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JULY Diary



Tues 2nd	8pm	Village Hall AGM	Village Hall
Tues 2nd	12.30am	Lunch Club	Village Hall, Back Room
Wed 3rd	10.30am - noon	“Drop in” for coffee and a chat	Parish Church
Fri 5th	8pm	FeckenOdeon 2 Lincoln	Village Hall, Back Room
Sat 6th	7.30pm	“An Angel Abroad”	Village Hall
Thurs 11th	12.30pm	Feckenham W.I.	From The Square
Sat 13th		Over 60’s Outing	
Thurs 17th	10.30am - noon	“Drop in” for coffee and a chat	Parish Church
Thurs 18th		Parish council Meeting	Village Hall Back Room
Wed 31st	10.30am - noon	“Drop in” for coffee and a chat	Parish Church
Sat 20th	6.30pm	Fun on The Square	The Square
26th-28th		Beer & Cider Festival	Cricket Club

AUGUST

Fri 2nd	8pm	FeckenOdeon 2 The Commitments	Village Hall, Back Room
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Aqua-zorbing at The Wake.
Just look at those threatening
clouds!

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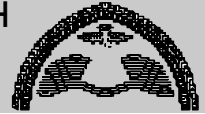
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Church Services JULY

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

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

Readers and Intercessors



Sunday 7th Trinity 6	11-00am Sung Eucharist Isaiah 66 : vs. 10-14 Galatians 6 : vs. 7-16 Intercessions	Clare Furey Doug Curtis Lin Preece
Sunday 14th Trinity 7	8-00am Holy Communion Romans 6 :vs. 19-23	John Eaton
	11-00am Family Service "Active Prayer"	
Sunday 21st Trinity 8	6-30pm Evensong Genesis 18 : vs. 1-10a Luke 10 : vs. 38-end Intercessions	Oliver White Gerry Eost Mark Wheatley
Sunday 28th Trinity 9	11-00am Family Eucharist Colossians 2 : vs. 6-15 Intercessions	Jenny Snel Cyril Warrilow

X Box Sunday School

Will be held in Church on Sunday 7th 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

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Mass is celebrated every Sunday at 10.15am in the Church

Fr. Edward Clare, The Presbytery, Redditch. Tel. 01527 63096

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



Congratulations

To Kathy Gee who has had one of her poems published in "Gardens of England: Treasures of the National Garden Scene." This particular poem was written for the last open gardens festival in Feckenham and was actually printed in the Feckenham News at the time.

Weddings

The wedding took place on May 18th between Greg Anthony and Kirsty Lee at Feckenham parish church. The couple live in Redditch but decided to get married here after attending a Baptism in the church. After the ceremony the guests enjoyed Pimms on the village green and there were free ice creams from an ice cream van! While the photographs were taken the Arrow Valley Brass Band played and the sun shone; the marquee erected as a precaution against rain was not required!

On the 1st of June, Emma Jane White, daughter of Sheila and Alan White of Ham Green, was married to Ben Russell Evans of Droitwich in the parish church in Feckenham. Emma's parents have lived locally for about 12 years and Sheila is one of the volunteers in the village shop. Emma arrived for her wedding in a stylish horse drawn carriage and the reception was held in a marquee near to her parent's home in Ham Green. Although both Emma and her new husband come from Worcestershire they actually met in a bar in London! After a honeymoon in St Lucia the couple will live in London.

Diamond Wedding

Enid and Len Burley will celebrate their Diamond Wedding Anniversary on the 18th July 2013. Enid and Len have lived in the village for most of their 60 years of married life. We join their family and friends to send our congratulations to them.

New grandchild.

Steve and Chris Fletcher of the High Street Feckenham are delighted to have a third

grandchild born on June 10th. Madeleine Ann Frances is a second daughter for their son Tom and daughter in law Claire who live in Ormskirk. And a little sister for Lucy aged two and a half.

Stop Press News -

Congratulations again to Kathy Gee who has been awarded the MBE in the Queens Birthday honours. This I believe is for services to museums.

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Thanks

Thank you boys! I'd just like to tell everyone how grateful I am to young Alexander Oldcorn and his sharp-eyed friends in Turton Gardens. Alexander and co. saw someone from outside the village crash into my car that was parked in the village car park in April and when she drove off without leaving her details (but leaving a big dent in my car's door and me £600 worse off), Alexander and his two friends took the time and effort to take down the offender's details and put a note through my door. I'm now fighting with her insurance company and I'm probably going to end up £250 out of pocket but I would be even worse off if Alexander and the lads from Turton Gardens hadn't been so considerate. It's lovely that we have such commendable young people in our village.
Jen Clements

Fund Raising Fun at The Paddocks. Last autumn Pat Dormer held a fund raising event at her home. It was such a success, and several hundred pounds were raised for the Children's Hospital who were delighted with this large donation. Also, two other charities have benefited - Cancer Research and Breast Cancer Research, very worthy causes! Pat would like to thank all her family and friends who have been so supportive and generous at all her fundraising events over the years. Well done Pat, and thank you on behalf of all the charities involved.

The Children's Society

Jo Warrilow



A Date for Your Diary

Our annual "Coffee Morning" for the purpose of collecting house boxes will be held on Saturday October 19th. All welcome. Details will appear on October What's On.

FECKENHAM CHARITY

Funds are dispensed from this ancient charity to individuals and organisations within the boundaries of the Ancient Parish of Feckenham, as the Trustees think fit.

Closing date for receipt of applications
31st August, 2013

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Thought for the month

Wyn Beynon

Dear Friends,

I enjoy natural history programmes on the TV and I've particularly enjoyed "Ice Age Giants" recently. It's odd to think that the last Mammoths and Mastodons were around only a few thousand years ago. I would love to have seen them. Yet the history of the world is about succeeding species - one replacing another. A few, like the shark, have survived for millions of years, whilst others have come and gone to be replaced in nature's complex interdependent relationships by new species.

Humans today play a disproportionate part in that process and many species are disappearing rapidly. It's important to remember that replacement is a natural process. The problem is that we have accelerated that process and distorted it. And that must stop if the world is to retain a healthy biodiversity.

But no species is here for ever. The plants and animals have their time, and the geological record shows how the earth itself has gone through geological epochs of immense lengths. But the universe itself is slowly, unimaginably slowly, running down until there is nothing happening anywhere!

That tells me that every moment is precious. I grew up in a society that had a habit of putting all its effort into the future. Now was a time to be endured. One of my senior clergy colleagues was hard to work with because he was so concerned with the next job that he never really concentrated on the job in hand. And he never fully enjoyed it either, I don't think.

"We flourish like the flower of the field; when the wind goes over it is gone, and its place will know it no more". I often read that at the graveside at funerals. But far from being sad or morbid I find it uplifting and positive. It tells me to flourish. But flourish here and now. Here and now is the only time we have. And here

and now, not tomorrow, we can find love, laugh and have fun. We cannot flourish tomorrow, for tomorrow is never here and never now. But here and now is. Let's live to full, let's flourish, today. Tomorrow (with its troubles) said Jesus, will look after itself.

Have a flourishing summer!

best wishes,

Wyn

Active Prayer

At
St John the Baptist
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July 14th

11am

All Age Family Worship Service



Please stay after for refreshments.

Village Hall

Improvement Fund 2012/13



June Winners

59	Gary & Alison Crellin	£25
50	Betty Power	£15
51	Enid Whitehead	£10

The July Draw will be held in the Village Hall at 8.00 pm on Tuesday 2nd July 2013

WHAT'S ON IN FECKENHAM



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Sun 7th July - First XI vs Old Elizabethans - 1.30pm

Sat 13th - 2nd XI vs Romesley & Hunnington - 1.30pm

Tues 16th - Worcs Under 13 vs Northants under 13 - 1pm

Sat 20th - 1st XI vs Enville - 1.30pm

Sat 27th - 2nd XI vs Lye

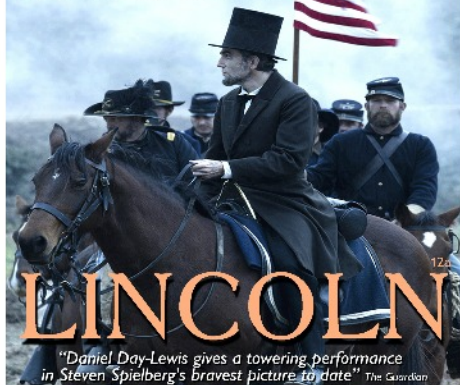
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FeckenOdeon 2 at Feckenham Village

FeckenOdeon 2

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FeckenOdeon 2 at Feckenham Village Hall

The FeckenOdeon Cinema Society

Ian Bellion



LINCOLN

The FeckenOdeon's Summer Season continues with Steven Spielberg's "Lincoln" which is showing on **Friday, 5th July at 8pm.**

Perhaps only Americans are able to venerate their former leaders to such a degree - and yet British actor Daniel Day Lewis makes the president human, flawed even - but ultimately driven in the pursuit of his worthy goals. This is perhaps not the film for action lovers but what it lacks in spectacle it makes up for in tension, intrigue and sheer drama. Mr Day Lewis earned his Oscar - no-one living can know how Lincoln moved, how he talked or what he felt at times of stress but Mr Day Lewis is an actor who wears his role like a second skin and feels it down to the nerve endings - it's totally convincing. This is acting of the highest order.

The film covers the period from the latter stages of the civil war through the abolition of slavery to Lincoln's death. It's a very American story but the amazing performances and compelling direction make this a story to appeal to everyone.

SOON...

2nd August - The Commitments - Alan Parker's film based on Roddy Doyle's book **31st August** - FeckenBOND Fest

Matinee - Sean Connery in **Goldfinger** Evening - Daniel Craig in **Skyfall**

28th September - Les Miserables

Subscriptions for the Main Season are on sale now at £30.

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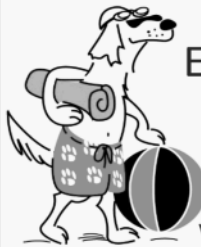
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OVER 60's SUMMER OUTING -

Saturday 13th July 2013

The Over 60's Summer Outing this year will be to Cardiff Bay on Saturday 13th July and is organised by the Committee of the Feckenham Flower Show and Over 60's Party Fund.

Invitations will be sent out to all those we know are eligible, but if you do not receive your invitation or have recently turned 60 and live within one mile of The Square, please contact Angela Fletcher on 01527 893231 so that you can be added to the list of invitees.

Square Management Committee

ENID'S BLIGHTY - VINTAGE FUN

On the evening of **July 20th** The Square will be transformed into an earlier incarnation as we enjoy an evening in those halcyon days vaguely evoked by Enid Blyton's Secret Seven stories - or perhaps even in the era of Just William. The Village Green (The Square) will be cunningly disguised as... a village green - complete with duck pond and maypole.

There'll be plenty to enjoy for youngsters and oldsters alike - traditional things to eat, traditional games to play and lashings of traditional things to drink. In fact it'll be so traditional that such a place probably never actually existed - so, come and wallow with us in our imagined but cosy vision of an **English Country Fair** complete with Morris Dancers, The O'Cajunal PlayBoys band, three legged sack races, catapults and tin cans, stripy humbugs, beefy pies, dogs called Rover, fruity crumbles (with lashings of custard) and English ales and cider. The village school will be doing a Maypole Dance (well, the weather was lousy in May) and there'll be a traditional Tuck Shop and a Traditional Korner Cafe

OUR OWN HOMELY CHARITY....

It's all in aid of the upkeep of The Square which is owned and maintained for the village by Feckenham Village Amenity Trust - a registered Charity. The Square doesn't belong to the Council - it isn't maintained by any municipal body - it's ours! This annual Fun fundraiser provides the major part of the money needed to keep the village's centrepiece in good order. All the work is done by the volunteers of The Square Management Committee so please support their efforts by coming along and enjoying yourself!

Saturday, 20th July - from 6.30 on The Square

Please note that this is a fundraising event. There will be a well stocked bar and food at very reasonable prices so please don't bring your own! Every penny taken will be used to look after our village green.

Feckenham Village Hall

AGM - HELP WANTED

Feckenham Village Hall is run and maintained on behalf of the village by a small Committee of volunteer Trustees. It's a lively and lighthearted Committee dedicated to ensuring that first class facilities are available for the people of Feckenham. New members will be welcomed with open arms (and a paintbrush). If you want to find out more why not come along to the **AGM on Tuesday, 2nd July at 8pm** in the Back Room. Many hands make light work!

JESTAMINUTE - AN ANGEL ABROAD

We thought our theatrical season was over - but then, out of the blue, came Jestaminute Theatre Co with their latest Arts Council sponsored show. **An Angel Abroad** is a new play written and direct by Jestaminute's director Andy Higgitt. Experience a rollercoaster of emotions as you join a poignant, sometimes funny, journey into the lives of three sets of characters connected by the common theme of power and control in relationships. Three fictional stores based on the real life testimonies of those who have suffered domestic abuse. Think you you know what domestic abuse is? You might be surprised when we lift the veil on what happens behind the smile. Maybe some people are an angel abroad and a devil at home.....

Saturday, 6th July at 7.30pm

Tickets £8 are on sale at The Village Shop and The Rose & Crown.

LOCAL RADIO - FECKENHAM ON THE AIR

There'll be a much fuller article next month but in the meantime the W.A.K.E FM team would like to thank everyone for making the four days of broadcasting such an enjoyable experience. In particular, we are extremely grateful to Alan Jones for allowing us to use his front room as a studio... and for being so understanding when our transmitter completely wiped out his television signal!



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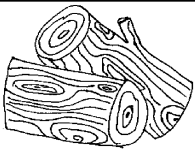
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Gay Bligh



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A limited number of places are still available for both members and non-members on the outing to the National Memorial Arboretum; partners are also welcome. The coach will leave Feckenham at 1230pm arriving at Alrewas around 2pm. On arrival, there will be a welcome talk and introduction to the Arboretum followed by a guided tour on the land train around the Arboretum taking in as many of the memorials as possible in the time. The afternoon will conclude with afternoon tea – sandwiches, pastries, cakes and a choice of tea or coffee. The coach will return to Feckenham for around 5.30pm.

The cost to members is £13.50 and to non-members £17.00. Anyone interested please contact Gay Bligh, 01527 893321

Garden Visits The WI is visiting the following gardens to which non-members are welcome:

Wednesday 3 July – Moreton Hall, Stock Wood - £5 to include entrance, tea and cake – arrival time 10.30am

Saturday 20 July – Pump Cottage, Weatheroak - £5 to include entrance, tea and cake – arrival time 2pm

Please contact Vivien Hunter – 01527 402360 – as numbers to the gardens are restricted.

12th September - An Open Meeting at which the talk will be “Shirley’s African Adventure” and will be combined with Bring & Buy and Raffle in aid of St Basil’s charity for homeless young people.

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

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.

Stock & Bradley Gardening Club

Rob Cole

The meeting on Wednesday 3rd July 2013, 7.30pm - 9.00pm is a visit to Malley Terry's garden at 24 Alexander Avenue, Droitwich, WR9 8NH.

Malley is one of those gardeners who can pack a lot of interesting plants into a town garden, but without making it look overcrowded. She grows dozens of unusual plants amongst the 'old favourites', and has been featured in many magazine articles over the years.

You should make your own way to the garden, and arrive at 7.30pm - there is plenty of street parking in Alexander Avenue. Malley opens her garden for the National Gardens Scheme, and entry is £3.00.

If you need any further information, you can contact Dinny Pynsent on 01527 821355 or Sheila White on 01527 545572.

Please note that there has been a change in the venue for the American Supper on 7th August 2013, and it will now be held at Rob and Diane Cole's garden at Meadow Farm, 33 Droitwich Road, Feckenham at 7.00pm.

What's On this month in STOCK & BRADLEY

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| 3rd | BREAKAWAY
AGM and Lunch
11.30am |
| 3rd | Gardening Club
Outing to Droitwich Garden |
| 10th | Drop In
Drop in for a Coffee and a Chat
10 am - 12noon
The Bird in Hand |
| 14th | Walking Club
Meet at Bradley Church - 10am |
| 24th | Drop In
Drop in for a Coffee and a Chat
10 am - 12noon
Bradley Green Village Hall |

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