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# APRIL Diary



Tues 1st	12.30am	Lunch Club	Village Hall, Back Room
Wed 2nd	7.30pm	Stock & Bradley Gardening Club	Bradley Village Hall
Sun 6th	7.30pm	“Shooting the Moon”	Village Hall
Tues 8th	7.30pm	Feckenham Forest History Society	Feckenham Village Hall
Wed 9th	10.30am - noon	“Drop in” for coffee and a chat	Parish Church
Wed 9th	7.30pm	Kilimanjaro Presentation	Village Hall
Thurs 10th	2pm	Site Meeting with English Heritage	Recreation Ground
Thurs 10th	7.30pm	Feckenham W.I.	Village Hall Back Room
Fri 11th	8pm	FeckenOdeon 2	Village Hall Back Room
Sat 12th	2.30pm	Spring Flower Show	Village Hall
Sat 12th	7.30pm	“Denim”	Village Hall
Wed 16th	10.30am - noon	“Drop in” for coffee and a chat	Parish Church
Thurs 17th	7.30pm	Parish Council	Village Hall Back Room
Sun 20th		<b>EASTER DAY</b>	
Wed 23rd	10.30am - noon	“Drop in” for coffee and a chat	Parish Church
Tues 22nd	7.30pm	Church Annual Meeting	Parish Church
Wed 23rd	10.30am - noon	“Drop in” for coffee and a chat	Parish Church
Sat 25th	7.30pm	FeckenOdeon	Village Hall

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The Square in its spring glory.  
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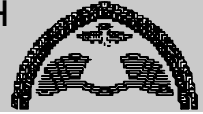
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# Church Services

## APRIL

PARISH CHURCH  
of ST. JOHN  
THE BAPTIST



**Priest-in-Charge:** Rev Wyn Beynon

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at - *The Bowbrook Group, The Parish Centre, St Andrew's Street, DROITWICH, WR9 8DY*

### Readers and Intercessors



**Sunday 6th**

Lent 5

**11-00am Sung Eucharist**

Ezekiel 37 : vs. 1-14

Romans 8 : vs. 6-11

Intercessions

John Calvert

Jenny Goode

Carol Onions

**Sunday 13th**

**10-30am PALM SUNDAY**

**GROUP EUCHARIST HIMBLETON**

**Sunday 20th**

EASTER DAY

**11-00am EASTER DAY SUNG EUCHARIST**

Acts 10 : vs. 34-43

Intercessions

Doug Curtis

Mark Wheatley

**Sunday 27th**

Easter 2

**11-00am Family Communion**

1 Peter 1 : vs. 3-9

Intercessions

Ann Matthews

Pat Onions

### **X Box Sunday School**

Will be held in Church on Sunday 6th April. All children will be warmly welcomed.

### **Partners in Prayer**

Ecumenical lay led service of prayer for the community, Wednesdays at 9.15am for 30 minutes in the Parish church. **All welcome.**

# Feckenham Roman Catholic Church

St John Fisher & St. Thomas More



Mass is celebrated every Sunday at 10.15am in the Church

**Fr. Anthony Rohan**, The Presbytery, Redditch. Tel. 01527 63096

Local contact—Phyllis Mott, Feckenham. Tel. 01527 893898

# Thought for the month

Wyn Beynon

Dear Friends,

In 1971 I was in a hangar at Biggin Hill making a bridge from planks, ropes and oil drums. Men with clipboards were watching us and we were being assessed for leadership potential. I was swiftly shown the door because my hearing was discovered to be deficient and that was the end of my dream of joining the Royal Air Force. Making bridges and organising a team is an important form of leadership. But the thought of clergy being selected for ministry in the same way is laughable. It's the wrong sort of leadership, though I've known one or two clergy who barked orders! It's just as well I didn't get a commission. I'd have been court-martialed, as sure as eggs is eggs!

I sometimes see press reports where clergy - Parish clergy as well as Bishops -are referred to as "Church leaders". I understand why, but it makes me cringe. I'm a Minister. Ministry is another word for service. There's something about the word "leadership" that has more to do with having servants than being a servant. It does not sit comfortably with me. Nor should it. Our "leadership model", if we must, is Jesus. He didn't appear to organise much (expect, interestingly, the Last Supper). Another word for my work is Priesthood. Priests get in between, get in the way, make connections and get pulled apart. I've just put a notice over my desk. It's the warning sign for radioactivity and underneath it says "High Risk Area". It's a costly way of ministering, with many pitfalls. "Ministerial Priesthood" (that is, "serving by getting constructively in the way") is a term that has slipped away in favour of "leadership". It's maybe what happens when an institution is dying. We look for grand leadership instead of servers. Leadership of that kind can also be costly and hard. We need it in industry and the armed forces, we need it in schools and

business. But not in the Church, where ministry is about serving and getting in the way. If I look like I'm trying to turn into a leader, just blow me a large raspberry. Thank you!

And in case you're wondering, it has everything to do with Easter! Death and resurrection, getting in the way and being there to serve. Yes, everything about Easter!

best wishes,

Wyn

## Church Flower Group

### Easter Lilies



The flower group will be decorating our Church for Easter and as usual we will include arrangements of Easter Lilies in memory of loved ones. If you wish to donate towards the lilies will you please send your contributions to Ann Matthews, 8 The Square, Feckenham B96 6HR. Thank you for your support enabling the tradition to continue.  
*Margaret and Marg (co-ordinators)*

## The Annual Church Meeting

will be held in the Church on **Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2014 at 7.30pm**. The meeting will be electing Churchwardens and representatives to the Deanery Synod and the Parochial Church Council, for which nominations are invited. The Financial Statement for 2013 together with reports on the Church's activities will be considered.

Ian Hunter

Secretary to the Parochial Church Council



## Good news for all those who take toddlers for walks!

James Barratt was spotted this morning preparing the field opposite the cricket ground for some pigs and possibly sheep. It is hoped that the new residents will be there in two or three months time. Watch this space for more details!

## New grandson

Steve and Chris Fletcher have a new grandson born on March 4th. James Peter is the second son of Mike and Jenny Fletcher who live in Astwood Bank.

## Welcome to new residents!

Jean Cliffe and family moved into 46a High Street on 10th March. Jean has moved here from Moseley but lived and worked for many years in West Yorkshire where she was a librarian in a sixth form college. They are delighted to be in Feckenham and we hope they will be very happy.

## A Farewell from Rhys & Andrea

After 22 years living in the Village we have decided to move on. Andrea and I will be leaving Feckenham for a town life on the 14th March. It has been a wonderful experience for us and we have made so many friends - it is not easy to leave you all. However Alcester is but 7 miles away and we shall be back from time to time, I to tend my allotment, check out the two 'houses' or appear at the Parish Council (next meeting 17th April), and Andrea to meet up with her friends. We both would like to say a big thank you to you all and hope that the new occupiers at No. 1, Alan & Pat' Moore, enjoy their new home. (we leave it to Ian Bellion to discuss the 'festive' arrangements with them!).

*Rhys Williams*

## Retirement

After 36 years (28 as a Partner) at Feckenham Garage, Tony has decided to hang up his spanner! Well almost! He will continue to pop in to do the odd bit of work occasionally. His place in the Partnership will be taken by Adam who has worked with Tony and Dean since 2004.

We wish Tony well in his retirement.

## Holy Week

### Palm Sunday 13th

10.30am Group Service Himbleton

10.30am United Parish, Stoke Prior

### Tuesday 15th

9am Upton Warren Holy Communion

6.30pm Wychbold Passover+supper

### Thursday 17th

7.30pm Wychbold Eucharist/Foot washing

8.45pm Wychbold Compline

### Good Friday 18th

12 noon Oddingley An Hour by the Cross

2pm Upton Warren The Last Hour

### Saturday 19th

8.30pm Crowle Service of Light

### Easter Day 20th

11am Feckenham Eucharist



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## Feckenham Manor Community Archaeology Project

A meeting has been arranged on site at **2pm on Thursday 10 April 2014** to discuss potential organisation of a community group, aims of the group and ways in which we can work together to improve the condition of the monument. I hope you can meet us there and join us in taking this project forward.

If you are available, please come to the centre of the scheduled monument site (near the children's playground between Mill Lane and Turton Gardens) to meet and discuss the potential for a community archaeology project with myself and Adam Mindykowski, Historic Environment and Countryside Adviser at Worcestershire County Council.

Imogen Sambrook  
Heritage at Risk Project Officer

## Flower & Garden Festival 2015

Cathy Fisher

Very many thanks to all of you who attended the meeting on 16th March (also those who emailed or telephoned). After much discussion the date for next year's Festival has been confirmed as the weekend of 16th and 17th May.

More news to follow in the coming months.  
[catherinefisher@talk21.com](mailto:catherinefisher@talk21.com)

## Moors Lane Allotments

### ALLOTMENTS PLOT

Spring is sprung - so what better time to start growing those lovely veggies! There's a plot available at the Moors Lane allotments for any green fingered villagers.

Just give Pauline Jennings a call or e-mail and she'll give you all the details.

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e-mail [Pauline.h.jennings@btopenworld.com](mailto:Pauline.h.jennings@btopenworld.com)

### What's On this month in STOCK & BRADLEY

- 2nd Breakaway**  
Herbs in the Spring Garden  
with Julia Scott  
Bradley Village Hall - 11.30 am
- 2nd Gardening Club**  
Annual Bulb Show  
Bradley Village Hall - 7.30pm
- 5th MAKING A DIFFERENCE  
SPRING HOP**  
with supper and dancing to  
VISIBLE INK
- May 3rd Gardening Club**  
Annual Spring Fair

For more information see  
**STOCK & BRADLEY CHRONICLE**

Feckenham Parish Church

## Allotments

and Conservation Society

### VACANT PLOTS

If you live within a one mile radius of the village green, enjoy the outdoors and homegrown vegetables and have time to tend a plot please ring 07826842144.

# Mill Lane

By the time this goes to press some of you will have noticed a change to the surface of Mill Lane by the Cricket Club. This section is an unadopted private road (will the true owner please come forward?)• but the Parish Council is empowered to carry out repairs on your behalf where finances permit. In February, Feckenham Parish Council contracted with a local Redditch firm to re-lay the road where, over the years, the surface has deteriorated to a condition that some had likened to the Somme! Residents have been urging a permanent repair solution for a long time, and now, spurred on by a tireless campaigner for improvement to our village life (thank you Antonia), your Parish Council have got the job done. Work commenced on Wednesday 26th February with a team of 7 'men from the black stuff 'and took 2 days to complete. The cost of the work (in excess of £9,000) was funded by generous donations from residents in the Village, frontage owners and grants from your Parish Council and Worcestershire County Council (special thanks here to WCC Cllr Philip Gretton). It now means that you can take your walks, wheel chairs, and cycle rides, along this public bridle way in safety and without getting covered in mud! A grateful Valerie of Mill Lane is seen in the photo giving encouragement to the workers.

*Chairman Rhys Williams, FPC.*



Val pleased with the new road surface  
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9	John & Dulcie Morris	£15
115	Brian & Pam Luke	£10

The April Draw will be held in the Village Hall  
at 8.00 pm on Tuesday 1st April 2014

# Feckenham Spring Flower Show

Saturday 12th April 2014

Margaret East

The 'Springtime in Feckenham' Flower Show will be held on Saturday 12th April in the Village Hall. Teas will be served throughout the afternoon with home-made cakes and fresh baked scones.

There will be competitive entries for the best **spring blooms** (see below for a schedule of classes), and a **Children's Springtime Bonnet Parade**, with prizes. Other attractions include the usual stalls selling bric-a-brac, cakes, and plants, as well as the ever popular tombola and raffle. Please join us to welcome the coming of Spring - the Show opens at 2.30pm.

## SPRINGTIME IN FECKENHAM - COMPETITIVE CLASSES

The Hall will be open from 10.30am until noon for you to stage your exhibits

### Adult Classes

- 1 5 cut Daffodils - long trumpet (all same variety)
- 2 5 cut Daffodils - short trumpet (all same variety)
- 3 5 cut Daffodils - double (all same variety)
- 4 3 cut miniature spring flowers (all same variety)
- 5 3 cut Tulips (all same variety)
- 6 5 cut flowers (all same variety)
- 7 A Spring arrangement in any container
- 8 A bowl of Spring bulbs
- 9 A pot plant in flower
- 10 A pot plant for foliage effect (no flower)

### Children's Classes

- 1 A Spring Posy
- 2 Make a flower (out of any material of your choice)
- 3 Illustrate 'Springtime' in any way you choose

There are separate prizes for pre-schoolchildren and children under 9 years old

Exhibits in classes 7, 8, 9 and 10 will be returned to you. All other flowers will be auctioned at the end of the Show after prizes have been awarded.

The Flower Show Committee will run a bric-a-brac stall and a cake stall and would be very grateful for donations of good quality bric-a-brac items, please, and cakes of any sort.

Any items can be left in the car port at 'The Paddocks', High Street, Feckenham, at any time, or at the Village Hall on the day from 10.00am until 12 noon.

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# WHAT'S ON IN FECKENHAM



**Stock & Bradley GARDENING CLUB**

## ANNUAL BULB SHOW

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Wednesday, 2nd April - 7.30pm  
Bradley Village Hall

## Feckenham Readers Group



Tuesday, 8th April - 7.45

This month's book:

THE CLEANER OF CHARTRES by Sally Vickers  
Details from Marion Chate - 892285

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THURSDAY, 10th APRIL - 7.30pm

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Feckenham Forest History Society

## THE LUNAR SOCIETY An Illustrated History

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Tuesday, 8th April - 7.30pm  
Feckenham Village Hall

[www.feckenham-forest-history-society.org.uk](http://www.feckenham-forest-history-society.org.uk)

## Feckenham Spring Flower Show

Saturday 12th April - 2.30pm - Feckenham Village Hall

Teas, Tombola, Raffle, Bric-a-brac, Plants

Hall open for exhibitors from 10.30am



## FECKENHAM CRICKET CLUB FUNDRAISING EVENT

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# WHAT'S ON IN FECKENHAM

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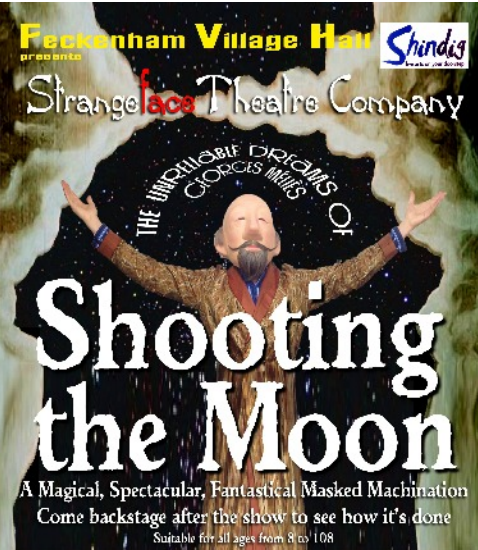
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FeckenOdeon 2 at Feckenham Village Hall

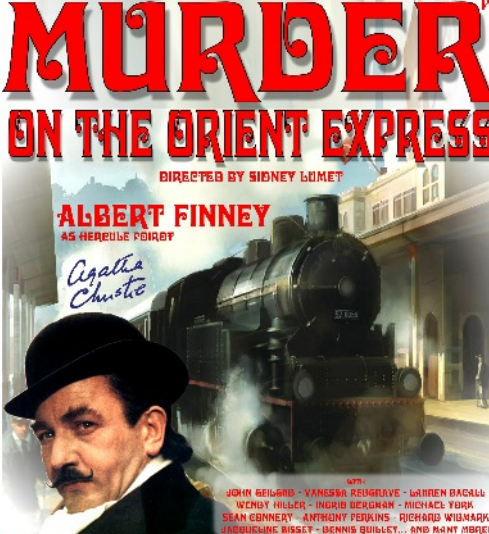
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# Village Hall

Ian Bellion



## PREPARE TO BE AMAZED!

*"Theatre doesn't come any more magical than this"* The Stage

Mask theatre is an unusual and demanding art as Shindig regulars will have seen before when Vamos Theatre Co brought us "Nursing Lives" and "Much Ado about Wenlock". This month we're welcoming the country's acknowledged front runner in this field. Strangeface Theatre Company last came to Feckenham in 2009 when they enthralled a packed house with their version of Dickens' "A Christmas Carol". Their new show has taken nearly 5 years to devise and build - and you'll understand why when you see the detailed modelling, ingenuity and inventiveness of the characters, plot and settings.

On Sunday, **6th April at 7.30pm** they'll present "**Shooting the Moon**"

- a startling tribute to one of the 20th century's most influential fantasists - Georges Méliès. A visionary who combined his passion for stage magic with early motion pictures.



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out. AND you're invited to go backstage after the show to see how it's all done.

**We promise that you'll be amazed!!**

**Special raised seating will be used to ensure that everyone gets a good view**

## EASTER TUNES AND RUNES

**A special concert for Easter Saturday.**

Returning to Feckenham on **Saturday, 19th April** at 7.30 pm is the rootsy, rocky, folky band **WHALEBONE**. Steve, Char and Sarah have played here a couple of times before and on each occasion they delighted large audiences with their unique and energetic acoustic line up. They're led by guitarist Steve Downs who has played with such diverse artists as Roy Wood and Eartha Kitt as well as being a regular onstage musician with the RSC. Charlotte Watson cut her musical teeth in Robert Plant's band and Sarah Ibberson is a classically trained violinist who came to Whalebone via a skirmish with some morris dancers. Their fourth album "Runes" has just been issued and is tipped for a Grammy award.

This time Whalebone are joined by American singer/songwriter **Kelley McRae**. Kelley is from Mississippi and technically calls Brooklyn home these days although you're more likely to find her on the



Kelley McRae

road in her VW van touring from town-to-town giving concerts and gathering material for best selling albums. She writes songs that describe her country upbringing and her city life - soulful, human, country style. Kelley is one of the USA's hardest working musicians. This is one of 200 shows scheduled for 2014 and one of only three in the UK - Nottingham, London and Feckenham.

A superb Easter bonbon - no chocolate on offer but our licensed bar will surely compensate. Go on - treat yourself!

Tickets (£10) for all Village Hall shows are on sale at The Village Shop and The Rose & Crown - you can book online at [www.ticketsource.co.uk/feckenham](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/feckenham) or by phone on 0333 666 3366

**Note:** Online and phone bookings for the Village Hall and The FeckenOdeon are handled by TicketSource. There is a small handling fee (usually 50p per transaction) for the service. Ticket delivery by e-mail is free but costs £1.50 by post. Telephone calls to TicketSource are charged at standard local rates. There are, of course, no extra charges if you buy your tickets from the Rose & Crown or the shop.



## GREY CELLS ON THE RAILS

Join us for an evening of mystery - culminating in the biggest whodunnit of them all. Albert Finney dons the 'tache of Poirot aboard the classiest train in Europe. He has an illustrious bunch of suspects - John Guildud, Wendy Hiller, Ingrid Bergman, Michael York, Sean Connery... the list goes on! Take this last chance to see this beautifully made and really stylish film on the big screen before it is withdrawn from distribution to make way for a modern re-make. Bring your little grey cells - there's likely to be a "real" mystery to solve!

**"Murder on the Orient Express" - showing at 7.30pm on Saturday, 29th March.**

## The FeckenOdeon Cinema Society



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Sharon Simpson

It has certainly been a very sporty time within school with Years 3 & 4 completing cricket coaching and following on from that they have been invited to visit Worcester County Cricket Club.

A selection of our Year 3 children took part in their very first hockey tournament last Friday at Arrow Vale. We were up against much larger first schools but this did not deter the 'Feckenham Falcons'! The competition was high and after a long afternoon Feckenham finished in 5<sup>th</sup> place (out of five teams!)

Despite not being victorious the children and staff had a very enjoyable experience and will get to play hockey again when Feckenham CofE First will represent Redditch in the small schools hockey tournament later this year.

The whole school participated in tennis coaching on March 4<sup>th</sup> with the children being invited to attend further sessions at future dates at Alcester Tennis Club.

Years 3 & 4 are to visit Worcester Cathedral in April to take part in a 'Pilgrims Quest' and we look forward to hearing all about their experiences!

We celebrated World Book Day on Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> March 2014 (a day early!) with the children dressing up as their favourite book characters and sharing their favourite books in school. There were many Harry Potters and Spiderman figures around school and it certainly brightened up the classrooms with so many colourful characters around!

Mrs Preece from Feckenham Nursery and 'Open the Book' visited the children in assembly to talk about the Mothering Sunday service on March 30<sup>th</sup> and invited all the children to attend the special service to give thanks to our mothers and all those who take care of us. Furthermore, it is hoped that children from school will take an active part in the service.

With the advent of Sport Relief 2014, the children will be donning their sportswear and engaging in a very sporty morning of sponsored activities in aid of Sport Relief and The School of Hope & Kindness in Kenya.

Our very own Mrs Baylis (and others) will be taking part in the 'Woofs & Wellies' charity walk in aid of The Primrose Hospice on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> March at the Clent Hills, Stourbridge and we wish her and everyone else taking part well for this fun event in aid of a wonderful cause.

With signs that Spring has indeed 'sprung' the children are looking forward to many Easter themed events within school in April especially the much loved 'Bunny Hop Disco' organised by the schools fundraising team, Friends of Feckenham School.

School term ends Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2014 and reopens Monday, 28<sup>th</sup> April 2014.

With best wishes to you all for a very Happy Easter from all the children and staff at school.

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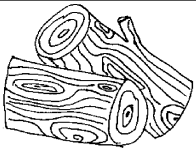
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All meetings are held on the second Thursday of the month at 7.30pm in the back room of Feckenham village hall. Visitors are welcomed to join us for any meeting at a cost of £3.50 per visit. If you require further information please contact Jane White 01527 893281 or Gay Bligh on 01527 893321.

## Stock & Bradley Gardening Club

Rob Cole

**THE NEXT CLUB MEETING - Wed. 2nd April 2014** is our Annual Bulb Show. Members bring along three blooms each of as many daffodil varieties as they can muster, and everyone judges each entry to decide the winner in each class. Lots of help is available for anyone not sure of which Class to enter, and a list of Classes will be available at the Show. For the flower arrangers, there is also a Class for "A Spring Arrangement including at least one bulbous plant".

There will also be a Competition for the best photograph depicting '**Wild Flowers**', so get snapping !

Note that there is no monthly competition at the April meeting.

**ANNUAL PLANT FAIR - Saturday 3rd May 2014 - 10.00am to 12.00 noon** at the Village Hall, Church Road, Bradley Green. Plants grown by members will be for sale, and

two specialist local nurseries will also be in attendance with an interesting range of plants. The event is an ideal opportunity to buy excellent plants at keen prices and is open to everyone.

There will coffee and tea available, and home made cakes. There is no charge for entry, but we do appreciate it if you would buy a raffle ticket at the door.

### **The following meeting - Wednesday 14th May 2014**

is an all-day outing by coach. We start with a visit to the Dorothy Clive Garden in Sraffordshire, with plenty of time to look around the garden and from where we can purchase our lunch if required. We shall visit another garden on the way home.

For those members who have not yet booked their place, please contact Sheila White on 01527 545572 as soon as possible.

*Club meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month at the Village Hall, Church Road, Bradley Green starting at 7.30pm, and are free to members for an annual subscription of £10.00.*

*Visitors are made very welcome and may attend for £3.00 per meeting. If you require any further information, ring Dinny Pynsent (Secretary) on 01527 821355 or Rob Cole (Chairman) on 01527 821156.*



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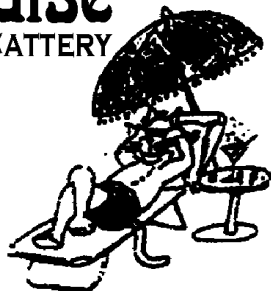
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