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Sat 2nd	From 2pm	Cricket Club Open Day	
Tues 5th	12.30am	Lunch Club	Village Hall, Back Room
Tues 5th	7.30pm	Human Rights in the West Bank	Catholic Church
Wed 6th	7.30pm	Gardening Club	Bradley V.H.
Fri 8th	8pm	FeckenOdeon 2	Back Room Village Hall
Sat 9th	2.30pm	“Prince Caspian”	Back Room Village Hall
Tues 12th	7.30pm	Feck. Forest. Hist ory Society	Webheath V.H.
Wed 13th	10.30am - noon	“Drop in” for coffee and a chat	Parish Church
Thurs 14th	7.30pm	Feckenham W.I.	Village Hall Back Room
Sun 17th	7.30pm	“Kings of Cloth of Gold”	Village Hall
Sat 23rd	7.30pm	FeckenOdeon	Village Hall
Wed 27th	10.30am - noon	“Drop in” for coffee and a chat	Parish Church

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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

Sunday 3rd

Lent 3

11-00am Sung Eucharist

Isaiah 55 : vs. 1-9

1 Corinthians 10 : vs. 1-13

Intercessions

Readers and Intercessors

Carol Price

Ann Matthews

Lin Preece



Sunday 10th

Lent 4

8-00am Holy Communion

Galatians 4 : vs. 21-31

Peter Horsley

11-00am Mothering Sunday Service "A Celebration of Caring"

Sunday 17th

Lent 5

6-30pm Evensong

Isaiah 43 : vs. 16-21

John 12 : vs. 1-8

Intercessions

Gerry East

Erica Dilger

John Calvert

Sunday 24th

Palm Sunday

10-30am GROUP Eucharist CROWLE

Palm Sunday Procession

Friday 29th

8-00pm GOOD FRIDAY COMPLINE FECKENHAM

Saturday 30th

8-30pm GROUP SERVICE OF LIGHT FECKENHAM

In Church and Churchyard

Sunday 31st

Easter Day

11-00am Holy Comunion

1 Corinthians 15 : vs. 19-25

Intercessions

Alison Crellin

Walter Richards

X Box Sunday School

Will be held in Church on Sunday 3rd March. 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 Catholic church. **All welcome.**

Feckenham Roman Catholic Church

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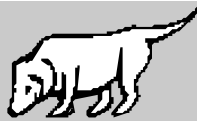


Mass is celebrated every Sunday at 10.15am in the Church

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

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

Newshound



New babies

Alexander John Fletcher was born on 2nd December 2012 weighing 8lbs 5oz.. He is the son of Michael and Jennifer Fletcher, and grandson of Chris and Steve Fletcher of the High Street.

Lucca Cirrone Poole, son of parents Tehmi Cirrone and Wreide Poole, was born on 26th January 8lb 4 oz, brother to Bella Cirrone Poole. The family live at 45 High Street.

100th Birthday

Congratulations to Josie Slade, of Elm Tree Farm, Berrow Hill Lane. She will be celebrating her 100th birthday on Tuesday, 2nd April. Doug and Marilyn would welcome any of her old friends from the village would like to call in and share the day with her, and have a cup of tea and cake! Best times are probably between 10am -12 or 2pm to 4pm (around her carers)

Obituary



Jarv Slade

1928 - 2013

Jarv died in Australia in a Care Home near his son and daughter on 23rd January, the day before his 85th birthday. Jane was with him when he went.

Jarv, his wife Magaret and their two children lived in the High street in the house with the restored Drapers sign. After Margaret's death Jarv joined Chris and Jane in Australia where they could look after him. He farmed on Berrow Hill and worked for the Water Authority before retirement. He was also a skilled football player for Feckenham Football Club.

The family intend to return to Feckenham in late spring or early summer to scatter Jarv and Margaret's ashes here.

From the Church Warden

The Lent discussion group continues on Tuesday evenings at 7.30pm in the Rose & Crown (except on 5th March when it will be at the Catholic Church). Please feel free to join us.

Church Flower Group

Easter Lilies

The flower group will be decorating our Church for Easter and as usual we will include arrangements of Easter Lilies in memory of loved ones. If you wish to donate towards the lilies will you please send your contributions to Ann Matthews, 8 The Square, Feckenham B96 6HR. Thank you for your support enabling the tradition to continue.
Margaret and Marg (co-ordinators)

Mothering Sunday
A Celebration of Caring
11am @ St Johns
March 10th

The third of three services in which the All Age Worship Group invite you to explore how the love of God shows up in our lives.

Please stay after for refreshments.

Thought for the month

Wyn Beynon

Dear Friends,

Time. We live in it, live by it, waste it, we can lose it and we can gain it. We can give our time and we can buy it (perhaps!) But what is it?

The Christian year starts in December. The Calendar tells it it starts in January. The School year starts in September. The financial used to start in April. The Chinese New Year was in February this year. Time is what we make of it.

There was a fashion for digital watches, and I remember succumbing to that. Do people still wear them? I prefer hands, I've decided, though of course clocks in cars and on computers and so on are often digital. I don't know about you but I get a different feeling about the exactness of digital time compared with the hands of the clock. They tell me a story. They show me, in picture form, how long before something happens, or how long since it did. It's a personal thing, I guess, and others will prefer the precision of a digital read out.

But there are other ways of looking at time. Without regard to clock time we all know that judging the right time is an art. When to plant, when to reap, when to tell someone a piece of news or information. Comedy is all about timing, and I think tragedy is too. The right moment is often indefinable.

Jesus, according to one of his early followers, came at the right time. In Greek there are 2 words for time. "Clock time" is *chronos* - from which we get words like "chronological". "Kairos" is the word for the right time.

Not only did Jesus come "at the right time" but he seemed to instinctively know the time, not clock time, but the right time. He was able to sense the right moment to say or do the right thing to the right person. Healing, challenge or even rebuke. It requires a bit of sensitivity to be like that. Being sensitive to time is natural to all of us, but it's a skill we have to practice and develop. I think those who are good at sensing the right time reflect something of God.

Lent is about time. It's just the old English word for Spring. The earth itself seems knows the right

time to act. Maybe improving our timing would be a good Spring (Lent) challenge!

Best wishes, Wyn

Melissa and Wyn
invite you to
drop in for tea



at the Rectory

Fish House Lane, Stoke Prior B60 4JT

Saturday 16th March

2.30pm - 4.30pm

Surnames K-Z but we won't be checking!

Square Management Committee

A DATE TO REMEMBER

As the daffodils struggle to force their shoots through the permafrost July 20th seems pretty distant - however, it's worth putting it in your diary. July 20th is the date of Fun On The Square and, although the theme cannot be revealed yet, it's going to be pretty spectacular..

PHONE WOES

Residents of The Square have been disturbed recently by cable and pole works by BT Openreach. The work was essential and Openreach promised to tell us when they were going to undertake it so that people could be warned. They didn't - resulting in residents being unexpectedly inconvenienced by a road closure and noise. The Committee has complained and will report the outcome - if any.

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Village Shop

Jeff Matthews

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Mothering Sunday and Easter are the features of March and we have gifts for those occasions in the shop. Come and see the range of chocolate and other gifts to mark those special days (assuming that your Mother hasn't given it up for lent). Mothering Sunday is 10th March and Easter right at the end of the month.

Unlikely items to be stocked in the shop, no 34:

Bamboo socks. Yes, I kid you not, it is possible to get socks made out of bamboo. And mighty comfortable they are too, I'll have you know. I had several pairs as a Christmas present from a loved one. (Christmas morning flew by in our house). They were nearly the highlight of my day, so comfortable were they. I can heartily recommend them. The news is that they are now available in ladies' styles and sizes. Now there's a thought for Mothering Sunday...

Unlikely items to be stocked in the shop, no 35:

Instant Heat Bags for Ready Meals. We have a great range of ready meals featuring meat (see first article) called "Look what we found". They are more than just marketing hype and make a very tasty meal. These folk have now developed a means of heating them up outdoors, or at least away from a kitchen with an instant heat bag. We are stocking these to see if people would want to use them as part of a picnic or BBQ thing. So, if you are into camping or al fresco dining it could be something to try.

This month's special offers in the café are Soup and a roll £2.95, Tea Cake £2.25, and Hot Chocolate £1.99

Review

Antonia Pulsford

Nonsense Nonsense!

It was slightly un-nerving last month to be met at the doors of the Village Hall by Ian and Brian in drag as nuns but this turned out to be a fitting introduction to "Nonsense". • Not that the nuns were in drag – they were all female with very good voices but the production was splendidly zany and in some ways was quite like a pantomime, with comic turns, audience participation and huge amounts of fun. • The songs were splendid and I think many were based on or took off well-known ones from other shows. • The only one I could recognise was the one very reminiscent of Papageno's (or is it Papagena's?) aria in "The Magic Flute" but may be other better musically experienced people than I am could recognise other sources. • The only criticism I have, and it was echoed by someone else, is that it would have been even more enjoyable if we had been able to hear all the words. • But I think we all thoroughly enjoyed it and wish them every success on their regional tour, which I am sure they will have.

What's On this month in STOCK & BRADLEY

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| 6th | BREAKAWAY
Charity Bring & Buy
Spring Lunch
11.30am |
| 16th | Gardening Club
Pots and Containers
Bradley Green
Village Hall - 7.30pm |
| 13th | Drop In
Drop in for a Coffee and a Chat
10 am - 12noon
Bradley Green Village Hall |
| 27th | Drop In
Drop in for a Coffee and a Chat
10 am - 12noon
The Bird in Hand |

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Tuesday, 12th March - 7.30pm

Webheath Village Hall

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HUMAN RIGHTS

in the West Bank, Palestine

An eye witness account by ANN FARR

Ann is a member of Pax Christi and served for 3 months as a human

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Tuesday, 5th March - 7.30pm

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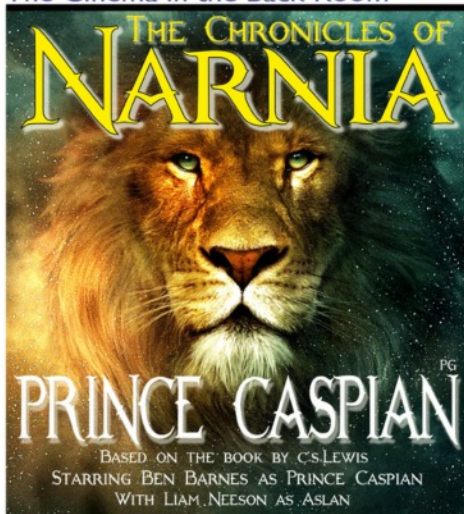
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FeckenOdeon 2 at Feckenham Village Hall

FeckenOdeon 2

The Cinema in the Back Room



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The FeckenOdeon Cinema Society

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searching for his lost master out in the outback. He finds the mining town and sets out to win over the hardest of hearts. It's all the more touching and endearing when you realise that this is a true story - there really is a statue in Dampier to the dog that made such an impression in the early 1970s. British novelist Louis de Bernieres wrote about the dog's adventures and the film is based on his book. This film was the biggest Australian box office success of 2011 but there are no major stars - just one loveable red cloud kelpie called Koko. **Red Dog** is showing at **8pm** on **Friday, 8th March**.

NARNIA CALLS

Following the successful live production of "The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe" at the Village Hall just before Christmas we now offer you the



chance to see what happens next. "**Prince Caspian**" is the second episode in C.S.Lewis' epic **Chronicles of Narnia**. A year has passed since the Pevensie children popped back into "the real world" but in Narnia it's now 1200 years later and Prince Caspian is in a bit of a fix. He blows on his magic horn and the young heroes are extracted from a London tube station to the land of Narnia and embroiled in a struggle to save the land, from terrible badness. Full of excitement, mystery, magic and inventiveness - suitable for youngsters from the ages of 9 to 109. Showing at **2.30pm** on **Saturday, 9th March**.

TRANSPORTS OF DELIGHT



Two films with travel as their theme make up a comedy double bill on **23rd March at 7.30pm**. The main feature is "**Planes, Trains and Automobiles**" which follows the frantic attempts of Neil Page (Steve Martin) to travel home to join a family celebration. A major snowstorm throws a spanner in the works and a full blown anvil is dropped into the machinery in the form of fellow traveller Del Griffith (John Candy). To say that the pair are mismatched would be an understatement. The odd couple attempt to complete their journey using the modes of transport mentioned in the title. It's a hilarious tale but, as well as the laughs, there's a warmth as the men begin to understand each other.

The supporting picture is "**Barnacle Bill**" in which Alec Guinness plays the heroic sailor who never went to sea - a classic Ealing Comedy.

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Village Hall

Ian Bellion



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recipe for a dry as dust historical drama... but then Henry is played by Dom Goodwin (officially declared a National Monument in Yorkshire for persistently being the finest panto dame ever) and Frances is Emanuel Brierley (skilled circus artist and recently, he claims, romantic lead in "Kool Kissing"). The stage is set for a historical happening the like of which has not been seen since Black Adder last donned tights. This hilarious historical saga probably owes a lot more to "1066 and All That" than to serious historical research - however, the armour and weapons have been specially made by the Royal Armouries and the costumes are by the RSC. The show comes from Shindig and Angus & Ross Theatre Company.

Curtain up at 7.30pm on **Sunday, 17th March** Tickets (£8.50) on sale now at *The Village Shop and The Rose & Crown*. Telephone bookings 0844 8700 887 and you can book online at www.ticketsource.co.uk/feckenham

KEEP FIT!

If the winter has left you feeling a bit run down and cobwebby don't forget that you can get fit for summer at **Pilates** every **Thursday at 7.15pm** and at **Badminton** at **8pm every Wednesday**. No need to book - just come along to the Village Hall.

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Spring Flower Show

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SPRINGTIME IN FECKENHAM - COMPETITIVE CLASSES

The Hall will be open from 10.30am until noon for you to stage your exhibits

Adult Classes

- 1 5 cut Daffodils - long trumpet (all same variety)
- 2 5 cut Daffodils - short trumpet (all same variety)
- 3 5 cut Daffodils - double (all same variety)
- 4 3 cut miniature spring flowers (all same variety)
- 5 3 cut Tulips (all same variety)
- 6 5 cut flowers (all same variety)
- 7 A Spring arrangement in any container
- 8 A bowl of Spring bulbs
- 9 A pot plant in flower
- 10 A pot plant for foliage effect (no flower)

Exhibits in classes 6, 7, 8, and 9 will be returned to you. All other flowers will be auctioned at the end of the Show after prizes have been awarded.

Children's Classes

- 1 A Spring Posy
 - 2 Make a flower (out of any material of your choice)
 - 3 Illustrate 'Springtime' in any way you choose
- There are separate prizes for pre-school children and children under 9 years old.

The Flower Show Committee will run a bric-a-brac stall and a cake stall and would be very grateful for donations of good quality bric-a-brac items, please, and cakes of any sort.

Any items can be left in the car port at 'The Paddocks', High Street, Feckenham, at any time, or at the Village Hall on the day from 10.00am until 12 noon. (or call Rob Cole 01527 821156)

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17th March - St Patrick's Day

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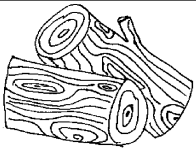
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All meetings are held on the second Thursday of the month at 7.30pm in the back room of Feckenham village hall. There is an annual subscription (currently £33.00) but visitors are welcomed to join us for any meeting at a cost of £3.50 per visit. If you require further information please contact Linda Harris on 01527 892850 or Gay Bligh on 01527 893321. Or visit us on the village website www.feckenham.com

Stock & Bradley Gardening Club

Rob Cole

Wed. 6th March - 7.30pm a talk by Paul Baxter entitled 'Gardening in Planters and Containers'. Paul will give a practical demonstration showing what you will need and how to go about making up attractive compositions.

The members' competition at the meeting will be 'A Flowering Spring Bulb'. To take part, just bring along an exhibit for judging by the speaker. 1st, 2nd, and 3rd will be awarded points, and the member with the most number of points in the year will be awarded a prize of a years subscription to the Gardening Club, at the next AGM in October 2013.

All club meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month at the Village Hall, Church Road, Bradley Green starting at 7.30pm, and are free to members for an annual subscription of £10.00. Visitors are made very welcome and may attend for £3.00 per meeting. If you require any further information, ring Rob Cole on 01527 821 156.

The April meeting will be our Annual Bulb Show. And the Competition will be best photograph depicting 'A Tree', so get snapping.

W.A.K.E FM

HEADING FOR THE AIRWAVES

As reported last month W.A.K.E. FM - Feckenham's own FM radio station - will be back on the air in June. Thanks to those of you who have already volunteered - we, of course need more. It seems a long way off but time has a habit of galloping by. We're asking anyone who would like to be involved in any way to make contact - e-mail us, phone us or pop a note through our letterbox. If you'd like to present on air, produce programmes, research, operate equipment... or just make the tea... we want to hear from you. Similarly if you've ideas - full programmes or news items or just an interesting subject we can chat about - please get in touch. WAKE FM will be on air for four days. It's your station - for Feckenham, about Feckenham, by Feckenham - so please get involved!

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