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# AUGUST Diary



Tues 1 <sup>st</sup>	12.30am	Lunch Club	Village Hall, Back Room
Wed 2 <sup>nd</sup>	7pm	Gardening Club - American Supper	2 Feckenham Gardens
Fri 18 <sup>th</sup>	8pm	FeckenOdeon-2	Back Room Village Hall
Sat 19 <sup>th</sup>	From 10:30	Help paint the Village Hall	Inside

## SEPTEMBER

Sat 9 <sup>th</sup>		Flower Show	Village Hall
Sat 23 <sup>rd</sup>		FeckenOdeon	Village Hall

## Front Cover

"One of the fine display of hollyhocks in the beer garden at The Rose & Crown"  
Photo Ian Bellion



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## Scarecrows -They're Back!

Whilst everyone is on holiday and enjoying some summer sun, put your thinking caps on and get creating for this years Scarecrow weekend on 30th September/1st October.

This year it's all in aid of tending to the trees on the Square which is so special to all of us. Remember your Scarecrow can be as simple or elaborate as you wish - all are welcome.

Last years efforts were truly brilliant.

We are also looking for volunteers for the weekend to help in the tea tent and front of house. If you can spare us an hour or two then let me know on

892285 or contact any of the Wake Committee members or visit the Feckenham Wake Facebook page.



Marion Chute

*A Caring*  
*Songs of Praise*  
**@ 11am on Sunday**  
**August 13th**  
St John the Baptist Church  
Feckenham  
refreshments after

# Church Services AUGUST

PARISH CHURCH  
of ST. JOHN  
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**Priest-in-Charge:** Rev Wyn Beynon **07595 313035**

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## Readers and intercessors



<b>Sunday 6th</b> Transfiguration	<b>11.00am Sung Eucharist</b> Exodus 34: 29-35 2 Peter 1: 13-21 Intercessions	Walter Richards Jane White Ann Matthews
<b>Sunday 13th</b> Trinity 9	<b>8.00am Holy Communion</b> 1 Corinthians: 10.1	John Eaton
	<b>11.00am A caring songs of praise</b>	
<b>Sunday 20th</b> Trinity 10	<b>6.30 pm Evensong</b> Isaiah 56: 1, 6-8 Romans 11: 1-2a, 29-32 Intercessions	David Street Ann Matthews Jeff Matthews
<b>Sunday 27th</b> Trinity 11	<b>11.00am Family Communion</b> Isaiah 51: 1-6 Romans 12: 1-8 Intercessions	Philip Tricklebank Shirley Harman Ian Hunter

## Feckenham: Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals

Initial contacts should be directed to Angela Kovacevic, Parish Administrator & Lay Minister:

 01527 861247 or email [Angelakov2202@gmail.com](mailto:Angelakov2202@gmail.com)

## 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

## Newshound



We have the 'Good News' that **Katrina and Steve Powles** have a baby boy! Recent members of the Feckenham congregation, they now live in Crowle. Our best wishes go to them both and the family.

On 19<sup>th</sup> June 2017, at Diocesan Synod, the **Revd Barbara Wheatley** was commissioned as 'Associate Diocesan Director of Vocation' by The Right Revd John Inge, Bishop of Worcester.

The main focus of this newly created post will be to facilitate and support those who feel they would like to explore vocation in its broadest sense within the Church. A variety of opportunities, including 'away days', retreats and a range of courses, will offer pathways of learning and spiritual development across the Diocese of Worcester. Within this role, Barbara will also be available as a Mentor and Spiritual Director. Barbara's teaching and ministerial duties across the Droitwich Deanery will continue as before, with the addition of some services in our church in Feckenham.

## From the Rural Dean

Sheila Banyard

### Bishop's Certificate course

This is a great time to sign up for the next deanery Bishop's Certificate course starting in October and which is now filling up fast. It will be on a Monday evening at Ombersley church. It's open to anyone who wants to dig deeper into bible, faith and church and all you need is enthusiasm and a willingness to join in. Spaced over three terms (with lots of breaks), it also helps people reflect on their own life experience as they learn alongside others. We'd love to hear from you if you're interested in finding out more. People always end the course saying how much they have enjoyed it and what a life and faith-enhancing experience it has been. For more information contact me or Barbara Wheatley on 01527 892969 or [barbarawheatley@btinternet.com](mailto:barbarawheatley@btinternet.com)

## Thanks

We had a most successful coffee morning on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July, in aid of Friends of Feckenham Parish Church, and raised the fantastic sum of £757 – so far!! A huge thank you to all the helpers, cake makers, donors and, of course coffee drinkers, who turned out in their droves. With the sun shining it was like a jolly garden party. We are so blessed.

Thank you everyone – see you next year!

*Shirley Harman & Pat and Carol Onions.*

## From the P.C.C.



### The Church Clock

Last month we reported that the clock was due to be re-installed in time for the Wake. It took two whole days for this to be done and the engineer finally set it going at 8 pm on the Thursday evening. He then returned to his home in Leeds and 20 minutes later the clock stopped! Cumbria Clocks will now be returning to fine tune the mechanism to make sure it runs consistently.

*Ian Hunter PCC Secretary*

## Help Keep the Churchyard Tidy

### Volunteers needed

James Barrett has moved, and so we are looking for new volunteers for strimming an area in the lower churchyard once or twice a month – March to November – If you have your own strimmer it might be easier, fuel and cord is provided. It only takes about an hour each time. If you can help please contact Pat & Carol Onions on [ptcmo@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:ptcmo@blueyonder.co.uk) or 01527 404055.



# Village Shop

Jeff Matthews

One of the things we have prided ourselves on over the years is in stocking a wider range of products for those who have dietary restrictions. Vegetarian palettes are catered for as well as those who are wheat intolerant. We now have available, individual wheat free handmade cakes from Honesty, great for picnics and lunch boxes.

In the slightly more exotic line, we now have stocks of special Amaretto D'Italia Macaroons and Brandy Snaps. Ideal to accompany your coffee or for making a pudding.

You can also find beautiful gift wrap, bags and tags from The Paper Gallery plus a wide range of cards in the cafe area.

Talking of the café area, we have launched the ever popular summer special cream teas at a bargain £3.25 or, if you'd rather a toasted teacake and hot drink for £2.50.

The lucky winner of the 'guess the value of the hamper' at the Wake, was Classic Car exhibitor, Dave Stansfield from Coventry. He was the nearest at £14.26. Congratulations to him.

# Village Hall

Improvement Fund 2016/17



## June Winners

134	Cate Statham	£25
1	Tim & Ali Smith	£15
37	Len & Enid Burley	£10

## July Winners

156	Gray & Sue Darby	£25
160	Brian & Cath Roberts	£15
145	Patricia Tricklebank	£10

The August & September Draws will be held in the Village Hall at 8.00 pm on Tuesday 5th September 2017

# Wake 2017

Marion Chute

## Biggest Wake ever?!

The weather was kind and people came to a lovely sunny day in Feckenham for its historic Wake. The committee pushed the boat out for some large attractions but were pleased to introduce some new ways of making some cash back.

The Duck Race was a huge success, The prosecco tent even greater and the traditional candy floss and popcorn proved popular too. The traditional bar and hog roast sold out and the Punch and Judy man gave us the proceeds of his whip round. Thank you to all who volunteered to help, to those who live on The Square who put up with us and everyone who came to join in the fun.

## Feckenham Duck Race Winners

Race	Place	Duck	Ticket No.	Winner
Junior	1st	808	185	Samuel Humphray
	2nd	372	114	Adelyn King
	3rd	377	89	Kaiden Richings
	Last	721	162	Jamie Yarnold
Adult	1st	925	198	Jon Laight
	2nd	70	49	Tim Smith
	3rd	854	196	Edward Talbot
	Last	406	99	Valerie Dodson
Open	1st	733	176	Chris Carlige
	2nd	710	154	Steve Harvey

## The Wake 2017 Grand Draw Results

PRIZE	Win. No.	RECIPIENT
West Mids. Safari Pk. Family ticket	417	Steve Pigot Redditch
Blackpool Please Beach Family ticket	137	Brian Hands Redditch
Alton Towers Family ticket	302	Pete Chute Feckenham
Worcester Warriors signed rugby shirt	78	Mr&Mrs Edmonds Feckenham
Libby Mitchell treatments voucher	452	Richard Carter Feckenham
Forest at Feckenham voucher	31	Mrs Lewis Sutton Coldfield

# World War I Centenary Commemoration



The life of **Wilfred James Slade**, (Wilfrid??) who died on 10th July 1917, will be commemorated on Sunday 13th August 2017 at the Family Service to be held in the Parish Church of Saint John the Baptist, Feckenham. Wilfred was born in 1884 in Feckenham, to Thomas and Sarah Slade, and married Hilda May Ladds at St Stephens Church in Redditch on 28th July 1910.

He trained to be a teacher, and worked at Feckenham School for a while, but by 1911 was living in Stechford, Birmingham; where he was working as an assistant schoolmaster for Birmingham Education Committee.

Wilfred had 7 brothers and sisters (Thomas Joseph, Edith, Catherine Lee [named after her Grandmother Ann Lee], Frank, Margaret J, Albert, and one other sibling whose name is not known to us).

Prior to the war, Wilfred was a member of the 8th Warwickshire Territorials and enlisted in the 219th Siege Battery of the Royal Garrison Artillery on 2nd December 1915. Initially, he went in to the Army Reserve, and was mobilised on 8th May 1916. Following training, he embarked at Southampton for France on 2nd December 1916; by which time he had been promoted to Bombardier, and then Corporal. By the end of June 1917 his unit was fighting on the Belgian coast near Nieuport in the St Idesbald area, but unfortunately details of the unit's war diary for July 1917 were lost or captured so we do not have details of this.

Wilfred was promoted to acting Sergeant on 5th July 1917, but was killed just five days later on 10th July 1917, aged 33. He was buried, alongside two of his fellow gunners who died on the same day, in Coxyde Military Cemetery near Nieuport, Belgium.

Wilfred is remembered on the Feckenham War Memorial, Feckenham School Memorial, All Saints Stechford Parishioners WWI Roll of Honour, and Stechford WWI Memorial Cross.

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# Thought for the month

Rev. Gary Crellin

I was just finishing my sermon for a Sunday in July when I realised the newsletters' deadlines were fast approaching for those parishes publishing a newsletter in August. One thought did cross my mind though, cynically - would there be anyone around to read it? After all I was promoting holidays in my last letter, last month (oh, that's the answer to last month's crossword clue – holiday).

I have on my Swansbrook Radio piece "had a go" at where people are. No, I am not going on about church attendance - if you look at church statistics it is rising (in certain age groups and locations). No - where are you when your village needs help? Be it putting on an event, or taking it down afterwards. You might enjoy the event, but look at what goes on to make it happen. Who, after the Wake or Fun on the Square toddled off to the Forest or The Rose and Crown or the Fish and Chip shop in Astwood Bank whilst others put their work into reverse? Back in May, I was the ONLY member of the public that attended the Parish Council AGM - and I was invited! So much to give thanks for, so much responsibility. But where were you to hear that and give thanks? No one under the age of 50 attended the Feckenham Parish Council sponsored defibrillator training. Attempting CPR on someone can be hard work if you are 75.

The sermon I was writing, when I got side-tracked to draft this monthly letter to our community, was all about the parable of the sower. In many ways it has resonance with my ranting on community engagement. You see in Jesus' time, agriculture was a bit hit and miss. No agrichemicals, heavy machinery and the like. Chances are the farmer's understanding of soil fertility was based on hand me down knowledge, not what Country File or the Ministry of Agriculture said. Seed was valuable, but so was the outcome. So it was entirely plausible to have scattered all over the place in the hope that some would take and grow. May

be well, may be some with poor yield - but growth would happen.

I felt a bit like the farmer of Jesus' time when I hosted the Dementia Awareness Seminar in church earlier this summer. I personally wrote to many individuals and organisations across the village - especially those that served the public, either as a commercial enterprise or one of our many volunteer run groups. Eighteen people turned up. Eighteen people received, though, a great lesson on how to care and appreciate the needs of people with a Dementia. Eighteen people received a head start and encouragement. Those eighteen seeds are now primed to talk to you about how we can make our community Dementia Friendly. If we want to. It will need more than the eighteen to commit themselves to this cause.

The seed did reach the fertile soil of our compassion then. Perhaps you can think about how you might help in your community later in the year. Why should cherished community groups struggle to put up marquees or the scarecrows, the Christmas Tree or put the projection screen away when the seed of compassion can grow within you to help and sustain our valuable sense of community?

## FECKENHAM CHARITY

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Closing date for receipt of applications

**31st August, 2017**

Further enquiries/applications to:

Mrs J. Bate

(Clerk to the Trustees)

'Wychway', Droitwich Road

Hanbury, BROMSGROVE

B60 4DB

Tel 01527 821285

# A message from

Rev. Wyn Beynon

Dear Friends,

I shall be slipping off the radar for three months from mid June to Mid September as I am taking a 3 month sabbatical leave for study and a chance write.

Many of you know that my wife, Melissa, has been training for Reader ministry over the past 2 years and she will be licensed at Worcester Cathedral on Saturday 16th September. She will be licensed to work in both the Wychebrook and Nowbrook Benefices. Anyone who can make the afternoon service (details to follow) will be very welcome.

I'm afraid this is an uncomfortable summer read: I will have celebrated my 63 birthday before I return and I've been pondering how well we post war 'baby boomers' have done. I'm not over impressed.

Back in the 60s and 70s we demanded to throw off responsibility and insisted that our parents pay for our university education. We campaigned for equal rights and social housing provision. We boycotted South Africa because of apartheid and wanted ban the bomb. In the 80s and 90 we decided we wanted to become owners, made lots of money in the city and bought social housing cheaply. We were glad we were in Europe and especially enjoyed the wine. In the 90s however we realised our children wanted to go to university and insisted they take out a loan and paid for it themselves. We put our parents in nursing homes - something they would never have done for theirs. By now we were very concerned for our pensions - as we'd be raiding the pension funds for our parents. We increased our borrowing knowing that it was fine - our grandchildren would be able to pay it all off. We had campaigned for racial equality when we were younger - but now we decided that all these foreigners were taking our jobs, even though they weren't. We were a generation that had not know a full scale war. That was for the films and for Americans. We inherited a world of social welfare that is now falling apart.

We inherited a world working hard to move away from war. We leave a world that is increasingly unstable.

Have we left our children stones instead of bread? Clearly we have. Too many financial commentators say so.

Our national debt has gone from £800 billion to over £1400 billion in the last 6 years. We baby boomers enjoyed the credit. The interest, and the return of capital, we gave as a gift to our children and grandchildren.

We didn't do too well, it seems to me, us 'baby boomers'. We made selfishness, covetousness and greed into virtues. Please God our children and grandchildren will not take after us.

Best wishes, Wyn

## **FECKENHAM EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENT**

The endowment makes grants to young people in the pursuit of further education or training. If you are under 25 and live in the Ancient Parish of Feckenham or the District of Redditch you may be eligible for a grant. Any such grants are divided on the basis of 4/5 to the Ancient Parish and 1/5 to the District of Redditch. All applications will be carefully considered. An individual may make a maximum of three applications. The decision of the Trustees is final.

Closing date for receipt of applications

**31st August, 2017**

For more information and an application form contact:

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# WHAT'S ON IN FECKENHAM



First Tuesday of every month from 8pm  
NEXT SESSION: Tuesday, 1st August

## Feckenham Readers Group

Wednesday, 9th August - 7.45

This month's book: THE SHEPHERD'S LIFE

by James Rebank

Details from Marton Chute - 892285



## Feckenham FLOWER SHOW

Saturday, 9th September

Feckenham Village Hall

Show opens 2.30pm

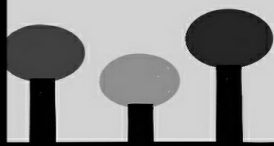


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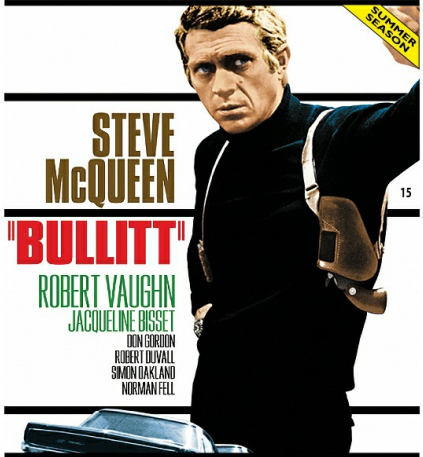
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Friday, 18th August at 8pm

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FeckenOdeon 2 at Feckenham Village Hall

## THE FECKENODEON CINEMA SOCIETY



Saturday, 23rd September - 7.30pm

at The FeckenOdeon Cinema in Feckenham Village Hall  
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ANNUAL  
**PAINTING DAY**  
Saturday 19th August  
from 10am

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Cat Weatherill & Naomi Paul  
Truth & Truffles  
A Chocoholic's Delicious Delight

Tales and Songs of Lust and Luxury  
Shindies

SUNDAY 1st OCTOBER - 7.30PM

Tickets £11 from The Village Shop and The Rose & Crown  
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Phone bookings: 0333 666 3366

## Feckenham Scarecrow Weekend



A Harvest Time Display of weird and wonderful creations

30th SEPT & 1st OCT  
Throughout the village  
FREE Exhibition!

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START at The Square (village green)

Trail Open 11.30am

TEAS served all day

Grand Prizegiving  
4.30pm - Sunday

FECKENHAM VILLAGERS

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# Feckenham Flower Show - list of classes

## September 9th



### VEGETABLES

- |    |  |          |
|----|--|----------|
| 1  | RUNNER BEANS                             | (6 pods) |
| 2  | FRENCH BEANS                             | (6 pods) |
| 3  | BET (long or globe)                      | (3)      |
| 4  | CABBAGE (white)                          | (1)      |
| 5  | CARROTS (short/intermediate, trimmed)    | (4)      |
| 6  | CUCUMBER (indoor or outdoor)             | (1)      |
| 7  | TOMATOES                                 | (5)      |
| 8  | ONIONS (heaviest combined wt)            | (4)      |
| 9  | ONIONS (dressed)                         | (4)      |
| 10 | PARSNIPS (trimmed)                       | (3)      |
| 11 | LETTUCE                                  | (2)      |
| 12 | MARROW                                   | (2)      |
| 13 | MARROW (heaviest)                        | (1)      |
| 14 | COURGETTES                               | (3)      |
| 15 | POTATOES                                 | (5)      |
| 16 | PUMPKIN (best)                           | (1)      |
| 17 | SHALLOTS                                 | (9)      |
| 18 | LEEKs (trimmed)                          | (4)      |
| 19 | SWEETCORN                                | (2)      |
| 20 | VEGETABLES (best display of any 4 types) |          |

### FRUIT

- |    |                            |                 |
|----|----------------------------|-----------------|
| 21 | PLUMS                      | (5)             |
| 22 | DAMSONS                    | (10)            |
| 23 | RASPBERRIES                | (15)            |
| 24 | APPLES (culinary)          | (5)             |
| 25 | APPLES (dessert)           | (5)             |
| 26 | PEARS                      | (5)             |
| 27 | BLACKBERRIES               | (15)            |
| 28 | A VARIETY OF WILD FRUIT    | (on a 7" plate) |
| 29 | UNUSUAL FRUIT or VEGETABLE | (any No.)       |
| 30 | OTHER FRUITS or VEGETABLES | (any No.)       |

### FLOWERS

- |    |                                   |            |
|----|-----------------------------------|------------|
| 31 | CHRYSANTHEMUMS                    | (3)        |
| 32 | DAHLIAS (Cactus, any size)        | (3)        |
| 33 | DAHLIAS (Decorative fully double) | (3)        |
| 34 | DAHLIAS (other than Class 32/33)  | (3)        |
| 35 | ROSE                              | (1)        |
| 36 | ROSES (1 of each of 3 varieties)  | (3)        |
| 37 | ASTERS                            | (3)        |
| 38 | SWEET PEAS                        | (6)        |
| 39 | GLADIOLI (any colour)             | (3 spikes) |
| 40 | PINKS                             | (6)        |
| 41 | CARNATIONS                        | (6)        |
| 42 | PANSIES (growing in a pot)        | (1 pot)    |

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|----|------------------------------------|---------|
| 43 | GERANIUMS (growing in a pot)       | (1 pot) |
| 44 | FLOWERS (any other single variety) | (3)     |

### MISCELLANEOUS FLOWER CLASSES

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|----|---|-----|
| 45 | POSY (ready for presentation)                       | (1) |
| 46 | BUTTONHOLE (spray)                                  | (1) |
| 47 | POT PLANT (in flower)                               | (1) |
| 48 | POT PLANT (foliage effect, no flower)               | (1) |
| 49 | POT PLANT (cactus or succulent)                     | (1) |
| 50 | ARRANGEMENT OF FLOWERS (in any container)           | (1) |
| 51 | ARRANGEMENT OF FRUIT AND FOLIAGE (in any container) | (1) |
| 52 | ARRANGEMENT OF EXOTIC FLOWERS (in any container)    | (1) |
| 53 | ARRANGEMENT OF WILD AUTUMN BERRIES                  | (1) |
| 54 | HERBS (display of 6 varieties, labelled)            | (1) |
| 55 | ARRANGEMENT (1 fruit or vegetable, and 1 flower)    | (1) |

### DOMESTIC CLASSES

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|----|------------------------------------|------------|
| 56 | JAM (soft fruit)                   | (1 jar)    |
| 57 | JAM (stoned fruit)                 | (1 jar)    |
| 58 | JELLY PRESERVE                     | (1 jar)    |
| 59 | MARMALADE                          | (1 jar)    |
| 60 | LEMON CURD                         | (1 jar)    |
| 61 | PICKLES (any variety)              | (1 jar)    |
| 62 | CHUTNEY (any variety)              | (1 jar)    |
| 63 | DIP (any type)                     | (1 jar)    |
| 64 | FRUIT CAKE (rich)                  | (1)        |
| 65 | FRUIT CAKE (plain)                 | (1)        |
| 66 | MADEIRA CAKE                       | (1)        |
| 67 | VICTORIA SPONGE                    | (1)        |
| 68 | DECORATED CAKE                     | (1)        |
| 69 | SMALL CAKES                        | (6)        |
| 70 | SMALL TARTS                        | (6)        |
| 71 | FRUIT PIE (min. 7"/178mm diameter) | (1)        |
| 72 | CUP CAKES                          | (3)        |
| 73 | SCONES (fruit)                     | (6)        |
| 74 | SCONES (plain)                     | (6)        |
| 75 | Home made BREAD (fancy loaf)       | (1)        |
| 76 | Home made BREAD (machine made)     | (1)        |
| 77 | Home made COUNTRY WINE (red)       | (1 bottle) |
| 78 | Home made COUNTRY WINE (rose)      | (1 bottle) |
| 79 | Home made COUNTRY WINE (white)     | (1 bottle) |
| 80 | Home made BEER                     | (1 bottle) |
| 81 | EGGS (white)                       | (6)        |
| 82 | EGGS (brown)                       | (6)        |

## CHILDREN'S CLASSES

- 83 BUTTONHOLE (under 5 years) (1 flower)
- 84 BUTTONHOLE (5 to under 7 years) (1 flower)
- 85 BUTTONHOLE (7 to under 10 years)(1 flower)
- 86 BUTTONHOLE (10 to 16 years) (1 flower)
- 87 MINIATURE GARDEN (under 5 years)
- 88 MINIATURE GARDEN (5 to under 7 years)
- 89 MINIATURE GARDEN (7 to under 10 years)
- 90 MINIATURE GARDEN (10 to 16 years)
- 91 FLOAT GARDEN (under 5 years)
- 92 FLOAT GARDEN (5 to under 7 years)
- 93 FLOAT GARDEN (7 to under 10 years)
- 94 FLOAT GARDEN (10 to 16 years)
- 95 HUMOROUS VEGETABLE ARRANGEMENT (under 5 years)
- 96 HUMOROUS VEGETABLE ARRANGEMENT (5 to under 7 years)
- 97 HUMOROUS VEGETABLE ARRANGEMENT (7 to under 10 years)
- 98 HUMOROUS VEGETABLE ARRANGEMENT (10 to 16 years)
- 99 SMALL CAKES OR TARTS (under 5 years)

- 100 SMALL CAKES OR TARTS (5 to under 7 years)
- 101 SMALL CAKES OR TARTS (7 to under 10 years)
- 102 SMALL CAKES OR TARTS (10 to 16 years)

- 103 PAINTING, DRAWING or CRAFT \*\*\* (under 5 years)
- 104 PAINTING, DRAWING or CRAFT \*\*\* (5 to under 7 years)
- 105 PAINTING, DRAWING or CRAFT \*\*\* (7 to under 10 years)
- 106 PAINTING, DRAWING or CRAFT \*\*\* (10 to 16 years)

\*\*\* all on the theme **"MY FAVOURITE HOBBY"**

- 107 6 MOUNTED and NAMED TREE LEAVES on an A4 size sheet (under 5 years)
- 108 6 MOUNTED and NAMED TREE LEAVES on an A4 size sheet (5 to under 7 years)
- 109 6 MOUNTED and NAMED TREE LEAVES on an A4 size sheet (7 to under 10 years)
- 110 6 MOUNTED and NAMED TREE LEAVES on an A4 size sheet (10 to 16 years)

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## RULES FOR THE FLOWER SHOW

- 1 All exhibits shall be either grown or produced by the exhibitor only.
- 2 All exhibits to be exactly as stated in the Schedule and to be staged between 10.00am and 12 noon.
- 3 No persons other than the officials will be allowed in the Hall during judging.
- 4 The Judges' decision shall be final, and they reserve the right to withhold any prize where there are no exhibits of sufficient merit.
- 5 All exhibits shall bear an exhibitors number.
- 6 All exhibits (except those in Classes 42, 43, 47-55, and 83-103) will be sold by auction.
- 7 All exhibits in classes 47, 48, and 49 must have been in the possession of the exhibitor for a minimum of six months.

## CASH PRIZES - Children's Classes only

First (3 points) £1: Second (2 points) 50p: Third (1 point) 20p.

## TROPHIES

There are lots of trophies to be won, some open to all, and some restricted to villagers and children attending the schools.

The Committee wishes to thank exhibitors, and all who in any way contribute to the success of the show.

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# FeckenOdeon Cinema Society

Ian Bellion



## A QUIET DRIVE....

The only thing that anyone ever remembers about "Bullitt" is the car chase. It certainly is memorable as Steve McQueen roars and flies through the steep and twisty streets of San Francisco... but that's only 15 minutes of this sharp thriller. Mr McQueen plays a San Francisco cop assigned as bodyguard to a witness in a Mafia court case. The witness gets shot and McQueen becomes a political football. Robert Vaughn is the politician who puts the heat on, and it's up to McQueen to hide the victim's body until he can untangle the case. Director Peter Yates made this film from immediately after his debut feature "Robbery" - a British account of the Great Train Robbery and he obviously has found his feet for action! Steve McQueen did all his own driving... and lived to tell the tale.

**"Bullitt" - FeckenOdeon 2 at 8pm  
on Friday, 18th August.**

*Tickets for FeckenOdeon shows are on sale at  
The Village Shop and The Rose & Crown.  
You can also book by phone (through TicketSource)  
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## A NEW START

The FeckenOdeon's new season of films has been published - the basic list is below but there are full details on the website and in leaflets that you'll find around the village.

September: **Sully**; October: **Witness for the Prosecution**; November: **Hidden Figures**; December: **School for Scoundrels**; January: **All the President's Men**; February: **Their Finest**; March: **Death at a Funeral**; April: **TBA**

# Village Hall

Ian Bellion



## ANY GOOD WITH A PAINTBRUSH?

Can you spare a bit of time on the morning of **Saturday, 19th August**? The volunteers who run and maintain Feckenham Village Hall need a bit of help. Twelve months of constant activity take their toll on the paintwork so every year, when things calm down in the summer, the Committee repaint the entire interior so that it's sparkling and pristine for the autumn events. The Committee is small (but perfectly formed) so they'd very much appreciate it if villagers could come along and get stuck in with them. The vast majority of the work is usually done by lunchtime but this annual DIY effort means that we save hundreds of pounds and are able to keep hire fees down for the many village organisations and events that use the Hall.

**Paint lids off at 10am** - don't wear your Sunday best. We'll provide all the materials and equipment... but, if you have a favourite brush, feel free to bring it along. Coffee and tea on tap. Hope to see you there!

## SHINDIG ON THE WAY

The 2017/18 Season of Shindig shows has been announced. Shindig is Worcestershire's Arts Council sponsored touring performance programme. Feckenham Village Hall has been part of the programme since 2004 and we're delighted that we shall again be hosting four great professional shows from October to April. The shows are:

**Sunday, 1st October:** Cat Weatherill and Naomi Paul in "**Truth & Truffles**"

**Sunday, 10th December:** Northumberland Theatre Company in "**The Princess and The Goblin**"

**Sunday, 11th February:** Gonzo Moose Theatre in "**The Thing That Came From Over There**"

**Saturday, 21st April:** Kel Elliot and her Three Man Orchestra.

Tickets are now on sale - as well as season tickets for the entire season - at The Village Shop, The Rose & Crown or online at [www.ticketsource.co.uk/feckenham](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/feckenham)

## Square Management Committee

Ian Bellion

### THE PRICE OF CONSERVATION...

By the time you read this the Square Management Committee's annual fundraising event "Fun on The Square" will have taken place. At the time of writing we have no idea how much money will have been raised but one thing is certain - it won't be enough!

Every three years the Committee commissions an expert survey of the trees that surround The Square. This is to ensure that they're all safe and won't fall or drop bits on people, houses or cars. It's an insurance essential and it's also common sense - nobody wants a great oak crashing through their roof. The last survey was conducted in April and the good news is that none of the trees is dangerous. The not so good news is that quite a lot of work needs to be done to keep it that way.

Of particular concern is the beautifully shaped Horse Chestnut at the Recreation Ground end of The Square. This tree has survived the scourge of bleeding canker and other diseases but is now showing signs of stress. The cause of this is an indicator of The Square's popularity as a gathering place and the site of village events.

Over the years thousands of feet (human and animal) have compressed the soil around the tree to the extent that the level has gone down and some of the roots have become exposed - and if the soil is compacted the tree can't drink properly or take in nutrients. The solution is to de-compact the soil with a device called an airspade. This and correctional work to make sure that younger trees on the site develop in a balanced way means that the Committee is facing a bill of over £2,000. Work is also needed to tidy up the gravel road and to re-landscape the gravel area nearest the High Street. All essential work to maintain The Square as the centre of the Feckenham Conservation Area. There'll be further fundraising soon - and the Committee is grateful to the Wake Committee for offering to run the Scarecrow Weekend in aid of The Square. If you can help us raise this money we'd love to hear from you at [square@feckenham.f9.co.uk](mailto:square@feckenham.f9.co.uk)

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# Feckenham Cricket Club

Bob Gordon



We are now deep into the English summer, the Wake has been and gone (thanks to all involved, a great event) and we are becoming accustomed to sunshine and balmy evenings. The strawberries have been eaten, the courgettes are expanding each day, the Brussel sprouts are planted for Christmas and the house martins have their second brood. Even Burial Lane is drying out. Isn't summer wonderful?

As I write (mid-June) the season has reached its mid-point and so it is worth standing back and looking at how the 1st and 2nd teams are doing, each having been promoted to Division I of the Worcester County League last season.

The first team is lying sixth, a very creditable position considering the issues with player injuries and absence. There was a good home win against Stourport (Jamie Reddish hitting 51, Tom Coulson and Matt Henning taking 4 wickets each) but in a low-scoring match at Bewdley, Feckenham fell 2 runs short in a tense finish, despite a disciplined and unbeaten 68 from Josh Stacey. The pain had barely receded before we met Burghill, Tillington and Weobley in the next match and went down by a single wicket. Perhaps the team was deflated after that as we were well beaten in the next two games, at Colwall and Hagley (Josh with another unbeaten 55).

However, there was a return to form and fortune with an emphatic win at home to Eastnor, in which Josh again struck an unbeaten half-century and the hardening pitch suited New Zealand import Travis Bartels, who took 4 wickets. The standout however was an unbeaten 77 from 15-year old Flynn Duggan who had only recently been drafted into the first team. He followed this with 64 in the win at division leaders Cookley on July 8th - Danny Bloomer reached 69 and Josh just missing out on yet another half-century, reaching 49 not out.

Flynn has showed great maturity in his games so far, making cricket look easy - the sign of natural talent. We have a star in the making so come down to Mill Lane and be able to tell your grandchildren that you saw Flynn when he was just a lad!

Well what about the second team - remarkably, they remain the only one unbeaten in their division. There has been a fine win at home against local rivals Redditch in which opens Luke Jackson and Andy Kings hit half-centuries and Matt Kings took 5 wickets. The next game was a rare tie at Stourport where Feckenham batted first and made 210 for 8 in their 50 overs - Flynn Duggan (yes, him again) making 65. The home team were bowled out for the same score in 46 overs. Phew...

Bewdley were quickly dispatched in the next game (Hugh Humphries 60 not out and Ryan Humphries 4 wickets for 40). A rain-affected match at Coombs Wood was won on run rate and the next week produced a comprehensive home win against Colwall, Paddy Brocklehurst standing

out with 47 runs and 4 wickets. Following this, Eastnor were efficiently dealt with, Luke Jackson top-scoring with 56, assisted by 49 from veteran Nick Reddish. In the home match against Hagley, the visitors made a challenging target of 276, but the reply was perfectly judged and out of the 279 scored, Andy Kings contributed 86 and Nick Reddish 66. The good form continued on July 8th, which saw Evesham bowled out for 148 and in reply Feckenham cantered to victory in just 19 overs, Andrew J Kings dominating the batting with 93.

The third team has had a mixed time, not helped by a somewhat makeshift pitch at Hewell. The highlights have been the a fine 62 runs from villager Richard East in the loss against Bartestree & Lugwardine and an unbeaten 62 from Joe Davis in the defeat at Bewdley. A victory against Worcester Nomads followed however, the runs being shared between Steve Daniels, Angus Hardy and Richard East.

Upcoming fixtures at Mill Lane (all starting at 1pm, usually finishing by around 7pm) are:

Saturday 29th July - 2nd XI v Pedmore

Saturday 5th August 1st XI v Redditch

Saturday 12th August 2nd XI v Stourport

Saturday 19th August 1st XI v Bewdley

Saturday 26th August 2nd XI v Coombs Wood

In addition, the following T20 matches will be played at Mill Lane:

Sunday 13th August v Old Elizabethans

Sunday 20th August v Bromsgrove

Fixtures can be found on <http://feckenham.play-cricket.com/> and on The Square's notice board.

As we move into August the annual **Feckfest** event is looming. Now with a settled date of August Bank Holiday Sunday (27th this year) Feckfest is an all-day music festival in conjunction with a local charity cricket match. There will be 12 live bands/artists, real ale, cider, Pimms and Prosecco, BBQ, hot pork and various food outlets and plenty of children's entertainment (zorbs, bouncy castle, face painting and much more). This will be a fun day for all the family and we hope to raise a significant sum for Charlotte and Craig Saving Hearts Foundation.

For 2017 we have focused on facilities and on the variety and quality of the music. In addition to local acts and talents unearthed during the club's Open-Mic Nights (every 3rd Friday) we have an Elvis tribute in mid-afternoon, local legends My Grey Horse reforming for one day only with the exciting Small Doses rock band and the wonderful Marina Coombes (as Amy Winehouse) bringing the event to a close.

Tickets are available online now:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/feckfest-2017-tickets-34064520899> - or just search for "Feckfest 2017". £8 per adult, Child at £2 and a Family ticket (2 adults and 2 children 5-14) at £15. Tickets are also on sale at the clubhouse, by post (enclose an SAE please) to Bob Gordon, 11 High Street, Feckenham B96 6HN or email me at [bobgordon15@gmail.com](mailto:bobgordon15@gmail.com). Tickets are limited so please buy early, there may not be any on sale on the day.

# Stock & Bradley Gardening Club

Rob Cole

**THE NEXT CLUB EVENT - Wednesday  
2nd August - American Supper - 7pm  
start**

Our ever-popular annual American Supper, this year being hosted by two of our club members, Gay Bligh and Jenny Cary. Their respective gardens are very close to each other in Feckenham, Gay's being at 37 High Street and Jenny's at 28 High Street, just across the road.

Please bring a plate of food to share, plus a plate, some cutlery, and some drinks for your own use. This event is always well attended and gives our members a social opportunity in a garden setting. If you have any queries, please contact Rob Cole on 01527 821156.

*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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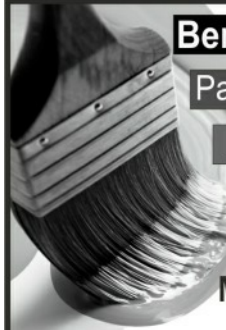
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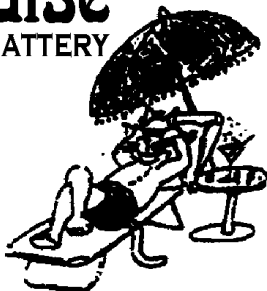


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