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JULY Diary



Wed 1st	10.00am - noon	"Drop in" Outing	Meet on Square
Tues 7th	12.30am	Lunch Club	Village Hall, Back Room
Tues 7th	7.30pm	Village Hall AGM	Village Hall
Wed	7.30pm	Stock & Bradley Gardening Club	Garden Visit
Thur 9th	7.30pm	Feckenham WI	Back Room Village Hall
Fri 10th	8pm	FeckenOdeon	Main Hall of Village Hall
Wed 15th	10.30am - noon	"Drop in" for coffee and a chat	Parish Church
Thur 16th	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall
Sat 18th	6.30pm	Pirates on the Square	The Square
Wed 29th	10.30am - noon	"Drop in" for coffee and a chat	Parish Church

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From the Editor

I have had problems with accessing my hotmail address recently. I contacted all those who tend to use that email address but if you sent something and I have not printed it this month I am sorry, please resend to my wanadoo account (on the cover and below) and I hope to include it another time. *Jane*

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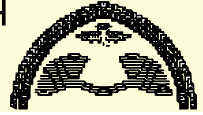
Lift-off over Feckenham. Seven balloons took off from the Recreation Field at about 8.30pm on Wake day. They all landed at Snitterfield about an hour later.

Photograph by Ian Bellion



Church Services JULY

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at - The Bowbrook Group, The Parish Centre, St Andrew's Street, DROITWICH, WR9 8DY

Readers and Intercessors



Sunday 5th

Trinity 5

11-00am Sung Eucharist

Ezekiel 2 : vs. 1-5
2 Corinthians 12 : vs. 2-10
Intercessions

David Street
Carol Price
John Calvert

Sunday 12th

Trinity 6

8-00am Holy Communion

Romans 6 : vs. 3-11

11-00am Family Service - Open The Book present "The Last Days of John The Baptist"

Sunday 19th

Trinity 7

6-30pm Evensong

Jeremiah 23 : vs. 1-6
Mark 6 : vs. 30-34, 53-end
Intercessions

Kat Powles
Erica Dilger
Jeff Matthews

Sunday 26th

Trinity 8

11-00am Family Communion

Ephesians 3 : vs. 14-end
Intercessions

Angela Fletcher
Lin Preece

"Mixed Bag"

- a group for young people and activities for younger children will be held in church on Sunday 5th July. All children will be warmly welcomed.

Partners in Prayer

Ecumenical lay led service of prayer for the community, Wednesdays at 9.15am for 30 minutes Feckenham 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. Anthony Rohan, The Presbytery, Redditch. Tel. 01527 63096

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

Obituary



Jackie Harrison

1946 - 2015

Jackie moved to Feckenham in 1987 with her husband John. She always maintained that she felt at home from day one and that living on Berrow Hill had been the happiest days of her life.

Born in Leicester she attended Alderman Newton's Grammer School for girls prior to starting a life in industry first as an accounts clerk, then personnel officer and finally an IT manager.

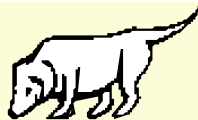
Following the move to Feckenham she worked until her retirement for a major computer software company finishing her career as a project director in their financial division.

In retirement she was for many years clerk to Hanbury Parish Council and secretary to the Hanbury Charities.

She hoped to be remembered as a good and loyal friend and neighbour, but never afraid to speak her mind.

John would like to thank everyone for their wonderful cards during Jackie's recent illness and the many letters of condolence since her death on 25th May. Her funeral was very well attended by many people who had known Jackie, worked with her and worked for her over many years. John would also like to give thanks to the ladies who did the flower arrangements in the church in time for the funeral service and to the Rev. Barbara Wheatley for making it such a moving occasion.

Newshound



Marriage

An engaged tone was converted to a clear connection on Saturday, 13th June when two telecommunications experts were married.

Jennifer (Jen) Clements and Quintus (Q) Cary tied the knot at The Avoncroft Museum of Buildings in a ceremony attended by family,

colleagues - and many friends from Feckenham. The couple are well established Feckenham residents - Jen, when not acting as



cox at a rowing club, is Chair of the Heritage Committee, a keen gardener and a lover of classic cars. Her vintage Mark I Polo transported her to the wedding. Q, a sport (rugby in particular) and beer enthusiast, is much appreciated as the village's computer doctor, a champion of improved broadband and the designer of the FeckenOdeon's digital systems.

Q and Jen, on honeymoon at a mystery destination as we go to press, will continue to live at 28 High Street.

Forthcoming Marriage.

The engagement has been announced between Pat Hawkins of Forgetmenot Cottage Alcester Road and Pauline Collins of Great Barr Birmingham.

Pat has lived in Feckenham for 8 years and is a Senior Practice Manager at No 5 Chambers in Birmingham and has two sons. Pauline retired from her job with Birmingham City Council a few years ago and also has two children. The couple met in 2015 and Pat proposed in May at the Forest in Feckenham. They will be getting married at St John the Baptist church on 30th July next year. Pauline says that Pat absolutely loves living in Feckenham! She is new to village life but has very much enjoyed getting to know people and has been made to feel very welcome. We wish them many happy years together.

Restoration of the village war memorial



The war memorial has now been beautifully renovated by Brad Steele, a local mason and stone restorer. The work was done with great care to minimise damage to the stonework and inscriptions, using a low pressure water wash without chemicals. The cement mortar between the stones was raked out and replaced by a more suitable lime mortar.

Medieval Preaching Post

Have you ever wondered what this is? This interesting construction in the church yard not far from the war memorial is in fact a medieval preaching post which possibly predates our 12th century parish church! In the days before the church was built, travelling Preachers would gather their flocks



and preach from a stone platform such as this. The plinth and cross we see here was added in the 1880s when Rev Thomas Rooke was the vicar. His name can be seen on the stone. The monument is now in need of further restoration as the mortar between the stones has crumbled and the stones are slowly moving apart.



By the Flick of a Switch ...

On a typically British Sunday morning, not too bright, not too dull - a lady stepped forward and, with no fanfare or fuss, casually pulled a small lever. So low key was this momentous act that the large crowd gathered to witness the spectacle were caught unawares and neglected even to applaud... but



gradually the truth dawned, the hubbub of conversation died down. What had just happened was the culmination of a long and arduous journey - and the realisation of a dream.

Enid Whitehead had always known that her home, Bridge House, was a former needle mill and that the mill had been water powered. A couple of years ago she decided to find out more and eventually concluded that it would be possible to excavate and to restore the site to its former state - complete with waterwheel.

This was no small undertaking. Experts were enlisted and work began. The Bowbrook had to be temporarily diverted and this revealed that the brick lined water course was in a poor state and needed to be re-made - and the constant flow of water over the weir had made it unstable. The weir was rebuilt and work begun on the wheel site. The original water channels which drove the wheel were reinstated and early this year work on recreating the waterwheel began - amazingly using some of the original parts discovered during the excavations.

All this culminated in that one moment on 26th April when Enid moved the lever and the great wheel started turning - virtually silently. The restoration



is no mean achievement and the wheel stands as a remarkable illustration of Feckenham's industrial past - and a tribute to one lady's dogged determination.

Maisie "heads" for the States

Feckenham footballer Maisie Sadler-Baker has been offered a four year Sports Scholarship at the University of Miami and begins life as a Fresher on the 1st August.

Having played football from a very early age Maisie joined Headless Cross under 8's, and then Aston Villa from the age of 12. For the last two years she has been playing for the Women's Team. More recently she has trained and played with the England Women's Team and represented England under 19's against France. Maisie has worked hard to achieve her place at University, not only through playing football, but also academically, and deserves every success for the future. She has had lots

of support and encouragement from her family; particularly her Dad who took on the role of 'taxi driver' three times each week for the last seven years. Maisie would like to thank all those who have wished her well and in particular Feckenham Educational Endowment for their support.

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.

Closing date for receipt of applications
31st August, 2015

For more information and an
application form contact:

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(Clerk to the Trustees)
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Thought for the month

Rev. Wyn Beynon

Dear Friends,

My children (all grown up) like to give me socks for presents. Often they are a bit silly. Homer Simpson, Jonah complete with Whale, daft Christmas ones, to mention a few. I also have a set of Mr Men socks. Mr Men as in the children's books by Roger Hargreaves. They are clerical black and suitable for wearing under a cassock. But each is tastefully marked with a Mr Man name. Sometimes I'm Mr Cheerful. Sometimes I'm Mr Clever. I can be Mr Fabulous. It's true, I can be Mr Forgetful or even Mr Silly. But when I get my socks mixed up sometimes I'm a bit schizophrenic. My left foot says I'm Mr Cheerful, but my right foot says I'm Mr Grumpy.

And that, of course, just about sums us up. We are all a bit unpredictable. But the point about my socks is that I can choose who I shall be today. And in actual fact we are far more in charge of our moods than we might wish to admit. It's easy to blame our moods on externals - so and so did so and so. Such and such happened. Therefore you have to put up with my mood swings.

Well, no, we don't, actually. Change your socks. The fact that Mr Thoughtless did something according to his name doesn't mean we can stomp about being Mr Rude. But it's just so easy to give ourselves that excuse.

Our Ego is the unobserved self. Our Ego drives us and causes us to make excuses for ourselves when we crash in to other people. But learn to notice when we are Ego driven and we can head off the worst of our behaviour. Jesus, it seems, had learned to spot his Ego a mile off and keep it in its healthy place - but not in the driving seat. We need an Ego. but it needs to be a back seat driver, not behind the wheel. Or to put it another way. We can leave the Mr Grumpy socks in the drawer and slip on Mr Charming. I *always* do, of course.

with best wishes, Wyn

Village Shop

Village Shop Wins Queens Award

The Shop has been recognised for its role in promoting volunteering by winning a Queens Award. "It is a fantastic achievement, and a recognition not just for the shop but for Feckenham as a whole. One of the things that sets this place apart from many others is the way everyone pitches in. The shop is just one of the most visible ways we see that."

The Queen's Award is the equivalent of an MBE for organisations, and perhaps is fitting that it goes to the whole organisation, rather than any individual being singled out.

The award will be made by The Lord Lieutenant of Worcester Lt Col Patrick Holcroft LVO OBE at the shop at 6.00pm on Wednesday 1st July. Shop volunteers are welcome, indeed all villagers are welcome to a bubbly and nibbles reception. "We would like as many people as can make it, there", says John Eaton.

Below, we reprint in full the press release produced by the awarding body.

Feckenham Community Shop Association based in Feckenham Worcestershire is recognised with Queen's Award for Voluntary Service for 2015

A voluntary group from Feckenham who work in the community to operate The Village Shop has been honoured with the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service. The highest award a voluntary group can receive in the UK.

The Shop, a Community Enterprise, is kept open 60 hours a week by a team of 80 plus volunteers from the village and surrounding area. In 2009 after 20 years without a shop a group of villagers with no previous retail experience, upgraded and opened a new one. They raised £40,000 in just 7 months and 300 villagers signed up as shareholders. The result has been a resounding success, not just because a shop has returned to the village after so long, but also because the project has brought the wider community together, from teenagers to

pensioners, enabling friendship, co-operation and a sense of pride. This has rippled outwards and local schools and businesses are also benefiting from this shop's support. Inspired by their achievement the community planned and built phase 2, which saw the addition of a café with free WIFI. It has proved very successful and is popular with cyclists, walkers and villagers alike.

Feckenham Shop is one of 187 charities, social enterprises and voluntary groups to receive the prestigious award this year. The number of awards handed out to groups have increased by over 60% from 2014, due to an increase in high quality applications, showing that the voluntary sector is thriving and full of innovative ideas to tackle community challenges.

The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service is the highest award given to local volunteer groups across the UK to recognise outstanding work in their communities. The awards were created in 2002 to celebrate the Queen's Golden Jubilee and winners are announced each year on 2 June – the anniversary of the Queen's Coronation. Award winners this year range from Ablaze, a charity helping to raise academic achievement amongst disadvantaged young people in Bristol to a volunteer rescue boat service on Loch Lomond.

Feckenham Village Shop Volunteers will receive the award from the Lord Lieutenant of Worcester on 1st July.

The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service Committee Chair, former broadcast journalist Marty Lewis CBE said:

"I warmly congratulate all of the inspirational voluntary groups who have been rewarded for their community work with a Queen's Award for Voluntary Service. The judging panel for this year's awards were struck by the quality and breadth of all the successful groups. The thousands of volunteers who give up spare time to help others in their community and to help solve problems demonstrate the best of democracy in action."

Minister for Civil Society, Rob Wilson, said:

"I would like to congratulate all groups who received this year's Queen's Award for

Voluntary Service, in recognition of their fantastic achievements. The hard work and commitment that goes into the work of these organisations is surpassed only by the passion and motivation of the individuals who volunteer. I hope these groups continue to inspire others to get involved and make a positive impact so that

we can continue to build a bigger, stronger society."

The Lord Lieutenant of Worcester Lt Col Patrick Holcroft LVO OBE wrote :

I was delighted to hear from the Cabinet Office that The Village Shop had been awarded a Queen's Award for Voluntary Service. This is extremely well-deserved and I congratulate you warmly.

John Eaton the Chairman of Feckenham Village Shop Group is delighted they have been recognised in this way. "It is a fantastic accolade for the whole village where community spirit is so strong and many of the villagers are involved with this and other village projects".

Feckenham Bell Ringers

Ron Russ

Our band of ringers has recently responded to two official Government calls for church bells to be rung to celebrate the Nation's special anniversaries.

The first of these occasions was to mark the 70th anniversary of VE Day, when we rang at 11.00am on Saturday 9th May.

The bells rang out again on Sunday 14th June at 3.00pm, this time in celebration of the 800th anniversary of the signing of Magna Carta. The band on this occasion also wish to dedicate the ringing to say thank you to Rev Michael Goode. Michael has officiated at our morning Communion Service on the first Sunday of each month for the past 9 years. We congratulate him on achieving 50 years as a Parish Priest, celebrated at St. Johns last Sunday.

WHAT'S ON IN FECKENHAM

Feckenham Readers Group

Wednesday, 8th July - 7.45

This month's book: LILA
by Marilynne Robinson

Details from Marion Chate - 892285



FECKENHAM VILLAGE HALL

AGM

Tuesday, 7th July at 8pm

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WHAT'S ON IN FECKENHAM

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Square Management Committee

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For the second time in living memory The Square is about to be flooded! An entire ocean is to be created to allow the good ship Jammy Dodger and her crew of reprobates to sail right into the centre of the village. There'll be **"Pirates on The Square" from 6.30pm on Saturday, 18th July.**

This nautical adventure offers fun for all ages with a raft of exciting attractions. We suspect that the most popular among younger brigands will be the chance to make your Dad, your teacher, your brother, even your big sister **Walk the Plank...** and if they're not inclined to jump off the end, there'll be watery weapons on hand to make sure there's a big splash! Just as exciting is the **Pirate Treasure Hunt** - work out where the Captain has buried the gold!... and there'll be a watery version of Deck **Quoits** for those who like a challenge.

There'll be an armada of **miniature ships** from Bournville Model Boat Club sailing on the lake from time to time.

The idea that pirates just eat weevily biscuits goes out of the window - there'll be a selection of delicious **Caribbean Curries** and cooling puds to follow - don't bother with tea before you come out! **The Smuggler's Tavern** will have all sorts of alcoholic and non-alcoholic delights (please don't bring your own - this is a fundraising event). Later in the evening there'll be music from the **Serenading Swashbucklers.**

FLOATING ISLAND COMPETITION

Here's something to occupy the long light evenings. There'll be a splendid prize for the maker of **The Best Floating Pirate Island.** The only rules are that it must float and must not be more than 30cm in diameter. There'll be a grand launching and a water parade of islands.

This event is to raise money to maintain The Square - please come along and have fun while we're fundraising!

The FeckenOdeon Cinema Society



EXPANSION PLANS

On **Friday, 10th July at 8pm "The Second Best Exotic Marigold Hotel"** will be open for business. Sequels don't always work - but this one has! Again it's a team of seasoned actors proving that you're only as old as you feel... Maggie Smith, Judi Dench, Bill Nighy, Celia Imrie and Ronald Pickup obviously relish the chance of playing their true ages - and they're joined by the young American actor Richard Gere... well, compared to the others he's young at 66! Dev Patel reprises his role as the young hotel entrepreneur. Like its predecessor, it's a film that thumbs its nose at the stereotypes of age - old people are just young people in a wrinkled disguise! Tickets are already selling fast - the showing has been transferred into the larger cinema to cope with demand - we suggest that you book NOW to avoid disappointment.



The Summer Season continues with: **14th August - "Sunshine on Leith"** A jubilant and gutsy Scottish musical with music by The Proclaimers.
and on **Bank Holiday Saturday - 29th August** - direct from Sydney Harbour, Australia - Bizet's **"Carmen"**. Join thousands of Sydneysiders for a spectacular open air production relayed to our big screen. We're making a party of it - **bring a picnic!**

Tickets for all of these Summer Season shows are on sale at The Village Shop and The Rose & Crown. You can book by phone (through TicketSource) on 0333 666 3366 or online at www.fecknodeon.co.uk

Village Hall

Ian Bellion



JOIN THE MERRY BAND...

Feckenham Village Hall is one of the busiest community buildings in the County. It's home to all sorts of activities for all sorts of ages. The Hall is run by a committee of volunteers. Like many village organisations, the active members are starting to get older. They're still energetic, they're still enthusiastic - but the fact remains that, unless younger people are prepared to get involved, this facility will eventually be unable to function. So - if you want your kids to continue to enjoy the nursery, the youth clubs, the ARTS shows, the junior choir and all of the other activities that take place in the Hall it'd be wise to think of lending a hand. If you're in your middle years and enjoy sporting activities, shows, films and social occasions you might want to help ensure that the venue continues to be available.

The Village Hall Committee isn't going to take out a great chunk of your life - a monthly hour long meeting (often shockingly punctuated by laughter) and a few hours spent every now and then on maintenance and setting up for special events is hardly onerous.

Your chance to find out more comes in the form of the Hall's **AGM on Tuesday, 7th July at 8pm in the Back Room**. Come along and we'll explain what's involved. Even if you can't commit on a regular basis it'd be good to know that we can call on you occasionally!

CARRY ON EXERCISING

While many activities take a break over the summer, Suzanne and her Pilates Group carry on regardless. You're very welcome to join them in this gentle yet effective fitness activity. There are two sessions each Thursday - one at 7.30 and, for those of you who get back from work later, one at 8.30pm.



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Following Antonia Pulsford's election to Redditch Borough Council, there is now a vacancy on Feckenham Parish Council. The rules for filling vacancies under this sort of circumstance say that the Council must fill the seat by co-option.

If you'd like to serve your community by joining the Council you can get further information and application forms from the Clerk to Feckenham Parish Council, Sean Arble.

email:

clerk.feckenhampc@feckenham.com

Formal notices for this vacancy can be found on the Council notice board (next to the post box on High Street) or at

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Closing date for receipt of applications

31st August, 2015

Further enquiries/applications to:

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Village Hall

Improvement Fund 2014/15



June Winners

34	Tim Smith	£25
15	Ed & Vicki Nicod	£15
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The July Draw will be held in the Village Hall
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From the P.C.C.

Feckenham Parish Church PCC says "Thank you"... Our church in Feckenham is rare amongst village churches in having a full choir affiliated to the Royal School of Church Music, plus a peel of eight bells to call us to worship and to help us celebrate joyous events. Both of these valued aspects of our church life only exist because of the dedication and talents of individuals. Our Annual Meeting took place at the end of April and a summary of the reports received from the various church groups is included as a flyer in this issue. The report from Clare Furey on the choir and that from Ron Russ on the bell ringers, will be their last as they step down from their respective roles. The Parochial Church Council, on behalf of all the congregation, would like to thank Clare and Ron for their sustained dedication and leadership over many years.

Thanks for all the singing.....

Clare Furey took on the role of Choir Leader a decade ago. Her considerable musical talents, encouragement and dedication have given St John the Baptist an outstanding church choir. Not only do they routinely lead our sung worship, they also regularly enrich our services with anthems and special choral works. Under Clare's inspirational leadership, the choir have flourished and we would like to acknowledge her achievements and to thank Clare for everything she has done. We are still looking for a new Choir Leader, so if you are interested, or would like to know more, please do contact us.

Thanks for all the ringing.....

Ron Russ took over from Eric Styler as Ringing Master of the church's band of ringers about 10 years ago. Under his experienced guidance, bell ringing has thrived and new members have been introduced to the ancient art of change ringing. Ron's dedication also included maintenance of the bells themselves. We have been fortunate in having a Ringing Master who has rung in towers across the world. As we say our heartfelt thanks to Ron, we extend a very warm welcome to his replacement Tim Haslam.

Mark Wheatley (Lay Chair of Feckenham PCC)

Church Flower Group

Thank you to our wonderful team of ladies who once again pulled out all the stops and gave everyone an imaginative interpretation of village life and commemoration to WWI. This includes the additional helpers who arranged flowers, made refreshments to keep us going, and cleared up! Not forgetting contributions of recitals and musical renditions throughout the Festival weekend. We received many complements from visitors. Especial thanks to Marg and Jane for their immense support during the two weeks of Festival preparation.
Margaret P.

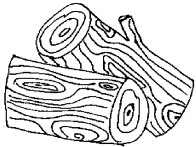
Flower & Garden Festival 2015 Cathy Fisher

I am delighted to announce that this year's Festival raised a magnificent total net sum of £10,819.15 (after all expenses and donations) for our Parish Church Maintenance Fund, with many other village organisations and ventures also benefiting significantly from the event.

Many thanks, once again, to all those who helped to make the Festival such a success.

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Wednesday 1st July 2015 - Evening Visit to Bretforton Manor, Main Street, Bretforton

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The village of Bretforton is on the B4035 just west of Badsey, which in turn is accessible off the A46.

If members haven't yet booked and would like to attend, please contact Sheila White for more details on 01527 545572, or Rob Cole on 01527 821156.

American Supper at the garden of Richard Hillman, 5th August 2015 from 7.00pm

Richard is a longstanding Club member, and has kindly agreed to host this popular annual event at which, this year, we will celebrate the 40th anniversary of the Gardening Club's existence.

The garden is at Lang House Farm, Love Lyne, Hunt End, B97 5QD and all members and their friends will be made very welcome. More details 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 W.I.

Jane White



Thursday 9th July, 7.30pm Village Hall Back Room. At our meeting this month local historian Richard Churchley will talk about "Wayside wonders and County Curiosities" - he says forget famous things like Warwick Castle, look for hidden heritage in old churches and buildings with unusual features.

We also have a garden visit organised for Friday 17th July, visiting "The Woodlands", Stone. Contact Vivien Hunter 01527 402360, for details.

Rous Lench & Inkberrow Royal British Legion inc. Feckenham Roger Hunt

The branch meets on the first Tuesday of each month at 8pm at The Rose & Crown, Feckenham. This is an open meeting, all interested persons are welcome. The chat is good and the bar is open.

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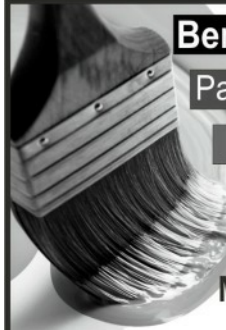
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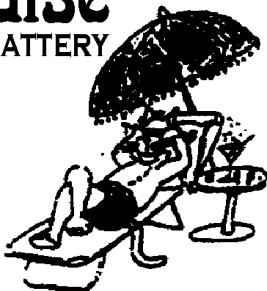


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