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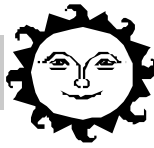
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JULY Diary



Tues 1st	12.30am	Lunch Club	Village Hall, Back Room
Tues 1st	8pm	Village Hall A.G.M.	Village Hall Back Room
Wed 2nd	10am	“Drop in” Outing	Meet on Square
Fri 4th	8pm	FeckenOdeon 2	Village Hall Back Room
Wed 9th	7.30pm	Stock & Bradley Gardening Club	Bradley Village Hall
Tues	7.30pm	Feckenham Forest History Society	Village Hall
Fri 11th	10.30am- 12.30pm	Coffee Morning	33 High Street
Wed 16th	10.30am - noon	“Drop in” for coffee and a chat	Parish Church
Thur 17th	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall Back Room
Sat 19th	6.30pm	“Celtic Capers”	The Square
Wed 23rd	7.30pm	Feckenham W.I.	Village Hall Back Room
Wed 30th	10.30am - noon	“Drop in” for coffee and a chat	Parish Church
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Fri 1st	8pm	FeckenOdeon2	Village Hall Back Room
August			
Sat 25th		Children’s Society	
October		Coffee Morning	

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Front Cover

“Feckenham on Sea”, Peggy Chute
Playing with her boat.
Photo by Arthur Hind

Church Services JULY

PARISH CHURCH
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THE BAPTIST



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Open Tues., Wed. & Thurs. 10am-1pm & 2-5pm: Mon. & Fri. Closed

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Readers and Intercessors

Sunday 6th
Trinity 3

11-00am Sung Eucharist
Zechariah 9 : vs. 9-12
Romans 7 : vs. 15-25a
Intercessions

Gerry East
Patricia Collins
Mark Wheatley



Sunday 13th
Trinity 4

8-00am Holy Communion
Romans 8 : vs. 18-23

Peter Horsley

11-00am FAMILY SERVICE "Celebrating the Spirit in the Community"

Sunday 20th
Trinity 5

6-30pm Evensong
Isaiah 44 : vs. 6-8
Matthew 13 : vs. 24-30, 36-43
Intercessions

Alison Crellin
Tim Powell
Ann Matthews

Sunday 27th
Trinity 6

11-00am Family Communion
Romans 8 : vs. 26-39
Intercessions

Harriet Crellin
Lin Preece

X Box Sunday School

Will be held in Church on Sunday 6th 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 in the Parish church. **All welcome.**

Feckenham Roman Catholic Church

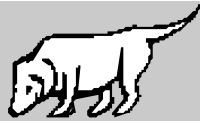
St John Fisher & St. Thomas More



Mass is celebrated every Sunday at 10.15am in the Church

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

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



Welcome to Feckenham!

In February this year Cowslip Cottage on the Alcester Road welcomed a new owner. Annie Fieldhouse moved from the Lickey Hills and is now happily settled in to the village. Annie had hoped to be here with her husband Paul but sadly he passed away in November 2013. So it was with very mixed emotions that she arrived here on her own. However Annie says she has been welcomed by her neighbours, has met many lovely people, and feels very much at home already. She works in Rednal as a Community Nursery Nurse and discovered Feckenham when she attended a Pilates class a year ago in the village hall.

Alan and Pat Moore, together with their Labrador Jake, have moved into Number 1 The Square. Six years ago they moved from Sutton Coldfield and rented a cottage in Hanbury while they looked around for some where to buy. During this period they attended several events in Feckenham and were impressed by the community spirit they found here so decided to make their home in the village. Before they retired Pat was a cake maker and Alan sold forklift trucks. They are now busy renovating their new home and are awaiting their first Wake with interest. Not too far to go they remarked! Like the previous owner, they have kindly agreed to supply the electricity for the event.

Cobwebs, on the High Street, is the new home of Kirsty and Greg Anthony who were married in Feckenham church last May. They have moved here from Redditch but have several friends in the village as Kirsty was brought up in the area and her family used to keep horses locally.

Greg is a sales executive for a steel company and Kirsty is a sales manager for Hotel Du Vin in Birmingham. Their first baby is actually overdue as I write and they are wondering if

he will arrive on Fathers Day!

We wish all our new residents much happiness in Feckenham. If you are new to the village please do get in touch and tell us a bit about yourselves if you would like to be included in the monthly magazine. Apologies to any new people who have been overlooked.

New Baby

Sue and Graham Darby are delighted to announce the arrival of Georgia Rose; first baby for Jo and Giles and fourth grandchild born on Sunday 8 June 2014.

Auntie Jane's closes down

At the end of May Jane Bray finally decided to close her much loved child minding service.

Jane has been involved in child care all her working life, firstly as a nanny, then as a dinner lady at Feckenham First School, and for the last twenty five years as a childminder in her own home.

Over the years many Feckenham children have passed through her care, probably 200-300 says Jane, and she has loved looking after them. Now she feels that it is time to concentrate more on her own fifteen grandchildren, so she is likely to be kept busy for some time!

"I will miss the little ones," says Jane, who tells me she has also cared for the children of children she looked after years ago. After forty years of living in Feckenham Jane is something of a legend and her nursery will be much missed by the many busy parents who entrusted their children to her.

"What about all the spectacular Christmas decorations?" I wondered. "Have we seen the last of them too?" Jane assures us that she will continue to light up the house for Christmas...but will probably cut back at Halloween!

So of behalf of all the many children to whom she has been a very loving "auntie Jane", let us echo their thanks and wish her a very happy retirement.

Obituary



Mavis Keight

Mavis was born in Kings Norton, Birmingham in 1936. She attended the local girls school and from there started work at triplex as a secretary.

In 1978 a good deed was paid back many times over. Handing in to a police station the sum of £15. Ken & Mavis came across the advert for the sale of Feckenham garage where life blossomed when they started to run the business in the heart of the village.

Just as village life expanded her family continued to grow with their children going on to produce 16 grandchildren and they in turn gave her 7 great grandchildren.

As well as taking full part in the thriving business Mavis also became actively involved in many aspects of village life. She was a regular volunteer at the village fetes and took great pleasure in becoming a member of the "Open the Book" group that supports the local school. She made many good friends and in turn was a great friend to have.

She touched so many different lives in so many wonderful ways and all those that have been blessed by knowing her will continue to miss her greatly.

Tracy Hollingsworth

Foodbanks

Gary Crellin

Donation of food to Redditch Foodbank

Since the beginning of the year, the church has been collecting food for the Redditch Food Bank. This service is run by the Oasis Christian Centre on the Plymouth Road.

Since starting, WE have collected the equivalent of 195 kg of assorted food to help those in need. It is a great achievement for those that are giving - thank you.

Oasis has handed out 1020 bags of essential food items which is sufficient to provide basic food for three days for those in hardship.

Having visited the Centre on numerous occasions to deliver our community's contribution, it is gratifying to see just how much this support means to those who receive it - including 11 families within Feckenham and Astwood Bank.

There are mixed views about the motives and the need for FoodBanks in a G8 or G7 country as compared to sub Saharan Africa. The media has given a great deal of attention to the plight of the poor in the Country. I feel assured that the donations you provide are being directed to those people who are genuinely in need. Continue to bring your no perishable food donations to the church and place in the box provided. Thank you.

Many thanks

Gary Crellin

Village Hall

Improvement Fund 2013/14



June Winners

144	Alan Smith	£25
58	Shirley Harman	£15
136	Barry Hamilton & Maxine Melson	£10

The July Draw will be held in the Village Hall at 8.00 pm on Tuesday 1st July 2014



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Mission Morogoro

Tony Mortimer

Visit to Tanzania May 2014

Six trustees of Mission Morogoro have just returned from a second, amazing, visit to Tanzania. We spent much of our time at the village of Tunguli where we are focusing our main support effort. We were very warmly received and our hosts introduced us to many aspects of community life. Despite the poverty they experience our friends in Tunguli are very generous and hospitable and much entertainment and celebration accompanied our visit. We were also able to meet with community leaders and visit the Health Centre, Primary and Secondary schools and the Anglican Church. We were shown the village amenities such as the water supply and sampled the “long drop” loos. A highlight was being presented with a live goat as a sign of friendship. We were a little nonplussed by this at first wondering how we would get it on the plane home. However the outcome was good as we were able to make a gift of the goat to the orphanage in Berega. He (yes a male) was nicknamed ‘stew’, which is probably where he will end up!



We were able to see the results of our main projects in the village, made possible by your generous support. We saw the water tanks,

brimming with water following the end of the rainy season. The three tanks will provide water for the Health Centre for at least 3 months. We saw the solar lighting which means that treatment during the night no longer needs to be conducted in the dark or using a kerosene lamp. And we saw the bed covers and sheets which now offer a much more hygienic and pleasant environment for hospital patients. Both the village and the Health Centre send their warm thanks to our communities for making all of this possible.

We discussed future projects with our hosts, including the EMBRACE project which will provide care for mothers and babies before, during and after childbirth and help to reduce the shocking numbers who die prematurely. The tractor project, led by the Diocese of Worcester and supported by MM, is also keenly anticipated by the village.

There is far too much to relay here so we are planning to hold an update event in Feckenham soon. Please do come along and learn much, much more and celebrate with us this wonderful link which gives us so much joy in the friendship of the people of Tunguli.

During the trip we took many photos and some video clips. We particularly wanted to capture the words of Isaac Mgego the Hospital Director whose inspiring visit to Bowbrook 3 years ago started everything off. We showed the first cut of the video of Isaac in Feckenham Church on Sunday 8th June. This video is now available on youtube if you would like to hear his words yourself.

Enter <http://youtu.be/4Va6DepBpuk> into the address bar of your internet browser (sorry it's cryptic but that's youtube). You may need to switch on subtitles or closed captions (CC) if you can't understand some of Isaac's English.

Once again thank you all so much for your continued support both practical and moral.

Asante Sana

Thought for the month

Wyn Beynon

Dear Friends,

I wonder what side you would have been on during the Civil War? I suspect that I might have been very romantic about the Divine Right of Kings and been a royalist. On the other hand I am temperamentally inclined to favour the idea of Parliament. So, who knows?

I am pretty sure that I might have started with a sneaky admiration for the Puritans but that my feelings would have soon changed to horror as I realised what an awful version of Christianity Puritanism is.

Here are three old chestnuts that we might call "Puritan"

"The devil finds work for idle hands". Well, maybe. But in my experience he's even better at turning the work of busy people into divisive and combative actions that exclude others and leave them unable to make a contribution. No, I think the devil is adept at finding work for busy hands. On the other hand people who know how to be properly idle - that is who know how to be still, to contemplate and to see deeply - they are special people.

"Anticipation is half the pleasure". Actually I think that's true, provided the thing anticipated does materialise. Otherwise it's a neat fob off, and an excuse for not delivering on a promise. I agree that the trouble with patience is that you have to wait for it. But if we never enjoy the thing we are looking forward to we become sour. And for me, Puritanism seems to be a very sour religion.

"Virtue is its own reward". Again, it's half true. If we have prudence and justice, temperance and fortitude then these things allow us to be content. But they also need

to spill over into enhancing the lives of others. So virtue is its own reward only so long as it doesn't turn us in on ourselves.

I suspect I'd have been a Parliamentarian with a curly wig and jolly clothes. As indeed many were. But I'd have rejoiced when the miserable Christianity of the Commonwealth was dumped unceremoniously and a joyful round of celebrating life returned with the Restoration of the Monarchy. Never confuse Puritanism with real Christianity. It was an experiment in religion I hope we never repeat!

best wishes,

Wyn

All age worship at
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Celebrating
the Spirit in the Community

11 am
Sunday
July 13th

Refreshments served after

From the Rural Dean

Sheila Banyard

Digging deeper with the Bishop's Certificate course

Do you want to pep up your thinking about faith, the bible or the church? Do you have a nagging feeling that God might be nudging you to take a fresh look at your life? Here's just the thing – this autumn's Bishop's Certificate course. Don't be put off by the idea of a 'certificate' – there are no tests and no big books to read, unless you want to. This 30 session course introduces you to key themes from the bible, Christian belief and discipleship, and helps you learn with and from other people. It's fun and it's life-enhancing. Contact Barbara Wheatley for more details: 01527 892969 barbarawheatley@btinternet.com

Big Bible Study

Saturday 27th September, 10am - 1pm in Worcester Cathedral

This year's diocesan BBS will be led by Dr Kathy Galloway, director of Christian Aid Scotland and formerly leader of the Iona Community. Kathy is an ordained minister in the Church of Scotland, a writer, poet and composer. As a member of the Iona Community and in her work in Christian Aid she is at the sharp end of justice and peace issues and we hope she will challenge us with this as we pray, study and eat together. More details soon.

Beyond Open the Book

Saturday 11th October, 9.30pm – 3pm (approx) at Hartlebury church

Open the Book is brilliant for both schools and churches, and some churches would like to develop further the excellent relationships they've built up with families and schools, so here's a workshop to help. This event is for all current and aspiring members of Open the Book teams or for anyone interested in helping their church develop opportunities beyond Open the Book. Look out for more details or register your interest with me now.

'God-talk' – talking the talk to help us walk the walk

If you would like to explore faith and spirituality in company with others but find it hard to get to regular meetings for discussion, or if you are looking for suggestions of what to read and some questions to ponder, this may be for you. 'God-talk' is another way of saying 'theology' and theology is 'faith in search of understanding' – and don't we all need that? If you're interested in meeting about once a term to discuss a recommended 'God-talk' book, please let me know.

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Sheila Banyard

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Village Shop

Jeff Matthews

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Shop at the Wake

The shop will be at the Wake, serving Pimms, icecream and other treats, come and find us out. We will also be inviting those who are interested to find out more about possibly volunteering for the shop. If you have a couple of hours to spare and would like to offer that, it would be gratefully received. There are a variety of roles – not just serving in the shop. There are roles in finance, supporting the marketing.

Wanted: New Board Members for Feckenham Community Shop Association Ltd.

At the September AGM a number of the current Directors will be standing down. Largely unchanged since it was formed nearly 6 years ago, several have decided to give the opportunity to guide the shop to a new generation. It was also necessary, as several Board members also had operational roles and it was felt to be time to get a clearer distinction between the Board and the day to day running. The Board of Feckenham Community Shop Association Ltd needs seven members to operate. It meets about 4 times per year, and its role is to oversee the

governance and strategic direction of the shop. If you would like to know more about the role, then please contact Board Chair, John Eaton on 894272.

Competing with the Supermarkets

It's always interesting for us, as a shop to compete with the supermarkets which we seem to be surrounded by. With our turnover virtually the same as last year, we seem to be doing better than Tescos! As you will no doubt have discovered, many of these stores are not as cheap as they like to make out, particularly if you add in the cost of the petrol and the time taken, climbing in the car.

It's difficult to keep abreast of the changing prices, but we have found ourselves cheaper on sugar, potatoes, and most recently, Weetabix (£1.99 v £2.50). There are a range of locally sourced items that you can't get in the supermarkets, so if you haven't included us in your weekly shop, it may be time to think again.

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Hanbury, BROMSGROVE
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Feckenham C. of E. First School

Sharon Simpson

After a very short return to school following the Easter half term break the children have been very busy within school.

Children in Reception have been doing a topic on 'mini beasts' and have been exploring the Forest School site in search of examples of these. They have also been learning all about growing plants and vegetables. This term they will be heading to Weston-super-Mare with parents on a lovely trip to the seaside.

Year one have been learning all about the Great Fire of London and a trip has been planned to Avoncroft museum where they will be learning about wall building using wattle and daub. They are enjoying weekly swimming lessons and will be performing at a local country dancing festival before the end of term.

Year two pupils have been learning all about nocturnal animals and recently had a visit from one of the children's dads, Mr Ratcliffe who came into school with a rescued hedgehog and gave a talk about the perils involved in being a prickly but cute animal! The children will be fundraising for the charity that helped rescue their visitor.

Years three and four will soon be travelling to Birmingham to watch 'Horrible Histories' on stage and will be performing 'Time Lord' to families at the end of term. Both year groups are doing a science based topic involving fictional wolves which will also incorporate design technology when they will be designing a home security system for 'Grandma's' house.

Year three are attending a music festival at Walkwood School and will be representing Redditch schools at a hockey tournament at Bromsgrove School. They will open the

tournament with a country dancing spectacular!

The Friends of Feckenham School (FOFS) recently held a Race night at Abbeydale Social Club and raised almost £1000.00 for the children's benefit and a great time was had by all. Well done Mrs Louise Clarke and all the FOFS team for organising.

A big thank you from myself to all the supporters and helpers who came to The Family Fun Day on May 17th at The Rose & Crown. A total of £7014.55 was raised for our three charities- Macmillan, The Primrose Hospice and the new cancer centre at Birmingham Children's Hospital. This sum is also due to be match funded £ for £ by Barclays which is fantastic! Special thanks to The Village Shop and Jenny & Ivor from The Steps bed and breakfast for your very kind donations and all local businesses who very kindly donated auction/raffle prizes- the event could not have been as successful without your generosity.

We are looking forwards to sunny playtimes out on the field and not too much rain this term- fingers crossed!

Sharon Simpson

Community Parent Governor

June 2014

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fun on the square 2014

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on The Square

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Details from Marion Choate - 892285



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WHAT'S ON IN FECKENHAM

FeckenOdeon 2

The Cinema in the Back Room

REAL MEN DANCE

SUMMER SEASON

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12A

Friday, 4th July at 8pm

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FeckenOdeon 2 at Feckenham Village Hall

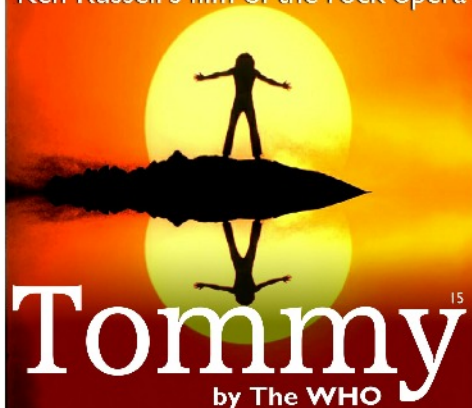
FeckenOdeon 2

The Cinema in the Back Room

Roger Daltrey - Eric Clapton - Keith Moon
Ann-Margret - Oliver Reed - Tina Turner and
Elton John in

Ken Russell's film of the rock opera

SUMMER SEASON



Tommy¹⁵
by The WHO

Friday, 1st August at 8pm

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FeckenOdeon 2 at Feckenham Village Hall

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Ian Bellion



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The FeckenOdeon Summer Season continues on **July 4th at 8pm** with a showing of **"Cuban Fury"**. In this new British comedy portly Nick Frost gives the dance floor a pounding it was hardly designed to bear! Beneath Bruce Garrett's under-confident, overweight exterior, the passionate heart of a salsa king lies dormant. Now, a good woman (Rashida Jones) is about to re-ignite his Latin fire. Mr Frost, (unlikely casting as a romantic lead) squares up to his taunting workplace rival (Chris O'Dowd, seen here recently in "The Sapphires") aided by his slightly sleazy dance coach (played by "Lovejoy" - Ian McShane). There is a little dirty dancing, some Saturday night fever and a few strictly ballroom encounters. Daft and funny - ideal fare for a lazy summer Friday night. The FeckenOdeon bar will provide cool libations - and if it's really hot we'll switch on our air conditioning.

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Still to come this summer: On **1st August**, Fully restored and in its original "Quintaphonic" sound, Ken Russell's film of The Who's **"Tommy"** returns to the big screen at last. Who could fail to enjoy Tina Turner, Elton John and Eric Clapton in their prime!?

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The FeckenOdeon Cinema Society's main programme for 2014-15:

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31st January (Matinee): Mary Poppins
28th February: The Big Country
28th March: Laughter in Paradise
25th April: The Invisible Woman
Membership for all of these shows costs just £30

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What's On this month in STOCK & BRADLEY

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| 2nd | Breakaway
AGM and Lunch - 11.30am |
| 9th | Gardening Club
Evening visit is to Sheila and Adrian James' garden in Offenham |
| 13th | WALKING CLUB
leaving Bradley Church at 10am |

For more information see
STOCK & BRADLEY CHRONICLE

A.R.T.S.

10th ANNIVERSARY BEAST

All Round Theatre School (A.R.T.S) is celebrating its 10th anniversary. The school, which rehearses at the Village Hall every Friday evening, offers local youngsters the chance to learn stage and music skills to a professional standard - and to take part in fully staged shows. A.R.T.S is one of the longest running performing arts school in the area. Leader Karen Hill draws on the services of other professional artistes to open up the magical world of the theatre to pupils aged 8 to 18 - and there's more than a bit of magic involved in their anniversary performances!

On Saturday, **12th July** A.R.T.S is taking over Redditch's Palace Theatre with a spectacular production of "**Beauty and The Beast**". Packed full of songs and characters we all know and love, this promises to be their most spectacular show to date. There are performances at 2.30pm and 7pm. Tickets are available from the Palace Theatre box office on 01527 65203 or online at www.redditchpalacetheatre.co.uk



A.R.T.S students getting ready for their 10th anniversary show

FROZEN - IN THE SUMMER

A.R.T.S is one of the few village organisations to carry on at full steam throughout the summer. Each year there's a summer school - and this summer it's taken on a chilly aspect!

Does your child love everything about Disney's **Frozen**? Are you constantly hearing "Let It Go"? Then the A.R.T.S. FROZEN Summer School is the place to be! Each day youngsters will learn songs from the film, dance to the music and act out scenes and on the final day will perform in

FROZEN - THE CONCERT!

The school will take place in Feckenham Village Hall from **Monday 28th July to Friday 1st August** and the **Concert will be on Friday 1st August at 4pm**. You don't have to be a member of A.R.T.S to take part but numbers are limited so you're advised to get more information and book a place by calling Karen on 07722 596339 or e-mail allroundvoices@gmail.com

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A GIGANTIC JIGAMATHING!

Fundraising is a thankless task so it's always good when the method of raising the cash is fun - and "**Celtic Capers**" is certainly going to be fun! On **Saturday, 19th July** The Square will be transformed into a Celtic country fair and the scene will be set for a celebration of epic proportions.

The action kicks off at **6.30pm** with a display of folk dancing by Feckenham First School - followed by some vigorous traditional Celtic playground games. These will be followed by spectacular Irish dances of the Riverdance type performed by the Mcarthy-Felton Dancers. Hardly will the stage have cooled down before the swish of kilts will herald the arrival of a troupe of Highland dancers. There'll be a chance for us all to have a go when The Rhythm Kings and their caller round off the evening with a traditional Celidh.

Throughout the event there'll be games and activities for young and old and lots of good things to eat and drink. Traditional home made Celtic dinners - including Irish Stew - and traditional puds will line the stomach (don't eat before you come!). There'll be beer, wine, ciders and soft drinks available from the bar.

SUPPORTING OUR SQUARE

This is a great free and easy village event for a summer evening where all ages can enjoy a bit of fun together. Please come along - there's no charge for entry though the organisers do request that you don't bring your own food or drink. This is a fundraising event we need you to spend at the food stall or the bar - every penny goes

to help look after The Square. Newer villagers make not be aware that The Square belongs to us - the people of Feckenham. It doesn't belong to the Council (not even the Parish Council) or any other public body. It's held in trust by a registered charity (Feckenham Village Amenity Trust) on behalf of all of us. It's maintained and managed by volunteers - so please come along, have some fun.. and help us keep your village Square up to scratch.

Cookhill & District Gardening Association

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COTTONS IN CANADA

Many of you will remember Russell and Catherine Cotton who lived for a number of years at 51 High Street and before that for a briefer period at Cadogan House. Both of them were very active villagers and were involved with the Entertainments Committee, Village Hall... and just about every other organisation in one way or another. A couple of years ago they upped sticks and moved to Catherine's native Scotland. This was not entirely satisfactory as the grim weather didn't really agree with them. So they've moved on again... to a country where the temperature is often 30°C below freezing and the snow lasts from November to mid-May.

They've taken up residence in Hudson, a small town near Montreal.

There is, of course, method in their madness - they both hold dual citizenship, having previously lived in Canada for 30 years and brought their family up in Montreal. Feckenham News caught up with them in their new surroundings a few weeks ago and the weather, true to form, was wet and cold. They had just got into their new home - the furniture had arrived and they couldn't find the sheets - but they were obviously delighted with their move "back home". They both send greetings to their many friends in Feckenham and say that they miss you all... and they miss the social life in The Rose & Crown!

Catherine and Russell at Mont Royale - the best viewpoint in Montreal. Taken on May 27th May. Note the buildings vanishing into the cloud and the warm and waterproof clothing!



Village Hall

Ian Bellion



NOW'S YOUR CHANCE...

It seems that many of you would rather run a marathon on hot coals than join a village committee - so it's with some trepidation that we suggest that the Village Hall Committee could do with some new members. Perhaps you think it'll be boring? Perhaps you think you don't have time? To answer the latter first - we have one meeting each month and there's a bit of voluntary work that we share between us... and boring?! We have been known to laugh during our meetings and the variety of the buildings' uses means that there's never a dull moment (and, don't tell anyone, but some of us have been known to go to the pub after meetings)...

In short it's fun and rewarding - so why not pop along to the Back Room for the AGM on **Tuesday, 1st July at 8pm** and see what it's all about?



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Future Meeting Dates: 17 July, 18 Sept, 20 Nov & 18 Dec

The Mill Lane resurfacing looks wonderful. The Council owes a debt of gratitude to many generous parishioners and WCC Cllr Philip Gretton for his contribution. It can safely be said that the completion of this project was a perfect synergy between the parish council and parishioners. There is talk of improving Moors Lane, so watch this space.

The Parish Council budgeted £1500 for grants to local groups or clubs. A donation has already been awarded to the Feckenham Youth Football Club to upgrade the toilet facilities. The Council is keen to help other groups so please do download an application from the parish website www.feckenham.com under Parish Council then Procedures. Alternatively, contact the Clerk.

The Council recently replaced a defunct bench on Sillins Lane. The views from there are marvellous; see for yourself! Special thanks go to Chairman Williams for organizing and providing able assistance and Cllrs Dormer and Slade as for their roles as sous chef.

The Council is currently exploring the idea of reviving the Neighbourhood Development Plan Committee. There is a possibility of obtaining a modest grant to engage a consultant to kick start the process. If any parishioners are interested in the future of the village, please contact the Clerk or Chair Williams.

The final seat on the Council was filled by the recent co-option of Pat Dormer as a member of the Council. Pat's experience with village life will undoubtedly prove invaluable to the Council.

Mr Michael J Hetherington has been appointed by the Secretary of State to conduct the Examination for the Local Plan 4. **All parishioners** are invited to attend the two initial hearing sessions are arranged for **Monday 16th June** (10am) and **Tuesday 17th June** (10am) at the Council Chamber, Redditch Town Hall, Walter Stranz Square, Redditch, B98 8AH. Further hearing sessions will be scheduled for September. For more details please see the parish website under Parish Council then Notices.

Minutes of Council meetings are posted on the Feckenham website once they have been approved at the following meeting. The draft Minutes for the Annual Parish Meeting are also posted.

Finally, the Clerk would like to thank Tim Smith for his much appreciated work on updating the Parish Council section of the Feckenham website. I encourage all parishioners to peruse the site and make suggestions as to how it can be improved. *Next meeting is 7.30pm on 17 July 2014.*

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Feckenham Football Club

Pete Lane

Feckenham village football club becomes an FA Chartered Standard Club! •This standard gives recognition to clubs that are well run, sustainable, which place child protection, quality coaching and safety paramount.

We've had more investment from local business "Oakland International" with a £400.00 sponsorship going into the season ahead who has supported us through their charitable foundation which has helped us develop the club over the last two years.

We currently have 3 teams which play regularly in the Mercian junior festival football league (Saturday League) and are looking to expand. •Training takes place on Tuesday and Thursday evenings depending on age.

We have a new soccer school for ages 5-7 on Saturdays at 10am. We welcome all local boys and girls into the school to help develop their skills as a football player, It's great for fitness and developing team play as well as meeting new friends. We have over 7 boys from just our village alone who play regularly, giving a great sense of community, I for one have my two boys William and James running around the pitch twice a week!

We now have 6 FA licences coaches which have committed to the club and not forgetting the parent helpers who love getting involved with the club activities.

We are asking if any children already associated with a football club or a keen boy who would like to try out for a team place in the coming season and be a part of a new, fast growing club which is family focused.

Our club house has been recently revamped too, it has a fully licensed bar which offers regular social events for players and their families to get together without the pressure of the game which all takes place in the beautiful setting in Feckenham.

For further information please call •Omar (head coach)•07980 282147 or•Pete Lane (club coach/administrator)on 07968 023456.

Feckenham Cricket Club



Feckenham Cricket Club has another series of entertaining matches in store - including an International fixture! Feckenham CC will play a touring team from Amsterdam CC on Friday, 1st August
Here are July's main fixtures - everyone's welcome to watch all of the matches - there's no charge!

Sat 1st July, 1pm	1st XI v Malvern
Sat 12th July, 1pm	1st XI v Oldswinford
Sat 19th July, 1pm	2nd XI v Pershore
Sun, 20th July, 1.30pm	1st XI v Barnt Green
Sat, 26th July, 1pm	1st XI v Wormelow

There are also 3rd XI, Under 14 and Under 11 matches as well as hosted matches featuring visiting teams - pop into the Club for details. *Weather can affect all fixtures so check with the Club bearer the date.*

Feckenham Junior Cricket Club

Nina Willison

The Juniors train on a Friday night from 5.30pm – 7pm. • The number of children attending the club has grown from 8 to 35 with a waiting list. • We are now short of coaches, and would like to welcome anyone who would like to come along and help with the coaching.

A want to help is more important than cricket knowledge and we can offer training courses to anyone who would like to improve their own skills. • Anyone interested can contact Coach Luke on Tel: 07891202327 • or me on Tel: 07989719617 • or drop in to the club and leave their contact details or come along on a Friday night.

Nina Willison
Junior Co-ordinator

Stock & Bradley Gardening Club

Rob Cole

The next event - Wednesday 9th July is a visit to Sheila and Adrian James' garden in Offenham, Evesham, at 6.45pm. The cost is £3 per head and includes tea and cake. The garden has been created in the last few years, and is packed with interesting plants in a well designed setting. Their full address is: 'Langdale', Church Street, Offenham, Worcestershire, WR1 18RV. Church Street is a narrow cul de sac with NO PARKING available at all. Dropping off is fine, and parking is available at the Village Hall car park which is a short walk from the garden. Any member wishing to go on this visit who hasn't already booked, please contact Sheila White, either by e-mail on sheilawhite8@googlemail.com or telephone 01527 545572.

Anyone wishing to go but who does not have transport, please contact Sheila who we will try to make some arrangements.

The following event - Wednesday 6th August This year's American Supper will be held at Jan and Mel Bates garden at White Cottage in Stock Green in the evening. Full details will be in the next issue.

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.

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

Feckenham W.I.

Jane White



Our July Meeting is on Wednesday 23rd, in the Village Hall main room. We have hired the indoor Kurling Set and shall be having a social and hopefully fun evening, with a light supper provided by the members. Visitors are welcome to join us and members to bring a friend, £3.50.

In August we are meeting for lunch at the Rose & Crown, hopefully in the garden! 12.30 on Saturday 9th.

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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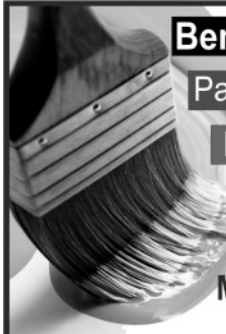
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