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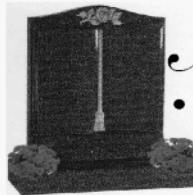
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MAY Diary



Wed 1st	7.30pm	Gardening club	Bradley Village Hall
Fri 3rd	11am - 3pm	Coffee Morning	Village Shop
Sat 4th	10am - 12	Plant Fair	Bradley Village Hall
Tues 7th	12.30am	Lunch Club	Village Hall, Back Room
Wed 8th	10.30am - noon	“Drop in” for coffee and a chat	Parish Church
Wed 9th	7.30pm	Feckenham W.I.	Village Hall Back Room
Sat 11th	12 noon - 4pm	Spring Fayre	Feckenham School
Sat 11th	7.30pm	“From Here to Absurdity”	Village Hall
Tues 14th	7.30pm	Feckenham Forest History Society	Webheath Village Hall
Thur 16th		Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall
Fri 17th	7.30pm	FeckenOdeon 2	Back Room Village Hall
Sat 18th	7pm	Barn Dance	Village Hall
Wed 22nd	10.30am - noon	“Drop in” for coffee and a chat	Parish Church

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James Barrett's hens. Photo by Ian Bellion

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

Readers and Intercessors



Sunday 5th

Easter 6

11-00am Sung Eucharist

Acts 16: vs. 9-15

Revelation 21 : vs. 10,22-22:5

Intercessions

Muriel Richards

Angela Fletcher

Ian Hunter

Sunday 12th

Easter 7

8-00am Holy Communion

1 Peter 4 : vs. 7-11

Elizabeth Atkins

11-00am Family Service "Time & Talent"

Sunday 19th

Pentecost

6-30pm Evensong

Acts 2 : vs. 1-21

John 14 : vs. 8-17

Intercessions

Richard Hillman

Oliver White

Erica Dilger

Sunday 26th

Trinity Sunday

11-00am Family Communion

Romans 5 : vs. 1-5

Intercessions

Doug Curtis

Jeff Matthews

X Box Sunday School

Will be held in Church on Sunday 5th 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 in the Parish church. **All welcome.**

Feckenham Roman Catholic Church

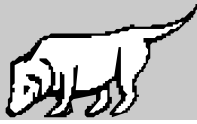
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Mass is celebrated every Sunday at 10.15am in the Church

Fr. Edward Clare, The Presbytery, Redditch. Tel. 01527 63096

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



Wedding

Feckenham Church bells rang out on Saturday April 6th to celebrate the wedding of Charlotte Reddish to Anthony Corcoran. Charlotte, a former pupil of Feckenham school, is the daughter of Nick and Michelle Reddish who is herself one of the bell ringers. No doubt she was excused from her duty on this occasion!

The bride arrived in a stylish horse drawn carriage. There was a definite Scottish flavour to the wedding; the groom and several of the gentlemen wore kilts, and the flowers incorporated roses and thistles. The reception was held at Warwick Castle and the happy couple went to Bali for their honeymoon. On their return they will make their home in Dunfermline in Scotland.

Farewell

To Gill Irons who has moved to Alcester. Gill has lived in Feckenham for many years, raising her family in Wisteria house in Astwood Lane before moving to Pear Tree Cottage after the death of her husband. We wish Gill every happiness in her new home. However we are sure that we will still see her around as she is involved in many activities in the village such as the W.I., the cricket club and the readers group.

Welcome

To Julia and Jim Caton who have moved in to Pear Tree Cottage. They have moved here from Devon in order to be near to their daughter who lives in Alcester and is expecting her second child very soon. We hope they will happily settle in to life in the village. News hound can report that Jim has already attended the weekly meeting of the (unofficial) Grumpy Old Men's society who meet each Tuesday evening in the Rose and Crown! He seems to have survived the experience...things can only get better Jim!

Bones in the Churchyard!

Well yes that is where one would expect them to be, but newshound can report that very ancient bones have been discovered during work around the church. Readers may be aware that the disabled access to the parish church is currently being improved. It was necessary to construct a soak away and it was while this was being dug that human remains came to light! A church archaeologist was at hand and he proceeded with great care to remove a complete skeleton and other bones and what appeared to be the remains of a coffin. The bones were temporarily placed in the church and will be re buried in a suitable place.

Condolences

To Jacqui Smallwood and family on the tragic death of Andy in a car accident.

New Grandparents

Oliver and Jane White's son Nicholas and his wife Glenda now have a third child who was born on 17th April. They are calling him Otto and he is brother to Mia and Jonny. The family live in Bristol.

Coffee Morning - 3rd May

Four volunteers from the village shop, along with others will be climbing Kilimanjaro in August to raise funds for a Maternal Health Mentorship Scheme in Berega, Tanzania.

There will be a coffee morning at the

**Village Shop on Friday 3rd
May 11 am - 3pm.**

A donation from each hot drink served will split between the Mentorship scheme and Wake Radio. There will also be stalls so come along and join in the fun.

Local Artist

A BULL in a a China Shop

A momentous unveiling took place in a back garden in Droitwich Road on Good Friday. Feckenham sculptor Julian Bull was finally ready to reveal the final part of his greatest work. A gathering of friends and neighbours braved the freezing weather as the drapes were ceremonially removed. After a collective gasp and a round of applause they stood there for all the world to see - the unclothed life-sized figures of a man and a woman, arms raised in salutation to the countryside they overlooked. A closer look revealed the really fascinating thing about these pieces - they're made entirely out of pieces of broken crockery painstakingly collected and assembled over the past couple of years. There are bits of dinner services and teapots, saucers and sauceboats - many pieces donated by friends and some of considerable sentimental value. All assembled with amazing patience and precision and now incorporated for all to see in Julian's remarkable work entitled "Made in China".

From The Editor

The sharp eyed among you may have noticed last month that the contact details for Newshound are now Chris Fletcher. This has come about because after too many years to remember Adrienne has decided she is no longer able to carry on with this role, and Chris has agreed to step into her formidable footsteps.



Adrienne first began involvement with the village magazine while Vicar Bill was with us and continued contributing while Arthur Newbould held the reins. And it was Adrienne who, by persuasion and a bit of arm twisting, got together the production team which took over from Arthur, this included myself. Although the team has changed a little, she has been involved ever since, it always amazed me how news reached the north slope of Berrow Hill long before up the main road to Rock Hill! She also wrote occasional articles about her collection of old village photographs and her travels with husband Bob. Thank you very much Adrienne.



Thought for the month

Wyn Beynon

Dear Friends

Resistance is futile. You will be assimilated. Not by the Borg from Star Trek but by natural wear and tear which means I now have added to my spectacles, crown, bridge, fillings and, I think, some kind of pin in my right elbow, a hearing aid. It's amazing. I can hear things I'd forgotten about.... I often feel more Borg than creature.

Considering I also have to wear shoes and clothes and have scars from operations that removed bits of my malfunctioning body it's hard to see in what way my human life can be considered natural!

Human beings exist. To exist means to stand out from our background. It's what the word "exist" means. But more than that we KNOW we exist. We remark on it, ponder it, wonder at it. Not only is there something - a universe. But there is somebody - you and me - who can say so. Plants don't know they exist. Animals don't know they exist. They just get on with it. In wanting to assign higher intelligence to dolphins and apes, we must be careful not to imagine they know they exist.

Because we know we exist we are responsible. Animals just ARE. But human beings DO. My little dog makes are immediate responses to the environment which are driven entirely by self advancement. And that's all she should be doing. But we humans, have the ability to decide between courses of action. We can weigh the merits, and take responsibility. It is our glory and our doom.

Christianity is materialist. It celebrates the creation. Tragically, many Christians have failed to see this and often Christians have been vilified, rightly, for denying the goodness of things. Technology isn't neutral. It is good. All good things can be perverted, of course. But that's the point. Things are created good by the Good Creator.

John tells us how Jesus, now risen from the dead, lights a charcoal brazier and makes breakfast for his friends. No pious pseudo-spiritual clap trap here. Material practicality.

The solution to our environment problems will be in more technology. Not less. Thank you, Lord, for mobile phones, cars and aeroplanes. And false teeth. And hearing aids

Best wishes

Wyn

Melissa and Wyn

invite you to drop in for tea at

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Saturday 11th May 2pm - 4pm

We suggest surnames A-K
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Church Flower Group

Easter Lilies

Many thanks from the Church Flower Group to everyone who donated towards the Easter Lilies in memory of their loved ones. Our members were delighted to arrange them for you and we hope they were enjoyed by all.

Margaret & Marg Co-ordinators

Village Hall

Improvement Fund 2012/13



April Winners

17 Ian Bellion & Judy Hooker	£25
147 Sue & Ian Ridley	£15
49 Dave & Lin Preece	£10

The May Draw will be held in the Village Hall at 8.00 pm on Tuesday 7th May 2013

Feckenham Bell Ringers

Ron Russ

On the morning of 5th April our bells were rung by a visiting band. Nothing out of the ordinary in that, but this Group of Ringers come from far and wide, some from London, Essex, Hampshire and Kent. They meet to ring on two weekends a year and this was the 73rd consecutive gathering. Feckenham was chosen as the first tower on a three day tour which covered Worcestershire, Herefordshire and Gloucestershire, ringing at 29 churches in all.

On Saturday evening 27th April the Worcester Association Southern Branch are holding their monthly practice at Feckenham, so more visitors expected!

Square Management Committee

LASHING OF GINGER BEER

On the evening of **July 20th** The Square will be transformed into an earlier incarnation as we enjoy **Fun at a Classic Country Fair**. Maypoles, Morris Dancers and a good Country Band will appear amid a setting that includes a village duck pond. There'll be lots of games and lots of Old English food to eat - as well as lashings of Ginger Beer ...and other libations. More details next month.

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- 1st BREAKAWAY**
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- 1st Gardening Club**
Cottage Gardens
Bradley Village Hall - 7.30pm
- 4th Annual Plant Fair**
Bradley Village Hall - 10am
- 8th Drop In**
Drop in for a Coffee and a Chat
10 am - 12noon
The Bird in Hand
- 12th Car Boot**
The Bird in Hand
- 18th 100 Club Draw & Supper**
Bradley Village Hall - 7.30pm
- 24th Drop In**
Drop in for a Coffee and a Chat
10 am - 12noon
Bradley Green Village Hall

For more information see
STOCK & BRADLEY CHRONICLE

Review

Muha Delights

MuHa, who performed at the Village Hall on April 13th, are difficult to describe - and that probably accounts for the relatively small audience. The hall was laid out with this in mind so the 40 odd of us enjoyed an intimate cabaret style setting. The four members of the band, lead by Iryna Muha, hail from various parts of Eastern Europe with the exception of the percussionist... who also hails from the east - Nottingham - which is where they all live. Iryna leads the group with a haunting voice and a series of exotic and strange instruments. The songs, all in Russian or Ukrainian or Latvian were introduced in a style that brought to mind Nana Mouskouri and her eternal "Song about a leetle bird who is in love..." There were songs about love, homeland, the British Weather. All were melodic and intense with some fantastic guitar playing from Dmitry Fedotov and some spectacular rhythmic gymnastics - but one did



wonder at times if subtitles might have made them more meaningful. Things really got going in the second half when Louise, the other female band member, revealed that she is expert in the Indian Kathak discipline - and proceeded to demonstrate to breathtaking effect. The audience really warmed up when they found themselves on familiar territory with a spirited rendition of the Jewish classic Hava Nagila which they could all join in with. An accomplished and very professional band which demonstrated the value of the Shindig scheme in bringing a huge variety of very high standard performers right into the heart of the countryside.

Guest reviewer - Annabelle

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Saturday, 4th May - 10am to 12 noon
Bradley Village Hall
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Feckenham Readers Group

Tuesday, 14th May - 7.45

This month's book:

Cousin Betty

by Honoré de Balzac

Details from Martin Chate - 892285



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INSPIRING WOMEN At FECKENHAM VILLAGE HALL

THURSDAY, 9th MAY - 7.30pm

RESOLUTIONS MEETING

AND AGM

Non-members welcome - £3.50

BARN DANCE

Saturday, 18th May - 7pm

Feckenham Village Hall

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Feckenham Forest History Society

GLOUCESTER CHURCHES

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Webheath Village Hall



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ENGLISH VINGLISH

Friday, May 17th at 8pm

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The Cinema In the Back Room

LINCOLN

12A

Friday, July 5th at 8pm

ALAN PARKER'S film of **RODDY DOYLE'S** book



FeckenOdeon 2
The Cinema In the Back Room

THE COMMITMENTS

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Friday, August 2nd at 8pm

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Saturday, 31st August at 7.30pm

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The FeckenOdeon Cinema Society

SUMMER SCORCHERS

Far from putting up the shutters for the much anticipated "barbecue summer" The FeckenOdeon is carrying on regardless with a mini-season of 3 super movies in FeckenOdeon 2 and an action spectacular in the main cinema. Here are the Summertime special dates for your diary:

17th May - English Vinglish (details below)

5th July - Lincoln - Daniel Day-Lewis in Stephen Spielberg's Oscar winning biopic.

2nd August - The Commitments - Alan Parker's film based on Roddy Doyle's book **31st August** - FeckenBOND Fest

Matinee - Sean Connery in **Goldfinger** Evening - Daniel Craig in **Skyfall**

WINTER WARMERS

The new subscription season will start in September. You can join the Society now..

28th September - Les Miserables

26th October - 12 Angry Men

30th November - Life of Pi

28th December - To Catch a Thief + The Titfield Thunderbolt

25th January - Quartet

22nd February - The Apartment

29th March - Hitchcock + The Lodger

26th April - Mystery Movie... to be announced nearer the date.

Subscriptions are on sale now at £30 for all 8 shows. *If you join now you can also enjoy substantial price reductions for the Summer Season.*

THIS MONTH

How would you cope if you found yourself in New York and unable to speak a word of English? Shashi is a successful wife, mother and business woman at home in Delhi... but then she has to take a business trip to the Big Apple where life is very different.

Shashi, played by Sridevi, is a sweet cook who specialises in supplying Ladoos (sweets) for



society weddings. An order for a celebration in Park Lane means a trip to America - so English lessons are in order but with them comes other revelations.. and even a hint of romance in **"English Vinglish"** showing in FeckenOdeon 2 on **Friday, 17th May at 8pm.**

This is an immensely likeable comedy made in India with great style, skill and joy. It's the first Bollywood film to be shown at The FeckenOdeon and shows how far the Indian film industry has come since the garish overblown epics many will associate with Asian movies. *Ladoos and other Indian specialities will be served before the show.*

Tickets for all the summer shows are on sale at The Village Shop and The Rose & Crown. Book by phone on 0844 8700 887 or online at...

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Annual Membership is available online or from The Membership Secretary, 11 Alcester Road
See leaflets and website for full details

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

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

14th May - visit to **National Memorial Arboretum** at Alrewas. For tickets contact Roger Hunt 01527 853116.

7th June **Cheese & Wine** 6pm-dusk. The Old Smithy, Worcester Road, Grafton Flyford.

ARCHIVE - the Branch produces a quarterly News Sheet, and there is an ongoing archive. This can be viewed on open days. Items of interest, both old and new can be sent to Major Davidson, Branch Chairman, 01386 792772.

Village Hall

Ian Bellion



ABSURDLY FUNNY

Enjoy live comedy— but fed-up with stand-up? Enjoy stagey humour—but sick of cocky, middle-class egotists holding a microphone? Over 40 but not yet senile? If so, then this satirical sketch show could be right up your street. **“From Here to Absurdity”** comes direct from the Edinburgh Fringe to the village hall on **Saturday, 11th May** at 7.30pm.

Written and performed by Private Eye contributors, this award winning show starts life each year at the Edinburgh Fringe and then tours the country - it's been on the road since 2001. Richard Kelly, Lucy Simons and The Bearded Man are this year's team.

As a night out, it represents a cross between a trip to the theatre, a visit to a comedy club and a night in the pub. The sketches take a wry look at the absurdities of everyday life - including divorce, burying your relatives (including those who are dead), buying an overpriced house, getting ripped off by solicitors and chatting people up when you're past it.

None of the sketches last more than 3 minutes. So, if you don't like one, you can always switch off and wait for the next.

Tickets (£8.50) on sale now at The Village Shop and The Rose & Crown. Telephone bookings 0844 8700 887 and you can book online at www.ticketsource.co.uk/feckenham

PILATES REBORN

The weekly Pilates sessions at Feckenham Village Hall have a new tutor. Suzanne, who comes from Astwood Bank, is determined to inject new vigour into Feckenham people and invites you to come along and give it a try.

Pilates is an exercise system that focuses on stretching and strengthening the whole body to improve balance, muscle-strength, flexibility and posture. It's not strenuous or stamina testing like Zumba so it's suitable for young or old, women or men - no special equipment needed.

Sessions last 1 hour - every Thursday from 7.30pm. Just turn up and have a go!

W.A.K.E FM

FECKENHAM RADIO IS ON THE WAY

WAKE FM will be on the air from 20th to 23rd June - broadcasting from a studio on High Street with a signal that will reach the entire Parish area and beyond.

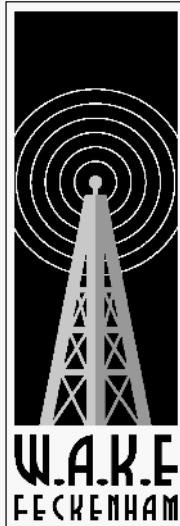
The team of volunteers is growing and some items are already being pre-recorded - planning for many others is well under way. There'll be a good deal of live programming and indeed all of Saturday's daytime

broadcast will come live from The Wake on The Square. If you'd like to join in it's not too late - just drop us an e-mail.

If you'd like to sponsor a programme we'd love to hear from you too. The costs of the station are largely covered by grants and donations but we still need to raise a little money - please get in touch if you can help.

And... if you'd like us to play a record for a loved one, we'd be glad to oblige on our Sunday "Family Favourites" show - just e-mail or send in your requests.

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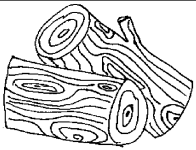
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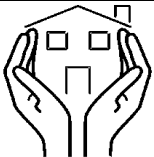
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“MEMORIALS THAT REFLECT A LIFETIME”

Village Shop

Jeff Matthews

We continue to be very interested in what you think about the Village Shop. You will find in the magazine, this month, a very short questionnaire where we have asked you to give us your views – whether you use the shop regularly or you don't. It's important to us, to know what you think. So, please, if you could take a few moments to complete it, thanks.

We are pleased to say, we have persuaded specialist bakers in Ombersley to supply the shop, once per week, on a Thursday. This should be of interest to those who might be entertaining or just like something a little different for lunch at the weekend. A number of you may know them – they have a stall in the market at Droitwich. Their specialities include breads with olives and rosemary, a tomato and onion loaf, and a honey glazed walnut and stilton offering. Coupled with a gluten free loaf and the option of ordering, it's a great addition to the shop range.

The spotty crocks that make the very distinctive cups, mugs and plates that we use in the coffee shop continue to get admiring glances. We have been stocking them for sale for a while and are pleased to have added to the range with both jam and sugar pots. We also have fairly traded range of Indian origin, hand painted, enamelware tumblers, which are particularly attractive. A different gift idea...?

As I write, it's the first vaguely warm day of the year. Dare we start thinking about stocking BBQ coal? Well, we'll buy some and hope. It will be available for brave and hardy souls from late April.

Which also means the umbrella and outside tables make a welcome return, together with cream teas. You can get a scone, with cream and a hot drink for £ 2.20 – a bargain. A new one on me, and a variation for those that like drinking chocolate, come and try drinking fudge, from Fudge Kitchen. £2.20 for a steaming

mug, ideal for those balmy spring days of IC, we seem to be enjoying. Mint, orange or chocolate flavour variations are available.

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2013 Meeting Dates: 16 May, 19 June
(Wednesday), 18 July, 19 Sept, 21 Nov & 19 Dec

The 2012/13 Year End Accounts were internally audited and approved by the Council. Any parishioner wishing to inspect the accounts is welcome to make an appointment with the Clerk.

Presently, the gates do not have the desired effect of raising the profile of the village and reminding drivers that they are entering into an area where residents care about speed restriction and the upkeep of the village environment.

Consequently, the Parish Council is currently in the process of negotiating with officers of Worcestershire County Council to move the estate gates to positions previously agreed upon. Additionally, the Council has agreed to purchase a new "Feckenham" sign for the Droitwich end of the village to be placed behind an estate gate.

Thanks to much hard work on the part of several parishioners, most notably Chairman Williams, Airband is now being installed in the village. For more information and a link to register an interest, please see <http://www.thevillagehub.co.uk/>.

Many parishioners have expressed concern over the potential flooding issues which the Webheath development poses for Feckenham. The Draft Local Plan #4 is in public consultation until 15 May; this presents an opportunity for the Council and parishioners to comment. The Council will seek further clarification as to safeguards which will be put in place to alleviate surface water discharging into Swansbrook and Bowbrook. For those interested in commenting

on the Local Plan, please see www.redditchbc.gov.uk/localplan.

As many may know, the Council has one vacant seat. Any parishioner wishing to join the Council should contact the Clerk or a cllr.

Finally, all parishioners are invited to attend the Annual Parish Meeting to be held on 16 May at 7:00pm. The Annual Parish Council meeting will take place immediately after the Annual Parish Meeting. The Clerk requests written reports are forwarded to the email below no later than 12 May.

Sean Arble
Clerk to the Council
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Thursday 9 May 2013 at 7.30pm – Resolution Meeting and AGM

At the May meeting in addition to carrying out the AGM we will also debate the national WI resolution 'the continuing decline of our high streets and town centres, and the damaging effect this has on local communities'. We will vote on whether or not to adopt the resolution. If passed the resolution will move forward to the national WI AGM where again, if passed, will form the basis of a national WI campaign and awareness raising in the years ahead.

All meetings are held on the second Thursday of the month at 7.30pm in the back room of Feckenham village hall. There is an annual subscription (currently £33.00) but visitors are welcomed to join us for any meeting at a cost of £3.50 per visit. If you require further information please contact Linda Harris on 01527 892850 or Gay Bligh on 01527 893321. Or visit us on the village website www.feckenham.com

Stock & Bradley Gardening Club

Rob Cole

Wednesday 1st May 2013 - 7.30pm

The meeting will be a talk by Tony Cleare entitled 'Cottage Gardens'. Tony was Assistant Gardener at Spetchley Park for 17 years and Head Gardener at Brook Cottage Gardens in Oxfordshire. His talk will show examples of the cottage garden style of gardening, and he will recommend a range of suitable plants.

The theme of the members' competition at the meeting will be 'Blossom'. To take part, just bring along an exhibit for judging by the speaker. 1st, 2nd, and 3rd will be awarded points, and 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 next AGM in October 2013.

All club meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month at the Village Hall, Church Road, Bradley Green starting at 7.30pm, and are free to members for an annual subscription of £10.00. Visitors are made very welcome and may attend for £3.00 per meeting. If you require any further information, ring Rob Cole on 01527 821156.

ANNUAL PLANT FAIR - Saturday 4th May 2013 - 10.00am to 12.00 noon

Our annual Plant Sale will be held on Saturday 1st May 2013 from 10.00am to 12.00 noon at the Village Hall, Church Road, Bradley Green. Plants grown by members will be for sale, and two specialist local nurseries will also be in attendance with an interesting range of plants. The event is an ideal opportunity to buy excellent plants at keen prices and is open to everyone.

There will 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.

The following meeting - Wednesday 12th June 2013 is an all-day outing. We start with a morning visit to John Massey's garden at Ashwood Nurseries, with time to look around the nursery and from where we can purchase our lunch.

In the afternoon we will go to Stone House Cottage Garden, and finally to Rowberry's garden centre for afternoon tea and a look around their plant sales areas.

Pre booking is essential and members should fill out the form in their membership pack and return it to Dinny Pynsent by 12th May at the latest. If you haven't got a copy of the form, you can contact Dinny on 01527 821355 or Sheila White on 01527 545572 to book your place.

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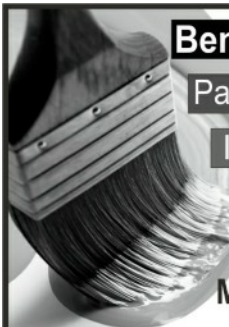
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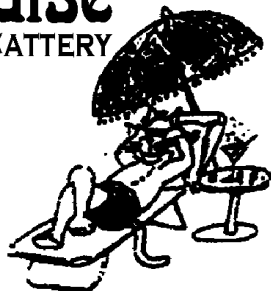
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