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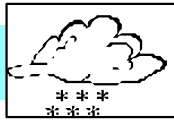
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Tues 12th	7.30pm	Feckenham Forest History Society	Webheath Village Hall
Thur 14th	7.30pm	Feckenham WI	Back Room Village Hall
Wed 20th	7.30pm	Stock & Bradley Gardening Club Annual Dinner	Wheelbarrow & Castle
Sat 30th	7.30pm	FeckenOdeon	Village Hall

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## Readers & Intercessors



### Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup>

Epiphany

### 11.00am Sung Eucharist

Isaiah 60: 1-6

Ephesians 3: 1-12

Intercessions

Jeff Matthews

Ann Matthews

Cyril Warrilow

### Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> 8.00am Holy Communion

Baptism of Christ

Romans 12: 1-5

John Eaton

### 11.00am Family Service - "Songs of Praise for Epiphany"

### Sunday 17<sup>th</sup>

Epiphany 2

### 6.30pm Service of Christian Unity

### Sunday 24<sup>th</sup>

Epiphany 3

### 11.00am Family Eucharist

1 Corinthians 12: 12-31a

Intercessions

Doug Curtis

Barbara Wheatley

### Sunday 31<sup>st</sup>

### 10.30am All age service for Candlemas at Wychbold

### 10.30am Group Eucharist at Oddingley

## "Mixed Bag"

Will be held in Church on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> January - a group for young people and activities for younger children. All children will be warmly welcomed.

## Partners in Prayer

Ecumenical lay led service of prayer for the community, Wednesdays at 9.15am for 30 minutes  
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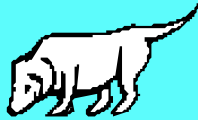


Mass is celebrated every Sunday at 10.15am in the Church

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# Newshound



Villagers were very sad to learn of the death of Mona Hickman aged 87. She and Doug have lived in Moors Lane for 45 years and she will be sadly missed. We send our condolences to Doug.

## Wanted

### A Parish Path Warden

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## Bonfire Night at the Cricket Club

Many congratulations to the Cricket Club for organising and running such a successful evening. Numbers attending were up considerably on last year, so publicity must have been very good and it was lovely seeing so many families with young children. The bonfire was magnificent and James Barratt was once again in charge of letting off the Fireworks which were splendid. Many thanks to you, James., and also many thanks to the people who fed and watered (beered?) us so well. *Antonia Pulsford*

## Operation Christmas Child Ron Russ

Following Lin Preece's thanks to all concerned in the December magazine, may I add mine in this 'view from the warehouse' in Evesham where I work as a volunteer. Thank you to everyone at the November Evensong who helped load up the 125 Shoe Boxes for transport. As Lin reported, they were bound for Ukraine after checking. The lorry carrying them left on 27 November. Four days in transit, so all the children had their boxes in time for Christmas. There were however a few boxes which arrived late after the Evensong dedication. I was able to take these to the warehouse where they became part of a large consignment to Belarus. That lorry left after the send-off Service of thanksgiving at the warehouse on Sunday 6 December.

Feckenham's total for 2015 was therefore 131. We finished at Evesham on 10 December with a consignment to Latvia and in all processed nearly 25,000 Christmas Shoe Boxes --- hard but rewarding work. Thank you again to all concerned particularly Lin Preece. Can you beat Feckenham's 131 next year? Go to it!

# Thought for the month

Rev. Wyn Beynon

Dear Friends,

By the time you read this I should, if all goes according to plan, have attended my first General Synod sessions of the Church of England as a clergy "proctor in convocation" for the Diocese of Worcester.

It's a short session but has some significant bits of business, especially a report by evangelicals on the failure of evangelism in England (a very honest and painful report which I'll talk about another time, perhaps) a look at something called the Reform and Renewal process (don't ask!) and an important report, written under the chairmanship of our own Bishop John about the future of our church buildings. What with a big service with Her Majesty the Queen and a lot of concern about security it'll be a busy couple of days.

I have just as many barmy ideas as everyone else. In my case my prejudices are compounded by having been a paid servant of the Church for nearly 40 years, in one way or another (Office boy, ordinand, cathedral verger, and press officer as well as Parish Priest!) I've done lots of other jobs outside the ministry too, some of them recently!

But if I am to do this properly I quite sure that my relationship with other people in the process of governing the Church of England must be based on something quite different to the brawls of the House of Commons. So here are my **7 Rules of Engagement**

1. *Am I always courteous?*
2. *Am I looking for the 10% we agree about rather than the 90% we don't?*
3. *Can I see connections and opportunities, rather than estrangement and brokenness?*
4. *Can I challenge gently? And be challenged myself with good humour?*
5. *Do I mind being wrong? Do I have to be right?*
6. *Is the other made in the image of God, or not?*
7. *Have I recognized the wrath in me? - Do I have that anger that means I embody the very things I rail against, and can I let it go if I do?*


Well, we shall see.... perhaps I'll just collapse into fits of rage! That last points is the most important. Facing our own anger is the key to truly mature living. Jesus, born in a world that must have made many angry, learned to live beyond it. Can we?

Wyn

Parish Church Feckenham

Songs of Praise  
for  
Epiphany

Sunday 10th January at 11am



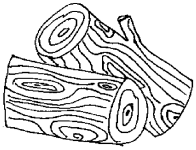
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Feckenham

## ENTERTAINMENTS Committee

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Feckenham Forest History Society

### The RIVER SEVERN

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# The FeckenOdeon Cinema Society

## FESTIVE FUNNY FACE..

If you get your magazine early we're just in time to remind you that "Funny Face" is showing at The FeckenOdeon on 27th December at 7.30pm



## VIVE LA DIFFERENCE

Having tried Britain but found it to be too cold the Kadam family from Kerala decide to settle in a picturesque village in the South of France. Headstrong Papa (Om Puri) plans to open a new and most wonderful restaurant. Due diligence, alas, is not Papa's forte. Too late, he realises that his property faces the Michelin-starred establishment of the formidable Madame Mallory (Helen Mirren). It's foodie war from here on in as the two veteran chefs battle for the hearts of diners.

Without giving too much away, eventually there's a cross cultural exchange - not so much a meeting of minds as a blending of spices and herbs. A beautiful and funny dish from director Lasse Holström ("Salmon Fishing in the Yemen"). Book your takeaway curry to pick up on the way home - you'll be hungry after this!

**"The Hundred-Foot Journey"**

**Saturday, 30th January at 7.30pm.**

## Coming soon:

A brand new adaptation of Dylan Thomas' portrait of a fishing village "Under Milk Wood". A spicy, boisterous and funny version of the much loved play for voices with Rhys Ifans and Charlotte Church. In FeckenOdeon 2 on Friday, 12th February

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# Village Hall

Ian Bellion



## A BRISK STROLL FROM END TO END

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It really was done - In April 2012 three women set off to travel from one end of Great Britain to the other. Trusting only to their resourcefulness and the kindness of strangers they made the 18-day, 874-mile journey from End to End of the UK. They completed their unusual expedition on as many varieties of transport as they possibly could.

In "End to End" - we meet the characters the ladies met on their epic journey and share their remarkable and often hilarious experiences. If you've ever wanted to take off on a great adventure of your own this could be the night you decide to get up and go! A grand show to brighten up a February night.

**"End to End"** hikes into Feckenham Village Hall on **Saturday, 6th February at 7.30pm**  
*Coming soon from Shindig:*

On Sunday, 13th March we're visited by a highly amusing and colourful version of "Canterbury Tales" and on Sunday, 15th May The Opera Dudes bring us their hilarious "Licensed to Trill".

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# Feckenham Senior Youth Club

Alison Crellin

## Senior Youth Club - gone but not forgotten A sign of the times?

After 20 years running and advocating, tirelessly, the village's senior youth club, Liz Teisen has handed back the lid to the Tuck box, table tennis bats, as well as the coloured flour used for the infamous and immensely popular "Fox and Hounds" game. Senior Youth Group that has been such a village tradition on Monday nights has closed.

Although attempts have been made to entice help and support from the numerous parents, village groups or previous youth club members who benefited from the Club to take over the reins, this was not to be. The final session of the senior Youth Club took the form of a bowling trip to Perdiswell at the beginning of last December. Liz was presented with gifts and good wishes to thank her for her contribution and her inspiration. We must not forget that Jenny Mason also helped for many years too. THANK YOU for all that have been involved over the many many years.

A special and heartfelt thank you Liz, Jenny and all the other contributors and supporters for making the club such a fun and enthusiastic place to be.

**Note - the JUNIOR Youth Group still continues.**

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# Feckenham C. of E. First School

Sharon Simpson

After a long summer break, we welcomed back the children and staff with lots of very happy faces! All of our new pupils have made a super start and have settled in well to school life. We welcomed them and their families to school along with Mrs. Bray our New Year three teacher.

On Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> September 2015 we started our regular Celebration Assemblies at Feckenham Church instead of in school where Rev Gary Crellin gave a blessing for our pupils, families, staff and governors.

Many of the children won prizes for their entries in the annual Feckenham Flower show on September 12<sup>th</sup> with their interpretations of 'wildlife'. Well done to them all!

On October 6<sup>th</sup>, the whole school took part in Archery Taster sessions and some budding archers were spotted and the sessions were enjoyed by all.

On 12<sup>th</sup> October, the Olympic athlete Rich Parker visited school overseeing the children taking part in various sponsored activities. He has remained the number one ranked UK halfpipe inline skater since 2004 and has won three European Championships. The aim of the visit was to promote sport in school and out and raise awareness of its importance.

Year 1 held a very special pirate day that week too and took part in lots of pirate activities including a treasure hunt over at Forest School.

On October 15<sup>th</sup>, Years 3 and 4 attended the 'Sing Pop Event' at Worcester Cathedral. This was a wonderful day out which I had the pleasure of attending. The event was a cross curricular project covering performing arts, PHSE, RE and music. The children represented their school very well and participated enthusiastically in the wonderful songs and also enjoyed a very interesting tour of the cathedral.

On Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> October 2015, the whole school attended the Harvest Festival at Feckenham Church. Each year group contributed to the service with lovely harvest/ autumnal songs and the search for Rev Gary Crellin's helper teddy bear 'Willow'!

The children were invited to bring donations for the Redditch Food Bank in collaboration with Feckenham Church.

The children continue to enjoy weekly visits from the 'Open the Book' team with their wonderful performances

which are very much looked forward to and enjoyed by the children and staff.

Our school's fantastic fundraising team (Friends of Feckenham School) organized a delicious 'Big Breakfast' on November 6<sup>th</sup> and raised £356.99.

The children helped Mrs Dennis create some spectacular poppy displays and poems which were displayed in church on Remembrance Sunday. In addition, our Poppy Appeal raised £228 from the sale of poppies and other related items within school.

On Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November the children were invited to dress as heroes for the day in aid of Children in Need and raised over £100.00 for their efforts.

The Operation Christmas Child Appeal was supported in school and we were delighted to hand over 30 boxes full of gifts to Mrs Preece for those children in other countries who would otherwise not receive gifts this Christmas.

Our annual Christmas Fair was held on November 27<sup>th</sup> and despite the awful weather Father Christmas still came and visited the children along with Olaf from Frozen! The many stalls and activities raised a wonderful £1715.11 for the school's benefit.

On 30<sup>th</sup> Nov Reception visited "Smart Trees".

On 4<sup>th</sup> Dec Years 1 & 2 visited the Snow Dome.

On 11<sup>th</sup> Dec Years 3 & 4 saw "The Lion The Witch & The Wardrobe" at Birmingham Rep.

There have also been Nativity plays for families and a Carol concert in church.

Still to come at going to press

17/12/15 Christmas Service in church

18/12/15 Whole school visit to Feckenodeon and afternoon Christmas party

Our Community Club is focusing on the work done by the Redditch Food Bank and have decided to collect items for them before the school breaks for Christmas.

The chosen vale within school until Christmas is 'Resilience'- a value of much importance at this difficult time when there is so much to do!

We are still collecting used stamps in aid of Whizz Kids & Acorn Children's Hospice and any donations of these are very gratefully received.

The children return from the Christmas break on Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> January 2016.

With all good wishes for a Happy & Healthy Christmas and New Year from all at Feckenham CofE First School!

Sharon Simpson

Community Parent Governor  
Feckenham CofE First School.

# Parish Council

Sean Arble

## DECEMBER 2015 NEWS

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Cllr P Dormer: 01527 892 960

Cllr A Smith: 01527 893 967 (Chairman)

Cllr Q Cary: 01527 893 055

**Future Meeting Dates:** 2016: 18 February, 21 April, 19 May (to include Annual Parish Meeting), 21 July, 15 Sept, 17 Nov and 15 Dec

A changing of the guard is complete with all the new Councillors well settled. While no Council seats are available, there are many activities and groups in the village offering many services and entertainment. As always volunteers are desperately needed to ensure the longevity of these various activities. If you feel that you can assist or have something that you can add to the life of the village, please do not hesitate to contact the Council, you will be most welcome.

**FINANCE:** The Parish Council budgeted £1750 for grants to local groups or clubs. £500 grants for the purpose of a new Village Hall door and refurbishment of the War Memorial have been distributed. That leaves £750 in the coffers for any local groups with good cause. The Council is keen to help local groups so please do download an application from the parish website

[www.feckenham.com](http://www.feckenham.com) under Parish Council, then Procedures. Alternatively, contact the Clerk.

The Council approved the 2016/17 budget. Highlights of the budget:

A. Precept remains at £8300

B. £2500 for grants

C. £1800 Feckenham Improvement Projects

D. Reserves of £12,640

**DEFIBRILLATOR:** The Council, in cooperation with the Village Hall Committee and the gratefully received help from Karina Round, secured a grant to purchase a defibrillator at the rear of the Village Hall. Due to the largesse of Phil Tricklebank the cabinet was installed free of charge. The Council organised two training dates, both in the back room of the Village Hall.

Wednesday, 10 February 2:00-4:00pm

Tuesday, 15 March 7:00-9:00pm

All are welcome to attend, though it will be appreciated that the back room can accommodate only so many people. Therefore, please register your interest with the Clerk if you intend to attend.

**TRAFFIC** through the village is a source of many complaints and we are now in advanced discussions with the County Council, County Highways and Local Land owners to hopefully bring about some constructive improvements which will improve this situation.

## FLOOD RISK CONSULTATION

Worcestershire County Council seeks your views on managing flood risk in the county. Worcestershire County

Council has launched a final consultation on its draft Local Flood Risk Management Strategy to ensure every resident and business has the opportunity to express their views. The consultation is open until Monday 29 February 2016, and the Local Flood Risk Strategy will be formally adopted in July 2016. The County Council, as a Lead Local Flood Authority, has a duty to manage flood risk from surface water, groundwater and ordinary watercourses across the county. The Environment Agency is responsible for managing flood risks from main rivers, such as the River Severn and the River Teme, and Severn Trent Water is responsible for handling flooding from sewers.

WCC is now asking residents, businesses and local groups to have their say before the strategy is adopted. The strategy and supporting documents can be viewed on the Flood Risk Management pages at

[www.worcestershire.gov.uk/flooding](http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/flooding)

Comments should be emailed to

[LFRRMconsultation@worcestershire.gov.uk](mailto:LFRRMconsultation@worcestershire.gov.uk) or comment in writing to:

Local Flood Risk Management Strategy Consultation, Strategic Planning Department  
Worcestershire County Council, County Hall, Spetchley Road, Worcester. WR5 2LG

**BROADBAND:** Our MEP Daniel Dalton is interested in helping to improve broadband availability in rural areas. He writes: "As you will know a lot of money is being spent boosting broadband speeds across the UK, including from European funds. We have many excellent councils in the region working hard with internet service providers to ensure the taxpayers are receiving value for money. The Government is asking for more information on remaining black spots so I am putting together a 'West Midlands Speed Map' and I would very much appreciate it if residents can help draw it. I know anecdotally from speaking to many residents at events that a lot of people in both rural and urban areas are still experiencing poor internet speeds, which can have a detrimental effect on their everyday life, and even on property value."

Please visit the website, take a quick speed test and give the results. [www.westmidlandsspeedtest.co.uk](http://www.westmidlandsspeedtest.co.uk)

## PLANNING:

**Planning Portal Site:**

[access.redditchbc.gov.uk/online-applications/](http://access.redditchbc.gov.uk/online-applications/)

At the time this update was emailed, there were no applications to be considered at the 17 December Meeting.

**Redditch Borough Council Pending:**

**2015.089.LBC:** Manor Farm Moors Lane - Removal and replacement of brick infill panels to gable end. Repair of oak frame. By delegated authority to the Clerk the Council resolved not to object to this application.

The Clerk would like to thank Tim Smith for his much appreciated work on updating the Parish Council section of the Feckenham website ([www.feckenham.com](http://www.feckenham.com)). I encourage all parishioners to use the site. For those that wish to keep informed as to Council business, the Draft Minutes of Council meetings are posted once approved by the Chairman.

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Jane White



Our January meeting is on **Thursday 14th**  
at 7.30pm in the Back Room of the Village  
Hall. We shall be having an evening of games  
and brain teasers to get the grey cells in action  
after the festive season. Visitors welcome,  
£3.50.

Annual subscriptions are due this month, please  
come prepared.

Members are looking forward to meeting for  
lunch at the Rose and Crown on Saturday 16th  
January at 12.30pm.

**Village Hall**

Improvement Fund 2015/16



**November Winners**

50	Richard East	£25
133	Dave Mitchell	£15
67	John Pulsford	£10

**December Winners**

124	Peter Chute	£25
21	Peter & Gemma Lane	£15
52	Nora Winter	£10

These are the first 2 draws of the 2015/16 Fund.  
Thank you to everyone who has joined this year. We  
have 171 members and will have raised over £1450  
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 5th January 2016

**What's On this month  
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**20th Gardening Club  
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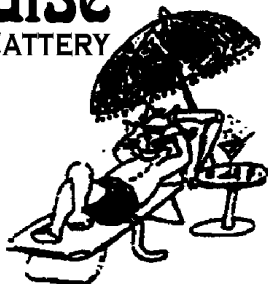
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