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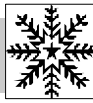
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Wed 4th	10.30am - noon	"Drop in" for coffee and a chat	6 Mill Lane
Wed 4th	7.30pm	Stock & Bradley Gardening Club	Bradley Village Hall
Tues 10th	7.30pm	Feckenham Forest History Society	Feckenham Village Hall
Thur 12th	7.30pm	Feckenham WI	Village Hall Back Room
Fri 13th	8pm	FeckenOdeon-2	Village Hall Back Room
Wed 18th	10.30am - noon	"Drop in" for coffee and a chat	6 Mill Lane
Thurs 26th	7.30pm	Flower Show & Over 60's AGM	Village Hall Back Room
Sat 28th	7.30pm	FeckenOdeon	Village Hall

Front Cover

Celebrating 40 years of the Boxing Day Walk - Alan Jones cuts the cake at the tea stop. (See p 12)
Photo by Ian Bellion.

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Readers and Intercessors



Sunday 1st

Candlemas

11-00am Sung Eucharist

Malachi 3 : vs. 1-5
Hebrews 2 : vs. 14-end
Intercessions

Ann Matthews
Jane White
Ian Hunter

Sunday 8th

Lent-2

8-00am Holy Communion

2 Corinthians 11 : vs. 19-31

Pam Eaton

11-00am Family Service - "Hands of Compassion" giving education
to Children in Zambia

Sunday 15th

Sunday next
Before Lent

6-30pm Evensong

2 Kings 2 : vs. 1-12
Mark 9 : vs. 2-9
Intercessions

Gerry East
Patricia Collins
John Calvert

Sunday 22nd

First Sunday
Of Lent

11-00am Family Communion

1 Peter 3 : vs. 18-end
Intercessions

Erica Dilger
Tony Mortimer

X Box Sunday School

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

Partners in Prayer

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

Obituary



Adrienne Newland

1934-2014

Adrienne was born in Knebworth, Herts. and went to Hitchin Girls' Grammar School. After secretarial training, she worked for the shipping firm Shaw Savill in London before moving to Feckenham with her husband Bob in 1960.

She immediately took an active part in village life, helping with the Wake and Flower Show. Her hobbies in those days were gardening and dogs. She often won prizes at the flower show and was never without a dog, always a yellow Labrador. For many years she edited the Newshound column, if possible welcoming new members of the village herself, and reporting on births, marriages and deaths.

Later, Adrienne became President of the Feckenham Branch of the Women's Institute. In summertime, meetings were sometimes held at her cottage on Berrow Hill, with suitably patriotic decorations and, when necessary, under improvised rain cover. She was also an enthusiastic member of the local branch of the Conservative Association.

Adrienne and her husband loved continental travel, visiting heritage railway lines all over Europe. They were a mine of information on continental hotels, with Adrienne practising her French (she enjoyed Feckenham's oral French class) and more rudimentary German when making the reservations.

Her sons Robbie and Neil were born in 1963 and 1967 and grew up at Hillside Cottage. Sadly Robbie was killed in a road accident in 2008, shortly after a disastrous house fire and then his father's death. Fortunately Neil and Jackie had two children, Thomas (now 13) and Rebecca (10) who gave their granny a great deal of happiness. Adrienne loved having them to stay and regularly collected them from school when they were small.

Her well-attended funeral on January 5th was taken by the Rev Barbara Wheatley, who had got to know Adrienne when she and Bob lived in

Hanbury Rectory after the fire at Hillside Cottage. I was honoured to give a tribute, with the help of her grand-daughter, Rebecca, who read her own letter of appreciation.

David Newland (brother-in-law)

Adrienne & Feckenham News

Adrienne put her interest in village life to the fore with her involvement in Feckenham News. She contributed articles for many years and in 1987, was instrumental in getting together a small group of us to put the magazine together when Arthur Newbould gave up its production. It was a job for typewriter, scissors and glue at that time. Not only did she collect the Newhound material (which of course had to be represented by a Labrador!), but wrote articles about her travels and places of local interest, she had a good collection of old photographs to call on. She was also responsible for delivering the magazines around Berrow Hill. She will be sadly missed.

Jane White

Tribute to Adrienne by Astwood Bank and Feckenham Conservatives

Among Adrienne's many interests, all of which she approached with great enthusiasm and dedication, was the Feckenham branch of the local Conservative Association. For many years she was not only branch secretary but also played a leading role in the many social events.

Glenda Smith, daughter of the late Councillor Bill Shakels, remembers Adrienne and her father electioneering around Berrow Hill, and says that over the years she not only became a loyal colleague but also a good friend. On being told of her death, John Yeomans – past Chairman of Astwood Bank Conservatives – said that he didn't think the Feckenham branch would have been so active without Adrienne's dedication and hard work. He remarked that she thrived on being a busy and active member, and that she also gave great support to the Feckenham Chairman.

Adrienne is being missed by all her friends, not least by those who worked with her in the two Conservative branches. • *Linda Harris*

Newshound



Feckenham's Got Talent!

Those of you who heard Paul Furey's interview with the young guitarist William Lane on Wake Radio two years ago, may remember what an impressive musician he was.

Recently William passed his grade 6 guitar exam with the Rock School Exam Board. He achieved a 'merit' making him one of the youngest boys ever to pass a grade at this level, the equivalent of an 'A' level and he is only 11 years old!

William's tutor writes of his outstanding talent: *Will has shown great patience, tenacity, and determination as well as maturity....a future star! I am proud to be his teacher.*

William is now hoping to join a youth band so if anyone is looking for great talent please contact his Dad, Peter Lane, on 07968 023456

Congratulations

Many congratulations to Alexander Fisher, son of Andrew and Catherine Fisher, who was born and grew up in Feckenham. Alexander was invited to attend the Food and Farming Awards Dinner at the Houses of Parliament in December 2014. There he was presented with the Special Award for Innovation which he was given for the vertical crop production system he developed through his company Saturn Bioponics.

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- 8th **WALKING CLUB**
meet at church
- 11th **Drop in**
are going bowling
- & 25th **Drop in**
at the Village Hall

For more information see
STOCK & BRADLEY CHRONICLE

Thought for the month

Rev. David Morris

Dear All,

As I'm writing this it's early in the New Year so at the moment it's quite appropriate to say "Happy New Year" to all of you! Of course by the time you'll be reading this that sort of comment will be "Old Hat" and if New Year's Resolutions are anything to go by, so will they. For some reason I seem to have been gleaning information this year about resolutions and the statistics show that if you're in Ireland about 30% have given up after 2 days and for the UK population 97% of all resolutions fail. All I can think is that humans are not very good at changing which probably explains why there have been so many light bulb jokes around as well – you know the ones, they're stereotypical like:

How many Health and Safety Officers does it take to change a lightbulb?

None. Until a risk assessment has taken place and a lightbulb design change request form has been completed, a safe practice of work has not been established.

But the thing is, change is what we're all about in all walks of life. If we didn't change, we'd never move forward. Imagine that you'd only made two decisions in your life and wouldn't change your mind because you were adamant they were right. Now, what if you'd decided that the groundbreaking form of personal transport that had just been expounded was perfect for you, you'd embraced it and were now living with your Sinclair C5. But that could be OK because you could go home and use your Betamax video to watch some old programmes to confirm your choice was correct.

It is essential in life that we try new things, sometimes they work out well and sometimes the time is simply not right. At the start of a year people often reflect and want to move in a completely opposite direction; this is called repentance. It's what we're called to do when we follow the God who says "behold, I am making all things new".

I hope you have a delightful 2015 and that the changes that happen to each one of us throughout the year are a blessing.

Love and prayers, DM.

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Feckenham Flower Show & Over 60's Party Fund

Margaret East

Notice of AGM

The AGM of the Feckenham Flower Show and Over 60's Party Fund will take place at 7.30pm prompt on **Thursday 26th February 2015** in the Back Room of the Village Hall, High Street, Feckenham.

The meeting is open to all, and anyone wishing to join the group, either as a helper or as a committee member, will be especially welcome. We are always keen to build on the success of our events, and this is an ideal opportunity to make suggestions, or to offer to help our team.

Prior notice of the Spring Show - a date for your diary - **Saturday 11th April**.

Schedule will be printed in the March edition of Feckenham News

WHAT'S ON IN FECKENHAM

Feckenham Readers Group



Wednesday, 11th February - 7.45

This month's book:

THE LIE

by Helen Dunmore

Details from Marion Chute - 892285



Stock & Bradley GARDENING CLUB

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Wednesday, 4th February - 7.30pm
Bradley Village Hall



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WHAT'S ON IN FECKENHAM

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Feckenham Flower Show & Over 60s Party Fund



AGM



Thursday 26th February at 7.30pm
Feckenham Village Hall - Back Room

ADVANCE NOTICE:

Spring Flower Show

Saturday 11th April - Full details next month

The FeckenOdeon Cinema Society

If your copy of Feckenham News arrives early we can remind you to spend a day with Mary Poppins on 31st January. The original spoon full of sugar is at 2.30pm followed at 7.30pm by the story of the film's making in "Saving Mr Banks".



JOUEZ VOUS AU CRICKET?

There's a little village in Canada that needs a doctor. If it persuades a GP to take up residence a factory can be built and, with a bit of luck, the locals can give up poorly paid fishing jobs and the community might just survive. There's only one problem. The only doctor remotely interested is English. The villagers devise strange strategies to entice him to stay... including forming a cricket team... This French-Canadian comedy has been described as a cross between "Passport to Pimlico" and "Waking Ned" - funny, eccentric and thoroughly endearing. **"Seducing Doctor Lewis"** (La Grande Seduction) is showing in FeckenOdeon 2 on **Friday, 13th February at 8pm.** (Not to be confused with a more recent film which shares the French title - this is the far superior original made in 2003).



A BIG STORY

"The Big Country" lives up to its title. The camera has captured a vast section of the American southwest with such fidelity that the amazingly grand and dramatic settings have been recorded with almost three-dimensional effect. Based on "Ambush at Blanco Canyon," a short story by Donald Hamilton, **The Big Country** tells the story of two rival families - the wealthy Terrill clan and their white-trash neighbours, the

Hannasseys, who are locked in a long-standing feud over water rights for their cattle. Gregory Peck plays a former sea captain who has come west to marry Patricia Terrill (Carroll Baker) but is soon drawn into the family conflict as well as an intense rivalry with the Terrill ranch foreman (Charlton Heston).

It's not so much a western as a cleverly written drama that happens to be set in the Old West - though director William Wyler makes the very best of that setting... and then there's that famous and unforgettable theme tune...

Saddle up at **7.30pm on Saturday, 28th February.**

Tickets for these shows are on sale at The Village Shop and The Rose & Crown. You can book by phone (through TicketSource) on 0333 666 3366 or online at www.fecknodeon.co.uk

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- 3rd Sun – Evensong (led by the Senior Choir)
- 4th Sun – Family Eucharist

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Please contact Clare Furey to find out more, or for an informal chat. (tel: 01527-894849; e-mail: cf@paulfurey.com) Further 'Job Description' details are available on our church website (<http://www.feckenhamchurch.org.uk/new-choir-leader>), or can be obtained from Clare Furey.

Square Management Committee

A MERRY SUCCESS

The Square Management Committee is delighted to report that record numbers of people turned out on a chilly Christmas Eve to revel in the spirit of the season at the annual Carols on The Square. Gallons of punch and tonnes of mince pies were consumed as villagers lustily gave voice to traditional carols and Christmas songs - this time accompanied by an invisible brass band. The effect was enhanced by a spectacular localised snowstorm. Apart from spreading good cheer before the big day, the event raised an amazing £560 for the Air Ambulance through a bucket collection. The Committee wishes to thank all the revelers who gave so generously.

Thanks are also due to the many generous people who made/donated mince pies and cupcakes, to Phyllis Mott for igniting the tree lights, Phil Tricklebank for providing the rocket, the plucky members of the Feckenham Carol Chorale who led the singing and to Peter Masters who made it back home in time to give support and encouragement.

Looking ahead: "Fun on The Square" is planned for July 18th and will involve pirates, boats and lots and lots of water. You have been warned!

Village Hall

Ian Bellion



Pilate's off to a great start

As reported in last month's Feckenham News, Pilates classes have resumed on Tuesday evening at Feckenham Village Hall. 25 exercisers turned out on 8th January to greet the instructor Suzanne who has recently recovered from a serious illness. Classes will now continue on Thursday evenings starting at 7.15pm. No need to book - just turn up and enjoy this gentle way to fitness.

Drastic Drips

Looking after a busy building like the village hall throws up many challenges - finding out that the newest part of the premises have sprung a leak is the latest to face the volunteer committee. The 10 year old store at the side of the main hall has a flat roof and this is now letting water drip onto the chairs and nursery equipment. The Committee is taking emergency action after builders reported that the entire roof on that section of the building needs to be replaced. It's to be hoped that the winter weather is kind enough for work to urgently proceed. This is likely to be costly so stand by for some fundraising events in the Spring.



Christmas Eve Mulled Wine Preparation

Left to right: Ian Bellion (MC), Barry Hamilton (Head Bucket Rattler), Alan Smith (Head of Sound and Snow), Tim Smith (Rocket Launcher and Tree Feller), Ian Ridley (Chairman & Lighting Director), Judy Hooker (Head of Catering and Punch Chef). *Picture by Maxine Melson*

Feckenham C. of E. First School

Sharon Simpson

The children have started back this term with great enthusiasm, ready to learn and challenge themselves! It was a pleasure to see the children refreshed after their Christmas break. They had all worked so hard with their various plays and carol concerts leading up to Christmas and were very much in need of a rest!

Each term we choose a value for the children to focus on and this term's value is 'resilience' – a very important value in the challenging world in which we live.

The Friends of Feckenham School fundraising team has been very busy planning their next fundraising event which is to be held on Saturday, 21st February 2015 at The Abbeydale Club, Redditch. An evening of soul is in the offing with special guest band The Official Receivers- a fantastic soul band who really get everyone up on the dance floor! The evening starts from 7.30 pm until late. The fantastic price of £25.00 also includes a welcome glass of bubbly and delicious hog roast with vegetarian options available. There will also be a 'mini auction' of ten fantastic prizes plus an amazing raffle. The dress code is black/white to match the theme of the venue and the evening promises to be a night not to be missed. Tickets are available from members of the FOFS team within school or by contacting Sharon Simpson on 07527 392819. If you are interested, don't delay as tickets are limited and will be sold on a first come first served basis. We hope that you will join us!

We are bracing ourselves for some rather 'challenging' weather and hope that all roofs stay on!

With best wishes from all the children, staff and governors of Feckenham First School.

Sharon Simpson

Community Governor

FORTY YEARS ON...

At 2pm on Boxing Day a band of intrepid walkers strode out from The Square for a squelchy tramp across the countryside. It's a scene that has been repeated for the last 40 years. The first walk was the brainchild of the late Arthur Newbould (the founder editor of this magazine). In more recent years it's been planned and organised by Angela and Richard Fletcher aided and abetted by Alan Jones. Alan has been at the head of many of the walks while the Fletchers round up the strays and stragglers. At its best it's an exhilarating and invigorating couple of hours; at its not so best it's a soggy, muddy struggle - either way it's a way of making yourself feel virtuous after the Christmas excesses. This year's walk was one of the soggy ones with the added pleasure of sleet and icy rain. Spirits rose considerably at the tea stop when, in addition to the warming brew, there was a splendid celebration cake - made by Angela and decorated by her daughter Katy. Alan did the ceremonial honours (see cover picture) aided by Jan Holmes, Gerry East, Ken Keight and James Barrett - all of whom are veterans of many of the walks.

There'll be another walk next Boxing Day - why not give it a try? It gets you out of the house, freshens you for the remainder of the festivities - and can be used to tire out the kids/dogs or visiting relatives.



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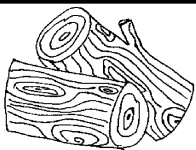
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Stock & Bradley Gardening Club

Rob Cole

The next Club event - Wednesday 4th February 2015 at 7:30pm Our speaker will be Jim Almond who will give a talk on 'Snowdrops and Other Winter/Spring Bulbs'. Jim is an enthusiastic grower of a wide range of bulbs and alpines, and a keen and skilled photographer. His talks reflect his passion for both.

The following Club meeting - Wednesday 4th March 2015 at 7:30pm We are pleased to welcome back Kim Hurst from the Cottage Herbery near Tenbury Wells. Kim and her husband Rob are Chelsea winners, and her talk will be on 'Tasty Buds, Shoots, and Leaves'.

Annual subscriptions for 2015 became due on 1st January, and should be paid as soon as possible at any Club meeting. The full programme of 2015 events, visits, and talks will be issued upon renewal.

Feckenham W.I.

Jane White



Our meeting this month is on the 12th February (7.30pm in the Village Hall Back Room). Our speaker is Helen King on the work of the Burns Aid Unit, supporting burn victims. Visitors welcome.

Members have been very saddened by the death of Adrienne Newland. She had been an active member until recently, on the committee for many years, and president for several years.

Village Hall

Improvement Fund 2014/15



January Winners

145	Ian Bellion & Judy Hooker	£25
77	Eoin Clarke	£15
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The February Draw will be held in the Village Hall at 8.00 pm on Tuesday 3rd February 2015



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