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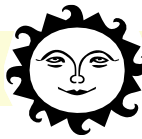
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Tues 4th	8pm	Village Hall A.G.M.	Village Hall Back Room
Wed 5th	6.30pm	Gardening Club	Visit
Thur 6th	7pm	Quiz Night in aid of Cancer Research	Rose & Crown
Fri 7th	10.30 - 12.30	Coffee Morning	33 High St.
Thur 13th	7.30pm	Feckenham WI	Village Hall, Back Room
Fri 14th	8pm	FeckenOdeon 2	Village Hall Back Room
Sat 22nd	From 6.30pm	Fun on The Square	The Square

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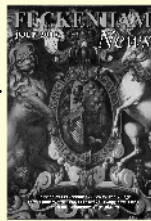
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From 1st July, Feckenham surgery will only be open on Wednesdays until further notice.

If you need to contact a doctor please call 01527 892 418 before 6.30 pm. After 6.30pm, on weekends and Bank Holidays, please call 111.

Front Cover

The newly renovated George I Coat of Arms, which now hangs again in the chancel. Do go and have a look.
Photo by Ian Bellion



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Sunday 2nd **11.00am Sung Eucharist**
Trinity 3
Jeremiah 28: 5-9
Romans 6: 12-23
Intercessions
Alison Crellin
Tony Mortimer
Jeff Matthews

Sunday 9th **8.00am Holy Communion**
Trinity 4
Romans 8:18-23
Cyril Warrilow

11.00am Café Church - The real truth about overseas aid

Sunday 16th **6.30 pm Evensong**
Trinity 5
Isaiah 55: 10-13
Romans 8: 1-11
Intercessions
Jenny Snel
Steven Cox
Erica Dilger

Sunday 23rd **11.00am Family Communion**
Trinity 6
Isaiah 44: 6-8
Romans 8: 12-25
Intercessions
Doug Curtis
Angela Fletcher
Mark Wheatley

Sunday 30th **10.30 am Benefice Eucharist at Wychbold**
Trinity 7

Feckenham: Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals

Initial contacts should be directed to Angela Kovacevic, Parish Administrator & Lay Minister:

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Feckenham Roman Catholic Church St John Fisher & St. Thomas More



Mass is celebrated every Sunday at 10.15am in the Church

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

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World War I Centenary Commemoration



Harry Farmer

The life of Harry Farmer, who died a hundred years ago in World War One, will be commemorated on Sunday 9th July 2017 at the Family Service to be held in the Parish Church of Saint John the Baptist, Feckenham.

Harry was born in late 1887 in Stock Green to William and Mary Ann Farmer, and by 1911 was working as a carpenter. His father worked for the District Council.

Harry had 4 brothers and sisters (Allen, Thomas, Ernest and Doris). He married Esther Mary Hawker on 31st January 1914, and they had one child.

He enlisted in 1915, and was called-up into the 14th Battalion of the Worcestershire Regiment in early 1916. Following training on Salisbury Plain, they left for France on 20th June 1916, becoming part of the 63rd Division around Vimy Ridge until the middle of September, and later on in the Somme area, where they took part in the Battle of Ancre.

He was badly wounded on 17th February 1917, and was evacuated to the Central Hospital in Aberdeen, where he died of Pneumonia on 12th June 1917, and was buried in Feckenham on 16th June 1917.

Obituary



The funeral of **Robert David Dermott Griffith** always known as Dermott took place in Feckenham Church on 15th May 2017 he was aged 95 years.

Older residents may remember Dermott living at Dunstall Court. His parents are buried in our churchyard in the family grave. Dermott was the first and youngest mayor of Redditch as you may have read recently in the Redditch Advertiser. When he left Feckenham he went to live in the Channel Islands and loved to sail his yacht to France, England and Ireland. Each summer he visited his daughter and her husband who farmed near Shrewsbury. I met him several times when he came to Feckenham with watering can and weed killer to apply it around the family grave. In later years he went to live in a Care Home near Ludlow.

As the mourners walked up the church path they could see the name of Dermott's brother John who died in WW2 on the War Memorial. The service was conducted by Deacon David Griffiths from the Roman Catholic Church as Dermott was a Catholic. The coffin was carried to the graveside by 6 of his relations. After the funeral there was a reception at The Forest.

Carol Onions.

Coffee Morning

in aid of St. John the Baptist Church

Friday **7th July 2017**

10.30 - 12.30

To be held at the home of
Shirley Harman, 33 High Street

in the garden weather permitting

All welcome - cake Stall,
Presents,,Raffle, Plants etc and fun.
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What's On this month in STOCK & BRADLEY

5th GARDENING CLUB
A Visit to THE OLD PIGGERY
Leaves Village Hall - 6.30pm

5th BREAKAWAY
AGM and Lunch
11.30am - Village Hall

**8th An Evening for Convenience
WILF'S CARNIVAL BAND**
Village Hall - 7pm

For more information see

STOCK & BRADLEY CHRONICLE

From the P.C.C.

News was received in late June that the Cumbria Clock Company, who have been renovating the church clock, plan to re-install it on the 21st and 22nd of June. And this was installed and working in time for the Wake and the Patronal Festival.

We also learnt that renovation of the King George I Coat of Arms is complete and it was returned to the Church on the 19th June. This large painting was rehung in the chancel and was also on display in time for the Wake and the Patronal Festival.

Ian Hunter PCC Secretary

Newshound



Richard and Angela Fletcher have become grandparents. Katie and Kaj David, who were married in Feckenham and now live near Bishops Stortford, had a daughter Emily Joy on 29th May.

Sunday 9th July
at 11am

What's the Truth about Foreign Aid?

A "Cafe' Church" style discussion where we explore the news and false news talked about foreign aid.

At St John the Baptist Church
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refreshments available

Village Shop

Jeff Matthews

Cream Teas: now there's a thought for a summer's afternoon. The refurbished shop with chairs in the sun can host you with a hot drink and a scone with jam and cream. (Are you a jam first and then cream on top, or cream first and then jam?) £3.25 to you, hurry now!

Congratulations to all volunteers on achieving 5 star hygiene award in the recent inspection.

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 Ancient Parish of Feckenham or the District of Redditch you may be eligible for a grant. Any such grants are divided on the basis of 4/5 to the Ancient Parish and 1/5 to the District of Redditch. All applications will be carefully considered. An individual may make a maximum of three applications. The decision of the Trustees is final.

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Thought for the month

Rev. Gary Crellin

“Quietly at end of June, eccentric vicar goes into seclusion (7)”

I couldn't believe my luck (or by God's Grace) that I came across the above crossword clue in an old magazine I was flicking through at the Dentist's. Is this clue speaking to me about Rev Wyn's just started sabbatical? Is it reflecting on the fact that I am in charge for the next few months? Or is it a calling to wish Rev Sue and James all the best with their move from The Retreat House to the delights of Cleobury Mortimer. You choose! I wonder what your answer would be.

July is a month of transition: a time to change pace and routine. Children are looking forward eagerly to the end of school, and grown-ups are making their holiday preparations, looking for an escape from the pressures and demands of work and daily routine. "You need a holiday", we say to someone who is looking harassed; "I need a holiday", we say when things are not going well and we're not giving of our best.

Transition - another batch of children will be leaving school this month and looking forward, after a relaxing break, to the fun and challenges of their new school. Good luck to them all. Good luck to all of those slightly older children who will spend their summer awaiting the internet access code or a brown envelope containing exam results – hopefully enabling another of life's transition points to happen - to prepare for university or an apprenticeship.

There may well be transition for me, and my family. I will soon begin the search for my own parish - after three years serving across the United Parish, Feckenham and Stock&Bradley. My curacy (or trainee vicar status) is coming to an end, and I will soon be released to look for the next group of churches to be their priest and vicar. It can take up to a year, so despite the rumours of an imminent departure, I may

well be around for a while yet!

“Holidays are holy days” - my nan used to say that. There is, of course, profound truth in that comment, as many of our public holidays were originally religious festivals. The Bible recognizes our need for time out: relaxation and refreshment are essential to healthy human living. We need transition points in our lives. Holidays are a good time to think about ourselves – to lift you up, and renew our vision and purpose: to set the next goal, perhaps.

Whatever your plans for the summer - make time to think carefully about your future and any transitions you need to make, or be forced to make. Take care, be safe, relax and be joyful of having such good experiences to look forward to. *And what about your Crossword answer?*

Rev Gary Crellin

Wychebrook Group of Churches

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First Tuesday of every month from 8pm
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Talk by BARRY KNEE
Thursday, 13th July - 7.30pm
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Feckenham Readers Group
Wednesday, 12th July - 7.45
This month's book: **MOTHERING SUNDAY**
by Graham Swift
Details from Marion Chute - 892285



Rous Lench & Inkberrow Branch
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Saturday 22nd July 2017 from 4pm
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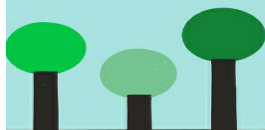
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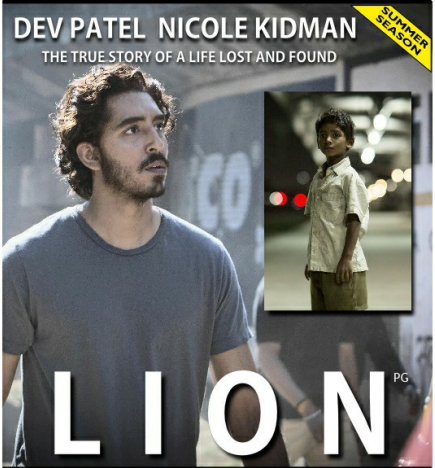


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WHAT'S ON IN FECKENHAM

FeckenOdeon 2 The Cinema in the Back Room



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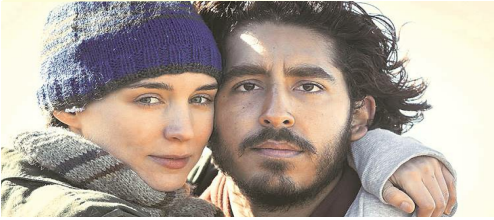
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FeckenOdeon Cinema Society

Ian Bellion



A LION'S TALE

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**"Lion" - FeckenOdeon 2 at 8pm
on Friday, 14th July.**

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The Village Shop and The Rose & Crown.
You can also book by phone (through TicketSource)
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Village Hall

Ian Bellion



GISSA HAND

Feckenham Village Hall is looked after by a small band of Trustees. We meet once a month for an hour and members undertake minor maintenance and help organise fundraising events. It's not a huge commitment and it's often fun. If you'd like to help why not pop along to the **AGM on Tuesday, 4th July at 8pm** in the Back Room. You'll be welcomed with open arms! *The Shindig shows for autumn onwards have been announced - we have 4 performances from October to April - full details in August's Feckenham News.*

Square Management Committee

HOP BACK TO THE 60s

What do you think of when you think of the 1960s? The Beatles? Mods & Rockers, Carnaby Street? Mary Quant, Twiggy? ... but what did folk really get up to in that so-called swinging decade? Well there was Bingo for one thing... In **When we Were Very Fab - Fun from the 1960s - Saturday 22nd July from 6.30pm** we're going to



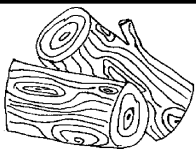
recreate some of the fun, swinging, dodgy and sometimes downright daft things people used to amuse themselves with - it wasn't all psychedelia and summers of love you know...

We're going to invite the youngsters to enjoy 1960s games and toys - space hoppers, Hula Hoops and twister are among the attractions. There'll be 1960s food - full meals and barbecue, licensed bar with some 60s favourites and, for kids, we'll have lucky bags and 60s style sweets. There'll be a display of lovely Lambrettas - guaranteed to beguile. And there WILL be Bingo. Live Music will be provided by the local 1960s band "The Swingin Blue Moods" - when everybody was going to San Francisco, they went to Crabbs Cross... one of life's little mistakes. Their lead singer's rendition of "I Wanna be Bobbie's Girl" has been talked about... in various places... however, they're still rockin' an' a' rollin' and still entertainin'!

BORING BIT

Fun on The Square over the years has always been the fundraiser that allows the Square Committee to keep the village green in good condition. This is an expensive undertaking and every penny counts - so **please don't bring your own food and drink along**. Our bar and food prices are very reasonable and every penny we make goes straight into the Maintenance Fund.





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Feckenham Cricket Club

Bob Gordon



Well, flaming June is upon us, which means Wimbledon, strawberries and cream ...

... and of course, rain.

Apart from making it difficult to mow the pitches, it can cause games to be abandoned and that can make a big difference in terms of where our teams finish at the end of the season. Not being able to play against a team that we hope to beat results in each team receiving only 5 points. As up to 24 points are possible from a win, a couple of abandoned games can see a team drop down the league table. If all teams were similarly affected, things would not be so bad but with weather being so localised, Redditch may be playing while our game is abandoned. In fact on May 20th the match between the two first teams in Redditch was abandoned after an afternoon of heavy rain while the second team managed to play at Mill Lane and achieved a "winning draw".

So we are all praying for the sun to return (as I am writing this in the first half of June, you will know by the time that you read this whether the prayers have been answered). It could be worse I suppose, we could be in Scotland rather than glorious Worcestershire – as Billy Connolly said *"There are two seasons in Scotland: June and Winter"*.

Enough about weather, what's been happening on the pitch? Well, it has been pretty good, the first team lying 6th in Division One while the second team is leading their table. The third team is an eclectic mix of youth, seasoned old - sorry, mature – players alongside some who have resumed playing after a break of a decade or more. Having gelled as a team and thoroughly enjoying themselves, they are poised to move into the top half of the table, having played fewer league games than other teams.

The first team highlights included a fine win against Stourport, Jamie Reddish hitting 51 with Tom Coulson and Matt Henning both taking 4 wickets and our Kiwi import Travis Bartels taking the other two. In his mid-forties Matt seems to be playing better than ever. In the corresponding second team fixture the game unusually ended in a tie, both teams scoring 210 runs – highlights were a fine 65 by 15-year old Flynn Duggan and 4 wickets each for Matt Kings and Neil Evans.

Unfortunately for the first team, the next game at Bewdley ended in defeat by only 2 runs after some controversial umpiring decisions and despite a fine disciplined innings of 68 from Josh Stacey. The second team won their game against the same opponents by 6 wickets with Hugh Humphries hitting 60 not out, while Luke Jackson, Paddy Brocklehurst and wonder-kid Flynn all getting into the thirties. Ryan Humphries was the pick of the bowlers with 4. Their lead at the top of their league was extended as they swept aside old rivals Coombs Wood, with Flynn again standing out with his 42.

Early June has proved to be agonising for the first team, losing a low scoring game against Burghill, Tillington and Weobley by a single wicket, after the opposition's final batting pair frustrated the Feckenham bowlers in the final few overs, when it had looked like a home wine was more likely.

The thirds had a comprehensive 9-wicket win away at Bredon, with septuagenarian Joe Davis unbeaten on 53 and wickets being shared across the bowlers and followed this by another victory at Alvechurch & Hopwood. A reverse at Bartestree & Lugwardine followed however, despite a fine 62 from Richard East.

On June 11th the club hosted a county game, with Leicestershire Under 14s narrowly defeating Worcestershire in a very exciting match. This was closely followed by a match between the Worcestershire 60+ team (including our own Steve Daniels) and Wales 60+. It is a testimony to the club and to the quality of our pitches that Feckenham Cricket Club is regularly awarded such games.

Upcoming fixtures at Mill Lane (all starting at 1pm, usually finishing by around 7pm) are:

Saturday 1st July - 2nd XI v Hagley
Saturday 8th July - 2nd XI v Evesham
Saturday 15th July - 1st XI v Droitwich
Saturday 22nd July - 1st XI v Worcester
Saturday 29th July - 2nd XI v Pedmore

The 3rd Team's first "home" fixtures (to take place at Hewell CC) are:

Saturday 8th July v Worcester Nomads
Saturday 15th July v Bredon
Saturday 19th August v Bewdley

All fixtures can be found on <http://feckenham.play-cricket.com/> and on The Square's notice board.

Stock & Bradley Gardening Club

Rob Cole

Wednesday 5th July 2017 - evening visit - 6:30pm start Our July event is an evening visit to The Old Piggery in Redditch. This is a 3 acre garden attached to a barn conversion which has herbaceous borders of cottage garden plants and pots of annuals, a patio area and various features around the garden. Note that this visit is by private cars. The location is in Weights Lane, Redditch, B97 6RQ, the cost is £5 per person and light refreshments will be served.

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 Dinny Pynsent (Secretary) on 01527 821355 or Rob Cole



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We have one outing planned for this month which is to a garden in Alexander Avenue, Droitwich. Again visitors are welcome to join us if numbers allow, please contact Vivien Hunter 01527 402360.

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