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Tues 8 th	7.30pm	Feckenham Forest History Society	Feckenham Village Hall
Thur 10 th	7.30pm	Feckenham WI	Village Hall, Back Room
Sat 26 th	7.30pm	FeckenOdeon	Village Hall

FEBRUARY

Sat 2 nd	7.30pm	Shindig - 'Noble Jacks'	Village Hall
Fri 8 th	8pm	FeckenOdeon-2	Back Room Village Hall

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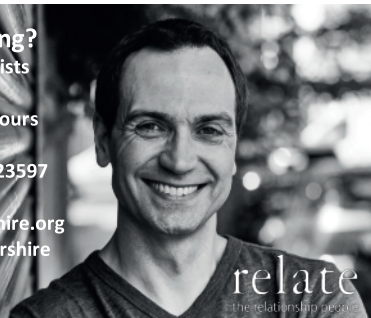
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Sunday 6th **11.00am** **Sung Eucharist** **Readers and Intcessors**

Epiphany

Isaiah 60: 1-6

Ephesians 3: 1-12

Intercessions

John Calvert

Jenny Goode

Tony Mortimer



Sunday 13th **8.00am Holy Communion**

Epiphany 2

Romans 12: 6

Mark Wheatley

11.00am Rosemary Wormington from Brain Tumour Support

Sunday 20th **10.15am Christian Unity service at the Catholic church**

Epiphany 3

Sunday 27th **11.00am Holy Communion**

Epiphany 4

Nehemiah8:1-3,5-6,8-10

1 Corinthians12: 12-31a

Intercessions

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My mobile number is: **07595 313035** or email wynbeynon@gmail.com Thank you! Wyn

Feckenham Roman Catholic Church

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Mass is celebrated every Sunday at 10.15am in the Church

Fr. Anthony Rohan, The Presbytery, Redditch. Tel. 01527 63096

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

Thanks

Over 60's Christmas Party

I would like to record my sincere thanks to the Committee and helpers who put on yet another wonderful event on 8th December in the Village Hall. I know from experience the amount of forward planning and organisation* that this annual event entails, raising sufficient funds during the year and then running the event, but once again it was a triumph.

The Hall was beautifully decorated, the food was delicious and was served meticulously by a team of younger villagers. Along with excellent musical entertainment and a hamper full of Christmas goodies which was raffled during the evening, I am sure that all those who attended would like to join me in expressing our thanks.

Rob Cole

'Nearly Christmas Quiz' 29th Nov. '18

Wow! in excess of £600.00

An incredible amount of £655.00 plus, was raised for MacMillan Cancer Support on quiz night. The highest amount raised since the first quiz early in 2017. This has taken the total raised to over £2100.00.

The charities who benefited are The Air Ambulance, Cancer Research, Birmingham Children's Hospital, The RNLI, and Dementia UK.

Thanks to all who participated and especially to those who donated prizes.

Thanks also to Mel & Mat who host the events and look after us all.

Not forgetting the 'Team' Tracy, Fran, Arthur, Ian, Jackie and Anna.

The next quiz will be at Easter so look out for information closer to the time.

Arthur Hind

A Christmas Concert

We would like to thank all those who helped and supported the 'Christmas Concert' held in the Village Hall on the 1st December. In particular we would like to thank Carole Corden, All Round Voices Choir, Studley Operatic Society, Feckenham Church Choir and Ian Bellion. It was a sell out evening and much enjoyed by all. The event raised a fantastic

£1,410 (after all expenses) to be donated equally between Cancer Research UK, Air Ambulance and our Parish Church and Churchyard Maintenance Fund.

Cathy Fisher

Communal Christmas Card

Jane White



Crisis at Christmas

This year thanks to all those who contributed, the Christmas card donations amounted to £776 which will be made up to £1200 by an anonymous donor.

Ann and I hope you all enjoy the Village Card and find it a different way to help other people in hard circumstance. Thank you all, it makes our efforts worthwhile, and thank you to the Church for paying for the printing.

A place at Crisis at Christmas is more than just a hot dinner, a health check and a haircut. Each guest gets housing and job advice, plus access to year-round services at Crisis – giving them a chance to leave homelessness behind for good. £1200 will be enough to help about 40 people.

Village Shop

10 Years On

The Village Shop celebrates its 10th anniversary on 31st January and we would like to thank all those who have supported us in every way over the years, particularly we are most grateful to approximately 80 unpaid volunteers who keep the shop running, and equally thanks to those who shop with us and enjoy the cafe area.

It is worth remembering that the shop was introduced because the villagers, in a parish plan, had a shop at the top of their priorities. Since then receiving 2 national awards gave us encouragement. We have a new chairman and some new board members who are taking a close look at how we can make improvements. We would welcome suggestions for changes. Best Wishes *John Calvert*

Beat Bobby's Blog

South West and Rural is covered by myself and two PCSO's Mike Handford and Jamie Fisher. We try to be as visible as we can, as no doubt some have seen not only Supporting Village shop "CAFÉ specials" but stood on the side of the road conducting Speed enforcement !

We do attend the events in the village to ensure we are seen as the "local Bobby" amiable approachable and supportive of the community also hoping to offer a degree of reassurance and advice.

Crime is very low within the village, also within the outskirts of the parish, but we aren't immune to worries concerns and crime.

One victim is too many, whatever the incident is we need too know! 101 non-emergency, 999 otherwise

We have worked tirelessly with the Parish Council to roll out "Smart water". It does Work but we all need to have the buy in "so come on down the price is right ! " (actually its free)

Prevention is better than detection.

If you haven't got your Smart water then make contact with your local Parish Councilors.

We need community engagement as we can't do it without you !

Paul.

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Parish Council

Jane Bull

Defib Training

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GOOD NEWS

GREAT NEWS

FANTASTIC NEWS



For 21 years we have wrapped, packed and sent our Christmas Boxes to children in need throughout the world. To countries far and wide. Cambodia, Kyrgyzstan, Liberia, Serbia, Romania, Ukraine, Belarus.

This year's response has been amazing, what a wonderful 21st (the best news ever). Together Feckenham Village, Feckenham First School, Callow Hill Village, our 2 neighbouring churches and Stoke Prior First School collected 289 boxes, plus generous donations that enabled helpers at the warehouse to make up 120 boxes on our behalf, another 100 boxes made with the proceeds from Wake Day making a grand total of 509. Wow! how amazing is that!

A lovely send off service was held in church with the T4U representatives. At the end of the service the boxes were loaded to begin their journey. This year our boxes were given to children and families in Belarus.

Thank you all so much for your kindness and generosity, you have shown these children and their families that you care, you have given them a gift of love you have also given them a gift of hope.

Thank you.
Lin



From the P.C.C.

Ian Hunter

A new safe access to the tower roof means that once again flags will be flying high over Feckenham Parish Church.

The National Churches Trust has contributed £3,000 towards the cost of creating a new access to the roof of the tower of the Church. The old access did not meet modern safety standards and its replacement now allows safe access for regular checking of the condition of the roof, the testing of the lightning conductors and the flying of the Diocesan Flag at festivals and national occasions.

The new access was designed by Mark Evans Architects Ltd and comprises a new ladder in the tower bell chamber giving access to a raised platform from which the new roof hatch fitted with gas struts can be safely opened. The main contractor was D A Cook (Builders) Ltd. of Winchcombe. The total cost of the project has been £10,500 including fees and VAT to which the National Trust has contributed £3,000.

The Rev Wyn Beynon said, "It is important that the church is at the centre of a community and the ability to signal that by flying a flag on important feast days, is part of that, whether people attend regularly or not. We have valued the support of the National Church's Trust in making this possible again in Feckenham"

Family Fun

Wooden Horse Race Night

19th January

Feckenham and Astwood Bank Conservatives are running a Family Fun Night.

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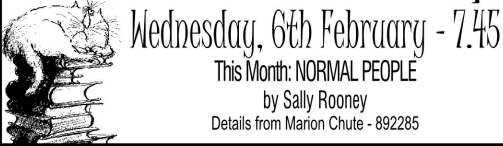
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NEXT SESSION: Tuesday, 5th February

Feckenham Readers Group



Wednesday, 6th February - 7.45

This Month: **NORMAL PEOPLE**
by Sally Rooney
Details from Marion Chute - 892285

Feckenham Forest History Society

HORATIO NELSON

Talk by Max Keen
Tuesday, 12th February - 7.30pm
Webheath Village Hall
www.feckenham-forest-history-society.org.uk

ART EXHIBITION

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WHAT LIES BENEATH OUR FEET

with Georgia Jacobs

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Stock & Bradley GARDENING CLUB

WHY WAIT FOR SPRING

With Helen Picton

Wednesday, 6th February
7.30pm - Bradley Village Hall

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NOBLE JACKS

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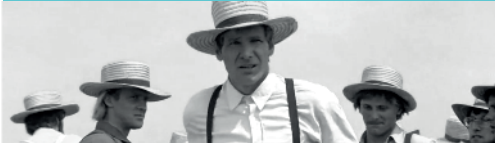
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FeckenOdeon Cinema Society

Ian Bellion



AMISH THRILLS...

Every now and then The FeckenOdeon finds it's able to show a rarity. As far as we're aware the first film of 2019 hasn't been seen on a cinema screen in the UK for the best part of 30 years - and that's a shame because it's a very good film indeed. In **"Witness"** a young Amish boy is the only witness to a murder. In order to protect him a detective goes undercover and lives inside the Amish community - but it seems that there may be police corruption involved and the peace and way of life of the community comes under threat. It's a taught thriller - and an insight into an anachronistic way of life. Harrison Ford gives an intelligent performance as the detective which earned him a well deserved Oscar.

"WITNESS"

Saturday, 26th January at 7.30pm



THE WATER'S LOVELY!

FeckenOdeon 2's first film of the New year is a comedy in which Rob Bryden leads a group of miscellaneous middle-aged blokes who form a deeply unlikely male synchronised swimming team. There are echoes of "The Full Monty" and "Brassed Off in this enjoyable caper - helped by an intelligently written script that takes a witty look behind the middle aged male ego...

"SWIMMING WITH MEN"

at 8pm on Friday, 8th February

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

Village Hall

Ian Bellion



NOBLE JACKS

Just two days into next month **Noble Jacks** will be in Feckenham to take the chill off a winter night! They're described as a high energy band - and they're certainly that. With a fiddle led, foot stomping sound and an uplifting, heartwarming repertoire this popular band could be just what we need to banish the February blues. Noble Jacks have been touring relentlessly, storming their way round the UK music scene with sold out shows as well as spots at major festivals including Glastonbury, Cambridge Folk Festival, and Beautiful Days to name a few.

Saturday, 2nd February - 7.30pm:

NOBLE JACKS in Concert

Tickets (£11) from The Village Shop, The Rose & Crown, by phone on 0333 666 3366 or online at www.ticketsource.co.uk/feckenham

Bad News: The performance of "Grimm's Tales" scheduled for 7th April won't take place because the Arts Council have withdrawn funding.

Good News: The fantastic **Fordante** will step into the same date with their latest show **"Romance to The Movies"** - more details soon but tickets are already on sale

NEW YEAR - NEW YOGA

Yoga classes were a regular Village Hall feature for many years - only ending when the practitioner retired. The Hall is delighted to announce the return of Yoga under the supervision of Melissa Caddick.

Melissa will be teaching Hatha Yoga every Monday evening starting on 7th January in the Back Room. The practice is suitable for all age groups and abilities - starting at 7.15pm and ending at about 8.15pm.

Melissa will be happy to give you further details and/or book you a space - the first class is free!

Contact Melissa on 07814753927 or email : yourlifeyoga@outlook.com



NEW YEAR - NEW WEBSITE

It's always dangerous to promise something will be up and running at a particular time - particularly when it involves computers.... But, by the time you read this, the Swansbrook radio website should have a sparkling new look. If it hasn't it's because the computer is sulking... stick with it - it will work, eventually! The idea is to make it easier to find and listen to our programmes. It should also make the site more user friendly on mobile phones and other devices with small screens. It's the first major re-design since we went on the air a couple of years ago. Take a look : swansbrook.com is the address.

JOINING OUR LOVELY LISTENERS...

We were delighted to meet lots of Feckenhamsters at the "Know Your Village" event at the Village Hall. We chatted to lots of you - and, if you were one of those people, you'll be on the air very soon... and we signed up a lot of you to our email list - welcome to you all! This is an ideal way of keeping up to date with new programmes and features on Swansbrook. We send you just one email each week containing brief descriptions of our latest programmes - no advertising, no hard sell, no pestering - just a bit of info. If you'd like to join in, all you have to do is go to our website and click on "Register" and we'll have you signed up in no time.

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Square Management Committee

TREMENDOUS!

Feckenham News goes to press far too early for us to report on Christmas Eve's Carols on The Square... but we can report on the magnificent Christmas Tree which will still be gracing The Square when you read this. On Saturday, 8th December a gallant crew set off for Stock Green and the home of Mr and Mrs Perry. Lurking in their back garden was a magnificent pine tree - the last of a whole mini forest planted by the previous owner. In no time at all the monster was felled and transported back to Feckenham. A larger gang then assembled to push, pull, strain and groan until it rose into a vertical position. Clothes props, ladders and ingenuity were employed to string miles of twinkly lights around the branches - and the result is quite magnificent. Thanks are due to everyone who helped - and in particular to Richard Dormer, expert lumberjack, and to Mr & Mrs Perry for donating their tree.

GRAVEL AND GRIT

A generous grant has been received from Feckenham Charity which will allow the Committee to renovate the gravel road that runs down one side of The Square. The roadway is rutted and often floods. The surface will be levelled and the gravel renewed. Work is expected to happen in the Spring.

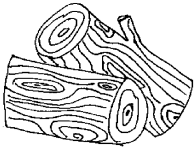
What's On this month in STOCK & BRADLEY

**16th GARDENING CLUB
ANNUAL DINNER**

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Stock & Bradley Gardening Club

Rob Cole

ANNUAL DINNER - Wednesday 16th January 2019 at 7.00pm for 7.30pm

We return to the Wheelbarrow Castle at Radford, near Inkberrow for our annual dinner event. Note that prior booking is essential and if you have not yet booked, please contact Niki Dean on 01386 792555 to receive a menu and Booking Form. The cost of the dinner is £15.95 per person. Any drinks, wine, tea/coffee etc. can be purchased individually as required during the evening.

THE NEXT CLUB MEETING - Wed. 6th February at 7.30pm

Our speaker is Helen Picton, and she will give a talk entitled 'Why Wait for Spring'. Helen helps to run her family's business at Old Court Nurseries, Colwall, near Malvern which specializes in Asters.

For this meeting, the theme for our members' monthly competition will be 'A Winter Evergreen'. Our speaker will act as judge, and every entry will win a point, and 1st, 2nd, and 3rd will be awarded additional points. The member with the most number of points in the year will then be awarded a prize of a £20 gift token at the December 2019 meeting.

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

Club meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month at the Village Hall, Church Road, Bradley Green starting at 7.30pm, and are free to members for an annual subscription of £5.00 for 2019. Visitors are made very welcome and may attend for £3.00 per meeting.

If you require any further information, ring Dinny Pynsent (Secretary) on 01527 821355 or Rob Cole (Chairman) on 01527 821156.

Feckenham W.I.

Jane White



We meet in the Village Hall Back Room at 7.30pm on Thursday 10th January. We shall be welcoming again Ron Gallivan. This time he will be talking about a training exercise in the 1970's from Hong Kong to Birmingham entitled "I'll Fly Next Time". There will be light refreshments, visitors welcome (£4)

Village Hall

Improvement Fund 2018/19



November Winners

55	Alan & Pat Moore	£25
142	Bob Gordon	£15
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63	Gilly Cooper	£25
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These are the first 2 draws of the 2018/19 Fund. Thank you to everyone who has joined this year. We have 165 members and will have raised £1380 for Village Hall funds after paying out the monthly prizes.

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