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NOVEMBER Diary



Sat 2 nd	6.45pm	Village Bonfire Party	Cricket Club
Sun 3 rd	4pm	All Souls Service	Parish Church
Tues 5 th	12.30pm	Lunch Club	Village Hall, Back Room
Wed 6 th	7.30pm	Stock & Bradley Gardening Club	Bradley Village Hall
Sat 9 th	From 10am	Churchyard Working Party	
Sat 9 th	7.30pm	The Crown Phoenix Big Band'	Village Hall
Tues 12 th	7.30pm	Feckenham Forest History Society	Webheath Village Hall
Thur 14 th	LAST DAY FOR CHRISTMAS CARD ENTRIES		
Thur 14 th	7.30pm	Feckenham WI	Village Hall, Back Room
Fri 15 th	8pm	FeckenOdeon-2	Back Room Village Hall
Thur 28 th	7pm	Charity Quiz	Rose & Crown
Sat 30 th	7.30pm	FeckenOdeon	Village Hall
DECEMBER			
Sat 14 th	7.30pm	A Night at The Musical Theatre	Village Hall

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Front Cover

Mary Poppins in scarecrow form - the work of Maggie and Peter Stephens.

Photo: Judy Hooker



Church Services NOVEMBER

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Readers and Intercessors

Sunday 3rd

All Souls

11.00am Sung Eucharist

Daniel 7: 1-3,15-18

Ephesians 1: 11-23

Intercessions

Tricia Mortimer

Tony Mortimer

Erica Dilger



4.00pm All Souls Service to remember loved ones
with refreshments afterwards

Sunday 10th

10.15am Remembrance

Job 19: 23-27

Thessalonians 2:1-5,13-15

Intercessions

Paul Richards

Angela Fletcher

Melissa Beynon

Sunday 17th

2nd before Advent

10.30am 'Making Christingles' with a short service

- in The Gazebo Callow Hill

6.30pm Evensong

TBC

TBC

Intercessions

John Calvert

Patricia Collins

Pat Onions

Sunday 24th

Christ the King

11.00am Holy Communion

Jeremiah 23: 1-6

Colossians 1: 11-20

Intercessions

Fiona Carter

Jeff Matthews

Ann Matthews

Feckenham Roman Catholic Church

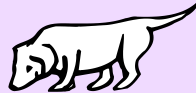
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Mass is celebrated every Sunday at 10.15am in the Church

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

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New residents

Replacing Paul Jordan as the gardener at The Old House on the High Street after Paul and Sue left to live in Redditch to help Sue get over her successful lung transplant, is 38 year old Daniel Prewer. Having moved in from Cheltenham on the 1st September, this is Daniel's first residential gardening job after having done his horticulture apprenticeship and worked for a couple of companies. Wanting to get back to village life, Daniel has Jerome, a 5 month old kitten for company. Welcome, both of you to the village and we look forward to seeing little Jerome out and about soon.

Feckenham's Stirling Judge

This year's Royal Institute of British Architects' (RIBA) Stirling Prize for Britain's Best New Building was judged, in part, by one of Feckenham's residents. Kathy Gee, who lives on the High Street, was the 'lay judge' on a panel of 6 judges who toured the country assessing the 6 finalists against a series of tough criteria. Although Kathy has no specific experience in architecture, she has been a judge of some high profile prizes in the past, including the Art Fund Prize twice and as a trustee of the Heritage Lottery Fund she judged hundreds of projects. Although it was an exhausting 4 days to get round each property, she said it was enormous fun as she "met new people, went to new places, saw new things and was greatly inspired and educated". However, each judge can only do it once. If you would like to know more about the RIBA prize and see Kathy in action at the prize giving ceremony hosted by Naga Munchetty, you can watch the BBC documentary about it on iPlayer, entitled "Meet the six buildings on the RIBA Stirling Prize shortlist" which aired on the 30th September.

Communal Christmas Card

Jane White



Christmas is approaching and this year we shall again be producing the communal Christmas card. In order to get it out with the December magazine I shall need your entries by the **14th November**.

For those unfamiliar with the card scheme, instead of sending lots of cards to people you see all the time, you make a donation and send a message (each in it's own box with up to 20 words) to your friends and neighbours. A card is delivered to everyone with the December Feckenham News. I have room for a maximum of 44 messages, first come first served!

The charity to be supported this year is "Crisis". The Parish Church pays for the printing and all of your donation will go to the charity. Last year with your generosity we raised £776, which was raised by a generous resident to £1200 making a very considerable donation possible.

Example message & size of box

A very **Happy Christmas and New Year** to
all our friends and neighbours.
..... &

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or

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THANK YOU

Thought for the month

Rev. Wyn Beynon

Dear Friends

November: Remembering, forgiving, being free.

Hopefully we all find the ability, as we grow, to accept our mistakes and say the magic "s" word. But there are people who never learn to do this and we call them narcissists and psychopaths. Both have no concern for others' needs but the narcissist needs to be adored whilst the psychopath cares nothing what people think of them. Politics is full of both narcissists and psychopaths* (psychopath* aren't murders, by the way, it's just a psychological state) and how would the media survive with out them?! Sadly they are our role model at this time.

Forgiveness is "God given". It comes from outside us. Left to ourselves we revert to reptilian reactions of cause and effect. Even if you don't believe in God it's clear that forgiveness is a social necessity for any animal society to thrive. Fights are short and then forgotten. It comes from* 'outside' the individual, though of course it benefits the individual to be forgiven and to forgive, in the long run.

Animals forget, not because they have small brains, but because they are uncomplicated enough have no need to remember. Forgiveness serves and essential purpose in a healthy group of healthy individuals. Humans beings are sophisticated (Literally, 'sophisticated' means* "spoilt by wisdom") and dwell on hurts, both real and imagined.

But imagine living with your ego in a mature place, letting it kick you out of bed in the morning, making sure you eat and drink and avoid falling down holes, but otherwise not in charge. Imagine that in a mature place you feel the hurts, but simply drop them without holding onto them. They float off down the stream of time and you, amazingly, are OK, you haven't lost your self worth or dignity. Indeed you are now liberated, free to be, to love the offender, to help healing and change not by demanding recompense for yourself but by letting it all go.

Now, that's not to say that the wrongdoer walks off scott free. Social cohesion means, for instance, that violent people or thieves need to be removed from general society etc.

But the forgiver is free, not of loss, for loss, and dealing with loss, is essential for mature living; free not of scars, because scars are the 'rent card' we get stamped by being alive; but free of being nailed to the past, nailed to hate and anger and demanding my (or other people's) rights. That's how Jesus walked through the world. And here's the rub. People hated him for being free. They nailed him down. But he was free enough to walk away.

Best wishes

Wyn

All Souls Service



Sunday 3rd November 4pm

at Feckenham Parish Church

This is an annual service (traditionally held somewhere around the commemoration of All Souls, 2nd November) for those who have been bereaved to remember those they have lost.

We try to make sure we specifically invite everyone who have had family members' funeral services taken by a minister from Feckenham Church over the last two years but there is no time limit and everyone is welcome to attend.

There is an opportunity to add names that will be read out during the service and there is also an opportunity to light a candle in their memory during the service too.

We will sing some appropriate hymns and there will be short readings and prayers. It lasts about 45 minutes.

There are refreshments afterwards thanks to the the help of the Feckenham WI.

Church Flower Group

Margaret Perry

The Flower Group ladies had extra help this year decorating the church for Harvest Festival courtesy of Feckenham School children. Guided and encouraged by Kate Allardice, the children made some innovative and interesting exhibits which were displayed in the porch. If you didn't see them and experience them in colour, here are some of their achievements. Well done, and hope you enjoyed doing them.

Inside the church looked splendid too, our ladies interpreted the harvest theme so well with autumnal colour, seedheads, berries and fruits.

When Mr Crump arrived with so many spectacular dahlias we were delighted to fill our displays with them, giving even more colour. Thank you Mr Crump from all of us.

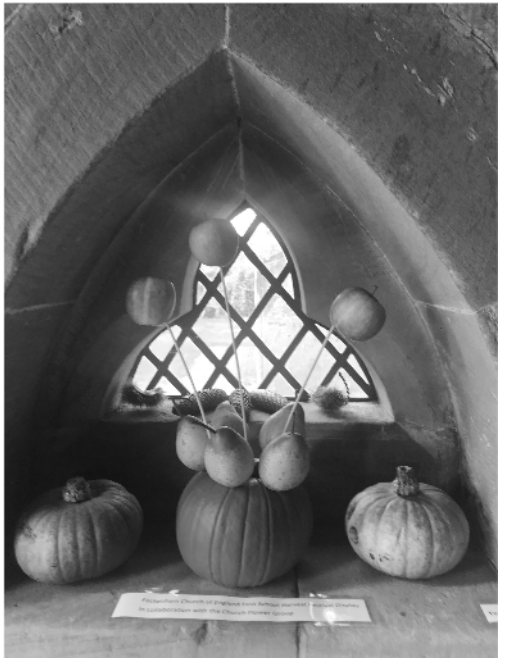


Above: Year 4

Left:: Reception (nearest), Year 1 and Year 3

Below left: Year 1

Below: Year 2



Village Shop

It has been a busy last four weeks for the Community Shop. The Annual General Meeting, the completion of the half year accounts and of course the Scarecrow Weekend kept our army of Volunteers on their toes and provided some very positive news to report.

At the AGM the Management Board was unanimously re-elected to serve another year. Vickie Whitehouse will be taking over as Treasurer from Chris Bristow who has admirably fulfilled that role for the last ten years. John Calvert has stood down as Chairman, having agreed last year to serve for 12 months, but has overseen an amazing amount of positive change during the last year. Alan Slater will succeed him at the next Board Meeting, and we are all delighted that Alan has agreed to act as Chairman of the Board for the foreseeable future. The Shareholders endorsed a vote of thanks to John, Chris and all the Volunteers who ensure that our Community Shop continues to be such an asset to the Village.

That success has been reflected in an encouraging half year trading performance. Both gross and Net profit levels have improved, however the immediate challenge is how to encourage more of the village to support the shop through greater usage of our wonderful local amenity.

We were delighted to participate in the Scarecrow Weekend and our Crows, the Scary Bikers, certainly created plenty of interest. They also attracted some new customers to the shop and we hope that they will return. We were able to keep the shop open for longer hours on Saturday and Sunday thanks to the Volunteers who did extra shifts to make that happen.

Just as a reminder we not only have daily fresh bread, newspapers and milk deliveries, but also stock around 1,000 product lines, so there's a good chance that if you've run out of something you will find it at the shop. We also like to stock local produce and we are delighted to now be able to offer honey from the village bee hives, a boost to the immune system as well as delicious.

Small Ads.



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Square Management Committee

PINK CHESTNUTS

Now that the series of open air events taking place on The Square is over the Committee is proceeding with the removal of the stump of the felled Horse Chestnut tree and arrangements are in hand for the planting of a replacement. The Borough Council Tree Officer has decreed that the replacement must be another Horse Chestnut. We've decided to plant a variant with a deep pink flower which will not only look pretty but will also be slightly more resistant to the bugs that killed the old tree.

CAROLS ON THE SQUARE

Some things are best left unchanged so the annual warbling round the Christmas Tree will take place, as tradition demands, **on Christmas Eve**. Hot punch, mince pies and a few ho-ho-hos at **6.30pm**.... It might even snow....

Jazz for Charity



A top big band is to play in Feckenham and the proceeds will go to a very good cause - The Sick Children's Trust.

On **Saturday, 9th November** at **7.30pm** **The Crown Phoenix Big Band will be in Concert at Feckenham Village Hall**. This 18 piece jazz ensemble will get the joint jumpin' with jazz and swing classics from Count Basie to Glen Miller - as well as some original tunes of their own. They'll be joined by a couple of singers and the evening will be kept on course by veteran ATV presenter Peter Tomlinson.

Tickets (£10) are available from the Village Shop and The Rose & Crown.

The Sick Children's Trust provides accommodation which allows parents to stay with their seriously ill child in hospital. All proceeds from this event will go to the Trust.

Musical Theatre

Carole Corden and friends are delighted to announce a fundraising "**Musical Theatre Evening**" with **Studley Operatic Society** at **7.30pm on Saturday 14th December 2019** in the Village Hall. Tickets at £10 may be purchased from the Village Shop, online at ticketsource.co.uk/feckenham or by phone on 0333 666 3366

Doors open at 6.15pm, there will be a licensed bar and a raffle. Proceeds to be shared between the Village Hall Fund and Studley Operatic Society. We look forward to seeing you there.

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Feckenham Readers Group



Thursday, 7th November - 7.45

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Friday, 15th November at 8pm

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FeckenOdeon Cinema Society

Ian Bellion

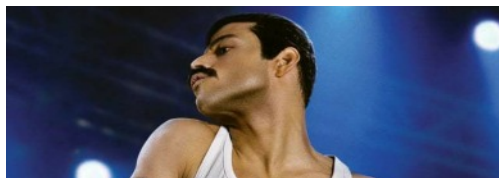


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"YESTERDAY"

Friday, 15th November at 8pm



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"BOHEMIAN RHAPSODY"

Saturday, 30th November at 7.30pm

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TALES OF FECKENHAM FOLK

Swansbrook Radio's series "In Conversation" is a series of informal chats with Feckenham people. Full of memories and local colour - and often shrewd assessments of life in the village today. The station hopes that they'll form the backbone of a digital audio archive so that will be passed to future generations. Recently Stuart Knowles and Paul Furey have talked with Len Burley and Peter Masters - both of whom were born here. By the time you read this Paul will have chatted to Doris Burley, Len's sister in law, who, until recently, lived in High Street. Coming soon is a conversation from our local butcher Pete Lawton, better known as Pete the Meat. Peter is thinking of retiring soon and has a large pool of stories and anecdotes to dip into.

In conversation is on air now - and there are past episodes available on our "On Demand" page.

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Village Hall

Ian Bellion



THE START OF THE NEXT 85 YEARS

By the time you read this the repair works at the Village Hall should be complete. It's been a long and complex job involving renovations and replacement to ancient timbers. Malcolm Hawkes and his colleagues have done a great job and the building is set for another 85 years of service. We'd like to thank our neighbours and Hall users for putting up with the inevitable noise and the presence of scaffolding for so long.

SHOW BIZ GENEROSITY

We're also grateful to some of the village's performers and organisations for their help in paying for the work.

The Village Shop paid the performers' fees for the "Men in General" show on 6th October - a great evening (and if you thought you recognised one of them and you like antiques... you were right! The bearded one was Ben Cooper - one of the leading experts on the BBC's Bargain Hunt).

All Round Voices gave the Hall 50% of the proceeds of their concert on 19th October and **Carole Cordon** is similarly sharing the proceeds of the "Night at The Musical Theatre" show on 14th December (Tickets from the shop or ticketsource.co.uk/feckenham). We're grateful to all of them - as well as to some very generous folk who wish to remain anonymous.

PRIZES GALORE!

You can also help the Hall for a very modest outlay - and you get a chance to win monthly cash prizes into the bargain. The Village Hall's monthly Prize Draw costs a subscription of only £12 a year - and that means that you're entered into the 12 monthly draws - top prize £25. The proceeds go into the Hall's Improvement Fund and are used to keep the Hall in top top condition. If you haven't been approached to take part and would like to know more please contact the Hall's Treasurer on 892285.



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Village Hall

Improvement Fund 2018/19



October Winners

74	Danielle Chute	£25
131	Peter & Gemma Lane	£15
122	Richard & Rosemary Carter	£10

This was the Final Draw for the 2018 /19 Fund which raised £1,432.00 for the Village Hall.

The first draw for the 2019 /20 Fund will be held in the Village Hall at 8.00 pm on Tuesday 3rd December 2019.



The winner : “Crowsecco Bar” by Annie Fieldhouse



“Crackin’ Crow” by Malcolm Cookes



“Yellow Bricrowed”
by Judy Hooker



← “Hey You Guys”
by Peter Lane

Photos by Judy Hooker

Scarecrow Festival 2019

Marion Chute

The Scarecrow weekend

- whatever the weather

Once again people turned out in considerable numbers to visit the 39 or so scarecrows dotted all over the Village. They came despite the weather and enjoyed a free afternoon out - donated some cash bought a cup of tea and a cake and made the most of such dry weather as we had.

The Wake committee joined forces with the Feckenham Amenity Trust who look after the Square amongst other things and the cash raised will go to helping replace the tree.

The creativity of villagers was breathtaking as usual and voting was more enthusiastic than ever.

The results were as follows (drum roll) - photos opposite.

Adults

- 1st Crowsecco bar produced by Annie Fieldhouse and the Lavin family
- 2nd Crackin' Crow which adorned the lawn of Malcolm and Vanda Cookes
- 3rd= Hey You Guys by Peter Lane
- 3rd= The Yellow Bricrowed by Judy Hooker

Childrens

- 1st Pokemon Go entered by Natasha Walker
- 2nd Scary Potter by Abi Ward
- 3rd Thomas the Tank by Jacob Bellizz
- Well done to everyone who entered, you are all winners!
- Nearly £900 will be donated to the tree fund as a result.

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The swallows have returned to Africa, confirmation that the year is advancing towards its chilly end and onward then into the dreary (in my opinion) days of January and February.

October has been very mixed with plenty of rain. The latter complicated the post-season repair and treatment of the 20+ wickets. The scarifying was a tedious task with the ground damp and needed a great deal of manual effort to clear up debris left behind rather than being collected by the hired machinery. Because of the rain, we had to wait several days before it was possible to apply seed and nearly three tonnes of loam. It was a relief to finish.

As the days cool, the club's state of the art wormery will be brought back into use to help selected younger worms to thrive and grow over the winter before they are returned to their original areas of the outfield in the Spring. Teams have already been using various techniques to locate such vulnerable creatures. Most worm charming methods of course involve vibrating the soil, which encourages the worms to the surface- it is thought that the vibrations are similar to those produced by digging moles, which of course love to eat earthworms.

There are variations in use and have been known to cause great arguments over their relative merits. For example, "worm grunting" involves the use of a "stob", which is a wooden stake that is driven into the ground, and a "rooping iron" which is used to rub the stob. "Worm fiddling" also makes use of a wooden stake but creates vibrations by dragging an old saw across its top.

Controversial practices such as sprinkling the ground with water, tea or beer are banned. Also banned is the playing of music, following the very unfortunate occasion when a Motorhead aficionado played "Kingdom of the Worm" at high volume and brought about a number of nervous breakdowns amongst the sheep in the next field.

In the workshop, the mechanical team has a series of tasks lined up to deal with issues in the club's ground-care machinery. Recently added to this is repair of the 25-year old seed spreader, a machine which consists mainly of a bucket on wheels that rotates a blade to disperse the seed evenly across the ground. Not used often but indispensable when it is.

The club recently hosted a McMillan Coffee Evening, organised by Carly Fletcher and Sharon Simpson and this was a great success, raising £338 for this important charity.

However we have one final event of 2019 on **November 2nd we are hosting the annual Bonfire and Firework** event. As usual there is no admission charge but there will be a bucket collection which we hope will receive generous donations that actually help to pay for the fireworks. The bonfire is to be lit at approximately 6:45pm and the display starts at about 7:30pm and there will be a BBQ and full bar.

Finally, we are already thinking ahead to next season and are making great effort to attract players of any skill level.

If you are interested in playing for Feckenham Cricket Club, please contact Nick Reddish on 07802 212125.

See you on November 2nd.

What's On this month in STOCK & BRADLEY

- 6th Breakaway:**
John Butterworth - Meeting the Queen at Buckingham Palace Village Hall - 10.30a.m
- 6th Gardening Club**
Howard Drury - 'My Favourite Women Gardeners'.
Village Hall - 7.30pm
- 23rd ANNUAL GENERAL KNOWLEDGE QUIZ**
Quiz Master: Mel Bates
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Village Hall - 7.30pm

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Stock & Bradley Gardening Club

Rob Cole

NEXT CLUB EVENT - Wednesday 6th November at 7:30pm

Our speaker is a welcome return by Howard Drury who will give us a talk entitled 'My Favourite Women Gardeners'.

The theme for the members' monthly competition will be 'November Fruit'. Our speaker will act as judge, and 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 then be awarded a prize of a £20 gift token at the December 2019 meeting.

Following event - Wed. 4th December 2019 at 7:30pm

Following a brief AGM, Harry Green, who is the Head Gardener at Morton Hall, will tell us the story of the garden and show us many of the plants grown there.

The theme for the members' monthly competition will be 'Coloured Stems'.

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 £5.00 for 2019. 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.

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On Thursday 10th October WI members and visitors welcomed Colin Millett as their speaker. Colin talked to us about Worcester porcelain. His knowledge & enthusiasm for his subject was very impressive. We learned that Worcester Porcelain was founded in 1751 with a Royal Warrant from George III & how the company developed and of the manufacture of fine china in England over the centuries.

Colin with the help of his wife Frances, showed slides to compliment his talk & brought along a few items from his very extensive collection to show us.

We were kept on 'our toes' by Colin asking us questions at the end, and he was happily impressed as we shouted out our answers. We certainly were listening and enjoyed hearing about the various artists who had painted stunning pictures of fruit, flowers, sheep and highland cattle on to the beautiful pieces of porcelain. Colin told us he has the largest private collection of Worcester porcelain and recommended that we visit Royal Worcester Museum. I think that could be an excellent WI outing to arrange.

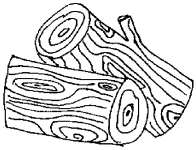
On Thursday 14th November our own member Jayne Walker will be talking about the Redditch Food Bank. This should prove interesting and informative and members are being asked to donate 2 items for Jayne to take to the Food Bank. A raffle will also be held to help this work.

Visitors as always are very welcome, price £4.

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19th Nov. "Cats" at The Palace Theatre.

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