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# DECEMBER Diary



Tues 3rd	12.30am	Lunch Club Pre-booking essential 893929	Village Hall, Back Room
Wed 4th	10.30am - noon	"Drop in" for coffee and a chat	Parish Church
Wed 4th	7.30pm	Gardening Club	Bradley Village Hall
Sat 7th	6pm	Over 60's Party	Village Hall
Sun 8th	11am	Christingle	Parish Church
Tues 10th	7.30pm	Feckenham Forest History Society	Feckenham Village Hall
Wed 11th	6pm	Feckenham School Carol Service	Parish Church
Thur 12th	7.30pm	Feckenham W.I.	Village Hall Back Room
Wed 18th	10.30am - noon	"Drop in" for coffee and a chat Christmas Special	Parish Church
Tues 24th	4pm	Crib Service	Parish Church
Tues 24th	6.30pm	Carols Round the Tree	The Square
Tues 24th	11.30pm	Midnight Eucharist	Parish Church
Wed 25th	11am	CHRISTMAS DAY Family Eucharist	Parish Church
Thurs 26th	2pm	Boxing Day Walk	The Square
Sat 28th	7.30pm	Festive FeckenOdeon	Village Hall

**N.B.** Due to the festive holidays, the 14th December copy date will have to be rigidly adhered to for January edition. J.W.

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Christmas lights on the Square 2012, Pete & Barbara Masters and Alan Smith. Photo by Ian Bellion.

## Production Team

*We wish you all a very  
Happy Christmas*



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# Church Services DECEMBER

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of ST. JOHN  
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**Priest-in-Charge:** Rev Wyn Beynon

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

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

## Readers and Intercessors



### Sunday 1st 11-00am Sung Eucharist

Advent Sunday

Isaiah 2 :' vs. 1-5  
Romans 13 : vs. 11-end  
Intercessions

Jane White  
Stephen Cox  
Lin Preece

### Sunday 8th 8-00am Holy Communion

Advent 2

Romans 15 : vs. 4-13

John Eaton

### 11-am Family Service - CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

### Sunday 15th 6-30pm NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS

Advent 3

### Sunday 22nd 11-00am Family Communion

Advent 4

Romans 1: vs. 1-7  
Intercessions

Phil Tricklebank  
Ian Hunter

### Tuesday 24th 4-00pm CRIB SERVICE

Christmas Eve

### 11-30pm MIDNIGHT EUCHARIST

Acts 13: vs. 16-26  
Intercessions

Paul Richards  
Mark Wheatley

### Wed 25th 11-00am CHRISTMAS FAMILY EUCHARIST

### Sun 29th 10-30am GROUP SERVICE WYCHBOLD

Christmas I

### X Box Sunday School

Will be held in Church on Sunday 1st December. All children will be warmly welcomed.

# Feckenham Roman Catholic Church

St John Fisher & St. Thomas More

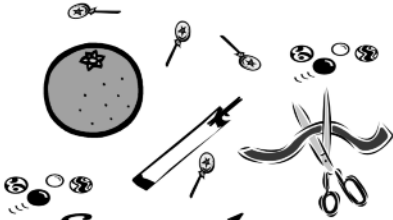


Mass is celebrated every Sunday at 10.15am in the Church

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

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

# Feckenham Church Christingle Service



*Sunday*  
*8th*  
*December*  
*11am*



available after

## Local Policing

Richard Waterhouse

Dear all,

Please be aware that between 10:15 and 11:00 hrs on Saturday 09/11/13 there was an attempt burglary at a property in the High Street. An attempt was made to force open a rear UPVC kitchen door. Please could you pass around village please for info of residents.

There is security advice on West Mercia Police Web site and a good site for approved security products is

[www.securedesign.co.uk](http://www.securedesign.co.uk).

With the darkness now descending earlier please consider using timer switches on lamps so lights come on in the afternoon. Properties in darkness are obvious to passing criminals that no one is home.

As usual, any suspicious characters in Village please call us on 101.

Thanks

Richard

*PC 1824 Richard Waterhouse*

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

### Saturday 7th December 2013

The Over 60's Christmas Party is to be held on Saturday 7th December 2013 in the Village Hall, opening at 6.00pm.

The event is run by the Committee of the Feckenham Flower Show & Over 60's Party Fund and provides a Christmas meal and entertainment, free of charge, to Feckenham residents who are over 60 years of age (and to their partner or a friend) and who live within 1 mile of The Square.

If you are eligible but have not received your invitation (sent out in the first week of November), please contact our Treasurer, Angela Fletcher, on 01527 893231 so that your name can be added to our list of invitees.

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

- 4th** **BREAKAWAY**  
Christmas Lunch at Flyford Arms
- 4th** **Gardening Club**  
Easier Gardening  
Bradley Village Hall - 7.30pm
- 6th** **AUCTION OF PROMISES**  
7.30pm Bradley Village Hall  
In aid of the church
- 12th** **Drop In**  
Christmas Lunch
- 15th** **Carol Service**  
With Arrow Valley Brass Band  
Church - 3pm

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

# Village Shop

Jeff Matthews

## Christmas @ The Village Shop

The shop is becoming known for something a bit different, that you won't necessarily find elsewhere, particularly in the supermarkets. So, if you are looking for something this Christmas to set your Christmas repast apart or to solve the annual "difficult to buy for Maiden Aunt" challenge, then the Village Shop might just hold some satisfaction.

Firstly, the question of alcohol. If you like your drinks messed with, then the seasonal addition of spices to wine, cider and beer are all available. We also have the spices to mull your own, if you would prefer. Actually, a cup of warm mulled wine and a mince pie is one of our favourites and there are some great ones to choose from.

We have an extraordinary range of jams, chutneys and other things in jars that we can put together in a hamper, or a smaller presentation set, to make a very nice gift. Come down and select your items and we will be pleased to put them together for you.

The range of novelty chocolates continues to expand. Large chocolate spanners, bicycles and a musical motif are amongst this year's creations. Again, we suspect there's something there that won't break the bank but shows you have thought about someone. It might be better appreciated than the £5 Boots voucher.

The acclaimed Ragley Meat are supplying us with Turkeys again this year. Order your turkey early to be sure. However, we understand we can accept orders as late as 17<sup>th</sup> Dec.

## Favourite Recipes from the Village Shop

Why not try one of our favourite Feckenham Village Shop recipes – you won't be disappointed!

We all know there's some great food cooked in and around Feckenham, so we've asked you for your favourite recipes.

Over the coming months we will be publishing seasonal recipes and we are 'kicking off' with 'The Best Ever Sticky Toffee Puddings'. This is already a real favourite and is something special - perfect for the winter months. We've got the ingredients at the shop and you can pick up your copy of the recipe there, too.

Go on, try it! You won't be disappointed. When you've tried it, give us your feedback by emailing: [info@feckenhamshop.co.uk](mailto:info@feckenhamshop.co.uk) and don't forget to keep the recipes coming in. You can drop them in to the shop or email them to the same place if you prefer.

## Treat Yourself to a Mince Pie and a Great Cup of Coffee and a Relax

If it all starts getting a bit much, why not come down to the Coffee Shop and treat yourself to a great cup of coffee and a mince pie. Throughout December you will be able to get that at the special deal price of £2.20, which is remarkably good value, and meet a friendly face or two for a chat.

Enjoy!

## Can you help please?"

We're looking for a handyman or woman who can tackle all those repair type jobs which crop up at the shop from time to time. Ideally, we'd like someone with practical skills who lives close to the shop, who is readily available and who would be willing to offer their services on a voluntary basis like the rest of us. If you're interested, please call Jenny (892678), Walter (893929) or John (894272) for a chat even if you don't fit all these criteria.

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# Thought for the month

Wyn Beynon

Dear Friends,

December and January are the first two months of the year! December struggles up to Christmas with days shortening and winter starting to grin behind the clouds. It may snow a little or be unseasonably mild.

Whatever, we shall anticipate Christmas with carols by candlelight and all the jolly nonsense of presents and parties and meeting up with family and friends. And, why not! I love it all, and the untidier the better. Though there are sad memories too.

January for some is a dark month, but to me it's a month of just-a-bit-more-light-each-day. In Welsh we say the days pull out "a cockerel's step each day" - the cockerel crows just that little bit earlier each morning. January has a fresh smell, because for me it is full of Christmas, which lasts all the way to Candlemas •2nd February. It's so sad to see the world put the tinsel away by New Year's Eve when it should stay up 'til 6th January at least. Talk about missing the point! Talking of missing the point.....

Yesterday I had to take a ¼ •inch off the bottom of living room door as it was rucking up the carpet. With my power saw I'd done the job in no time. Except I'd taken the ¼ •off the TOP of the door. Well, once I'd stopped laughing I took a ¼ off the other end. It works perfectly, and there's enough jamb (or whatever it's called) at the top to cover my boob. A carpenter, who was training for ministry with me, gave me some good advice - measure twice, cut once. Sometimes I follow good advice. But not very often!

2014 will be like every other year, full of missed points, ignored advice, and, best of all, lots of things to laugh about. At least I pray so! The increasing light of January should be

above all the light of humility. It's the light of the humble God laid on straw:

*Cleanse us from ire of creed or class,  
the anger of the idle kings;  
sow in our souls, like living grass,  
the laughter of all lowly things.*

G K Chesterton

A Happy and Joyful Christmas and a laughter filled New Year to us all!

Wyn.

*Lewis Allen*  
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# Operation Christmas Child

*Lin Preece*

## 2013

Thank you, so much for once again supporting 'OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD', and thank you to the children from Feckenham First School, for their valued contributions.

I am just delighted to let you know that to date we have collected 80 boxes. The boxes are being collected on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November.

Thank you, also for all the lovely knitted items (lots to send this year you have been so busy ) they are always really appreciated.

I will be giving our area co-ordinator Bob James £204.00p proceeds from Wake day & sale of soft toys in Church plus £45.81p in donations. This money will go a little way towards transportation costs.

The gift boxes that you have so lovingly filled mean so much to these children that have so little in life, they also give them hope for the future.

We are just a small village, but one with a very big heart, so on behalf of the worlds most disadvantaged children, I would like to wish you all a VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS.

## LATE NEWS LATE NEWS LATE NEWS

The boxes were collected on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November final total 109, this year our boxes are going to Serbia.

Knitters will be delighted to know that on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> our knitwear was on it's way to the Philippines.

## Thanks

Special thanks to Rosie and David Street for 'Over the years', caring for our dogs at their kennels, when we go on holiday. We all wish you a very healthy and happy retirement.

Much appreciated from all your canine friends.



# The Children's Society

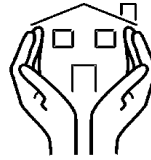
## Jo Warrilow



I am very pleased to be able to report another very successful year from October 2012-13. Our annual "Coffee Morning", held on Saturday 19th October raised £662.90 - a substantial increase on last year. This is a truly amazing result which was achieved without our usual sunny morning but by the tremendous energy and enthusiasm generated by our ever faithful helpers. A big "Thank You" to them and to everyone who supported the event. We were pleased to welcome again Susan Price, our Diocesan Co-ordinator, who loves to visit Feckenham. Her parting words were - "keep going"!

All House-Boxes have now been counted and hopefully are back in action. This year the total was £808.27, another amazing figure. "Thank You" to all concerned.

During the "Coffee Morning" I was asked by two people - "How many Coffee Mornings have I had?" Followed by "How much has been raised over the years?" Unable to answer either at the time it will make interesting reading in the New Year - watch this space! Meanwhile House-Boxes are always available - 892059.



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# What's On in Feckenham Christmas 2013



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THURSDAY, 12th December - 7.30pm

### CHRISTMAS QUIZ

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## Feckenham Readers Group



Thursday, 12th December - 7.45

This Month: THE LEGEND OF THE SUICIDE  
by David Vann

Details from Marion Chate - 892285

## Feckenham Forest

### History Society

## A MERRIE NOYSE

Victorian music & song

Tuesday, 10th December - 7.30pm

Feckenham Village Hall

# What's On in Feckenham Christmas 2013

## CAROLS round the CHRISTMAS TREE



On Christmas Eve - Tuesday 24th December

6.30pm on The Square

Hot Punch - Mince Pies - Everything FREE

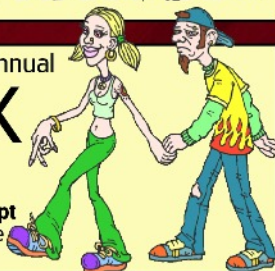
Collection in aid of County Air Ambulance

Fight the Christmas FLAB! - Join us for our 39th Annual

## BOXING DAY WALK

Thursday, 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



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## Christmas Pub Opening Times

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New Year's Eve Party 'til late

### The Forest at Feckenham

Christmas Eve - normal hours - Christmas Day 12 to 2pm

Boxing Day 12 - 6pm (Food until 4pm) - Normal hours on other days

New Year's Eve - Bar open 12pm-1am



# The FeckenOdeon Cinema Society

## FESTIVE ESCAPE



The FeckenOdeon's annual Christmas Special will arrive at **7.30pm on Saturday, December 28th**. Come and lose yourselves in two carefree classics. They've both been given a digital spruce up and will look great on our big screen - even if you've seen them before, you'll be amazed how different they seem!



## THUNDERBOLT AHEAD

The show opens with an example of Community action we might be able to follow in Feckenham. If we can open a community shop surely we can solve our travel problems. The villagers of Titfield have a head start - at least they've already got a railway. **"The Titfield Thunderbolt"** is the story of the villagers' fight to keep their train. It's British comedy at its best - though there's a grain of truth in there. Stanley Holloway and John Gregson lead the charge of a galaxy of British characters in this Technicolor delight.



## GLAMOUR, DANGER... AND TRUE LOVE

**"To Catch a Thief"**, our main feature, is set amid the glamour of the French Riviera. Appropriate considering that one of the stars is Grace Kelly - who ended up living there as

Princess Grace. Cary Grant joins her in this stylish caper about jewel robberies and daring escapes. Colourful and captivating with just that edge of tension - it was, after all, directed by Alfred Hitchcock... on one of his calmer days!

*Tickets for this show are on sale at The Village Shop and The Rose & Crown. Book by phone on 0844 8700 887 or on-line at [www.fecknodeon.co.uk](http://www.fecknodeon.co.uk)*

# Square Management Committee

## CHRISTMAS EVE WARMER

The Square Management Committee invites YOU to Feckenham's official "welcome to Christmas" gathering. On Christmas Eve at 6.30pm we'll welcome you with FREE mulled wine and FREE mince pies (and free soft drinks if you prefer). There'll be the ceremonial switching on of the Feckenham



Lights and then loud and lusty singing of favourite carols and festive ditties. There'll be log fires to keep you warm and carol sheets to keep you on track (we've even sorted out the page numbering which will disappoint those of you who took such delight in singing The First Noel to the tune of Silent Night!).

# Village Hall

Ian Bellion



## IMPROVEMENTS FUNDED

Many of you have generously contributed to the Village Hall's Improvement Fund Lottery - many thanks to all of you. You may wonder what "Improvements" this funds makes. Maintaining a busy village hall is a bit like the proverbial painting of the Forth Bridge - repair one thing and another immediately needs attention. The Improvement Fund is designed to go a bit beyond this and to pay for things that will enhance the hall rather than just keep it in working order. The most recent example is the Main Hall's disabled toilet. Local craftsman Dave Bradley has just spent a week upgrading the facility. Pipes have been rerouted and boxed in, walls tiled and repainted. The alarm and ventilation systems have been replaced and upgraded. This is the sort of thing your money pays for. The first draw is on December 3rd - Good Luck.

## FUN AND FUNDRAISING

Feckenham Village Hall's hire fees are designed to be affordable for village organisations and individuals. To help keep fees low we organise shows and events. Many, but not all, of these are booked through the county's Shindig scheme. All of them are professional and of high quality - so you really can have fun while contributing to your local facilities.

*Still to come in the Shindig season:*

### 9th February - The Hungry Heart

Seductive storyteller Cat Wetherill tells sexy stories from Italy.

### 6th April - Shooting the Moon

StrangeFace Theatre Company with the story of Georges Melies - fantasy and magic aplenty.

Tickets (£10) for all shows are on sale at The Village Shop and The Rose & Crown - you can book online at [www.ticketsource.co.uk/feckenham](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/feckenham) or by phone on 0844 8700 887

**COMING SOON:** Returning to Feckenham is the rootsy, rocky, folky band **WHALEBONE**. This time they're joined by American singer/songwriter **Kelley Mcrae**. Details soon.

## Village Bonfire

Feckenham Cricket Club and Wake would like to send hearty thanks to everyone who hauled wood around on the day of the Bonfire, stewards and all the people who donated wood for the fire. Without you there would be no event, which is one of the regulars of the Village year, being free entry for all. We raised £494 in the collection raised by folks shaking buckets and this will go to pay for next year's fireworks. As usual we had a lovely display from Chrome Fireworks and the only blot on the whole event was the sadness of finding this collection of rubbish which was fly tipped at the Cricket Club and cost them time and effort to sort out.



Remember, remember that next year we only want to see burnable materials and that this is a Village event for Feckenham families and all hands are welcome to make it the best ever bonfire in 2014.

# Feckenham C. of E. First School

Sharon Simpson

## News from School.

**W**e have had a busy time in school since we started back in September! The children had great fun taking part in the Scarecrow Festival again (Oct 12/13th). We hope that you liked some of the scarecrows that were on display in the square!

Our Harvest Festival celebration was held in the church on October 18th and the donations given were gratefully received by the school's chosen charity, Nightstop of Redditch who help young homeless people in the borough.

Thanks to our lovely newly fitted school kitchen complete with work stations, the children from all years are now able to actively participate in cooking lessons. Some of the children used vegetable produce that they had grown on our Forest School site to make soup.

The Friends of Feckenham School held a very successful 'Auction of Promises' in the village hall in October and raised a staggering sum of over £9000.00. The monies raised will be used to support the children's learning and development through the purchase of additional educational equipment. Thank you to everyone who supported the event.

In November, the school held it's annual OpenDay/Evening event and pupils from Year 4 very kindly acted as 'tour guides' to prospective parents and pupils who later remarked on what a credit they all were to our school!

Children in years 1 and 2 recently visited Cadbury World to help their understanding in their topic about chocolate inventors. Whilst Years 3 and 4 completed a sailing experience at Upton Warren Sailing Club to

enhance their learning experience that also involved them being shipwrecked!

All classes will be participating on a 'Christmas Trip' with years 1 and 2 taking a ride on the Severn Valley Railway whilst years 2.3 and 4 are visiting the Palace Theatre in Redditch to watch their production of Aladdin.

The members of the schools Community Club are busy working together (with a little bit of help from schools Community Parent Governor) to discuss fundraising ideas for the School of Hope and Kindness in Kenya. In addition, they are also investigating beneficial community projects which will hopefully be implemented in the New Year.

Finally, as ever at this time of year, we at school are very busy with preparations under way for the Christmas season.

A school choir has now been established and they will be performing their Christmas Carol Service on Wednesday, 11th December at 6pm (all welcome). It is also hoped that they will be singing for a local old people's home soon.

Seasons Greetings and wishes for a peaceful New Year from all of us at school and we look forward to seeing you at some of the forthcoming events.

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# Review

## THE LOVESONG OF ALFRED J HITCHCOCK

It's not often that a village hall gets the chance to stage a brand new piece of writing by one of the country's leading playwrights. There was an appropriately full house on 27th October and the author himself was in the audience. It was never going to be an easily digested piece - David Rudkin writes in an complex poetic style and is fond of the use of flashbacks and visualised inner musings.

The actors of New Perspectives Theatre Company worked hard to draw us through the labyrinthine journey to the great director's motivation via his strange relationship with his mother and his yearning for an unattainable, imaginary blond young woman.... and much else besides. Martin Miller made a convincing and compelling Hitchcock and Roberta Kerr gave a splendid performance as the terrifying mother figure (and the great man's long suffering wife). The rest of the cast played multiple parts with great alacrity and the performance was crisp and professional to a fault.

The writing and performance style meant that much was conveyed through facial expression and gesture, so it was unfortunate that the designer and director chose to make the rather plain set so big that raised staging could not be used - and much of the dialogue was performed seated. The result was that 80% of the audience was unable to see anything for 70% of the time - and what was likely to be a mystifying evening under the best of circumstances became totally confusing for much of the time. It's a shame that no account had been taken of the layout of the different venues the show was to visit on tour. The hard working cast and crew deserved better.

*Walter Plinge*

## TABLE TOP THANKS



W.A.K.E FM's Table Top Sale held on 9th November was a great success. 23 table toppers laid out their wares and admission receipts indicate that about 140 people attended. The result is that the small deficit incurred by the station during its summer broadcasts has been wiped out and there's now a small sum in the kitty to help develop the idea and kick start future broadcasts.

Thanks are due to everyone who took a table - we hope you all made lots of money - and everyone who came along and went home with some of the many and varied items on sale. Judy Hooker was the main organiser - ably assisted by Kathy Gee, Stuart Knowles, Phil Chappell, Paul Furey and Ian Bellion. Particular thanks are due to Linda Harris and Gay Bligh of the WI for help with the teas.



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### **STARTERS**

Apple and Parsnip Soup (V) - Prawn Cocktail

Pumpkin Tartlet (V) - Creamy Stilton Mushrooms (V)

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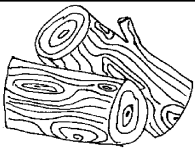
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**Wednesday 4th December 2013**

Our meeting is a talk by Mike Dunnett entitled 'Easier Gardening', in which he will demonstrate and advise on simplifying your garden so as to get maximum benefit for minimum work !

Subscriptions for the 2013/2014 year became due on 1st October, so don't forget to renew your membership at the meeting if you haven't already done so.

The theme for the monthly competition is 'A Winter Flower'. To take part, just bring along an exhibit for judging by the speaker.

1st, 2nd, and 3rd will be awarded points, and 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 the next AGM in October 2014.

**Wednesday 15th January 2014 - 7.15pm  
for 7.30pm**

Our Annual Dinner in 2014 will be held at The Flyford Arms, Flyford Flavell. Members will find a booking form in the Information Pack which they received when they paid their annual subscription.

If you wish to join us for this popular event you need to complete this form with your requirements, and send it, with your payment, to Jan Bates as soon as possible.

**MAKE A NOTE IN YOUR DIARY NOW !**

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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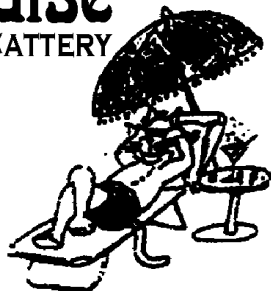
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