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# News



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# MAY Diary



Tues 3rd	12.30am	Lunch Club	Village Hall, Back Room
Wed 4th	7.30pm	Stock & Bradley Gardening Club	Bradley Village Hall
Tues 10th	7.30pm	Feckenham Forest History Society	Webheath Village Hall
Thur 12th	7.30pm	Feckenham WI	Back Room Village Hall
Sun 15th	7.30pm	“Licensed to Trill”	Village Hall
Thurs 19th	7.pm	Annual Parish Meeting	Village Hall
Fri 20th	7.30pm	FeckenOdeon-2	Back Room Village Hall
Thur 28th	8.pm	Village Shop Refurbishment	Village Hall
<b>JUNE</b>			
Sat 11th	5.pm	Queen’s Birthday Cele- bration	The Square
Sat 18th	6.30pm	W.W.I Commemoration Concert	Parish Church
Sat 25th		Wake	The Square & Playing field

## Front Cover

Easter Egg Fun on the Square.  
Photo sent in by Maxime Melson.  
More pictures on p7.



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# Church Services MAY

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of ST. JOHN  
THE BAPTIST

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## Readers and intercessors



### Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> May 11.00am Sung Eucharist

Acts 16: 9-15

Revelation 21: 10,22 – 22:5

Intercessions

Doug Curtis

Vanda Cookes

Barbara Wheatley

### Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May

### 8.00pm Ascension Day Oddingley

### Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> May

Easter 7

### 8.00am Holy Communion

1 Peter 4: 7-11

John Pulsford

### 11.00am All Age Worship

**What sort of God do you believe in?**

### Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May

Pentecost

### 6.30 pm Evensong

Acts 2: 1-21

John 14:8-17

Intercessions

David Street

Carol Price

John Calvert

### Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> May

Trinity

### 11.00am Family Communion

Romans 5: 1-5

Intercessions

Alison Crellin

Mark Wheatley

### Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> May

### 10.30 am Group Eucharist at Huddington

### “Mixed Bag”

Will be held in Church on Sunday 1st May - a group for young people and activities for younger children. All children will be warmly welcomed.

## Feckenham Roman Catholic Church

St John Fisher & St. Thomas More

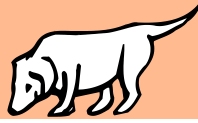


Mass is celebrated every Sunday at 10.15am in the Church

**Fr. Anthony Rohan**, The Presbytery, Redditch. Tel. 01527 63096

Local contact—Phyllis Mott, Feckenham. Tel. 01527 893898

# Newshound



## The cup that cheered!

Anyone who goes to the Feckenham surgery on Mondays, Wednesdays or Fridays usually has to accept the possibility of a long wait to see the doctor. Hoping to beat the queue, I turned up on April 4th just after 2pm only to find an almost full waiting room. By the time the doctor arrived there were over a dozen patients to be seen!

Everyone sat there in glum silence, either reading a magazine or, like me, simply staring into space hoping the time would pass quickly. Then came a voice: "would anyone like a cup of tea or coffee? I live right next door and am happy to make some." This was the delightful Jen Cary who does indeed live next door to the surgery.

True to her word she went out and reappeared staggering under the weight of a tray laden with drinks. The waiting room was immediately transformed into a very convivial party and any angst from the long wait dissolved into friendly smiles and chatter.

I am sure that a cup of tea and a chat would be welcome if it could become a regular event but the queues would probably be longer than ever! This was a one off, but what a lovely gesture and so much appreciated by all who were there that Monday. Thank you Jen.

# Local Matters

## Dogs on public footpaths and bridleways across farmland.

P.C Richard Waterhouse has asked that you be reminded that whilst you are entitled to walk along such paths your dogs must at all times be kept under close control, especially when near livestock. Owners are not entitled to allow their dogs to veer off the footpaths if the land across which the footpath crosses is private land. Therefore the dogs must be kept on a lead.

A recent incident whereby dogs who were not on a lead but running some distance ahead of the owner, and not on a public footpath, having veered off it, spooked a herd of livestock which resulted in the farmer having to destroy one of his animals who was injured in the subsequent "stampede".

It is an offence not to keep dogs under control amongst other offences that subsequently may be committed by the dog owner or person in charge of a dog whilst on such land.

## Small Ads.



Football Game table Very solid and in good order £40 ONO.

Contact Liz Teisen 01527 821233

## Village Hall

Improvement Fund 2015/16



### April Winners

61	Howard & Liz Bellaby	£25
41	Chris & Tave Bristow	£15
157	Carol Onions	£10

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# Thought for the month

Rev. Wyn Beynon

Dear Friends,

Maybe this will help you make up your mind about Europe:

What it's like to be British!

- Being unable to stand and leave without first saying "right"
- Having someone sit next to you on the train, meaning you'll have to eat your crisps at home
- The huge sense of relief after your perfectly valid train ticket is accepted by the inspector
- "Sorry, is anyone sitting here?" – Translation: Unless this is a person who looks remarkably like a bag, I suggest you move it
- Waiting for permission to leave after paying for something with the exact change
- Saying hello to a friend in the supermarket, then creeping around like a burglar to avoid seeing them again
- Punishing people who don't say thank you by saying "you're welcome" as quietly as possible
- The overwhelming sorrow of finding a cup of tea you forgot about
- Realising you've got about fifty grand's worth of plastic bags under your kitchen sink
- "You'll have to excuse the mess" – Translation: I've spent seven hours tidying in preparation for your visit
- Leaving it too late to correct someone, meaning you must live with your new name forever
- Hearing a recording of your own voice and deciding it's perhaps best never to speak again
- Filming an entire fireworks display on your phone, knowing full well you'll never, ever watch it again

We occasionally meet people who are so unaware of their own foibles that they have no patience with other people's!

Best wishes,  
Wyn

Feckenham:

## Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals

We've been fortunate in having Ann Matthews coordinating Baptisms, Wedding and Funerals whilst she's been churchwarden.

Now she is standing down I am asking that the initial contacts for these are directed to me:

My mobile number is the best:

**07595 313035**

or email [wynbeynon@gmail.com](mailto:wynbeynon@gmail.com).

Thank you!

Wyn

## Church Flower Group

Margaret Perry

**T**hank you to all our flower group ladies who made the church look so springlike with their beautiful displays for Easter.

Thank you to everyone who donated towards the Easter Lilies in memory of loved ones which our members were pleased to arrange.

Margaret Perry Co-ordinator

**Saturday May 21<sup>st</sup> 2016**

2pm-6pm

The Rectory, Fish House Lane, Stoke Prior

By invitation of rev. Wyn & Melissa

### **Afternoon with a difference!**

Come and join us in a glass of PROSCecco & a slice of GATEAU

or *Elderflower Presse*

Suggested donation £5  
to Stoke Prior Tower Appeal.

**RAFFLE**

Further details Angela 861247

## EGGCITING EASTER FROLICS - Maxime Melson

Living on the village green is a joyous thing, especially when events take place. We love to get involved and enjoy our window view of people having a great time.

On Easter Saturday we had an impromptu invasion of laughing little ones who were running around the village green, on an Easter egg hunt organised by two local ladies, Carly Fletcher and Lou Clarke.



Accompanied by friends Carly's children Holly and Grace, along with Lou's children Oliver and Eleanor, were noisy and happy in their quest for eggs and, showing their friends around.

Watching from my window I decided to pop out and get some photos to mark some memories, just like I have done over the years.

The kids were happy to pose and I was even given the opportunity to photo the egg and spoon race. The concentration was fabulous!



We have lived in the village for 14 year in October and I have to say we feel very lucky and blessed with our lovely community.

Long may it continue.

Barry and Max

# Village Shop

Jeff Matthews

The shop "deli" continues to promote local product, in particular Cheeses. We have a new cheese producer/supplier as our supplier of long standing Colin has now retired. However our cheeses will still be coming from Worcester. New to the deli is Worcester Gold. From beyond these shores, Port Salut from the Loire, Ricotta and Camembert; so if you have a penchant for a bit of cheese, there's a varied selection to be had at the shop.

Soup isn't just for winter! We have some delicious organic Tideford varieties from Devon.

And, if you're looking for a gift that won't break the bank we now stock Roses Chocolates, and beautiful cards painted by Caroline Glanville.

The weather should be warming up by now and Churchfields Ice Creams have supplied us with the usual favourites, plus some delicious new flavours.

## SHOP REFURBISHMENT

The Village Shop Committee have been considering the refurbishment of the Shop for some time now and would like to share their ideas with you. If you would like to know more please come along to:-

**The Village Hall on  
Thursday 28th April at 8pm**

**For a short PowerPoint presentation followed by a question and answer session.**

We hope to see you there  
Shop Committee

# St John the Baptist Church Feckenham

What sort of a God  
do you believe in?

*Sunday 8th May  
at 11am*

refreshments will  
be served  
during the talk



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# Square Management Committee

## TREE NEWS

By the time you receive this edition of Feckenham News there should be two new long term residents of The Square. Two new trees should have been planted by Majestic Trees - a company which specialises in the relocation of mature trees. At the time of writing it's impossible to say whether all will have gone to plan but all is in place and we're hoping for a smooth operation to maintain The Square's leafy look. All we can do is to apologise for any disruption you may have experienced. Because of the availability of machinery we're only able to do the preliminary excavations on Saturday, April 23rd prior to planting on Tuesday, April 26th. We're sorry that some parking capacity will have been taken up by these works for longer than originally planned. We'll report more fully in June's magazine on the planting and it's outcome.

## AUSTRALIAN CHRISTMAS FUN

Plans are in hand for an **Australian Christmas** celebration on The Square on **Saturday, 23rd July**. Attractions being planned include a beach, an Ocean (watch out for sharks), Christmas carols, an antipodean hot weather Nativity play, a beach barbie, a surfboard challenge, Santa's summer sleigh, Rudolph the Red Nosed Kangaroo, etc, etc... It'll be a bonza night so tune up your didgeridoo, save the corks for your hat and scribble the date in you diary!



# Imagine

Imagine there is a bank account that credits your account each morning with £86,400. It carries over no balance from day to day. Every evening the bank deletes whatever part of the balance you failed to use during the day.

What would you do?  
Draw out every penny, of course?

Each of us has such a bank.  
Its name is time. Every morning, it credits you with 86,400 seconds. Every night it writes off as lost, whatever of this you have failed to invest to a good purpose. It carries over no balance. It allows no overdraft. Each day it opens a new account for you. Each night it burns the remains of the day. If you fail to use the day's deposits, the loss is yours. There is no drawing against "tomorrow". You must live in the present on today's deposits. Invest it so as to get from it the utmost in health, happiness and success.

The clock is running. Make the most of today.

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

- 4th BREAKAWAY**  
Bradley Green Village Hall - 10.30am
- 4th Gardening Club**  
FRAGRANT PLANTS  
Bradley Green Village Hall - 7.30pm
- 7th Gardening Club**  
PLANT SALE - 10am to 12 noon  
Bradley Green Village Hall
- 8th Walking Club 10am**  
Meet at Bradley Church
- 28th 100 Club Supper  
and Draw**  
Bradley Green Village Hall - 7.30pm

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

# WHAT'S ON IN FECKENHAM

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## FeckenOdeon 2

The Cinema in the Back Room

**THE DRESSMAKER** 12A

Kate WINSLET      Liam HEMSWORTH  
Judy DAVIS  
Hugo WEAVING

REVENGE IN THE KITCHEN  
IN FASHION

**Friday, 20th May 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

Send details of events for FREE listing to: [whatson@feckenham.f9.co.uk](mailto:whatson@feckenham.f9.co.uk) or call 892130

# WHAT'S ON IN FECKENHAM



THE  
FECKENHAM  
SESSIONS  
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First Tuesday of every month from 8pm  
NEXT SESSION: Tuesday, 3rd May

## Stock & Bradley GARDENING CLUB



**THE PERFUMED GARDEN**  
with Howard Drury  
Bradley Village Hall  
Wednesday, 4th May - 7.30pm

**PLANT SALE - 7th May - 10am**

Feckenham Forest History Society

## MARKET TOWNS

with Richard Churchley  
Tuesday, 10th May - 7.30pm  
Webheath Village Hall

[www.feckenham-forest-history-society.org.uk](http://www.feckenham-forest-history-society.org.uk)

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INSPIRING WOMEN At FECKENHAM VILLAGE HALL

**THURSDAY, 12th MAY - 7.30pm**  
**AGM & RESOLUTIONS MEETING**

Feckenham Readers Group



Thursday, 12th May - 7.45

This month's book: ALL THE LIGHT WE  
CANNOT SEE by Anthony Doerr  
Details from Marion Chute - 892285



## Feckenham Cricket Club MAY FIXTURES

Home matches:

- Sat 7th May Oldswinford & Stour Social (2nd)
- Sun 8th May, 3pm Barnt Green (T20)
- Sat 14th May Redditch (1st team)
- Sun 15th May Astwood Bank (Knock-out cup)
- Sat 21st May Rushwick (2nd team)
- Sat 28th May Alvechurch & Hopwood (1st)



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# The FeckenOdeon Cinema Society

The FeckenOdeon is in sunny summer mode with three excellent films spaced throughout the season. Showings will be in FeckenOdeon2 which will be air conditioned in the unlikely event of a heatwave....



## DID DUNNAGE DO IT?

Based on the best-selling novel by Rosalie Ham, **"The Dressmaker"** is a bittersweet, comedy-drama set in early 1950s Australia. Tilly Dunnage (Kate Winslet), a beautiful and talented misfit, after many years working as a dressmaker in exclusive Parisian fashion houses, returns home to the tiny middle-of-nowhere town of Dungatar to right the wrongs of the past. Not only is she reconciled with her ailing, eccentric mother Molly (Judy Davis) and unexpectedly falls in love with the pure-hearted Teddy (Liam Hemsworth), but armed with her sewing machine and incredible sense of style, she transforms the women of the town and in doing so gets sweet revenge on those who did her wrong. Critics have accused this of being "an over ripe melodrama" - but this is Australia and that country doesn't do subtle! Go for it Tilly Dunnage!!

**Showing on Friday, 20th May at 7.30pm**



## SHEEP ON ICE

Iceland is an unlikely source for an international comedy sensation - so it has to be said that **"Rams"** is not a laugh-a-minute slapstick, fun-fest. It's more of a slow burn study in eccentricity

and human nature... with sheep. The story tells of two brothers who keep sheep who haven't spoken for years... apart from messages carried by a dog. But then there's a problem that has to be solved...

**Showing on Friday, 8th July at 8pm**



## IS IT A BIRD, IS IT A PLANE?

**"Eddie The Eagle"** turns a long-running joke of British sport into a crowd-pleasing story of inspiration. When Eddie Edwards is turned down by the British Olympic team he spots a loophole - no one else has entered the Ski Jump event because no-one in the UK can ski jump. Neither can Eddie! A true story with a few white lies thrown in to add to the fun!

**Showing on Friday, 19th August at 8pm**

*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)*

## SIXTEENTH YEAR!

The programme for the 16th Season of films in Feckenham's village cinema has been published. As always, there's a mixture of old and new, comedy, drama, adventure and mystery... There'll be additions as the year progresses but the basic plan is as follows:

September: HAIL CAESAR

October: TO KILL A MOCKINGBIRD

November: BRIDGE OF SPIES

December: HARVEY + SAILOR BEWARE

January: FLORENCE FOSTER JENKINS

February: THE GRADUATE

March: HIGH NOON

April... Well, April 2017 is almost a year away so it's been left open. Who knows what fantastic films will have come along in 12 months time?!

Full details are in brochures you'll find at a number of public places in the village and online at [www.fecknodeon.co.uk](http://www.fecknodeon.co.uk)

# Village Hall

Ian Bellion



## LICENSED TO TRILL

The last show in the current Shindig season arrives on on **Sunday, 15th May**. The Opera Dudes take to the Village Hall stage in their hilarious “**Licensed to Trill**”. You’ll be shaken with laughter - and stirred by the music! These chaps have amazing voices and sing some stunning songs but nothing is sacred and no tenor is left unturned in their search for the funny side of the world’s greatest music.

The powerful tenors Tim Lole and Neil Allen rip up the rule book with “**Licensed to Trill**” producing a bravura act encompassing classical Verdi, Elvis Presley, Lloyd Webber, Chopin... and Frank Spencer. The operatic duo are acclaimed as "a little bit classical, a little bit rock 'n' roll, very funny, a little bit silly and a whole lot entertaining."

“One moment they are moving members of the audience to tears by the emotion of an intense operatic aria – the next they are making them cry with laughter at their slapstick humour and comedy impressions. A fantastic blend of opera, swing and show songs, sensational voices, superb witticisms and good clean 'Carry On' fun. A gem of entertainment.” *The Stage*.

As always the Village Hall is delighted to welcome a top notch professional act. Their visit is made possible by the Shindig Rural Touring scheme which is supported by Arts Council England, Worcestershire County Council and Redditch Borough Council. This may be the last of the current run of shows but the next season’s shows are now being planned - watch this space!

*Tickets are on sale at*

*The Village Shop and The Rose & Crown,  
by phone on 0333 666 3366 (local call rates) and  
online at [www.ticketsource.co.uk/feckenham](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/feckenham)*

# The Queen’s 90th Birthday Celebration

## Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> June

Further to the announcement last month, the **Street Party Picnic** will take place on Saturday the 11th June 2016 on the Square, commencing at 5.00pm. Bring your own tables, chairs, picnic and drinks. The theme of the Party for dress and table decoration will be ‘a Touch of Royalty’ (optional!). We hope to have face painting, ‘Splat the Rat’ and music. Churchfield’s ice cream trike will also be attending with their delicious home made ice creams for sale.

C Fisher, P Lincoln Lewis, J Mason and P Mott

## Wake 2016

Marion Chute

Feckenham Wake presents :-

## A Grand Day Out

Put June 25th in your diary and invite your friends and relations to join us for a Grand Day Out where you can enjoy all the usual fun from Punch and Judy for the youngest visitors to climbing, Land Zorbing and Archery for kids from 5 to 50!

There will be classic cars for the 'petrol heads', tea, Pimms and beers, and plenty of food from the hog roast, so it looks like there should be something for everyone.

There will be a prize draw with free family tickets to Warwick Castle amongst other prizes. The Art Exhibition will be on in the Village Hall and you can take part in the tug of war to finish off the afternoon. It's a proper village fete with knobs on!

# World War I Centenary Commemoration



**The WWI Commemoration Group  
invites you to a CONCERT on  
Sat 18<sup>th</sup> June, 6:30pm  
at St John the Baptist, Feckenham**

As part of the programme of events to commemorate the centenary of the Great War, we are proud to present the first of two musical events (June and November), featuring nearly 100 singers from four community groups: All Round Voices, All Round Theatre School, the choir of Feckenham St John the Baptist and Feckenham Village School.

Showcasing the talent of young people and their response to the Great War, the programme on June 18<sup>th</sup> will include movements from a musical work especially commissioned from Shropshire composer Phil Mountford, as part of Feckenham's tribute to those that served. In addition, A.R.T.S. will present a short drama piece written for this occasion. Children from Feckenham First School have written poems and prayers: A truly community-based event which we hope you can support. Tickets are £5 and available from the usual places – shop, pub and on-line via Feckenham Entertainments.

## **A new version of the Commemorative Walk**

A leaflet marking a commemorative walk was produced last year, to coincide with the Garden Festival, and was very well received. Since then, we have been able to enhance the walk in a number of ways and the evening of 18<sup>th</sup> June provides an opportunity to re-launch it.

Small display plaques have been produced to mark both the houses of those who served and fell, and those who served and returned. These will be in place on houses by that evening and will be accompanied by an audio walk guide, which if everything goes to plan, will be available to be downloaded onto phones, iPods, Pads or

any other device that can play an mp3 audio file. Produced as part of a final year project by Thea Matthews, as a series of short programmes reflecting on various aspects of village life, the stories of those that served and the story of the conflict, it will provide a fascinating accompaniment to the walk.

As part of the events of 18<sup>th</sup> June, a refreshment tent will be open from 5:00pm at the church serving tea, coffee and cake, so why not make a late afternoon and evening of it, with a walk round the village getting a sense of the stories of the people and the time, have a cup of tea, and then take your seat for the concert.

Later in the year, the second musical event will coincide with Armistice Day, when Phil Mountford's entire **'Suite for the Fallen Soldier'** will be performed on November 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>. The choirs will reunite for the premier of this exciting new piece of music, which is not to be missed.

Following the commemoration of the centenary of the death of Arthur Watton on 5<sup>th</sup> April 1916, the centenaries of the deaths of the following villagers will be commemorated later this year:-

- James Crook [died 10<sup>th</sup> July 1916]
- Charles Newman [died 1<sup>st</sup> October 1916]
- Frank Owen [died 5<sup>th</sup> November 1916]
- Edgar Dolphin [died 18<sup>th</sup> November 1916]

If you are related to any of these men, or know details which would help in commemorating their lives, please phone Steve Fletcher on 01527 894568, or contact by e-mail on [steve.fletcher@arup.com](mailto:steve.fletcher@arup.com).

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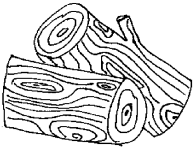


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# Feckenham Cricket Club

Bob Gordon



By the time you read this the season (weather permitting) will be underway. In addition to Steve and Neil's sterling work on the playing surface, players and social members turned out in early April to paint the perimeter fence. Around 70 panels - each about 12 feet - long were repainted and should be looking splendid.

Do please come down on Saturday or Sunday afternoons and enjoy the games against the glorious backdrop of the church and rolling Worcestershire countryside. In addition to the league games we have a KO Cup match against local rivals Astwood Bank and a T20 game in May.

We welcome new players – just drop by and introduce yourself. We also need help with scoring – training provided if needed.

Junior coaching/practice takes place starting at 5:30pm each Friday from April 8<sup>th</sup>, groups from under-8, to under 17.

Finally, thanks to our sponsors for 2016-17 which includes Winfields, Thomas Brothers, Ambridge Brewery and Endeavour Vehicle Conversions.

## Date Fixture

Sat 30th April	Chaddesley Corbett (1st)
Sat 7th May (2nd)	Oldswinford & Stour Social
Sun 8 <sup>th</sup> May, 3pm	Barnt Green (T20)
Sat 14th May	Redditch (1st team)
Sun 15 <sup>th</sup> May	Astwood Bank (Knock-out cup)
Sat 21st May	Rushwick (2 <sup>nd</sup> team)
Sat 28th May	Alvechurch & Hopwood (1st)
Sat 11th June	Bromyard
Sat 25th June	Lye

There is usually a Sunday league game on each

# Stock & Bradley Gardening Club

Rob Cole

## THE NEXT CLUB MEETING -

**Wednesday 4th May 2016 - 7:30pm** is a talk by Howard Drury who will extol the virtues of 'The Fragrant Garden and its Plants'. Howard is a regular visitor to our Club, and many of you will remember him as the presenter of ITV's 'Gardening Time' programme.

The theme for the members' monthly competition is, appropriately, 'A Scented Flower or Leaf'. 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 7th May 2016 - 10.00am to 12.00 noon** at the Village Hall, Church Road, Bradley Green. Plants grown by members will be for sale, and a specialist local nursery 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 would buy a raffle ticket at the door.

## COACH VISIT TO AVONDALE NURSERY AND COTON MANOR

**Wednesday 8th June 2016**

We will visit Brian Ellis at his Avondale Nursery at Coventry in the morning, and then travel to Coton Manor in Northamptonshire for lunch and a look around the garden in the afternoon. Pre-booking and payment is essential, and can be made at the meeting on May 4th to ensure a place. Anyone who has booked and not yet paid should also make payment at that meeting, please.

# Feckenham W.I.

Jane White



# Parish Council

## RURAL CRIME

There have been a number of incidents of break ins and theft recently. With this in mind Inspector David Rischmiller, Rural Crime Coordinator, attended the Parish Council Meeting on 21st April. David informed the meeting that a rural crime prevention website has been set up;

[www.worcestershireruralwatch.co.uk](http://www.worcestershireruralwatch.co.uk)

This contains contact details, links and lots of information about reducing your vulnerability to rural crime. Linked to this is a new Facebook page for North Worcestershire Rural Watch to communicate crime incidents and current information. David also emphasised the importance of reporting all crime - reminding us that the police allocate resources based on reported crime so if we don't report it looks as though we don't need any Policing attention! David can be contacted on 01527 64252 or at [david.rischmiller@bromsgroveandredditch.gov.uk](mailto:david.rischmiller@bromsgroveandredditch.gov.uk)



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Our May meeting is on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm in the Village Hall Back Meeting Room. We shall be discussing and voting on the two Resolutions to be presented to the National A.G.M., and having our own Annual Meeting. Members please remember that it is a "Bring & Share" light supper evening.

## SWANSBROOK RADIO

### FROM SALTWAVE TO SWANSBROOK

Creating a radio station to serve Feckenham and the surrounding area was never going to be easy but the organisers could never have anticipated the trouble one small element could cause. Last year we ran a competition to find a name for the station and Peter Horsley won with "Saltwave" - a nice combination of The Saltway (which runs right through the area to be served) and radio waves. Unfortunately, we find that the name is already registered to a skin toning/therapy organisation in Canada and can't be used. So it's all change (don't worry Peter - you'll still get your bubbly when we go on air). The new name, decided upon after much agonising, is "**Swansbrook Radio**" - giving a strong link to the geographical area but avoiding any confusion with a fancy massage parlour in Ottawa.

Thankfully things are moving faster in other directions. Swansbrook will officially open and go live for everyone to hear on the day of The Wake - 25th June. Technical setup, licensing and tests are all well in hand and pre-recordings at village events are being made for future broadcast. On opening day, there'll be a studio slap bang in the middle of the main event - right on The Square.

So remember that the new name for Saltway is **Swansbrook** - and watch out for details of how to listen in - and to join in.

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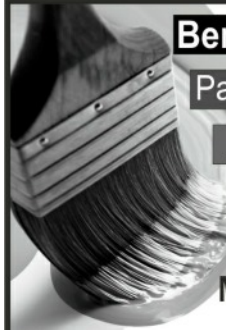
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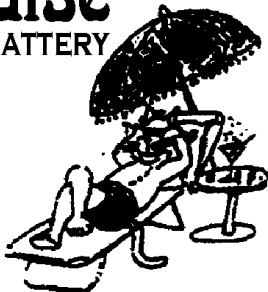
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