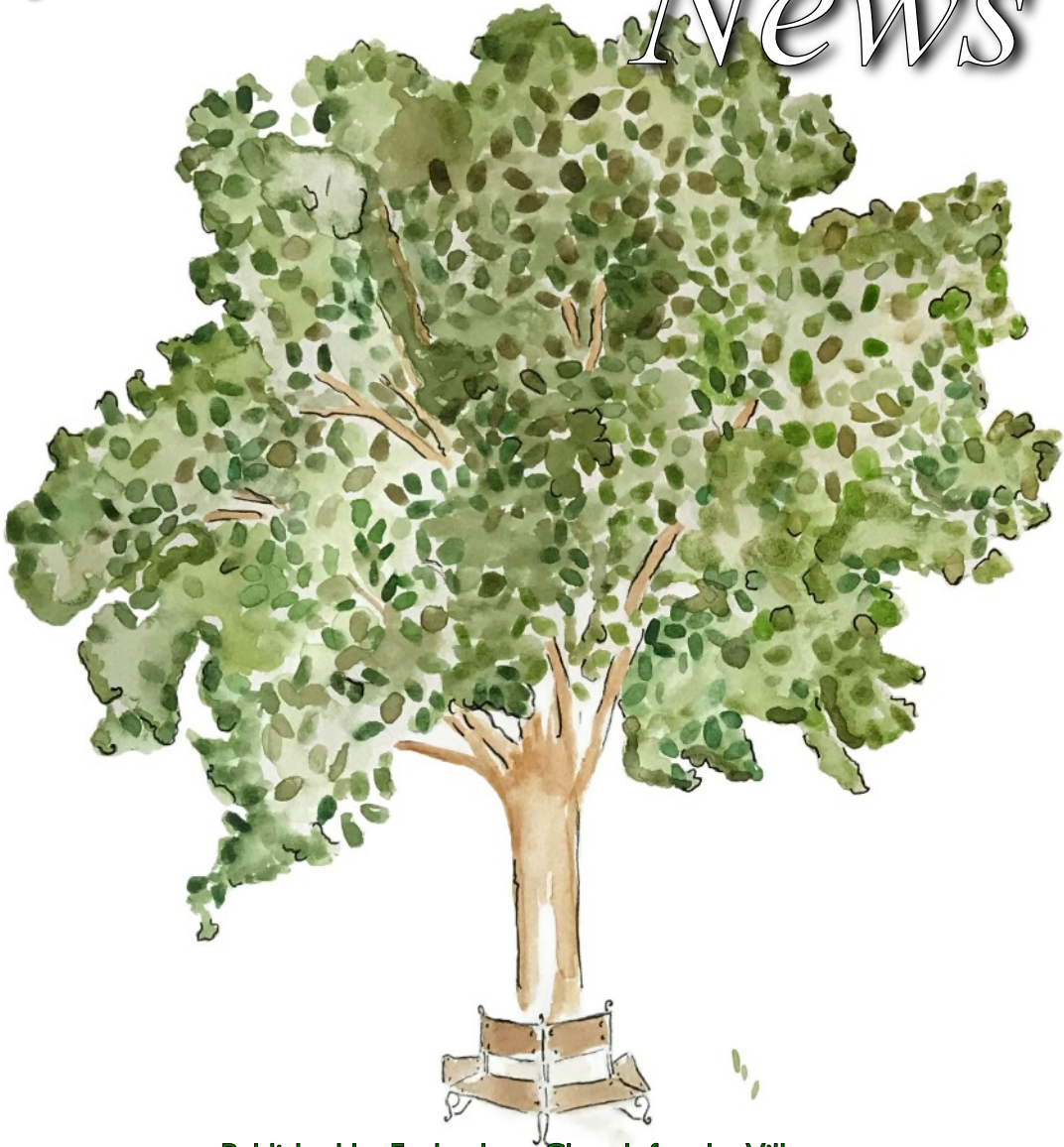


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Tues 2 nd		Stock & Bradley Gardening Club	Coach Outing
Fri 5 th	10.30am	Coffee Morning	33 High Street
Thur 11 th	7.30pm	Feckenham WI	Village Hall, Back Room
Thur 11 th	7.30pm	Summer Charity Quiz	Rose & Crown
Fri 12 th	8pm	FeckenOdeon-2	Back Room Village Hall
Sat 20 th	6.30pm	Fun On The Square	The Square
Tues 23 rd		Stock & Bradley Gardening Club	Coach Outing

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Front Cover

This lovely painting is of the horsechestnut tree which was at the far end of The Square. It was painted by Anna Davey (Teison). Sadly this is the tree that finally succumbed to disease, despite several attempts to save it. It was felled on 13 June after being condemned as unsafe. Fund raising events are planned for a replacement tree.



INKBERROW BOWLS CLUB

Welcomes New Members

The outdoor bowling season is now well underway, so here is your opportunity to join a well organised and friendly club with an excellent club house and bowling green.

We are situated close to Inkberrow village hall in Sands Road.

If you would like to try your hand at bowls, come along and give it a go. You just need to wear some flat shoes. We will provide the bowls and free coaching.

We have open sessions on Wednesday mornings from 10.30 and Friday evenings from 6.00 pm.

For more details Speak to Iris on 01386 792988 or David on 01386 792822

Church Services JULY

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Readers and Intercessors

Sunday 7th

Trinity 3

11.00am

Sung Eucharist

Isaiah 61: 1-3

Revelation 1: 4-8

Intercessions

Jenny Goode

Ian Hunter

John Calvert



Sunday 14th

Trinity 4

8.00am Holy Communion

Romans 8: 18

John Eaton

I am Open the Book 20th Anniversary

Intercessions

Cyril Warrilow

Sunday 21st

Trinity 5

6.30pm Evensong

I John 2: 15-17

Luke 4: 38-41

Intercessions

David Street

John Calvert

Carol Onions

Sunday 28th

Trinity 6

11.00am

Holy Communion

Isaiah 63: 7-8

I John 3: 1-3

Intercessions

Bob Fish

Angela Fletcher

Ann Matthews

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

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Thanks

I would like to thank everyone who sent me their condolences upon the sudden death of my husband Peter.

The love and practical support shown to me has been tremendous, helping me through the hard ensuing weeks. I shall be for ever grateful. God's blessings and my thanks.

Patricia Collins

We just wanted to thank all those who supported the cake and plant sale held on 19th May at the Catholic Church to raise funds for an orphanage in Kaoma in Zambia. The sale raised over £200 for which we are very grateful. Thank you

Songs for a Summer afternoon Saturday 1st June 2019. A huge thank you to everyone who came along to support our recent concert at Feckenham Village Hall on 1st June. A packed hall enjoyed an afternoon of wonderful singing from members of the All Round voices choirs from Feckenham, Studley and Bromsgrove. With afternoon tea and cakes included in the ticket price, everyone attending were there to help raise funds for the Sick Children's Trust. And what an afternoon it was! songs and cakes a plenty, and even a group sing song at the end with a marvellous rendition of Delilah that resounded melodiously around the Village, The afternoon raised the grand total of £807. Our thanks and love to everyone involved.

Karen Hill and Claire Fowler

All Round Voices

QUIZZING FOR CHARITY

The popular quizzes at The Rose & Crown have made thousands of pounds for various national and local charities. The Easter Quiz yielded £544 for a local charity working with homeless young people. The **Summer Quiz** is in aid of a charity that may well have helped many local folk - The Primrose Hospice - and we'd like to make this one a record breaker! There'll be the usual mixture of easy and brain twisting questions and a happy atmosphere. Something to nibble and something to drink... and, if the weather's kind, we'll spill out onto the lawn. Make up a team of up to 6 people - just put your name on the lists in the pub. We ask for £2 per person to enter - that covers basic costs and contributes to the charity. There's a raffle - isn't there always?! Please join us!!

**SUMMER QUIZ - Rose & Crown,
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Newshound



Lavender Place New Residents

Suzi and Jon Hinton are both 33 and from Bromsgrove and have lived in Feckenham since 2013. They bought Lavender Place on the Droitwich Road (which previously belonged to the Bedford-Smiths) in the Summer and moved in in December. They previously lived at number 27 Alcester Road, so they didn't have far to go. Jon is a commercial property developer and Suzi is a Registrar Oncologist and they have two cats.

Village Shop

The rain has been lashing down but let's be optimistic! What could be nicer on a Summer day than a cream tea now available as a cafe special. If you prefer a cold drink we have some refreshing coulis - raspberry or mango. Porridge isn't just for cold winter days and we have good news the Jumbo Oats are back in stock! Local honey goes very nicely with this and helps if you suffer from allergies. It's BBQ time and a good idea to keep some alcohol free drinks for the drivers, we now stock Belvoir Chardonnay and Shiraz 'Without the Hangover' plus our usual range of wines and beers.

Tickets for Village Hall events and Hanbury Countryside Show can be bought in the shop.

Thought for the month

Rev. Wyn Beynon

*A little learning is a dangerous thing ;
Drink deep, or taste not the Pierian spring :
There shallow draughts intoxicate the brain,
And drinking largely sobers us again.*

Alexander Pope

Every age is the same. Every age is the age of the superficial. With our ability to spread information - or misinformation - rapidly around to world to every corner, to every person individually, it's not surprising that we have only the capacity to grasp the tiniest part of the information that is presented to us.

It's not the technology that's to blame however. Technology is not bad. It's not even neutral. It's

good. It's what we humans do with it that can be bad, or even downright evil. We're the problem. Not it.

One of the problems is our willingness to believe what we're told without critically assessing it. The recent political campaigns and their results show us how easily we believe half truths, untruths and nonsense.

It has been said that if you repeat a lie often often, people will believe it. It's because we hear what we want to hear, and what we want to hear is what is comfortable, congenial and convenient. So certain tabloid newspapers have much influence. The truth never stands in the way of a good story or headline.

Telling the truth is hard. St Paul, one of the great leaders of the early Church even had to tell his Christian congregations to "stop lying to one another". It is the truth, said Jesus, that sets you free. (Even if it first makes you miserable.) We have to "drink deep... drink largely" when we listen to the things we hear, not least about politics and general opinion. "Shallow draughts intoxicate the brain".

A little learning is a dangerous thing!
best wishes, Wyn

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Closing date for receipt of applications

31st August, 2019

For more information and an application form contact:

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Village Hall

Improvement Fund 2018/19



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46 John Calvert	£10

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76 Wren Chute	£25
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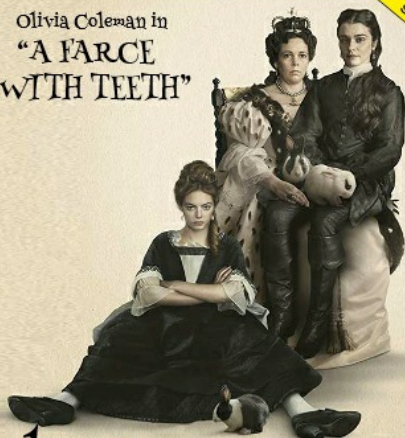
This Month: OFFSHORE
by Penelope Fitzgerald
Details from Marion Chute - 892285

FeckenOdeon 2

The Cinema in the Back Room

Olivia Coleman in
"A FARCE
WITH TEETH"

SUMMER
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The FAVOURITE

Friday, 12th July at 8pm

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FeckenOdeon 2 at Feckenham Village Hall

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The Food Bank Appeal

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FeckenOdeon Cinema Society

Ian Bellion



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If you're a stickler for historical accuracy "The Favourite" may not be for you. If you're in the mood for some hysterical hilarity, it might just be up your street. England is at war with the French. Nevertheless, duck racing and pineapple eating are thriving. Queen Anne's close friend, Lady Sarah, enjoys power... but Cousin Abigail arrives and tries to replace her as the Queen's favourite. The gloves are off for a right royal rumpus. A wildly entertaining, bracingly cynical comedy of royal manners - a farce with teeth! Olivia Coleman's Oscar winning Queen is an engaging treat. A high class, high quality indulgence for a lazy summer evening.

"THE FAVOURITE" (15)
Friday, 12th July at 8pm



In August there's a jolly evening in store with a performance direct from English National Opera's London Coliseum. Mike Leigh's production of "The Pirates of Penzance" is a bright, breezy and cheerful show - just what we could do with at the moment!

"THE PIRATES OF PENZANCE"
Saturday, 17th August at 7.30pm

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WE'RE ALL ON THE AIR

Swansbrook Radio gets out and about in the village at every opportunity. We're never happier than when we're talking to local folk about their worries, delights and enthusiasms. In June we dropped in on the WI's 100th Birthday party and enjoyed Jerusalem played on hand bells, Jerusalem sung WI style and Jerusalem parodied by Shirley Harman... and we talked to the members and organisers. Later in the month we were at the Wake chatting to people on the stalls and attractions. Next month we'll be recording some more of our "In Conversation" programmes with local characters. All of these chats are now available for you to listen to "On Demand" - and we're working to ensure that they're archived so that future generations can enjoy a sound picture of what life was like in Feckenham of the early 21st Century.

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Fun on The Square - Cartoon Capers.

You'll probably have noticed that the diseased Horse Chestnut tree on The Square has been felled. The Square Committee now has to find the cash for a replacement (which we are required to do by the Borough Council as we're in a conservation area) - so it's vital that we raise enough cash for this... on top of our normal maintenance needs. Please come along and support us on 20th July. Helpers at the event will also be most welcome - just come and find us on The Square on the morning and we'll find you a job!

The main attractions for the young and brave will be the Flintstones Club Bashing Tournament (how hard can you whack your opponent?) and the Road Runner Acme Elastic Challenge (how far can you get before you're dragged back?.. For the less athletic there'll be dancing to Big Al's Looney Tooners... and for those just wanting to sit back and relax there'll be Speedy Gonzalez Chile Dinners, Squarepete Spongeburgers and Dick Dastardly's Drinking Den... as well as Raffles and other attractions.

We'll kick off with a grand procession and race for the Wacky Racers - constructed by you! We want to see as many wild and creative creations as possible - make your racer out of anything you like - it has to move on wheels (no engines allowed!) There's an entry form below!

Cartoon Capers - Saturday 20th July from 6.30pm

WACKY RACES ENTRY FORM

Name of your racing vehicle:
.....

Your Name (or team name)
.....

Phone

Email.....

Please drop this form into the collecting boxes at the Rose & Crown or Village Shop. Last date for entries is 19th July

Village Hall

Ian Bellion



REPAIRS AND RESTORATIONS

A contract has now been placed for the repair work to the Hall's elderly woodwork. The work is being done by a trusted local craftsman and we're confident of a good result. All we have to do now is pay for it....

There'll doubtless be other fundraising events over the next year or so but we can announce a series of shindigs to get the ball rolling....

SHINDIG SHOWS

The complicated process of scheduling the Shindig performing arts scheme has been completed and we're delighted to announce that the Village Hall will stage the following shows:

Sunday, 6th October

MEN IN GENERAL

"A Capella Quadruplets"

Members of the hilariously tuneful Spooky Men's Chorus return with an eccentric but harmonious display of vocal dexterity.

Sunday, 15th March

Harp and a Monkey present

"VICTORIANS"

Songs, Stories and More from the Victorian era.

Saturday, 2nd May

DUDLEY

The Jazz of Dudley Moore played by the internationally renowned Chris Ingham Quartet
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Feckenham C. C.

Bob Gordon



Flaming June is upon us – or so some say - and there have been reports that we could again be in for a fabulous warm summer (global warming?) although the second week of the month has seen a lot of rain. This has benefited the cricket club's outfield which had been looking very dry but has resulted in several matches being canceled. I think we have had enough now thank you.

The senior teams continue to struggle with the twin challenges of a greatly higher standard in the reconstructed Worcestershire County League and the absence of key players. Some junior members have stepped up to the third and second teams and done well and with other very good youngsters in the club's youth squads, the future is bright.

In the Premier Division of the Worcestershire County League the first team continues to struggle, recording losses to Evesham, Redditch and Astwood Bank. The defeat at home to Redditch was particularly agonising as the visitors were bowled out for 151 in the 40th over with Tom Coulson taking five wickets. Unfortunately, none of our batsmen could settle in and the response was well short.

The second team also suffered a wretched month, losing to Claverley, Chaddesley Corbett and Hanley Castle. Both teams are now looking up from the foot of their league tables.

The ripple effect of the lack of players has of course affected the third team who battled at Evesham, only to lose narrowly despite Jon Dean's impressive 64. The reverse fixture was again a narrow loss, followed by a defeat at league leaders Worcester.

As hinted at above, we have a high quality group of juniors who play with a smile on their faces and are providing encouragement in a difficult season. The Under-10s play in teams of eight, playing in pairs when batting and every player bowls and bats - this format suits young players and ensures that all get a real game.

The quality of our youngsters was demonstrated by the Under-10s who beat Astwood Bank twice in the last month – by 50 runs away and by 86 runs in the home return. In between, a strong Alvechurch team were also dispatched. Well done boys!

The Under 10 squad will have taken part in a club-hosted festival involving five other clubs on June

16th. As I have to submit this by the 14th of each month I cannot report upon it here but weather-permitting it should have been a cracking day for all. The club began its 8-week All Stars program at the start of June, introducing boys and girls aged 5-8 to the game.

Work continues on the ground thanks to the efforts of Steve Daniels (a record-breaking batsman for the club in his prime) and Neil Evans, who both put in many hours each week. Matches take place every Saturday of course but junior and representative matches take place in mid-week, each needing pitches to be prepared and the outfield mowed - thanks to ex-player John Hicks for the work he puts in with the gang mowers.

Regarding the gang mowers, these are three cylinder mowers connected together and towed behind the club's Land Rover. They developed problems last year, with one of the mowers having to be disconnected. With help from club member and Feckenham resident Rob Banner, the first phase of refurbishment is completed and the mowers are working better than for some time. Further work will take place over the winter.

The spare mobile net is now fitted with a new net using money raised from the Cricketforce weekend in early April. This greatly helps both senior and junior net practice.

Female cricket (ECB-sponsored Women's Soft Ball Cricket, colloquially known as The Prosecco League) is developing and a couple of practice sessions have taken place. The ladies will take part in selected festivals, with those at Redditch and at Astwood Bank on 14th and 21st July likely to be their first.

Interest in this form of cricket has been strong and a number have signed up but if any other ladies in the village are interested in playing even if only occasionally please email amandagordon677@gmail.com. No experience necessary!

Tue Jul 2nd at 1pm - Worc's 60+ v Somerset 60+

Thu Jul 4th at 6pm - Avoncroft (Under 10)

Sat Jul 6th at 1pm - Droitwich (2nd team)

Sat Jul 13th at 1pm - Worcester (1st team)

Thu Jul 18th at 6pm - Alvechurch (Under 10)

Sat Jul 20th at 1pm - Netherton (2nd team)

Sat Jul 27th at 1pm - Old Hill (1st team)

Sun Jul 28th at 10am - Old Elizabethans (Under 12)

Sat Aug 3rd at 1pm - Claverley (2nd team)

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Stock & Bradley Gardening Club

Rob Cole

Tuesday 2nd July 2019 - Coach Outing

is to Hodnet Hall in the morning and Wollerton Old Hall in the afternoon.

Prior booking is essential and only a few spaces remain. We will leave Bradley Green Village Hall promptly at 8:45am, so please ensure that you arrive and park up in good time.

And on Tuesday 23rd July 2019 - visit to Grafton Wood

This visit is an extra to our printed programme, arranged in response to our speaker in December last year, John Tilt, who is the warden at Grafton Wood. John has agreed to take us around the wood and show us its natural history. We will meet at the small car park at Grafton Church at 2.00pm - please note that it is essential to pre-book this visit.

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



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Members met on Thursday 13th June and we had a very enjoyable evening.

After business was dealt with we welcomed Rob Cole from Meadow Farm accompanied by his wife Diane. Rob an excellent and interesting speaker led us through the journey from their first home, garden and five allotments to their search for a home with land to make a nursery, garden and meadow. With the aid of slides showing their progress, Rob impressed us all by the planning and hard work that went into achieving their dream, and the physical work done by Diane amazed us all!

The plants brought along for sale were very popular with our keen gardeners and all agreed our evening was a success.

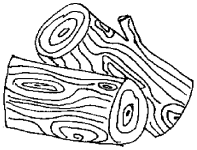
Our meeting this month is on **Thursday 11th July** in the back room of the Village Hall at 7.30pm. It is entitled 'Homeopathy' with Sheila Oxspring. Visitors welcome £4.

At our meeting on **September 12th** we have a speaker from Waitrose coming to talk to us about **'The history of Waitrose' and are providing a wine & cheese tasting**. This should be a popular evening and we ask if you would like to be a visitor please book your place 3 weeks before the meeting. Visitors £5 - on door (but pre booked only). We would also like to know your preferences for white, red or non alcoholic wine. This can be done by speaking to a committee member or calling Glenda on 01527 893302.

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