

# FECKENHAM

MAY 2015

*News*

A photograph of a bouquet of flowers, including yellow and white flowers, placed in front of a Gothic-style window with a diamond-patterned leaded glass design. The window is set within a stone archway, and the background shows a green landscape with trees.

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# MAY Diary



Wed 6th	7.30pm	Stock & Bradley Gardening Club	Bradley Village Hall
Tues 5th	12.30am	Lunch Club - pre booked members only ring 893929	Village Hall, Back Room
Wed 6th	10.30am - noon	"Drop in" for coffee and a chat	Parish Church
Sun 10th	7.30pm	"The Buffalo Gals"	Village Hall
Tues 12th	7.30pm	Feckenham Forest History Society	Webheath Village Hall
Thur 14th	7.30pm	Feckenham WI	Back Room Village Hall
Sat 16th & Sun 17th	12 until 6pm	Gardens Open & Flower Festival	Around the village
Wed 20th	10.30am - noon	"Drop in" for coffee and a chat	Parish Church
Thur 21st	7pm	Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall Back Room
Fri 22nd	8pm	FeckenOdeon-2	Back Room Village Hall

## Stop Press

Hand painted jug by Sally Anne Lugg left at Spring Show - contact 893463.

There are some plots available at the Moors Lane Allotments. - Contact Pauline Jennings on 892956 for information.

## Front Cover

One of the many lovely Easter arrangements in the Church. This one, in the porch, was done by Philippa Horsley. Photo by Ian Bellion.



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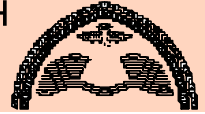
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# Church Services

## MAY

PARISH CHURCH  
of ST. JOHN  
THE BAPTIST



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

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

### Readers and Intercessors



#### Sunday 3rd

Easter 5

#### 11.00am Sung Eucharist

Acts 8: vs. 26-end

1 John 4 : vs. 7-end

Intercessions

Oliver White

Carol Onions

John Calvert

#### Sunday 10th

Easter 6

#### 8.00am Holy Communion

James 1 : vs. 22-27

Peter Horsley

#### 11.00am Family Service "Prayer Walk for Rogation"

#### Thursday 14th

Ascension Day

#### 10.45am Wychbold, and 2pm Himbleton Group Service

#### Sunday 17th

Easter 7

#### 7.30pm GARDEN FESTIVAL SERVICE

#### Sunday 24th

Pentecost

#### 11.00am Family Communion

Romans 8 : vs. 22-27

Intercessions

Erica Dilger

Mark Wheatley

#### Sunday 31st

Trinity

#### 10.30am GROUP SERVICE - HANBURY

### Sunday School

Will be held in Church on Sunday 3rd May all children will be warmly welcomed.

### Partners in Prayer

Ecumenical lay led service of prayer for the community, Wednesdays at 9.15am for 30 minutes  
Feckenham Parish Church. **All welcome.**

## Feckenham Roman Catholic Church

St John Fisher & St. Thomas More



Mass is celebrated every Sunday at 10.15am in the Church

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

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

# Flower & Garden Festival 2015

Cathy Fisher

16th -17th May 2015

The arrangements for this year's Festival are progressing well and I am extremely grateful to all those who have kindly volunteered to participate, without whom this kind of event could not take place.

As usual all visitors will be directed to park in the Festival Car Park at Dunstall Court, by kind permission of Lionel Hill, and Winfields where admission stickers and a programme can be purchased (for residents and disabled these can be purchased at the Information Desk on the Square).

Once again Feckenham Cricket Club have kindly offered to provide parking facilities for all residents of the Square, in order to keep it as clear as possible - to provide access for our visitors and the stallholders (plant sales, garden accessories, Churchfield's Ice Cream and Feckenham History Society). During previous Festivals residents have been most helpful in this regard and it has proved to be a very successful arrangement.

The WI would be most grateful to receive any donations of cakes for their Village Hall Teas (n.b. any nut ingredients should be labelled), please contact Linda Harris on 892850.

The P.C.C. are greatly appreciative of everyone's efforts for the Festival weekend and would like to say 'thank you' to all those who have helped or participated, by inviting them for a glass of wine in the Church on Monday the 18th May from 6.00p.m. The Flower Festival will still be at its best and I should be most grateful if any of our garden openers, who are able to do so, would be so kind as to allow those helpers and other

garden owners who were too busy to see the gardens over the weekend, to visit on Monday evening.

We are crossing our fingers for fine weather and looking forward to a most enjoyable village weekend.

E: [catherine.fisher@talk21.com](mailto:catherine.fisher@talk21.com)

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## World War I Centenary Commemoration

Jeff Matthews



If you have not been to visit the Church recently, you may not have seen the installation created by Barbara Wheatley and James Barrett (and put up by James with help from sons Adam and Tom). It is an extraordinary crown of thorns, that in the next 4 years will have the ceramic poppies to represent the 24 fallen. There is one in place at the moment, with a display in the North Aisle to commemorate the individual.

As part of the village's commemoration of those members of the community in WWI we are gathering details of those who died (and those who served). If you are related to any of them, or know any stories about any of them, then we would like to hear from you. We will be collecting stories over the coming months, with a particular focus at the time of the Garden Festival and the Wake.

We have already been grateful to receive a number of items – trench art and artefacts, which have been offered to be placed on display at both the Garden Festival and the Wake.

If you have any stories in the first instance contact Steve Fletcher (894568) or Kathy Gee, or Jeff Matthews (892180) and we will be pleased to capture what you know.

# Thought for the month

Rev. Wyn Beynon

Dear Friends,

It's about 9.30pm and I get a message from my son to say he's watching the Liverpool vs Newcastle match on TV. I get another message from my goddaughter's brother. He's watching the same match. I'm in the UK. My son is in Sydney, OZ and my goddaughter's brother is in the United States. And we're chatting instantly.

I've just been looking at photos of my grandchildren cycling in the park this afternoon 90 miles away. An old friend is celebrating a birthday with a holiday in York. We now have photos from our friend 60th birthday bash on Saturday. I hear from an old school friend that his dad has died.

Technology is wonderful. No ifs. No butts. No maybes. No "but we need to get back to talking face to face." Rubbish! The internet has got me closer to my friends and family. Now I'm exchanging jokes in a 4 way conversation with my son on the other side of the world, a friend in Devon and Melissa somewhere else in the house. And no I'm not supposed to be working as I'm on holiday!

Technology is a godly business. The first chapter of Genesis commissions human beings to be the image of God: creating, making, trying new things. Of course it can be misused. But so can anything and everything.

None of us want to live in caves. If you think you do I guarantee you'll change your mind at the first twinge of toothache!

Let's embrace technology as part of God's wonderful cosmos and use it to get closer. Of course we guard against abuse. But technology's not the problem. The problem is people! One of my family got to know a young lad when working in Sierra Leone 20yrs ago. They have access to mobiles phones, so despite Ebola, they can talk and be personally supportive - and send help directly. The more

we become a global village, and the quicker we realise how close we can be, the better. Technology is the new democracy. I hope the new government understands that!

Best wishes, Wyn

## Village Shop

The shop is just about to take delivery of a new and exciting piece of kit - our new larger deli counter is about to arrive and we will be stocking all the usual locally sourced delights including Scotch Eggs, Partridges pies and pasties, and sausage rolls and quiches made locally at the Rose & Crown.

A new season of Churchfields delicious made on the farm ice creams are in stock in time for the warmer weather.

The offer this month in the café; a teacake with a drink, and soup and roll (after all its not that warm every day!) However, when it is, why not come down and take breath of air and some sun on the chairs and tables at the front. Speciality coffees served with a smile await!

## Feckenham Youth Club

Liz Teison

As summer approaches the Youth Club children on Monday evenings will be out and about around the village, following trails or playing games on the field .

As a reminder ,Junior Youth Club meets 6-7pm inviting children 6-9 yrs, and Senior Youth Club from 7-9pm with young people 9-14yrs.

We welcome new arrivals in the village – come along to the village hall and join us.

We are always looking for extra help. If anyone has time and enthusiasm to spare do get in touch .

Liz Teisen 01527 821233 ( Seniors)

Gemma Lane 01527 893943 (Juniors)

# Mission Morogoro

Tony Mortimer



Tractor for Tunguli

**W**ell, we said it was going and (hopefully) is has! By the time you read this in early May the container for Tunguli should be on the high seas. Also, we will have held our “Together in Song” event at Feckenham Church and we hope you all enjoyed that. As I write, it is 7 days prior to the planned departure date of 21<sup>st</sup> April and we are getting very excited (and a little nervous). We have been on a steep learning curve for the past few months but with God’s blessing and a lot of help from you we are getting there. The container will hold the Tractor, Trailer, Plough, Storage Building and many other items. There are School Books, Sewing Machines, Bedding and other Fabrics, Haberdashery (cottons, buttons etc.), Computers (for the nursing school at Berega) and Medical Equipment. There is so much that it is impossible to list fully and we are enormously grateful to you, our supporters, for making this possible. The responses to our appeals have been amazing and the partnership between the Diocese of Worcester, Moreton Morrell College and MM has been so fruitful. We know that the people of Tunguli are also excited about the arrival of the container. We have recently received a detailed plan of how the villagers will manage and use the tractor. This demonstrates just how important it is to

them and is reassuring for all of us that they are showing such commitment. We are planning an MM visit to Tunguli in early July. A party of six MM members plus Tim Hutchinson, responsible for the tractor refurbishment, will be spending up to 2 weeks there to help with the commissioning of the equipment and erecting the storage building. The teachers in our party will be spending time assisting in the schools and we plan also to have some involvement with setting up training for the sewing machines. Knowing the people of Tunguli it is certain that there will also be great celebrations – Isaac has already told us to be “**ready for dancing**”. I am sure we will return with many stories and will be make sure to record the events on photographs, videos and in our memory banks. Later in the year we will hold an information event, which we hope many of you will be able to attend. But for now please continue to pray for the container, that it makes the 5,000+mile journey safely and is awaiting our arrival in July.

Asante Sana

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

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|------------------------|---|
| <b>6th</b>             | <b>Gardening Club</b><br>The Garden at Coton Manor<br>7.30 - Bradley Green Village Hall           |
| <b>9th</b>             | <b>Annual Plant Sale</b><br>10am to 12 noon<br>Bradley Green Village Hall                         |
| <b>13th &amp; 27th</b> | <b>Drop In</b><br>Drop in for a Coffee and a Chat<br>10 am - 12noon<br>Bradley Green Village Hall |
| <b>27th</b>            | <b>PARISH MEETING</b><br>7.30 - Bradley Green Village Hall  |
| <b>30th</b>            | <b>Annual Hundred Club Draw &amp; Supper</b><br>7.30 - Bradley Green Village Hall                 |

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

# Feckenham Flower Show

Peter Horsley

The Committee was very disappointed only one or two turned up at the AGM held 26th. Feb. at the village hall.

Most villagers know the funds, generated at the Spring Show (11 Apr.) and Flower Show (12th Sep.) plus generous donations, are used to provide a Summer Outing and Christmas Party with entertainment for anyone over 60 living within one mile of the Village Square.

We are determined these traditionally held events will continue. However the Committee are ageing. We need new blood to bring fresh ideas and enthusiasm to the task. We made a start through Alan Smith agreeing to join at the AGM and he was warmly welcomed by Chairman, Pat Dormer.

The recent Spring Show was well attended and, hopefully, will show a good profit in return for the work of organisation and the excellent entries and public attendance. Regarding the Sept. Flower Show, there has been a decline in interest. In 2014 there were no entries in 22 classes. Only 1 entry in 15 classes and 2 entries in 11 classes. In spite of this there were plenty of keen gardeners who competed and, with raffle and brilliant teas, a profit of nearly £300 achieved.

## WE NEED TO REVITALISE THE SHOW !

With this in mind will anyone with ideas for your show please contact Show Secretary, Margaret Eost (893735 [margandgel@hotmail.com](mailto:margandgel@hotmail.com)) or myself (821497 [orchardhousehorsleys@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:orchardhousehorsleys@hotmail.co.uk))

Perhaps more fun classes involving children's entries, less demanding specifications, easier classes. Etc.,

Before the Show in the Autumn we will review classes, include your ideas and produce a detailed description to de-mystify entry procedure so that, as you walk round your garden or allotment you can recognise the possibility of winning cards or cups by competing against your friends and neighbours.

**Feckenham Parish Church**  
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# Farewell to Clare Furey

Michael Mott

Clare took on the role of choir leader in 2005, quickly showing an aptitude for the task and musicality which took the singing to a consistently high level. A love of church music runs in the family, her father and grandfather having both been choirmasters. Clare was an organ scholar at Exeter University, which opened the door to a first rate education in both organ and choral music. It soon became clear that she had a natural feel for the type of music which suited the choir, and firm ideas about how they should sing it. Choir practices were usually conducted with calm good humour, and false starts and inaccuracies patiently corrected. Despite her friendly nature and easy going manner, it was soon obvious that lack of concentration and poor performance were not tolerated, and that a piece would be rehearsed no matter how often until it was right. Among her gifts was the ability to make everyone enjoy the music and to want to give of their best. The result of her leadership was that the singing became more assured and accurate, and the quality was always on an upward trend. I don't think that we have ever had more beautiful singing than at the 2014 carol service.

Clare was very involved in music for children, and her enthusiasm in this regard helped her to create a strong junior choir whose clear young voices are an important part of the overall sound. It has been a great pleasure to hear so many juniors doing solos of such quality, and with such confidence.

The music in church is not just about personal pleasure, and has a higher purpose, but we can all have pride in, and gratitude for, being part of what has been achieved under Clare's leadership. It is very sad that a chapter has closed, but 10 years is a long time and being choir leader involves a lot of work and a big commitment. It was wholly understandable that she wanted a change of course. We continue to hope that a

successor will quickly be found: in the interim, thanks in large part to Clare's training, the choir has the experience to be as good as ever and we hope that you notice no drop in standards.

I shall end on an upbeat with the news that Clare is not simply disappearing. She will be playing the organ about once a month from now on, and I would be very surprised if she allowed any imperfections to slip past her during choir practice. We look back on her tenure with affection and admiration and wish her the very best..

## Square Management Committee

### PIRATES ON THE HORIZON

As reported last month, the Square's annual fundraising event - Fun on The Square - will unleash a band of bloodthirsty pirates on Saturday, 18th July. We can't divulge many details at the moment but suffice it to say that there'll be water, lots of it, and boats (lots of them too!).

### Pirate workers wanted!



Because of the later date we're going to need a bit of help - so, if you're any good at building pirate ships, knitting pirate flags or (perhaps most importantly) supervising kids' games in the aforesaid water, we'd love to hear from you.. Please e-mail us at [square@feckenham.f9.co.uk](mailto:square@feckenham.f9.co.uk) and we'll find you a pirate task...

# WHAT'S ON IN FECKENHAM

## Feckenham Readers Group



Wednesday, 13th May - 7.45

This month's book:  
**AMERICANAH**

by Chimanda Ngozi Adichie

Details from Marion Chute - 892285

Feckenham Forest History Society

## Market Towns

with Richard Churchley

Tuesday, 12th May - 7.30pm

Webheath Village Hall

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



## Stock & Bradley GARDENING CLUB

Wed, 6th May - 7.30pm

THE GARDENS AT COTON MANOR

Saturday, 9th May - 10am to 12noon

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Feckenham Village Hall

Thursday, 21st May at 7pm

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raise issues for the attention of the Council.*



## FECKENHAM FLOWER & GARDEN FESTIVAL

16th & 17th May, 2015

12noon to 6pm

Approximately **30 Gardens Open.**

**Flower Festival** in the Church

Homemade WI Teas - Hog Roast

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FeckenOdeon Summer Season 2015

FeckenOdeon 1

Consider **EVERYTHING!** The story of love and Sophie Alexander

Eddie REDMAYNE  
Felicity JONES

The **THEORY of EVERYTHING**

Friday, May 22nd at 8pm

FeckenOdeon 2

**THE SECOND BEST**

JUDI DENCH  
BILL NIGHY  
MAGGIE SMITH  
CELIA IMRIE  
RICHARD GERE

**EXOTIC MARIGOLD HOTEL**

Friday, July 10th at 8pm

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7TH SEASON Programme of Films 2015 / 2016

**FECKENODEON CINEMA SOCIETY**

Saturday, 26th September at 7.30pm - Subscription Programme 1

DAVID TENNANT, ROSALIND PIKE & BILLY CONNOLLY

**WHAT WE DID ON OUR HOLIDAY**

Saturday, 31st October at 7.30pm - Subscription Programme 2

ROBERT MITCHELL, SHELLEY WINTERS & LILLIAN GISH in

**THE NIGHT OF THE HUNTER**

Saturday, 31st October at 10.30pm - LATE NITE MOVIE

TIM CURRY, SUSAN SARANDON, MEATLOAF & RICHARD O'BRIAN in

**The ROCKY HORROR PICTURE SHOW**

Saturday, 28th November at 7.30pm - Subscription Programme 3

BENEDICT CUMBERBATCH as Alan Turing in

**THE IMITATION GAME**

Sunday, 27th December at 7.30pm - Subscription Programme 4

AUDREY HEPBURN & PIERRE ASTAIRE

**FUNNY FACE**

Saturday, 30th January at 7.30pm - Subscription Programme 5

HELEN MIRREN & OM PURI in

**THE HUNDRED-FOOT JOURNEY**

Saturday, 27th February at 7.30pm - Subscription Programme 6

**I'M ALL RIGHT JACK**

Saturday, 2nd April at 7.30pm - Subscription Programme 7

**HOW TO MURDER YOUR WIFE**

Saturday, 30th April at 7.30pm - Subscription Programme 8

**MYSTERY MOVIE**

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



## HERE COMES SUMMER!

The main FeckenOdeon Season may have ended in April but lovers of good films will not have to wait long for more....

### A BRIEF HISTORY OF TIME....

On **Friday, 22nd May at 8pm** there's a chance to see one of this year's finest films. "**The Theory of Everything**" tells the story of Jane and Stephen Hawking. Their relationship played a great part in helping Stephen fight the crippling disease which struck him soon after their marriage. It also helped him to continue to work - and become one of the most respected scientists of our age. Eddie Redmayne won a well deserved Oscar for his moving and convincing portrayal of the young Professor. It's a heartbreaking, heart-warming tale of courage and devotion - "*Consider Everything*"...



## FROM EXOTIC TO OPERATIC

The rest of the summer season is as varied as you could wish for:

**10th July** - "**The Second Best Exotic Marigold Hotel**" Another visit to the Indian retirement paradise with Judi Dench, Maggie Smith, Bill Nighy and many more

**14th August** - "**Sunshine on Leith**" A jubilant and gutsy Scottish musical with music by The Proclaimers.

and on **Bank Holiday Saturday - 29th August** - direct from Sydney Harbour, Australia - Bizet's "**Carmen**". Join thousands of Sydneysiders for a spectacular open air production relayed to our big screen. We're making a party of it - **bring a picnic!**

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

## LOOKING FORWARD...

At the time of writing the Main 2015-16 Season of FeckenOdeon films looks like this:

Sept 30th: "What We Did on Our Holiday"

Oct 31st: "The Night of The Hunter"  
and our first Late Nite Movie....

"The Rocky Horror

Picture Show"

Nov 28th: "The Imitation Game"

Dec 27th: "Funny Face"

Jan 30th: "The Hundred-foot Journey"

Feb 27th: "I'm All Right Jack"

Apr 2nd: "How to Murder Your Wife"

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# Village Hall

Ian Bellion



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The Buffalo Gals Stampede is on Sunday, 10th May at 7.30pm

You can get tickets at £10 from The Village Shop and The Rose & Crown, by phone on 0833 666 3366 or online at

[www.ticketsource.co.uk/feckenham](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/feckenham)

or from any Village Hall Committee Member



Stampede!

## Neighbourhood Development Plan

### ANY ANSWERS?

The Neighbourhood Development Plan workgroup has been toiling away for the past couple of months trying to devise a survey to test the opinions of residents about how the Parish should look in the future.

They've taken your suggestions into account and worked in accordance with the National Planning Framework as well as the Redditch Local Plan. Now we have a draft questionnaire. But, before sending it out, we're going to hold some informal occasions where you can tell us if we're asking the right questions - or if there are other questions we should be asking. The first of these sessions will take place in late June. Full details will be in the next edition of Feckenham News

Your comments, suggestions and opinions are always welcome. You can contact the Chair of the Working Party, Alan Jones, on 893463 or Marion Chute (Secretary) on 892285 for further information -

or e-mail [viewsfndpwp@feckenham.com](mailto:viewsfndpwp@feckenham.com).



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## Can you help?

### A budding theatre company is in need of your help!

This summer I will be involved with a student based theatre company called Cause/Effect, who will be heading to the Edinburgh Fringe with their first show, 'Re:member'. It examines the topic of memory, how we perceive events and the sense of a collective experience. This will be my first time at the Fringe and it promises to be a great experience for me to gain contacts to help my future drama filled career, and also the opportunity to watch other performances and have fun along the way.

As with everything these days such ventures cost money! So we are trying to fundraise as much as we can to help us get there. We would be hugely grateful for any support you could offer us in our endeavour, whether it be pennies or pounds it is all appreciated! Alongside our thanks we are also able to offer a number of rewards for specific amounts donated which are as follows:

- £5 a mention in the program
- £10 a mention and a free ticket to a Surrey preview
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<http://gogetfunding.com/project/get-re-member-to-edinburgh>

Thanks for your help!

Thea Matthews

## Parish Council News

### Parish Council Election

For a while it looked as if Feckenham was going to have an election of its own on General Election day. More than 7 people had put themselves forward for the 7 seats available. It's many years since this has happened and successive Councils have been filled by co-option after insufficient candidates came forward. In this instance two candidates withdrew after the closing date for nominations - which meant that only 7 remained and that the Council was again elected without a contest.

Chairman Rhys Williams is leaving the Council following his move to Alcester - although he'll be on hand to advise as he's retaining his allotment in the village. Also leaving after a full term of service are Pam Eaton, Elizabeth Atkins and Kevin White. Continuing in office are Slade Arthur, Pat Dormer and Alan Smith. Returning to the Council is Antonia Pulsford and becoming councillors for the first time are Ian Bellion, Marion Chute and Alan Jones.

The old council remains in office until 4 days after the intended election date on 7th May and Rhys stays on as Chair until the new council elects a Chairman at their first meeting on 21st May.

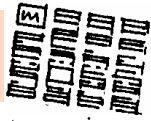


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### Easter Lilies

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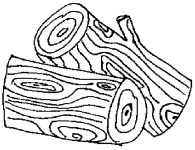
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# Stock & Bradley Gardening Club

Rob Cole

**THE NEXT CLUB MEETING - Wed. 6th May 2015 - 7:30pm** is a talk by Caroline Tait who will tell us about the past, present and future of 'The Garden at Coton Manor' in Northamptonshire, where she is garden manager. Caroline is an enthusiastic gardener and will show us all aspects of the garden and her work there.

The theme for the members' monthly competition is 'Blossom'. 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 - Sat. 9th May 2015 - 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 2 HEREFORDSHIRE GARDENS - Wed. 10th June 2015** We will visit Westonbury Mill Water Garden in Pembridge and then pay a return visit to Stockton Bury Gardens near Leominster. Pre-booking and payment is essential, and can be made at the meeting on May 6th to ensure a place. Anyone who has booked and not yet paid should also make payment at that meeting, please.

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 meeting this month** is on Thursday **14th May**, 7.30pm in the back room of the Village Hall, when we shall be debating the resolution to be put to the National Centennial AGM in June. We shall also have our own AGM and enjoy a bring and share supper.

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

Friday **5th June** from 6pm till dusk

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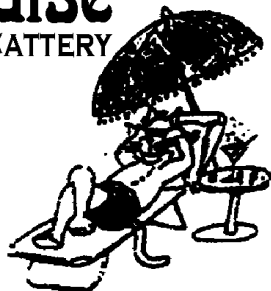
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