

FECKENHAM

News

MAY 2019



Published by Feckenham Church for the Village
Editor: Jane White Tel.:01527 893281 (Copy date 14th)
e-mail: feckenhamnews@gmail.com



A. Pullen

• MEMORIALS •

*Additional Inscriptions
& Renovations*

All work is to the Highest Standard

Burcot Forge, Unit 4, 338 Alcester Road,
Burcot, Nr Bromsgrove B60 1BH
Tel: (01527) 876200 Mobile 07710 976744

An Independent Family Owned Funeral Directors



THOMAS BROTHERS

*Family owned funeral homes in Redditch, Bromsgrove,
Wythall & Alvechurch. We provide a friendly,
dignified service paying special attention to detail.*



REDDITCH
01527 547777



BROMSGROVE
01527 831700

WYTHALL
01564 822001

ALVECHURCH
0121 445 3422

www.thomasbrothers.co.uk
email: admin@thomasbrothers.co.uk

"A family concern"

As Time Goes By

**YOUR LOCAL FAMILY RUN
MEMORIAL SUPPLIER**

Head Stones, Cremation Tablets,
Additional Inscriptions and
Renovation Work



Please call 01527 550505

*To arrange a home visit or to find out our
opening times*

Unit 5, Dunlop Road, Hunt End Industrial Estate
Redditch B97 5XP

"MEMORIALS THAT REFLECT A LIFETIME"

Tapcast Ltd

COMPUTER SERVICES

Tapcast is a family business, based in
Inkberrow, with over 20 years
experience, supporting computer
systems in businesses and homes



For: Computers, Laptops, Networking, Broadband, Email,
Upgrades, Repairs, Support and more

web: www.tapcast.co.uk tel: 01386 792196
email: jane.neal@tapcast.co.uk

ANDREW SMITH CHIMNEY SWEEP

Traditional and Power Sweeping
Clean, reliable and fully insured
smoke test, CCTV and certificates.
Evening and weekend appointments
also available



Member of the
Institute of Chimney
Sweeps

Based locally in Inkberrow

Phone: **01386 793248**

Mobile: **07789 721303**



Beauty by Elizabeth

Skin Therapist

dermalogica
mapping



*Flexible appointment
times available*

Telephone: 01527 822698
Mobile: 07890 978059

Beauty therapy, bio sculpture, massage,
facials, gel nails, waxing, eyelash tinting,
manicure, pedicure and many more!

Cider Mill House
Cider Mill Lane, Bradley Green
Redditch, Worcestershire B96 6TH

COUNSELLING & PSYCHOTHERAPY



JUSTINE BARRETT BSc MA

Reg UKCP Reg MBACP (Acred) AMBICA

INKBERROW

01386 792 148

Depression, Anxiety, Stress, Loss, Bereavement, Grief,
Self esteem, Infertility, Pregnancy,
Birth, Trauma, Abuse, Work related issues.....

MAY Diary



Wed 1 st	7.30pm	Stock & Bradley Gardening Club	Bradley Village Hall
Tues 7 th	12.30pm	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	Village Hall

Contents

Church Services	p4
Cricket Club	p12
Digital Archive	p5
FeckenOdeon	p10
Gardening Club	p13
Letters	p7
Parish council	p7
Radio	p10
Thanks	p5
Square Management	p6
Village Hall	p3
Village Shop	p11
W.I.	p13
Wake 2019	p11

Front Cover

Oscar & Dan, two competitors in the Easter Hat competition at the Spring Flower Show.



Production Team

Ian Bellion – What's On
892130 whatson@feckenham.f9.co.uk

Jen Cary – Newshound
89 jen@28highstreet.co.uk

Antonia Pulsford – Reviews
892268

Jo Warrilow – Advertising, Mags by post
892059

Jane White – Editor 893281
feckenhamnews@gmail.com

Village Hall Ian Bellion



WOODEN WOES

Feckenham Village Hall is 85 years old and was a solidly built building. Unfortunately we now find that age has caught up with much of the external woodwork and all of the fascia boards and other major wooden components will have to be replaced. The extent of the work needed is still being assessed but it's likely to cost many thousands of pounds. It's hoped that the repairs can be done during the summer months. The Committee will be embarking on a major fundraising campaign once it's know what the financial implications are - more details next month.

Magazine online at
www.feckenham.com

Many articles in Feckenham News are contributed by members of the public. They remain the responsibility of the writers and neither the production team nor the publishers can be held responsible for the views and assertions contained therein.

DPS
Dixons Property Services
Quality Building Projects and Property Maintenance

Brick & Blockwork & General Building & Maintenance - Internal & External

Tel: **07835 305 815 / 01527 328 916**
Email: stuart@dixonspropertyservices.co.uk
Web: www.dixonspropertyservices.co.uk
Based in Feckenham, Nr. Redditch, Worcestershire

WD & NM Willison Ltd

- Land Repair & Maintenance
- Fencing & Groundworks
- Livestock Management & Care
- Hay / Straw / Logs

Free estimates - over 20 years experience
Based locally in Bradley Green

Mob: 07825034320 / Tel: (01527)821589
Email: wwdandnmltd@gmail.com

Church Services

MAY

PARISH CHURCH
of ST. JOHN
THE BAPTIST



Priest-in-Charge: Rev Wyn Beynon **07595 313035**

Church website: www.feckenhamchurch.org.uk **Email:** info@feckenhamchurch.org.uk

Parish Office: Telephone: 01905 778181 Email: bowbrookgroup1@gmail.com

Open Tues., Wed. & Thurs. 10am-1pm & 2-5pm: Mon. & Fri. Closed

at - *The Wychebrook Group, The Parish Centre, St Andrew's Street, DROITWICH, WR9 8DY*

Readers and Intercessors

Sunday 5th

11.00am

Sung Eucharist

Easter 3

Acts 9: 1-6

Revelation 5: 11-14

Intercessions

Tony Mortimer

Tricia Mortimer

Ian Hunter



Sunday 12th

8.00am Holy Communion

Easter 4

James 1:17

Ann Matthews

11am All Age Worship – Salvation Army

1 Corinthians 2: 1-5

Intercessions

Erica Dilger

John Calvert

Sunday 19th

6.30pm Evensong

Easter 5

Acts 11 : 1-18

Revelation 21: 1-7

Intercessor

Carol Price

Paul Richards

Fiona

Sunday 26th

11.am Holy Communion and Baptism

Easter 6

Revelation 21: 10-22

Intercessions

Margaret Perryman

Lin Preece

Thursday 30th 7.30pm Group Holy Communion at Hanbury

Ascension Day

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

Thanks

Jasper's Coffee Morning

Huge thanks and congratulations to all helpers, supporters, makers, organisers, assistants and donors who made Jasper's Coffee Morning such a great success.

The final total, in aid of the Sick Children's Trust, after subsequent donations, is a whopping £1500-56p !

Everyone's efforts are much appreciated.

Jill and David Rowe

Easter Quiz at The Rose & Crown

A very enjoyable evening was had by some 65 participants at The Easter Quiz in The Rose & Crown on Thursday 11th April.

A modest amount was charged, per person as an entrance fee, which gave a platform to build on for the evening collection.

The total raised for the chosen charity was in the region of £470.00 with more to be added from the Easter Basket raffle later. It is hoped the total will exceed £500.00

The Charity benefiting is The Bromsgrove Basement Project which helps young people between 16 and 25 years of age who are homeless, have housing issues, those with money problems and many other issues.

There were 11 teams all having a wonderful time. The help of Tracy, Jackie, Anna, Ian, Mel & Matt and all the staff together with the usual raffle and auction all adding to the fun of the evening. The generosity of all was much appreciated.

Arthur Hind

Easter Lilies

Thank you to everyone who donated towards the Easter Lilies.

Thank you also to the Flower Group ladies for arranging the lilies, together with many more spring flowers so beautifully.

Margaret Perry

Village Hall Improvement Fund 2018/19

April Winners

32	Susan Lisle	£25
31	Antonia Pulsford	£15
136	Tim Smith & Ali Taylor	£10

The May Draw will be held in the Village Hall at 8.00 pm on Tuesday 7th May 2019

Digital Archive

Marion Chute

Digital times - Great news

Some months ago you may recall that an Exhibition of Feckenham's Past Present and Future took place in the Village Hall. Many photos were unearthed for digitising and a collection is now ready for further use.

The brilliant news is that the Parish Council has offered financial support to develop the collection alongside many of the digital sound recordings into a website. This is a great opportunity to collect the many records from long ago (and not so long) in a way the people will be able to access from wherever they are in the world.

We will be developing a group of people with interest and expertise in this field and if you have any photos or recordings that you are happy to share please get in contact with Marion Chute 892285 or marionchute@me.com

Landscaping Jeff Annand Contracting Ltd.

**Blockpaving - Ponds - Patios - Groundwork
& General Property Maintenance**

Free Quotes
References available
Fully Insured

**Tel: 07968 668906
or 01527 894745**



**HARDWOOD
LOGS
FOR SALE**

NO DELIVERY CHARGE

**TREE TOPPING
HEDGE CUTTING
GARDEN CLEARANCE**

Telephone anytime:

01905 620934

Square Management Committee



A SAD LOSS...

You may have noticed that the big horse chestnut tree at the Recreation Ground end of The Square is roped off. The “Danger - do not enter” signs say it all. This tree has been battling a disease called Bleeding Canker for many years. Experts have examined it, samples have been taken and treatments prescribed. Sadly none of this worked and the winter winds dislodged two hefty boughs. Further investigation by local authority accredited tree specialists confirmed that the rot has spread and that more bits could drop off at any moment. This makes the tree dangerous to anyone on The Square - so it will be felled soon. The Committee will be taking steps to replace with a mature tree - of a species not prone to disease.

WACKY RACING

Replacing trees is an expensive business - so the Committee will be hoping that this year’s Fun on The Square will raise substantial amounts of cash. The event is entitled “**Cartoon Capers**” and there’ll be a competition for the **Best Home Made Wacky Racer** - we’re asking everyone to have a go at making the most imaginative (and wacky) fantasy vehicle imaginable. It must be person powered - perhaps by pedals or even just pushing - not motorised.

You can use any materials you wish - but it must be robust enough to move and it must be able to transport at least one person. There’ll be a prize for the best creation, a grand parade to show off your expertise and of course there’ll be a race (Dastardly and Muttley will be kept under control).

Get started now! This is a big project - so why not join up with friends and neighbours - many hands make light work. There’s an entry form on this page and there’ll be more around the village soon.

Other attractions at the cartoony event will include a Road Runner bungee game and a Flintstones clubbing contest... as well as some good food, some music to dance to and drinks to enjoy... more details next month

Cartoon Capers - Saturday 20th July from 6.30pm

WACKY RACES ENTRY FORM

Name of your racing vehicle:

.....

Your Name (or team name)

.....

Phone

Email.....

Please drop this form into the collecting boxes at the Rose & Crown or Village Shop. Last date for entries is 19th July

Letters



Many villagers will be familiar with the previous work of Feckenham's resident poet but do you know that she has recently published a new book called Checkout? It's in a new form that Kathy calls a duologue.

It can be read and is also for performance.

Each page has a piece of prose at the top in the voice of a shop girl that Kathy calls Nona after a Greek goddess. She works in a convenience store in a small town. In the prose, all exactly 100 words long, mention is made of a character who then appears in the poem that follows.

I have seen the work performed twice. First was at the launch in Worcester in February. On that occasion Vianne Fury took the part of the shop girl and members of the audience read the poems. That time we heard only female characters as it happened to be international women's day. Only Kathy could have arranged it that way! On the second occasion, we attended a poetry evening at the Garden Cafe in Kings Heath. This time some of the male voices were heard. Kathy read the prose pieces and chosen members of the audience to read the poems.

The book is a lovely piece. We quickly get inside the head of Nona, the shop girl and then we catch a glimpse of the various characters' worlds. It has been described as a cross between Under Milk Wood and Alan Bennett's Talking Heads no less.

The book is available to buy in the village shop and from Kathy. I thoroughly recommend it. I wonder if a reading might be arranged in the village?

Gilly Cooper

Parish Council

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTION

As there were no other applications to stand as a Parish Councillor, the existing Councillors have been elected unopposed. The Councillors will serve for another 4 years starting in May. Congratulations to them and thanks for all their hard work and commitment to the Parish.

The Parish Councillors are (in alphabetical surname order);

Slade Arthur	Erica Guise
Ian Bellion	Hugo Hammersley
Quintus Cary	Alan Smith
Pat Dormer	

DEFIBRILLATOR / CPR TRAINING

Training sessions will be held in mid-May at the back room, Feckenham village Hall. It is hoped there will be 3 sessions available: To fit in with school hours, an evening session and a Saturday Morning. Please contact the Clerk on tel number 01527 892522 or email clerk.feckenhampc@feckenham.com for the actual dates and bookings.

Jane Bull Clerk to the Parish Council

The wonderful **Tarantara Choir**

is coming back to Feckenham!

Join us on Saturday 15 June 7.30 pm
for a fabulous evening of music.

All proceeds will go to the on-going windows restoration project at the Church.

Tickets (€10 including an interval drink) are on sale at the Village shop and the Rose and Crown. For further details contact Louise Denne louiseddenne@aol.com

Cool Climate

Air Conditioning Systems
for your Home, Office or Business

Mr Simon Baker

Tel.: 01527 892823 or 07736 447705

E-mail: simon@coolclimate.co.uk

Web: <http://www.coolclimate.co.uk>

JMA Electrical & Heating Services

- Domestic & Commercial Heating
- Warm Air
- LPG
- Landlord Certificates
- Electrical Work Undertaken
- Fuse Board Changes
- Inspection and Testing

0121 258 2941 & 07973 110 138



dhe1@hotmail.co.uk



WHAT'S ON IN FECKENHAM



THE
FECKENHAM
SESSIONS
TRADITIONAL
MUSICMAKING
at THE ROSE & CROWN

First Tuesday of every month from 8pm
NEXT SESSION: Tuesday, 7th May

Feckenham Readers Group



Monday, 13 May - 7.45

This Month: HOME FIRE
by Kamila Shamsie

Details from Marion Chute - 892285

Feckenham Forest History Society

The Buildings of VICTORIAN BIRMINGHAM & the West Midlands

Talk by Tim Bridges

Tuesday, 14th May - 7.30pm

Feckenham Village Hall

www.feckenham-forest-history-society.org.uk

theWI FECKENHAM WI
INSPIRING WOMEN At FECKENHAM VILLAGE HALL

AGM & RESOLUTIONS

Bring & Share

Thursday, 9th May - 7.30pm

Visitors Welcome at all meetings - £4



Stock & Bradley GARDENING CLUB

MAY IN THE GARDEN

With Jeff Soulsby

Wednesday, 1st May

7.30pm - Bradley Village Hall

ANNUAL PLANT SALE

Great Plants - bargain prices

Saturday, 11th May

10am to 12 noon - Bradley Village Hall



PILATES

at Feckenham Village Hall
Every Thursday at 7.30pm

Hatha Yoga Classes

Feckenham Village Hall - Mondays at 7.15

Additional classes on Wednesdays at 7.15

Contact Melissa Caddick on 07814753927

yourlifeyoga@outlook.com

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

WHAT'S ON IN FECKENHAM

SUMMER FILMS

IN FECKENODEON 2



10th MAY

BUTCH CASSIDY
and the
SUNDANCE KID

Doors open at 7.30pm - Shows at 8pm
Licensed Bar - Air conditioned auditorium
Tickets £5 (Members £3.50)

The FAVOURITE

Olivia Coleman in

"A FARCE
WITH
TEETH"



12th JULY

OPERA GALA

IN FECKENODEON 1



From the stage of The
LONDON COLISEUM



MIKE LEIGH'S
PRODUCTION OF

GILBERT & SULLIVAN'S
THE PIRATES
OF PENZANCE

Saturday, 17th August
at 7.30pm

Bubbly reception from 6.30pm

Tickets £10 (Members £7.50)

TICKETS for all shows are on sale at The Rose & Crown and The Village Shop
Book by phone on 0333 666 3366 or on line at www.feckencodeon.co.uk

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

FeckenOdeon Cinema Society

Ian Bellion

SUMMERTIME...

The main FeckenOdeon Season is over - but the show goes on. There are three easygoing summertime offerings to amuse and entertain between May and August.



RAINDROPS KEEP FALLIN'...

The first of our summer specials is a much loved film that hasn't been shown on the big screen for years. Now it's been restored and they're back - Robert Redford, Paul Newman and Katherine Ross - the Hole in the Wall Gang.

This is a true(ish) story of fast-draws and wild rides, battles with posses, train and bank robberies, a torrid love affair and a new lease on outlaw life in far away Bolivia. An incredibly likeable film carried on the charm of its leading players... the bouncy Burt Bacharach music helps too. The holidays may be a while off yet but a relaxing Friday night in FeckenOdeon 2 with a cool drink and a mellow movie might be just what the doctor ordered...

"BUTCH CASSIDY AND THE SUNDANCE KID"

Friday, 10th May at 8pm

Later in the summer there's a chance to see the film that won Olivia Coleman her Oscar as Best Actress. Olivia plays an eccentric Queen in what's been described as "a farce with teeth"

"THE FAVOURITE" - 12th July

And there's a jolly evening in store with a performance direct from English National Opera's London Coliseum...

"THE PIRATES OF PENZANCE"

17th August

Tickets for all 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



LOCAL STORIES FOR LOCAL PEOPLE

In "THE BROADSHEET" Stuart Knowles tackles the Feckenham stories of the day and asks some question that need answers... The Parish council is elected unopposed. Is that good or bad? The date is set for the closure of the doctor's surgery - is there cause to be optimistic? If you need a lift to get to an appointment is there a way to do so without breaking the bank? *You can hear this programme Live at 3am; 7am; 11am; 3pm; 7pm; 11pm - or at any time you chose on our ON DEMAND service.*

AN HOUR A WEEK....

Launching itself onto the airwaves every Monday without fail is Ian Bellion's "HAPPY HOUR" - 60 minutes of lovely music and lively local banter. Put your feet up, pour a soothing beverage and relax... As we go to press the programme contains information on what happens to old ballet dancers in Conakry (scandalous!) and what Mrs Dale did (shocking!).. But that will all have changed by now... *You can hear this programme Live at 3am; 7am; 11am; 3pm; 7pm; 11pm - or at any time you chose on our ON DEMAND service.*

IF MUSIC BE THE FOOD....

Two programmes full of very different kinds of music both available live and ON DEMAND - In "THE GOLDEN AGE OF POP" Colin James delves into his vast collection of '50s and '60s hits - and in "CLASSICAL SWANSBROOK" Chris Fletcher presents a very personal selection of the best of the classics.

LISTEN TO THE SWANS

Just go to www.swansbrook.com and follow the instructions you'll find there. **Listen to what you like when and where you like - as often as you like.**

FECKENHAM'S OWN Local Radio
www.swansbrook.com

Wake 2019

Marion Chute

All the Fun of the Fair

On June 22nd Feckenham will celebrate our church saints day in our usual fun manner, with a cornucopia of fun and food for all the family.

There are a few new attractions like pony rides and a few old favourites like the climbing wall.

It's a great opportunity for local organisations to raise some cash and raise their profile too. If you would like a stall or want to get involved then please get in touch with anyone on the Wake committee

Julian Bull, Chris Nicholson, Hannah Mayneard, Erica Guise, Maxine Melson, Alan Smith or Marion Chute.

Don't bother to have breakfast because the choice of food will be enough to satisfy all. Hog Roast and Vegetarian, spicy and cool, something for everyone. Perfect for All the fun of the Fair.



Stocks Cottage
Middle Road
Stock Green
B96 6TE

Melanie - 07990 826 377

melanie@stockgreendoggroomers.co.uk

www.stockgreendoggroomers.co.uk

Luxury facilities for exclusive one to one grooming on all breeds.

Free pick up and drop off service available. Max 16 miles round trip.

Village Shop

Our new lines are proving to be very popular with customers and there has been a growth in sales recently. The website has been transformed and we are very active on social media which has generated an increase in interest and attracted new customers.

We are still looking to recruit new helpers, especially on weekends, it only needs to be for a couple of hours if you can spare the time.

The new ready meals now include vegetable lasagne (tubs of dried Parmesan available) chickpea & cauliflower curry, shepherds pie & chicken casserole with dumplings. Accompany these with Yellowtail red or white wine Both at £7.76.

Delicious new cheeses in the deli are from Midlands based small dairies, some wrapped and others cut to your liking. The latest in stock being Cropwell Beauvale (lovely soft cheese) and Warwickshire Truckle, all keenly priced.

The Special this month is Tea or Coffee with a toasted teacake £3.25.

May Bank Holiday Monday's we will open 10am - 1pm.

Rose & Crown 48 High Street
Feckenham
B96 6HS

01527 892188

A traditional freehouse village pub
with Food - owned and run by the
Clarke family

Open **EVERY DAY** all year round

**Proper Pub Food
at Proper Prices**

Special Dishes - every day
Quality locally sourced meat
Full Menu available daily
Lunch & Evenings (not Sunday evening)

Real Ales & Ciders
4 real ales on hand pumps every day
Traditional ciders - fine wines

We're in the **2019 GOOD BEER GUIDE**
Casque Marque Award for quality beers

Tuesday, 7th May
in the Bar from 8pm - Free
Traditional Music
Pop in for details of this month's
SPECIAL MENUS and events.

www.roseandcrownfeckenham.co.uk

Feckenham Cricket Club

Bob Gordon



As I type this, it is in anticipation of the first team's first match in the newly-formed Premier Division of the Worcestershire County League at Bewdley on Saturday April 13th. The Premier Division is a feature of the changes this season which reduced the size of the Birmingham & District Cricket League and dispersed a significant number of their clubs to their county leagues. As a consequence, Feckenham Cricket Club will be playing stronger teams, including local rivals Astwood Bank and Redditch who will both be at Mill Lane over the next few weeks.

Surviving at this level will be the objective for the season and would be a great accomplishment for a small village club. This task is made harder by the unavailability of local boy Josh Stacey who is now working in London after finishing his university course. In a similar position is Tom Coulson who also moved to London after university, but whose job enables him to travel back for as many matches as he can manage this season. As Tom was one of the outstanding bowlers in the league last year, this is very good news.

At Mill Lane, the first game of the season sees the second team entertain Droitwich Spa on Saturday 20th April.

Preparations for the new season have included regular mowing of the wickets and outfield, which are looking lush and green. Saturday April 6th saw the annual event known as CricketForce (alternatively known as "do we have to paint the boundary fencing again?") which was expertly organised by Richard East, bringing players, juniors and parents to the ground on a fortunately dry and sunny day. In addition to the boundary boards, the club's historic score-box has been spruced up and is looking wonderful. The day was a great success and also raised £400 for club funds through sponsorship of the juniors involved. It had been intended that a short match between juniors and the third team would take place when the work was finished but unfortunately the ground was too damp on the day. The game will probably take place after junior coaching on a Friday evening.

Regarding junior coaching, this resumes on Friday April 26th at 6pm. If any boys or girls aged 8-13 have an interest in joining, simply get to the club on a Friday evening and speak to one of the coaches.

The club is once more part of the ECB-sponsored All Stars program, which is an 8-week programme that introduces boys and girls aged 5-8 to the game in a

structured and fun way. Parents register their child online at

<https://ecb.clubspark.uk/AllStars/SearchResults> and the child will receive a backpack full of goodies including a cricket bat, ball, activity book, personalised shirt and cap all sent direct.

All Stars was very popular last year so please sign up early to avoid disappointment. At our Mill Lane ground, the first session taking place on Friday June 7th from 5:15-6pm.

Scoring in the Premier Division requires that club's do this electronically using ECB software on a laptop. Taking on this task will be a near neighbour who is looking to return to cricket and will help with the scoring this season.

Interest in a ladies team to play in Women's Soft Ball Festivals is gathering and a number of villagers have signed up already. This form of cricket is fun and sociable, with no hard ball, no heavy bats and with all equipment provided. Games typically last two to four hours, so there is no time to be bored.

If any ladies in the village are interested in playing – even if only occasionally – please email amandagordon677@gmail.com.

The club is always keen to attract new players at all levels. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO PLAY, PLEASE CONTACT NICK REDDISH ON 07802 212125.

Upcoming fixtures at Mill Lane:

Sat May 4th at 1pm – Pershore (1st team)

Sat May 11th at 1pm – Hagley (2nd team)

Sat May 18th at 1pm – Redditch (1st team)

Sat May 25th at 1pm – Chaddesley Corbett (2nd team)

Sat Jun 1st at 1pm – Astwood Bank (1st team)

Sat Jun 8th at 1pm – Colwall (2nd team)

Come down and watch – you will be very welcome. In the meantime, find us online at <https://www.feckenhamcc.co.uk/>.

FECKENHAM
GARAGE 

MOT Testing Station
Servicing & Repair to all makes

Tel: 01527 892483

Stock & Bradley Gardening Club Rob Cole

Wednesday 1st May 2019 - 7:30pm
will be a talk by Jeff Soulsby entitled 'May in the Garden - Gearing up for Summer'. Jeff is a local nurseryman and is a keen grower of hardy perennials and for the last two years has taken a stall at our Annual Plant Sale.
The theme for the Monthly Competition will be 'Three Hardy Perennial Flowers'.

Saturday 11th May 10.00am - 12.00 noon ANNUAL PLANT SALE

Our Annual Plant Sale will be held at the Village Hall, Church Road, Bradley Green. Plants grown by members will be for sale, and two specialist local nurseries will also be in attendance with an interesting range of plants.
The event is an ideal opportunity to buy excellent plants at keen prices and is open to everyone. There will be coffee and tea available, and home made cakes. There is no charge for entry, but we do appreciate it if you buy a raffle ticket at the door.

The following meeting - Wednesday 5th June 2019 - 7:30pm The newly inaugurated June meeting will be a talk by Jim Almond entitled 'Climbers and Other Favourite Garden Plants'. Jim is a regular contributor to our gardening club and is a keen photographer as well as a grower and will show us some of the plants which have become his favourites.
The theme for the Monthly Competition will be 'A Flowering Climber'.

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

Feckenham W.I. INSPIRING WOMEN

Glenda Smith

On Thursday 14th March, business and forthcoming events were dealt with, then members enjoyed a fun evening being entertained by Linda Hartley and her Rock & Roll puppets.



We were given ribbons on sticks, toy musical instruments and hand puppets with which to join in the fun as various puppets (including Elvis) performed to pop music from the 60's. Members were given the opportunity 'to have a go' at working them at the end with chaotic results! Members were seen to be doing the twist and joining in the hilarious fun.
We relaxed afterwards with social time & partaking of light refreshments.

This month's meeting is on **Thursday 9th May** in the Village Hall Back Room at 7.30pm. We shall have our A.G.M., and be discussing & voting on the Resolutions to be presented at the National annual meeting. We shall then enjoy a **"Bring & Share Supper"**.

Up Coming Garden Visits:

15th May Windsor Avenue, Worcester

18th June Milbrook Lodge, Alfrick

Contact Vivien Hunter 402360

Fieldfares



Located in Cookhill
Please Call Samantha
on 07919912069
or e-mail samnicholls21@aol.com

Can't think what to do with your garden?
Let me help!



Claire Ellis Complete Gardens

Design & Planting
Maintenance & Rejuvenation
Consultancy



07773 101750 or 01527 894745



FROM AN
award-winning
GASTRO TEAM



The Forest offers imaginative cuisine, fine wines and real ales all in a friendly atmosphere.

1 Droitwich Road,
Feckenham, B96 6JE.
01527 894422

www.theforestatfeckenham.com

TAYLORS

SOLICITORS

For all your legal needs

- Probate
- Affairs of the Elderly
- Lasting Powers of Attorney & Deputyships
- Wills, Trusts and Inheritance Tax matters
- Conveyancing
Buying, selling or remortgaging a property

1 Mason Rd, Headless Cross,
Redditch. B97 5DA - Easy Parking
Home visits available

01527 544221

Lexcel
Legal Practice Quality Mark
Law Society

www.taylorssolicitors.com



Regulated by the Solicitors Regulation Authority - No 515404

THE IRONING CENTRE



16 Feckenham Road
Astwood Bank
(Next to Astwood Smiles Nursery
The Old Coach House)

IRONING
LAUNDERING
DRY CLEANING
REPAIRS & ALTERATIONS
SHOE REPAIRS
COLLECTION & DELIVERY

01527 894040

COLOR CODE MOTORS

ACCIDENT & REPAIR SPECIALIST
COLOUR MATCHING 100% GUARANTEED
LOW BAKE OVEN
FIBREGLASS & RESORATION WORK
FLEET & COMMERCIAL REPAIRS

LEE HALL-ANNISON

Unit A, Green Lane, The Slough, Studley, Warks. B80 7EY

TELEPHONE: 01527 854155



Inkberrow

Physiotherapy & Acupuncture

CLINICAL SPECIALIST PHYSIOTHERAPIST
EXPERIENCED ACUPUNCTURIST
INDIVIDUALLY TAILORED TREATMENT PLANS
FLEXIBLE APPOINTMENTS TO SUIT YOU
RECOGNISED BY MOST HEALTHCARE INSURERS

www.inkberrowphysioacupuncture.co.uk

T: 01386 792126 M: 07801 993125

L.E. Plasterer & Decorator

all aspects of plastering and decoration undertaken

for a free estimate call

07909 911833

01905 772890

realistic prices

JW & A J BARRETT LTD

Craftsmen in Metal

Traditional Blacksmithing
Restoration/repair
Metal work for home & garden
Mobile Welding

www.artmetal.co.uk

Tel/Fax 01527 821500

Mobile 07973 517781



Direct Floors

Home service

Carpets • Vinyls • Wood-floors • Laminates

- Mobile showroom to your home
- Save up to 30% on shop prices
- Over 3000 samples on our van



01527-894777



www.direct-floors.co.uk

Furniture moved & carpets uplifted
for OAP'S & disabled free of charge



CAR AIR CONDITIONING SERVICING



AUTOTECH

Motor Vehicle Services - MOT Centre

TEL: 01527 892254

1 Queen Street. Astwood Bank

All Car & Light Vehicle Repairs & Servicing
Free Collection & Delivery - Breakdown & Recovery
Tyre Fitting While U Wait

TYRES EXHAUSTS BATTERIES TYRES

Bowbrook Gardens

Imaginative high quality landscaping

Patios & garden walls

Ponds & water features

Swimming pool & ponds fibreglassed

Also Pond & Patio cleaning

Fencing & Hedge cutting

Local, friendly service, references available

Call Glenn - 01905 937852

Mobile 07792613020



CORNELL

Established Over 40 Years

Chimney Sweep

Clean & Efficient - Brush & Vacuum
Competitive Prices - Cowl Fitting

Graeme Butlin

0121 445 5913

0754 587 6475

46 Oxford Road, Moseley, Birmingham B13 9ER

Bennett Decoration

Painting & Decorating

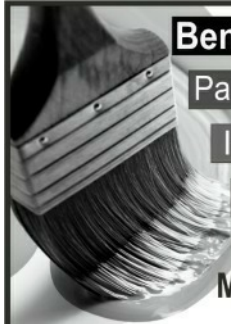
Interior & Exterior

First Class Work

Tel: 01527 893162

Mob: 0797 3627269

Free Estimates



Rehabilitation Massage & Pain Management

For Stroke, M.S, Parkinsons, Rh. Arthritis, old injuries
and other long term illnesses.

Deep tissue, Ayurvedic, Swedish, Therapeutic
& Herbal pouch massages available.

Relax body & mind and relieve pain by Indian massage,
Art of Breathing and Natural Therapies.

Home visits

Call Jose - 07742732083

www.Ayurvedictherapy.co.uk



Venables
Property Services

Building, Roofing,
Maintenance & Repair

Structural Alterations
Re-roofing, Landscaping
Brickwork Contractor
Garden Design

t : 01386 793 164

m: 07958 948460

Mark Venables
Bean hall mill, feckenham,

BRAY BROS

TREE SURGEONS

TREE SURGERY - HEDGE TRIMMING
LOPPING, PRUNING - STUMP REMOVAL

TEL: 01527 892828

MOBILE: 07970 263779

184 THE RIDGEWAY, ASTWOOD BANK

FULLY INSURED - NPTC CERT. NO.552670



S.E. Davis & Son Ltd

FIRST CHOICE FOR LANDSCAPING SUPPLIES



DAILY DELIVERIES TO YOUR AREA -
CAN BE DELIVERED LOOSE OR IN BULK BAGS

OPEN TO
THE TRADE
& PUBLIC



COMPLETE RANGE OF SAND & GRAVELS, ROCKERY STONE,
WATER FEATURES, DECORATIVE CHIPPINGS, RECYCLED &
QUARRIED STONE, TOP SOIL, TURF, BARK & CEMENT.

READY MIX CONCRETE & CPC'S TRAINING
ALSO AVAILABLE ON SITE

Sandhills Farm, Edgioake Lane, Astwood Bank, B96 6BG
01527 893343 • www.sedavis.co.uk

NATIONAL AWARD WINNING COMMUNITY SHOP

The Village Shop

Droitwich Road, Feckenham

- Coffee Shop
- Groceries
- Deli



Weekdays 8am - 6pm

Saturday 9am - 2pm

Sunday 10am - 1pm



W feckenhamshop.co.uk

T 01527 894475



JONATHAN SPROULE DEVELOPMENTS

(MASTER BUILDERS)

20 Years Experience
SPECIALISTS IN

CHARACTER & PERIOD PROPERTIES
HOUSE EXTENSIONS & RENOVATIONS

Mere Green Cottage, Hanbury, Worcs. WR9 7DZ



Tel: 07973 445048 & 07976 826065 Fax: 01527 821452