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DECEMBER Diary



Tues 6th	12.30am	Lunch Club	Village Hall, Back Room
Wed 7th		Stock & Bradley Gardening Club	Bradley Village Hall
Thur 8th	7.30pm	Feckenham WI	Back Room Village Hall
Sun 11th	7.30pm	Tim Kliphuis Trio	Village hall
Tues 13th	7.30pm	Feckenham Forest History Society	Feckenham Village Hall
Wed 14th		Last day for copy for January Feckenham News	
Sat 24th	4pm	Crib Service	Parish Church
Sat 24th	6.30pm	Carols on the Square	
Sun 25th	11am	Christmas Day Service	Parish Church
Mon 26th	2pm	Boxing Day Walk	The Square
Tues 27th	7.30pm	FeckenOdeon	Village Hall

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**Happy Christmas
to all our readers**



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Front Cover

The Super Moon photographed from Mill Lane by Ian Bellion on 14th November. This is the closest the moon has come to the earth since 1938 and this will not be repeated until 2034. We can only assume that Santa was taking the opportunity to gather some moon dust to power his sleigh ahead of his busiest night.



Church Services DECEMBER

PARISH CHURCH
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Open Tues., Wed. & Thurs. 10am-1pm & 2-5pm: Mon. & Fri. Closed

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

Readers and intercessors

Sunday 4th

Advent 2

11.00am Sung Eucharist

Isaiah 11: 1-10

Romans 15: 4-13

Intercessor

Jenny Goode

Jeff Matthews

Sue Barrett



Sunday 11th

Advent 3

8.00am Holy Communion

1 Corinthians 4:1-5

John Eaton

11.00am Christingle

Sunday 18th

Advent 4

Lessons and Carols

Christmas Eve 4.00pm Christmas Cosmic Crib Service

Light Sabres & dressing up a must

11.30pm Midnight Eucharist

2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8-11, 16

Acts 13: 16-26

Intercessor

Paul Richards

Patricia Collins

Mark Wheatley



Christmas Day 11.00am Family Communion

Hebrews 1: 1-4

Intercessor

Alison Crellin

Ann Matthews

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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

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

Communal Christmas Card



We hope you like the enclosed Village Card this year. It has been very successful in having the maximum contributors of 45, which meant the acknowledgments had to be squeezed. We would like to thank Ian Bellion who produced several covers and his splendid photograph of the stained glass in our village church was chosen. Your donations have raised £835. And a very generous villager has made this up to £1,000. Thank you all.

Jane White and Ann Matthews

From the P.C.C.

Church Clock



By the time you read this the Church clock will have been taken to the workshop of the Cumbria Clock Company near Penrith where it will receive a comprehensive overhaul.

The large painting depicting the **Royal Arms of King George 1st** which hangs in the Chancel has also been taken away for cleaning and conservation.

Ian Hunter PCC Secretary.

From The Editor

January Magazine

I shall be putting the magazine together in December, I'm sorry but there will be NO leaway with the 14th December deadline. The copy has to get to the printer by 16th for it to be delivered back to Feckenham before the delivery system shuts for Christmas.

Jane White

POSTIE'S PARTING PARTY

When Neville Collis came down to Feckenham on 22nd October for a bit of a drink to celebrate his retirement he expected a quiet evening with a couple of locals. He was in for a **BIG** surprise! His expression as he walked into the packed Rose & Crown was something to treasure - astonishment, incredulity and delight all combined. The pub was crammed, every room filled and there were people spilling out onto the pavement. Everybody wanted to say their own personal thank you to the man who made the mail arrive on time - every time. Everybody had a tale to tell, everybody had an experience of the postie who pounded our streets and lanes every day for 30 years - and who had thankfully survived a near fatal illness which had led to this early retirement.

There were speeches, tributes and presents - a painting by and from Ian Ridley, fishooks from the Mill Wheel... and a cake in the shape of Neville's van (compete with dent). There were some flowers for Mrs Collis and then Parish Council Chairman Alan Smith presented Neville with the proceeds of a public collection - over £1,000 - an expression of the village's gratitude for years of caring and careful service.



Neville revealed that he'd taken on Feckenham when no-one else wanted the round. A decision he's never regretted - and he ended his speech wishing that he could do another 30 years.

Thanks are due to everyone who contributed or helped with the organisation of the event - particularly hosts Mel and Matt who provided the venue and the food free of charge.

You can hear a full report of this event at www.swansbrook.com - follow the link to the "On Demand" page.

Review

Antonia Pulsford

Suite for the Fallen Soldier

Months of hard work by Jeff Matthews and his team, who have taken on the project of commemorating the lives of the 24 Feckenham villagers who lost their lives in WWI (and those who returned), three choirs under the able direction of Clare Furey and numerous other people involved in the production, culminated in the performance of the Suite for the Fallen Soldier on the 11th and 12th of November in Feckenham Parish Church. It was a sell-out on both nights.

The incredibly moving script was written by our resident poet, Kathy Gee, and the music, which complemented the script, was composed specially by Phil Mountford, a friend of Clare Furey's who lives over at Ludlow. The music was interspersed with readings supposedly by

the soldier, his mother and his sweetheart, his commanding officer and someone from the present day, all most beautifully done as were the solo songs. The Choirs were the Chamber Choir, the Church Choir and All Round Voices. Feckenham First School and the All Round Theatre School also took part. If you weren't able to go to one of the performances I strongly recommend buying one of the programmes and also you can listen to the entire concert on Swansbrook Radio at www.swansbrook.com.

The icing on the cake was the Midland News after the main 10 o' clock News on Friday evening which included an item on the performance, which considering it had finished little more than an hour before the 10 o' clock News was pretty good going by the BBC.

Many congratulations and thanks to everyone who took part, and the audiences, who also were totally involved. In the occasional silences you could have heard a pin drop.

Photo by Arthur Hind, more on page 14.



World War I Centenary Commemoration



The life of **Egbert Dolphin**, who was killed in action on 18th November 1916, will be commemorated on Sunday 11th December 2016 at the Family Service to be held in the Parish Church of St John the Baptist, Feckenham.

Egbert Wakeman Gaspard Dolphin was born in Feckenham on 30th June 1877, one of nine children of David and Mary Ann Dolphin, neé Lloyd. His siblings were Louisa (Ellen?), Thomas, Stephen, Benjamin, Edgar, Eva, Emma and John. He was Christened in Feckenham on 28th June 1885, and attended Feckenham School.

In 1905, Egbert's brother John sailed to Canada with his wife Alice. A little over a year later, Egbert also sailed to Canada, but his brother John died within days of Egbert arriving. It is assumed that he had sailed to Canada to visit his sick brother. Egbert stayed on in Canada, living with John's widow Alice, and their three children, Avis, John, and Reenie; and he enlisted in the Canadian Overseas Expeditionary Force on 28th February 1916.

In August 1916 his Battalion was sent to France, straight in to the Battle of the Somme, and by November they were fighting between Albert and Bouzincourt. The weather there was mostly cold and wet, with some days of snow. On 17th November, they were involved in the heavy fighting known as the Battle of the Ancre Heights, where they achieved their objectives, one of which was the capture of Regina Trench - where Egbert is thought to have been killed. Egbert died, aged 39, on 18th November 1916. He was initially buried in a battlefield grave, but after the Armistice was reburied in Regina Trench Cemetery.

Two examples of how the war affected other members of Egbert's family are:-

His niece Avis Dolphin (daughter of his brother John) sailed from Canada on the Lusitania, which was torpedoed by a U-Boat off

the coast of Ireland, and quickly sank, claiming the lives of nearly two thirds of those on board. Fortunately, Avis survived, and lived until 1996. Egbert's cousin David Dolphin, son of his brother Charles from nearby Holberrow Green, was also killed in the war, dying on 19th May 1917, aged 30.

Egbert's name is not recorded on the Feckenham War Memorial as there seems to have been some confusion with the name of his brother, who lived until 1957, when he died aged 81.

Square Management Committee

THANKS!

Many thanks to those of you who responded with offers and donations to our plea for a Christmas tree for The Square. At the moment we have a number of options - so we're certain that one way or another that, by the time you read this, there'll be a fine tree ready to twinkle its way through the Festivities. Thanks!

CAROLS, PIES AND PUNCH!

As has become traditional in Feckenham, Christmas proper begins on **Christmas Eve on The Square at 6.30pm**. There'll be FREE



punch, mince pies and soft drinks for the youngsters - and the chance to start Christmas off on the right note as we rend the welkin with harmonious(ish) din.

Carols on The Square is for everyone so bring your relatives, visitors or friends and help us to sing the traditional carols with great gusto. Carol sheets will be provided (bring a torch or lantern to aid reading in the dark) and there'll be warming fires to stave off the chills.... and there'll be snow whether it's forecast or not....

The event is provided by The Square Management Committee as a small thank you to the village for their support over the year - there'll be a collection for the County Air Ambulance.

Join us to welcome Christmas in high spirits!

Thought for the month

Rev. Gary Crellin

'It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas – everywhere you go!' Yes, once again we find ourselves immersed in the Holiday Season, that very special time of year when we join with our loved ones in sharing centuries-old traditions such as trying to find a parking space at Redditch's Kingfisher Shopping Centre (whilst being charged for the privilege), Plotting with military precision who is going where for Christmas - and for the least possible time. Who's caring for Uncle Percy this year - it's not my turn.... Which vicar is going to do the most Christingles this year.... Perhaps you are getting your Christmas day menu sorted, sourcing ingredients to make for a traditional Christmas.

Many of the ingredients in the traditional Christmas have an origin linking them to Jesus, after all Christ's Day is what we are celebrating. We give gifts because Jesus was given gifts by the wise men. We eat roast turkey and other Christmas food because Christmas is the greatest 'feast' of the Church. Christmas lights remind us that Christ is the light of the world. We have a crib to recall the story of the nativity, the same reason why there are nativity and the crib services. To build on the light theme a bit more, the Christmas Crib in Feckenham this year is *Star Wars* themed to coincide with *Rogue One* being released - which in itself has theological twist. Carols are sung to praise God for the birth of Jesus. The Christmas song, '*The Twelve Days of Christmas*' is packed with symbolic meaning. Look it up on the internet! The use of evergreens reminds us of the everlasting love of God and the Christmas tree itself recalls the wood of the cross and points us towards heaven. Even Father Christmas is based on the great Christian Saint Nicholas, whose generosity and kindness led to him becoming the patron saint of children. These are just some of the Christmas customs rooted in Christianity. With all the emphasis on "getting", I really hope you

have "given" this Christmas - may be to the foodbank or my Romanian shoe box appeal – so others can experience a great Christmas too. For some, though, Christmas is the loneliest and toughest time of the year.

Christmas is still full of mystery and wonder for me. I love to count the chocolate tree decorations and re-count them regularly to see if anyone has noticed them missing. Why does Feckenham have a Christmas carol service on the Square two hours after the church has it's crib carol service on Christmas Eve? Why are the sprouts always left on the plate?

One ingredient I REALLY love to see at Christmas is Brussel sprouts. Lovely green, round, soft sprouts in a big pile on my plate with turkey, stuffing, and cranberry sauce. Sprouts are a funny vegetable, because you either love them or hate them. However as we gather with family and friends to celebrate Christmas, I hope we remember that Jesus came into the world, not to be an afterthought, like a Brussel sprout that gets a look in only after we've enjoyed the turkey and potatoes on our Christmas dinner. Jesus came to give us hope in a hopeless and hurting world. The Bible says, "Taste and see that the Lord is good."

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Happy Christmas to you and yours - Rev Gary Crellin

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Harvest Supper - Haiti Appeal

The Haiti Appeal was launched by the British Red Cross in early October following the massive destruction caused when Hurricane Matthew battered Haiti with heavy rain and 145 mph winds. A desperate situation was made even worse for the people of Haiti by the threat of an emerging cholera epidemic.

The Parish Harvest Supper this year was held in the village hall on Saturday 8th October and it was decided that money raised by the raffle held during the Harvest Supper would be donated to this worthy cause. The raffle raised over £80 for the British Red Cross Haiti Appeal and this sum was increased to £200 following a recommendation of the Giving Committee of Feckenham Church PCC. The PCC would like to thank everyone who provided prizes, bought raffle tickets, or made donations in support of the Haiti Appeal.

Mark Wheatley. (Lay Chair of Feckenham PCC)

BOXING DAY RAMBLING

For 42 years Feckenham villagers have taken to the hills to shake off the Yuletide sloth. Everybody is welcome to join us on our traditional village walk on Boxing Day afternoon. We walk about four to five miles starting at 2pm prompt, from The Square, to be back before it gets dark, and there'll be a tea & biscuit stop part way round.

It's a sociable occasion with a bit of healthy exercise thrown in for good measure. Bring your Christmas guests, bring your relatives or just come on your own. Make sure you're waterproof and have sturdy footwear.

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Saturday 24th December

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Feckenham Readers Group



Wednesday, 7th December - 7.45

This Month: THE SIEGE OF KRISHNAPUR
by J.G. FARRELL

Details from Marion Chute - 892285

Join us on our 42nd Annual BOXING DAY WALK

Monday, 26th December

Meet on The Square at 1.45pm

Walk starts at 2pm prompt

Stout, waterproof footwear essential

Dogs on leads please - Tea stop half way round



Feckenham Forest History Society MUSIC, SONGS & HISTORY OF WW1

followed by Christmas nibbles
Tuesday, 13th December - 7.30pm
Feckenham Village Hall

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THURSDAY, 8th December - 7.30pm
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New Year's Eve: Special Menu 6 - 9pm - Open for drinks to welcome in the New Year

The Forest at Feckenham

Christmas Eve and 27th to 30th December - Open as usual.

Christmas Day - Bar open 12pm-3pm. (Food - bookings only)

Boxing Day - Open from 12pm-5pm. Food 12pm-4pm.

New Year's Eve - Bar open from 12pm-1am, closing at 1.30am.

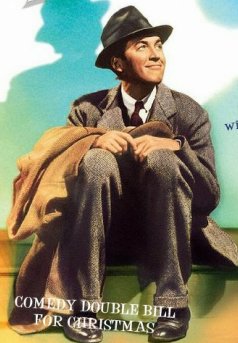
New Year's Day - open 12 - 5pm - Food from 12 to 4pm

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The FeckenOdeon Cinema Society



RABBITS AND RABBITING

The FeckenOdeon is one of the very few cinemas in the UK capable and willing to present films in the way they would have been seen in the heyday of the super cinema - so why not abandon the cold turkey and the repeats on the telly and come and wallow in luxury and nostalgia - even if you're too young to remember! On **Tuesday, 27th December at 7.30pm** we present our **Christmas Classic Comedy Double Bill**

SAILOR BEWARE (U)

Peggy Mount dominates this short but fast moving British comedy with a tour de force of a performance as the harridan who disapproves of everybody and everything. Shirley Eaton plays the daughter who has her wedding plans wrecked and the entire British character acting establishment of the 1950s plays along with gusto.

Followed by...



HARVEY (PG)

Due to his insistence that he has an invisible six foot-tall rabbit called Harvey for a best friend, Elwood Dowd, a whimsical middle-aged man is thought by his family to be insane - but he may be wiser than anyone knows. James Mason plays Elwood so sympathetically that you may find yourself wishing for your own rabbit friend!

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Village Hall

Ian Bellion



GRAPELLI LIVES!

You may never have heard of Tim Kliphuis - he's a Dutch violinist - but he's internationally famous as the true successor to the great Stephan Grapelli - and you don't have to take our word for it because Mr Grapelli agreed!

Tim's coming to Feckenham on **11th December** with his trio to give a concert of music either by Grapelli or inspired by him - and it promises to be truly spectacular.

Classically trained at the Amsterdam Conservatoire and taught to improvise by fiery gypsy jazz guitar legends, Tim Kliphuis combines dazzling technical perfection and complete musical freedom like no-one else in the world. He has recording contracts with Sony music, broadcasts regularly and is in demand as a soloist with the world's leading symphony orchestras... but it's the music of Grapelli that made his name. His Tim Kliphuis Trio is ten years old and this concert forms part of a celebratory tour which takes in the capitals of Europe. A rare chance to catch a rare talent!

The Tim Kliphuis Trio Play Grapelli Sunday, 11th December at 7.30pm

"The music of Grapelli is alive and well in the hands of Tim Kliphuis and his musicians" - Nigel Kennedy

**Tickets for this show are on sale at
The Village Shop and The Rose & Crown,
by phone on 0333 666 3366 (local call rates) and
online at www.ticketsource.co.uk/feckenham**

ON THE TILES

The Village Hall Committee is indebted to Steve and Jenny Dalloway who have spent many hours at weekends and evenings tiling the Hall's refurbished kitchen. The result is stunning and stylish. Steve and Jenny volunteered to do the job, measured up, sourced the tiles to the Hall's specification and set to work - and it wasn't a small task! Many thanks!



MERRIE REQUESTS

Swansbrook Radio will be on air all over the Festive Season and, because we broadcast over the internet, we can be heard anywhere in the world - so what better way to send a very personal Yuletide greeting?! We'll broadcast your musical requests together with messages to your loved ones no matter where they are - just e-mail radio@swansbrook.com with the details and we'll do the rest. If you want to make it even more personal you can record your own message (attach the file to your e-mail) or, if you're in the village, we can make the recording for you. Greetings will be broadcast in a special "Happy Hour" show - and we must have your details before 17th December.

HEAR THE FALLEN SOLDIER

You can hear "The Suite for The Fallen Soldier" exclusively on Swansbrook - the entire concert is currently available to listen to ON DEMAND - just visit www.swansbrook.com and follow the link.

NEW SWANS

Joining the Swansbrook team is veteran BBC presenter Colin James. Colin was a DJ back in the days of Radio Caroline and will present a series of music and recollections from the Golden Eras. Also climbing on board is special reporter Gary Crellin who'll be out and about with his microphone both at home and abroad.

LISTEN TO THE SWANS

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Village Shop

Jeff Matthews

Stuck for something to buy for somewhat distant relative or a teacher or other, problem gift person. How about a trip to the newly formatted shop (and get a cup of coffee and a mince pie while you are at it.)

We have a fabulous range of unusual Christmas gift ideas from the Chocolate Genie.

Consider also mince pies, tinned Christmas biscuits, and a variety of olives and dips.

The list of delicacies goes on... Cider and Ale gift packs, preserved figs and cherries in kirsch. You can put them all together in a personalised hamper. Come to the shop for further details, but we can make them to suit any budget.

Don't forget the Advent Calendars, cards, gift tags and wrapping.

Seasonal shop opening times as follows:

December 24th 9am-4pm

25th & 26th closed

27th to 30th 10am-1pm

31st 9am-1pm

January 1st 10am-1pm

2nd 9am-4pm



What's On this month in STOCK & BRADLEY

6th **BREAKAWAY**
CHRISTMAS LUNCH
Bradley Green Village Hall

7th **GARDENING CLUB**
Bradley Green Village Hall
7.30 pm

For more information see
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Feckenham Cricket Club

Bob Gordon



It was a cold grey day in late November. The weather had changed overnight, when a backing wind brought a granite sky and a mizzling rain with it, and although it was now only a little after two o'clock in the afternoon the pallor of a winter evening seemed to have closed upon the hills, cloaking them in mist. It would be dark by four.

Thanks Daphne du Maurier, that sums up the last couple of weeks.

The season now seems like an age ago, but next season will be with us before we know it and there is no letting up in our preparations for next season. Steve and Neil have been at work on the pitch to lift any traces of moss, aeration of the square is happening soon and Mat and Jane are fettling the clubhouse as Christmas beckons.

The 2017 season will be momentous for Feckenham Cricket Club, with both the first and second teams having gained promotion to their top divisions for the first time in decades. We are fortunate to have two very strong teams with exciting players in both the batting and bowling areas. However, a condition of playing in Division I is that we field a third team so....

WE NEED MORE PLAYERS

So whether or not you have played cricket before but would like to – PLEASE contact us. We are a friendly bunch and new players of any level of skill or experience will be welcomed – just call one of the numbers at the foot of this piece, even if you have never played before.

Recently the focus has been the annual Firework Display which this year was held on Friday 4th November. We were blessed with a dry but cold night and several hundred people made it down Mill Lane to the ground, being greeted by the largest bonfire yet and a tremendous firework display (spontaneous applause at one point suggested that the crowd

enjoyed it). The BBQ was worked hard – probably too hard judging by the length of the queues - and the indoor and outdoor bars were busy throughout the evening.

We look to improve this event, so if you have any ideas on how it could be improved do please contact the club using either one of the contacts below or our new Facebook site:

<https://www.facebook.com/feckenhamcc/>

Next on the agenda is the club's annual presentation night on Friday 25th Nov (7pm start) at Redditch Golf Club at which players receive awards in recognition of their efforts. Tickets are £20 per person and a 3 course meal is included . Anyone wishing to join us should contact Matt on 07766 39633

Finally, contacts for anyone interested in playing or just to find out more about the club:

Neil Evans (Chair): 07985 214850

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or call the Clubhouse Thu-Fri evenings of Sat-Sun from noon on (01527) 892797 and ask for Matt.



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Stock & Bradley Gardening Club

Rob Cole

This Month's MEETING - Wednesday 7th December at 7.30pm

Following a brief AGM, Adrian James will give a talk about plants for the various seasons, and describes some of the plants particularly suitable for Christmas time. Adrian and his wife

Sheila garden locally in Offenham and open their garden under the National Gardens Scheme.

The theme for our monthly competition will be 'Coloured Stems'. 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 be awarded a prize of a year's subscription to the Gardening Club, at this December meeting.

Please note that the £10.00 annual subscription renewal becomes due on 1st January 2017, 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 18th January 2017 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 Dinny Pynsent on 01527 821355 to reserve your places. The cost of the dinner is £20.00 per person.

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

Feckenham W.I.

Jane White



This month our meeting is on Thursday 8th December at 7.30pm

in the Village Hall Back Room. We shall be welcoming John Morris, who with Christmas in mind will be showing us how to make Mince Pies with a twist, which includes a piped topping - There will be samples....!

The Committee will be providing festive refreshments as well. And there will be a special raffle to raise funds for preservation work on Denman College. Visitors very welcome (£4 including refreshments)



The Children's Society

Jo Warrilow



House-Boxes were collected on Saturday 15th October. The total collected for the year October 2015/16 is £864.50. This again is an amazing figure and I must thank all those concerned. Thank you also for the donations. £53.00 was received on the day.

This is my last year for opening boxes.

Ann Matthews, 8 The Square, Feckenham Tel 01527 892180 is taking over as Local Secretary.

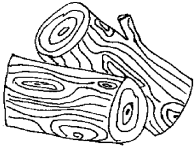
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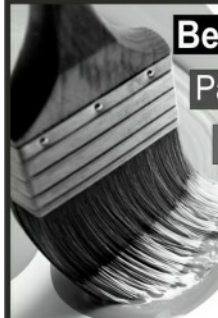
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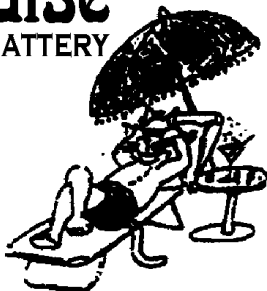
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