

FECKENHAM

NEWS

January 2021

A young child wearing a red Santa suit, a red hat with white trim, and glasses is riding a dark brown pony. The pony is decorated with a red and white striped collar and a reindeer antler headpiece. The child is holding up a copy of the 'FECKENHAM NEWS' magazine. The scene is set on a muddy, unpaved path with trees and a fence in the background.

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Feckenham News in January

In the magazine:

Look out for news of the big Litter Pick in February and the Flower and Garden festival in May. If you are considering opening your garden, it could be time to think about preparations.

Dates for your diary



January

4th	Feckenham Sessions
6th	Parish Council Meeting
11th	Feckenham Forest Historical Society
12th	Studley Daytime WI
19th	Stock and Bradley Gardening Club
20th	Parish Council Surgery 7.30-9pm
27th	R&C Scottish Themed Menu
29th	Fecknodeon

February

Date TBC Big Litter Pick

Regular Sessions

Pilates	Thursdays
Feckenham Sessions	First Tuesday each month

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Thanks to Charlotte Styler for sending this photo of her son, Henry, delivering the magazine

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Editor's Note

What a time to be bringing the magazine together! Christmas is just around the corner and I'm sure we are all preparing for a more connected time than we had last year. What a shame that just as we look forward to family gatherings, Omicron turns up. The tallest Christmas tree we have had is resplendent on the village green awaiting the official switching on of the lights on Christmas Eve when, all being well, we'll gather around it for carols, mince pies and mulled wine expect by the time you read this, in another 2 weeks - that's the turnaround time we need to get the magazine together, printed and circulated - we will have a clearer idea of what new precautions we'll need to take. Anyone who knows me will also be aware I have been very cautious and I'm rather disappointed to be going back into the safety of relative isolation. I'm a very sociable person, so this has been a difficult adjustment. Having said that, I am now so accustomed to avoidance of others, it probably makes it more difficult to merge back into face to face groups. My feeling is that we all need to be tolerant of other's beliefs and feelings in this regard. My thoughts on those who are not vaccinated: I'll keep to myself!



Magazine Distribution Coordinator Needed

I'd like to put a call out to anyone who might be able to take over distribution of the magazine. Jo Warrilow stepped up to the role about 3 years ago and feels that now is the time to pass it on. Jo and her team seem to effortlessly get the magazine to every door in the parish. Jo tells me that the job takes just a few hours each month. Perhaps you are already a member of Jo's team and fancy stepping up or are one of our readers willing to have a go, please either contact me at the editor's email address or, better still, phone Jo on 01527 892059.

HELP FOR YOU if you are self-isolating **From Volunteers Co-ordinated by Feckenham Facebook Group & Parish Council**

A group of local volunteers from the village are available to assist you with PICKING UP SHOPPING, or POSTING MAIL, picking up URGENT SUPPLIES (including medications) or just having a FRIENDLY PHONE CALL during this challenging time when many people are being advised to self-isolate if they are either vulnerable or ill.

If you would like some help then please contact JANE BULL, Clerk to Feckenham Parish Council either on **892522** or **clerk.feckenhampc@feckenham.com** and we will be in touch (& the help is free!). Any goods will be left on your doorstep. More updates on our local radio: swansbrook.com

NOTE: Coronavirus is contagious. Please take every precaution to ensure you are spreading only kindness – Avoid physical contact (keep at least 2m distance from others) and Wash your hands regularly

Newshound Jen Cary



In August we made the move from Rednal to Faraway Cottage on Berrowhill Lane. My Husband and I have three children and we chose Feckenham as we wanted them to grow up enjoying beautiful green surroundings and a small village community.

I'm Nichola and am a Law Lecturer and my Husband John works in software development.

Our children are Joshua (9) Sebastian (7) and Isabelle (4). We all enjoy walking and the children have been spending hours exploring the woodland at our house.

And because things aren't crazy enough with three young children...we will be joined by a black puppy Labrador called Doug on the 14th of December so are very excited to walk him around Feckenham in the new year!

The neighbours couldn't be more welcoming and we had many wonderful cards and gifts when we first moved in.

So far we have done local walks, visited the cafe, used the local garage and attended the brilliant bonfire and firework display. We're very much looking forward to the Christmas events and exploring more of what Feckenham has to offer, and what we can contribute to village life in 2022.

Nicky and John

Square Management Committee



Here is the result of a morning's work by the Square Committee. It was a Herculean effort as the tree was so tall and difficult to place in the pre-formed square hole.

Your editor, who is not of a practical nature, watched from a distance as straps, levers and brute strength were used to bring the tree from horizontal on the ground to the (almost) vertical position you see now ready to be decorated and the newly purchased star positioned. The whole of the village green is looking very pretty, bringing light to the darkness both literally and metaphorically.

January Church Services



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2 nd Jan	10.30am	Eucharist - Rev B Wheatley
9 th Jan	9.00am	BCP Eucharist- Rev B Wheatley
16 th Jan	6.30pm	Sung Evensong
23 rd Jan	10.30am	Eucharist Fr Glenn
30 th Jan	10.30am	To be confirmed

FECKENHAM ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH St John Fisher & Thomas More

The Mass service is held every Sunday at 10.15 am.

At the moment we are requested to wear masks during the service.

Mount Carmel 6 pm Sunday Mass is now the Live Streamed Mass.

Link: www.eventcast.uk/live (Type the link into the browser)

Fr. Anthony Rohan, The Presbytery, Redditch. Tel 63096
Local contact: Phylis Mott, Feckenham. Tel 893898

T4U SHOEBOXES FOR CHRISTMAS APPEAL 2021



I am absolutely delighted to be able to tell you that this year we sent off 310 Christmas Shoeboxes. So much love, so much thought, so much compassion went into each and every box.

Thank you, Feckenham Village, Feckenham School, Stoke Prior, Wychbold, Upton Warren, Callow Hill Village, Bradley Green, Hanbury, 1st Bromsgrove Otters Cubs. Together we were able to make a difference!



Thank you too for the generous donations. T4U were given £991-10p of which £387-10p were proceeds from our stall on Wake Day. This money was used to make up another 198 boxes on our

behalf, making a GRAND TOTAL of 508 BOXES.

I can't thank you enough for your kindness and generosity. Thanks to you I am sure that all the recipients have had the best Christmas ever !



Our boxes were distributed in Belarus again this year.

Photographs taken on Shoebox Send Off Sunday

Lin Preece



The Parish Council held its first surgery in December and were joined by West Mercia Police who advised there had been instances of anti-social behaviour in the village car park. This has included vehicle break ins and the theft of number plates. It is particularly important any issues be reported directly to the police. It would be helpful if you could also make the Parish Council aware of any problems.

The Parish Council are making a submission to Redditch Borough Council for the loan of Mobile Camera Deployment (CCTV) for the village car park.

The next surgery will be Thursday 20 January 7.30-9.00 pm to give villagers who work during the daytime the opportunity to ask questions or raise concerns.

The big Feckenham Litter Pick will go ahead in February and your village needs you to volunteer! The actual date is not decided, there will be posters advertising the date and more details soon. If you would like to volunteer, please contact the clerk at clerk@feckenham-parishcouncil.gov.uk or telephone 01527 892522.

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AGATHA WHO?

The first FeckenOdeon film of 2022 is a relatively modern production that can claim to be up there with the best of its type. *Knives Out* is a fine classic thriller but was made as recently as 2019. A wealthy publishing magnate has been found dead in his study. It looks like a suicide, but you and I know better. There's a mansion full of suspects.... This is a star studded homage to the Agatha Christie style murder mystery with a delightfully full stock of red herrings and plot twists. Great fun - with great actors like Christopher Plummer, Jamie Lee Curtis and Daniel Craig.

Knives Out (12A) - Saturday, January 29th at 7.30pm

Covid note: As we go to press the Government has decreed that masks must be worn in cinemas (and all community buildings) - even when seated. We will take every precaution we can to make your visit to the FeckenOdeon as safe as possible but we strongly recommend that you do not attend unless you are fully vaccinated.

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



As in previous years, we hope to have local nurseries selling plants, another stall selling garden accessories and related products and Feckenham Forest History Society all on The Square.

14th - 15th May 2022

I am delighted to announce that after last year's postponement, due to the pandemic, our next Flower and Garden Festival will be held over the weekend of 14th and 15th May 2022.

This hugely successful Festival, now entering its 37th year, raises funds for the general maintenance of our Parish Church of St. John the Baptist and the Churchyard.

In 2018, over 30 gardens opened to visitors and I do hope that we shall be able to repeat this next May. If you would be willing to open your garden 11am - 5pm, Saturday 14th and Sunday 15th May 2022 please do contact me. However due to safety, traffic and other regulations, the boundaries for open gardens fall between Winfields of Feckenham, Moors Lane and Brook House on the B4090.

A highlight of the weekend is the magnificent Flower Festival in the Church – theme to be announced in next month's magazine.

This is a wonderful village event with an enormous number of jobs to be done so, if you feel you can help in any way, your assistance would be most welcome – please get in touch.



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MASKS ON

The Government has confirmed that masks must be worn in all community halls. They must remain in place whether you are seated or standing. You may only remove your face covering when eating, drinking or taking part in a performance or rehearsal. The Hall continues to offer all users antiviral disinfectant sprays and wipes, hand sanitiser dispensers and one-way routes to avoid congestion. We also have a 'fogger' machine to disinfect the entire building between sessions.

The implementation of the rules is the responsibility of hirers and individual users. Full details are given to hirers and are on notices in the Hall.

We strongly suggest that you should not attend events at the Hall if you are not fully vaccinated or feel that you cannot abide by the rules put in place for everybody's safety.

STORM CATASTROPHE

The village Hall's notice board fell victim to the violence of Storm Arwen. The morning of 27th November revealed that the wind had been so strong that it had snapped off the chunky timbers supporting the board at the base - the whole thing had pitched forward and smashed against the iron railings. Amazingly a call to the insurers resulted in a remarkably rapid payment of a good portion of the cost of a replacement. This will be installed soon - but in the meantime please excuse the use of a rather tatty substitute board strapped to the railings.

DRAW

Many thanks to everyone who has contributed to the Hall's Improvement Fund Draws. Draws will now take place monthly

The Improvement Fund Draws for November and December, 2021 were made at the meeting of The Trustees on 7th December.

November Winners:

- 17 David Checkley £25
- 121 Chris & Tave Bristow £15
- 1 Brian Robson £10

December Winners:

- 29 Ian Bellion £25
- 137 John & Pam Eaton £15
- 123 Cyril & Jo Warrilow £10

Letter: Feckenham News Archive

When Jane and Oliver White moved to Bristol earlier in the year, Jane handed over a set of Feckenham News dating back to the time when she took over as Editor.

This collection represents a valuable record of 40 years of community life in Feckenham and the PCC have therefore arranged for it to be deposited in the County Archive at The Hub in Worcester.

Ian Hunter

Book Club



Sadly Book club for December was cancelled due to the current Covid situation. This will be rearranged for January.

Introducing... Ian Bellion

Well, here I am introducing to you someone who should actually need no introduction to anyone who has been around Feckenham for even a short time; but perhaps many of us don't actually know much about this man who is always there making sure many village events happen and run smoothly.



Ian and his partner, Judy, came to Chapel Cottage in 1986. They moved from Hall Green which they enjoyed, but the town life was wearing thin and, once they saw the place, they were hooked, moving in within 3 weeks of making a bid on the property. They already had friends here as they worked at the BBC with Oliver White.

As you may know Ian is, in no particular order, involved in The Feckenodeon, Swansbrook Radio, Parish Council, the Square Management Committee, the Wake Committee which he chaired many years back and the Entertainments Committee. I know he is constantly using his time on village 'business' as I see him organising and helping at so many events. My email pings in the middle of the night and there's a Swansbrook What's On email, he's announcing the opening of the Wake, on the door at Feckenodeon or trudging across

the recreation ground in the rain to do some maintenance on the village hall.

I felt impelled to ask him what drives him to be so involved and it seems to be in his blood. Growing up in Mid-Wales, his parents were always involved in community. He said the house was always full of tickets and posters for the next event. All his life he has been involved in the performing arts. At the age of 7 he played a dormouse in *The Wind in the Willows* moving on to found, with Judy, Miss Mossie's Theatre Company who toured the Midlands and occasionally played at the Village Hall and remains a card carrying Equity member. He loves the sense of community and gets real pleasure from being with people.

His training was in Photography and Graphic Design in Nottingham where Judy also studied but they really got to know each other better when she came to work at Pebble Mill in around 1977. The rest, as they say, is history. They are both very involved in village life, often together and also separately.

Ian does have concerns that most to the people involved with him in the village organisations are over 60 and he wonders where the people who will succeed him are hiding. If a few came forward and gave a few hours it will help the village to remain the dynamic community we know and love.

We owe Ian a huge debt of gratitude and I personally want to thank him for all he does.

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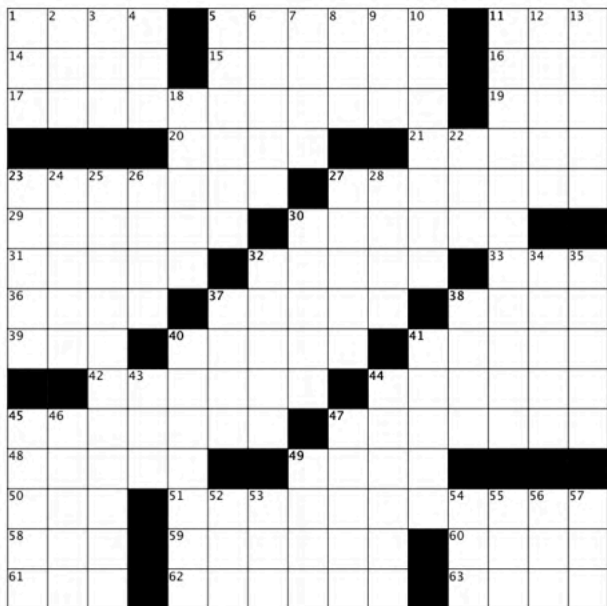
Jamie Hubball

ACROSS

1. ___ Karenina
5. Lass, to an Aussie
11. Cooking container
14. Mix, as an egg
15. Less domesticated
16. Mitsubishi sports car, for short
17. Brings up the rear
19. Prince William's mil. branch
20. Initial stake
21. Goddess of peace
23. Crooked connections
27. Polo shirt brand
29. They grow into oak trees
30. "Business at the front, party at the back" haircut
31. Get moving
32. Blackjack request
33. Ewe's partner
36. Short for Susanne
37. Ulna and fibula
38. Word before curriculum or meltdown
39. "I kissed thee ___ I kill'd thee": "Othello"
40. Bath powders
41. Pam of "Jackie Brown"
42. Notable Python
44. "Holy smokes!"
45. Next to
47. Target in pool
48. Less false
49. Price
50. "Absolutment!"
51. Cutting edge of science?
58. Some rappers
59. Body of work
60. Count (on)
61. Envision
62. Certain eels
63. Give up

DOWN

1. Easy as ___
2. Keanu, in The Matrix
3. "Full Metal Jacket" setting, in brief
4. Consumed
5. Hogs



6. Clues
7. Vogue competitor
8. ___ B. Wells
9. "___ Misérables"
10. Item
11. Soviet policy of restructuring the economic and political system
12. ___ garde
13. Free
18. Peter, Paul or Mary
22. Fish eggs
23. En ___ (as a whole)
24. Happen
25. Certain jaunt to Calais?
26. Setting for the "Iliad"
27. Cousins of mandolins
28. Donations to the poor
30. Chop to bits
32. Gustav who composed The Planets
34. Spinning dizzily
35. Award-winning Streep
37. Sweethearts, in modern slang
38. Nursery sight
40. Spot for a scone
41. Germaine ___
43. Stewart, partner of Herring
44. Swears
45. Small building blocks
46. Steve, who's managed both Birmingham teams
47. Popular US Toyota
49. ___ bean
52. Business bigwig
53. Ill-tempered dog
54. Part of a circumference
55. Final letter, in the colonies
56. Getting on
57. Bread for a Reuben sandwich



A very happy New Year to all our many customers, and of course to the volunteers who have supported the shop throughout the past year.

2021 was a most challenging year for us as we battled the Covid restrictions whilst endeavouring to maintain service levels and keep our important village amenities in "open all hours". Although we can't compete with the trading hours offered by Arkwright's famous Yorkshire Emporium we were able to open every day of the year with the exception of some bank holidays. A creditable achievement and only made possible by the amazing commitment of our volunteers. The result being that the shop has enjoyed a record trading year that has enabled the board to continue its policy of supporting village events and organisations.

For example, last month we were delighted to sponsor the Monday Lunch Club Christmas event. The lunch club is an admirable organisation that provides a regular social gathering for village senior resident especially those that can feel

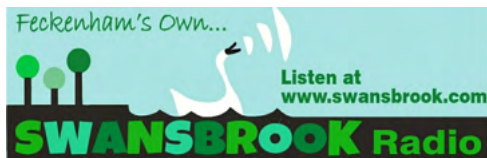
isolated and many of whom live alone. We are proud to be associated with them.

During the last few weeks the shop has appeared particularly attractive with poster decorations, which brings me to my next point. It is so important that we present ourselves as professionally as possible to our customers throughout the year and not just at Christmas. So if there's anyone who has a flair for arranging merchandising displays, we would appreciate your help. An hour of your time just once a month would suffice. So don't be shy, if you have ideas on how we can improve our products please contact me on 894834 and I will welcome your input and involvement.

With no sign of the pandemic are abating and despite the inclement winter weather the café and terrace continue to be popular. So why not come in and join us for a socially distanced coffee. We are always pleased to see you.



Best wishes for the year ahead.



LIVE RADIO

By the time you read this Christmas will be but a memory... but at the time of writing Swansbrook Radio is about to embark on one of the most challenging events in its history - a full scale live outside broadcast of the carol service from the church. It may not sound much but it involves a multi-microphone set up and complicated radio links to our transmission system. Did it work? Well, if you listened, you may be able to tell - and, if you missed it, there's a recording available in our On Demand collection.

There was a time when all radio was live but technology has enabled us to record most of our output in advance - though there is still a certain sense of adventure in "going live" - flying by the seat of your pants and hoping that it all works and that you don't say a rude word on air. Swansbrook now has the means to transmit live and we do wonder if there's anyone who'd like to have a go - either on a regular basis or as a one off? If you do fancy being a live DJ on Feckenham's Own local radio station do please drop us an email to radio@swansbrook.com - we can give training but suggest that you bring your own tranquillisers.

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Feckenham Small Businesses: Great Driving Days

If, on summer days, you have noticed the occasional classic car driving through the village, this may have something to do with Great Driving Days, a business based in Bromsgrove but run by Feckenham resident Graham Eason of Moors Lane.

The business, which was set up in 2006, began as a hobby and now operates a fleet of 20 classics, ranging from 1960s E Types to 1990s supercharged saloons. The cars are available to drive on a range of driving experiences across Worcestershire, the Cotswolds, Malverns and Wales.

Great Driving Days also provides cars for TV and film, for five years providing all the cars for the BBC's Antiques Road Trip and most recently providing cars for I'm a Celebrity, Get Me Out of Here.



“Our experiences are not just about the cars,” explains Graham. “We live in a beautiful part of the world and so we create driving routes that enable the customers to combine the car with great scenery. They’re designed to share – for the car enthusiast and their partner.”

You can find out more about Great Driving Days at www.greatdrivingdays.co.uk or call 01527 893733.

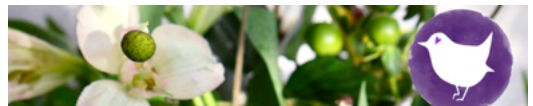
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Kathy's Flowers

This one, though, is clunky and vulgar IMO. Shaggy ink cap, or Lawyer's wig (*Coprinus Comatus*). They are growing between the legs of one of the tree-benches on the green. Apparently you can make ink by mixing the mature inkcap (which goes slimy when ripe) with water and cloves. Heating it fixes the ink and stops it fading. Presumably best used with a quill pen ...



This is another fungus of fallen timber. This time I think its Jelly Rot (*Phlebia tremellosa*). The name comes from the Greek phleps, phleb, which relates to veins, and tremellosa refers to the jelly-like fruitbodies, which wobble when touched! Both of which sound disgusting, but I think this is rather beautiful when you get up close.





The mix of frequent cold weather and rain has limited outdoor activity at the club although tidying up fallen branches is regularly needed after the recent stormy weather.

The cricket square has been treated with autumn/winter fertiliser, which will keep it in good shape until late January. We are awaiting a new pump for our walkover sprayer and once that is received and fitted a solution of iron sulphate will be applied to the outfield in order to control moss growth and harden the grass.

The bonfire site has been cleared of most of the debris left over from November 6th and once the weather is more clement it will be prepared and re-seeded.

The gang mowers (which are towed behind our Land Rover to cut the outfield) will be checked, lubricated and adjusted so as to be ready when needed next spring.

Over the festive period, the clubhouse will be open to members from 11am to 1pm on Christmas Day.

On New Year's Eve we will be providing members with a fun evening as we see in the New Year with some karaoke and games and a few nibbles, with a brief firework display as we say farewell to 2021 at midnight. Fancy dress is encouraged. Admission is strictly by ticket (£5) and these may be obtained from Chris Conway at the club or via 07525 868125. A maximum of 30 tickets will be available so early booking is advised. In the event that the rapidly-moving Covid situation worsens and the event has to be cancelled, all monies will of course be refunded.

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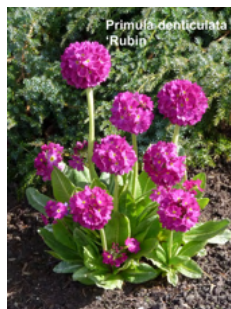
PLANTS FOR WINTER EFFECT - Part 2

Last month I suggested a number of plants for winter effect - and here are some more.

Crocus tommasinianus in its various forms always gives a good show in mid February, although they can be invasive through self sown seedlings. We used to deadhead them as a control measure, a bit fiddly but effective in keeping them in check. The early colour, which can range from pale lilac to a deepish purple, is so welcome that it is worth the effort. We used to have a bed in a fairly shady position which we devoted to these early flowerers, and which included *Scilla tubergeniana* and *Scilla siberica*, *Cyclamen coum*, snowdrops, and primroses. The effect from January to mid March was remarkable.



If you have a moist spot in the garden, *Primula denticulata* obligingly opens its first flowers in late February. Colours range from pale blue, through various shades of mauve and red, and there is a white form too. We grew them in association with the cultivated forms of the Celandine, *Ranunculus ficaria*, which likes the same conditions and begins flowering at the



same time.

Emerging foliage is sometimes sufficiently bold to make a significant contribution to the otherwise thin months of late winter.

Lysimachia punctata 'Alexander' has spectacular shrimp pink young growth, but changes to green with a white variegation as it matures. The pink colouring lasts for several weeks, though, and is always a talking point. Pulmonarias too, begin to show in February, and whilst the flowers do not begin to open for a few more weeks, the leaves are neat and colourful as they expand.

The various cultivars of *Chaenomeles speciosus* and *C. x*

superba (commonly called the Japanese Quince) are by far the earliest of the flowering shrubs with



strongly coloured flowers, and begin to open in mid January. Colours range from orange and red, to pink and white. 'Geisha Girl' is double apricot and fruits prolifically.

If you have a space for another small tree, *Prunus* 'Okame' is a marvellous late February flowering small cherry. It received an Award of Garden Merit in 1947 and has masses of carmine rose flowers and good autumn leaf colour.

For most gardeners, the flowering year cannot start too soon, and an area close to the house, planted with some of these early performers, is a joy to behold during the gloomy early months of the year.

Stock and Bradley Gardening Club



Our speaker at the December meeting was Darren Rudge who gave an amusing and informative talk entitled 'Tea Bags, Bras and Tights'. An intriguing title, and his talk was full of tips and suggestions as to how we can recycle and use simple household products in the garden environment. He also showed us how to make marrow wine, and handed out samples for us to try.

NEXT CLUB EVENT - Wednesday 19th January 2022 at 7:00pm for 7:30pm

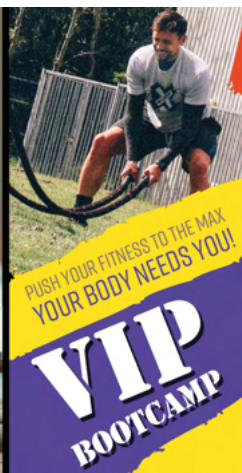
We do not hold a meeting in January, but instead gather together for a Dinner Evening. This year we are at The Boot at

Flyford Flavell. Members have been notified, and pre-booking is essential.

Please note that the next £5.00 annual subscription will become due on 1st January 2022. Please make cheques payable to 'Stock and Bradley Gardening Club'. We welcome new members to join us at any time throughout the year.

Club meetings are normally 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 2022. 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 07544 832052.





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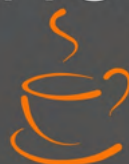
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