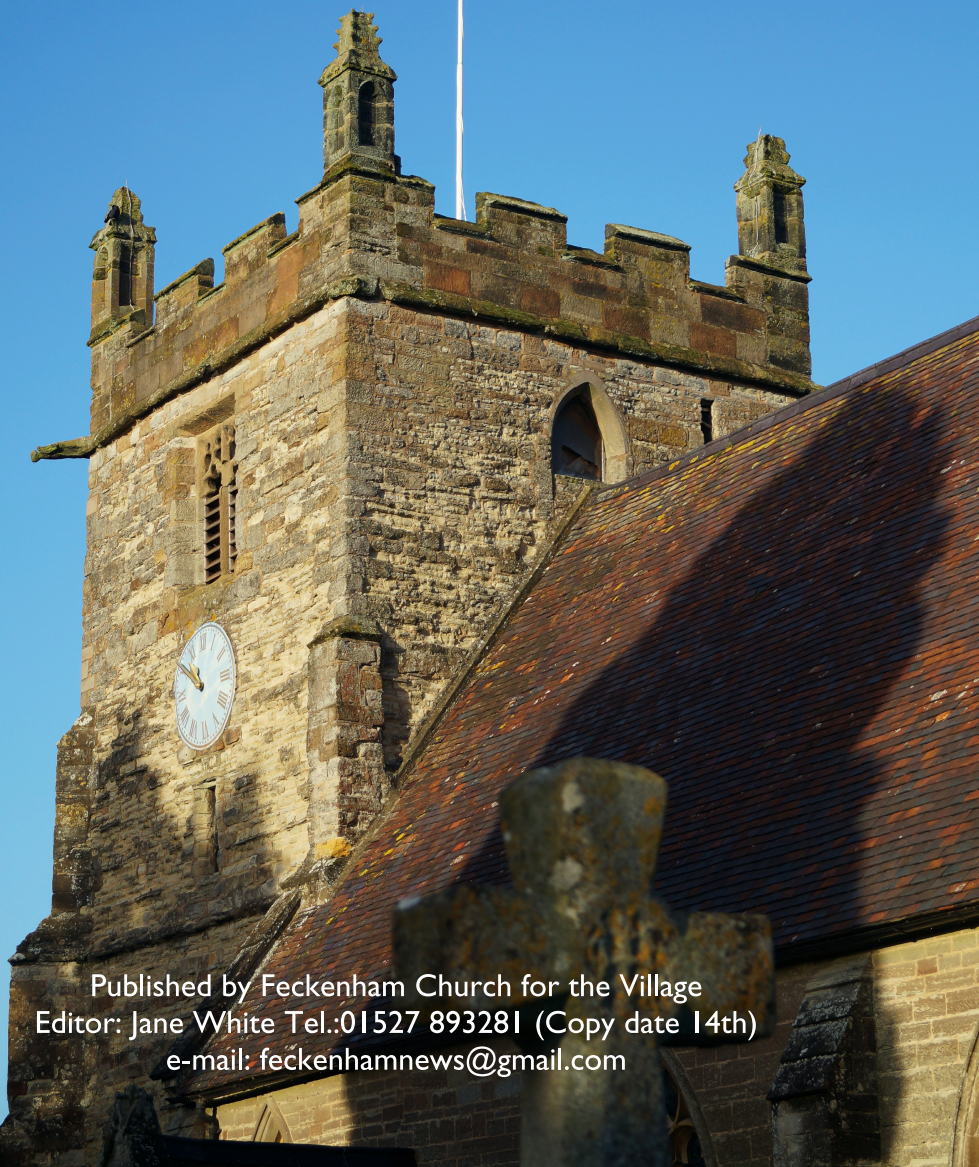


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Tues 5 th	12.30am	Lunch Club	Village Hall, Back Room
Wed 6 th	7.30pm	Stock & Bradley Gardening Club	Bradley Village Hall
Fri 8 th	8pm	FeckenOdeon-2	Back Room Village Hall
Tues 12 th	7.30pm	Feckenham Forest History Society	Webheath Village Hall
Thur 14 th	7.30pm	Feckenham WI	Village Hall, Back Room
Sat 16 th & Sun 17 th	11am - 4pm	Art Exhibition	Village Hall Back Room
Sat 23 rd	7.30pm	FeckenOdeon	Village Hall

Situation Vacant

Janie is retiring. I know there are lots of younger people in Feckenham standing in the wings ready to take over a couple of Christmas tasks:

Buying and setting up the Christmas Tree in the church (you can have all my baubles) and **organising mulled wine and mince pies** and setting it all up in time for the Carol Service 2019.

Tuition can be given!

Janie Anderson - 01527 543410

Art Exhibition

Award winning Feckenham artist, Ian Ridley, will be exhibiting over 60 original watercolours and acrylics in the back room of the village hall over the weekend of the **16th and 17th of February**. The exhibition will be open on both days from 11.00 until 4.00 and all are welcome to pop along to see Ian's recent work.

Ian has been raising money for cancer charities over the last 3 years through the sale of his book and fine art cards and will be making a donation to a children's cancer charity from any sales.

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Front Cover

The flag flies proudly atop the church tower thanks to the new tower access



- the first time it's been safe to climb up there in years. The work was supported very generously by The National Churches Trust.

Photo by Ian Hunter

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Church Services FEBRUARY

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Readers and Intercessors

Sunday 3rd

Candlemas

11.00am Sung Eucharist

Malachi 3: 1-5

Hebrews 2: 14-18

Intercessions

Angela Fletcher

Tricia Mortimer

Ann Matthews



Sunday 10th

4th before Lent

8.00am Holy Communion

Colossians 3:12 Antonia Pulsford

11.00am All Age Worship

Intercessions

Lin Preece

Sunday 17th

3rd before Lent

6.30pm Sung Evensong

Jeremiah 17: 5-10 Doug Curtis

1 Corinthians 15:12-20 Erica Dilger

Intercessions Ian Hunter

Sunday 24th

11.30pm Holy Communion

Genesis 2: 4-25 Shirley Harman

Revelation 4: 1-11 Mark Wheatley

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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 Thank you! Wyn

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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



New Arrivals

Charlotte, Stuart and Finley Many of you already know Charlotte and Stuart Dixon from when they lived in Rowan Cottage, number 6 Alcester Road. They've lived in the village since December 2015 but they have now moved to 51 High Street.

At the end of November their adopted son Finley came to live with them. Finley is 9 months old and very much enjoys being wheeled round the village on long walks. Stuart and Charlotte are both 40. Stuart comes from Lancaster and is currently a nurse at the Queen Elizabeth hospital in Birmingham in the Intensive Care Unit. In the Summer he is planning to leave and set up his own local building firm. Charlotte comes from Balsall Common near Solihull but has spent a lot of time living in Scotland. She works in communications at the University of Warwick. They did have 4 cats but now they only have 3. They sadly lost their cat Theo in July, one week before he was titled 'Cat of the Year' by the Cats Protection League for saving Charlotte's life.

Rob and Alaine Rob and Alaine Oaten moved from Warwick into number 15 Astwood Lane with their 3 cats on the 3rd of December. Originally from Cornwall, Rob is 51, has 3 adult children, and is a software engineer with Changan hybrid cars. Alaine hails from Liverpool, works at Aga Rangemaster in Leamington and also does nails and beauty. They are expecting their first child together in July.

Welcome Autumn Harris On the 24th October Hannah and Dan Harris, of 31 Alcester Road, welcomed their first baby into the world, a daughter whom they have named Autumn Enid Harris. Autumn weighed 7lbs 12oz. Both mother and daughter are doing very well. Hannah is 28 and grew up in the village. She is a Service Advisor for Tesla and thinks she will return back to work in the Autumn. Dan is 30 and from Newbold on Stour. He is a skilled professional gardener.

No room at the Inn.....

On Christmas Eve, a 'Crib Service' was held in Feckenham Church in which we heard afresh the wonderful gospel readings describing Mary and Joseph arriving in Bethlehem and the birth of Jesus, the Christ Child, in a lowly stable because there was no room at the inn. Hearing the familiar Christmas story gives a warm feeling as we picture the scene around the manger. However, the realities of not having somewhere to lay your head at night in today's society are sadly all too real and shockingly destructive to the individuals who find themselves living on the streets, for whatever reason. It seems appropriate therefore, that the 'retiring collection' from our Crib Service, which totalled £127.65, will be donated to Redditch Nightstop.

Mark Wheatley
(Lay-Chair, Feckenham Church PCC)

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETINGS

will be held in the Church
**on Monday the 29th day of April
2019 at 7.30 pm**

For the election of **TWO** churchwardens and **SEVEN** Parochial representatives of the laity to the Parochial Church Council.

Nomination forms are available at the back of the church.

The Meeting will consider reports on the Electoral Roll, the proceedings of the PCC, activities of the parish, the proceedings of the Deanery Synod and the Financial Statement for 2018.

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We have extended our range of tasty and competitively priced ready meals, very handy for a quick option or store a few in your freezer.

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Rous Lench and Inkberrow Royal British Legion branch would like to thank all those who contributed towards the **£11,274** raised for the Poppy Fund in 2018. This amount includes poppy boxes in shops and businesses, individual donations and our loyal band of house to house poppy collectors. Also included are proceeds from our three Coffee Mornings, the Night to Remember Concert and Remembrance Sunday Service Collections.

Chris Bonehill, Poppy Co-ordinator



In the lull between Christmas and New Year some enthusiastic footballers in Feckenham got together to play a fun football game on the recreation field.

The idea by Ed Chute and Richard Eost was to have fun, run off a few pounds and raise money for MIND. So many young men are suffering with mental health issues and the village Dads wanted to raise awareness in a fun way. They were supported by Feckenham Football club who loaned them the goals for the game.

It's hoped that the game can be an annual event as it raised £200 for the cause and a different charity can be supported next year. Plenty of time to start training for December 2019!

WHAT'S ON IN FECKENHAM



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This Month: NORMAL PEOPLE

by Sally Rooney

Details from Marion Chute - 892285

Feckenham Forest History Society

HORATIO NELSON

Talk by Max Keen

Tuesday, 12th February - 7.30pm

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with Georgia Jacobs

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Stock & Bradley GARDENING CLUB

WHY WAIT FOR SPRING

With Helen Picton

Wednesday, 6th February

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FeckenOdeon 2 The Cinema in the Back Room



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FeckenOdeon 2 at Feckenham Village Hall

THE FECKENODEON CINEMA SOCIETY



Saturday, 23rd February - 7.30pm

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FeckenOdeon Cinema Society

Ian Bellion



A SYNCHRONISED SPLASH

FeckenOdeon 2 livens up February with a comedy in which Rob Bryden leads a group of miscellaneous middle-aged blokes who form a deeply unlikely male synchronised swimming team. There are echoes of "The Full Monty" and "Brassed Off" in this enjoyable caper - helped by an intelligently written script that takes a witty look behind the middle aged male ego... come on in - the water's lovely!

"SWIMMING WITH MEN"

at 8pm on Friday, 8th February



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A writer forms an unexpected bond with the residents of Guernsey Island in the aftermath of World War II, when she decides to write a book about their experiences during the Nazi occupation - when islander took solace in the meetings of the Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society. Old rivalries revive and wounds are healed in this warm hearted story of a community at war. Based on the book of the same name, the film stars Lily James, Tom Courtney and Penelope Wilton.

"THE GUERNSEY LITERARY AND POTATO PEEL PIE SOCIETY"

Saturday, 23rd February at 7.30pm

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

Village Hall

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HURRY TO CATCH THE JACKS

On 2nd February the Village Hall will resound to the sound of **Noble Jacks in Concert**. Tickets have been selling like hot cakes - so, if you want to enjoy this superb fiddle led folk/rock outfit, please make haste - when we're full, we're full! If you don't know what to expect you can search for Noble Jacks on YouTube where there are a number of their numbers for you to enjoy.

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BEAT THE BREXIT BLUES

While the papers, national radio and TV are full of doom and gloom Swansbrook radio is delighted to be a beacon of positivity. February finds Chris Fletcher spreading classical joy, Colin James wiping the dust off some records he's never played and Ian Bellion seeking out the good things in life and Stuart Knowles is heading to the Arctic. Whatever your taste in music, chat or whimsey there's bound to be a programme for you - pop over to the Swansbrook website and take a listen!

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Village Hall

Improvement Fund 2018/19



January Winners

67 Val Neal	£25
123 Martin & Victoria Blamey	£15
29 Ivor Mason	£10

The February Draw will be held in the Village Hall at 8.00 pm on Tuesday 5th February 2019

Parish Council

Parishioners

The Parish Council are saddened to report that the Ridgeway Surgery has now made a formal application to Redditch & Bromsgrove Clinical Commissioning Group (RBCCG) to close the GP branch surgery in Feckenham. We have written to RBCCG to point out that there is strong local opposition to this proposed closure and that parishioners have also had longstanding and significant problems accessing GP appointments at the main surgery in Astwood Bank. We have asked RBCCG to examine these difficulties in detail and to investigate whether there are any related contractual or safety issues. Whilst we believe that Parishioners would prefer the branch surgery to remain open, we accept that this may not be possible. If it does close, we are trying to ensure that there will be improvements to the service offered by the main surgery. We have also questioned whether RBCCG has followed appropriate NHS guidelines in overseeing the whole process and made suggestions to them about how our Parishioner's interests might be safeguarded. We are currently awaiting a response to this letter, however the final decision about the closure lies with the Primary Care in Common Committee - which is convened by the three Worcestershire CCG's. At the time of writing, we do not know when this committee will be considering the application. Copies of our letter to RBCCG are available on request to the Clerk.

Alan Smith, Chair F.P.C

What's On this month in STOCK & BRADLEY

6th	BREAKAWAY: The Amish People 10.30am - Village Hall
6th	GARDENING CLUB 7.30pm - Village Hall
10th	WALKING CLUB Meet at Bradley Church - 10am

For more information see
STOCK & BRADLEY CHRONICLE

Feckenham Cricket Club

Bob Gordon



I'll start this month with a cricket puzzler (old but a good one I believe) that I hope you will enjoy.
It is: how could a hat-trick span three overs?

This time of year is not my favourite, with its grey skies and threats of rain, sleet and worse. However, it has to be acknowledged that imperceptibly the days are lengthening, snowdrops are on show and we can start to envisage the arrival of Spring.

And Spring of course brings cricket!

The square is looking in great shape after the preparation that followed last season's end and the grass is luxuriant. The outfield was last cut in November and the gang-mowers used for that are being professionally serviced and repaired. There has been a great deal of work on our equipment over the winter, with the roller, various other mowers and equipment having been inspected and a plan of renovation and refurbishment implemented with the considerable expert help of a local club member. That help even included manufacturing a new axle for our scarifier.

As you are probably aware, the ground is in a low-lying part of the village and consequently parts of the outfield can become boggy or even flooded (as the wonderful film shown as part of the recent Feckenham Past, Present and Future event showed). We are therefore considering how to improve drainage. There are already in place a number of pipes that should be taking excess water into the brook but it is clear that many of these are no longer operational. We are therefore considering whether we can clear existing pipes or whether adding new pipes is the answer. Part of the tidy-up has included bagging up the debris left by the bonfire last November. Once we have disposed of the ash and the detritus, we will have to scan the large circle with magnets in order to locate and remove nails and screws. Finally, the bald patch will be scarified and grass seed applied.

At the clubhouse, new hand-rails have been installed at each end of the balcony and the changing rooms have new flooring.

2019 is a significant year, marking as it does the club's 60th anniversary. In addition to next season's shirts including a reference to this we are considering several ideas to mark the occasion,

including a 6-a-side tournament and a special dinner with guest speaker – look out for news over the coming months.

As some might know, the club has a defibrillator and this was called into action before Christmas when a visitor became unwell after leaving the club. He eventually collapsed near the vehicle exit after telephoning his sister, who arrived with her husband and administered CPR. The defibrillator was set up by one of our first-aiders and we were ready to apply the shocks but fortunately the individual regained consciousness at about the time that paramedics arrived. In this case we didn't need to put the machine into use but we are thankful that it is available.

As the season approaches, the club is keen to attract new players at all levels, particularly as the first team will be playing in the new Premier Division of the Worcestershire County League. **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 game of cricket is of course very old, but did you know that for quite some time, cricket was played with only two stumps and a very long single bail? It took a match in May 1775 (yes, cricket had been a popular sport for a hundred years or so by then) to change things. That two day match was between Hambledon and Kent and interestingly it was five players a side, as it was often difficult to raise eleven players as most of them had jobs. Set 48 for a win, Hambledon were reduced to 34 for 4 and the last man faced the best bowler of his day, "Lumpy" Stevens. Stevens ran a ball through the batsman's defence, the ball beat the bat and — passed through the stumps! This happened twice more, the ball passing through the large rectangle and the stumps and bail remained intact. Lumpy was incensed and demanded a third stump between the other two. And he got his way, resulting in the arrangement still in use today.

Now the answer to the poser at the start of the article, which was "how could a hat-trick span 3 overs?"

The answer is as follows:

Over 1, with the last ball the bowler gets the 9th batsman out

Over 2, with the first ball the same bowler dismisses the 10th batsman

The second innings starts and the same bowler takes a wicket with his first ball.

Hope you enjoyed that!

Stock & Bradley Gardening Club

Rob Cole

Wed. 6th Feb. at 7.30pm Our speaker is Helen Picton, and she will give a talk entitled 'Why Wait for Spring'. Helen helps to run her family's business at Old Court Nurseries, Colwall, near Malvern which specializes in Asters. The theme for our members' monthly competition will be 'A Winter Evergreen'. 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 be awarded a prize of a £20 gift token at the December 2019 meeting.

Please note that the £5.00 annual subscription (reduced from £8 for 2018) becomes due on 1st January 2019, and that because we meet for the dinner event in January, unpaid subscriptions should now be paid at the February meeting. Please make cheques payable to 'Stock and Bradley Gardening Club'.

Next month will be a talk by Roger Umpelby entitled 'Friends and Foes'. Roger has a passionate interest in bugs and creepy-crawlies and will demonstrate those which we should welcome as well as those we might wish to control or eliminate. The monthly Competition will be 'A Flower from my Garden'.

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 £5.00 for 2019. 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



We meet in the Village Hall Back Room at 7.30pm on Thursday 14th February. Georgia Jacobs will talk on "What lies beneath our Feet". She will make special reference to our area, - rocks, minerals and fossils - bring your own for identification. There will be light refreshments, visitors welcome (£4)

Theatre visits:

6th March - Mikado, Redditch

9th April - Oklahoma, Worcester

Outing:

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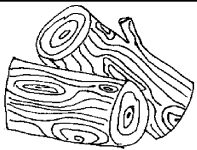
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