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JANUARY Diary



Happy New Year

Tues 9 th	12.30am	Lunch Club	Village Hall, Back Room
Tues 9 th	7.30pm	Feckenham Forest History Society	Feckenham Village Hall
Thur 11 th	7.30pm	Feckenham VI	Village Hall, Back Room
Sat 27 th	7.30pm	FeckenOdeon	Village Hall



Front Cover

Pre Christmas fun with snow in Feckenham.

Photo by Ian Bellion



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Church Services JANUARY

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of ST. JOHN
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at - *The Wychebrook Group, The Parish Centre, St Andrew's Street, DROITWICH, WR9 8DY*

Readers and intercessors

Sunday 7th

Epiphany

11.00am Sung Eucharist

Isaiah 60: 1-6

Ephesians 3:1-12

Intercessor

Mark Wheatley

Jane White

Walter Richards



Sunday 14th

Epiphany 2

8.00am Holy Communion

Romans 12: 1-5

John Pulsford

11.00am Informal service

Wyn Beynon

Sunday 21st

Epiphany 3

6.30pm Christian Unity

Genesis 14: 17-20

Rev 19: 6-10

Intercessor

TBC

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Jeff Matthews

Sunday 28th

Candlemas

11.00am Eucharist

Malachi 3: 1-4

Hebrews 2: 14-18

Intercessor

Steven Cox

Shirley Harman

Barbara Wheatley

Feckenham: Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals

Initial contacts for these should be directed to Rev. Wyn Beynon:

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

Gwenda Eileen Drew 1915- 2017

May we thank everyone who sent cards and messages of love and support following the death of Gwenda, mother of Rosemary Street and Roger Drew.

It is truly humbling to be aware of such magnificent friendships.

We would also express our thanks to the Reverend Gary Crellin for his sympathetic and memorable funeral service.

Rosemary and David Street

Over 60's Christmas Dinner

I am sure that everyone who attended the Over 60's Christmas Dinner at the village hall on Saturday 2nd December 2017 would like to join Diane and me in saying a very well deserved 'thank you' to all of the Committee and team of helpers who staged such a splendid evening. • The hall and tables were delightfully decorated, the starter, main course and desserts were all superbly presented and served, and the ensuing entertainment was accomplished appropriate and well received.

All in all, an evening to be remembered - thank you to everyone who made it possible, and to those who served us so professionally.

Rob and Diane Cole

Friends of Feckenham Church

are delighted to announce

"A Night at the Musicals"

which will take place at **7.30pm on Saturday 17th February 2018 in the Village Hall.**

Tickets at £10 are available to purchase from the Village Shop.

Doors open at 7pm, there will be a licensed bar and a raffle with all proceeds going towards the maintenance of our Parish Church. We hope you can join us and we look forward to seeing you there.

Friends of Feckenham Church



Murder Mystery Evening

We would like to thank all those who helped and supported the Murder Mystery Evening held in the Village Hall on the 18th November. We should also like to thank The Wythall Theatre Company for bringing 'Dig for Vengeance' to the Village. It was a sell out evening and great fun was had by all, with everyone entering into the team spirit and a few teams correctly guessing the identity of the murderer. The winning team, "Clueless", were not so clueless and were awarded prizes of garden bulbs and forks with which to dig! The event raised a total of £1,000 towards the maintenance of our Parish Church and Churchyard.

Communal Christmas Card

Jane White

With everyone's donations finally collected, plus the sale of Ian Ridley's lovely painting and a very generous individual donation, we were able to send £1200 to Shelter Box. Thank you all very much.



Shelter Box provide an "emergency response, a tool, a practical solution and, in the midst of disaster nothing less than a miracle".

The charity provide a strong multiuse box containing a family tent, 2 treated mosquito nets, 2 solar lights, 5 thermal blankets, 2 waterproof groundsheets. Water purification unit, 2 collapsible water carriers and essential tools including hammer, duct tape, saw and rope, also cooking pots and bowls, mugs and spoons. These are packed in Cornwall and sent where needed.

Local Matters

Antonia Pulsford

No more landfill - or almost so!

In November I was able to pay a most interesting visit to the huge installation of Envirecover at Hartlebury, which now takes all the contents of the black bins in Worcestershire and Herefordshire and other large items which used to go to landfill, and burns them, recovering any metal, and using the heat to make electricity from turbines operated by steam. It could also export the heat to houses etc. but so far there have been no takers and it would have to be done on a very large scale.

The operation is most impressive, though you don't see a lot of it apart from the furnace, as the steam is transported through a series of enormous pipes through at least three cleaning tanks to remove all impurities from the steam before it is used to operate the turbines – no nasty bits let loose in the atmosphere as you get from car exhausts! Even the ash from the furnace is recovered and is collected by a firm from Holland which cleans it and then it can be used to make paving stones. What is particularly impressive about the huge operation is that thanks to computers it can be operated by just 3 people though in normal working hours I think there are about 30 people there including an apprentice.

Envirecover operates in a kind of partnership with EnviroSort at Norton near Pershore where all the recyclables from our green bins are sorted. Apparently you see much more of the process there but it's much noisier and smellier. If anyone is interested in taking a group to either installation they should contact Kate Stott at Envirecover to arrange it.

Dementia Awareness and Information – open to ALL

Wychebrook Benefice - a developing set of Dementia Friendly Communities

- Does the mere mention of Dementia worry you?
- Do you care for someone with dementia and find it difficult to cope?
- What services would help you to cope and care?
- Do you want to be informed rather than worried?
- Do you want to see what modern dementia care could look like?

Last summer, nineteen members of the Feckenham and Stock and Bradley Communities came together to understand dementia a lot more. They all became Dementia Friends - recognised by the Alzheimer's Society

We are giving our communities **another chance** to find out more.

With grateful thanks to The Lodge at The Grange in Burcot, and The Cinnamon Care Collection, a *Dementia Friends* session (endorsed by The Alzheimer's Society) is being run by the staff of The Lodge - a brand-new purpose-built dementia care home in Burcot (B60 1BJ) for the benefit of our communities across Stoke Prior, Wychbold, Upton Warren, Feckenham & Bradley Green.

The date for your diary - **27th February 2018 between 2pm-4pm repeated at 7.00-9.00pm**

This is a booked event. If you want to come, please contact June and John Crofts 07831 284456 to BOOK your place on either session. Thirty seats are available on each session. Afternoon tea will be provided for the afternoon session.

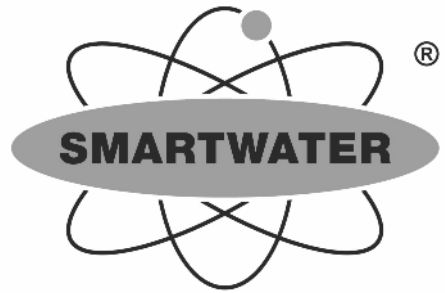
Let's help, understand and make a difference.
Rev Gary Crellin



**FORENSIC MARKING IS
IN USE IN THIS AREA**

Readers may recall that the Parish Council purchased enough Smartwater* Kits for every household in the Parish to have one for free - and for nothing. The police and the Council held a number of events to distribute the kits to residents - but, despite enthusiasm from many people, 50% of these packs remain unclaimed. The Council is considering how best to ensure that the remaining residents benefit from the use of this remarkable property marking system. In the meantime, if you haven't been to one of the events and would like a kit, please contact the Acting Clerk to the Parish Council by emailing clerk.feckenhampc@feckenham.com

*Smartwater is a traceable liquid property marking system that leaves a long lasting and unique identifier on items of value. The marks are invisible under normal light but can be seen under UV light by police. It's been proved that it has a profound deterrent effect with communities where it has been used experiencing an 85% drop in burglaries and theft.



If you do not receive forwarded messages from Info Feckenham you may not be aware of the crimes reported to the police in our area. We may not be a 'hot spot', but it does happen, and if it should happen to you, Smartwater marked items can be identified.

Local incidents in the last three months:

FLYING HORSE LANE, BRADLEY GREEN.
Two Horse Head concrete ornaments stolen from gates of premises.

DROITWICH ROAD, BRADLEY GREEN -
Outbuilding entered by breaking lock and damaging door. Lawn Mower and Chain Saw stolen.

ASTWOOD BANK - Vehicle broken into and maps stolen.

ASTWOOD BANK - Vehicle broken into and searched. Nothing stolen.

THE SQUARE, FECKENHAM -
Offender(s) have entered unlocked vehicle and have stolen Chainsaw and Hedge cutter from within.

ALCESTER ROAD, FECKENHAM -
Offender(s) have forced wooden doors of garage to gain entry. Two Boardman Carbon racing Pedal cycles, Grey Carrera Hybrid Pedal cycle and Golf clubs stolen.

Thought for the month

Rev. Wyn Beynon

Dear Friends,

It's January.. and just when everyone else is saying it's the worst time of year I am saying, the days are getting longer, it's a New year, it's time to look forward.

What is you worst time of year?

For me it is November and December when the daylight is so low that my SAD kicks in and I struggle through to the end of the year. So simply knowing the shortest day is past gives me a boost.. whilst for others the bleak days of winter with no Christmas to look forward to is what gets them down.

In fact we never know what other people are facing or carrying. As a Priest I am privileged to get to know people's stories and I am often astonished at the hard things that people carry day by day.

I am also astonished at how unkind and judgemental people can be of those they think they know and so feel justified in rudeness, and that spiteful manner known as "passive aggressive" ... which means being sufficiently forceful to make the other person know you want your own way but holding your temper back just enough so you can play the innocent when challenged. It's a nasty behaviour I witness too often.

You have no idea what other people are carrying. No idea. And if you think you do know then you're almost certainly wrong. And even if you're right.. it does not excuse judgmentalism.

I'm writing this because I have been astonished (the third time I've used that word in this letter!) how much aggression I come across in the groups of people I work with.

So let's make 2018 the year we all stop assuming we know all there is to know about the other person and learn to be gracious, patient and kind. The year we let go of

judgmentalism.

2018 is the centenary of the end of the First World War.. the War to end all Wars, we were told.

But whilst people like us can be judgemental, superior and opinionated the world will never be free of conflict.

Jesus grew up as a human being who noticed everyone's needs. He could only have learned that from his family. Joseph and Mary must have been 'tuned in' to each other and to their neighbours and they brought Jesus up to be tuned in too.

Imagine how much we could change the world if we were half as sensitive!

A Blessed and Patient 2018!

Wyn

St John the Baptist Church, Feckenham

"Mixed Bag" – Young people's group (school years 4-10)

We hang out, explore the bible and its relevance for today, watch videos and have small group discussions about faith. And yes, there also are snacks!

Last term we explored the following topics:

- Homelessness
- Refugees
- Relationships
- Faith in action

We meet once a fortnight in the church, beginning on 10th January, from 18:30 to 19:45. All children in school years 4-10 are very welcome.

For further details, please contact

Fiona Carter:

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Email: fiona-carter@hotmail.co.uk

Teams4u Shoeboxes for Christmas

2017 Appeal Lin Preece

We had a wonderful response to this years appeal. I am delighted to be able to tell you, that we sent an amazing 132 gift filled boxes (not forgetting the 100 boxes that were made up at the warehouse on Feckenham's behalf)



Thank you all so much for your contributions, they will have changed so many young lives this Christmas! Your boxes will have given joy, your boxes will have given hope. Your kindness will always be remembered.

I would also like to thank the children from Feckenham First School for their continued support, thank you also for all your very kind donations, and thank you to our fantastic knitters too.



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Feckenham Readers Group



Wednesday, 3rd January - 7.45

This Month:

THE MIST IN THE MIRROR

by SUSAN HILL

Postponed from December 13th

Details from Marion Chute - 892285

Celebrating our 20th Anniversary!

Feckenham Forest History Society

ALONG THE RIVER WYE

Talk by Brian Draper

Tuesday, 9th January - 7.30pm

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A NIGHT AT THE MUSICALS



Feckenham Village Hall

Saturday, 17th February - 7.30pm

Doors open 7pm - Licenced bar - Raffle

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FeckenOdeon Cinema Society



THE TRUTH WILL OUT!

In the early 1970s, the Watergate scandal rocked the American administration to its foundations. Two investigative journalists, Carl Bernstein and Bob Woodward of the Washington Post, uncovered a conspiracy to cover up abuses of power leading all the way to the Oval Office. "All the President's Men" follows the reporters as they delve deep into dangerous secrets. Dustin Hoffman and Robert Redford play the sleuthing reporters in a tale with more twists and turns than any fictional whodunnit. The story is as riveting today as it was 20 years ago. The only things dated are the dial telephones, typewriters and haircuts.

"All the President's Men"

at 7.30pm on Saturday, 27th January.



ON THE POINT OF A DILEMMA

The first film of 2018 in Feckenodeon 2 comes from Estonia. Fleeing from Stalin's secret police, an ambitious young fencer finds himself teaching small town children. He's so successful that his pupils win a place in a national tournament in Leningrad - but it may be too dangerous for him to attend. Does the fencer put the children before his own safety?

"The Fencer"

at 8pm on Friday, 16th February.

Tickets for 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



A MOOSE ON THE POLE

Less historical fact, more Monty Python, **The Thing That Came From Over There!** tells the story of Reginald Cranston Scot-t-t. Yes, that is Scot-t-t with three-t's... He and his team of intrepid explorers set off to get to the South Pole first. As they get closer to their goal they encounter evidence of an interplanetary meteor strike, bringing traces of alien, slime-eating worms which leads the brave team to mysterious murky caves where something might be hiding. Will they beat the aliens? Will they get to the Pole and live to tell the tale?

The answer to these questions may or may not be revealed in this latest show from Gonzo Moose which comes to the Village Hall on **Sunday, 11th February**. This strangely named company has a reputation for large scale, super realistic, over the top performances - so expect lots of snow, lots of action and lots and lots of laughs!

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FROM ALL THE SWANS...

We hope you all had a great Christmas and that 2018 will bring health, happiness and hours of listening pleasure. Our little radio station has been "on the air" 24 hours a day throughout 2017 - we've reported on all the big Feckenham events and lots of little happenings. We hope you've found it all interesting and amusing... and, if you still haven't got round to listening, please do make a New Year resolution to tune in in 2018.

OUR REGULAR PROGRAMMES

If you haven't heard us yet, here's what you're missing:

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Square Management Committee

TREE CHEERS!

Once again there's a magnificent Christmas Tree merrily twinkling on The Square. Once again the tree has been provided by a generous donor. This year's specimen was living in Bromsgrove where it had grown to be as tall as the house. We're most grateful to Heather Whitehouse for getting in touch and offering her tree to us. It was felled by Richard Dormer and carried back to Feckenham by Square Committee members. Thanks to Heather we're able to continue the tradition of the Feckenham Christmas Tree - and the annual Carols on the Square has its focal point once more. There'll be a report on the latter event next month.

THANKS FOR THE WATER...

The two "new" trees at the High Street end of The Square have endured their first two summers and will no longer require constant watering. The Committee would like to thank the residents who volunteered to pour water down the watering tubes on a daily basis. The trees are strong and healthy as a result of these attentions. We're very grateful to the band of locals who've made this possible and who have helped us to preserve the wooded character of The Square for future generations.

TAKE YOUR PARDNERS

...but not just yet! If you're fond of a Square or Barn Dance you've time to get in training for **Fun on The Square** which this year (2018) will take place on **14th July**. The Committee will be developing the theme and content of the event over the next few months but we can guarantee that there will be music and there will be dancing!



Flower & Garden Festival 2018

Cathy Fisher

19th - 20th May

Plans are now under way for this year's Festival to be held over the weekend of the 19th & 20th May.

This hugely successful Festival, now entering its 33rd year, raises funds for the general maintenance of our parish church.

In 2015, over 30 gardens opened to visitors and I do hope that we shall be able to repeat that again this year. If you would be willing to open your garden I am - 5pm, Saturday & Sunday, 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 three 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 'Celebration and Commemoration' 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.

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Feckenham Cricket Club

Bob Gordon



By the time that you read this, Christmas will be behind us and a New Year hurtling towards us, a time when some of us reflect on what has passed in the fading year and what the new year might bring. In bygone days when superstition was part of everyday life, people were keen to do what they could to improve their chances in the year ahead and to perform rituals that might influence matters.

Living now in an agricultural area, one ritual that I heard about appealed to me and which I thought I could share.

Apparently, the 1st of January was a highly significant day in medieval superstitions regarding prosperity, or lack of it, in the year ahead. A flat cake was put on one of the horns of a cow in every farmyard and the farmer and his workers would then sing a song and dance around the cow until the cake was thrown to the ground. If it fell in front of the cow that signified good luck; to fall behind indicated the opposite.

I will be encouraging all of my local livestock farmers to reintroduce this custom and to let me know the outcome.

At this quiet time of the year, things are also just ticking along at the cricket club. Meetings of the Saturday and Sunday leagues have been attended and decisions affecting the forthcoming season have been chewed over. In addition, we are progressing the paperwork that will enable Travis Bartels to fly back from New Zealand to join us for the 2018 season. Travis was an asset on and off the field during 2017 and we all hope to see him hurling the ball down the wicket again, making a few runs and demonstrating his impressive speed and ability as a fielder.

We are also hoping that our three senior players who are still currently in Australia return fit and well and are able to play important roles for the first team as we hope to progress our mid-table finish and push on up the table in 2018.

As was predicted last month, our application to use a field off Moors Lane for 3rd team and

possibly junior cricket was rejected by the planners at Redditch Borough Council, for reasons that seem rather difficult to comprehend. This had been expected though and preparation for an appeal is at an advanced stage.

During a break while preparing the appeal documentation, I came across an amusing article called "22 things you only know if you play village cricket" - here is a sample - funny, but also true!

You know the pain of cricket ball on kneecap

Cricket balls are red, hard, unforgiving lumps of wood and leather. Good cricketers swoop easily on to the ball, fielding with ease. Less good cricketers often try to field it, miss it and let it crack into their kneecaps, which hurts - a lot. Worse still is if it hits your shins.

Dropping quite preposterously easy catches

We're talking the equivalent of a three-year-old gently lobbing a tennis ball

You've cowered as enormous men with little technique clobber the ball at you at high-speed

For "I tried to stop it" read "I did everything I could to move out of the way"

You've marvelled at a 73-year-old opener who batted for the whole innings to score 37 not out

Such players stubbornly refuse to acknowledge the game is any different to that played in the late 1950s.

Perhaps more of these next month. Happy New Year and roll on springtime!

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Stock & Bradley Gardening Club

Rob Cole

ANNUAL DINNER - Wednesday 17th January 2018 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 - Wednesday 7th February 2018 at 7.30pm

Our speaker is Gary Leaver, the Head Gardener at Hill Close Gardens in Warwick, who will give an account of the rescue and restoration of these Victorian pleasure gardens, and their development over the last few years. For this meeting, the theme for our members' monthly competition will be 'A Snowdrop Flower'. 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 2019 subscription to the Gardening Club at the December 2018 meeting.

Please note that the £8.00 annual subscription (reduced from £10 for 2018) becomes due on 1st January 2018, and that because we meet for the dinner event in January, 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 £8.00 for 2018. 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.

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Jane White



We were sorry to have to cancel our December meeting, what a week of artic weather.

The new year begins with a "Games Evening", all sorts to entertain and challenge, and prizes! We meet in the Village Hall Back Room at 7.30pm on Thursday 11th January.

On Wednesday 10th the Craft & Natter group are meeting at 2pm at Jane's home, 55 Alcester Road.

On Saturday 13th members are getting together at The Rose & Crown to enjoy a winter lunch.

On 14th March we are organising tickets to see "Carousel" at The Palace Theatre, Redditch. Contact Vivien on 402360. Non members welcome to join us.

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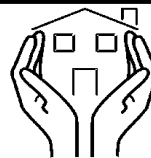
November Winners

72	Rob & Diane Cole	£25
160	Damian & Ann Barratt	£15
125	Patricia Tricklebank	£10

December Winners

76	Peter & Liz Teisen	£25
141	Hugo Hammersley	£15
105	Wren Chute	£10

These are the first 2 draws of the 2017/18 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. The January Draw will be held in the Village Hall at 8.00 pm on Tuesday 2nd January 2018.



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