoon Songs of Praise

From the Vicarage,



Here we are now at July and towards the end of the month the schools will be finishing for the summer break and people's thoughts are very much about holiday, relaxation, and enjoying the good weather (we hope!). On the way, of course, before we get there, there is another little matter which is occupying many people's attention to a greater or lesser degree – I speak, of course, of the football World Cup, currently taking place in South Africa. At the time of writing we are still in the first week and England has so far only drawn a first match, but by the time this is published, of course, it will be nearing its climax. I wonder if England will still be in at that stage. Personally I really find it hard to understand why something like this can be so important to people, for, as many know, its not where I am, but I'm trying hard to appreciate why it's so important right across the nation and way beyond. It's good to have something that unites people, of course, as long as good sportsmanship and good humour prevail, and vandalism, violence, and the other types of hooliganism that we have seen in the past are put behind us. Sport in general, surely, is a good way to unite people and bring the world together – is that not intended to be the ethos of the Olympic games? My concern is when sport of whatever kind becomes obsessive and takes the major focus of a person's life. That surely can't be healthy, and for the Christian, isn't that the place that God should have?

I think I may have mentioned before that this year we have far more weddings booked across our three churches than for a very long time. I'm delighted about that and we are well into the season now when those wonderful events are taking place. There may be lots for us, and it may feel a bit routine for those taking part as ministers, organists, bell-ringers, choir members, etc., but we must never forget that each one is special and unique for the couple involved and we must work hard to make each one special. I remember many years ago when there were even more. As a choirboy in the late 1950s it was not unusual to sing at three or even four on the same day – and we were paid handsomely – half a crown for each one (12½p in today's money!)! I was still impressed, even at that age, I remember, how each one was slightly different and choirboys used to compare notes on dress code (male and female) we noted how seriously the couple appeared to be taking their vows, we winked at each other across the chancel if either of them slipped up in their words. But the greatest excitement of all was the very rare occasion when the best man dropped the ring (usually only one in those days) and it rolled down the heating grating in the floor. It was the cause of huge amusement to small boys to see the service temporarily stopped while men in 'posh' tailcoats pulled up the grating and scabbled around on their hands and knees trying to locate and recover the lost ring! Happily, we don't have heating gratings in the floors of any of our three churches today. Seriously, though, each wedding is different and special and we must ensure that we conduct them like that, and continue to hold the couples in our prayers.

And so, as we enter the annual holiday season, and we find there are times when our Sunday attendance is unusually low because folk are away, we wish all our holidaying members, and other readers too, a very happy and restful time over the summer period. We pray for safe travelling, refreshment, and a happy and safe homecoming.

With very best wishes and many blessings,

Chris Pearson



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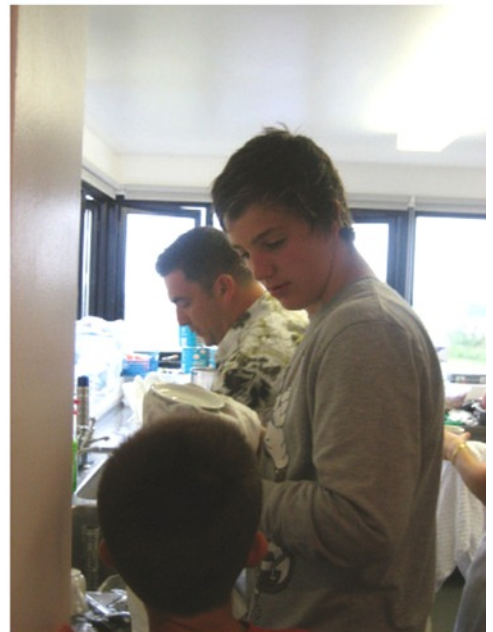
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Sunday 18th July 2010

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Following the success of last year's Big Lunch, this year's Big Lunch is planned for Sunday 18th July. Please come along to the Village Hall at 12.30 for 1p.m. and meet friends and neighbours. Just let us know you are coming and what food you will bring to share (if you have an allotment please bring something home grown). A bar will be available or you can bring your own drinks.

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LUNCH AT THE THREE HORSESHOES

On Friday 18th June around 30 people joined us for lunch, a drink, a chat and a sing song.

The occasion was made possible because of the generosity of those who supported the Safari Supper.

We hope everyone enjoyed themselves.

Thanks to everyone who came and thanks to everyone who helped on the day.

Later in the year we hope to be able to enjoy afternoon tea at the Village Hall.

YOUTH CLUB



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NEARLY THERE



AND THE NEXT



Our thanks for a great evening at Keepers Cottage provided by Barry David including cakes and drinks following the shearing.



London to Paris bike ride in aid of The Prostate Cancer Charity

RIDE UPDATE

I promise, last update... but I wanted to let you know what happened...

The Tuesday before the ride saw Ed, Simon, Roger and I leaving Northamptonshire for London. The journey was great until our parking fell through, which was probably fortunate because it took valuable drinking time. We ended up in the pub by the hotel eating pub food (yummy), drinking real beer (yummy too) and doing a bar quiz (hmmmmmm).

Anyway, Day 1, Wednesday 16th June, started with a 5:30am alarm call and a bleary eyed breakfast. It was unseasonably cold on Blackheath as we shivered at the briefing waiting for the off. There would be a drink stop about 22 miles away, followed by lunch around 48 miles in. Yikes. Anyway, the 70 odd riders were released in waves (the four of us near the back as we were waiting for Simon).

The first leg stretcher of the day was Shooters Hill, but it was to be merely a prelude to the rest of the day. After lunch at Charing, Kent, (which was actually great) the North Downs threw their full strength at us (as was the strong wind in our faces). It had warmed up and the hills had warmed up too. The biggest gears were exercised, as was the heart rate - with the four of us passing a few 'walkers' on the way. A few more short sharp shocks (with scree all over the descents making them 'exciting') and we were in Dover. 80 miles done, climbing some 1,500 metres (I'd know exactly but my GPS gadget played up) with about 6 hours of riding time and some time to kill before the ferry so a last couple of English beers were necessary.

The ferry trip was uneventful save the choppy crossing because of that headwind but the 7 mile ride to the hotel near Calais was hard work. When I got to the hotel around 9pm UK time it was straight to bed for me.

Day 2 started with what was to become the customary 6:30am French time alarm call. Aching legs is not the word. The good news was the first 15 miles or so were due to be flat... but then the hills would come. Speed was good on the way out, but then catastrophe. Not five miles in, I managed to clip the rear wheel of the bike in front. For those of you who don't know, what happens then is your front wheel goes sideways and Isaac Newton's laws kick in. Anyway, the principle of conservation of momentum means you don't turn with the front wheel, and end up getting thrown off the bike. I picked myself up and luckily nothing was broken, just a bruised forearm. Luckily.

Fortunately the rest of the 15 flat miles gave me some time to recover before the hills started. Oh, and very different from day 1. Maybe not as steep but much longer. This seriously tested the legs. Lunch seemed a long way away so when Simon punctured right by a cafe we felt forced to stop. What a shame. When we finally made the lunch stop at 51 miles it felt good (I could still pedal) but also bad (can I really ride any more). A leisurely lunch and then the final 30 odd miles to complete nearly 81 miles on the day and climbing of 1,241 metres.

The hotel was fine and we managed to get out for a quick beer (which was actually quite nice) in the town of Arras. A slightly later night but still in bed before 11 local time.

Breakfast on Day 3 and I didn't feel particularly hungry. Worrying because having enough carbohydrate is important as I had discovered on my longest training ride. Luckily the day was easier in terms of climbing if not distance. The day is a bit of a blur for me. The miles actually disappeared easily considering. It was a moving experience with Commonwealth War Graves every few miles. Seeing all those gravestones... An impressive view over the Somme greeted us before an early lunch. We arrived at lunch before it was ready, and everyone was really cold - we were all craving sunshine. luckily we had a bit of that in the afternoon.

Another 80 mile day (not 70 as I tweeted) and only 838 metres of climbing, but the last few miles through the town of Compiègne were a bit painful for Simon (and for the rest of us, with saddle sore kicking in seriously). Simone had strained his knee on the first day and it was agony now. Riding tomorrow didn't look good for him. We arrived finally at the hotel, which was the worst of the trip, and tried to get a beer. Apparently the license meant they couldn't serve us so we ended up in a posh restaurant in the town (fois gras followed by fillet steak for me) drinking good wine and watching the England game. At least the food was good quality.

Simon decided that he would ride to Paris on Day 4 - a short day of only 60 odd miles! Simon lasted seven of those miles until the knee was unbearable and fearing damage that would curtail his skiing season, Simon let us go and was swept up by the brook wagon. After a very early lunch it was the Paris suburbs, awful drivers and then the elation of recognising that we had reached our goal. A pause (with more beers and frites) and it was riding en mass round L'Arc de Triomphe, down the Champs-Élysées and on to the Eiffel Tower. It was a great feeling after 310 miles and something over 100,000 revolutions of the pedals to make it to our destination (with Simon joining us for the last couple of miles).

What a fantastic and rewarding experience. Needless to say the celebrations lasted well into the early hours, with an absolutely cool band playing mostly Rolling Stones covers playing in the street by the bar next to the hotel. A great night and a nice day off riding Sunday before the Eurostar home.

So, it was back on the bike commuting Tuesday - and although the legs are still a bit tired, I'm not too sore.

What kept me going most was the support of all you guys. The total as I write this on <http://www.justgiving.com/thefern> stands at over £4,000 including gift aid for The Prostate Cancer Charity - every penny goes to the charity and none of the money funded the ride. As most of you know, this charity is so important to me as Prostate Cancer claimed my Father just over two years ago. One of my riding partners also has the disease so it was so very close to our hearts. I would like to thank you so much for your support.

Thanks again

Joe



Vicki and Andrew are proud to announce the safe arrival of baby Austin Carter Charles Taylor on 13th June 2010. Weighing 7lb 11oz. Brother to Isobel.

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