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# JUNE Diary



Sat 1 <sup>st</sup>		"All Round Voices"	Village Hall
Tues 4 <sup>th</sup>	12.30pm	Lunch Club	Village Hall, Back Room
Wed 5 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Stock & Bradley Gardening Club	Bradley Village Hall
Thur 13 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Feckenham WI	Village Hall, Back Room
Sat 15 <sup>th</sup>	11am-3pm	Fun on The Farm	Cleobury Mortimer
Sat 15 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	"Taratará"	Parish Church
Sat 22 <sup>nd</sup>	1 - 5pm	The Wake	The Square, Field & Church Teas

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## FUN ON THE FARM with picnic



Saturday 15th June, 2019  
11am – 3pm  
Admission by ticket: £10

Picnic included Fun activities  
Children and adults welcome  
Meet at Sue & James Barrett's farm in Cleobury Mortimer (40 mins)  
\*Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Contact: Ann Matthews 01527 892180  
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A view from Swansbrook Lane across to Burial Lane  
Photo by Colin Hunt.



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## JUNE

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### Readers and Intercessors

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Easter 7

**11.00am Sung Eucharist**

Acts 16: 16-34

Revelation 22: 12-21

Intercessions

Mark Wheatley

Stephen Cox

Barbara Wheatley



**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup>**

Pentecost

**11.00am Holy Communion**

Acts 2 : 1-21

Romans 8: 14-17

Intercessions

TBC

TBC

Erica Dilger

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup>**

Trinity Sunday

**6.30pm Evensong**

Proverbs 8: 1-31

John 16: 1-15

Intercessions

Patricia Collins

Jeff Matthews

Pat Onions

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Patronal Festival

**11.00am Holy Communion**

Isaiah 40: 1-11

Intercessions

Ann Matthews

Mark Wheatley

**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup>**

Trinity 2

**10.30am**

**All Together In One Place – Bradley Green**

**Holy Communion**

**followed by a Bring and Share lunch at Bradley Green Village Hall**

### Feckenham: Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals

Initial contacts for these should be directed to Rev. Wyn Beynon:

My mobile number is: **07595 313035** or email [wynbeynon@gmail.com](mailto:wynbeynon@gmail.com) Thank you! Wyn

## Feckenham Roman Catholic Church

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Mass is celebrated every Sunday at 10.15am in the Church

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

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

## The Churchyard

Jeff Matthews



As many may know, Pat and Carol onions are beginning to step back from their many volunteer duties in the village, particularly in support of the church. Over the past 25 years plus, their efforts in and around the Churchyard have been particularly valued. Along with Brian Robson and a number of other volunteers they have kept "God's Little Acre" as a resource for everyone in the village to enjoy.

That's something we are hoping to continue, in particular emphasizing it as an area for nature conservation, walks and for use as a village resource, as well as being an area of remembrance. To that end we are looking for some more volunteers who might be prepared to offer an hour or so, every other week during the summer to trim and cut grass, or get involved in other small maintenance tasks. If that's something you think you can help with, please get in touch. We have three small areas that need volunteers to cut them, and some help in keeping the paths cut (strimmers and a sit on mower provided, if needed). You can reach me at [jeff@the-madison-group.co.uk](mailto:jeff@the-madison-group.co.uk) or on 07976 921106.

## Village Hall

Ian Bellion



### RAISING THE RAFTERS...

Last month we reported that the Village Hall's external timbers were in trouble. The 85 year old fascias and associated supporting bits have at last shown their age and are beyond repair... and, as a consequence, the guttering and downspouts also need replacing. The first estimate for the job comes in at around £16,000. More quotes will be sought but this figure, supplied by a respected local builder, is likely to be the cost we'll need to cover. The Committee will be seeking grants but a lot of the money will have to be raised locally. So, if you've a lottery win you don't know what to do with, just email the Hall at [hall@feckenhams.f9.co.uk](mailto:hall@feckenhams.f9.co.uk) and we'll let you know how to pour your riches into our bank account (all donations large or small can be Gift Aided to make your generosity even more valuable)... But, if you're not rolling in cash, you can contribute by buying tickets for one of our fundraising events. The Hall's participation in the Shindig scheme helps in cases like this. We've put in a bid for three shows this season - we'll know what we've got in June. In addition to that, a local show business Angel has offered to stage a concert for the Hall in December. Tickets for all these will be available soon - snap them up please. It's certainly possible to have fun when you're fundraising!

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### What's On this month in STOCK & BRADLEY

- |      |                                                                                                                                                                  |
|------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 5th  | <b>GARDENING CLUB</b><br>Climbers & Other Plants<br>with Jim Almond<br>7.30pm - Village Hall                                                                     |
| 15th | <b>100+ Club Annual DRAW</b><br>& Summer Cream Tea Afternoon<br>2.30pm - Village Hall                                                                            |
| 29th | <b>50/50 AUCTION</b><br>In aid of Church kitchen & toilet<br>3pm Acceptance of lots<br>6pm Viewing<br>7pm Sale commences<br>Contact: Mick Ralphs<br>01527 821527 |

For more information see  
**STOCK & BRADLEY CHRONICLE**

## A Kind Offer

### 'Flickering Images'

I have acquired a Duel Standard 8mm / Super 8 silent film projector to view some old family films. If anybody in the village would like to borrow it over a weekend they are very welcome.  
Arthur Hind 07802775509

Do not forget!

The wonderful Tarantara Choir is coming back to Feckenham!

Join us on

Saturday 15 June 7.30 pm for a fabulous evening of music.

All proceeds will go to the on-going windows restoration project at the Church. Tickets (£10 including an interval drink) are on sale at the Village shop and the Rose and Crown .

For further details contact Louise Denne  
louiseddenne@aol.com

## Prayer Fellowship

### A New Home wanted.

As a lot of you will know Walter and Muriel have moved out of Feckenham and that for many years they used to host the Bible Study and Prayer Group. So now we are without a home. Some of us would like to restart the group preferably within the Feckenham and Callow Hill area. We have been meeting on a Wednesday evening from 8pm until around 10.30. To study the Bible in either book form or sometimes a video or a visiting speaker, sing a few relevant hymns and pray for people and situations locally and internationally. It doesn't matter if you are a believer or not, Anglican, Catholic or any other denomination, just if you would like to know more about the Bible. At the end of the evening we have a mug of coffee and biscuits and usually a good chinwag.

We are hoping to re-start as soon as the schools go back in September. Please contact Carol or Pat onions on 01527 404055 or [ptcmo@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:ptcmo@blueyonder.co.uk) if you are interested to know more or can offer the group a new home.

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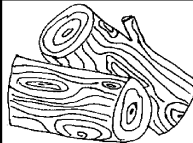
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WEST MERCIA POLICE have given the following advice -

Please consider improving your garden security with dusk to dawn lighting, shed alarms, curtains or screens over shed windows and adding padlocks to your shed doors. Display a sign warning the shed is alarmed.

**More detailed crime prevention can found on the West Mercia Police website, (Crime & Safety section)**

## VEHICLE CRIME, Vehicle Safety

Most vehicle crime is opportunistic and happens as a result of a vehicle being left vulnerable or unsecured for example:

- doors or windows left unlocked
- keys left in the ignition
- personal belongings on display (e.g. handbag, laptop)
- Tools & equipment left in work vans
- sat nav and holder left in vehicle
- parked in a poorly lit areas
- vehicles being left unlocked with engines running to defrost during winter

Following these simple steps will help us to reduce vehicle crime even further and save you the hassle and expense of having to repair any damage caused during a vehicle break-in. Visit the West Mercia Police website, (Crime & Safety)

# Square Management Committee

## DOOMED TREE

At the time of writing the diseased horse chestnut tree on The Square is still in place. Because it's in the Conservation Area we have to have permission from the Borough Council Tree Officers before felling can start - and that has to go through a consultation period, etc. We're aiming to have the job done and the site usable in time for The Wake.

## CARTOON CAPERS

Plans are well in hand for this year's **Fun on The Square - Cartoon Capers**. The main attractions for the young and brave will be the Flintstones Club Bashing Tournament (see how hard you can whack your opponent) and the Road Runner Acme Elastic Challenge (how far can you get before you're dragged back?).. For the less athletic there'll be dancing to Big AI's Looney Tooners... and for those just wanting to sit back and relax there'll be Speedy Gonzalez Chile Dinners, Squarepete Spongebunners and Super Barrio's Real Ale and Wicked Wine Bar... as well as Raffles and other attractions.

At the start of the evening there'll be a grand procession and race for the Wacky Racers - constructed by you! We want to see as many wild and creative creations as possible - make your racer out of anything you like - it has to move on wheels (no engines allowed!) - Have a go - there's an entry form below!

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# WHAT'S ON IN FECKENHAM

## FeckenOdeon 2

The Cinema in the Back Room

Olivia Coleman in  
"A FARCE  
WITH TEETH"



**THE FAVOURITE**

Friday, 12th July at 8pm

Tickets £5 (FeckenOdeon Members £3.50)  
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FeckenOdeon 2 at Feckenham Village Hall

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19th Season Programme of Films 2019 / 2020

THE FECKENODEON CINEMA SOCIETY

Saturday, 28th September at 7.30pm - Subscription Programme 1  
TUPPENCE MIDDLETON, JAMES PUREFOY, JADE ANOUKA  
**FISHERMAN'S FRIENDS**

Saturday, 26th October at 7.30pm - Subscription Programme 2  
JAMES STEWART & GRACE KELLY in ALFRED HITCHCOCK'S  
**REAR WINDOW**

Saturday, 30th November at 7.30pm - Subscription Programme 3  
KAMI MALIK in FREDDIE MERCURY IN  
**BOHEMIAN RHAPSODY**

Saturday, 28th December at 7.30pm - Subscription Programme 4  
CHRISTINA RICCI'S WALK OF BRITISH COMEDY  
**THE MAGGIE**  
PLUS: THE GHOST OF ST MICHAELS

Saturday, 25th January at 7.30pm - Subscription Programme 5  
MICHAEL FASSBENDER, JENNIFER JENKINS, IAN MCKELLAN in  
**ALL IS TRUE**

Saturday, 29th February at 7.30pm - Subscription Programme 6  
ROBERT REDFORD & FAYE DUNAWAY in  
**THREE DAYS OF THE CONDOR**

Saturday, 28th March at 7.30pm - Subscription Programme 7  
NIGEL CRANT, ANNE MCGOWELL, SIMON CALLOW & KRISTIN SCOTT THOMAS in  
**FOUR WEDDINGS & A FUNERAL**

Saturday, 25th April at 7.30pm - Subscription Programme 8  
**STAN & OLLIE**

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THE  
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SESSIONS  
TRADITIONAL  
MUSICMAKING  
at THE ROSE & CROWN

First Tuesday of every month from 8pm  
NEXT SESSION: Tuesday, 4th June

## Feckenham Readers Group

Wednesday, 12th June - 7.45

This Month: FASTING AND FEASTING  
by Anita Desai

Details from Marion Chute - 892285



## Stock & Bradley GARDENING CLUB CLIMBERS AND OTHER PLANTS

With Jeff Soulsby  
Wednesday, 5th June  
7.30pm - Bradley Village Hall



## Quiz on the lawn

(Weather permitting)  
Thursday, 11th July - 7.30pm

Teams of up to six  
Usual exciting Raffle

Feel free to donate a prize

Entrance £2 per person - donated to the Primrose Hospice



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## theWI FECKENHAM WI At FECKENHAM VILLAGE HALL BIRTH OF A DREAM

A talk by  
Rob Cole

Thursday, 13th June - 7.30pm

Visitors Welcome at all meetings - £4

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# FeckenOdeon Cinema Society

Ian Bellion



## SNAPPING FARCE

There's no FeckenOdeon film in June - everybody has to have a break - but in July our community cinema will be storming back with a film that's been shocking and amusing audiences all over the world. In "The Favourite" England is at war with the French. Nevertheless, duck racing and pineapple eating are thriving. Queen Anne's close friend, Lady Sarah, enjoys power... but Cousin Abigail arrives and tries to replace her as the Queen's favourite. The gloves are off for a right royal rumpus. A wildly entertaining, bracingly cynical comedy of royal manners - a farce with teeth! Features Olivia Coleman's Oscar winning Queen.

### "THE FAVOURITE" (15)

Friday, 12th July at 8pm



In August there's a jolly evening in store with a performance direct from English National Opera's London Coliseum. Mike Leigh's production of "The Pirates of Penzance" is a bright, breezy and cheerful show - just what we could do with at the moment!

### "THE PIRATES OF PENZANCE"

Saturday, 17th August at 7.30pm

*Tickets for all FeckenOdeon shows are on sale at The Village Shop and The Rose & Crown.*

*You can also book by phone (through TicketSource)*

*on 0333 666 3366 or online at*

**[www.fecknodeon.co.uk](http://www.fecknodeon.co.uk)**



## WAKY WAKY!

Swansbrook Radio, finger on the pulse of local happenings as ever, will be at The Wake on 22nd June - ready to talk to local people about local things and to meet our lovely listeners - and those who might like to become our lovely listeners. Our pop-up outside broadcast studio will pop-up on The Square ready to report on interesting things and meet interesting people. Not only that, our presenters will be handling the announcements for the event. Stuart Knowles, Paul Furey and Ian Bellion will be manning the microphone to give news of event activities and lost children. So, if you have something you want to publicise, anything you want us to cover or simply feel like a chat please do pop in to our pop-up anytime during the day. We'll be delighted to meet you - and, who knows, to put you on the air!

## FOR THE NIGHT OWLS...

Joining us soon is new presenter Dave Jones - or The Grumpy Flat Cap as he likes to be known. Dave will be entertaining those of you who like to stay up late with a selection of the smoothest sounds ever. Dave's programme "Night Cap" will be on air soon - check [swansbrook.com](http://swansbrook.com) for details.

## IT COULD BE YOU...

Like Dave, you too could soon be on the air at Swansbrook Radio. If you've an idea for a programme, want to become the Feckenham's answer to Chris Evans or just lend a hand - we'd be delighted to hear from you.

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## Village Shop

As we celebrate our 10 years of trading, we should remember how we became a Community Enterprise, winning two national awards and why it is so important that the Shop continues to play a key role within the village and neighbourhood. For those of you who have seen old photographs of Feckenham, taken about a hundred years ago, you can't have failed to notice the number of shops in the High Street. Of course, this was a time before the advent of supermarkets, online shopping and seven day trading. Slowly those small family run businesses disappeared. For over 20 years Feckenham became a 'shop free zone'. When the Village Plan was compiled, just over 10 years ago, there was growing support to re-establish a shop to serve the needs of the local population. Hence the Village Shop as we know it today, was born, and has done well. The principal reason for its success is simple, the idea was conceived within the village and has been subsequently owned by the village, in effect it is 'your shop'. Over 80 local volunteers provide hours of unpaid work ensuring the Shop continues to trade seven days a week and every week of the year.

So much for the history lesson, but what about the Shop's future? Well the Shop belongs to all of us who are lucky enough to live nearby and therefore it deserves to be supported by all of us. Financially it is on a sound footing with each year making a small profit primarily due to our zero wage bill. However, it could, and hopefully will, do much better in the years ahead. Realistically we don't expect villagers to do their entire weekly shop with us; after all we can't compete with numerous local supermarkets on either price or choice of products. However, we are much more than a convenience store selling fresh bread, milk, newspapers and a surprising range of grocery items. We have a decent Deli, a reasonable choice of beers and wines, an excellent selection of ready meals, and an extensive range of cupboard essentials. So if you haven't made a visit recently it's time you dropped in and had a look around or maybe come along and enjoy our coffee and homemade cakes; increasingly people enjoy visiting the Shop and meeting with friends.

Over the last few months we have welcomed new members to our Board and acquired some new

volunteer shop assistants too, though more are always needed. The shop which is run by locals as a village amenity, continues to financially support village events and has been delighted over the years to have helped 30 of our young people in the completion of their Duke of Edinburgh Awards. It is proof that it is not just a shop but an integral part of our village life. To qualify as a 'living village' apparently a community has to have a church, a village hall, a school, a pub and of course a shop. Feckenham is fortunate that it ticks all these boxes, but all those component parts need to be actively supported. So let's remember how lucky we are and ensure that our Community Shop continues to thrive and with your help, as either a customer or volunteer or both, it will.

John Calvert Chairman

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# Feckenham Cricket Club

Bob Gordon



Hopefully you haven't bought a broom during May as this used to be considered very unlucky. This is based upon the old saying "Buy a broom in May, and you will sweep your family (and friends) away" - implying that your loved ones are put in danger by such a purchase. Well, I played safe and intend to put my investment in a new broom back to June instead.

The cricket season started early for the first team with an away fixture in the Premier Division of the Worcestershire County League at Bewdley on Saturday April 13<sup>th</sup>. This did not go well, a weakened Feckenham team being sent in to bat and struggled to 63 (captain Jamie Reddish making 23). Bewdley made the runs in 15 overs.

This pattern continued for the following matches which included losses against Stourbridge, Worcester and Pershore. In the match at Old Hill (previous winners of the Birmingham League) the home side made 258-8 but this was too much as Feckenham could only reach 139. However, this was not against a team that used to be a force in the Birmingham League. Yasir Mehmood stood out for us, scoring 51 runs and taking 4 wickets, which was encouraging.

It is unfortunate that the club finds itself in the toughest amateur cricket league in the region at a time when key players are missing or injured. At the present time, survival in the Premier Division is looking rather uncertain.

The second team have also suffered from lack of players and have not yet won a fixture by early May. In fact, their fixture at Netherton on 4<sup>th</sup> May had to be called off when two players dropped out on the morning of the game. So...

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO PLAY CRICKET, CONTACT NICK REDDISH ON 07802 212125.**

Junior cricket is also underway and the Under 10 team won a close friendly match against Worcester, while the Under 12s lost on the final ball to Avoncroft. Junior cricket is a key part of the club, bringing young players in a structured way through softball tournaments at 8/9 years to hardball senior cricket. Our current crop of youngsters are exceptional and several have already played for the senior teams at 13 or 14 and as you may know, five are members of the Worcestershire County squads. These boys and girls are our future.

The club is part of the ECB's All Stars scheme, which is an 8-week programme that introduces boys and girls aged 5-8 to the game in a structured and fun way. Parents register their child online at <https://ecb.clubspark.uk/AllStars/Course/9a953462-cfe0-4d7b-872a-5006de64066a> and the child will receive a backpack full of goodies including a cricket bat, ball, activity book, personalised shirt and cap all sent direct. The cost is only £40, paid to the ECB. All Stars was very

popular last year so please sign up early to avoid disappointment.

The first All Stars session takes place at the Mill Lane ground on Friday June 7<sup>th</sup>, from 5:15-6pm.

Away from the game, the work continues. Mowing and rolling are regular activities of course but there is a lot of infrastructure that needs to be kept in good shape. Our sight screens (those large white vertical structures at the boundaries behind the wicket) were home made a number of years ago and the rollers on which it can be moved were almost totally rusted away. Club stalwart Alf Bennett (a retired engineer) has always helped and advised the club on things mechanical and suggested that the wheels on our old pitch covers could be removed and fixed to the base of the sight screens. With angle grinder and diamond-tipped drills at the ready, this was achieved after some mild cursing and scraped knuckles. Well done Alf and thanks also to Nick from Col's Minis for his help.

The club's Land Rover has been serviced to ensure that it is in good shape for the regular circuits of the outfield towing our collection of gang mowers. Regarding the gangs, we have three, but one was taken out of action due to clutch issues. With help from another club member Rob Banner, this was partially dismantled, revealing that the drive gears are in good shape and the clutch release levers are gummed up. Stripping, degreasing, reassembly and an oil change will go a long way to making them effective again.

With the number of junior squads of different ages, we desperately needed another mobile net that could be rolled onto a wicket, enabling different age groups to practice at the same time. Using money raised from the Cricketforce weekend in early April, the new net arrives today (May 9<sup>th</sup>). A new static net is expected to follow. Inside the clubhouse, the collection of framed photographs, mainly of past teams and players, have been rehoused in new large frames. Photographs of our junior players will then be displayed alongside, illustrating both the history and the future of the club.

The club is launching female cricket, based on the ECB-sponsored Women's Soft Ball Cricket, colloquially known as "The Prosecco League". This form of cricket is fun and sociable, with no hard ball, no heavy bats and with all equipment provided. Games typically last two to four hours, so there is no time to be bored. Our involvement began in earnest with an introductory meeting and casual practice after junior coaching finished on Fri. May 10<sup>th</sup>. The intention is to participate in selected festivals, one of which looks particularly attractive, taking place as it does on 9<sup>th</sup> June at New Road in Worcester. There is a free ticket per participant for the England Women vs West Indies Women later that day.

If any ladies in the village are interested in playing – even if only occasionally – please email [amandagordon677@gmail.com](mailto:amandagordon677@gmail.com).

Upcoming fixtures at Mill Lane which include our junior teams and county representative games, which often feature Feckenham players:

Thu 30<sup>th</sup> May at 1pm - Worc's 70+ v Glos' 70+  
 Sat Jun 1<sup>st</sup> at 1pm - Astwood Bank (1<sup>st</sup> team)  
 Sun Jun 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10am - Alvechurch (Under 12)  
 Mon Jun 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6pm - Astwood Bank (Under 10)  
 Thu Jun 6<sup>th</sup> at 6pm - Cookhill (Under 10)  
 Sat Jun 8<sup>th</sup> at 1pm - Colwall (2<sup>nd</sup> team)  
 Sun Jun 9<sup>th</sup> at 11am - Worc's U14 v Leics U14  
 Tue Jun 11<sup>th</sup> at 1pm - Worc's 70+ v Wales FCL 70+  
 Mon Jun 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:15pm - Droitwich (Under 12)  
 Sat Jun 15<sup>th</sup> at 1pm - Chaddesley Corbett (1<sup>st</sup> team)  
 Sat Jun 22<sup>nd</sup> at 1pm - West Malvern (2<sup>nd</sup> team)  
 Thu Jun 27<sup>th</sup> at 1pm - Worc's 70+ v Leic's 70+  
 Sat Jun 29<sup>th</sup> at 1pm - Bewdley (1<sup>st</sup> team)  
 Sun Jun 30<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am - Feckenham festival (Under 9)  
 Come down and watch - you will be very welcome. In the meantime, find us online at <https://www.feckenhamcc.co.uk/>.

## Stock & Bradley Gardening Club Rob Cole

**NEXT CLUB MEETING - Wednesday 5th June - 7:30pm** will be a talk by Jim Almond entitled 'Climbers and Other Favourite Garden Plants'. Jim is a regular contributor to our programme. He is a keen photographer as well as a grower and will show us some of the plants which have become his favourites. The theme for the Monthly Competition will be 'A Flowering Climber'.

**The following event - Tuesday 2nd July - Coach Outing** is to Hodnet Hall in the morning and Wollerton Old Hall in the afternoon. **Prior booking is essential** and only a few spaces remain on our 49 seater coach.

*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 £5.00 for 2019. Visitors are made very welcome and may attend for £3.00 per meeting.*

*If you require any further information, ring Dinny Pysent (Secretary) on 01527 821355 or Rob Cole (Chairman) on 01527 821156.*

## Feckenham W.I.

Glenda Smith



**A**t our April meeting Feckenham WI celebrated its 100th birthday. We enjoyed a relaxed evening meal, partaking of a delicious salmon cooked by Linda, accompanied by salads and vegetables, followed by a choice of puddings, all provided by members.

It was a very pleasant evening of conversation and social time with a fun quiz provided by Vivien and free raffle with everyone winning a prize organised by Sheena.

Our AGM took place on Thursday 9th May. This was attended by a smaller number than is usual which is a shame as after business there was plenty of time for a quiz, social time and light refreshments.

We were joined by WI advisor Helen Sparks, she took us through resolutions being voted upon ie funding for bus services and promotion of smear testing. These resolutions will be presented at the National annual meeting.

Linda Harris was voted in as our president again after agreeing to do another twelve months.

**Our June meeting** will be on Thursday June 13th in the Village Hall back room at 7.30pm.

We have a change in speaker and it will now be **Rob Cole** talking about how he developed Meadow Farm entitled **Birth of a Dream**.

Visitors are very welcome £4.

**Up Coming Garden Visits:** 18<sup>th</sup> June Milbrook Lodge, Alfrick Contact Vivien Hunter 402360



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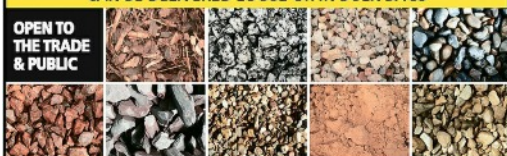
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