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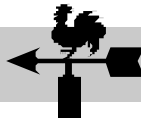
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Wed 4th	7.30 pm	Stock & Bradley Gardening Club	Bradley Village Hall
Fri 6th	10am - 1pm	Coffee Morning	Village Shop
Tues 10th	7.30 pm	Feckenham Forest History Society	Webheath Village Hall
Wed 11th	10.30 am - noon	"Drop in" for coffee and a chat	6 Mill Lane
Thur 12th	7.30 pm	Feckenham WI	Back Room Village Hall
Fri 13th	8 pm	FeckenOdeon-2	Back Room Village Hall
Sat 14th	From 9.30am	Churchyard Working Party	Parish Church
Sat 14th	7.15pm	Feckenham Gold Cup	Village Hall
Sun 15th	11.00 am	Mothering Sunday Service	Parish Church
Wed 25th	10.30 am - noon	"Drop in" for coffee and a chat	6 Mill Lane
Sat 28th	2.30pm	FeckenOdeon "Paddington"	Village Hall
Sat 28th	7.30pm	FeckenOdeon "Laughter in Paradise"	Village Hall



## Front Cover

Snowdrops  
growing  
in Mill Lane, photo  
by Ian Bellion.

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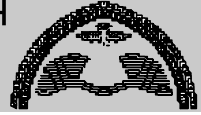
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# Church Services MARCH

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of ST. JOHN  
THE BAPTIST



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## Readers and Intercessors



### Sunday 1st

Lent 2

### 11-00am Sung Eucharist

Genesis 17 ; vs. 1-7,15-16

Romans 4 : vs. 13-end

Intercessions

Phil Tricklebank

Harriet Crellin

Carol Onions

### Sunday 8th

Lent 3

### 8-00am Holy Communion

Ephesians 5 : vs. 1-14

John Pulsford

### 11-00am Family Service "Faith & Trust"

### Sunday 15th

Lent 4

### 11-00am MOTHERING SUNDAY

### Sunday 22nd

Lent 5

### 11-00am Family Communion

Hebrews 5 : vs. 5-10

Intercessions

Vanda Cookes

Walter Richards

### Sunday 29th

Palm Sunday

### 10-30am GROUP EUCHARIST CROWLE

## X Box Sunday School

Will be held in Church on Sunday 1st 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

**All welcome.**

# 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

# Thought for the month

Rev. Wyn Beynon

Dear Friends,

I know certain supermarkets let you use their shopping trolleys without needing to insert a £1 coin in the release the chain - others still use this system. Which gives me a problem. Too often I get out of the car and approach the entrance and then remember I haven't got a £1 coin. In fact I've only got 17p in silver and coppers and a list of 23 items so I undoubtedly need a trolley, not a hand basket.

So what do I do? Options include

- 1) bartering with someone who is returning their trolley
- 2) stealing their trolley
- 3) Go in to shop and buy one or two items and ask for cashback and ask for it in £1 coins. Then back out, fetch a trolley, and back on track with the rest of the shopping.

I usually take option 3). It's a bit tedious, and I feel a bit silly, and for the next month I shall diligently keep at least one £1 coin in the cup holder thingy in the centre console of the car. And then I'll spend it and the whole silly cycle will start all over again.

What's your reaction to this story? Do you think, "Silly clot, think ahead and make sure you ALWAYS have coins." Or: "Yep, that's just like me".

My oldest personal possession in a small leather pouch that fitted my Cub Scout's belt when I was 7. The belt, long gone, sadly, had a buckle with the words "be prepared" on it. I think we encouraged to keep 2d (2 old pence) for the phone box in case of emergencies in that pouch. These days I keep my Rosary in it.

But what emergencies should we be ready for? Can we really plan for every eventuality? Where's the line between trying to control everything, and taking life as it comes?

Depending on our personality and stage of life all have a variety of answers to that question. But it's a question worth asking ourselves... what really matters?

Best wishes,  
Wyn.

At St John the Baptist Church

Mothering



Sunday

March 15th

@ 11am

Refreshments served after

## Church Flower Group



## Easter Lilies

The flower group will be decorating the church for Easter on Saturday 3rd of April at which time we will include Easter Lilies. Should anyone wish to contribute towards the lilies would you please send your donation to Ann Matthews, 8, The Square B96 6HR (cheques should be made payable to Feckenham PCC) Thank you for enabling this tradition to continue.

Margaret• and Marg. • - Co-ordinators.

# Churchyard Working Party

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March**  
from 9.30am onwards

Any offers of help would be gratefully appreciated, just show up on the morning. Jobs for all capabilities!

*Ann Matthews*



## LENT GROUPS

**WE MAKE THE ROAD  
BY WALKING**

**Tuesdays 10.30am** (from 23rd Feb)  
Lake House Farm, Callow Hill B97 5QD

**Wednesdays 12 Noon** (from 24th Feb)  
United Parish (phone 01527 861247)  
Angela K for details)

**Wednesdays Lunchtimes** (from 24th Feb)  
The Parsonage, Church Lane,  
Tibberton • WR9 7NW

**Wednesdays 7.30pm** (from 24th Feb)  
Digwoods, Grafton Lane, Stoke  
Heath B61 7HA

**Fridays 7.30pm** (from 26th Feb) 131  
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# Mission Morogoro

Tricia Mortimer

## WE NEED YOUR SHEETS, BLANKETS FABRIC AND THREADS

**O**ur winter may be well on now, but in Tanzania nights can be surprisingly cold and their winter is about to start. Imagine lying in a hospital bed without enough bedding to keep you warm. Sadly, that is an everyday experience for many adults and children in Tunguli.

We would also welcome lengths of fabric and unwanted sewing threads, haberdashery, etc, to go with the 10+ reconditioned manual sewing machines which we are about to send out, too. We are in discussion with our friend and contact, Rev Isaac Mgego, about setting up a training programme for both children and adults, based in the local school.

**OUR CONTAINER IS DUE TO LEAVE IN EARLY APRIL** and we would value any of these as soon as possible:

- § Clean sheets and blankets (no duvets)
- § Lengths of fabric – dressmaking or upholstery weights
- § Sewing threads
- § Haberdashery: buttons, ribbons, fastenings, needles, etc

If you have a donation, please leave it with your Churchwarden or contact:

Tricia Mortimer	01527 402302
Ann Matthews	01527 892180
Judith Burman	01527 821443

Our plans to send the container are well advanced. Please see our website [www.missionmorogoro.org.uk](http://www.missionmorogoro.org.uk)

Thank you for your support.

# World War I Centenary Commemoration

Jeff Matthews



## Heritage Lottery Fund Award

We are pleased to announce that the village has been successful in its application for a grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund. Awarded in January, it has meant that the group coordinating activities has had to move rapidly to commission various projects that were envisioned as part of the commemoration.

- An installation in the church, designed by Barbara Wheatley and James Barrett to include barbed wire and the ceramic poppies (purchased by the Parish Council). It should be a stunning piece of work, ready for the May Garden Festival.
- An exhibition, website and AV presentation of the archive developed by Richard Pearce. We are grateful for the support of Craig Bird, from creative agency Wonkey Donkey, for his support.
- A Commemorative Walk leaflet depicting the village and the sites of the places where those who served and those who were killed, lived within the village. Gray Derby and Kathy Gee are currently collecting that together. Again, we hope to have something for the Garden Festival, if not before.
- An event at which a specially commissioned piece of music will be central. This is currently being developed, led by Clare Furey, and promises to be a memorable evening.
- Oral history project – more to come on this.

Plenty going, on as you can appreciate. We will keep the village updated as we make progress.

The 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the First of the Fallen  
10<sup>th</sup> March 1915 Private Harold Watton  
Poignantly, we are in time to commemorate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the death of Harold Watton who died sometime between 10<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> March. He is remembered on the Le Touret Memorial, nr Bethune, France. Harold lived in Holberrow Green, we believe before volunteering to serve. Full biographical details are shown on a panel on the exhibition currently in the Church.

## Feckenham Church

Lay Led  
Service

Faith

11am



Sunday 8th March

refreshments served after



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## Village Shop

The shop celebrated 6 years of being open last month (well end Jan to be precise) and we can look back on a period of continuing success. Whilst turnover continues to be level, profitability has increased through careful cost management, stock control, buying and the range of products sold. A big thank you to all our volunteers who make it possible and also to you, our customers from the village, without whose support it would all quickly whither. We would particularly welcome support for the Marketing and Merchandising Group, where we are thin on numbers and help.

In March, the Cafe offers are a Spring Warmer Special - Hot Chocolate with whipped cream & marshmallows - £2.20 something to celebrate early spring. Also, you can get hot soup and a roll, and the ever popular toasted teacake and hot drink, assuming the flocks of cyclists haven't got there first.

Our new range of greetings cards is now on display, come and check that out – again, if you need one for a special occasion or have run out.

New products for the health conscious include Pip organic fruit juices, Metcalfe's low calorie rice cakes, crisps and corncakes, and ITSU seaweed thins!

There are also some sale bargains including gifts and chocolate, to make room for the Easter stock, which is due any moment.

And as you know, we always stock a wide selection of locally produced beers & ciders.

We will be holding a **coffee morning** with a delicious selection of cakes at the shop from 10am to 1 on **Friday March 6th** and will make a contribution to a village group from the takings.

## Feckenham's own Radio Station .....?

### NAME THAT STATION

Plans are afoot to put Feckenham back on the air. You may recall that on two occasions in the past W.A.K.E FM has broadcast to the village and area. The transmissions have coincided with The Wake - hence the name. But this time it's planned to broadcast during the autumn - and that means that the station needs a new name - perhaps something that sums up the spirit of Feckenham... or reflects its history... We've already discounted the obvious - Radio Feckenham is too pedestrian and the inevitable abbreviation is too dangerous for accident prone presenters to say on air! So now - it's over to you. What would you like Feckenham's own Radio station to be called. There's a form for you to fill in below and there'll be a bottle of bubbly for the person who finds the magic name!

The station is in the early planning stages but we'll be starting to make programmes very soon. We hope to be able to introduce lots more local voices to the airwaves and have a lot of fun in the process... in the meantime **NAME THAT STATION!**

### NAME THAT STATION

Your suggested Name:

.....  
Your name .....

Telephone Number.....

*Please put your completed entry form into the box at  
The Village Shop, The Village Hall  
or The Rose & Crown  
Closing Date: 1st April, 2015*

# Meeting Report

Roving Reporter

## MATCH OF THE DAY.

On the evening of 30th January there was a full to overflowing house at Feckenham Village Hall. Villagers and footballers had come together to discuss the effects of increased football activities on the Recreation Ground. Karen Lumley MP wore the referee's strip and the linesmen were officials from Redditch Borough Council.

Residents had raised concerns about noise, foul language, inconsiderate parking, littering, rowdiness, rudeness and general disruption - most of which had not only increased during the football season but had now spilled over into the "closed" months of the summer.

Feelings were running high on both sides but the temperature cooled somewhat when it was established that no-one was seeking to outlaw football - merely to get a sensible balance. There were suggestions that the field should be more available for other village based activities - sporting and otherwise.

## GAME PLAN

A great deal of work had already been done behind the scenes by the council officers and Feckenham Parish Council's sub-committee (Alan Smith and Slade Arthur) and a draft agreement had been prepared.

The main points were : A reduction in Adult football matches - these would take place on Sunday mornings during the football season.

A reduction in junior training sessions to one weekly session.

A complete "football free" period during the summer for all of May and June and most of July.

The summer tournament would be confined to August with a maximum of 6 games.

## NO SCORE DRAW

One major problem all agreed upon was the dearth of parking in the village. However, the Parish Council Chairman's suggestion that part of the village's only scheduled Ancient Monument should be covered in tarmac did cause a few muttered epithets (the politest being "philistine").

The meeting concluded amicably with all sides feeling that, whilst no-one had won outright, honour had been satisfied and points been made. It remains to be seen if the agreement is applied and honoured.

## Neighbourhood Development Plan

### FIRST HURDLE JUMPED

The Parish Council's application for the Parish to be designated a "Neighbourhood Area" for the purpose of creating a Neighbourhood Area Plan has now been approved. This is the official starting gun for the Plan process to begin.

### SURVEYING FOR A SURVEY

The Working Group is now researching the needs and wants of Parishioners. They're trying to find out what people want and don't want to happen. The results of the research will appear in the form of a Survey where everyone will have a chance to comment and contribute to what eventually finds its way into the Plan. It's time consuming work but the Group and the Council want to be sure that everyone has their say.

Your comments, suggestions and opinions are welcome at this early stage. You can contact the Chair of the Working Party, Alan Jones, on 893463 or Marion Chute (Secretary) on 892285 for further information or e-mail [viewsfndpwp@feckenham.com](mailto:viewsfndpwp@feckenham.com).

# WHAT'S ON IN FECKENHAM

## Feckenham Readers Group

Thursday, 19th March - 7.45

This month's book:

THE IMMORTAL LIFE OF HENRIETTA LACKS

by Rebecca Skloot

Details from Marion Chute - 892285



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Wednesday, 4th March - 7.30pm  
Bradley Village Hall



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THURSDAY, 12th MARCH - 7.30pm  
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Man & Boy**  
With ALAN BENJAMIN  
Non-members welcome - £4



Feckenham Forest History Society  
From Hartlebury to  
**HEAVEN**

with Mary Arden-Davis  
Tuesday, 10th March - 7.30pm  
Webheath Village Hall  
[www.feckenham-forest-history-society.org.uk](http://www.feckenham-forest-history-society.org.uk)

Feckenham Flower Show & Over 60s Party Fund

**SPRING FLOWER SHOW**  
Saturday 11th April - Feckenham Village Hall



## FECKENHAM FLOWER & GARDEN FESTIVAL

16th & 17th May, 2015

12noon to 6pm

Approximately 30 Gardens Open.

Flower Festival in the Church

Homemade WI Teas - Hog Roast

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# WHAT'S ON IN FECKENHAM

## FeckenOdeon 2

The Cinema in the Back Room



**Friday, 13th March at 8pm**

Tickets £5 (FeckenOdeon Members £3.50)  
from The Village Shop and The Rose & Crown, Feckenham  
or book by phone on 0333 666 3366 or online\* at  
[www.feckenodeon.co.uk](http://www.feckenodeon.co.uk)

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



FeckenOdeon 2 at Feckenham Village Hall

## THE FECKENODEON CINEMA SOCIETY

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and introducing Audrey HEPBURN



## LAUGHTER in PARADISE

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**Saturday, 28th March - 7.30pm**

at The FeckenOdeon Cinema in Feckenham Village Hall  
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## THE FECKENODEON CINEMA SOCIETY

A LITTLE BEAR WILL MAKE A BIG SPLASH



## PADDINGTON

FROM THE PRODUCER OF HARRY POTTER

**Saturday, 28th March - 2.30pm**

at The FeckenOdeon Cinema in Feckenham Village Hall  
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# The FeckenOdeon Cinema Society

If your copy of Feckenham News arrives early we can remind that you can see a really big picture on 28th February. **"The Big Country"** starts at 7.30pm.



## LIGHTNING PURSUIT

The place is a little place in New England, the time is the mid 1960s and the scouts are going camping, the adults are looking forward to a weekend of domestic peace and all's well... or so they thought... But then a couple of love struck youngsters run away together... and the biggest storm ever seen is heading straight for them. The whole eccentric town rushes to the rescue. There are some big name actors - Bruce Willis, Bill Murray and Tilda Swinton included - but the real stars are the youngsters, both the runaways and the rag tag rescue team in pursuit. This is a funny film with kids in it - but it's not a funny kids' film. It's great fun but Babes in the Wood it ain't! Wes Anderson's **"Moonrise Kingdom"** is showing in FeckenOdeon 2 on **Friday, 13th March at 8pm.**



## BEARLY BELIEVABLE

The FeckenOdeon is about to be visited by a very special bear! Many of us will have grown up with **Paddington** - either in books or in the much loved TV series. Now Michael

Bond's accident prone refugee from Peru has made it big in the movies. It's always a gamble to tamper with a popular icon but the producers really do seem to have obeyed the instruction to "look after this bear". Not that the bear is very good at looking after himself. Adventure follows catastrophe and bathroom desecration as Paddington acclimatises himself to life in London. A brilliant mixture of computer aided animation and live action melded seamlessly together by British company Framestore. Great fun for all ages - and, despite the completely silly PG rating, nothing to offend or frighten.... unless you count the aggressive use of a marmalade sandwich.

**Paddington** invites you to join him at **2.30pm on 28th March.** There'll be Ices, Sweets and soft drinks before the show (doors open 2pm) - marmalade may be a bit more difficult.



## JOKER'S REVENGE

Notorious practical joker Henry Russell dies, and his will leaves £50,000 to each of four relatives - on condition that they carry out various humiliating tasks beforehand.

Although over half a century old, **Laughter in Paradise** is based on a situation that's bang up to date - if anything, in the era of Big Brother and I'm A Celebrity - Get Me Out Of Here!, its premise, whereby four people abjectly humiliate themselves for money, is rather more believable now than it was then. And, as with recent 'reality TV' shows, the 'contestants' span a wide range of backgrounds and character types. Alastair Sim beautifully judges the contrast between a naturally fastidious person and the indignities he has to perform to keep afloat - like having

not only to commit a crime in the first place but also suffer being caught, tried and sentenced. Not an Ealing comedy - though strikingly similar - the film also stars Fay Compton, George Cole, Hugh Griffith and Joyce Grenfell.

**“Laughter in Paradise” - Saturday, 28th March at 7.30pm.** There'll be a full supporting programme to complement the film.

*Tickets for these shows are on sale at The Village Shop and The Rose & Crown. You can book by phone (through TicketSource) on 0333 666 3366 or online at [www.fecknodeon.co.uk](http://www.fecknodeon.co.uk)*

The cost of this unexpected job is about £5,000 - quite a sum to find out of thin air! As ever in this sort of crisis, we're turning to villagers to help us raise the money - but that's not to say that we can't have a bit of fun in the process.

## A SURE BET...

**O**n **Saturday, 14th March** you're invited to a night at the Races at our very own **Feckenham Gold Cup Race Meeting**. The course will open at **7.15pm** for drinks and for the first bets to be placed. **The first race will start at 7.45** - and there'll be eight in all - all shown on the giant screen. You can bet just a little - or a lot - depending on how bold you're feeling. 50% of the pot goes to the leaky roof and 50% goes to the winners. There'll be a running buffet (included in the ticket price) and a licensed bar. Punters will be seated at tables adjacent to the bookies and the bar - so double temptation will be close at hand. Join us for an evening of sin - and help us banish our drips!

**You can get tickets at £12 (including running buffet) from The Village Shop and The Rose & Crown, by phone on 0833 666 3366 or online at**

**[www.ticketsource.co.uk/feckenham](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/feckenham)**  
or from any Village Hall Committee Member

## Village Hall

Ian Bellion



## DRIP DROP - CLIP CLOP

**T**he Village Hall has sprung a leak - well, several leaks to be more precise. The flat roofed store which runs the full length of the main hall is the place to go if you want a cold shower.



*The Nursery's Store is sinking!*

Amongst other things, this store houses all the nursery's equipment, the main hall's seats and all of the glasses and bar

gear. Investigations have shown that the problems stems from a poor quality roofing job and the decay of the materials used. It's essential that the store is made watertight as quickly as possible - so you'll see workers at the Hall very soon. The entire roof is coming off and a new SikaLastic roof is to be installed.

## Thanks

**Village Hall** What a fantastic evening at the “Shindig” on Sunday 25th January with the very talented cast of the Northumberland Theatre Co.. This amazing show of “Rumplestilskin” was enjoyed by adults and especially the children.

“Just Magical” Please return again soon.

*A Happy Family, Moors Lane*

# Feckenham Spring Flower Show

Saturday 11th April 2015

Margaret East

The 'Springtime in Feckenham' Flower Show will be held on Saturday 11th 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, 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-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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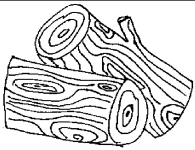
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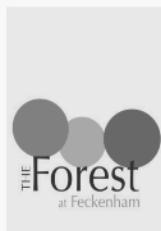
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## Square Management Committee

## Village Hall

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### February Winners

77	Eoin Clarke	£25
117	Michael & Pauline Bastik	£15
140	Anne Marie Mitchell	£10

The March Draw will be held in the Village Hall  
at 8.00 pm on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2015

## PIRATES IN SHIFTING SANDS...



The date announced last month for **Fun on The Square** has been changed. The village will now be invaded by pirates on **Saturday, 11th July**. Please amend your pirate captain's log.

# Stock & Bradley Gardening Club

Rob Cole

## Wednesday 4th March 2015 at 7:30pm

Our speaker will be a welcome return visit by **Kim Hurst** from the Cottage Herbery near Tenbury Wells. Kim and her husband Rob are Chelsea exhibitors and winners, and her talk will be on '**Tasty Buds, Shoots, and Leaves**'.

The theme for the monthly competition is 'A Plant Grown in a Pot'. 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 December AGM.

**The following Club meeting - Wednesday 1st April** 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 '**Effective Foliage**', so get snapping !

**MAKE A NOTE IN YOUR DIARY NOW !**

Annual subscriptions for 2015 became due on 1st January, and should be paid as soon as possible at any Club meeting. The full programme of 2015 events, visits, and talks will be issued upon renewal.

*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 821156.*

## Feckenham W.I.

Jane White



**O**ur March meeting is on **Thursday 12th at 7.30pm** in the Village Hall Back Room. Our speaker is Alan Benjamin and he gives a light hearted talk "**Tales of a Constable - boy and man**". Alan grew up in Astwood Bank and his career started in Redditch as a Police cadet. He worked for 33 years with the police force and his talk will be on the lighter side of his work - no doom and gloom.

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

**T**he branch meets on the first Tuesday of each month at 8pm at The Rose & Crown, Feckenham. This is an open meeting, all interested persons are welcome. The chat is good and the bar is open.

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

**4th Breakaway**  
Spring Charity Lunch  
& Bring and Buy  
Bradley Village Hall - 11.30 am

**4th Gardening Club**  
Tasty Buds, Shoots and Leaves  
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Bradley Village Hall - 7.30pm

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