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JULY Diary



Tues 3rd	12.30am	Lunch Club	Village Hall, Back Room
Wed 4th	6.45pm	Gardening club	Welford
Sat 7th		Over 60's Outing	Bath
Tues 10th	7.30pm	"Back from Berega"	Himbleton Village Hall
Wed 11th	10.30am - noon	"Drop in" for coffee and a chat	Parish Church
Thur 12th	7.30pm	Feckenham WI Outing	Norgrove Court
Fri 13th	8pm	FeckenOdeon	Village Hall
Sat 14th	10.30am -12 noon	Coffee Morning	10 Towbury Close
Sat 21st	6.30pm	Wild West Fun	The Square
Sun 22nd	11am	Service & Lunch John Green's retirement	Parish Church
Wed 25th	10.30am - noon	"Drop in" for coffee and a chat	Parish Church

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Front Cover Jubilee celebrations on The Square. Thanks to Arthur Hind for the photo.

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Readers and Intercessors



Sunday 1st

Trinity 4

11am Sung Eucharist

2 Samuel 1 : vs. 17-end

2 Corinthians 8 : vs. 7-end

Intercessions

Vanda Cookes

Jane White

Cyril Warrilow

Sunday 8th

Trinity 5

8am am Holy Communion

1 Peter 3 : vs. 8-15

John Eaton

4pm Family Service - "PET SERVICE"

Sunday 15th

Trinity 6

6.30pm Evensong

2 Samuel 6 : vs. 1-5, 12b-19

Mark 6 : vs. 14-29

Intercessions

Alan Colley

Tim Powell

Erica Dilger

Sunday 22nd

Trinity 7

11am Family Communion - Service of Thanksgiving for John Green's

Ministry here, followed by "Bring & Share" Lunch

2 Samuel 7 : vs. 1-14a

Intercessions

Gerry Eost

Ian Hunter

Sunday 29th

Trinity 8

10-30am GROUP FAMILY EUCHARIST FECKENHAM

X Box Sunday School

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

Morning Fellowship

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

Feckenham Roman Catholic Church

St John Fisher & St. Thomas More

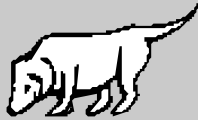


Mass is celebrated every Sunday at 10.15am in the Church

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

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

Newshound



Births

Jason and Sarah Bray have new additions to their family – twins Nicole and Natalia were born on April 26th 2012 and the family live at Headless Cross. The Feckenham Grandparents are Andy and Jane Bray of Astwood Lane and they now have 13 Grandchildren.

Wedding

On Saturday 16th June, Lucy Ingram married Lee Wakefield, they live in Bromsgrove. The bride's mother has local connections. John Green officiated.

Over 60's Outing

Rob Cole

Saturday 7th July 2012

The Over 60's Summer Outing this year will be to Bath on 7th July and is organised by the Committee of the Feckenham Flower Show and Over 60's Party Fund.

Invitations have been sent out to all those we know are eligible, but if you have not received your invitation or have recently turned 60 and live within one mile of The Square, please contact Angela Fletcher on 01527 893231 so that you can be added to the list of invitees.

The coach will leave The Square at 9.30am and will leave Bath at 5.00pm for the return journey.

From Mud to Gold

James Barrett

Congratulations to James and Adam on their recent success. Ed.

- James writes

The same week as the Open Gardens and Flower Festival we were very busy elsewhere – at the Malvern Spring Garden Show – and so unfortunately could not open our garden.

We arrived at the Malvern show ground on the Tuesday to build the show stand and we were greeted by a mud bath due to all the heavy rain. Panic immediately set in! We decided we needed wood bark and slabs to make the stand accessible, the slabs to make paths around the stand. So off we went back to S. E Davis at Astwood Bank for good quality wood bark and then to Webbs for over 50 ex-display slabs (Very reasonable prices!)

The stand involved building a well for our Victorian Style Well Top and Decorative Well Grid, we also put in a large water feature with tank and stones surrounding it, along with a tunnel of arches, pergola, sculptural bird feeder tree, and a bridge plus other little bits and pieces. Building the stand took two days and Ridgeway Nurseries helped by providing lovely plants which brought the whole stand to life.

We were very pleased with how it all came out and even more pleased when the judges awarded us a Gold Medal and Best in Show!

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Feckenham Flower & Garden Festival 2012

We would like to express our thanks to Cathy Fisher who masterminded the Festival and to every one who helped either with the organisation or during the weekend itself. We were so lucky with the weather, which was awful in the days leading up to the Festival and caused such anxiety.

After all the costs had been deducted (totalling approximately £2,000), the Festival raised a net profit of £6,934 from entrance monies, stall holders and assorted donations. This is a marvellous total, so well done everybody for another 3 years.

The money raised will be used solely to maintain the fabric of our historic church building. Thankfully the most recent report by our architect did not identify any serious defects, however there is a current need to carry out re-pointing of the stonework in a number of locations and to re-bed stones on the top of the tower. All of this work will need to be carried out using lime mortar and may require the erection of scaffolding. Last year, we were fortunate that James Barrett was able to replace, or re-attach, many damaged or displaced roof tiles but he was not able to reach all areas of the roof. Already another tile has slipped and we will need to include work to the roof in our planning in order to prevent more substantial work being required in the future.

Mark Wheatley.

*Lay Chair, Parochial Church Council
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Feckenham Church Family Service

 
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Pet Service **Sunday 8th July**

4pm

Service will be outside if weather permits!
(In church then,
so not too many horses!)

 
Please stay for refreshments after

SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING FOR JOHN GREEN'S MINISTRY.

Sunday 22nd July at 11.00am

Please join us for a service in church to celebrate John's ministry in the Bowbrook Group. He will be retiring in early September after four years with us.

He has given so much to us here, as a Church and to the Bowbrook group that we are sure many of you would like to be there.

We felt it important to hold this before the Choir go on holiday, hence the July date.

There will be a bring and share lunch afterwards in Walter and Muriel's garden, 6 Mill Lane, to which all are welcome.

We hope you can join us to mark this important event.

Thanks

I wish to thank everyone for their condolences on the loss of Cindy.

Alf Bennett, Coupass Cottages

Tanzania - Back from Berega

Tony Mortimer

John and Margaret Green, Judith Burman
Helen Deegan and Tom Gregory
Ann Matthews, Pat and Tony Mortimer
David and Sue Plummer

Cordially invite you to come along with your friends to hear and see what life is like in remote African villages in the year 2012 – and for wine & nibbles!

Himbleton Village Hall

Tuesday 10th July, 7.30pm - Admission Free

Following a welcome from the Bishop of Morogoro, the group travelled hundreds of miles by road and track to visit Berega Mission Hospital and Orphanage, Tunguli Clinic, three very different schools, and three Anglican Church communities running educational projects. The landscape and animals in the National Park were astonishingly beautiful as was the Indian Ocean with its blonde coral beaches – not that we had much time to enjoy either!

We quickly adapted to cold water, mosquito nets and a simple diet. Our host and guide the Revd. Isaac Mgego, who is the director of Berega Hospital and the rural Tunguli Clinic, sends his sincere thanks for the supplies and funds which were donated by parishioners and friends here in England. The group is now planning further fund-raising activities and is planning how to deliver continuing support. Professional expertise is high on the list of needs and offers of both medical and educational expertise have already been indicated. This Companion Link has been formed between the Diocese of Worcester and The Diocese of Morogoro and ideas from enthusiastic individuals are flying in from far and wide. This will surely make a difference to these good and courageous people who face constant challenge in their everyday lives and who certainly have wisdom to share with us too.

If you would like to be part of this long-term project or if you would simply like to hear all about it, please do come along and bring your friends.

Hands of Compassion

Pat & Carol Onions

Coffee Morning 14th July 2012

10 Towbury Close, Oakenshaw

Many of you will have met our friend Wendy Ely who runs a school for over 500 very poor children in Ndola, in Zambia. Wendy came to our Harvest Supper and spoke in church at the Harvest Festival last year. She has also visited Feckenham on several occasions over the past 12 years.

When she came in October she told us she was trying to raise enough money to start teaching year 9 and 10 children. Quite a lot of money has now been raised and the class rooms are well on the way to being built. Of course desks, books, teachers salaries are still needed. In order to help we are running a Coffee Morning at our home 10 Towbury Close, Oakenshaw South, Redditch B98 7YZ. Please try and come (see advert) If you are unsure of the way or need a lift please phone

01527 404055 after the 1st July.
Look forward to seeing you.

What's On this month in STOCK & BRADLEY

4th Breakaway

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Bradley Green VH - 11.30am

4th Gardening Club

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Family Service

Gary Crellin

Behold, I make things new Revelation 21:5

So, the big festivals are over. We have been through Christmas, Lent and Easter, Ascension and Pentecost. We also celebrated the birth of the church on Trinity Sunday. Maybe some of these passed you by - some more known than others perhaps? Let's also remember the fantastic response to the Jubilee with the bunting, gathering on the Square and the Berrow Hill Beacon the ones I will remember. Even the Sun shone. Another reason to celebrate given I am writing this in semi-summer darkness and a gale rattling around Turton Gardens. Looking ahead, we have the Olympics (the torch passes Redditch/Astwood Bank on the 1st July), the football and Wimbledon.

The church year now goes into "Ordinary" time. Does any one know why it is called "Ordinary Time"? I'll give you the answer Next month - as it's still Ordinary time in August then too! It might also be called "boring time" as the season is not necessarily one to ignite or excite. Yes- I do mean the season - not the Family service! As the Ordinary time largely coincides with British Summer (lol!) , perhaps it should be better known as recreation time as it is the time when most of us try to enjoy time away from the normal routine, do something different, let our hair down etc. Perhaps we could also use this time for RE-creation - an opportunity to recharge our physical and spiritual selves - a time to take stock and plan for the future. RE-creation should be what we are all about - to look out for God's work locally, and joining in to hasten the creation of His Kingdom.

Linking these two takes on the recreation theme, I was very pleased with the response to my plea for help in taking over the organisation and delivery of our all age worship

on the second Sunday of the month from September. Let's hope and pray that these good people will recharge the batteries of our service and create something special in the future. Good luck to them all. In terms of recreation - doing something different - letting your hair down - the July Family Service is a real dog's breakfast.....

After relenting to family and Junior Choir pressure, the **July Family Service will be a PET SERVICE.** Time to honour and give thanks for all the love and affection we show God's creatures that live with us and their affection for us - as they live with us. Sometimes Feckenham's open spaces, or the Friday night crowd at the Village Hall awaiting ARTs to finish resembles a Jack Russell Appreciation Society. Now's the chance for you to bring any dog, cat, parrot, exotic cockroach to the service to give thanks for their life and companionship. Hopefully the service will be outside the church but if the weather is bad, we will do the service in there! I was comforted on a recent visit to Tewkesbury Abbey that pets were welcome - the Rector welcomed Stan with the phrase - the church (even this one) is for all creatures great and small.

Come along - humming Doolittle or "All Creatures great or small" to the service that starts, due to conflicting activities, **at 4pm.**

Best wishes for a peaceful, restful and great summer.
Gary

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Jeff Matthews

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New for weekends – croissants and Danish Pastries. I don't know about you, but one decadence we always treat ourselves to, when we are on holiday is a great cup of coffee in the morning and a nice fresh croissant. Well, we can now offer this at the shop at the weekends. Starting now, we will be having a delivery of oven fresh croissant and mouth melting Danish pastries for you to try.

□

Shop support for all local events: The shop is very keen to support, practically, events in the village and in our community. In fact we always have been, but it may not have been obvious what we could do or who to speak to.

o Firstly, there's putting up posters. We will be creating a special area for posters on the shop, for village events. Preferably sized at A4 we will display these free of charge in their own notice board.

o Then we have two large banner sites. If you want to put a banner on these, please contact us, we would be pleased to accommodate that in advance of your event – however, it will need to be booked.

o Having a coffee morning. We recently ran a coffee morning in support of the Berega Hospital, Tanzania, which the Church has become involved with, and that was highly successful. We would be keen to offer that

facility to other fund raising groups in the village.

o You can always ask us for a raffle prize donation. We plan to put a small amount of quality goods – chocolate, wines, beers aside for prizes for raffles at events. Just ask – if we've given away our allocation we will say so, otherwise we will be pleased to support your fund raising event

o And anything else you can think of, where we can get support for you, raise your profile with our customers and database of "Friends"

o In the first instance contact either Jeff Matthews (892180) jeff@the-madison-group.co.uk or Jenny Mason (892678) to let us know how we can help and your ideas.

Volunteers: We are now getting very concerned about the number of volunteers we have working on some days in the shop – Wednesdays are proving particularly difficult to cover at the moment. If you are able to offer a couple of hours occasionally, ideally weekly, but any time would be a help, then contact us. We would hate to have to reduce the opening hours, but may be forced to during the peak holiday periods. It's fun, you get to meet people and full training is provided. Contact Rosemary Wormington (894475) rosemary.wormington@gmail.com

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FeckenOdeon 2 at Feckenham Village Hall

Feckenham Readers Group

Tuesday, 10th July - 7.45

This Month: *THE BEHAVIOUR OF MOTHS* by Poppy Adams

Details from Marion Chate - 892285



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VISIT TO ELM CLOSE

Wednesday, 4th July

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FECKENHAM VILLAGE HALL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday, 3rd July at 8pm

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please come along or contact the Secretary on 892130
e-mail hall@feckenham.f9.co.uk

NEWS JUST IN - Shindig Shows for 2012-13

Sunday, 21st October - ZULU - South African Music & Dance

Saturday, 10th November - THE HOUSE ON SHIVERING SANDS

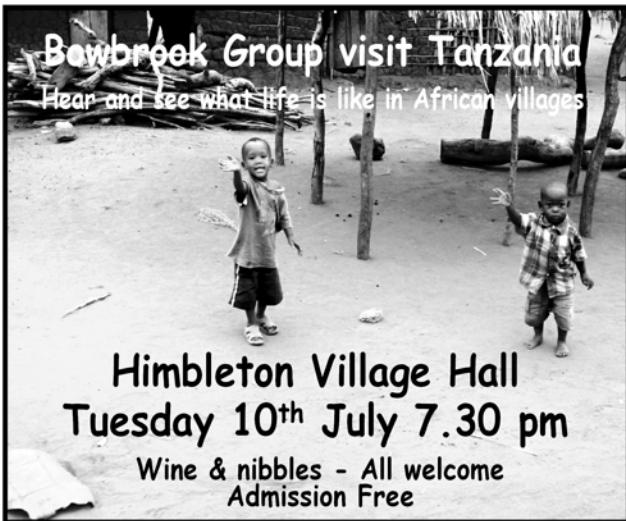
Sunday, 17th March - KINGS OF THE CLOTH OF GOLD

Saturday, 13th April - MUHA IN CONCERT

More details next month

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WILD WEST

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Cowboys & Injuns

FUN

On The Square
Saturday, 21st July
From 6.30pm
Grand Wild West Parade


COMPETITION
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 **HANDS**
OF COMPASSION

The FeckenOdeon Cinema Society

COME TO EEL MARSH HOUSE...

On **Friday, 13th July at 8pm** Daniel Radcliffe proves he's not just a pretty wizard in "**The Woman in Black**".

The story follows a young lawyer, Arthur Kipps (Radcliffe), who is ordered to travel to a remote village and sort out a recently deceased client's papers. As he works alone in the client's isolated house, Kipps begins to uncover tragic secrets, his unease growing when he glimpses a mysterious woman dressed only in black. Receiving only silence from the locals, Kipps is forced to uncover the true identity of the Woman in Black on his own, leading to a desperate race against time when he discovers her true intent.

This new chiller is reckoned to be the scariest version of this old tale but there's no blood and gore... it's all in the mind..... She's behind YOU!
At the time of writing tickets are selling fast - so please make haste to avoid disappointment!



Tickets for this show are on sale at
The Village Shop and The Rose & Crown
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or you can book online at:
www.fecknodeon.co.uk

STOP PRESS!!! EXTRA SHOW

Due to the high demand for tickets for **The Woman in Black** there will be an extra performance on **Saturday, 14th July at 8pm**

FECKENHAM EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENT

The endowment makes grants to young people in the pursuit of further education or training. If you are under 25 and live in the parish you may be eligible for a grant.

Closing date for receipt of applications
31st August, 2012

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Square Management Committee

CALL THE SHERIFF!

Close the shutters! Wedge the wardrobe against the door! The village is about to be invaded by Cowboys and Indians and it ain't goin' ter be no place fer law abidin' Fecknum folk... unless, of course, Fecknum folk decide to go native and join in the fun!

Saturday, 21st July is the date and things'll start hottin' up from **6.30pm on The Square** as The Square Management Committee leap into their saddles at the start of their **Wild West Fun Night**.

The Square will already have been transformed into the Main Street of a town in the Old West



- complete with saloon bar, hitching posts and a bank (perpetually being robbed). There'll be gunfights and brawls and all sorts of rumpusses - and there'll be lots of opportunities for younger varmints to join in. This will all be in the capable hands of the nationally famous Redditch Westerners Show Team who have been touring the country with their with their explosive shows for the past 16 years - they're wild and crazy (parts of Redditch are like that we hear) and guaranteed to have you a'hollering for more.

ARE YER DESPERATE DAN?

While this is all going on there'll be plenty to eat and drink - Cow Pie is the speciality but if you're a vegetarian (or a cow) there'll be a cowless version just for you. Skip your tea - you'll be full to bustin' with wholesome vittals. The Crazy Feckenhamster Bar will supply beer, wine and cider (and sodi-pops and sarsaparilla for the young 'uns). There'll be Wild West games like throwing the horse shoe (first remove your horse) and guess the weight of the cow pat.

It's all in aid of the Square Maintenance Fund - every penny you spend will go to help keep the village "green" immaculate.

WILD WEST COMPETITION

Be part of the action! There'll be wildly western PRIZES at stake for the best entries in the Grand Wild West Parade. Make yourself a Red Indian Headress, dress as a cowgirl - or go mad and build a covered wagon! Use your imagination and plenty of it. There's no need to fill in an entry form - just turn up in time for the judging at 7pm. It's open to all ages and people can enter as individuals or, if you're making something big, as groups (or tribes). Everybody gets to take part in the parade at 7.30 and the prizes will be presented in time for

a lap of honour. The Sheriff's doing the judging - and his decision will be final... unless you want to end up in Boot Hill!



The Sheriff of Feckenham

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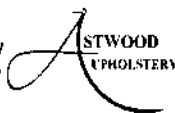
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Reflection on a Day

Kathy Gee

When I read the article by Jane Bird in the February 2012 Feckenham News re "Feckenham High Street in 1960" it certainly brought back fond memories of my childhood days spent in the village all those years ago, indeed until I left in 1955 to join the Birmingham Police Service. What fond memories come flooding back at the mention of Maude's sales tactics and the saucy magazines which, as lads do, were read page for page behind the vicarage wall. And lets not forget the wonderful Mrs. Parker and her delightful sweet shop, the big glass jars filled, as Jane has described, with an almost unlimited supply of goodies and a beautiful white cat that used to sit on everything, (health and safety cranks, eat your heart out) The Hick's bakery, which Bert (Mr. Hicks to us ragamuffins) started up every morning very early, the groceries, Barretts, the Co-Op, the blacksmith where we spent many a wonderful hour, intrigued that the horses didn't mind having nails driven into their feet. Yes,,I think you got them all, Jane, except one. The amazing Ernie Morris, the village cobbler, (Mr. Morris to us lot) He would waylay us on the way home from school to help him start his engine which required at least two people to get it going. His shop, now converted to living premises-is/was next to the Rose & Crown and carries at present a delightful clematis Montana Rubens on it's west wall. On remembering dare I call him Ernie, we all marvelled at how he would fill his mouth with sprigs and hammer them very skilfully into exactly where they were supposed to go.

Thank you, Jane, for helping me revive memories of wonderful people, those we have loved but see no longer. I'm sure I have many, many more that I would be delighted to share one day.

Open Gardens

Already there are strangers in the street.
An early breakfast, dead head, trim and set;

admire the backlit circle ears of wood mice
with no table manners, sweep the
courtyard,

check the garden pond for corpses.
Take a quiet moment at the gate.

Strangers make a threshold sweep
to find their personal horizon,

pausing, wanting this to be the one.
Close your eyes and dream a while;

*just take a string from here to there
and that's what we could do.*

Hosta rustle walls beneath the nest box,
busy blue tits carry on

while garden owners talk of colour,
compost bins and moss control.

They watch as couples share a future,
mothers teach their daughters herbal lore

and vegetables, cooked the old, slow way
while, side by side with no eye contact,

old friends use a *look at that* to intercept
a point they do not want to answer.

They treat us like a gallery, except
you cannot fake a garden.

Kathy Gee, 2012.

Jubilee Reports

The Success of our Fund Raising “Cheese & Wine with Silver Band” to celebrate Her Majesty’s Diamond Jubilee.

I would like to thank very sincerely, everyone who worked so hard and gave so generously of their time - I could not have managed without you all. In spite of the dreadful weather we managed to keep the tents upright. Next morning most of them were flat. Also many thanks to those that could not come, for their donations, and raffle prizes. *Jane Bird*

The proceeds from this evening were divided between the Air Ambulance £217, and the Church £600. Very many thanks, on behalf of the church, to Jane for hosting this event. *Ann Matthews*

Bell Ringing

Our Church Bells duly celebrated the Queen's Diamond Jubilee with a special ring on Sunday 3rd June at 3.00pm.

This was part of the nationwide celebrations, marked by the eleven ringers present, all members of the Feckenham Band. *Ron Russ*

B.B.Q. On The Square

The weather was unexpectedly kind to us for the Jubilee celebration on the Square. The

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event was well attended and special thanks must go to all who kindly made salads and puddings, to the Rose and Crown who generously donated a barrel of beer. Thank you too to the church for the loan of the barbecues and to the kind folk who put up gazebos and supplied the music (and electricity) also the chairs and tables. It would not have been a success without you all.

Many thanks also for the donations which after expenses we have £112 to give to the Square management committee.

Who was the mystery pirate?

The winners of the best decorated gate/door were judged to be Jenny Burton in the High Street and Bruce and Lynette who live at Willowdene. *Pam Lincoln-Lewis*



Feckenham Bellringers

The team that rang for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee 2012

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*Onside's Volunteer Co-ordinator,
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Opportunities are also available for telephone befrienders and to support local groups which focus on gardening, art, walking and social activities. We also have our drop in service which provides help for people with Autism, along with one to one support for this project.

Volunteering with Onside is a flexible commitment; as little as 2 hours a month can be given with full training and the option to work towards an Open College Network qualification offered. Volunteers enjoy the flexible aspect of our work along with the chance to join in at our local social events we run for volunteers including quiz nights and coffee mornings. The comment that really sums it up came from one volunteer - **"I seem to make a difference every time I visit, she laughs and I do, she had cheered up as she hadn't seen anyone else all week"**

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Thursday 12 July – Members visit to Norgrove Court at 6.30pm – guided tour of the house followed by refreshments. Members requiring transport to Norgrove please meet in the village car park at 6.15pm prompt.

All meetings are held on the second Thursday of the month at 7.30pm in the back room of Feckenham village hall. There is an annual subscription (currently £31.50) but visitors are welcomed to join us for any meeting at a cost of £3.00 per visit. If you require further information please contact Linda Harris on 01527 892850 or Gay Bligh on 01527 893321.

Feckenham ENTERTAINMENTS Committee

CROW ALERT

Just in case you missed last month's warning, on **13th and 14th October** the Scarecrows are planning to come back to the village for their annual weekend Festival. On the basis that it ain't broke, the Entertainments Committee has no intention of tinkering with this popular event. As ever it'll be just for fun - no great cause, no push to make money - just a village coming together to do something daft and enjoyable - and, as ever, we'll be asking you to make the wildest, wackiest and wonderful scarecrows you can think of. There's no time like the present so, if you'll excuse the expression, get stuffing!



Stock & Bradley Gardening Club

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THE NEXT CLUB OUTING -

Wednesday 4th July 2012 - 6.45pm

we will visit Glenis and Eric Dyer at their 'Elm Close' garden in Welford upon Avon to see their extensive collection of Clematis and herbaceous perennials.

We will travel independently, and you should aim to arrive at 6.45pm. The full postal address is 'Elm Close', Binton Road, Welford on Avon, Warwickshire, CV37 8PT, and the property is on the right hand side of Binton Road as you approach from the B439 Evesham Road.

If you have any queries, please contact Dinny Pynsent on 01527 821355.

All 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 £10.00. Visitors are made very welcome and may attend for £3.00 per meeting. If you require any further information, ring Jan Bates on 01386 792414 or Rob Cole on 01527 821156.

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.

EVENTS FOR 2012

13th September - Day out at the National Memorial Arboretum at Alrewas.

Contact Roger Hunt 01527 853116 for details and tickets for any of the above.

ARCHIVE - the Branch produces a quarterly News Sheet, and there is an ongoing archive. This can be viewed on open days. Items of interest, both old and new can be sent to Major Davidson, Branch Chairman, 01386 792772.

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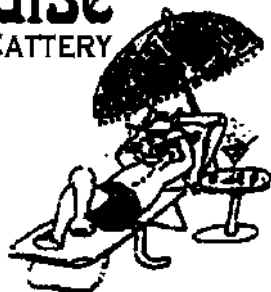
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