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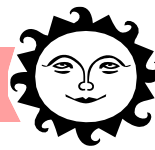
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# JULY Diary



|                       |                  |                                     |                                |
|-----------------------|------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Tues 5 <sup>th</sup>  | 12.30am          | Lunch Club                          | Village Hall,<br>Back Room     |
| Wed 6 <sup>th</sup>   | Evening          | Stock & Bradley<br>Gardening Club   | 33 Droitwich<br>Road           |
| Fri 8 <sup>th</sup>   | 10.30 -<br>12.30 | Coffee Morning                      | Honeysuckle<br>Cott., High St. |
| Fri 8 <sup>th</sup>   | 8pm              | FeckenOdeon-2                       | Back Room<br>Village Hall      |
| Tues 12 <sup>th</sup> | 7.30pm           | Feckenham Forest<br>History Society | Webheath<br>Village Hall       |
| Thur 14 <sup>th</sup> | 7.30pm           | Feckenham WI                        | Back Room<br>Village Hall      |
| Sat 23 <sup>rd</sup>  | 18:30:00         | "Fun on The Square"                 | The Square                     |

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This month celebrates the new community venture of Swansbrook Radio. The artwork was designed by Vianne Furey. See page 5.



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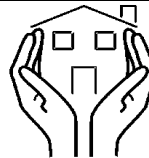
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### Readers and intercessors



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

Trinity 6

#### 11.00am Sung Eucharist

Habbakkuk 2: 1-4

Ephesians 2: 19-22

Intercessions

Jane White

Phil Tricklebank

Tony Mortimer

#### 4.00pm Deanery Confirmation Wychbold

#### Sunday 10<sup>th</sup>

Trinity 7

#### 8.00am Holy Communion

Romans 6: 19-23

Antonia Pulsford

#### 11.00am All Age Worship

**A Commemoration of the Battle of the Somme: Part 2"**

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

Trinity 8

#### 6.30 pm Evensong

Genesis 18:1-10a

Luke 10: 38-end

Intercessions

Tim Powell

Carol Price

Lin Preece

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

Trinity 9

#### 11.00am Family Communion

Colossians 2: 6-15

Intercessions

Shirley Harman

Cyril Warrilow

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

#### 10.30 am Group Eucharist Hanbury

### 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](mailto:wynbeynon@gmail.com) Thank you! Wyn

## Feckenham Roman Catholic Church

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Mass is celebrated every Sunday at 10.15am in the Church

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

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



## SWANS ON THE NET

It's taken a couple of years of work but now, at last, Feckenham's local radio station is broadcasting. Swansbrook Radio can be heard by visiting [www.swansbrook.com](http://www.swansbrook.com) and clicking on the "Listen Live" button.

As Feckenham News goes to press mid-month we can't report on the grand opening but, if all went to plan the first proper programmes, following a series of tests, will have aired on 25th June - WAKE day. Again, provided all happened as it was meant to, Swansbrook will have had a studio actually on The Square at The Wake... and many of you will have been interviewed and included in a 2 hour Wake Special programme - which will be still available to listen to now.

## WHAT'S ON THE SWAN?

Well, the Swan is more of a cygnet at the moment - all fluffy and cuddly but very small and inexperienced... Until the station hits its stride in a month or two there'll be a limited service with about 4 hours of programming rotating throughout the day. Initially the programmes will change weekly.

Because of Feckenham's poor Broadband the server and control gear are operating from St.Albans where superfast fibre connections allow programmes to be streamed without interruption - but this does mean that the station is operating automatically and that we can't schedule programmes at precise times - you'll just have to tune in and take pot luck! Hopefully we'll be able to move the equipment to Feckenham when the promised superfast service reaches the village.

Currently playing are:

**Halfshire Happenings** with **Stuart Knowles** - the news, the views, the gossip and the goings on. Interviews with the movers and shakers, chats with the makers and breakers - all punctuated with music from the hit parades of today and yesterday.

**Ian Bellion's Happy Hour:** Things you never knew, things you never wanted to know all served up with a twist and (sometimes) a shout. Lovely music and lively local banter. Put your feet up, pour a soothing beverage and relax...

**Paul's About:** Interviews and experiences as jetsetting Dr **Paul Furey** drops in on local lives, local customs and local goings on.

**My Life in Music:** A programme by our lovely listeners. Every week we ask a listener to tell us about the music that accompanied them on their journey through life - the music they first remember, that they fell in love to - that is special to them.

**Wakey Wakey!** Our special outside broadcast from The Square The entire team gets out and about to bring you the event as it happened and the people as they were on the day.

Our production team will be out and about at local events and searching out interesting things for our **News Bulletins** and to feature in our other programmes.

In addition to the presenters already mentioned there'll be feature contributions from **Thea Matthews** and **Kathy Gee**.

## SWIM WITH THE SWAN

For an operation like this the current team is tiny and we urgently need help! If you fancy presenting a programme, writing scripts, setting up interviews or even just answering the phone or making the tea we'd love to hear from you. This is a local radio station by local people and for local people and we want you all to enjoy it and take part in it - just send us an e-mail with ideas, suggestions ... and offers of help .... to [radio@swansbrook.com](mailto:radio@swansbrook.com) and we'll get back to you straight away.

## KEEP UP WITH THE SWAN

Because our programmes will change on an irregular basis we'd like to be able to tell you when there's a new one to listen to. Just go to our website to register your interest - or send us an e-mail to [radio@swansbrook.com](mailto:radio@swansbrook.com) and we'll let you know as soon as we've hatched another programme.

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## Feckenham Parish Council

### B4090 RESURFACING AND ROAD CLOSURES

The **B4090 (Alcester/Droitwich Road)** is scheduled to be resurfaced at the start of August. At the time of writing the dates are accurate but there could be a few days slippage if adverse weather delays preceding works. At the moment **the work will start on 2nd August and will last for 6 days.** There will be diversion signs starting at Hanbury on one side and Edgioke Lane at the other and these will advise "Access to Frontages Only". The road will only be completely closed when a "ripping machine" is being used to remove the old roadway. It's possible that this machine will be in use for 5 hour stretches and, unavoidably, this will be a noisy process. The road will be usable and open at all other times. Further road marking operations, etc will follow.

It is also likely that two **VAS (Vehicle Activated Signs)** will be installed at the same time with the hope that the overall speed of traffic through this section of the village can be significantly reduced. If these don't appear at the same time of the resurfacing they'll arrive very soon after. The siting of these signs is restricted due to the fact that they can only be installed on metal street lamp stands and so may appear to be too far into the village. They do have an extended range of detection and are extremely bright so it's hoped that they'll be effective in these positions.

At the end of the month work is scheduled to take place to improve the visibility and formation of the junctions at both ends of **Rockhill Lane.** These are dangerous junctions and there have been serious accidents at both. The "splay" and visibility will be improved at both ends and new signs will encourage heavy vehicles to use Rockhill Lane rather than travel down High Street.

We'll make sure full details and dates are in next month's Feckenham News, via the feckenham.com mailing list - and they'll also be broadcast on Swansbrook Radio (www.swansbrook.com).

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Part Two  
Reflections  
on the Battle of the Somme  
100 years on  
11am  
Sunday 10th July  
at St John the Baptist Church  
refreshments served after

## "Furious Folly" Alan Jones

**F**or those involved in Feckenham's Commemoration of WWI "Furious Folly" is a FREE multi media (sound, light and pyrotechnics) show in Sutton Park in the evening on Friday 8th and Saturday 9th July which gives the audience the unique experience of the insanity of WWI as they sit in no mans land between the lines. It is produced by a number of theatres and supported by the Lottery Fund, the Arts Council and Department of Media and Sport.

Booking is essential. Full details on Birmingham Hippodrome website.

# Thought for the month

Rev. Sue Barrett

It has often struck me that the things that surround us in life can teach us some deep truths.

Of course to see and learn these truths we have to take the time to notice – to really see what is around us - and most of us are so busy we do not seem to have the time to 'stop and stare' as William Henry Davies writes in his poem –

“What is this life if, full of care,  
We have no time to stand and stare.  
No time to stand beneath the boughs  
And stare as long as sheep or cows.  
No time to see, when woods we pass,  
Where squirrels hide their nuts in grass.  
No time to see, in broad daylight,  
Streams full of stars, like skies at night.  
No time to turn at Beauty’s glance,  
And watch her feet, how they can dance.  
No time to wait till her mouth can  
Enrich that smile her eyes began.  
A poor life this if, full of care,  
We have no time to stand and stare.”

Our Jack Russell, Riley, seems to teach me about living in a different way to how I have lived in the past. When there is something interesting around to do, he throws himself around with great enthusiasm and exerts a lot of energy - playing for all he is worth. Then later, when there is nothing to do, he will sleep. I often envy his way of living - using up each waking moment to its full potential and then taking his rest.

This challenges me about my way of life and my Christian calling to be like Christ and I realise that Riley has it right - it is me who has it wrong! We are promised by Christ that we can have life in all its fullness. But if we do not use every moment to the full how can we experience life's fullness? Riley lives for the moment, enjoying every last bit of it, he then rests until the next excitement comes his way.

We can learn a lot from him - how often do we get everything we can from a lovely moment? How much do we appreciate and dwell on all that we have been given, on all that surrounds us day by day? And how often do we just rest, and enjoy those experiences until the next one comes along?

In his life Jesus did not look back to the past or plan for the future - he lived for the moment - he took the time to stand and stare - so should we!

My best wishes to you all,

Sue

## Bell Ringers

Ron Russ

As part of village celebrations on 11 June the ringers rang a quarter peal as a compliment to HM the Queen on her official 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. The chosen method was Grandsire Triples and 1,280 changes were rung in 48 minutes by Maxine Harrison Treble, Angela Fletcher 2, Robin Dale 3, Sheila Lawes 4, Ron Russ 5, David Jones 6, Tim Haslam 7 and John Eaton tenor. It was conducted by Tim Haslam. Congratulations to Maxine and John, this being their first attempt for a quarter peal on all 8 bells.



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**Feckenham Readers Group**

Thursday, 12th July - 7.45  
This month's book: **WALKING HOME**  
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Details from Marton Chute - 892285



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## AGM

**Tuesday, 5th July at 8pm**

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**FECKENHAM PARISH COUNCIL**

## JULY MEETING

Thursday, 21st July at 7.30pm

Feckenham Village Hall (Back Room)

*Each Council meeting contains a Public Forum session where you can bring any matters of concern to the attention of the Council.*

**ORGANISERS:** did you realise that listings on these pages are FREE for Feckenham voluntary organisations! Just e-mail or phone in the details of your event - contact details are at the bottom of this page

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presents

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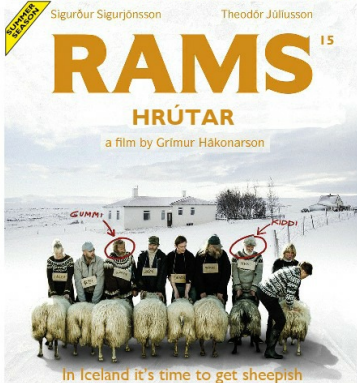
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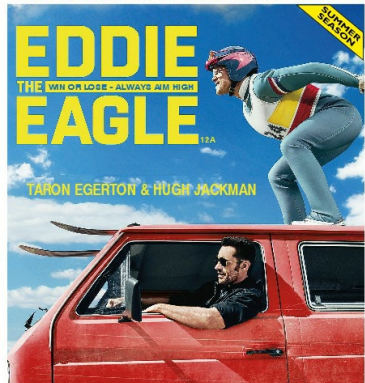
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## Australian Christmas On The Square

### HAPPY CHRISTMAS COBBERS!

The annual Fun on The Square event is taking us down under on **Saturday 23rd July** for **An Australian Christmas** - so dig out your Santa hats (though forget those Christmas jumpers) and prepare for Christmas on the beach! Once again The Square will be transported to the seaside so all you'll need are your bikinis and your budgie smugglers... and we'll supply the rest!

It'll be the Feckenham equivalent of a festive day on Bondi Beach complete with ocean, sand and sharks... and lots of seasonal trimmings. There'll be fun for all ages - surfboarding for the kids - volleyball for the older kids and lots of booze and tucker for the adults. FeckenRoo Burgers, Roo Stoo and Sidney Pies all washed down with amber nectar - and good Aussie wine. Music will be supplied by the Outback Pirates and there might even be some carol singing.... There'll be an Advent Calendar Treasure Trail - and rumour has it that a certain jovial bearded fellow is thinking of taking an unseasonable trip from his summer quarters at the South Pole - certainly his warm weather sled has been taken out of moth-balls and has been seen making practice landings at the back of The Rose & Crown...

### PLEASE DON'T BYO!

This annual event is the major fundraiser that keeps The Square in fine fettle for everyone so every penny taken will be used for the upkeep of Feckenham's beautiful heart. There will be some seating for eating but feel free to bring your own chairs, etc... but, as this is a fundraising event, we'd be grateful if you'd buy your drinks from our well stocked bar - please **DON'T** bring your own!



**It all starts at 6.30pm** when the bar and tucker wagon will be open and the life-guards will raise the green flag - **last one in's a Pommie Galah!**

## The FeckenOdeon Cinema Society



### SHEEP ON ICE

Iceland is an unlikely source for an international comedy sensation - so it has to be said that **"Rams"** is not a laugh-a-minute slapstick, fun-fest. It's more of a slow burn study in eccentricity and human nature... with sheep. The story tells of two brothers who keep sheep who haven't spoken for years... apart from messages carried by a dog. But then there's a problem that has to be solved...

**Showing on Friday, 8th July at 8pm**



### IS IT A BIRD, IS IT A PLANE?

**"Eddie The Eagle"** turns a long-running joke of British sport into a crowd-pleasing story of inspiration. When Eddie Edwards is turned down by the British Olympic team he spots a loophole - no one else has entered the Ski Jump event because no-one in the UK can ski jump. Neither can Eddie! A true story with a few white lies thrown in to add to the fun!

**Showing on Friday, 19th August at 8pm**

*Tickets for FeckenOdeon shows are on sale at The Village Shop and The Rose & Crown. You can also book by phone (through TicketSource) on 0333 666 3366 or online at [www.fecknodeon.co.uk](http://www.fecknodeon.co.uk)*

# Village Hall

Ian Bellion



## GET YOUR OVERALLS ON!

Because the Village Hall's kitchen is being refurbished during August we're leaving the **annual redecoration** to the very last minute. In order to have everything finished in time for the Autumn booking we'll be painting the interior on the **August bank holiday weekend** - and it's a massive job. If you can spare a few hours to help we'd be very grateful - please pop it in your diary now!

## Improvement Fund 2015/16

### June Winners

|    |                      |     |
|----|----------------------|-----|
| 28 | Ali Taylor           | £25 |
| 15 | Hugo Hammersley      | £15 |
| 97 | Peter & Phil Horsley | £10 |

The July Draw will be held in the Village Hall at 8.00 pm on Tuesday 5th July 2016

# Thanks

Many thanks to everyone who joined us on the Square for the Village picnic in celebration of the Queen's 90th birthday. Although some rain had been forecast we were so fortunate with the weather, managing to stay dry throughout and the sun even came out later in the evening. There was a great family atmosphere aided by both live and recorded music organised by Phil Tricklebank accompanied by Chris Tompkins - a huge thank you to them both and to the Face Painters who were in



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## Feckenham W.I.

Jane White



Our July meeting is on **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup>** at 7.30pm in the Back Room of the Village Hall. Kerry Alligan will give us a talk on **“Unfinished Business & Successes of an Irish Dancer”** about the journey of an Irish dancer from child to adult. Kerry showing unfinished business can turn into fresh successes. She will bring with her and talk about an Irish dancers beautiful dress.

On **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July** members are visiting the **Elgar Birthplace Museum**, leaving the village car park at 10am and taking a picnic lunch.

## Stock & Bradley Gardening Club

Rob Cole

**THE NEXT CLUB EVENT - Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2016** - is an evening visit to Rob and Diane Cole's garden and nursery at 33, Droitwich Road, Feckenham, B96 6RU - look out for the Union Jack flag ! Members are invited to bring friends if they wish, to enjoy a sociable evening in the one acre garden.

**The following event - Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2016 - evening visit - American Supper at the garden of Sheila White** Sheila is a longstanding Club member, and has kindly agreed to host this popular annual event. Her garden is at The Mount, Cruise Hill, Ham Green, B97 5UA and all members and their friends will be made very welcome. More details and directions next month.

*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 (Chairman) on 01527 821156.*

## Feckenham Cricket Club

Bob Gordon



This is already proving to be an entertaining and exciting season, with the 1st team unbeaten in the league and the 2nd teams having lost just one match. The first team is in third place in Division Two of the Worcestershire County League (and only 4 points behind the team lying second),\* helped by the best pace-bowling attack in the division, Tom Coulson and Mitch Douglas. Mitch is our overseas (Australian) player for the season and has settled down well to English conditions and is enjoying his time here which was enhanced by an invitation to spend a day at Lords in early June bowling against the Sri Lankan touring team.

Recent match highlights include a comprehensive win against local rivals Alvechurch and Hopwood (Josh Stacey hitting an unbeaten century and Mitch and Tom sharing the wickets, 6 and 4 respectively) and Jamie Griffiths' century against Wormelow where Tom also took 4 wickets.

The club's thoughts are now turning to for promotion to Division 1, which would require a 3rd team and finding somewhere for that team to play. We are exploring options for both of these areas but the exciting prospect of playing in the top division reinforces the need for more players - if anyone in or around the village would like to play - or help in any capacity - please come down to the club on any weekend and ask at the bar.

On Father's Day (Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> June) the club will have run a Father's Day Fun Day involving T20 matches between two club teams based on father and son members and a team raised from within the village. There will also be a BBQ and a\* bouncy castle and face-painting for the children, so we hope that the weather was fine and that villagers will have taken the opportunity to join the fun.

## Fixtures (1pm start)

Sat 2nd July v Enville (2nd team)

Sat 9th July v Bredon

Sat 16th July v Harborne (2nd team)

Sat 23rd July v Coombs Wood

Sat 30th July v Droitwich Spa (2nd team)

Sat 6th August v Worcester Dominies

There is usually a game on Sunday, starting at 3pm. Please come and support your local team!

## Village Shop

Jeff Matthews

There is a new noticeboard available outside the shop for village based voluntary organisations to announce events and fundraising. It is being offered without charge. If you would like to feature your organization, or any event that it is running then please make sure your flyers are A5 size. Hopefully there will be enough room for all who want to be displayed. If that proves not to be the case, then the Shop Committee will decide what gets displayed.

On the produce front, we now stock North Cotswold Brewery and Shakespeare Brewing Company bottled ales, in addition to the Ubu beers.

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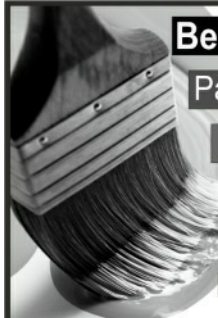
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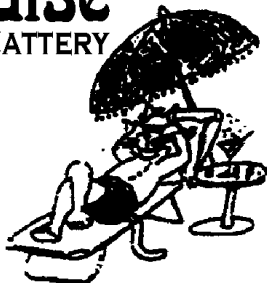
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