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MARCH Diary



Wed 1 st	7.30pm	Stock & Bradley Gardening Club	Bradley Village Hall
Thur 2 nd	8pm	Archaeology Project Meeting	R&C Rose Room
Sat 4 th	3pm	Flower & Garden Festival 2018 meeting	Village Hall Back Room
Mon 6 th	7.30pm	Lent Course 1 st Meeting	Catholic Church
Tues 7 th	12.30am	Lunch Club	Village Hall, Back Room
Thur 9 th	7.30pm	Feckenham WI	Village Hall Back Room
Fri 10 th	8pm	FeckenOdeon-2	Back Room Village Hall
Tues 14 th	7.30pm	Feckenham Forest History Society	Feckenham Village Hall
Sat	7.30pm	FeckenOdeon	Village Hall
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Sat 1 st	2.30pm	Spring Flower Show	Village Hall
Wed 5 th	7pm	“Jesus My Boy”	Parish Church
Sat 9 th	7.30pm	“Fordante”	Village Hall

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Front Cover

Spring is on it’s way, the birds are singing and soon we shall see the daffodils on the Square again.
Photo by Ian Bellion

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Church Services MARCH

PARISH CHURCH
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THE BAPTIST



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Wednesday 1st 10.45am
Ash Wednesday 7pm
7.30pm

**Living Communion,
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Sunday 5th 11.00am **Sung Eucharist**
Lent 1 Genesis 2: 15-17
Romans 5: 12-19
Intercessor

Readers and intercessors
Philip Tricklebank
Jenny Goode
Ann Matthews

Sunday 12th 8.00am **Holy Communion**
Lent 2

John Pulsford

11.00 am **Developing our Christian Community**

Sunday 19th 6.30pm **Evensong**
Lent 3 Exodus 17: 1-7
John 4: 5-42
Intercessor

Jenny Snel
Ian Hunter
John Calvert

Sunday 26th 11.00am **Mothering Sunday Communion**
Lent 4 Exodus 21: 2-10
Galatians 4: 22-26
Intercessor

Jeff Matthews
Fiona Carter
Cyril Warrilow

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 St John Fisher & St. Thomas More



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

Community Archaeology Project

Jen Cary

Update – village heritage at risk.

In early November the group applied to the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) for a grant to pay for two projects: A maintenance plan to get the Recreation Ground moated site off Historic England's 'At Risk' register and to maintain it in the future and stop it degrading again, and a second project to enable us to do other things. These would include a geophysical survey, talks and practical sessions with the community, and production of an information board about what we have found on the site.

Unfortunately, we were told at the end of January that our application was unsuccessful. The two reasons given were: We can't ask for a grant for the maintenance plan, and the activities we had said we would do didn't have the outcomes the HLF was looking for. The Committee has met to discuss this result and has decided that the best course of action will be to go ahead with commissioning the maintenance plan on our own, using funds already raised and doing activities etc. to raise the remaining £2,000. Then, in parallel, we will re-apply to the HLF for the much larger sum of money needed to do the second project. We aim to submit our application for the funding round which closes in May, and we would expect a decision on that by the end of September.

So, a bit of a setback but one that is not insurmountable or damaging to the project as a whole. The group of people that originally expressed an interest in the project will be meeting to discuss fundraising and awareness-raising activities in the Rose Room at the **Rose and Crown on Thursday 2nd March at 8pm**. If you are interested in learning more about the site or with helping us to raise the remaining money to protect it, please do come along.

Jen Cary, Chair

Church Flower Group

Margaret Perry

Easter Lilies



The Flower group would like to once again continue the tradition of arranging lilies in church for Easter. We would therefore like to invite anyone who wishes to make a contribution towards the purchase of lilies in memory of loved ones to send their donation to Ann Matthews, 8 The Square, B96 6HR. (Cheques payable to Feckenham P.C.C. please)

Margaret and Marg

Suite for the Fallen Soldier

News on DVD / CD for Suite for the Fallen Soldier

Owing to technical issues in producing the DVD and CD's of the performance, we have had to put back the launch date of these two formats of recording for The Suite for the Fallen Soldier. We are now hoping to have them available in the shop and via Amazon by 15th March – possibly even earlier, if possible. Look out for the displays and links, coming soon.

A black and white advertisement for a counselling and psychotherapy service. The background features a close-up of a water drop hitting a surface, creating concentric ripples. The text is overlaid on this graphic.

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Thought for the month

Rev. Wyn Beynon

Dear Friends,

I've just got back from General Synod where I was proud to have part of a vote that might move our Church towards a fuller and more Christlike inclusion of those who are Lesbian and Gay in our communities.

This is only really the end of the beginning for this change but with it comes a real desire by the Church to get beyond slogan shouting and getting deep into the things that matter.

In Feckenham the Parish Church is working towards an Away Day in September with the simple question which I hope everyone, and I mean everyone, can answer with a clear and unambiguous "Yes!".. Do I have a place in this Church?

Best wishes,
Wyn

Listening together in Lent

This year's Lent course begins on Monday 6th March at 7.30pm and will be held in the Catholic Church. The subject is "Sensing God in the Silence". More details are on the enclosed leaflet.

Moors Lane ALLOTMENTS

JUST IN TIME...

There are a few plots and half plots available on the Moors Lane allotments. They've been well looked after by gardeners who have had to give up their allotments due to circumstances beyond their control. This is a great opportunity to enjoy gardening in a lovely part of Feckenham with clear views across country to the Malvern Hills. An oasis of peace and productivity! Enjoy your own fruit and veg at a time when prices are shooting up in the shops.

The Moors Lane Allotments are owned by a charitable trust and managed by the gardeners themselves. The rents are very affordable and now's the ideal time to start - just at the beginning of the growing season.

If you'd like to find out what's involved please get in touch with the allotment society's Secretary - just call Pauline Jennings on 892956 or e-mail: Pauline.h.jennings@btopenworld.com

Mothering Sunday

March 26th @

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11am

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Newshound



More on Dog Mess

As a "newbie" to Feckenham and walking my dog along the Droitwich Road (from Rockhill Lane - pretty terrifying no pavement), I can assure you that I am always prepared to clear up after her.

Strikes me that either there have been a significant influx of newcomers or just that more likely the village has existing serial offenders particularly on the footpaths adjacent to the playing field were in places it is quite disgusting.

Regards *Tony Bromley*

Thanks

I would like to say a big thank you to Richard Dormer for raising three hundred and fifty pounds for Cancer research Richard went through the process of having his head shaved. We are all happy to say it has all grown back. Well done Richard for keeping up the Family fund raising tradition - *Pat Dormer*

Deaths

The village has lost two long residents this winter. Peter Horsley, and Pearl Harris. Our thoughts are with both families

What's On this month in STOCK & BRADLEY

1st GARDENING CLUB
EARLY SEASON PLANTS - 7.30pm
Bradley Village Hall

1st BREAKAWAY
Spring Lunch
& Charity Bring & Buy
11.30am Bradley Village Hall

For more information see
STOCK & BRADLEY CHRONICLE

Village Shop

Jeff Matthews

The refurbishment of the shop continues with new comfy leather seats in the coffee area. With high speed broadband and a range of coffee and cake, it's a very social way to get your e-mails done, if you are fed up working at home.

We are now ordering fresh local produce from Hillers. We have been big supports of local grown things, in an attempt to reduce food miles. This month we are selling early rhubarb and locally grown purple sprouting broccoli amongst other things.

Parish Council

DEFIBRILLATOR TRAINING

The Parish Council is organising a couple of sessions to train people in the use of the defibrillator which is available at the rear of the Village Hall. The sessions will hopefully at times when working folk will be able to attend. Local sporting and youth organisations will also be invited to attend. Dates and further details will be published in next month's Feckenham News and on Swansbrook Radio.

SPEED CONTROL

Funding is now in place for two Vehicle Activated Signs (VAS) to be sited on the B4090 in the village. It's hoped that these will be installed in the coming few weeks. Discussions are ongoing with the County Council's Highways Department about marking the most dangerous stretches with cross hatching with a view to further slowing down speeding traffic.

SMART WATER

Representatives of West Mercia Police gave a presentation to the Council about crime prevention in the area in the light of the recent spate of burglaries. The Council is looking into a Parish wide scheme for marking property with an identifiable "DNA". Such schemes have proved remarkably successful in villages like ours.

Square Management Committee

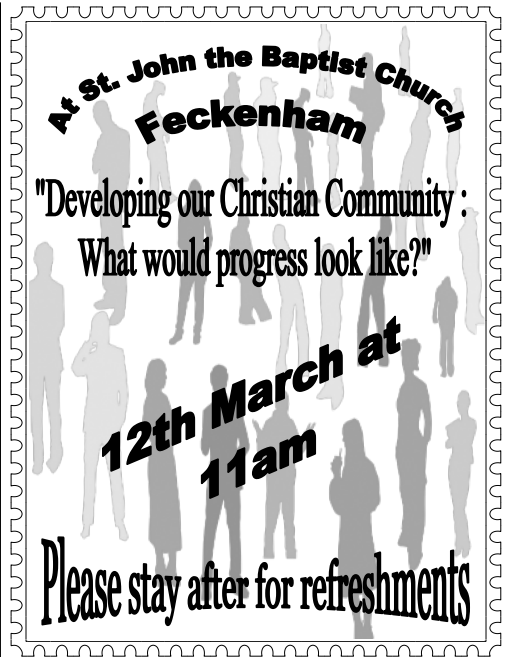
The Square Management Committee is aware that the gravel portion of The Square at the High Street end is looking untidy at the moment. This follows excavations to remove trees and plant new ones as well as the activities of BT Openreach during their works to provide Superfast Broadband to the village. The Committee is waiting for the finalisation of the BT works which will involve the removal of the old black junction box and has also been informed that the telephone box is also due for removal in the near future (apparently it was only used 4 times in 2016 - and none of the calls were emergency calls). The phone box has been in a poor state of repair for some time and the Committee welcomes the chance to re-arrange the "furniture" on that part of the site in due course.

The Gravel Road down the side of the Square has also deteriorated this winter. Efforts will be made to reinstate it and to fill the potholes once the weather becomes less challenging.

All these works cost money - so it's all the more important that the Committees annual fundraiser "Fun on The Square" should be successful. The event will take place on Saturday, July 22nd and was to have had a Mexican theme... though, in view of the likely actions of the Trump administration, it was felt that this might be in bad taste... and that it would be unlikely that the cost of the building of the wall would be met by Bradley Green.

Notices

Found on Droitwich Road pavement, a black Rodi child's booster seat.
Contact Sue Darby 892387



At St. John the Baptist Church
Feckenham

"Developing our Christian Community :
What would progress look like?"

**12th March at
11am**

Please stay after for refreshments

Feckenham Surgery Hours

The Feckenham Surgery is open on Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoons at 2pm. No bookings required.

However there is a restricted service for the next few months and below are the dates when it will be **closed** -

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April:	Monday 10th Friday 14th Monday 17th Wednesday 19th Friday 21st
May:	Wednesday 31st
June:	Friday 2nd

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Broadband

Feckenham's lit up

After over 3 years of campaigning, this is the last article on broadband you are likely to see in the Feckenham News because we've done it! Feckenham now has superfast fibre optic broadband. The take-up has been truly remarkable, with hardly a day going by without an Openreach engineer at the cabinet connecting someone. If you are thinking of signing up but haven't got round to it yet, don't delay! If you leave it much longer you may have to wait for more capacity to be installed, which could take a couple of months. Get in touch with your service provider now, or look to see if you can get a better deal with someone else, but do not delay.

Hopefully by now all of you will have had or seen the leaflet on the broadband options in Feckenham (extra copies are available from the doctor's surgery and the Rose and Crown), as we are lucky in that we have 4 ways of getting broadband in the village. Please take a look at it for tips and advice on how to get the best speed and performance from your broadband, no matter who it is provided by. Simple things like not putting your router behind furniture can make a huge difference to your Wi-Fi speed, so take a look at the leaflet to see if you can optimise your service.

Superfast fibre in the village now makes doing things like watching catch up TV not only a real possibility but actually a pleasure now, as well as making listening to Swanbrook Radio a doddle. Listen out for an excellent interview with BT on Swansbrook Radio for more information on the wider story of broadband in the UK.

Thank you very much to everyone who has been so encouraging and appreciative of our efforts over the last few years, we hope you will all now enjoy the benefits of Feckenham being superfast.

Jen and Q Cary


WHAT'S ON IN FECKENHAM



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Thursday, 9th March - 7.30pm
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Visitors Welcome at all meetings - £4

Feckenham Readers Group
Wednesday, 15th March - 7.45
 This month's book: THE WIND-UP BIRD CHRONICLE
by Haruki Murakami
Details from Marion Chate - 892285

Feckenham Forest History Society
BEYOND THE SEAS
with David Clark
Tuesday, 14th March - 7.30pm
Feckenham Village Hall
www.feckenham-forest-history-society.org.uk



Stock & Bradley GARDENING CLUB
EARLY SEASON PLANTS
by Paul Green
Wednesday, 1st March - 7.30pm
Bradley Village Hall - 01527 821355

QUIZ NIGHT AT THE ROSE & CROWN



Come and enjoy a fun evening
with your friends
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Plenty of drink to help you think
and 'nibbles' thrown in
Thursday 30th March 7.30 p.m.
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ORGANISERS: did you realise that listings on these pages are FREE for Feckenham voluntary organisations? Just e-mail or phone in the details of your event - contact details are at the bottom of this page

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WHAT'S ON IN FECKENHAM

THE **FECKENODEON** CINEMA SOCIETY



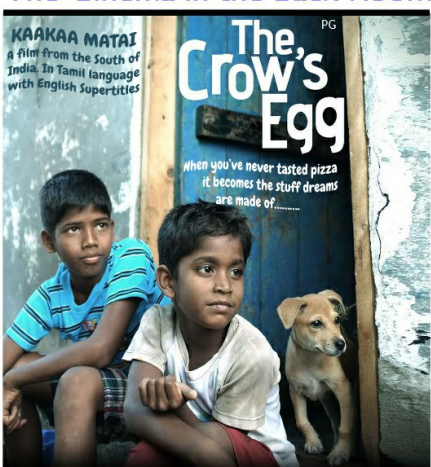
Saturday, 25th March - 7.30pm

at **The FeckenOdeon Cinema** in Feckenham Village Hall
 Tickets: £5 from The Rose & Crown and Village Shop, Feckenham.
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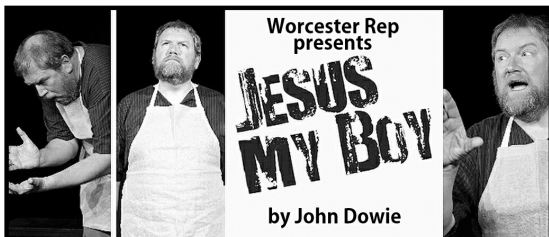
Friday, 10th March at 8pm

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*Booking fee applies to phone and online bookings - avoid the fee - book in person!

FeckenOdeon 2 at Feckenham Village Hall



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FECKENHAM VILLAGE HALL



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Fordante

SUNDAY 9th APRIL - 7.30PM

Tickets £10 from The Village Shop and The Rose & Crown
 Book online at www.ticketsource.co.uk/feckenham
 Phone bookings: 0333 666 3366

Send details of events for FREE listing to: whatson@feckenham.f9.co.uk or call 892130

FeckenOdeon Cinema Society

Ian Bellion

WHAT WOULD YOU DO FOR A PIZZA?



March's FeckenOdeon 2 film comes from the south of India. 'Kaakkaa muttai' is a crow's egg, and it is a favourite dietary add-on for two little boys who are left to their devices when their mother is off working. The

boys, known simply as Big Crow's Egg (J Vignesh) and Little Crow's Egg (Ramesh) forage for coal to sell in dodgy shops happy to take stuff that fell off the back of a train. Getting money to buy a pizza means that they have to up their game and they come up with a scheme to make real money... and like many big schemes, this one gets bigger than they could have imagined. This is a sensitive delight of a film made totally believable by the performances of the two genuine street kids who play the leading roles. **"The Crow's Egg" showing in FeckenOdeon 2 at 8pm on Friday, 10th March.**

DO NOT FORSAKE ME.....



Not so much a western as a suspense thriller set in the West, **High Noon** stars Sheriff Gary Cooper who just wants to turn his badge in and marry Grace Kelly - but his plans are put on hold when news arrives that the Miller gang are coming on the next train with revenge on their minds. Will they, won't they - will he stay, will he go? Terrific tension, classic performances! They really don't make 'em like this any more. The film has been digitally restored and picture and sound will be as good, if not better than they were when it was first screened 65 years ago **"High Noon" showing at 7.30pm on Saturday, 25th March.**

*Tickets for 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*

Village Hall

Ian Bellion



PHIL'S RETURN

Phil Mountford, composer of "The Suite for The Fallen Soldier", premiered in Feckenham last



year, is heading back to Feckenham in April with a very different sort of ensemble. He's leader of **"Fordante"** - four ladies and a lad who play a whole range of music from out and out classics via popular show tunes to Phil's own dramatic film scores. It'll be an evening to enliven and delight. We'll have more details next month but we do recommend that you book early - tickets are already on sale and are already selling!



Fordante
Sunday, 9th April at 7.30pm

*Tickets for this show are on sale at
The Village Shop and The Rose & Crown,
by phone on 0333 666 3366 (local call rates) and
online at www.ticketsource.co.uk/feckenham*



ALL THE NEWS...

Swansbrook Radio has been talking to the chaps who engineered the new Superfast Broadband and asking the questions everybody's been seeking answers to. Why did it take so long? How do we get connected? What does the future hold for communications in the village?

We've also been finding out about a resurgence in hand bell ringing and tracking down the offenders in the outbreak of un-cleaned up doggie indiscretions.

Did you know that living amongst us is a record breaker and the holder of the MBE? We've been chatting to Jane Bull and hearing about her extraordinary life.

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WE KNOW YOU'RE OUT THERE...

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Wake 2017

Marion Chute

The world may have gone mad but there's one thing for sure - **Feckenham Wake will be taking place on Saturday 24th June**, the sun will come out and the beer will be drunk! We are starting to put things together and, in keeping with the times, some of our ideas are mad and impossible, but be reassured there will be lots of fun and plenty of attractions on offer.

If you have a stall or represent a local group who might like to fundraise, get in touch with any of the committee or Feckenham Wake Facebook page.

Marion Chute 892285

Alan Jones

Alan Smith

Charlie Barrett-Meade

Charlie Willetts

Erica Guise

Julian Bull

Julie Bennett

Louise Jordan

Flower & Garden

Festival 2018 Cathy Fisher

Sat. 4th March 3pm

Just a reminder to all garden owners who have opened in the past and those who might like to open in the future, the Flower Group and WI representatives, all volunteers and anyone else who may be interested, of the meeting over tea/coffee and biscuits in the back room of Village Hall at 3pm on Saturday 4th March 2017.

If you are unable to join us but would like to express any views or thoughts, please send an email to: catherine.fisher@talk21.com
Hope to see you all on the 4th March,
Catherine Fisher

Feckenham Spring Flower Show

Saturday 1st April 2017

Margaret East



The 'Springtime in Feckenham' Flower Show will be held on Saturday 1st 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 Hat Parade**, with prizes. Other attractions include the usual stalls, 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 3 cut Daffodils - long trumpet (all same variety)
- 2 3 cut Daffodils - short trumpet (all same variety)
- 3 3 cut Daffodils - double (all same variety)
- 4 3 cut miniature spring flowers (all same variety)
- 5 3 cut Tulips (all same variety)
- 6 3 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 Feckenham' in any way you choose

There are separate prizes for pre-schoolchildren and children under 9 years old

Exhibits in classes 7, 8, 9 and 10 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 cake stall and would be very grateful for donations of cakes of any sort.

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Jesus My Boy

On Wednesday 5 April Worcester Repertory Company will bring to the Church in Feckenham, 'Jesus My Boy', an extremely humorous one-man, one act play starring Jonathan Darby and directed by Chris Jaeger. The performance will be sponsored by the Friends of Feckenham Church.

Meet Joseph, just about the worst carpenter in the area. He first got to know his wife when she returned to complain about a table she had bought from him. It didn't stop him asking her out and they eventually got married. A pretty unremarkable marriage until Mary announces that she is pregnant and that Joseph is not the father.

When the boy grows up, he turns out to have a remarkable talent with wood, lending further weight to the idea that Joseph may not be the father! The young man has more important things to do than make furniture, however. He must set out on the road to his destiny; an agonising death followed by the most remarkable set of events the world has ever seen.

This is a stunning one-man play, the story of Jesus seen through the eyes of Joseph, an ordinary and down-to-earth man, dismayed about how his image is later portrayed in Christian art work!

It is incredibly moving, beautifully and cleverly written by John Dowie. Previously performed in the West End by international star Tom Conti, it makes audiences both laugh and cry. The author says of Jonathan Darby, "after more than 30 productions, I have found the actor who delivers what I intended".

Tickets at £10 may be obtained from the Village Shop, the Rose and Crown and from Church Members.

The performance will start at 7 pm and there will be wine and soft drinks etc for sale afterwards when there will be an opportunity to meet Jonathan Darby.

Ian Hunter

Village Hall

Improvement Fund 2016/17



February Winners

153	Mike Timmins	£25
16	Mike & Gay Bligh	£15
90	Michael & Katie Wormington	£10

The March Draw will be held in the Village Hall at 8.00 pm on Tuesday 2nd March 2017

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Feckenham Cricket Club

Bob Gordon



Now that we are well into 2017, preparations for the new season are well under way.

The players have reported to training with indoor net practice in Evesham and have received their individual fitness assessments and development plans. Players are responding to the challenge of playing Division I cricket for the first time in decades, particularly in the dietary discipline demanded of top-class sportsmen. Readers may be interested in one of the suggestions for a training evening:

Post training: 2-3 oatcakes with low fat soft cheese, 100g mixed nuts & seeds, fruit, water

Evening Meal: Lean fillet steak or chicken breast or fish + herbs to taste, boiled new potatoes or basmati rice or dry roasted sweet potatoes, loads of vegetables, low fat, no added sugar yoghurt, water.

Limited quantities of pizza, kebabs or Chicken McNuggets are permitted only on saints days and the player's own birthday.

By April, players are expected to have reached that finely honed athletic state that contributed to our success and drew the crowds to the Mill Lane ground last season. Please note that smelling salts are always on hand at the ground, to revive any swooning ladies.

Fixtures for all teams are now released, these being the home matches for April and May:

Sat 22 nd April	Cookley (1 st team)
Sat 29 th April	Harborne (2 nd team)
Sat 6 th May	Worcester (2 nd team)
Sat 13 th May	Pedmore (1 st team)
Sat 20 th May	Redditch (2 nd team)
Sat 27 th May	Stourport (1 st team)

All matches start at 1pm and finish by 7pm – visitors are most welcome, no admission charge!

The 3rd team home games are (for this season at least) being played at Hewell Cricket Club, which is situated off Hewell Lane (postcode B60 1LP), the first “home” match being against Bartestree & Lugwardine (I had to look this up - east of Hereford, in the village of Bartestree), starting at 1pm on Saturday 10th June.

The 1st XI will also take part in Division One South of the T20 Worcestershire Sunday League. In May there are home matches against Old Hill on 7th May and on 21st May against Worcester.

Feckenham W.I.

Jane White



The March meeting is on Thursday 9th at 7.30pm in the Village Hall Back Room.

Our speaker will be Carole Corden and she is talking to us about Cape Verde. This is a country of 10 volcanic islands in the mid Atlantic off Africa, with a history of slave trade and piracy!

The evening includes light refreshments, visitors welcome (£4)

Rous Lench & Inkberrow Royal British Legion inc. Feckenham Roger Hunt

Trip to the National Arboretum, Alrewas

The Branch is organising a day trip to the National Arboretum at Alrewas on Tuesday 11th

April. Tickets are £12. To book and arrange local pickup call Ollie Davidson 01386 792772 or Roger Hunt 01527 853116

Monthly Meeting

Everyone is most welcome to our monthly meetings on the first Wednesday of each month and held at the Wheelbarrow Castle, Radford.

Stock & Bradley Gardening Club

Rob Cole

THE NEXT CLUB MEETING -

Wednesday 1st March 2017 at 7.30pm is a talk by Paul Green of Green's Leaves nursery in Gloucestershire. His theme for the evening is 'Choice Plants for Early Season Interest' which he will demonstrate by using live material.

The theme for the monthly competition is 'Three Different Early Flowers from my Garden'. To take part, just bring along an exhibit for judging by the speaker. Every entry will win a point, and 1st, 2nd, and 3rd will be awarded additional points. The member with the most number of points in the year will be awarded a prize of a year's subscription to the Gardening Club, at the AGM in December.

The annual subscription for 2017 (due 1st January 2017) should be paid at this meeting, please, if you haven't already renewed or joined.

The following Club meeting - Wednesday 5th April 2017 at 7.30pm will be our Annual Bulb 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 for anyone not sure of which Class to enter, 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 'Trees in the Landscape', so get snapping!

Make a note in your diary now!

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 commencing and renewable on 1st January. Visitors are made very welcome and may attend for £3.00 per meeting. If you require any further information, ring Dinny Pynsent (Secretary) on 01527 821355 or Rob Cole (Chairman) on 01527 821156.

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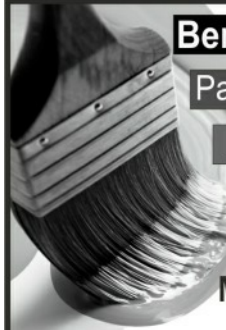
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