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Sat 1 <sup>st</sup>	7.30pm	Christmas Concert	Village Hall
Tues 4 <sup>th</sup>	12.30am	Lunch Club - <i>pre booking essential please</i>	Village Hall, Back Room
Wed 5 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Stock & Bradley Gardening Club	Bradley Village Hall
Sat 8 <sup>th</sup>	6.30pm	Over 60's Christmas party	Village Hall
Mon 10 <sup>th</sup>		<b>Last day for copy for January magazine</b>	
Tues 11 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Feckenham Forest History Society	Webheath Village Hall
Thur 13 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Friends of Feckenham Church A.G.M.	Parish Church
Thur 13 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Feckenham WI	Village Hall, Back Room
Sun 16 <sup>th</sup>	6.30pm	Service of Lessons & Carols	Parish Church
Mon 24 <sup>th</sup>	4.30pm	Crib Service	Parish Church
Mon 24 <sup>th</sup>	6.30pm	Carols on the Square	The Square
Wed 26 <sup>th</sup>	1.45pm	Boxing Day Walk	The Square
Sat 29 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	FeckenOdeon	Village Hall

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**We wish you all a very Happy Christmas**

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## Readers and Intercessors

**Sunday 2nd** 11.00am **Sung Eucharist**  
Advent Sunday  
Jeremiah 33: 14-16 Oliver White  
1 Thess 3: 9-13 Vanda Cookes  
Intercessions Jeff Matthews



**Sunday 9th** 8.00am **Holy Communion**  
Advent 2  
Romans 15: 4 John Eaton

11.00am **Linda Fleming** from Bromsgrove & Redditch Welcomes Refugees  
Intercessions Erica Dilger

**Sunday 16th** 6.30pm **Lessons and Carols**  
Advent 3

**Sunday 23rd** 9.00am **Holy Communion, Upton Warren**

**Monday 24th** 4.30pm **Crib Service**  
**Christmas Eve** 11.30pm **Holy Communion**  
Isaiah 52: 7-10 Jeff Matthews  
Hebrews 1: 1-12 Gerry Eost  
Intercessions Fiona Carter

**Christmas Day** 11.00am **Family Communion**  
Titus 2: 11-14 Emma Matthews  
Intercessions Ian Hunter

**Sunday 30th** 10.30am **Holy Communion**  
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## Feckenham: Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals

Initial contacts for these should be directed to Rev. Wyn Beynon:

My mobile number is: **07595 313035** or email [wynbeynon@gmail.com](mailto:wynbeynon@gmail.com) Thank you! Wyn

## Feckenham Roman Catholic Church

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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

## Feckenham Bell Ringers

Angela Fletcher

On Sunday 11 November the bells were rung half-muffled, as traditional for the Remembrance Sunday service, before the service took place. In order to do this, leather muffles have to be attached to one side of the clapper to “muffle” the sound on one of the two ringing strokes of the bell. After two of the ringers removed these muffles the bells were rung again at 12.30pm in the usual way to celebrate the centenary of the end of WWI. This was part of a national “ringing remembers” where the bells in as many towers as possible were rung at this time. Around 1400 ringers nationally lost their lives during WWI. There has been a campaign over the last twelve months to recruit at least this number of new ringers nationally. Bellringing is a team activity and what is surprising to new ringers is the mental & physical challenge it presents to them. We are always looking to recruit & teach new ringers to make sure we can keep Feckenham bells ringing for Sunday services and special occasions such as weddings. If anyone is interested in finding out more or having a go please contact Tim Haslam on 07976 723095; email [timhaslam@chasecommercial.co.uk](mailto:timhaslam@chasecommercial.co.uk) or Angela Fletcher on 01527 893231 or 07709 911053; email [angela@2fletchers.co.uk](mailto:angela@2fletchers.co.uk)

## Feckenham Parish Council - Surgery Closure

At a special meeting on 15th November the proposed closure of the Feckenham Branch GP Surgery was discussed. Dr Davies attended and the public were able to ask questions. There was some sympathy for the reasons given for the proposed closure but it was the general view that further information and consultation on the process was needed. The Council expressed the view that all of the reasons for closure could be addressed and regretted the negative attitude being taken by Ridgeway Surgery and their lack of enthusiasm for the idea of working with the community to solve the problems. At the formal Parish Council Meeting which followed the Council resolved to ask Ridgeway Surgery to extend the time limit for

consultation on the matter. The Council will also be writing to the Clinical Commissioning Group to express concerns as to how the consultation is being undertaken, the lack of information being given and the reluctance of the Surgery to respond to simple direct questions being raised at the meeting.

## Village Shop Jenny Mason

We have a new range of ready meals including chicken curry, macaroni cheese, spaghetti Bolognese & lasagne all at a great price of any 2 for £5. For Christmas see our cards & wrapping and lovely affordable gifts such as quality biscuits in beautiful tins, star shaped fruit cakes and Prosecco flavoured jam all from £3.35 to £5. For a seasonal party we have dips, olives, cheese straws, salamis and a range of gluten free snacks. Cafe specials are Soup & a roll £3.25. Teacake & hot drink £2.95. Mince pie & hot drink £3.25. We wish all our customers and friends a very Happy Christmas & peaceful New Year.

### CHRISTMAS OPENING TIMES

Monday 24th	8am - 4pm
Christmas Day	Closed
Boxing Day	Closed
27th - 31st	10am - 1pm
New Years Day	Closed
Wednesday 2nd	9am - 4pm
Thursday 3rd	8am - 6pm

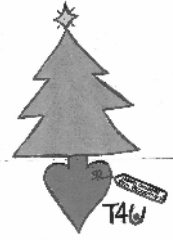
## Feckenham Flower Show & Over 60's Party Fund Christmas Party

The Over 60's Christmas party is being held on Saturday 8 December 2018 at Feckenham Village Hall. If you are over 60, live within one mile of the village green, and would like to attend the Christmas party but have not yet received an invitation, would you please contact either Angela Fletcher (Treasurer) on 893231 or Linda Harris (Secretary) on 892850.

# Teams4u Shoeboxes for Christmas

2018 Appeal Lin Preece

On behalf of the children that will receive a gift filled box this year, I would like to wish you all a 'VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS', and to thank you for your kindness and generosity!



It is really sad that in this day and age families continue to struggle for the basics that we simply take for granted. Your special boxes will delight so many disadvantaged children this Christmas, and I am sure that when parents see their children's happy faces as they explore and enjoy their gifts they too will be full of hope and joy!

I will be able to let you know where our boxes were distributed and how many we have sent off in the next issue. I am delighted to report that this year Callow Hill Village, two of our neighbouring Churches and Stoke Prior First School have joined our collection, so hopefully together we will have been able to reach out to lots more children this year!

Thank you, for the family boxes, donations, and for the lovely knitwear too! And thank you to the children of 'Feckenham First School', for their continued support!

I feel sure that at some point during Christmas Day we will all spend a moment or two thinking about these children and their families, and hoping that their lives will be easier in the coming year!

Thank you all once again for your gifts of hope!  
Merry Christmas  
Lin



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# Thought for the month

Rev. Wyn Beynon

Dear Friends,

Christmas was deliberately celebrated in the very darkest time of the northern winter not simply to replace the older pagan festivals but more positively to bring the good news and joy of a birth, a new life, a new light in the world, right to where it most contrasted with the dark world around. Try and imagine no street lamps, and very simply inside lighting - all based on candles wax and oil!

As I write this letter the national and international picture is bleak. Uncertainty is the certain item on the news. How will our nation fare over the next few years? How will things play out, what will all the changes mean to ordinary folk? Far from being an increasingly safer world things seem to be going towards conflict and aggression. Old treaties are being torn up, new demands are being made. After twenty years of lessening nuclear concern there is now a higher risk of nuclear war. The Bulletin of Atomic Scientists, the newsletter of the most qualified and knowledgeable scientists in the field of atomic research and strategic studies, publishes a Doomsday Clock. It has done so since the end of the Second World War. In 1991, with things looking optimistic, they put the hands back to 17 minutes to midnight. The last US presidential election result caused them to put it forward to 2 minutes to midnight.. the closest it's been since the uncertain days of the 1950s.

The darkness is not just caused by the northern winter... it is deep in the human heart and it emerges in the increasingly irrational statements by world leaders around the globe and increasingly extreme politics and regressive forms of nationalism (which, as the French President said recently, is quite unpatriotic) and these often claiming to be driven by religion.

After commemorating the Centenary of the end of the First World War it is clear that no lessons have been learned by humanity. There

is little hope in politics unless that politics is full of **virtue** and not **value**. Politics is nearly always about what we value. And that's why it fails. Because value evaporates. Virtue is constant.

That's what the baby in the manger was all about: to the ancient virtues of justice, temperance, prudence and fortitude, Jesus added three more... **faith, hope and love**. Can you imagine those in a political manifesto? .... no, neither can I!

It's we who have to change, otherwise those who lead us will not change.

When I wish you the Peace of the Christ Child I am not talking about a gooey sentiment. I mean the very stability that enables us to make wise decisions. When I wish you a Peaceful New Year I mean one in which the virtues, not values, are our guiding principles.

Christians say Jesus is the Light of the World. And light shines in the darkness. In these dark days let Christ's light shine.... and may it shine through us!

A Peaceful Christmas and New Year for everyone!

Wyn

## Square Management Committee

### CAROLS AS USUAL!

The **Annual Carols on The Square** will be warbled as usual on Christmas Eve. Everything's **free!** - Mulled wine and Mince pies, soft drinks for the little uns - good cheer and even a spot of snow. This is the traditional way of starting the festivities at Christmas - bring your Christmas visitors and show them how Feckenham celebrates! There'll be a bucket collection for the Air Ambulance - you never know when you might need one!

**Carols on The Square - Christmas Eve**  
**Tree lights switch on at 6.30pm -**  
**Carols to follow.**

PLEASE try to arrive in good time - it takes a while to serve everyone with drinks and munchies. Last year some folks hadn't been served before the carols were well under way!

# What's on in Feckenham

## THE FECKENODEON CINEMA SOCIETY

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Thursday, 6th December - 7.45

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**GRAFTON WOOD**  
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Wednesday, 5th December - 7.30pm  
Bradley Village Hall - 01527 821355

**CHANGE OF DATE -**

*Friends of Feckenham Church Annual General Meeting*

*St John The Baptist Church Feckenham  
Thursday 13th December 2018 at 7.30 pm*

Details of the fundraising and the projects undertaken during the year will be available together with new projects. A Trustees Annual report together with the Annual Accounts will also be available at the meeting when any queries can be raised and observations made.

Phil Guise Secretary to the Board of Trustees



**CAROLS**

round the

**CHRISTMAS TREE**

Monday 24th December

6.30pm on The Square

Hot Punch - Mince Pies - Everything FREE  
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Join us on our **44th Annual**  
**BOXING DAY WALK**

Wednesday, 26th December

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**HORSE RACE**

Sat, 19th January - 7pm - Food and Bar  
More details next month



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# FeckenOdeon Cinema Society

Ian Bellion

## CHRISTMAS CRACKERS

There's something right about black and white classic movies at Christmas. Cosy nostalgia fits in well with village festivities. The FeckenOdeon's festive show on 29th December has two splendid specimens - both relatively short so there's plenty of time to replenish your Christmas cheer at the cinemas's bar...



### A CHRISTMAS GHOST... OR NOT?

Opening the show is a film based on a play by J.B.Priestley in which Alastair Sim plays an uncannily perceptive police inspector. In "**An Inspector Calls**" a dinner party at a well to do residence is interrupted by the Inspector who brings news of a murder. Everyone at the table is implicated in some way... but how does the policeman know so much about them...?



### SUITS YOU SIR!

What if you could invent a fabric that would never wear out? Alec Guinness plays a young inventor who discovers such a miracle material and makes a suit out of it. In the classic Ealing Comedy "**The Man in The White Suit**" he discovers that those who make money out of perishable fabrics don't entirely appreciate his creativity...

#### "THE MAN IN THE WHITE SUIT" + "AN INSPECTOR CALLS"

at 7.30pm on Saturday, 29th December

Tickets for all FeckenOdeon shows are on sale at The Village Shop and The Rose & Crown. You can also book by phone (through TicketSource) on 0333 666 3366 or online at [www.fecknodeon.co.uk](http://www.fecknodeon.co.uk)

# Village Hall

Ian Bellion



## NOBLE JACKS

February may seem a way off but we have to have something warming to look forward to - and you don't get warmer than **Noble Jacks!**

They're described as a high energy band - and they're certainly that. With a fiddle led, foot stomping sound and an uplifting, heartwarming repertoire this popular band could be just what we need to banish the February blues. There's another reason for mentioning them so far ahead of the gig - they're incredibly popular and sell out wherever they go. Tickets have been selling since the first mention of this show - so please, don't do the Feckenham thing of leaving it to the last minute. Book now while stocks last!!

**Saturday, 2nd February - 7.30pm:**

### NOBLE JACKS in Concert

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## ANYBODY SEEN OUR URN?

Following on from last month's tale of the Vanishing Glasses we have the **Mystery of the Missing Urn**. Somebody has borrowed, taken or, to put it bluntly, stolen the Village Hall's portable tea urn. Like last month's glasses, somebody has probably forgotten to bring it back - though nobody has asked permission to borrow it. If you have a large silver urn (or boiler) cluttering up the house it's probably ours. It's easy to recognise - large metal cylinder, tap on the front, electrical wire coming out of the back, temperature control knob on the side... and there's a lid on the top... It's used for all sorts of village events and to replace it would cost over £120 - so we'd rather like it back... or if you've become really attached to it a generous cheque payable to Feckenham Village Hall would be acceptable. Thanks.



## CHRISTMAS WITH THE SWANS

Feckenham's own radio station will be getting out the tinsel and dispensing good cheer and merriment throughout the Festive Season.

Chris Fletcher's **Classical Swansbrook** will be dedicating itself to Yuletide music - some familiar, some surprising - but all melodiously magnificent. Our Outside Broadcast Unit (otherwise known as Colin James) will be heading out to Bradley Green church on 16th December to record the annual **Carol Service** which this year will be accompanied by the Arrow Valley Brass band - you'll be able to hear this throughout the Christmas period.

And... there's a chance for you to be heard...

## GREETINGS NEAR AND FAR

There'll be a special edition of **Happy Hour** on air over Christmas and we're inviting you to contribute to it. We'd love to hear from you if you'd like to send a seasonal greeting to relatives, friends... or anyone at all. You're welcome to use our airwaves to wish them whatever you wish them. It doesn't matter if they live round the corner - or on the other side of the world. Because Swansbrook is an Internet radio station there's no limit to our transmission area. We can read your dedication and music request - or you can record your own personal message. You can record it on your phone and send it to us by email - or we can record it for you in person. Just get in touch by email to [radio@swansbrook.com](mailto:radio@swansbrook.com) - and we'll make sure your message is delivered. ..and, by the way, **HAPPY CHRISTMAS!**

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# Feckenham Cricket Club

Bob Gordon



Well, December is upon us and the commercial world is frantically trying to extract as much of our hard-earned cash as is possible over the final few weeks before Christmas. Perhaps that can be expected when retailers have been having a hard time since Brexit has dominated the news.

So, as a bit of light relief, you might be interested in some largely-forgotten facts about Christmas. The first is that eating mince pies on Christmas Day is actually illegal in the UK - in the 17th century, Oliver Cromwell banned Christmas pudding, mince pies and anything to do with gluttony. That law has never been rescinded, so it might be prudent to take care who might be watching when you next open a box of Mr Kipling.

Are you aware that the word "carol" actually means dance or song of praise and joy, and used to be sung during all four seasons, but the tradition survives only at Christmas.

Finally, the first commercial Christmas cards were commissioned by civil servant Sir Henry Cole in London in 1843 and surviving examples can sell for thousands of pounds. This was three years after Sir Henry was involved with Sir Rowland Hill to launch postage stamps in England – which must have been very useful as the public took enthusiastically to Christmas cards. Incidentally, Sir Henry Cole was the original "old King Cole", being an energetic, entrepreneur who always had a smile on his face.

At Feckenham Cricket Club, tidying and repair work continues. Extra insulation has been added to that already in the roof space, in a bid to reduce the risk of burst pipes. Mowers, roller and other equipment is to be checked and prepared for winter storage, with the aid of one of our club members.

Changing rooms have been repainted and re-carpeted ready for the 2019 season in which the first team will play in the Premier Division of the Worcestershire County League. This new league is part of a major restructuring of cricket in the West Midlands, resulting in many of the Birmingham League teams being relocated back to their county leagues and a new system for promotion back through a play-off system for

county premier division winners. It is indeed a great achievement for a small village club to be in such a position.

Cricket has not stopped, even at this time of month. Five of our junior players have gained places in the Worcestershire academies and are attending coaching sessions over the winter. Again, this is a great achievement for our boys and girls.

Looking back to the 2018 season, our own Joe Davis is still knocking the ball all over the pitch while in his mid-seventies. He has scored at least 30 runs in 15 matches for Worcestershire Over 70s, including 50 against Gloucestershire, over 70 against Warwickshire (twice) and Hampshire and 80 not out against Hertfordshire. Not content with that he also played in the Over 60 team and showed the whippersnappers how to do it by scoring 44 not out against Somerset. The legs may be a little stiffer than they were but the bat is still being swung with great vigour!

The village firework display took place on November 3<sup>rd</sup> and was well attended. We were fortunate that the evening was dry and a large crowd witnessed probably the largest bonfire seen in Feckenham before a great firework display (I have to rely on others view on this as I was frantically running around replacing and firing around 70 rockets while pyrotechnic maestro Lewis Stacey was choreographing the multi-shot devices.

This was closely followed by an event to raise money for cancer charities, organised by Sharon Simpson. November 9<sup>th</sup> was a foul night but plenty turned out to support it and an unbelievable sum of £5,009 was raised, mostly by an auction of many fine items and prizes, including a balloon trip which went for £800! Well done to Sharon and also to Carly Fletcher who put a lot of work into the event.

Looking ahead to 2019, we are keen to attract new players at all levels. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO PLAY, PLEASE CONTACT NICK REDDISH ON 07802 212125. We also need a scorer so again please call Nick if you are interested – no experience is needed and you can also take advantage of the wonderful cricket teas that Carly creates for us.

The indomitable Carly is also organising another Quiz Night at the club, to take place in mid-December, look out for the posters.

On behalf of everyone at the club I hope that you and your families have a wonderful Christmas and New Year.

## Stock & Bradley Gardening Club Rob Cole

**Wednesday 5th December - 7:30pm** is our brief AGM, followed by a talk by John Tilt entitled 'A Natural History of Grafton Wood'. John is warden of Grafton Wood Nature Reserve, near Grafton Flyford, which is managed by Worcestershire Wildlife Trust with Butterfly Conservation, and he will show us the natural delights which are to be found in this local woodland.

The regular monthly Competition theme will be 'A Winter Flower (single specimen).

### **ANNUAL DINNER - Wednesday 16th January 2019 at 7.00pm for 7.30pm**

We return to the Wheelbarrow Castle at Radford, near Inkberrow for our annual dinner event. Note that prior booking is essential and if you have not yet booked, please contact Niki Dean on 01386 792555 to receive a menu and Booking Form. The cost of the dinner is £15.95 per person. Any drinks, wine, tea/coffee etc. can be purchased individually as required during the evening.

*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 £8.00. 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.*

## Thanks

On Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> October our local choir "All Round Voices" gave a wonderful concert at the Village Hall. It was a night to remember, with a wide variety of music and verse. The huge sum of £581.71 was raised, for Alzheimer Research. What a fantastic, worthwhile fundraiser!! Many thanks to all.

S.H.

## Feckenham W.I.

Jane White



We meet in the Village Hall Back Room at 7.30pm on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December when we will celebrate '**A Victorian Family's Musical Christmas**'. Mike and Pat Ledbury will be all in costume with live music. There will be Christmas themed refreshments, visitors welcome (£4)

## Obituary

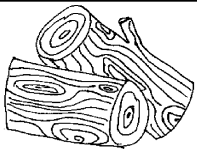


### In Memoriam of **Marjorie Forbes**

There are still quite a number of people in the village who remember Marjorie when she was married to John Hogg and lived in the Old Vicarage. John sadly died of cancer in 2004 and the following year she moved to Warwick to be near her children and her mother. In 2007 she married Jonathan Forbes, whose first wife had died within a fortnight of John Hogg's death. We were lucky enough to be able to go to their wedding in St. Mary's church, Warwick; later they transferred to St. Nicholas church, which was rather warmer at any time of the year and had a very lively congregation. Marjorie had been an enthusiastic WI member in Feckenham and continued her activities in Warwick, as well as being much involved with her family, and playing bridge with us and other friends, and at Warwick Bridge Club.

Sadly this happy life came under threat in September 2016 when she was diagnosed with cancer. She and Jonathan bore the following two years of her illness with great fortitude, during which she received excellent care from Warwick Hospital, but eventually the doctors could do no more, and she came home at the weekend before she died, in her sleep, during the night of 22<sup>nd</sup> October. Her daughter was with them in her last days as was her son, Paul, whose own wife had died, again from cancer, just three months earlier.

Our thoughts and sympathies are with the whole family at this very sad time. *John & Antonia*



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