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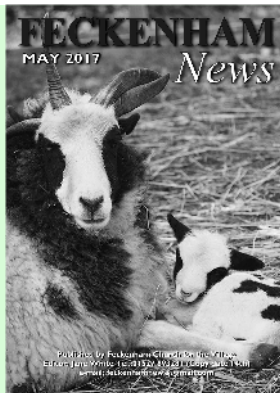
# MAY Diary



Tues 2 <sup>nd</sup>	12.30am	Lunch Club	Village Hall, Back Room
Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup>	7.30pm	Stock & Bradley Gardening Club	Bradley Village Hall
Tues	7.30pm	Feckenham Forest History Society	Webheath Village Hall
Thur 11 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Feckenham WI	Village Hall Back Room
Sat 13 <sup>th</sup>	10am-12	Plant Sale	Bradley Village Hall
Thur 18 <sup>th</sup>	7pm	Parish Council Annual Meeting	Village Hall Back Room
Fri 19 <sup>th</sup>	8pm	FeckenOdeon-2	Village Hall Back Room
Sat 20 <sup>th</sup>	10.30-12	Coffee Morning in aid of Christian Aid	Parish Church
<b>JUNE</b>			
Sun 18 <sup>th</sup>	2.30pm	“Jo Cox’s Party”	The Square
Sat 24 <sup>th</sup>		The Wake	The Square & Field

## Front Cover

“Spring Lamb” born in a field  
down Mill Lane.  
Photo by Tom Chute



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of ST. JOHN  
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## Readers and intercessors

### Sunday 7th

Easter 4

### 11.00am Sung Eucharist

Acts 2: 42-47

Peter 2: 19-25

Intercessor

Jane White

Elizabeth Atkins

Tony Mortimer



### Sunday 14th

Easter 5

### 8.00am Holy Communion

James 1: 22

John Eaton

### 11.00am Lay Led Worship "Where is God already at work?"

### Sunday 21st

Easter 6

### 6.30 pm Evensong

Acts 17: 22-31

John 14: 15-21

Intercessor

Oliver White

Carol Price

Carol Onions

### Thursday 25th

**Ascension Day** 10.45 am  
7.30 pm

**Wychbold  
Hanbury**

### Sunday 28th

Easter 7

### 11.00am Holy Communion

Acts 1: 6-14

Peter 4: 12-14, 5: 6-11

Intercessor

David Street

Shirley Harman

Lin Preece

## 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](mailto: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

# Thought for the month

Rev. Wyn Beynon

Dear Friends,

## BEAUTY AND THE BEAST

A Priest colleague, who has had professional involvement with theatre for many years said to me the other day, "All stories are true, some of them actually happened."

So it was that I watched the latest Disney version of "Beauty and the Beast" and enjoyed the story, told without any modification, just the story as I remembered it. Beautifully done and leaving me with the question.. did the Beast really turn into a handsome Prince, or was it that Belle's love for the Beast meant that she simply saw him as handsome? And the consequence of that love was that all sorts of people were set free to be themselves.

It's a deeply Christian story.

Someone was telling me the story of a young person - about 18 years of age. They were listening to two people arguing about whether or not Jesus was born of a Virgin birth. In the end they said, "Who cares whether or not it happened, it's BEAUTIFUL."

I'm perfectly well aware, as a student of science that facts are essential. But I'm also well aware that the truth is not the same as an assembly of facts.

I believe in the Resurrection of Jesus because it is a beautiful story. I have absolutely no idea what the facts are. In fact I don't care, because asking about the facts is the asking the wrong questions.

The resurrection set people free. People who were bowed down in sorrow found joy and liberty. They changed the world with the simple story that love is stronger than death itself.

In a world which is increasing descending into vicious localism, privatism and fear and hatred of that which is "different to us", we need the Resurrection truth..... that love conquers.

Love can't be reduced to a mathematical formula or a tidy scientific hypothesis. But it is still the biggest truth there is.

It's the truest story of all. And it happens every day.

It's the only way the Beast becomes Beautiful!

Best wishes, Wyn

## Christian Aid

If you would like to donate to Christian aid this year particularly with the famine at the forefront of our minds, please put your money in the envelope provided and gift aid it if possible. (They have been delivered with magazines in and around the village) You can post it through Mrs Shirley Harman's letterbox which is really easy to find at 33, High Street, Feckenham or hand it in at the Village Shop before the 20th May. Thank you.

## In Aid of Mission Morogoro

improving lives in rural Tanzania

## BLACKWELL CONCERT BAND

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**All Saints Church**

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# Reviews

Antonia Pulsford

## "Jesus My Boy"

This was a very stimulating and unusual occasion in St. John the Baptist's church on 6th April, a monologue delivered by Jonathan Darby of the Worcester Rep. His performance as Mary's husband, Joseph, was most impressive and convincing. Normally Joseph is a sort of lay figure in the background behind Mary and the baby and we know very little about him, but John Dowie, the author, and Jonathan Darby provided a very believable portrait of an ordinary, not terribly bright man, caught up in events he did not welcome and which in the end caused him great suffering.

Jonathan's acting was spell binding and the audience, of about 45 people, was totally involved. If you weren't able to come it's worth contacting Worcester Rep to find out if there are more performances being given in Worcestershire – there have been, and maybe there will be some more.

## An Evening with Fordante

On Sunday 9th April Feckenham was lucky enough to be re-visited by Phil Mountford whose "Suite for the Fallen Soldier" was premiered last year in Feckenham Parish Church. This time it was quite different. We were in the Village Hall and Phil was accompanied by four very attractive musical ladies, playing the violin, viola, cello and oboe while Phil played the keyboard. The programme entitled "From Puccini to the Movies" was a mixture of well-known music from films such as "Dr. Zhivago" and "Lawrence of Arabia", from light opera (we finished with Tchaikovsky's "Sleeping Beauty Waltz") and several of Phil's own compositions. I particularly liked his Tango. The performance was complemented by a light show behind the players which greatly added to the experience.

The audience, very largely from Feckenham, was most enthusiastic and was rewarded with an encore. It was a most enjoyable way to spend a Sunday evening and we hope we may be able to have another visit from Fordante.

## Feckenham Flower Show & Over 60's Party Fund

Margaret East

### Spring Flower Show

We had a very successful Flower Show on 1st April and would like to thank the exhibitors, the extra helpers and the villagers and friends that supported us during the afternoon, enjoying tea, cakes and scones. Local businesses generously sponsored many of the raffle prizes which raised a considerable sum and also the stallholders who agreed to display and sell their wares. There were beautiful cards, plants and a varied selection of gifts. The tombola continues to be very popular. Thank you to all who provided homemade cakes, teabreads and delicious scones.

At St John the Baptist Church  
Feckenham

**20th May**

Coffee Morning  
for  
Christian Aid

10.30am - 12.00 noon

**please save the date in your diary**

# Local Matters

## Dodgy broadband?

Hi everyone,

Well, I had hoped that I wouldn't have to write to you again about broadband, but I'm afraid a few people (including me and Q!) are having issues with our speedy new Superfast fibre broadband. What we are seeing is that it momentarily drops out, but the blue light on the router doesn't change and the fault reporting systems don't see the synchronisation as dropping out, but the signal is definitely lost. This means that our provider, in our case BT, can't see that there is an issue with our line. However, it's definitely cutting out.

I wanted to write out to you all for three reasons:

- Firstly, to ask that if you aren't satisfied with how your broadband is behaving, and you've done everything we advised in the broadband leaflet you had back in February, then *please raise a fault with your Service Provider!!!* We cannot stress this enough – if you don't raise a fault, they won't know anything is wrong. When you do raise a fault with your line, please ask them to check the 'PPP sessions', as at the moment, this is what is showing up as being faulty.
- Secondly, if you are experiencing the same issue that Q and I are, please be assured that we are trying hard to get it fixed. You see, we think it may be an issue that affects our cabinet, and not just our line.
- And thirdly, please get in touch with us to let us know if you too are having issues with your broadband. This is so that we can get an idea of how many people are affected. Please email [Jen@28highstreet](mailto:Jen@28highstreet), or text me on 07773 883 039 (or just pop a note through my door at 28 High Street).

Q and I have been experiencing this issue since early March and we have ruled out all possibilities with our internal wiring and set-up

so now we are pursuing it deeper into the network. I hope that not too many people are affected, but if you are, we're working to get it fixed as soon as we can.

Jen & Q Cary



**St John the Baptist Church  
Feckenham**

**Where is God already at work?**

**Sunday 14th May  
at 11am**

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# Coming Home!

Maggie Stephens

In August last year, after an absence of some 25+ years, I moved back to Feckenham. A few days after, I was walking in the village when Jerry Eost saw me, jumped down off his tractor and greeted me with a big hug, saying "Welcome home Maggie". How lovely was that - for, in essence, it really did feel like coming home.

I have no real claim on the village, I wasn't born and bred in Feckenham - I'm from London but moved here in 1980 and my three children spent some 12 happy years of their childhood here. We've had christenings, weddings and sadly even funerals here. I've lived in 3 houses: the Old Vicarage, 17 The Square and now now 12 The High Street - the smallest by far, but snug and cosy and, now we've learned to duck the beams, is great!

I left the village 25 years ago to be with Peter but have always remained firm friends with many and, without wishing to be unduly sentimental, it always felt like home whenever I drove through or visited. For me, it has always been a village that works hard at being a community and invites its inhabitants to become involved. It's wonderful - if at times scary - to see those who I saw as young people all those years ago, now as adults with their own families. For those of similar vintage, to me, I may see a few more ailments, a few more grey hairs (except for dear Shirley Harman of course!) and the odd stoop but that doesn't detract one iota from the sense of belonging.

Peter has embraced Feckenham life too, loving it as I do. Friends and neighbours have been so kind since our return and we have been invited to many homes and celebrations. It's been lovely to meet new people as well. We really look forward to welcoming friends, old and new, to our new home, now that we are up and running.

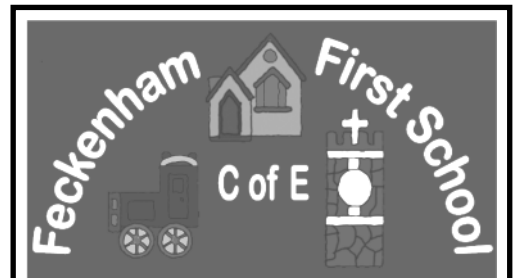
It wouldn't be honest for me if I didn't mention that, as for us all, life hasn't been without its hurdles. For our family, the greatest tragedy was the death of my son Neil in 2002, a life changing event for us all. But he is buried, along with his father, my first husband John, in the churchyard. Not the reason to move back but perhaps an subconscious additional factor.

Our children love to visit and Peter and I hopefully look forward to many years ahead, being back in Feckenham and contributing to village life.

Thank you everyone.

Maggie

(Stephens, previously Bowler)



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# Feckenham Parish Council

## MAY MEETINGS

You are all invited to the **Annual Parish Meeting on Thursday, 18th May at 7pm** in the Village Hall (Back Room). At this meeting progress reports will be received by the Council and villagers can take the opportunity to bring matters of concern to the attention of Councillors. Following the Parish Meeting the Council will elect officers and delegates for the coming year and will then proceed to an ordinary Council Meeting. The public are welcome to attend all Council Meetings.

## SMARTWATER

At the April Meeting the Council agreed to purchase SmartWater packs for every household in the Parish. These allow people to mark their possessions with an indelible "DNA" which acts as an effective deterrent to thieves. The Council will work with the Community Police to ensure that everyone receives and utilises the packs.

# Village Hall

Ian Bellion



## TERRIFIC TILING!

Refurbishing the Village Hall's kitchen was a major undertaking and strained the finances considerably. The load was lifted and the costs plummeted down when a kind village couple offered to undertake one of the most difficult tasks for free. Steve and Jenny Dalloway helped us source high quality tiles and trimmings at budget prices - and then set to work. They appeared late at night and over weekends - anytime when the Hall's busy timetable permitted a peaceful tiling session. The resulting job is perfection itself and should last for many a hard year. The Hall's Committee would like thank the Dalloways for undertaking the work and for carrying it out to such a high standard - no fuss, no mess - just a great result. We are most grateful.

## SHINDIG SHUFFLE

You may (or may not) wonder how the Shindig show's that visit the Hall are selected. How do we choose them? Well the answer is, "with great difficulty"! At the end of March each year we receive a list, together with descriptions, of all the shows on offer from September to May. This time there are 89 of them. We first have to sift out those which we simply can't accommodate and those we wouldn't ever want to accommodate. The next stage is to match the availability of the artists with the availability of the Hall... no mean feat.. and then select the best of those left standing. We can then request the shows - but have to give three possible choices for each date. The good folk at Live and Local (who operate the Shindig scheme) then have the joyous task of apportioning the shows between 250 venues... and we should know what we've got in July!



Shindig Allocations Room

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

- 3rd GARDENING CLUB**  
'Nursery Life - the Ups and Downs'  
Village Hall - 7.30pm
- 5th BREAKAWAY**  
Hanging Baskets  
with Steven Felix - 10.30am
- 8th ART CLASSES**  
Summer Term starts  
Village Hall - 9.30am
- 13th GARDENING CLUB**  
ANNUAL PLANT SALE  
Village Hall - 7.30pm

For more information see  
**STOCK & BRADLEY CHRONICLE**


# WHAT'S ON IN FECKENHAM



THE  
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**ANNUAL RESOLUTIONS MEETING**  
Thursday, 11th May - 7.30pm  
FECKENHAM VILLAGE HALL  
Visitors Welcome at all meetings - £4

Feckenham Readers Group  
Wednesday, 10th May - 7.45  
  
This month's book: IQ 84  
by Haruki Murakami  
Details from Marton Chate - 892285

Feckenham Forest History Society  
**LOCAL PLACE NAMES**  
with Richard Churchley  
Tuesday, 9th May - 7.30pm  
Webheath Village Hall  
[www.feckenham-forest-history-society.org.uk](http://www.feckenham-forest-history-society.org.uk)



**COFFEE MORNING**  
In aid of CHRISTIAN AID  
Saturday, 20th May - 10am to noon  
in the Church

## Feckenham Parish Council

Thursday, 18th May

7pm - Annual Parish Meeting

7.30pm - Parish Council Meeting

Feckenham Village Hall (Back Room)

*Every Council Meeting contains an Open Forum session in which you can bring matters of concern to the attention of the Council.*



## Stock & Bradley GARDENING CLUB

**NURSERY LIFE**

THE UPS AND DOWNS

with Leila Jackson

Wednesday, 3rd May - 7.30pm

## ANNUAL PLANT SALE

Saturday, 13th May - 10am to 12 noon

Bradley Village Hall - 01527 821355

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



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# FeckenOdeon Cinema Society

Ian Bellion



## FAB FOUR IN FECKENHAM

While the main cinema takes a break, there's a summer mini-season of great films in FeckenOdeon 2. First up is a chance to see The Beatles as you've never seen them before. In "The Beatles: Eight Days a Week" director Ron Howard has been given unprecedented access to archives throughout the world in order to show us the working lives of the group as they tour. There are backstage scenes, interviews and lots of previously unseen performances of favourite songs - all restored so that they look as if they were made yesterday in High Definition and digital sound. The two surviving band members, Paul and Ringo, as well as the widows of John and George assisted with the project. If you remember them in the 60s this will bring it all back - and if you're too young to remember them, this will give you an idea of what all the fuss was about!

**"The Beatles: Eight Days a Week" - FeckenOdeon 2 at 8pm on Fri. 19th May.**

*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](http://www.fecknodeon.co.uk)*

## COMING SOON...

The Summer Season in FeckenOdeon 2 continues with these films:

Friday, 14th July: Dev Patel in **LION**

Friday, 18th Aug: Steve McQueen in **BULLITT**

The FeckenOdeon's Main Season starts in September. Full details are in our brochure which you can find at the Shop, Rose & Crown, Village Hall, etc - or see [www.fecknodeon.co.uk](http://www.fecknodeon.co.uk)



## SWANS ON YOUR WIRELESS

We've been asked by a good number of people if you can receive Swansbrook Radio on one of these new fangled Internet Radios. The answer is yes, probably and maybe. It seems that all of the manufacturers have chosen different ways in which they make up their lists of available stations. We're gradually working our way through the various suppliers to get Swansbrook included. If you have an Internet radio and can't find us on the dial please e-mail us at [radio@swansbrook.com](mailto:radio@swansbrook.com) - tell us the make and model of your radio and, if we can, we'll look it up and send you the magic formula.

## SWANS OUT AND ABOUT

Swansbrook Radio - Feckenham's own Radio Station - is always keen to get out of the studio and broadcast village happenings. Recently we've been at the Flower Show, the Rose & Crown Quiz and we've been wine tasting all over the place. Please let us know if there's an event or occurrence that you think people would like to hear about on the wireless - just e-mail [radio@swansbrook.com](mailto:radio@swansbrook.com) and the mobile studio will be on the way!

## LISTEN TO THE SWANS

Just go to [www.swansbrook.com](http://www.swansbrook.com) and follow the instructions you'll find there. You'll also find programme times and details of how to register for updates.

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## Feckenham ENTERTAINMENTS Committee

Alan Jones

All villagers are invited to come along to a picnic/tea party to mark the anniversary of the death of Jo Cox MP murdered for holding the view that 'We have more in common than that which divides us'

Jo loved a party and there is a national movement (headed by Jamie Oliver and the Duchess of Cornwall) for all communities to celebrate her life with 'street parties'.

The Entertainment Committee has, with a small group, started making initial plans to hold Feckenham's own event on the **18th June** at 2.30pm on the square – yes we know its father's day but what's a better way to celebrate your Dad's day than a community party?

Just bring you own food/picnic; in addition a cake of your own might be appropriate and if you choose to share it with others that would be even more appropriate; Jo always believed sharing food made a community. We will provide cups of tea and tables and a limited number of chairs (extra chairs welcome) and a couple of large tents. The aim is to have a **fun time** together as members of the Feckenham community (plus some social responsibility).

Why not Google Jo Cox's Party and let us know about any ideas of your own? Email

[Feckenhamsjosparty@gmail.com](mailto:Feckenhamsjosparty@gmail.com) or call Alan on 01527 893463 or drop a note though his door.

## Square Management Committee

### WHEN WE WERE VERY FAB



Coming soon to a village green near you! The 1960s - the decade of Peace, Love, Space Hoppers and Lambrettas. A time when rock and roll became the music of the people, Angel Delight became the pudding of the people, Smash became the mash of the people and skirts became very, very short. It's assumed a sort of mythical mantle - a colourful psychedelic wonderland full of Beatles, Stones and Gerry and The Pacemakers... Well some of us will get the chance to relive those days and some will get the chance to experience them for the first time because this year's Fun On The Square is going to recreate the pleasures of the '60s. There'll be food, drink, music and games of the time... and there'll be the "in" things for youngsters to do. Did you ever play Twister? How's your Hula Hooping? How far can you bounce on your Hopper? ... and there'll be the sensation of the decade - Bingo!

There'll be more details in next month's Feckenham News - but start looking for your PVC mini dresses, paisley shirts and Go Go Boots now! **When we Were Very Fab - Fun from the 1960s - Saturday 22nd July from 6.30pm**



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# World War I Centenary Commemoration



## EDGARTHOMAS HAWTHORNE

The life of Edgar Thomas Hawthorne, who died age twenty on 24th April 1917, will be commemorated on Sunday 14th May 2017 at the Family Service to be held in the Parish Church of Saint John the Baptist, Feckenham.

Edgar Thomas Hawthorne was born in late 1896 to Thomas and Elizabeth (nee Styler) Hawthorne. His father was a farmer, living in 1901 at Noah's Green (along The Saltway, opposite Berrowhill Lane). By 1911 the family had moved to High Street Feckenham, with Thomas working as a fitter's labourer in a needle factory. Elizabeth and Edgar also worked there, Elizabeth as a warehouse woman, and Edgar as an errand boy. Later the family moved to 6 Woodside Avenue, Bromsgrove Road, Webheath.

Edgar had a younger brother, George Henry Hawthorne, who was born on 8th August 1900, and who married Beatrice Maude Pinfield Wells in 1926 in Bromsgrove.

Edgar initially served in the Worcestershire Regiment before transferring to the 12th Battalion of the Hampshire Regiment, and by April 1917 had been sent to Greece, where they were helping Serbian forces. Late in the afternoon of 24th April 1917 they left camp and marched forward through communications trenches to positions at Minden and Salisbury Support Camp, where the Battalion was involved in heavy fighting and suffered many casualties. Edgar was amongst those killed there.

His body was never found/identified, he is remembered on the Doiran Memorial to the missing in Northern Greece. Locally, he is also remembered on the Feckenham, Webheath Church, and Headless Cross War Memorials; and an Edward Hawthorne is remembered on the Feckenham School War Memorial -

presumably this should have referred to Edgar.

Does anyone know whether Edgar's mother Elizabeth (Nee Styler), whose father was Thomas Styler, was related to Williams Alfred Styler and Frank Wilson Styler who also died in World War One? If so, please contact us . [01527 894568]

## Village Hall

Improvement Fund 2016/17



### April Winners

122	Ian Bellion & Judy Hooker	£25
54	Kate Baylis	£15
115	Muriel Richards	£10

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

## Village Shop

Jeff Matthews

Hopefully, by the time we are all reading this the weather will have warmed up, meaning it's time to enjoy our range of delicious Churchfields' ice-cream, locally produced, with natural ingredients and milk from their own cows.

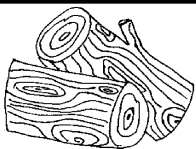
From our new vegetable supplier, we have the usual favourites plus new season asparagus, always something eagerly awaited at this time of the year. The new arrangement has also meant that we are now stocking avocados.

This month's special is a small hot drink and a toasted teacake at £2.50, and coming soon the ever popular cream teas (when the chilly North wind finally stops blowing!)

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

### Monthly Meeting

Everyone is most welcome to our monthly meetings on the first Wednesday of each month and held at the Wheelbarrow Castle, Radford. Meeting at 11:00 and lunch from 12:00



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# Feckenham Cricket Club

Bob Gordon



*“Summer afternoon—summer afternoon; to me those have always been the two most beautiful words in the English language” – Henry James.*

I write this after the most glorious weekend for a long time, with temperatures comfortably in the twenties Centigrade, inevitably prompting the British male to display his bare knees for the first time in at least six months. The bouncy castle made its first appearance of the year and was enthusiastically enjoyed by hordes of young children, while their parents sunned themselves and the BBQ did steady business.

The dozens of sections of perimeter fencing have been freshly painted and the clubhouse exterior looks smarter than it has for years with its new coat of woodstain (thanks Matt, Jane, Rob and Alex). The pitches and outfield look magnificent after all the care, mowing and rolling carried out by Steve and Neil since the weather became drier.

With the sun highlighting the blackthorn blossom in the hedgerows, is there a more beautiful cricket ground in the country? Our personal harbingers of summer - the club's swallows – are rumoured to have reappeared and are building a new nest - so yes, it is again time to play cricket.

With an exciting young first team, Feckenham Cricket Club expects to be competitive and is looking forward to the higher standard of cricket that Division One will bring. The club has managed to attract a number of new players, which is important now that we have a third team. The icing on the cake is probably the signing for the season of a promising New Zealander who looks like a great fast bowler and can also bat.

We are ready!

In fact, by the time that you read this, we will have already played the first couple of games of the season and will have seen the benefits of the

hard pre-season training undertaken by the first-team players in particular.

Upcoming fixtures at Mill Lane are:

Sat. 29th April - 2nd XI v Harborne (1pm)  
Sat. 6th May - 2nd XI v Worcester (1pm)  
Sun. 7th May – Under 12s v Worfield (10am)  
Sun. 7th May – T20 v Old Hill (3pm)  
Sat. 13th May - 1st XI v Pedmore (1pm)  
Sat. 20th May - 2nd XI v Redditch (1pm)  
Sun. 21st May – Under 10s v Bewdley (10am)  
Sun. 21st May – T20 v Worcester (3pm)  
Sat. 27th May - 1st XI v Stourport (1pm)  
Sat. 3rd June - 2nd XI Home v Bewdley (1pm)  
All fixtures can be found on <http://feckenham.play-cricket.com/> and will soon be on village notice boards.

## Wake 2017

Marion Chute

### A Wake 4 everyone

-24th June 2017

The date is creeping closer and this year there will be a **Grand Draw** with some exceptional prizes. For the price of a £1 ticket you could win a Ticket to Alton Towers, or to Blackpool Pleasure beach, or West Midland Safari Park, a rugby ball signed by an Aviva Premiership team or a voucher for Libby Mitchell treatments. Tickets will be on sale next month and you may have some of our team appearing on your doorstep.

The Wake is the chance for every organisation to join in a fantastic village event and drum up new supporters as well as make some money for themselves. No charitable organisation is charged for having a stall or running a sideshow – **you keep it all for yourselves!**

That means that we have to make enough money to put the event on and entice the public to come and spend on the day. The Draw is a big part of the picture so if you see some villagers with pleading expressions and tickets clutched in the fists, dip in your pocket for £1 to give yourself a chance to win some fabulous prizes.

# Stock & Bradley Gardening Club

Rob Cole

**On Wednesday 3rd May - 7:30pm** Leila Jackson will give a talk entitled 'Nursery Life - the Ups and Downs' telling us about the extremes of life on her Wall End Nursery near Leominster.

The monthly Competition theme will be 'Blue'. 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.

**ANNUAL PLANT SALE - Saturday 13th May 2017 - 10.00am to 12.00 noon** at the Village Hall, Church Road, Bradley Green. The event is an ideal opportunity to buy excellent plants at keen prices and is open to EVERYONE, not just Club members.

Plants grown by our members will be for sale, and two specialist local nurseries will also be in attendance with an interesting range of plants.

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.

## COACH VISIT TO RALPH COURT AND LOWER HOPE GARDENS Wed. 24th May

This year, our all-day coach outing will be to Herefordshire and we will visit two gardens during the day. Pre booking is essential, so if you haven't booked already you should contact Sheila White as soon as possible on 01527 545572.

*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 Dinny Pynsent (Secretary) on 01527 821355 or Rob Cole (Chairman) on 01527 821156.*

# Feckenham W.I.

Jane White



Our May meeting is on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm in the Village Hall Back Room. We will be having our A.G.M., and debating the two resolutions to be put to the National A.G.M. In June. These concern working with social care providers and local communities to alleviate loneliness, and the problem of micro fibres shed from synthetic clothing with every wash making a "plastic soup" that contaminates the oceans. Our forthcoming visits are  
31<sup>st</sup> May - "White Cottage", Stock Green  
14<sup>th</sup> June - "David's Garden", Martinhussingtree  
28<sup>th</sup> June Avoncroft Museum with lunch  
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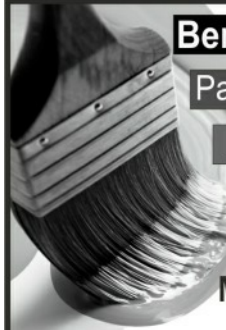
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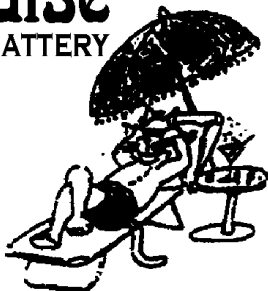


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