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| Sat 2 nd | 10am - 4pm | Traidcraft Christmas Sale | 8 The Square |
| Tues 5 th | 12.30am | Lunch Club Pre-booked only | Village Hall, Back Room |
| Wed 6 th | 7.30pm | Stock & Bradley Gardening Club | Bradley Village Hall |
| Sun 10 th | 7pm | "The Princess and The Goblin" | Village Hall |
| Tues 12 th | | Very last date for January Magazine copy. | |
| Tues 12 th | 7.30pm | Feckenham Forest History Society | Feckenham Village Hall |
| Thur 14 th | 7.30pm | Feckenham WI | Village Hall, Back Room |
| Sun 17 th | 6.30pm | Service of Lessons and Carols | Parish Church |
| Sun 24 th | 4.30pm | Crib Service | Parish Church |
| Sun 24 th | 6.30pm | Tree Lighting and Carols | The Square |
| Mon 25 th | 11 am | Christmas Day Family Holy Communion | Parish Church |
| Tues 26 th | 1.45pm | Boxing Day Walk | The Square |
| Sat 30 th | 7.30pm | FeckenOdeon | Village Hall |

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*Happy Christmas from the
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Front Cover

Teams4u Shoeboxes for Christmas collected in the Church.
Photo by Ian Bellion



Our boxes are going a little later this year, so at this moment in time I am unable to
tell you just how many we are sending. I will let you know in next months issue.

As this is the Christmas edition of Feckenham News I would like to take this opportunity
to say thank you for caring and for the love you have sent to a child in need !

On behalf of all the children I would like to wish you all a 'Very Happy Christmas'.

Lin Preece



Church Services DECEMBER

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Sunday 3rd 11.00am **Sung Eucharist**

Isaiah 64: 1-9

1 Corinthians 1: 3-9

Intercessor

Jenny Goode

Tony Mortimer

John Calvert



Sunday 10th 8.00am **Holy Communion**

Advent 2

Romans 15:4

11.00am **Christingle**

John Eaton



Sunday 17th 6.30pm **Lessons and Carols**

Advent 3

Christmas Eve 4.30pm **Crib Service**

11.30pm **Midnight Eucharist**

Isaiah 52: 7-10

Hebrews 1: 1-4

Intercessor

Phil Tricklebank

Ann Matthews

Mark Wheatley

Christmas Day 11.00am **Family Communion**

Isaiah 9:2-7

Titus 2: 11-14

Intercessor

TBC

Thea Matthews

Ian Hunter

Sunday 31st 10.30am **All together in one place Benefice Eucharist**

Christmas 1

Isaiah 61: 10 – 62: 3

Galatians 4: 4-7

Intercessor

Christine Huzzey

TBC

Alison Crellin

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 Thank you! Wyn

Feckenham Roman Catholic Church

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

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

Newshound



New arrival After a bit of a wait (18 days!) but a thankfully easy labour, Quintus and Jen Cary's son Fred (short for Wulfred) was born on the 28th October, weighing 7lbs 14oz. Thank you very much to everyone in Feckenham for all their kind wishes, cards, presents, and offers of help. We're extremely touched and are yet again reminded of why we love living here.

Very many thanks, Quintus, Jen, and Fred x

Village Christmas Card

Jane White

Thank you to Ian Ridley for letting us use his painting for this year's Village Card, and to all who contributed to a full card. The amount raised for ShelterBox so far is £660.



Ian has offered to sell the original painting for this year's charity. It will be on display in the Village Shop from Tuesday 5th December. If anyone is interested in buying the painting they can contact Ian on 894010. The price is a "Feckenham mates' rate" of £245.

Mission Morogoro

Tricia Mortimer

Mission Morogoro would like to thank everyone who supported them. The practical help and amazing support on the night itself resulted in £1700 being raised for our 'Water for Life' project in Tunguli village. The money raised will cover almost all the supply and installation costs of a further 4 rope pump wells in the village, and work will be starting very soon. The improved water supply will make a difference to everyday life for thousands of people.

We shared a great night of music, and would like to thank the audience, the choir and the many helpers for their generous support.

Thank you.

What's On this month in STOCK & BRADLEY

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| 5th | BREAKAWAY CHRISTMAS LUNCH Village Hall - 10.30am |
| 6th | GARDENING CLUB AGM Village Hall - 7.30pm |
| 9th | 2nd Evening of Convenience with CRAZY88 BAND Details in S&B Chronicle |

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Thought for the month

Rev. Gary Crellin

Wanted - 24 nights B&B and stabling

We have a couple travelling through the parish in December. Due to local registry requirements, this couple need to be somewhere official by the evening of the 24th December. Their Journey starts on the 1st December, or thereabouts. They are in the midst of sorting transport to do this journey- 4x4 travel is being arranged.

If you are able to look after Mary and Joseph, and their donkey, for a night or two, please let Rev Gary know. The school will help early in December but weekends and during the school holiday, overnight stays in village homes' Front windows will be required. Any help appreciated.....

The couple are really quiet, prayerful , expectant folk - really low maintenance and come with the highest possible references. For further information, contact Rev Gary on 893081.

Local Matters Jen Cary

Car park spruce up

I don't know if anyone else who parks in the car park was fed up of stepping out of their car into mud, or by being stung by nettles when they got something out of their boot, or seeing valuable spaces taken up by abandoned cars, but I was. I contacted Redditch Borough Council in September and they were very helpful and came out on the 8th November to clear the drains, prune the trees, sweep the mud and leaves up, and cut back the weeds and brambles. The car park is also now on the Council's list of car parks owned by them. Once they have appointed a line painting contractor they will schedule in re-painting of the spaces, and where possible make them bigger so that they are RBC's preferred 2.5m wide instead of the current very small 2.3m. This will likely be in the Spring when the weather is more suitable.

Review

Antonia Pulsford

The Tarantara Concert on 28th October - a brilliant success

In spite of having to deal with competition from Feckenodeon and the Community choir on different sites, this concert in aid of Mission Moregoro virtually filled the church and provided a very varied and entertaining evening for all of us who were there. It was an enormous and very enthusiastic choir led by their very able conductor, and I would strongly recommend anyone who couldn't go to the concert in Feckenham church to try to get tickets for their concert in Alcester in December. The only unfortunate thing which resulted in some split families, mine included, was that it clashed with a very good film at Feckenodeon, "Witness for the Prosecution" which I should very much like to have seen, though I don't regret missing it for Tarantara! If we can avoid such clashes in future that would be brilliant.



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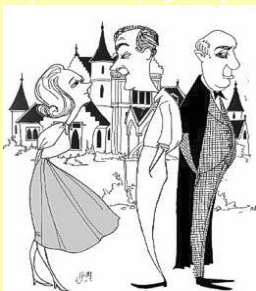
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Details from Marion Chute - 892285



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Tuesday, 26th December

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Walk starts at 2pm prompt

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Tuesday, 12th December - 7.30pm

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The Forest at Feckenham

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FeckenOdeon Cinema Society

Ian Bellion



MERRY SCOUNDRELS

The FeckenOdeon's Christmas film is always a good excuse to abandon the reheated rissoles and soggy mince pies and escape into something lightweight and fun. Bring your Christmas guests, you families or just yourselves and sink into the warm darkness with a drink in your hand...

This year's dose of escapism comes in the form of **"School for Scoundrels"** - a classic chunk of British whimsy. The film is based on Stephen Potter's book, "The Theory and Practice of Gamesmanship (or the Art of Winning Games without Actually Cheating)". Henry Palfrey (Ian Carmichael) tries hard to impress but always loses out to the rotter Delauney (Terry Thomas). Then he finds the Lifeman College run by "Professor" Potter (Alistair Sim) and discovers the secrets of success. But has he the courage to put all his lessons into effect? Every character actor alive in 1960 makes an appearance in this lively potter into the world of Mr Potter.

There'll be suitably merry supporting programme to whet the appetite.

"School for Scoundrels"

at 7.30pm on Saturday, 30th December.

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Village Hall

Ian Bellion



A FAIRYTALE FOR CHRISTMAS

We suggest that you book as soon as possible for a very special pre-Christmas treat. Northumberland Theatre Co are bringing their magical production of **"The Princess and The Goblin"** to the Village Hall on **Sunday 10th December at 7pm.**



This is the exciting adventure story of Princess Irene who has been promised as the bride of the goblin king's son - except he hasn't asked her yet. Cue fun and frantic shenanigans as the goblins try to steal Irene away. There are catchy songs, silly dance routines and lots of fun for everyone age 5+.

A colourful and lively show guaranteed to get youngsters of all ages in the mood for the festivities.

NTC, working with "Shindig", have brought their shows to Feckenham before - and they don't do things by halves. The show will be fully staged with dazzling scenery, lighting and special effects. The company will be providing rugs and cushions near the stage for small children - or very tired parents.

Tickets are on sale now - please book early to avoid disappointment!

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Carols on The Square - Christmas Eve - Tree light switch on at 6.30pm - carols to follow.

SQUARE WORKS IN PROGRESS...

The tree works resulting from the safety survey carried out earlier in the year are now complete and it's hoped that all will now be well... until the next survey which will have to be done in 2020. The Committee wishes to thank residents for moving cars and putting up with the noise during the work.

The wreckage resulting from the accident on 20th October has now been removed. For reasons best known to themselves, BT and other contractors carried out the work at dead of night. The Committee is now considering how best to restore the affected area of The Square.

WE NEED YOUR CHRISTMAS TREE!

At the time of writing we're still looking for a suitable Christmas Tree to grace The Square.

If you have one (that you don't want) at the bottom of your garden, field or orchard we'll gladly take it away for you. It needs to be a proper fir tree (not a Leylandii) and at least 15 feet in height.

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Feckenham Cricket Club

Bob Gordon



"November's sky is chill and drear,
November's leaf is red and sear."

The cricket season seems an age ago and Sir Walter Scott's words describe the onset of winter beautifully. Amid the chill and fallen leaves that is November, activity at the cricket ground is largely one of tidying up and perhaps a little mowing if the weather is dry enough. With the weather getting colder, the club wormery is being prepared to accept over-wintering guests in order to help them survive and be ready to be returned to the outfield in March next year reinvigorated and keen to aerate the soil.

Within the clubhouse, the kitchen has been renovated, having a new floor, stainless steel throughout and improved lighting. Outside the vast array of branches remaining from the recent tree maintenance became fuel for the bonfire on 4th November, when the annual village firework display took place at the club. The bonfire was indeed magnificent and was probably the largest in recent memory while the firework display was very well received by the large crowd.

Although cricket ceased in England in September, three of our players are enjoying playing with Australian clubs during our winter. Tom Coulson is among the wickets for his club, Josh Stacey is scoring runs (and been interviewed by a local TV station) and Jamie Griffiths is making an impact with his team. The experience gained in this way should be invaluable for next season here.

In addition, seven of our youngsters have been selected by Worcestershire for their respective age-group squads. This is a fantastic achievement by the four boys and one girl concerned but also speaks volumes for the commitment and skill of our junior coaches.

We are progressing an application to use a field off Moors Lane for 3rd team and possibly junior cricket. This needs to be sanctioned by Redditch Borough Council as the land would need approval to change from agricultural to recreational use and the planning hearing will have taken place on 15th November. The expectation is that the application will be rejected but if so the club will appeal.

Over the winter I thought that it might be of interest to readers to tell you more about our players, starting with those that have been with the club for a long time. Joe Davis has been mentioned in previously in respect to his efforts for the Worcestershire Over 70 team but what follows is a more complete summary of his cricket life. Joe has lived in the area for much of his life and played a big part in Feckenham Cricket Club's history, first becoming involved in 1963 at the age of 18. At around the same time another young lad called Steve Daniels joined the club and also made a big impact with the bat – he

and Joe enjoyed many a partnership, with (reputedly) a bit of spice being added as each sought to get the other run out. More about Steve in a future article. Regarding Joe, his record is quite extraordinary and includes a number of "firsts". These are just some of his achievements for Feckenham Cricket Club as a batsman and a bowler:

- The first FCC player to reach 100 wickets
- Over 1,000 runs in one season of the Steak-out Sunday league, including 17 consecutive innings of 50 runs or more
- Scored 5 consecutive centuries for the first team (when?)
- Best bowling figures of 9 for 15 against Brierley Hill
- Was the highest scoring batsman and highest wicket-taker in several seasons
- The only FCC player to become a full-time professional player for Worcestershire
- Returned to league cricket in 2017 as part of the new Third Team and became the first player over 70 to hit half-centuries, with 63no against Bewdley and 53no against Bredon

Joe gained his Advanced Coach badge in 1994 and has continued his involvement in cricket, playing and coaching for senior county teams:

- Played for Herefordshire Over-50s for several seasons
- Managed and coached Herefordshire's Under-19 team to win the UK Championships and a Minor Counties competition
- For Worcestershire Over 60s, scored 60 against Cheshire and 50 against Warwickshire
- In 2017 still playing and still scoring runs for Worcestershire Over 70s, including 70no against Warwickshire, 64no against Gloucestershire, 63 against Somerset and 81 and 75 against previous champions Hampshire

Finally, just a few words about one aspect of running a cricket club. Every club affiliated to the ECB needs to adhere to a set of practices and policies that ensure that the club operates for the benefit of its members, is non-discriminatory and importantly that it safeguards young people who attend and play cricket. After a great deal of work, the club has just been told that it has passed all the tests and been awarded Clubmark status for another three years. Thanks to all those that undertook DBS checks and courses in first aid, Safe Hands and Safeguarding.

As you read this Christmas will be on the horizon so 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

MEETING -Wed.6th Dec. 2017 at 7.30pm

After a brief AGM, Celia Davis will give a talk about plants for encouraging bees into your garden. Celia has been an enthusiastic bee-keeper for many years and will share her experiences of growing suitable plants to which bees are attracted.

For this meeting, the theme for our members' monthly competition will be 'A Miniature Arrangement from my Garden'. Our speaker will act as judge, and every entry will win a point, and 1st, 2nd, and 3rd will be awarded additional points. The member with the most number of points in the year will then finally be ascertained and awarded a prize of next year's subscription to the Gardening Club during the evening.

Please note that the £10.00 annual subscription renewal becomes due on 1st January 2018, and that because we meet for the dinner event in January, renewals should best be made at this December meeting. Please make cheques payable to 'Stock and Bradley Gardening Club'.

ANNUAL DINNER - Wednesday 17th January 2018 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 £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.

Feckenham W.I.

Jane White



Our meeting this month is on Thursday 14th December at 7.30pm in the Village Hall Back Room. Shirley will be entertaining us with stories of her recent adventures and the committee will be providing an elegant "Afternoon Tea" with a hint of Christmas. After the November talk by chocolatier Sally, no doubt some chocolate will be involved! Visitors welcome.

"Craft and Natter" will start again in January.

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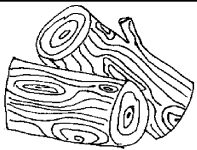
The Council is grateful to Cllr. Erica Guise for holding the fort pending the appointment of a new Clerk. Applications closed on 1st December and interviews will be held in due course. It is hoped to have the new Clerk in post in January, 2018. In the short term, the best way of contacting the council is by email. clerk.feckenhampc@feckenham.com

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