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MARCH Diary



Tues 6th	12.30am	Lunch Club	Village Hall, Back Room
Wed 7th	10.30am - noon	“Drop in” for coffee and a chat	Parish Church
Wed 7th	7.30pm	Stock& Bradley Gardening Club	Bradley Village Hall
Thur 8th	7.30pm	Feckenham WI	Village Hall Back Room
Sun 11th	11am	Mothering Sunday Service	Parish Church
Sun 11th	12 noon	Traidcraft Lunch	Roman Catholic Church
Sat 17th	2.00pm	Jumble Sale	Village Hall
Sat 17th	7.30pm	Feckenham School Quiz	Village Hall
Wed 21st	10.30am - noon	“Drop in” for coffee and a chat	Parish Church
Sat 24th	10am - 2pm	Tanzania Coffee Morning (& soup!)	Parish Church
Sun 25th	12.30 - 2 pm	Farewell Lunch for Rev. Bididi	Hanbury Church
Sun 25th	7.30pm	“Spaghetti Swing”	Village Hall
Sat 31st	7.30pm	FeckenOdeon	Village Hall

From the Editor

We have taken a new step towards the future recently, which means the magazine will be available to read on the village web site. Go to www.feckenham.com and from the menu tab select Magazine.

If anyone has any photographs, old or new, or an idea for an article that might be of interest to other villagers, please do contact me.

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Readers and Intercessors



Sunday 4th

Lent 2

11.00am Sung Eucharist

Genesis 17 ; vs. 1-7,15-16
Romans 4 : vs. 13-end
Intercessions

Tony Mortimer
Angela Fletcher
Lin Preece

Sunday 11th

Lent 3

08.00am Holy Communion

Ephesians 5 : vs. 1-14

Antonia Pulsford

11.00am FAMILY SERVICE - AFRICAN ADVENTURE

Sunday 18th

Lent 4

11.00am MOTHERING SUNDAY - Strongest Link

Sunday 25th

Lent 5

11.00am Family Communion

Hebrews 5 : vs. 5-10
Intercessions

Harriet Crellin
Erica Dilger

X Box Sunday School

Will be held in Church on Sunday 4th March. All children will be warmly welcomed.

Morning Fellowship - during Lent

9.15am every Wednesday in the Roman Catholic Church,
for about ½ an hour of ecumenical prayer & contemplation.

Morning Fellowship - during Holy Week

9.15am every day up to and including Holy Saturday,
in the Roman Catholic church, for about ½ an hour of ecumenical prayer & contemplation.

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

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Letters



The Psaila family send a fond farewell to all in Feckenham. We will sadly miss familiar faces, many we have grown to love. The children will miss choir, ringing the church bells, youth club and their secret haunts and exciting adventures. We will miss walking the High Street, pretty winter scenes and spring flowers appearing in the churchyard. Thank you from our hearts for certain folks sincere kindness and the care you have shared with our family.

We will be living in Cornwall where Anton has a new job caring for vulnerable people with a Christian organisation. We are expecting a baby in July and the boys are looking forward to sharing new adventures by the sea!

Goodbye and God Bless

Love and blessings

Anton, Kerry, Elliott, Gabriel, Moses, Elias, Matilda & Pilgrim WOOF! WOOF!

Church Flower Group

Easter Lilies

We are planning the decoration of our church for the festival of Easter when once again 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 contribution to Ann Matthews, 8 The Square, Feckenham B96 6HR.

Thank you for your support enabling the tradition to continue. *Jo & Marg.*

Square Management Committee

MERRY MASSES

The annual Carols on The Square once again proved to be a popular way to start Christmas. 300 or so people gathered on Christmas Eve to see the ceremonial switching on of the Christmas Lights - a duty performed this time by retiring Square Committee Chairman Peter Masters. Gallons of warming hot punch and tons of hot mince pies disappeared rapidly before Steve Dalloway and his impromptu choir led the throng in a spirited romp through a merry medley of favourite carols. Much Christmas cheer and goodwill abounded - Feckenham's festivities had officially begun.

A collection yielded a record £413 in aid of the County Air Ambulance. The Committee is most grateful to everyone who helped with the jollifications by making mince pies, mixing and serving punch, heating the food in their kitchens, helping erect the tree (and chop it down on 12th night), rattling buckets and providing coffee for the workers. We'll do it again this year - same date - put it in your diaries!

Feckenham Church Family Service
March 18th at 11am
Strongest Link
A service for
Mothering Sunday
after

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Obituary



Edith Joan Savage

1922 – 2011

by Margaret East.

Mum was born and brought up in Inkberrow at Barrow Fields Farm. She attended Inkberrow School with her brother Leslie until she was fourteen. She always went to church on Sunday mornings and Sunday school in the afternoon.

After leaving school mum went into domestic service. During World war two, she worked at the BSA in Redditch.

On November 18th 1944 she married Tom Savage and subsequently moved to 7 Moors Lane. They had three children, Royston, Christine and myself. The family moved to Glebe Farm in 1959.

After her divorce mum moved to 8 Moors Lane and remained there for over thirty years. She loved her garden and planting up the pots each spring.

After breaking her hip two and a half years ago mum came to live with myself and my husband Gerry.

She was a quiet, modest lady who always had a positive outlook on life and enjoyed going to church, Drop in and Luncheon club, where she met up with her friends. Mum loved her large family; she has two surviving children, nine grandchildren and eleven great grandchildren. She will be greatly missed by all her family.

Barbara Henshall

1931-2012

by James Barrett

Mum was born in Derbyshire and her early life was tough, with little money and having to make do and mend. Her father and older brother were in the forces. Mum grew up in a hardworking, loving Christian family and Jesus Christ became real to her on 24th June

1944; last October at a church event she described that day as the most important of her life.

Mum trained as a nurse in Derby becoming nurse of the year following her older sister, Jean, who won the accolade the year before. She also became a Queen's Nurse.

She came to Redditch as a district nurse and midwife and here she met my father John Barrett, this proved to be a powerful combination as they were both Methodist Local Preachers, and with dad's enterprising energy and business skills alongside mum's organising and determination they built a very successful business from very humble beginnings – Barretts of Feckenham.

At this time mum also had two sets of twins, helped to run a small farm, a Shetland Pony Stud and carried on with her Church and Community roles.

My father died suddenly, aged 42, this was to be one of the hardest times of her life – she drew heavily on her faith. She sold up and moved to Inkberrow – a new life – she became involved in setting up Crossways, a home for battered wives and she also became a Magistrate.

She renewed her friendship with her old friend, Frank Henshall, and he came down from Derbyshire to help her design her new garden and ended up marrying her!

Frank was a passionate gardener, something mum loved all her life, they spent 28 years together. Mum lovingly cared for Frank until his death in 2007.

Mum had by now moved to smaller property in Inkberrow - a bungalow – with a smaller garden. But was it less work – you must be joking – it was an unkept garden on the side of a quarry– this proved to be her last challenge which she entered into with great relish - she cleared the cliff face and then planted it as a tiered garden!

Mum always had time for people, she was a 'mother' to many, she had a great sense of humour and a strong faith that underpinned her life.

She leaves 4 children, 5 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren, she will be greatly missed.

Thought for the month

John Green

RUNNING ON EMPTY

I like to think of myself as one of the great risk takers of this world, and indeed I am more than willing to reach out into the unknown on occasions. In contrast, I often see Margaret, my wife, as providing the cautious reflective measured advice in any situation. However, there is one occasion when we both seem to change places and Margaret becomes the great risk taker and I exude an anxious, nervous, cautious and worried, risk adverse approach to life. This is all about the amount of petrol we need in the car in order to feel safe. For some inexplicable reason, Margaret seems able to drive for miles with the needle pointed on empty. Sometimes through remote countryside at night! This leaves me apoplectic with anxiety both for the car and for her!!! On the other hand, once I get through half a tank, I begin to get edgy and jumpy looking at the needle. I get in the car and say to Margaret, "I need to get some petrol – I've only 123 miles left in the tank" and she will look at me as if I am completely mad.

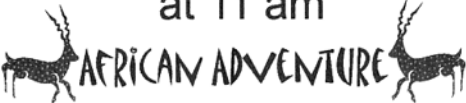
This illustration reveals just how different we are and how we might change our personality profile in different ways and in different situations. I am often seen as the optimistic one, always envisaging a good outcome in every situation; sometimes despite indications to the contrary. Yet, when it comes to petrol in the tank, I imagine that I am going to be stranded and that the petrol will not last and that I will break down in the middle of nowhere, my phone will not be working and then I shall discover that one of my tyres has also gone flat! The human personality is very complicated and mysterious and it takes a long time to really begin to know ourselves, as it does for others to begin to know us. Yet what could be more marvellous than taking more time to develop relationships with each other that will stand the course of time and which will provide encouragement, nurture, and shade for us in

times of darkness and challenge.... and when we are running on empty?

There will always be times in our life when we feel that we are on our own or running on empty. It appears to be an effort to get from one end of the day to the other and nothing much seems to lift the greyness of the clouds that surround us. At times like this, we need the strength, colour and closeness of others who, because of the richness of their personalities, will be able to sustain us in the same way that we will be able to sustain them at other times when we are feeling much more three dimensional and alive. One of the ways that we can grow closer to one another is to realise the power of words or, on some occasions, no words. We can use words to encourage, to affirm, to express love, to give worth, sometimes to challenge. When we use words in this way, we are building relationships, expressing creativity in the same way that an artist does in painting a beautiful picture. Please remember that St John tells us that, "In the beginning was the Word" and that, "The Word became flesh". Our lives have the enormous potential to be powerful channels of God's Word and love. On some occasions, our lives will be a real blessing for others and on different occasions other people's lives will be able to touch us. Being close to one another is the only way to live on empty.

Feckenham Church Family Service

March 11th
at 11 am

AFRICAN ADVENTURE
FECKENHAM GOES TO TANZANIA



Please stay after for refreshments

THE QUEEN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE

There are plans afoot within the village to do something for the Queen's jubilee. If you feel able to help in any way with the organisation we would be really pleased to hear from you. The thinking is to keep it simple so that everyone can enjoy being together with their neighbours and friends. Perhaps a big picnic on the Green with fancy dress and games for the children culminating with a beacon on Berrow Hill and maybe some fireworks! If you have any other ideas or could help please contact Ann Matthews on 892180.

Bowbrook Group Lent 2012



LENT COURSE - SO THEN!

Wednesday 7 March 8.00-9.30 pm,
At the Galton Arms (upstairs meeting room)
Is there really such a thing as a miracle?

Wednesday 14 March 8.00-9.30 pm,
At The Jinney Ring
Does having a faith make us better people?

Wednesday 21 March 8.00-9.30 pm,
At the Galton Arms (upstairs meeting room)
What is prayer and does it work?

Wednesday 28 March 8.00-9.30 pm,
At The Jinney Ring
Is there really life beyond death?

Do come along, air your own views and be prepared to be challenged and hopefully to be surprised by new insights into some fairly hard questions which we all ask from time to time.

What's On this month in STOCK & BRADLEY

7th Gardening Club
Bradley Green Village Hall - 7.30pm

11th Walking Club
Meet at Stock & Bradley Church at 11am

**14th & 28th
Drop In**
Drop in for a Coffee and a Chat
10 am - 12noon
Bradley Green Village Hall

..and in April:

20th Making a Difference Team presents
**An Evening with
COSMOTHEKA**
DAVE SEALEY remembers
the British Music Hall
Bradley Green Village Hall
Tickets: 01527 821442

For more information see
STOCK & BRADLEY CHRONICLE

FAREWELL TO THE REV. BIDDI

Please come to **Hanbury Church** on
Sunday 25th March at 12.30pm-2.00pm for a
light lunch and a glass of wine.

We will have the opportunity to say a very
big thank you to Biddi for all she has
contributed to our life over the last three
years.

If you would like to make a donation
towards a leaving gift, please pass any gift
onto the wardens or to the Reverend
Canon John Green

GOOD FRIDAY

APRIL 6TH

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

10.00 - 12.30

IN THE CHURCH

Family Service

Gary Crellin

A LETTER FROM GOD

As you got up this morning, I watched you and hoped you would talk to me, even if it was just a few words, asking my opinion or thanking me for something good that happened in your life yesterday – but I noticed you were too busy trying to get the girls ready for school - doesn't the alarm clock go off at the same time each day? I waited again. When you ran around the house getting ready I knew there would be a few minutes for you to stop and say hello, but you were too busy. At one point you had to wait 15 minutes with nothing to do except sit in a chair. Then I saw you spring to your feet. I thought you wanted to talk to me but you ran to the 'phone and called a friend to get the latest gossip. I watched as you went to out to The Village Shop and I waited patiently all day long. With all your activities, I guess you were too busy to say anything to me.

I noticed that before lunch you looked around, may be you felt embarrassed to talk to me, that is why you didn't bow your head. That's OK. There is still more time left. I have hope that you will talk to me. You went home and it seems you had lots of things to do. All those after school activities. After a few of them were done, you turned on the TV- Masterchef again. I don't know if you like TV or not, but you spend a lot of time each day in front of it, not thinking about anything – just enjoying the programme.

I waited patiently again as you watched the TV and drank your last cup of tea of the day - doesn't that keep you awake? Again you didn't talk to me. Bedtime – I guess you felt too tired. After you had said goodnight to your family you flopped into bed and fell asleep in no time. That's OK because you may not realise that I am always there for you. I've got patience more than you will ever know. I even want to teach you how to be patient with others as well. I love you so much that I will wait every day for a

nod, prayer or thought or a thankful part of the heart. It is hard to have a one-sided conversation. Well you are getting up again and once more I will wait with nothing but love for you hoping that today you will give me some time.

Yours.....God.

Acknowledgement to "A box of delights" by J. John and Mark Stibbe.

As we approach Easter, perhaps we should think about giving God through His Son Jesus Christ some of our time. After all He gave everything for us- especially His Son. Throughout Lent, various study groups are taking place across the Bowbrook Group. In Holy Week, a series of reflections and times to be together are available for you to share together this most Holy of weeks. In Feckenham, our Community Prayer Group - that prays for the parish and beyond, meets at the Roman Catholic Church each day at 9.15am, including Holy Saturday - there's devotion! Join us. Together we can listen to God and HEAR what He has to say to us.

Our Family Service Group offers you TWO opportunities to share some time with God this month. On the 4th March, Ann Matthews and Cyril Warrilow will be talking about our hopes within your church to develop a lasting and compassionate link with Tanzania. On the 18th March, it will be Mother's Day or Mothering Sunday. A great time to show love and respect for your Mother - be she near to you or far away. Time to get her along to church - then treat her to lunch (and doing the washing up) afterwards. Both services start at 11am. Hope to see you there -• With every blessing,• Gary

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WHAT'S ON IN FECKENHAM

Feckenham Readers Group

Wednesday, 7th March - 7.45

This Month: THE GREAT GATSBY

by F. Scott Fitzgerald

Details from Marion Chate - 892285



Stock & Bradley GARDENING CLUB

Sex, Lies, and Putrefaction

...the Story of Pollination

with Tim Walker

Wednesday, March 7th - 7.30pm

Bradley Green Village Hall

Call 821156 for details



FECKENHAM WI

Feckenham Village Hall

Thursday, 8th March - 7.30pm

Experiences of a County

Air Ambulance Pilot

with Mark Wilkins

Visitors welcome - £3



Tanzania Coffee Morning

To support a link with
Berega Hospital, Morogoro, Tanzania

Saturday, 24th March - 10am - 2pm

St John the Baptist Church, Feckenham

Join us for coffee, tea, cakes, soup and more.
All the family welcome!



FECKENHAM FLOWER & GARDEN FESTIVAL

Saturday 12th and Sunday 13th May, 2012

GARDENS OPEN THROUGHOUT THE VILLAGE
FLOWER FESTIVAL IN THE CHURCH
WI TEAS IN THE VILLAGE HALL
PLANT SALES, ETC

MORE DETAILS NEXT MONTH



To get you event listed in these pages e-mail details to
whatson@feckenham.f9.co.uk

Feckenham Forest History Society The Lord Leycester Hospital, Warwick

with Lt Col Gerald Lesinki

Tuesday, 13th March - 7.30pm

Webheath Village Hall

Feckenham First School QUIZ

Saturday, 17th March - 7.30pm - Feckenham Village Hall

Tickets and info from the School Office

WHAT'S ON IN FECKENHAM



FECKENHAM VILLAGE HALL

DIRECT FROM ITALY - SID HERO PRODUCTIONS presents

SPAGHETTI SWING



THE ITALIAN MUSIC SHOW

With pasta cooked live on stage

Sunday, 25th March
At 7.30pm

Tickets: £8 from The Village Shop, The Rose & Crown or Phone Skiddle on 0844 884 2920
Book online at

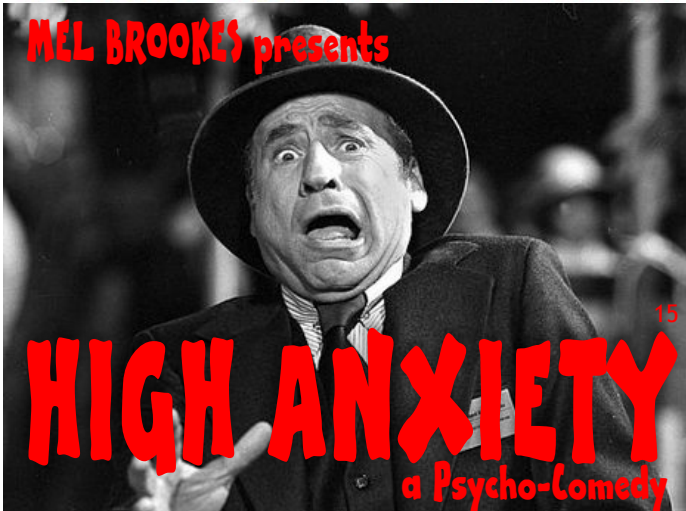
www.ticketsource.co.uk/feckenham

PLEASE NOTE: During the show the band will cook FREE pasta for 10 randomly selected audience members ONLY. Modestly priced pasta dishes will be on sale for those not selected.

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THE FECKENODEON CINEMA SOCIETY

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THE MAN WHO KNEW TOO MUCH

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Edna Best, Nova Pilbeam
and **PETER LORRE**

The original
BRITISH version
made in 1934

Saturday, 31st March at 7.30pm

The FeckenOdeon Cinema at Feckenham Village Hall - Tickets for all shows from The Rose & Crown and Village Shop - Online Booking and full information at www.fecknodeon.co.uk

Village Hall

Ian Bellion



DELICIOUS DECADENCE!

We're not sure if Feckenham is ready for this... on **Sunday, 25th March at 7.30pm** Shindig and Feckenham Village Hall present, direct from Italy, Sid



hero productions in **Spaghetti Swing**. A fantastic band from Ferrara will play fantastic 1950s Italian swing music whilst cooking equally fantastic pasta before your very eyes - live and without the aid of a safety

net. There'll be fantastic dancing girls too. Some of the music may be familiar to you, played and sung with style, expertise, comic timing, bravura, vibrato and occasional venom. It's got a smoking hot

1950s swing jazz feel and there will be a fabulous Italian flavour to the evening (and we don't just mean the pasta). The themes of the music are jealousy, rivalry and revenge - all performed with a knowing twinkle in the eye and a twinkling eye on the pasta. So there you have it - music, comedy, sex, vendetta and pasta - what more could you wish for on a quiet Sunday night...



The band's publicity gives the following line-up:

- Fred Brindisi - voice & cooking
- Don Gigino Sidero - piano with fraud
- Stefanino Paperetto - drums and explosions
- JJ T.Bone - trombone and shot
- Susy & Loli - femmes fatale

Please note that the band will cook for only 10 lucky people - however, home cooked pasta will also be on sale at very modest prices - no-one need go hungry!

Tickets at £8 are on sale at The Village Shop and the Rose & Crown. You can book online at www.ticketsource.co.uk/feckenham or by phone on 0844 884 2920

The FeckenOdeon Cinema Society



NOT FOR THE NERVOUS...

The main feature at this month's FeckenOdeon show is described as a "tribute to Alfred Hitchcock" - but when the director making the tribute is Mel Brookes you might suspect that it won't be a reverential tribute! No cliché is left unturned in this fast moving tale of events in the Institute for the Very, VERY Nervous. Brookes plays a psychiatrist with vertigo in "**High Anxiety**" on **Saturday, 31st March**. Bring your tranquillisers! It's going to be a bumpy ride! Mr Brookes is supported by his regular cast of overplayers - Madeleine Kahn as a breathless woman of mystery, Harvey Korman as a mad doctor and, towering over them all is the terrifying Cloris Leachman as Nurse Diesel. Forget the tranquillisers - bring a straightjacket!



The show starts with the real thing - vintage Hitchcock in the form of the original 1934 version of "**The Man Who Knew Too Much**". An innocent man is drawn into an assassination plot. The climax at the Royal Albert Hall is an unequalled masterpiece of tension. Leslie Banks, Nova Pilbeam and Edna Best star - but you may never forget Peter Lorre's droopy eyed, creepy villain... more tranquillisers please nurse!

Showing at 7.30pm on Saturday, 31st March

Tickets are on sale at
The Village Shop and The Rose & Crown
or you can book online at:
www.fecknodeon.co.uk

Feckenham Spring Flower Show - Saturday 14th April

The '**Springtime in Feckenham**' Flower Show will be held on Saturday 14th April in the Village Hall. Teas will be served throughout the afternoon with home-made cakes and fresh baked scones.

There will be competitive entries for the best **spring blooms** (see below for a schedule of classes), and a **Children's Springtime Bonnet Parade**, with prizes. Other attractions include the usual stalls, together with bric-a-brac, cakes, and plants for sale, and the ever popular tombola and raffle. Please join us to welcome the coming of Spring - the Show opens at 2.30pm.

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)

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

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.

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)

Wake 2012

Marion Chute

A Date for your diary - If you are planning your summer then make sure you get the date for The Wake in your diary for **SATURDAY JUNE 23rd**

The Wake is an historic village event dating back to 1237 and every year we can all celebrate the creation of the market and fair for the feast of St John the Baptist. We all get to have some fun and raise some money for local organisations. This year will be no exception.

Contact wake@feckenham.com or let any of the committee know if you have any new ideas or plans for your organisation.

The names to contact are Marion Chute, Charlie Barrett-Meade, Alan Jones, Julian Bull, Fiona Hawker, Rob Clements.

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Local Matters

Antonia Pulsford

Berrowhill Lane repairs

According to the notice in the Advertiser at the beginning of February Berrowhill Lane will be closed temporarily for road repairs some time from 27th February. • The work is likely to take 5 days spread over a 5-week period. • Residents and property owners will be able to access their properties, but other people will have to use Flying Horse Lane and the Droitwich Road.

Art Society

Ian Ridley, together with Peter Horsley and other Feckenham artists, will be exhibiting at Astwood Galleries at their Spring Show on 24th & 25th March 2012. The Gallery is now run by Paul and Gemma McCormack following the retirement of founder Tony McCormack. The Old Bakehouse behind the Gallery has now been opened to provide extra exhibition space and will feature a permanent display of Ian Ridley's work. There'll also be a special exhibition in the Village Hall in June as part of Worcestershire Arts Trail.

Village Hall Improvement Fund 2011/12

February Winners

49	Pat Onions	£25
123	Eoin Clarke	£15
152	Andrew & Cathy Fisher	£10

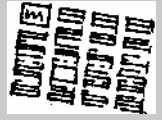
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Village Shop

Jeff Matthews

One of the more memorable presentations we have had at the annual meeting held in September each year, was one from the manager of the village shop in Blockley, Gloucs. He clearly knew his stuff, and one of his more provocative comments was that “people perceive that village shops are more expensive, 50p on everything, so you might as well charge it”. Well, OK, it’s one route you could take. However, we have always been mindful of two things – firstly people are spoilt for choice on the supermarket front around here. We noted at the time that the nearest large supermarket to Blockley was in Evesham 15 miles away, Shipston or Moreton in Marsh – we have to contend with about 8 in a 10 mile radius. And secondly, whilst its business, it feels very cynical as an approach – particularly as the whole footing of the business is social enterprise and creating something for the community.

And yet the perception that “you are more expensive, because you are a village shop” persists, which is why we commissioned some very particular work on comparing our prices with those of the local supermarkets. Here we have tried to give a genuine comparison, between the cost of a “typical” basket of groceries between the Village Shop and several local, large supermarkets. We carried out the study at the end of January, and thought you might be interested in seeing the results.

The first challenge of course, is what makes a “typical” basket? Well here’s our attempt:



The basket content is: Butter - Kerrygold

Sugar - Silver Spoon Granulated
Tea - Tetley
Coffee - Nescafe Gold Blend
Milk - Semi Skimmed
Bread - Kingsmill White Sliced Med
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Washing Up Liquid - Fairy Original
Orange Squash - Robinsons Sugar Free
Marmalade - Golden Shred

The price of this, fairly straight forward, not overly exciting, day to day shopping basket of products is £26.08 if you buy it now, in the Village Shop.

If you were to buy the same basket of goods in Sainsbury’s Redditch it would cost £23.90, at Tesco, Redditch it would cost £23.41 and at Waitrose £24.16. Interestingly, we are cheaper for milk, washing up liquid and loo rolls (as well as a number of other things like organic veg which weren’t part of the survey).

So, unsurprisingly we are slightly more expensive than the supermarkets for this basket, between £1.80 and £2.00 more. That is, until you add in the cost of getting the car out.... then see what happens.

If we assume £0.50p per mile, which is the average cost to run a car according to the AA, if you take the distance from the centre of Feckenham, then Tesco is £1.73 more expensive, Sainsbury £4.97 and Waitrose a whopping £6.33 more. So, for those within a short distance of the shop, it makes sense to use it for convenience items, let alone the other things that we stock that you can’t get in the supermarkets.

For those interested in the specific detail, we have put the spreadsheet up on the Village Shop website, which you can find at www.feckenhamshop.co.uk. You can download it from there.

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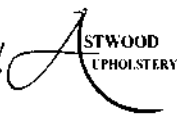
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Jane White



Due to potentially difficult road conditions on the night of our February meeting, we sadly decided to cancel the meeting. By the time of reading we will hopefully have enjoyed our Annual Lunch this year at the Rose & Crown.

At this month's meeting on **Thursday 8th March** we shall be welcoming Mark Wilkins talking about the "**Experience of a County Air Ambulance Pilot**". Village activities (particularly the Carols on The Square - see elsewhere in the magazine) regularly support the County Air Ambulance charity so this is an opportunity to hear about their work. 7.30pm Back Room of the Village Hall, visitors welcome £3.

On **17th March**, at 2.30pm, we are holding our annual **JUMBLE SALE**. Please bring items to the Hall on Saturday morning, or contact me (893281) or any WI member if you need help.

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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

19th April - Quiz'n Chicken Evening. Raffle.

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 President, 01386 792772.

Stock & Bradley Gardening Club

Rob Cole

7th March 2012 - For this meeting, we will welcome Tim Walker, Director of Oxford Botanic Gardens. Tim is a highly entertaining speaker and we are fortunate indeed to have him to visit our Club. Everyone who has seen Tim in action wants to see him again! Tim has recently presented a 3 part series on BBC4 entitled 'Botany - A Blooming History' which has been widely acclaimed, and his talk for this evening is entitled '**Sex, Lies, and Putrefaction - the Story of Pollination**' - this is an evening not to be missed !

THE FOLLOWING MEETING - In April we will be holding our Annual Bulb and Photographic Show. Members bring along three blooms each of as many daffodil varieties as they can muster, and everyone judges each entry to decide the winner in each class. Lots of help is available, and a list of Classes will be available at the March meeting as well as on the Show evening.

There will also be a competition for the best photograph depicting '**A Winter Scene**'.

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 Jan Bates on 01386 792414 or Rob Cole on 01527 821156.

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