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Wed 6 th	All day Pre book	Stock & Bradley Gardening Club	Coach Outing
Tues 12 th	7.30pm	Feckenham Forest History Society	Webheath Village Hall
Thur 14 th	7.30pm	Feckenham WI	Village Hall, Back Room
Sat 23 rd	1-5pm	Feckenham Wake	The Square & Field

Front Cover



The Garden at "The Orchard", Alcester Road - home of Keith French. One of the 34

gardens opened for the Flower & Garden Festival.

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Sunday 2nd

Trinity 1

11.00am

Sung Eucharist

Isaiah 42: 1-9

Colossians 1: 11-20

Intercessions

Readers and Intercessors

Walter Richards

Muriel Richards

Mark Wheatley



Sunday 10th

Trinity 2

8.00am Holy Communion

John 3: 13

Antonia Pulsford

11.00am **Worship For All – Creation with Rev'd Ian Spencer**

Sunday 17th

Trinity 3

6.30pm Evensong

Isaiah 44: 1-8

Mark 1: 29-34

Intercessions

Patricia Collins

John Calvert

Ian Hunter

Sunday 24th

Birth of John the Baptist

11.00am Holy Communion – Patronal Festival

Isaiah 40: 1-11

Galatians 3: 23-29

Intercessions

Mark Wheatley

Ann Matthews

Fiona Carter

“Mixed Bag” 6.30pm in Feckenham Church, Wednesday June 6th & 20th, July 4th
Contact Fiona Carter 07864 867313 fiona-carter@hotmail.co.uk

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 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

Feckenham C. of E. First School

Rev. Gary Crellin

An unusual day at school

On Saturday 5th May I officiated at the wedding of Catherine O'Donnell and Matthew Bird. On the 10th May, I did it all over again - well, sort of... no, I didn't do anything wrong, I think, and didn't drop the rings - which sometimes happens with me. So why the rerun?

Miss O'Donnell is a teacher at Feckenham First School and has been there for 15 years. Her husband teaches at the ACE academy in Tipton. Both felt that a rerun (or rematch as Matt described it) would be an educational experience for the children. And so it was - and also for the adults attending too.

From my reckoning, over three quarters of the children and half the adults have not been to a church wedding. A sign of the times perhaps. However with the help of the bell ringers, some of the choir and Dudley on the organ, the reprise of the wedding was a splendid affair and something highly unlikely to be repeated.

To be honest, there was some cynicism from some folk around the village and church about how we could consider marriage with children under the age of nine and would the rerun be a pantomime. No chance - the school provided clear and just reasoning on curriculum grounds for this and the church, and myself, were only too happy to oblige. The school considered marriage as part of the underpinning values work they do and had a pretty good understanding of love, I would say. I think what struck home to those attending a wedding in church was the fact that our church has had hundreds and hundreds of weddings over the centuries. Unlike the sterile environment of a civil wedding venue or the "don't walk here or touch this" atmosphere of a stately home wedding, the church was access all areas and it worked so well.

The school entered into the spirit with pages, readings, confetti, bridesmaids and best man - and the best junior choir we have seen in church in over five years - all robed and cuffed/collared. Mrs Macdonald's anthem brought goosebumps and

jealous looks from certain sections of the church choir. It was breathtaking. I gave a sermon based on the love or not of broccoli and what does real love mean. Miss O'Donnell's father wasn't available, so Pat Onions stepped forward - a familiar face to the school and church of course and further cementing our relationship as a church with the school.



A thoroughly enjoyable and memorable piece of local history was made in that week in May. Now let Matt and Cat get on with their married life I say!



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Thought for the month

Rev. Wyn Beynon

Dear Friends,

Flaming June, so called for contrary reasons I guess. It can be hot. But the worst weather I ever saw at a wedding was at the lovely medieval church of Eglwysilan, a few miles north of Cardiff. It is wonderfully situated on the top of an exposed ridge. I stood in the porch as the Bride walked down the church path. The rain was driving in a gale and was actually horizontal!

Some of the most beautiful wedding weather I remember was in December!

Being a geographer I have found myself saying lately, "In the British Isles we don't have a climate, we have weather" as we swing from winter to summer, back spring and on to an autumn chill. And all before breakfast. Or so it seems.

I am wondering what this June will be bringing us - as I write a day or so after the Hottest early May bank holiday on record!

The weather quite naturally crops up in our conversation. It's too hot, too cold, too dry, too wet, too humid and too windy in turn. Or sometimes, like today, just a perfect spring day. And we share the joy as well as the misery!

The weather allows us to speak to strangers and open conversations which would otherwise be awkward and avoided.

Children and dogs, it seems, have the same effect and strangers will happily converse about small children in their care or the dog on the lead. Without them we might pass each other with barely any recognition.

We need something that is basic and shared to help us connect with each other.

It's a sad reflection on our society that I avoid being anywhere where I might have to pass a child or a young person alone. The revelation of abuse have made us wary of strangers. Sadly this is necessary. It also means that I often pass adults who will ignore me.. even though we're on a lane in the middle of nowhere. That would never have happened, I think, in the middle ages, where a greeting would have been obligatory. Or perhaps

I'm wrong. There were footpads and vagabonds then, and they caused fear of the stranger.

I've no solution for this. We have to be realistic and honest about the fact that the world is not always as safe as we would like. So those moments and opportunities that allow us to communicate, to reach out and meet the stranger who will doubtless be as wary as we are - are important. Whilst keeping ourselves as safe as we can let's not avoid saying, "Hello", and acknowledging the stranger when possible. It seems to me that one of the things that marks Jesus out as a remarkable human was that he never avoided eye contact with anyone. He met, really met, everyone he met!

And if there's nothing else to start a conversation, there's always the weather!

Best wishes,

Wyn

Church Flower Group

Margaret Perry

Our fabulous flower group ladies have done it again! A wonderful display which portrayed our theme of Celebration and Commemoration so well. Many people were moved by the poignancy of the north aisle. A huge thank you to all of you for all the thought, effort (and sleepless nights) which you put in. The time spent acquiring and preparing props and making captions. The resourcefulness of our members is astounding. Thank you too, for those who provided cake and coffee and also did the immense job of clearing up. There was lots to celebrate.

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The book will be called 'Kushiriki: Recipes for Sharing'. Kushiriki is Swahili for 'Share'.

We are asking for recipes inspired by families, friends and communities joining together to share food and create special memories.



Categories for recipes are: Al fresco; Coffee Mornings & Afternoon Teas; Celebrations; and Pot Luck Suppers (one-pot dishes.)

If you have a well-loved recipe for a starter, main, side dish, dessert, or a drink which fits any of the above categories, we would love to hear from you.

Please look for the recipe form on the Wychebrook Parishes website: www.thewychebrookparishes.co.uk or ask Melissa or Tricia for help if you don't have internet access, or if you would rather have the form emailed to you.

Completed forms need to be received by 15th June 2018, by email to melissa04@live.co.uk or tricia.mortimer@gmail.com

Please note that it may not be possible for us to include all the recipes we receive, but all will be very much appreciated. Thank you.

Village Hall

Improvement Fund 2017/18



May Winners

12	Scott & Tracy Cater	£25
113	Phil Guise	£15
74	Michael & Katie Wormington	£10

The June Draw will be held in the Village Hall at 8.00 pm on Tuesday 5th June 2018

Wake 2018

Marion Chute

WAKE HELP NEEDED

When we first meet in shivery January it feels such a long time until the Saturday closest to the patronal day of St John the Baptist in June. We all chat, catch up, ask how everyone's Christmas was and kick around some ideas. Then suddenly it's nearly upon us and we are sending out the usual plea for help on the Wake weekend. The main need is around erection of the tents and gazebos which tends to happen during the week before, weather permitting. If you see a bunch of people struggling with poles and tentage on the square, please come and help. Any other queries or offers of help please contact those below.

Julie Bennett, Charlie Barrett-Meade, Julian Bull, Chris Nicholson, Erica Guise, Alan Smith and Charlie Willetts for the Dog Show or for anything else try Marion Chute 892285 (marionchute@me.com) or Feckenham Wake Facebook Page.

Enjoy the Day - 23rd JUNE

Save the date!

Saturday 14th July 4pm-6pm Cream Tea at The Rectory, Stoke Prior

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FeckenOdeon Cinema Society

Ian Bellion

The FeckenOdeon takes a break in June but has a couple of outstanding presentations in July and August....



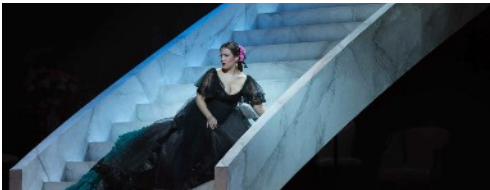
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"Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri" won two Oscars for the incredibly strong performances of the two leading actors - Frances McDormand as the redoubtable Mrs Hayes and Sam Rockwell who plays the cop who crosses her...

"THREE BILLBOARDS OUTSIDE EBBING, MISSOURI"

at 8pm on Friday, 13th July



TUNEFULLY TRAGIC

In August we meet Violetta - a lady who sacrifices her happiness for the honour of the man she loves. A very special production of Verdi's "La Traviata" directed by Sophia Coppola.

"LA TRAVIATA"

at 7.30pm on Saturday, 18th August

(Relay from the Rome Opera House)

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Square Management Committee

HOEDOWN ON THE SQUARE

"Swing your partners and dozy-doe"... I've never known what that means but there's a chance for us all to find out on **July 21st**. That's the date of this year's Fun on The Square which has been dubbed a "**Feckenhaster Hoedown**". The Square Dance on The Square will be in the hands of the Fecken-Goodold Boys and their caller.

If you're not into dancing there are other things to make it a worthwhile Saturday night out - a **Rodeo Bull** for a start. A giant snorting beast which you're challenged to mount - and to stay on. The person who stays on longest will win a prize.

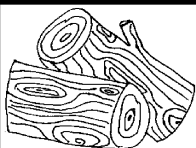
There'll be fine home cooked food - chili con carne and Bostin' baked beans - as well as a barbecue - so don't eat before you come out. We'll also have a fine saloon bar - but with one ingredient never found in the Wild West - good British Real Ale.

This is The Square's big fund raising event of the year with all of the money raised going to pay for the upkeep of Feckenhast's centrepiece. If you're new to the village you may not know that The Square is owned by the village - through a Charitable Trust set up for that purpose. When something goes wrong or needs repairing there's no sending for the Council - all repairs and maintenance items are paid for out of the Trust's funds - so this event is very important. Please DON'T bring your own drinks or food - there'll be plenty available at very reasonable prices. There's always a shortage of seating so please feel free to bring your own chairs and picnic tables if you wish.

More details next month!

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Feckenham Cricket Club

Bob Gordon



Well, the cricket club's swallows have made the long trip from Africa and have happily re-occupied their nest near the rear of the clubhouse, arriving on the 5th May. The weather has at last (and possibly temporarily) turned sunny and warm (23 degrees today) spirits are lifted. As someone once said "A perfect summer day is when the sun is shining, the breeze is blowing, the birds are singing, and the lawn mower is broken".

After a very wet Spring, the Mill Lane ground, particularly parts of the outfield, are still very damp and soft and the first home match won't take place until 12th May at least. After a day's solid rain just under a week ago, the puddles that appeared between the wickets and the brook were so large that not only several ducks spent time there but a heron appeared and was happily poking around for a couple of hours. Good for birdwatchers but not for cricket.

Discussions have been held regarding the damp situation and a number of drainage options are being considered, from dragging a mole plough through the outfield to the digging of new trenches and drainage pipes. That sort of work would most likely take place after the end of the season, i.e. late September.

The second team has not been able to play any of their first three matches while the first team did get to play once – away at Chaddesley Corbett – and achieved a fine win. Put in to bat first, 175 was achieved from the 50 overs, Jamie Griffiths scoring 50 and Josh Stacey 32 in a valuable 4th wicket partnership that provided 88 runs. That score was too much for the home team who were skittled out for 91 in 33 overs, Tom Coulson taking a fantastic 8 wickets for the loss of only 39 runs. Tom's winter in Australia has clearly had a positive effect on probably the league's best bowler.

The club's interest in the Village Knock-Out Cup has ended unfortunately, after defeat against a very strong Dumbleton.

Junior coaching has resumed on Friday evenings (6-7pm for anyone interested in bringing their child along) and the club is also a registered for

All Stars cricket, which is an ECB scheme designed to encourage 5-8 year-old children to try cricket. Our junior teams (U9, U11 and U13) will soon be starting their seasons and hoping to match 2017, in which all performed exceptionally well.

At the ground, in addition to the weather issues, the roller became a casualty, a chain sprocket having stripped its teeth. A fun afternoon was spent dismantling and removing it in order that it can be repaired (cutting new teeth) or possibly replaced, if such a part is still available.

Upcoming fixtures at Mill Lane (1pm start unless stated):

Sat Jun 2nd v Colwall (2nd team)

Sun Jun 3rd v Cookhill (friendly, 1:30pm start)

Sat Jun 9th v Pedmore (1st team)

Sun June 10th Worc's U12 v Warks U12 (12 noon start)

Tue June 12th Worc's 70+ v Wales 70+

Sat Jun 16th v Stourport (2nd team)

Sat Jun 23rd v Evesham (1st team)

Thu June 28th Worc's 70+ v Cheshire 70+

Sat Jun 30th v Coombs Wood (2nd team)

Sun Jul 1st Worcs U11 v Gloucester U11

Sat Jul 7th v Worcester Nomads (1st team)

The above are all 50-over games, except for friendlies which are 40 overs.

We are approaching June, potentially one of the loveliest months of the year. As Nathaniel Parker Willis said "It is the month of June, The month of leaves and roses, When pleasant sights salute the eyes and pleasant scents the noses". Sounds good to me!

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COACH OUTING - Wed. 6th June

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GARDEN VISIT - Wed. 4th July 6:30pm

Our evening garden visit this year is to David's Garden at Martin Hussingtree, near Droitwich. After retiring from running their David's Garden Centre, David and Sarah Beauchamp have created this one and a half acre garden during the last two years. The post code is WR3 8TB and you should make your way there by personal transport.

EVENING AT MEADOW FARM, FECKENHAM - Wed. 1st August - 6:30pm

As the number of Club members has increased, it has become difficult to find a Club member's garden with large enough 'under cover' facilities to hold the usual American Supper. The Committee has decided to try an Open Garden Evening instead, and our first foray into this new idea is for club members to visit Rob and Diane Cole's garden at Meadow Farm, 33 Droitwich Road, Feckenham.

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

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We meet in the Village Hall Back Room at 7.30pm on Thursday 14th June. Our speaker for the evening is Altair de Almeida on the subject of **Acupuncture**. It will include pain

relief demonstration on volunteers. Light refreshments, visitors welcome (£4)

Garden visits:

Tues 5th June, Morton Hall
Thur 14th June, Long Hyde House, S. Littleton.
Tues 17th July 2.30pm, 74 Meadow Road,
Wythall.
Contact Vivien Hunter 402360

Craft & Natter:

Wed 13th & Wed 27th June, 2pm
Contact Jane White 893281 for venue.



FLOWERY PROGRAMMES

If you were involved with or visited the Flower and Garden Festival on 19th or 20th May you might like to listen to a couple of programmes on Swansbrook Radio. There's "How's Your Garden" in which Paul Furey introduces village gardeners in the run up to the Festival - their hopes, their worries and their determination to make the event a treat for all. And there's the May 21st edition of "Happy Hour" in which Ian Bellion finds out what the visitors think, how you make the apostles out of a bunch of lilies and why a man from Berkshire came to buy a snail. It was a truly great Feckenham weekend and these programmes are an entertaining record of it.

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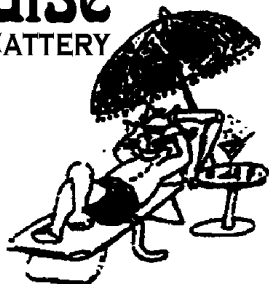
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