

FECKENHAM

JANUARY 2012

News

A photograph of a winter scene in Feckenham village. The ground is covered in a thick layer of snow. In the foreground, several small evergreen trees in pots are covered in snow. In the background, there are several buildings, including a prominent red brick building and a white building. A large, leafless tree with snow on its branches is in the center. Several cars are parked in the background, also covered in snow. The sky is overcast and grey.

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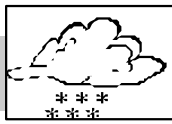
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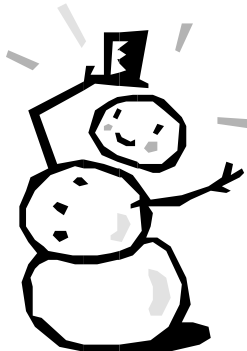


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Tues 10th	7.30pm	Feckenham Forest History Society	Webheath Village Hall
Wed 11th	10.30am - noon	"Drop in" for coffee and a chat	Parish Church
Thur 12th	7.30pm	Feckenham WI	Village Hall Back Room
Wed 18th	7.30pm	Stock & Bradley Gardening club Annual Dinner	Flyford Arms
Wed 25th	10.30am - noon	"Drop in" for coffee and a chat	Parish Church
Sat 28th	7.30pm	FeckenOdeon	Village Hall

FEBRUARY

Fri 10th	8pm	FeckenOdeon 2	Village Hall Back Room
Sun 12th	7.30pm	New Perspectives Theatre Company	Village Hall

**Happy
New
Year**



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Last winter's snow on The Square! Photo by Ian Bellion.

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JANUARY

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Readers and Intercessors

Sunday 1st
Christmas 2

11-00am Sung Eucharist
Isaiah 61 : vs. 10-62.3
Galatians 4 : vs. 4-7
Intercessions

Jeff Matthews
Alison Crellin
Walter Richards



Sunday 8th
Baptism of Christ

08-00am Holy Communion
Romans 12 : vs. 1-5

John Eaton

11-00am Family Service "IN THE BEGINNING"

Sunday 15th
Epiphany 2

6-30pm ECUMENICAL SERVICE

Saturday 22nd
Epiphany 3

11-00am Family Communion
Revelation 19 : vs. 6-10
Intercessions

Alistair Mcnaughton
Ian Hunter

Sunday 29th
Candlemas

10-30am GROUP FAMILY EUCHARIST

X Box Sunday School

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

Morning Fellowship

9.15am every Wednesday in church, for about ½ an hour of ecumenical prayer & contemplation.

Feckenham Roman Catholic Church

St John Fisher & St. Thomas More



Mass is celebrated every Sunday at 10.15am in the Church

Fr. Edward Clare, The Presbytery, Redditch. Tel. 01527 63096

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Communal Christmas Card



Your very generous donations to the Communal Christmas Card enabled us to give £535 to our chosen charity "Hope and Kindness". The church paid for the printing costs from their annual giving. Thank you to Ian Ridley for letting us use his painting which I hope you all enjoyed. J.W.

Hope and Kindness

Thank you & information about the charity

I would like to take this opportunity to express my personal gratitude and say 'thank you so much' for the donation of £535.

This gift will be used to support the work of "Hope and Kindness," a charity that myself and my husband founded in 2002, to care for and to educate orphaned and abandoned children in a very poor, rural area in south west Kenya. In 2002 we spent a year living as members of the Kosele community where we established a small children's home for 17 orphans and a nursery school for a total of 35 children. Almost ten years later the children's home has grown to a family of 37 and the nursery school has grown into a school which teaches over 170 children from nursery through to Year 8. This year my husband Terry has gone back, again in a voluntary role, to establish a farm and Agricultural College that we hope will one day enable the work of Hope and Kindness to become self sufficient and self sustaining. It is an ambitious goal but we believe that with the support of old friends and new across the UK, together with a talented and committed

Kenyan team, we will secure a much brighter future for these very brave and hardworking children.

As a member of the teaching staff at Feckenham First School I have been hugely encouraged by the support we have received through the children's various fundraising events. In the same way, I am really touched and moved to receive this gift of the donations made to the Feckenham Communal Christmas Card.

On behalf of the children, the staff and our Kosele neighbours, I would like to close by saying

"Erokamano ainya" (thank you so much)

"Nyasye Ogwedu" (God bless you)

If you would like to know more about our work you can visit our website at www.hopeandkindness.com and read Terry's 'daily blog' on the 'news' page.

Judy Mott

Thanks

Worcestershire Breast Care Unit Campaign

We had such a lovely time at our recent Coffee Morning. It was such a good cause - close to all our hearts, and as usual we had the most wonderful support. The final amount raised was a massive £920.00 !! Thank you to all the helpers and to everyone who attended - we couldn't do it without you!

kindest Regards Shirley Harman.

Dog Mess

This isn't the first time this unsavoury subject has been raised in these pages and it probably won't be the last. This time it's Malcolm Hawkes, longtime custodian of Feckenham Football Club, who has been driven to voice his disgust and frustration at the antisocial attitudes of dog owners.

Malcolm is concerned that dog mess left on the Recreation Ground not only threatens the health of football players and spectators but is dangerous to youngsters heading to the playground at the far end of the field.

A couple of facts for your digestion:

- Dog waste is teeming with E. Coli and other harmful bacteria including faecal coliform bacteria, which causes serious kidney disorders, intestinal illness, cramps and diarrhoea.
- Dog poo often contains roundworm larvae, which cause blindness. If a human ingests a roundworm larva, it can migrate through the body causing disease to the brain, lungs, kidneys, liver, heart or eyes.

So how would you like to dive into a pile of this stuff when you're trying to score a goal... or even worse, how would you like your child to accidentally ingest even the smallest smear of this toxic waste?

Malcolm's message is quite simple - **PICK IT UP!** There are bins provided by the gate into the field, in the car park and at the head of The Square. There really is no excuse. It's a problem that seems to get worse as time goes on and Malcolm's concern is echoed by Feckenham Cricket Club and the Square Management Committee. Dog walkers are welcome in all of these areas but the volunteers who look after them are getting heartily sick of the irresponsible attitudes of a minority.



PICK IT UP!

Feckenham Flower & Garden Festival

12 & 13th May 2012 *Cathy Fisher*

Plans are now under way for this year's Festival to be held over the weekend of the 12th and 13th May.

This hugely successful Festival, which is now entering its 27th year, raises funds for the Church Fabric Fund (general maintenance of our parish church of St. John the Baptist).

In 2009, over 30 gardens opened to visitors and I do hope that we shall be able to repeat that again this year. If you would like to open your garden 12 noon - 6pm, Saturday 12th and Sunday 13th May 2012, 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.

Many of our gardens are hidden and vary enormously in size and style. This variety creates a huge amount of interest and an element of surprise.

I am extremely grateful to the W.I. who have once again agreed to provide their wonderful teas in the Village Hall and there will be a pig roast/ barbecue at the Catholic Church. We hope to have two local nurseries selling plants, another stall selling garden accessories and related products and Feckenham Forest History Society all on The Square.

A highlight of the weekend is the magnificent flower festival in the Church. This year's theme will be 'With hearts and hands and voices' and I have no doubt that our creative flower group will rise to this exciting challenge.

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.

Catherine Fisher

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Thought for the month

John Green

THE GATE OF THE YEAR - WILL WE WALK THROUGH IT?

I always feel that New Year is one of those moments which presents us with an opportunity which we may either take with both hands or simply ignore and continue with the familiar pattern of it all. Traditionally, it is seen as a moment for looking back to what has been in last year and in previous years, but it is also a moment for looking forward, to lifting our eyes to the hills. The turn of the year is a moment when time can seem to stand still, giving us a precious opportunity to be aware of the present moment.

What, I wonder, would you wish for this coming year? Are there changes that you would like to see in your life or in the lives of others? Perhaps you would like to take a step out into the unknown and maybe you would love to be free of the fear that blocks you from doing it? Probably we need to be more aware of our own neglected voices and we may be able to do this by making a New Year's resolution to listen more attentively to others and perhaps we may even take the risk of allowing others to listen to us. If we are able to do this we may be better prepared to seize God's moment when it comes to us in an opportunity presented or a challenge to change course or even an opportunity to forgive or be forgiven.

We do not know as yet what gates will open up for us in this New Year of 2012, but let us at least be expectant that God will be at work within our lives and the lives of others. So often, we pull away from opportunities to change course because of the deep seated anxieties within our innermost depths.

In her beautiful poem, "The Annunciation"
Denise Leverton says

*Some unwillingly undertake great destinies,
enact them in sullen pride, uncomprehending.*

*More often those moments when roads of light
and storm
open from darkness in a man or woman,
are turned away from
in dread, in a wave of weakness, in despair and
with relief.
Ordinary lives continue.
God does not smite them.
But the gates close, the pathway vanishes.*

As we walk through the gate of this New Year, poised between what has been and what will be, let us be profoundly expectant that we shall encounter the divine as we travel along the road of life. It is so easy to miss the God moment and to turn away in fear or dread of being changed. Surely though, being transformed, the possibility that we might be different is what it is all about. Safe travelling.

Bowbrook Group Lent 2012



ASH WEDNESDAY, 22 February at 8.00 pm
Himbleton Church Holy Communion with imposition of ashes

LENT COURSE SO THEN!

Five hard questions for us to reflect on.

Wednesday 29 February 8.00 pm

Are we really free to make our own decisions?

Wednesday 7 March 8.00 pm

Is there really such a thing as a miracle?

Wednesday 14 March 8.00 pm

Does having a faith make us better people?

Wednesday 21 March 8.00 pm

What is prayer and does it work?

Wednesday 28 March 8.00 pm

Is there really life beyond death?

*Venues to be announced by the beginning of February.

Do come along, air your own views and be prepared to be challenged and hopefully to be surprised by new insights into some fairly hard questions which we all ask from time to time.

Family Service

Gary Crellin

IN THE BEGINNING.....

Happy New Year to you all. I hope that 2012 is a year that will hold good for us all in this community of ours. With the Olympics and the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, there will be lots to celebrate and remember in this new year - hopefully for many years to come!

We have to start somewhere - so where can we start in the Church's Family service? The lectionary, this is the prescribed readings for each church year, traces from the glory of Christmas with Jesus' birth through to his baptism which happened many years later by his cousin, John (and our churches patron saint). We somehow miss the arrival of the Magi (or three Kings if you prefer) and His presentation in the temple - two key dates for our faith. It is all to do with the timing of Lent/Easter which I will not bore you with but sometimes time rushes by too quickly. To confuse matters more, the family service this month really goes back to the beginning - to look at Creation and the dawning of the new world that God created for us all to use and safe keep.....

The New Year break is a good time for clearing out the old to make way for the new (a perfect excuse for the Sales then) and for New Year's resolutions. During the brief epiphany season (it ends on the 6th January so make a note to take the decorations down!) such soul searching, and may be prayer, may give you a sudden realization about the nature or meaning of something. This is what happened when the Three Kings arrived at Bethlehem - they saw in Jesus the face of God with us all.

As you think about what this new year brings, perhaps you will be drawn to offer help and support to organisations within this community

- the Shop, the Entertainments or Square Committee, the two youth groups - even the Church. I am particularly looking for help to develop our family service, to gain fresh ideas and help to run the service. Maybe your New Year's Resolution (or epiphany moment) is to help in this way. I would be delighted to hear from you!

Let me end with a poem by Joanna Fuchs:-

Looking Forward

May this new year find you
healthier and happier,
peaceful, content, satisfied,
looking forward
to fresh, revitalizing interests,
a variety of pleasures,
interesting new people,
material and personal successes
to make this new year
the best one yet.

Happy New Year!

Family Service

January 8th at 11am



New Beginnings

Refreshments served after

Operation Christmas Child

Ron Russ

The Evesham send-off took place on 11 December with an ecumenical Service in the warehouse before the last lorry load of boxes was duly topped out and sent on its way to Belarus.

Shoebboxes through Evesham were down a bit this year, only some 30,000 being checked, packed and shipped to needy children in third world countries including Liberia, Serbia and Belarus. However donations with the boxes totalled £43,000.

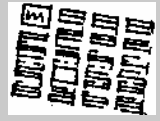
At the Service we were given a firsthand account from a lady who helped distribute boxes in Belarus last Christmas. Her stories of children receiving the gifts touched the hearts of all present. These boxes mean so much to deprived youngsters who have nothing.

I can only pass on to everyone involved with shoeboxes in Feckenham the sincere thanks of the Christian charity Samaritan's Purse for everything you do, no matter what. The message is, do please keep the boxes coming next year. There can never be too many.

THE REVEREND BIDDI KINGS

Many of us will know that Biddi is leaving us at the end of January to work with the Reverend Mike Rogers who is the Vicar of Berrow with Pendock, Eldersfield, Hollybush and Birtsmorton. A group of parishes a few short miles from where Biddi lives. We are extremely sorry to be losing her and we will be having a farewell in the early part of next year. In the meantime, we would like to say to Biddi, "Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for all that you have given us during your time with us." Biddi's final service will be the Group service at Feckenham on Sunday 29 January at 10.30 am. Do please come along.

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Feckenham Flower Show & Over 60's Party Fund

Rob Cole

AGM 23rd February 2012

The 2012 AGM is to be held in the Back Room of the Village Hall at 7.30pm on Thursday 23rd February 2012, and the meeting will be open to all as usual.

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 2012

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

- 14th April 2012 Spring Flower Show
- 27th May 2012 Open Afternoon at Meadow Farm Garden, 33 Droitwich Road
- 8th Sept. 2012 Autumn Flower Show
- 8th Dec. 2012 Over 60's Christmas Party

It would be a considerable loss to the village if these events became a thing of the past.

WHAT'S ON IN FECKENHAM

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Stock & Bradley GARDENING CLUB

ANNUAL DINNER

at The Flyord Arms
Wednesday, January 18th - 7.30pm
call 821156 for details

Feckenham Readers Group



Tuesday, 10th January - 7.45
This Month: THE SENSE OF ENDING
by Julian Barnes
Details from Marion Chute - 892285

Feckenham & Astwood Bank Conservatives

A WOODEN HORSE RACE

Feckenham Village Hall
Saturday, 4th February at 7pm

Tickets £10 including light supper
from Antonia - 892268
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WHAT'S ON IN FECKENHAM

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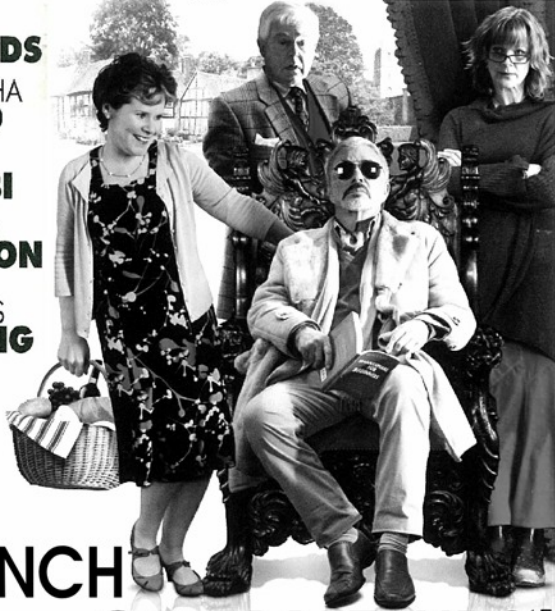
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FeckenOdeon 2

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Friday, 10th February - 8pm



The FeckenOdeon Cinema Society

LEAR JETS IN

It's not often that the handsome chaps of the Hollywood cinema decide to admit to aging - toupees, facelifts and airbrushes preserve the illusion far beyond the natural sell by date. It's refreshing therefore to find one of the biggest action stars acting his age. Burt Reynolds was 72 when he made **"A Bunch of Amateurs"** in 2008 and earns full marks for self parody. He plays a fading American action hero who is delighted when his agent gets him the lead in King Lear in Stratford, England. It's only when he arrives at the "theatre" that the awful truth dawns - the agent has pulled a fast one and "Stratford"



turns out to be Stratford St John... and the show is an amateur one. The great star attempts a hasty exit but the amateurs, led by Derek Jacobi and Imelda Staunton, have other ideas. Their theatre needs a star to save it from oblivion and, although the ending is hardly a surprise, there's a great deal of fun to be enjoyed on the way. If you've ever had anything to do with amdram this will strike a chord. It's the sort of film the British do marvellously - funny, engaging, implausible but believable.

TATIFALARIOUS

The supporting short feature is unusual. It's an animation aimed at adults based on a script by the great French comic actor Jaques Tati. **"The Illusionist"**, made in 2010, tells the

funny and touching tale of a stage magician who falls in love in Edinburgh. A beautiful and finely crafted delight which has to be seen to be believed.

Saturday, 28th January - 7.30pm
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Village Hall

Ian Bellion



RACING SUCCESS

The Village Hall's Boiler Fund is over £1,000 better off after an enjoyable Rocking Race Night on 19th November. Punters wagered on the outcome of 8 mystery races, enjoyed some excellent food and drink and the evening ended with an impromptu recreation of a 1950s dance hall.

The Committee is extremely grateful to those who sponsored races or horses and to those who helped make this evening such a success. In particular thanks are due to members of Feckenham Entertainments Committee who worked with the Hall on this event.

COMING SOON

Sunday, 12th February - "How Steeple Sinderby Wanderers Won the FA Cup" - New Perspectives Theatre Co in the tale of a small village that dreams the impossible dream! (Shindig)

Saturday, 18th February - The Great Feckenham QUIZ. Hone your thinking muscles - here's a chance to test the little grey cells. Form a team and join in the fun - in aid of the Village Hall Boiler Fund.

Sunday, 25th March - Spaghetti Swing - direct from Italy - music, dance and cooking - Mamma mia! You'll be amazed - and amused! (Shindig)

EXTRA! EXTRA!

As we go to press the final arrangements are being put in place for an extra

Shindig show for May 23rd. Vamos Theatre Co were a great success last year with the hilarious "Nursing Lives". They'll be returning with their latest show "Much Ado About Wenlock" - staged in co-operation with Cheltenham's Everyman Theatre and all about the original Olympics staged in Much Wenlock... More details soon.



Village Hall

Improvement Fund 2011/12



November Winners

127	Philip & Ann Talbot	£25
55	Philip Tricklebank	£15
84	Margaret Matthews	£10

December Winners

53	Minky Waters	£25
100	Nicholas Byng & Louise Chance	£15
125	John & Sally Roundell	£10

These are the first 2 draws of the 2011/12 Fund. Thank you to everyone who has joined this year. We have 160 members and will have raised over £1200 for Village Hall funds after paying out the monthly prizes.

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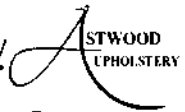
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Time Warp

During the building work on their new home Greg and Kate Lowe have uncovered the old shop sign. If anyone can contribute memories of the Drapers shop it would be interesting for newer villagers to read about. Contact me 893281, 55 Alcester Road.
Jane White (Photo by Gray Darby)

Ridgeway Middle School

Ridgeway Middle School's Autumn Term has been packed full of events and activities that all pupils have been engaged in. The Autumn Term has also seen excellent teaching by the staff and superb learning by the children in their lessons. It has been very encouraging to see pupils engaged in meaningful and challenging activities during their lessons and pupils clearly making progress. I look forward to more of the same in the New Year as we continue to further develop the already good standards of the school.

Pupils and their families along with the staff have shown their generosity in raising thousands of pounds for charities (Birmingham Children's Hospital and Children in Need to name just two) as well as pupils being involved in 'Dress as a character from your favourite book' day. The sports teams in each year group of the school (football and netball in particular) have had an eventful and successful start to their respective seasons.

However, the fun isn't only for the kids! We have recently restarted Friends of Ridgeway. We have a committee that are bursting with ideas that will involve children, parents, adults, families, well pretty much anyone! Some of the activities they are currently planning range from 'race nights, quiz nights, frog racing...yes, frog racing! along with the activities traditional associated with schools. The aim is to have fun and get involved with the school and the local community. So please watch out for further news from the 'Friends of Ridgeway' and be part of it.

At the time of writing this, the school is busily preparing for the Christmas Fayre, Christmas Disco, Dick Whittington show and a variety of activities in school as we head for the end of term.

It is with great anticipation that we look forward to the New Year and the new challenges' that will face us. Before then, Ridgeway Middle School would like to wish all of our friends in Astwood Bank and further

afield a Merry Christmas and a peaceful and happy New Year.

Regards

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Wooden Horses?

Antonia Pulsford

What is a Wooden Horse Race Night?

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This is great fun.• You're not guessing the result of an old race, but betting on people you can actually see, and possibly know.• Half the money bet on each race is divided• among the successful backers, the remainder goes to the local Conservative Association after paying expenses.• We make a donation to the RNLI as the owner of the wooden horses does not charge us for borrowing them, and of course there is the hire of the Village Hall etc.• Each winner of a race gets a rosette and a small prize.

Judging from pervious events we have organised, the supper, under Minkie Waters' expert direction, will be delicious.• Children can be admitted half price, but may not drink alcohol or bet. **Please buy your tickets in good time, before the end of January, to help us with catering!**

... .. Antonia Pulsford (892268)

Feckenham W.I. *Adrienne Newland*



At our Christmas meeting we invited Nick Houghton to tell us about the work of the "Where Next Association?". It is a charity that trains young people with learning difficulties to grow garden plants and sell them in the shop run by the charity. Their main nursery is in Easmore Road, Redditch. They also have teams that carry our garden maintenance. Nick showed us slides of their garden and their work, and he brought some of their Christmas plants for us to buy.

January 12th, 7.30pm Back Room Village Hall. Our first meeting of the year has the title "Whalebone and Lace", a talk on corsets by Rod Quilter. Visitors and new members are welcome. Our annual lunch is on 18th February at The Rose & Crown.

Rous Lench & Inkberrow Royal British Legion inc. Feckenham *Roger Hunt*

The branch meets on the first Tuesday of each month at 8pm at The Wheelbarrow & Castle, Radford. This is an open meeting, all interested persons are welcome. The chat is good and the bar is open.

January there is no meeting but we shall be meeting at 12.30pm on 3rd for lunch. Usual venue.

Stock & Bradley Gardening Club

Rob Cole

THE MEETING on 18th January 2012 will be our Annual Dinner, this year to be held at 'The Flyford Arms', Worcester Road, Flyford Flavel, commencing at 7.00pm for 7.30pm.

Those who have paid their subscription for 2012 will find a menu and acceptance form in the enrolment pack which was handed out when you paid your subscription. Please make sure that the form is completed and returned to Jan Bates no later than 5th January 2012.

THE NEXT MEETING on 1st Feb. will welcome Robin Pearce of Worlds End Nurseries who will give a talk on 'Dahlias'. There has been a resurgence of interest in Dahlias as garden plants, and Robin has a particular interest in their history, varieties, and cultivation. Members at the time will remember a visit in July 2008 to Robin's nursery at Hallow, near Worcester, when we were given an opportunity to look behind the scenes, and to enjoy his garden.

MAKE A NOTE IN YOUR DIARY NOW !

Please note that the annual subscription became due in October and can be paid at any meeting. All club meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month at the Village Hall, 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. For further information, ring Jan Bates on 01386 792414 or Rob Cole on 01527 821156.

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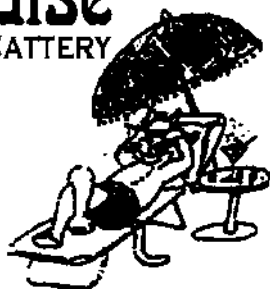
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