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JUNE Diary



Sat 2nd	6.30pm	Cheese & Wine with Alcester Silver Band	The Prory
Sun 3rd	11am	Diamond Jubilee Celebratory Service	Parish Church
Mon 4th	5.30pm	Jubilee B.B.Q.	The Square
	10.15pm	Jubilee Beacon	Berrow Hill
Tues 5th	12.30am	Lunch Club	Village Hall, Back Room
Wed 13th	10.30am - noon	"Drop in" for coffee and a chat	Parish Church
Tues	7.30pm	Feck. Forest Hist. Society	Feckenham Village Hall
Thur 14th	7.30pm	Feckenham WI	Village Hall Back Room
Wed 20th	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall
Sat 23rd	1 - 5 pm	Feckenham Wake	The Square & Football Field
Wed 27th	10.30am - noon	"Drop in" for coffee and a chat	Parish Church
Sat 30th	All day	Feckenham Horse Show	Flying Horse Lane

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Rhys and Andrea Williams' garden, 1 The Square, photographed during the Garden Festival by Ian Bellion.

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Church Services

JUNE

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Readers and Intercessors



Sunday 3rd 11am **Sung Eucharist - Diamond Jubilee Celebration**

Trinity Sunday

Sunday 10th 8am am **Holy Communion**

Trinity 1

1 John 4 : vs. 7-21

Antonia Pulsford

11am Family Service - "Back from Berega, Tanzania"

Sunday 17th 6.30pm **Evensong**

Trinity 2

1 Samuel 15 : vs. 34 - 16 : vs. 13

Mark 4 : vs. 26-34

Intercessions

Walter Richards

Paul Richards

John Calvert

Sunday 24th 11am **Family Communion**

Trinity 3

2 Corinthians 6 : vs. 1-13

Intercessions

Patricia Collins

Barbara Wheatley

X Box Sunday School

Will be held in Church on Sunday 3rd June. All children will be warmly welcomed.

Morning Fellowship

This lay led prayer service continues weekly on Wednesdays for 30 minutes in the Parish church. **All welcome.**

Feckenham Roman Catholic Church

St John Fisher & St. Thomas More

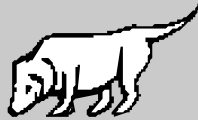


Mass is celebrated every Sunday at 10.15am in the Church

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

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

Newshound



Baptisms

Florence Bayliss daughter of Rebecca and John, granddaughter of Vanda and Malcolm Cookes and **Alice Richards** daughter of Olivia and James and granddaughter of the Jill and Paul Richards of Berrow Hill were baptised by Canon John Green on 22nd April.

Alfie Smith first child of Rebecca and Stephen of the Waldrons and **Eleanor Clarke** daughter of Louise and Mike of the High Street were baptised on 6th May.

Confirmed at Ombersley on Sunday 13th May by the Bishop of Dudley were Katrina Moran, Steven Powles, Kim Powles, Robert Powles, Andrew Henson and Alastair MacNaughton.

Congratulations to John and Sally Roundell on the safe arrival of **Orla May** on 2nd May. Big brother Oscar is thrilled to have a little sister and be a family of four.

Congratulations to Fred Badger on reaching his 90th birthday on 17th May 2012.

Fred was born in Feckenham (on the square) and later moved with his parents to Ham Green to finally return to the Village in 1951 having married May in 1943.

During World war II Fred was initially a DEMS (Defensively Equipped Merchant Ships) gunner on Atlantic conveyances which meant they were in some ways part of the Royal Navy but officially they were merchant seamen under the control of the merchant seaman captain. Fred (like many) has always been reluctant to talk about his 6 voyages to Canada and back but it was a stressful and horrific time which he never-the-less looks back on with great affection. He then served as an able seaman. on the Royal Navy Ship HMS Roberts.

On his return to 'civvy street' he worked for the MEB and he is able to tell you (in fact he insists on telling you) if your pole is exactly upright. May and Fred took the licence of the 'Eight Bells' with May running the pub full time and



Fred helping in addition to his job with the MEB. He was known as a friendly, jovial, generous, stern (you choose which!) bar man.

Fred has always been an expert gardener and so was the natural choice to be holder of plot 1 when the new allotments were set up in 2010. He is a fount of wisdom on matters of vegetables and his advice is both sought and given to all plot holders. Well known for winning first, second and third for his long straight runner beans at the flower show he does not reveal the secret of their cultivation. The rest of us mutter darkly and enviously about this uncharacteristic behaviour.

Many congratulations Fred long may you rule supreme in gardening and friendship.

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Obituary



Chester Smith 1914 - 2012

The funeral of Chester Smith, aged 98, recently took place in Pembroke Dock. His parents were Maud and Charles Smith. Maud was born in 1885 and at the age of 23 went to work in Canada for her aunt who had an hotel in British Columbia. She met Charles, who was also English, who worked as a Locomotive Engineer and they got married. They crossed the Atlantic many times and on one occasion Maud suggested they take the new ship that everyone was talking about called the "SS Titanic". They had a lucky escape when they took an earlier liner, as they had to get back quickly (no overnight planes then). They moved to Feckenham in 1923 and opened a car hire and bicycle business at Chestnut House on the Square and eventually moved to a garage in Droitwich Road, which is now the Village Shop. Charles pre-deceased Maud, living in to his 90's. Maud had her 100th birthday in Feckenham with lots of celebrations, but she eventually moved to a Nursing Home in Cheltenham and died there at the age of 105.

Chester had taken over the garage from his father and his wife, Phyllis, ran the office. She died in her fifties and their only child, John, was killed in a car crash near Montpellier in France when in his twenties. The church gates are a memorial to him, and the rock garden at the side is in memory of Maude's 100th birthday.

Chester sold the garage to David Street and Ron Cocks in 1966 and left the village shortly afterwards to set up a Motor Museum at Pembroke Dock in the old Naval base garrison. Old cars and transport were his main interests in life. He and Phyllis took part in the annual London to Brighton Race a few times in his 1904 Oldsmobile AB28.

Written by Adrienne Newland and David Street.

Thanks

Walking for Macmillan

Thanks so much to everyone who made the Feckenham 40 such a success. 12 brave people started the gruelling walk with many more joining in at 20, 10 and 5 miles to go. Over 50 walkers crossed the finish line back in Feckenham including all of the 12 who covered a massive 40 miles, despite the aches pains and blisters!

A great turn out back in Feckenham cheered everyone home, and I know that every walker really appreciated this.

So far over £2000.00 has been raised for Macmillan and anyone can donate at www.justgiving.com/feckenham-40

We are hoping to make this an annual event so watch this space.

Thanks to everyone who joined in or helped out on the day.

Jason Manning

Feckenham Flower Show & Over 60's Party Fund

Rob Cole

OVER 60's SUMMER OUTING -

Saturday 7th July 2012

The Over 60's Summer Outing this year will be to Bath on Saturday 7th July 2012 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.

The coach will leave The Square at 9.30am and will leave Bath at 5.00pm for the return journey.

Family Service

Gary Crellin

As many of you know, I am in training to become a vicar. The training is enjoyable, relevant to today, fascinating and very thought provoking. It also puts you in positions where you have to consider priorities and where is God calling you and your congregation. With that in mind, I will be finishing my stint of coordinating the monthly Family Service at the end of August. I am being posted to a training parish until the New Year (can't believe I said that) which means that I will be worshipping and training elsewhere and I am expected to be released from my home parish's responsibilities - including the Family Service which I have enjoyed leading immensely.

A take over is required! A brief meeting of those interested in getting involved in planning and/or running a monthly all age worship service is going to happen after the next Family Service on **Sunday 10th June at 12.10pm in the church.** Some folk have already expressed an interest in finding out more so feel free to join a brief "what could be involved" sort of session after coffee on the 10th June. The first service to be planned for is not until September.

I am hoping that those inspired to lead this important act of worship will come with an open and receptive mind with ideas informed by faith and the Holy Spirit to reach out to our families, our school and wider community. I hope to return to the rota myself, God willing, in the new year (I said it again!).

TANZANIA

Back from Berega

A Family Service

St John the Baptist, Feckenham

11.00 Sunday 10th June, 2012

Come and share our experiences in Tanzania and find out how your support is helping to improve lives.

See some of the people and places we visited. There may even be a little African music!

Local Interest

Jane White

As a result of the interest in the Drapers Shop, Roger Hunt sent in this photograph of Albert and Maude Watton on their wedding day, September 7th 1940, in Feckenham Church. Behind them you can just see a Guard of Honour wearing tin hats and holding rattles! We believe this is the local A.R.P. of which I am told Maude (nee Higgin) was a member.



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Thought for the month

John Green

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I have just had to do something rather special – a 'once in a lifetime' experience for me. All those closely around me have suspected that I would never do it. Friends and relatives have suggested that I should get on with it and it has become the subject of a lot of humour on the part of some and incredulity on the part of others. My wife, Margaret, will be completely flabbergasted!!!

So, what have I done . . . wait for it . . .

. . . I have resigned!

At long last, I have just completed my formal letter to the Bishop. I know that some of you were expecting that I would go on for ever – but perhaps there were others of you who were rather fearful that it might indeed be the case! However, I have done it, and from 1st September this year, I shall no longer be Priest in Charge of Bowbrook and of course this fills me with deep and conflicting emotions. I know the same is true for Barbara Wheatley, who is also resigning from her post as Administrator of the Bowbrook Group of Parishes and indeed this is the final pastoral letter that she will be typing! Both of us, therefore, are in the significant moment of letting go.

This morning I was with somebody who has been a very good friend and reflector to me during my time in these lovely parishes and she made the simple point that it would be impossible for me to pick anything new up until I had let go of what I was already holding. Indeed she reflected upon the two movements of putting down and lifting up; letting go of things that we cherish is one of the great challenges of our lives and indeed of our spiritual journey. There comes a right moment for this, which then makes it possible

for God to fill our lives with something new. Of course, it is always the case that we would rather hold on to what we know and what we feel secure with. This is simply to be human and indeed very human. However, what if for each one of us there were other things that God wanted us to take up and run with. How would God be able to do this if our hands remained so full of everything that gives us security and affirmation? Living life to the full means occasionally taking risks – it means stepping out into the unknown – it means sometimes coping with disorientation and uncertainty and being reduced to taking one simple step after another as we seek to discover the pathway forward. In times like this, if we are open, we learn a lot about others as well as about ourselves; indeed we may well find ourselves blessed with a true renewal and blossoming of our lives in a completely different direction.

However, it is not easy to do – I don't like it – and at this point in time, I would much rather stay exactly where I am, and I guess that most of you will understand exactly what I am feeling. Nonetheless, I am conscious that my 'once in a lifetime' letter to the Bishop will bring change to all of us. At this point, therefore Barbara and I need your love and support just as we shall of course be holding all of you in our thoughts and prayers.

Centuries ago a humble woman called Julian struggled with great uncertainty but found great rest and peace in belonging to the God who reassures us that in the end He will make 'all manner of things well'.

Please remember that moments of letting go come the way of all of us, but there are also significant opportunities of receiving afresh the promise of God's love into our lives – as St Teresa puts it:

Let nothing disturb thee;
Let nothing dismay thee:
All things pass;
But God never changes.

Feckenham Flower & Garden Festival 2012

Once again we awoke to the sound of rain the morning after the Festival. What a success the weekend was but what a challenge!

A mild sunny March followed by late frosts and weeks of heavy rain resulted in waterlogged fields and the cancellation of events all over the country. Our garden owners struggled on in the most challenging and inclement conditions, the car parking fields became increasingly saturated and, just as my blood pressure was rising, BBC Gardeners' World confirmed that they would be filming – THERE WAS NO GOING BACK!

Friday 11th May: the delightful BBC crew, Patty, Gary, Gordon and Robin arrived to film the anxiety, trepidation (no problem here) and preparations for the Festival. Two days were spent filming around the village and gardens. Producer Patty had a very clear vision as to how she wanted to present the event – all to be edited into a five minute slot to be shown in the Gardeners' World Jubilee programme on the 1st June.

Saturday 12th May: An early start, filming of preparations on The Square began at 8am. Hurrah, what a relief..... the rain had stopped and the sun was shining! Visitors arrived in their dozens from all over the country (as far away as West Sussex and Devon and some from overseas) and were directed to park in the Festival car park which was slowly drying out.

Sunday 13th May: the film crew had departed, an early morning cut in the field enabled us to extend the car park and the sun continued to shine.

After many months of hard work a record 36 gardens opened to visitors. I am extremely grateful to all those who so generously agreed to open their gardens and for their enthusiasm, hard work and support - thank you.

Once again the Flower Group rose to the challenge to produce another outstanding Flower Festival - on the theme of 'With hearts and hands and voices' - supplemented by music and our wonderful choirs. It just seems to get better and better each Festival -congratulations!

The Square was busy with numerous stalls and ice cream sales - many thanks to all the stall holders who have contributed to our funds.

Approximately 1600 visitors came to the Festival and I cannot thank enough my car-parking and admission volunteers for their superb dedication, efficiency and organisation. A huge thank you to them all and to Lionel Hill and Winfields for the use of their fields.

The WI were magnificent, as usual, in providing sustenance for our visitors together with a warm and friendly welcome in the Village Hall. This was supplemented by the hugely successful pig roast and BBQ at the Catholic Church and Pimms, strawberries and cream at the Village Shop.

In addition, I would like to thank all the special people (you know who you are) who have helped me with the enormous amount of preparation required for the Festival and without whom this kind of event would not be possible.

I hope to announce the total sum raised for the Maintenance Fund next month, once all the figures have been completed. *Catherine Fisher*

Wasn't the Garden Festival fantastic? But what a lot of problems we had with the weather. Pat and I were organising the collection of the entry money in the car park. On the Saturday the parking field was too wet and we could only use a part of it. Thanks to Winfield's overflow car-park we just about managed. Come Sunday the field had dried out enough to use more of it so there was a dash to get the grass cut and re-organise the stakes and tapes.

We should like to thank all our volunteers – they were amazing! So hard working, efficient and so cheerful. Some stayed on after their shift and others joined in to help when they saw a need and the scouts have got car parking down to a fine art.

It was all very hard work but so worthwhile. The whole community came together and we are sure new friends were made and neighbours know each other a whole lot better than before.' *Carol and Pat Onions.*

WHAT'S ON IN FECKENHAM



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Sun. 3rd at 11.00 a service in church to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and at **3pm the church bells** will ring out once again, along with others all around the country, to coincide with the Queen's progress down the Thames.

Mon. 4th there will be a BBQ on the Square beginning at **5.30 pm**. Please provide your own food for the BBQ as well as plates and cutlery. There will be a selection of salads and puddings. Some chairs and tables will be available but you may wish to bring your own or spread a blanket out on the grass. The Square will be suitably decorated and the Rose and Crown is providing a beer bar. **Children's Fancy Dress** on the theme of Royalty will be judged at **6 pm**. There will be a **bouncy castle** for the under 12's.

There will also be a competition with prizes for **'The Best Dressed Door or Gate'** from 1st – 5th June. Let your imagination run riot!

A Bonfire Beacon on Berrow Hill to be lit at 1015 p.m. on 4th. All welcome but please bring your own refreshments, torches etc. It should be very visible from Berrow Hill Lane if you don't want the climb.

Feckenham Horse Show - 30th June

Carol Good

This year's Feckenham Horse Show will be held on 30th June in the same place as last year – the Berrow Hill End of Flying Horse Lane – by kind permission of Mr and Mrs Andrew Baldwin.

The Horse Show has been going for many years, certainly since the 1930s as witness this photograph of an 8 year old Jane Bird (nee Tate) competing in the Best Children's Pony in 1937. The show was held at Dunstall Court in those days and was a fund raising event to help pay for the newly built Village Hall. Over the years the format has changed somewhat and now it is a friendly day with good competition but unaffiliated to any of the governing bodies of the horse world.

There will be the usual mix of adult and children's classes, terrier racing, a parade of the Worcestershire Hounds, Fancy dress competition and in the afternoon a gymkhana. It is always a lot of fun and we hope to see you there – especially as this year it does not clash with Feckenham Wake.



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CREEPY LADY LET LOOSE!

On **Friday, 13th July at 8pm** Daniel Radcliffe proves he's not just a pretty wizard in **"The Woman in Black"**. This new chiller is reckoned to be the scariest version of this old tale but there's no blood and gore... it's all in the mind..... She's behind YOU!



**Tickets for this show are on sale at
The Village Shop and The Rose & Crown
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JOIN AND SAVE

The FeckenOdeon's main season which starts in September is a great bargain - it works out at about £3.70 a show - about half the price of commercial cinemas. This is the line up:

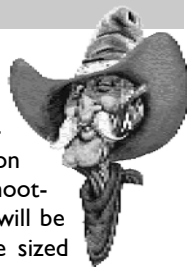
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27th Oct The Maltese Falcon
24th Nov The Artist
29th Dec Charade + The Plank
26th Jan My Week with Marilyn
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Square Management Committee

PAINT YOUR WAGON!

There's a stagecoach full of wild west fun a'heading towards Feckenham Square on **Saturday 21st July!** Sharp shooters from **The Westerners** will be riding in and setting up a life sized township (complete with saloon).



There'll be Cowpokes, cowgirls and cow pie - as well as the odd injun or two. It's expected that the sheriff may have to round up a few pesky varmints and it's just possible that a full blown gunfight might erupt.... if we're lucky!

It is, of course, the annual Fun on The Square. Recent years have seen the Square flooded for a regatta and turned into a medieval village complete with dragons and fire eaters. This year we're out to have fun in the old west and we're hoping that Feckenham villagers will respond in their usual enthusiastic manner. There'll be a parade with prizes for the best wild west thing or person - let your imaginations run riot! It's all in aid of the Square Maintenance Fund. More details in next month's Feckenham News.

Carol and Pat Onions invite you to a

Coffee Morning

at 10 Towbury Close, Oakenshaw South,
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Saturday 14th July 2012. 10.30am to 12

in aid of Hands of Compassion, giving hope to children in Zambia. Wendy Ely who you may have met at the Harvest Festival runs this organisation.

Bring and Buy – Cakes – Raffle.

Entrance £1 includes coffee and biscuits.

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Village Shop

Jeff Matthews

Feckenham Food Festival

Fast becoming a “looked forward to” feature of the Wake is the Feckenham Food Festival. Each year we have tried to increase the number of interesting and varied food providers to offer a different experience for those who want something a bit more substantial (and healthy) than candyfloss. And you won't be disappointed this year – with a deli serving “ploughmans” and other treats, you will be able to sample local wines, Indian delicacies and a range of other produce. You will find us on the football field, just beyond the gate.

We are also celebrating the Jubilee weekend with a coffee morning at 11am on 5th June, so please come down and visit the shop. Speciality coffees and a cake or a pastry to tempt you, and a milk shake for the kids. The proceeds will be going to The Baraga Hospital in Tanzania, an institution which several villagers visited recently in order to support the work they are doing, and with which the Church is developing strong links. Come and find out more.

We will be open for Sunday hours over the Jubilee Bank Holiday period – that's 10am to 1pm on Monday 4th and Tuesday 5th June.

This month's special offer, which you may already have seen, is an offer of a free hot drink if you bring a friend to the shop and you choose to be a friend of Feckenham Shop. All we would like is your e-mail address, so that we can, periodically, keep you informed of all the good things that are happening. You can pick up a leaflet in the shop, or use the one that arrives through your door, either in this magazine or with your free paper. We look forward to seeing you and a friend sometime between now and the end of June.

Don't forget, you can find us on facebook and www.feckenhamshop.co.uk.

Village Hall

Ian Bellion



BRING ME SUNSHINE...

Sharp eyed villagers will have noticed workers on the roof of the Village Hall. They've been installing photovoltaic panels for the generation of electricity. Now the panels are working and producing power. The installation has been done by Caplor Energy under a special Community scheme and is being paid for by the electricity industry's Feed In Tariff arrangements. There has been no direct expenditure on the Hall's part and the roof provides free electricity for most of the day.

Village Hall

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THEY ARE COMING BACK

EARLY WARNING! The Scarecrows will be clambering out of their fields and striding into town for their annual festival weekend. This year the dates to be scared of are **13th and 14th October**. Some great minds are already planning their exhibits - perhaps it would be well to start collecting straw now! As ever this event will be just for fun - no great cause, no push to make money - just a village coming together to do something daft and enjoyable.



WAKE FM



ON THE AIR AGAIN?

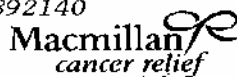
Many readers will remember the short period when Feckenham had its very own radio station, Local stories, local performers and local presenters took over the airwaves. It was compulsive listening and we all discovered a little more about our village and our fellow villagers. Now there are moves afoot to have another go - this time to coincide with the annual Scarecrow Weekend. It all depends on licences and permissions and money but the signs are hopeful - watch this space!

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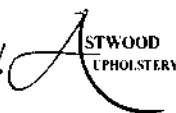
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Feckenham W.I. *Gay Bligh*



At our May meeting the resolution 'to call on the Government to increase investment in the training, employment and retention of midwives in England and Wales to ensure services are adequately resourced and able to deliver a high standard of care' was passed. • This resolution will now move forward to the national WI AGM and, if passed, will form the basis of national campaigning and awareness raising in the years ahead.

We then welcomed Jan Denning who gave a very informative and thought provoking account of the work she and her retired dentist husband provide as Rotary volunteers in a remote area of Kenya. • We heard how Rotarians from across the globe have set up dental clinics and provided much needed resources for orphaned children many of whom suffer from HIV.

Feckenham Flower and Garden Festival 12 and 13 May – a big thank you to WI members and the many others, who made cakes, scones, sandwiches, ploughman's lunches, served teas, washed up etc in connection with the WI Refreshments in the village hall. • Your help and support was very much appreciated.

Thursday 14 June at 7.30pm

At our June meeting we are looking forward to hearing about the '**The Woodland Trust – a Place for Everyone**'. • Margaret Anderson will give an illustrated talk about her early days with the Trust and a sense of being part of a timeless process.

All meetings are held on the second Thursday of the month at 7.30pm in the back room of Feckenham village hall. There is an annual subscription (currently £31.50) but visitors are welcomed to join us for any meeting at a cost of £3.00 per visit. • If you require further information please contact Linda Harris on 01527 892850 or Gay Bligh on 01527

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.

EVENTS FOR 2012

9th June - Cheese & Wine Evening at The Poplars, Radford.

13th September - Day out at the National Memorial Arboretum at Alrewas.

Contact Roger Hunt 01527 853116 for details and tickets for any of the above.

ARCHIVE - the Branch produces a quarterly News Sheet, and there is an ongoing archive. This can be viewed on open days. Items of interest, both old and new can be sent to Major Davidson, Branch Chairman, 01386 792772.

Feckenham Cricket Club *Tim Henning*



Here are June's fixtures at Feckenham Cricket Club - everyone's welcome to watch all of the matches - there's no charge!

Saturday League Home Games - all start at 1.30pm:

Sat, 2nd June 2nd XI v Bromyard 2nd XI

Sat 9th June 1st XI v Stourport 1st XI

Sat 16th June 1st XI v Bewdley 1st XI

Sat 23rd June 2nd XI v Worcester Dominies

Sat 30th June 1st XI v Wormelow 1st XI

Sunday League Home Game (1.30pm):

Sun, 17th June 1st XI v Barnt Green 1st XI

Other Games in June:

Sun, 3rd June at 1.30pm:

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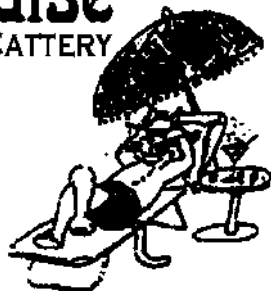
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