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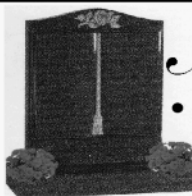
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Tues 8th	12.30am	Lunch Club	Village Hall, Back Room
Tues 8th	7.30pm	Feckenham Forest History Society	Webheath Village Hall
Thurs 10th	7.30pm	Feckenham W.I.	Village Hall Back Room
Wed 16th	10.30am - noon	"Drop in" for coffee and a chat	Parish Church
Sat 26th	7.30pm	FeckenOdeon "My Week with Marilyn"	Village Hall
Wed 30th	10.30am - noon	"Drop in" for coffee and a chat	Parish Church

Happy New Year

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Thanks to Arthur Hind for his photograph of a wintery churchyard.

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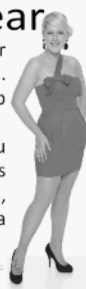
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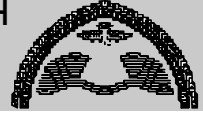
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Readers and Intercessors

Sunday 6th

Epiphany

11-00am Sung Eucharist

Isaiah 60 : vs. 1-6

Ephesians 3 : vs. 1-12

Intercessions

Ann Matthews

Muriel Richards

Pat Onions



Sunday 13th

Baptism of Christ

8-00am Holy Communion

Romans 12 : vs. 1-5

John Eaton

11-00am Family Service - "THE LOVE OF GOD"

Sunday 20th

Epiphany 3

6-30pm Evensong

Isaiah 62 : vs. 1-5

John 2 : vs. 1-11

Intercessions

Gerry East

Tim Powell

John Calvert

Sunday 27th

Epiphany 4

11-00am Family Communion

1 Corinthians 12 : vs. 12-31a

Intercessions

Jane White

Ian Hunter

X Box Sunday School

Will be held in Church on Sunday 6th January. All children will be warmly welcomed.

Morning Fellowship

This lay led prayer service continues weekly on Wednesdays for 30 minutes in the Parish church. **All welcome.**

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Thanks

Village Christmas Card

Many thanks to all those that contributed to the Village Christmas Card. A total of £430 has been raised for the Berega Hospital in Tanzania. This will enable us to complete the solar lighting of the rural clinic at Tunguli which is supported by the hospital. The residents of this village have been amazing in their support of this hospital and clinic throughout the year and you have made a huge difference to the lives of a great many people. Asante sana

The Christmas Fayre in the church raised £350 for church funds. Thank you to all those who helped with stalls and of course all of you who came to support us.

With very best wishes for 2013

Ann Matthews

The Over 60s Annual dinner and Party

Many thanks to the Flower Show Committee and their helpers for organising this splendid event which took place on 8th December. Everyone had worked incredibly hard to decorate the hall, which looked fabulous, and to cook the delicious meal. The wine and conversation flowed splendidly and 'Mr. T' and his accompanist provided excellent entertainment and music (which was not too loud!) One of the highlights was the delightful performance, actually three performances, by the two elegant dancing girls. Not only the Over 60s had a splendid time but also 'Mr. T' - in fact I think a note had to be passed to him to remind him that time was nearly up! I do hope that Rob, Diane and all the others have recovered from their very hard work and can now look back on the evening with pride.

Antonia

New Bunting

I must thank The Square Management Committee and The PCC Flower Festival Committee for their donations towards the cost of new bunting.

Arthur

Ladies Evening

A very big thank you to everyone who joined us for the 'Mission Morogoro' Ladies' Evening, held at the Jinney Ring on 16th November. A talk by Jane Brook from the 'House of Colour', and a glass of wine and nibbles, were followed by a relaxing evening of browsing Christmas gift ideas or just relaxing with a cup of coffee.

You will be delighted to know that a total of £577.71 (and rising!) was raised on the evening and we are talking to Isaac, the Director of Berega Hospital in Tanzania, planning how that donation can most effectively be used to benefit their very needy hospital and clinics. We are making great strides and have now achieved lighting for a second ward at Tunguli clinic - patients are no longer subjected to long hours of total darkness through the night - a frightening prospect.

If you weren't able to join us but would still like to donate or to buy a 'Mission Morogoro' 2013 calendar, we will be pleased to take orders! Please contact Ann Matthews (01527) 892180. Also, for people who would like to be kept up to date with progress at Berega Hospital via email, please contact Tony Mortimer at tonygm@gmail.com

Thank you once again from everyone on the 'Mission Morogoro' team.

Pat Mortimer

Tree Kings

The Square Management Committee would like to thank the gallant volunteers who responded to a call for help to erect the village Christmas tree on December 8th. We all gathered on The Square at 10am with ropes, lights and lifting gear. There was only one thing missing - the tree. Through a misunderstanding the suppliers hadn't delivered. It eventually materialised just before noon. Thankfully our volunteers returned and all was well. The Committee is most grateful to the strong chaps for their patience - and to Andrea and Barb for coffee and encouragement!

Ian Bellion

Feckenham Flower Show & Over 60's Party Fund

Rob Cole

AGM Advance notice of the 2013 AGM - this will be on Thursday 28th February 2013, and the meeting will be open to everyone as usual. We are giving you time to please think about the following -

The existing Committee have all been involved for many years and are deserving of retirement, and for the tradition to continue, new Committee members are needed. Anyone who would be willing to join the Committee is invited to have a chat with Rob Cole (Secretary) on 01527 821156, or with Angela Fletcher (Treasurer) on 01527 893231, or to come to the meeting.

Events already confirmed for 2013

You may wish to make a note of the following events coming up this year :-

Sat. 6th April - Spring Flower Show

Sat. 14th September - Autumn Flower Show

Sat. 7th December - Over 60's Christmas Party

It would be a considerable loss to the village if these events became a thing of the past, so do please consider volunteering as a new Committee member.

W.A.K.E. FM RADIO

FECKENRADIO WILL RETURN

Whilst it proved impossible to get things together in time for the Scarecrow Festival, plans are now well advanced for a return to the airwaves of W.A.K.E. FM in June 2013. Funding has now been secured for much of the cost and there will be meetings in January to plan the project in detail and to start licence applications, etc.

There will be lots of opportunities for everyone to get involved with Feckenham's second foray into local broadcasting. More details soon.

Letters



A Beleaguered Dog Owner's Reply

I feel that I must respond to the piece in the December issue as once again dog owners are made out to be the pariahs of society. • Whilst I have yet to see any dog mess on the footpath between the church and Dunstall Court drive during my daily walks, I am forced to run the gauntlet of horse poo on Mill Lane and discarded sweet wrappers, drink cans and general rubbish around the village and its' environs on a regular basis. • The legal duty to clean up & pick up is not the exclusive domain of dog owners as it extends to horse owners and humans alike.

Therefore, on the rare occasion that you do encounter dog poo, it is possible that it was left by a dog accompanying either a defecating horse or a peripatetic food eater and not by a dog with your average law abiding dog owner.

Marc Shirlaw

Local Policing

Richard Waterhouse

Just to give you an update following the PACT post-box that was recently placed in the village shop.

There were 13 post cards completed and the common theme was excess speed through the Village and potholes, particularly in Swansbrook Lane.

I have raised these issues as a PACT priority with the safer camera partnership and County Council Highways.

Updates to these issues will appear on West Mercia Police web page. If residents pop their post code into the relevant box on the Police home page it will take them to the local Policing page where they will be able see any updates. Hope you all have a very happy and peaceful New Year.

Regards
Richard

From the P.C.C.



Disabled Access into the Church

People have been crossing the threshold into our village parish church for over 800 years. However, those with limited mobility haven't always found this easy, so we have been planning for some time now to ensure that access to our church is convenient for all. Under Church Law, the work necessary to achieve this goal has to be approved by the Chancellor of the Diocese; this involves the Parochial Church Council (PCC) obtaining permission in the form of a 'Faculty'.

The proposals for alterations to the Church which were undertaken in 2010 included the installation of a mechanical wheelchair lift inside the church adjacent to the south door.

However the Chancellor, whilst approving the provision of new toilet facilities to Disability Discrimination Acts standards, kitchen facilities and small flower room, rejected the proposed wheelchair lift. He considered mechanical devices notoriously prone to failure and it could therefore in practice become a little-used white elephant. The Chancellor also excluded using the north door as an access for disabled people as it would mean that they would have to use a different entrance to everyone else, which was contrary to the "inclusive design" cited in the Disability Discrimination Act (1995). He did however suggest an alternative solution and it is this suggestion which has formed the basis of the current proposal, for which the PCC is now seeking Faculty consent.

This proposal now comprises:-

- the lowering of the south porch floor, by the height of one step (about six inches),
- the construction of a platform inside the south porch door from the height of the lower step,
- the construction of a shallow wheelchair ramp leading off to the side plus a single step to the front,

- the re-grading of a section of Church Drive outside the porch to form a gentle slope to the south door (with associated drainage).

Not only will the proposed alterations provide easy access for wheelchairs and pushchairs but the single step inside the church will have the benefit of a handrail on each side where none exists at present.

The total cost of the work is £23k, which will be funded by a combination of funds; grants awarded following successful applications by the PCC to external Trusts and agencies (7k), the sale of Ham Green Mission several years ago (£9.5k) plus existing church funds previously set aside. This does not include the proceeds of the Garden Festival earlier this year which will only be used for repairs to the fabric of the Church.

Details of the proposal are now on display in the Church and a Formal Notice will be placed on the Church door immediately after Christmas.

Ian Hunter

Secretary to the Parochial Church Council

December 2012

Flowers in the Church: Some Flower Festival Images.

The breath-taking beauty of the flower arrangements displayed in our Parish Church during the Flower Festival back in May has been expertly captured by the camera of Arthur Hind. His stunning images are currently available to view at the back of the church (far side). Do feel free to pop into the church anytime (it's open during daylight hours, every day) and enjoy the combined artistic skills of Feckenham's flower arrangers and the creative eye of its resident photographer.

Mark Wheatley

Lay Chair,

Parochial Church Council

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Village Hall

Ian Bellion



THE KNIGHT AND THE DIVA

While making "The Prince and the Showgirl", Marilyn Monroe took a shine to Colin Clark, a lowly assistant director. Their brief relationship is at the heart of "**My Week with Marilyn**" (showing at The FeckenOdeon on **Saturday 26th January**). Marilyn was in the UK because Sir Lawrence Olivier wanted the blonde

bombshell's formidable glamour to rub off on him and rekindle his career in films, while she hoped working with the multiple award-winning actor and director would bring her the respect that she craved. From their first meeting they hated each other and sparks flew both on set and off. Marilyn, making her only film outside the USA, was unhappy and lonely. She took solace in the company of the most junior member of the crew. It was a short interlude in both their lives - but Colin kept a diary upon which this film is based. This is a gentle, amusing and touching film with Michelle Williams portraying Marilyn as a normal human being trapped inside a character of her own making. Eddie Redmayne is Colin and the great luminaries of the 1950s theatrical establishment are played by great luminaries of the 2012 theatrical establishment - Sir Kenneth Branagh as Sir Laurence Olivier and Dame Judi Dench as Dame Sybil Thorndike.



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FORMIDABLE!

Looking ahead to early **February** - on the **8th** FeckenOdeon 2 will present a French film that outdid Avatar and Harry Potter at the box office. "**Untouchable**" is about disability, racism and poverty - and it's a truly funny comedy! More details next month.

Tickets for these shows are on sale at The Village Shop and The Rose & Crown. Book by phone on 0844 8700 887 or online at...

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NUN'S THE WORD!

Feckenham Village Hall has hosted visiting professional productions for many years but it has never before hosted a professional opening night. All Round Theatre will be premiering their new show in Feckenham before it sets off on a regional tour later in the year. The show is Dan Goggins' hilarious musical comedy "**Nonsense**" and it opens at Feckenham Village Hall on **Friday, 15th February** with a second performance on **Saturday, 16th February 2013** - both start at 7.30pm.



"Nonsense" is a delightful romp of a musical about five nuns who are putting on a fund-raising concert. The nuns are in a financial fix because their convent cook accidentally poisoned 52 of their sisters with her vichyssoise. They had enough money to bury 48 of the nuns, but ran out of funds when the Reverend Mother, in a moment of madness, splashed out on a plasma screen TV for the convent. They're forced to put on a charity variety show to raise money to bury the remaining four sisters who are taking up space in the convent freezer. The absurd situation gives the nuns a chance to show off their theatrical talents. It's a happy and joyously funny show with lively song-and-dance numbers, comic routines and clever word play. The nun humour is gentle, sometimes irreverent but never offensive. "Nonsense" ran for 10 years in New York and won 4 Outer Critics Circle Awards including Best Musical.

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Review

Brian Robson

Local Choir -

An All Round Success

The newly formed Village Hall Community Choir took to the stage, alongside professional performers, to warm a cold November evening. There was so much interest in the concert that 'Full House' was declared days before the event took place. The audience was not disappointed with a concert of popular songs & Brummie humour. Malcolm Stent was on top form with his light-hearted, funny reminisces, whilst Robin Johnson & Karen Heard sang songs from the shows beautifully. They were ably supported by 'All Round Voices', our local choir, who sang a medley of popular tunes supported by Dave Sealey on guitar & conducted by his daughter Claire. The concert was highly appreciated, with rapturous applause throughout. The evening supported Acorns Hospice & Mission Morogoro, Tanzania.

The choir hope to build on their success, by encouraging people, who enjoy singing, to come along & join in. You don't have to audition - you just join in. Training is given, by professionals, in an easy going & fun way. More shows are planned for the forthcoming year.

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Stock & Bradley Gardening Club

Rob Cole

In January the club is having their Annual Dinner (16th), our next regular meeting is on Wednesday 6th February 2013 - 7.30pm in Bradley Green Village Hall when we shall have a talk by Adrian James entitled 'Down Quiet Roads in Cornwall'.

Village Hall

Improvement Fund 2012/13

November Winners

46	Steve & Jenny Dalloway	£25
152	Henry Hubball & Gillian Cooper	£15
131	Peter & Phil Horsley	£10

December Winners

125	John & Sue May	£25
56	Tim Zink	£15
27	Rob & Diane Cole	£10

These are the first 2 draws of the 2012/13 Fund. Thank you to everyone who has joined this year. We have 160 members and will have raised over £1300 for Village Hall funds after paying out the monthly prizes.

The January Draw will be held in the Village Hall at 8.00 pm on Tuesday 8th January 2013

What's On this month in STOCK & BRADLEY

16th BREAKAWAY

16th Gardening Club

Annual Dinner
Flyford Arms 7.15 for 7.30pm

9th & 23rd

Drop In

Drop in for a Coffee and a Chat
10 am - 12noon
Bradley Green Village Hall

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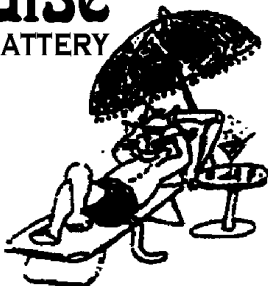
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