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NOVEMBER Diary



Sat 3 rd	18:45:00	Bonfire & Fireworks Display	Cricket Ground
Tues 6 th	12.30am	Lunch Club	Village Hall, Back Room
Wed 7 th	7.30pm	Stock & Bradley Gardening Club	Meadow Farm
Thur 8 th	7.30pm	Feckenham WI	Village Hall, Back Room
Fri 9 th	8pm	FeckenOdeon-2	Back Room Village Hall
Sun 11 th	10.15am	Remembrance Service	Parish Church
Tues 13 th	7.30pm	Feckenham Forest History Society	Feckenham Village Hall
Wed 14 th		Last day for entries to Village Christmas Card.	
Thur 15 th	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting	Back Room Village Hall
Thur 15 th	7.30pm	Friend's of Feckenham Church AGM	Parish Church
Sat 17 th	1.30pm	Table Top Sale	Village Hall
Sun 18 th	7.30pm	Bush Gothic'	Village Hall
Sat 24 th	7.30pm	FeckenOdeon	Village Hall
Sun 25 th	11am - 3pm	Feckenham, Past, Present & Future Exhibition	Village Hall
Thur 29 th	7.30pm	Charity Quiz	Rose & Crown

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Church Services NOVEMBER

PARISH CHURCH
of ST. JOHN
THE BAPTIST



Priest-in-Charge: Rev Wyn Beynon **07595 313035**

Church website: www.feckenhamchurch.org.uk **Email:** info@feckenhamchurch.org.uk

Parish Office: Telephone: 01905 778181 Email: bowbrookgroup1@gmail.com

Open Tues., Wed. & Thurs. 10am-1pm & 2-5pm: Mon. & Fri. Closed

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

Readers and Intercessors

Sunday 4th All Saints	11.00am Isaiah 25: 6-9 Revelation 21:1-6a Intercessions	Sung Eucharist Ann Matthews Tony Mortimer Walter Richards
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Sunday 11th	10.15am Jonah 3: 1-5, 10 Intercessor	Remembrance Ian Hunter Mark Wheatley
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Sunday 18th Advent -2	6.30pm Daniel 12: 1-3 Hebrews 9: 24-28 Intercessions	Evensong Carol Price Phillip Tricklebank Carol Onions
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Sunday 25th Christ the King	11.00am Daniel 7: 9-10, 13-14 Revelation 1: 4-8 Intercessions	Holy Communion Bob Fish Mark Wheatley Barbara Wheatley
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Feckenham: Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals

Initial contacts for these should be directed to Rev. Wyn Beynon:

My mobile number is: **07595 313035** or email wynbeynon@gmail.com Thank you! Wyn

Feckenham Roman Catholic Church

St John Fisher & St. Thomas More

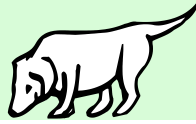


Mass is celebrated every Sunday at 10.15am in the Church

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

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

Newshound



Welcome to two sets of new residents to Turton Gardens: Megan and Simon, and Ita and Steve.

Megan Weaver and Simon Barton live at number 1 Turton Gardens, having moved there in June. Megan is from the Abbey Park area of Redditch and Simon is from Mappleborough Green. They are both 26 and Simon is a software engineer and Megan is a chartered accountant.

Ita and Stephen Daniels live at number 12 and they moved in in August from Webheath. Ita is a housewife and Steve is retired but is now the groundsman for Feckenham Cricket Club. They have 4 grown up children between them, 6 grandchildren and another on the way in December.

Feckenham born David Jones (Ruth and Alan's son) has received the No2H8 Tell MAMA Champion Award for 2018. Tell MAMA is a project (independent of, but with Government support) whose prime purpose is to record and support the victims of anti-Muslim hate crimes whilst also opposing all other forms of hatred, including anti-Semitism and that directed towards disabled people and the LGBT community. They work closely with the renowned Community Security Trust which provides protection to Britain's Jewish community. The No2H8 initiative makes annual awards to organisations, groups and individuals who combat hate crime. The citation for David's award was 'David's commitment to tackling all forms of hatred, and his educational work to ensure the Holocaust is never forgotten is truly exemplary'.

Communal Christmas Card

Jane White



Crisis at Christmas

This year all of your donations will go to Crisis at Christmas (the Parish Church pays for the printing) Last year we were able to give £715 to Syrian Refugees through Oxfam thanks to a full card and your generosity.

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! I will need entries by 14th November.

Example message & size of box

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

Please deliver your message (20 words max.) and donation, by 14th November, to -

A. Matthews, Chestnut House, 8 The Square,
Feckenham, B96 6HR

or

J. White, 55 Alcester Road, Feckenham B96 6JP

If paying by cheque, please make it payable to "Feckenham P.C.C."

Thanks

MacMillan Coffee Morning

A huge thank you to all the helpers and supporters on 28th September. We raised a total of £621 which will support our local MacMillan nurses.

Margaret East

Feckenham Parish Council

BRANCH SURGERY CLOSURE

Feckenham Parish Council have been notified of the proposed closure of the Doctors Branch Surgery in the village. Notification was received on Monday 15th October.

We have written to Ridgeway Surgery requesting that the proposed meeting on 31st October be deferred to allow time for the Council to investigate the proposal, procedures and possibilities, with the intention of holding a Public Meeting on the matter as soon as practicable. The outcome of this request is not known at the time of going to press.

Constructive comments, or suggestions are welcome and should be directed to the Clerk via clerk.feckenhampc@feckenham.com
Tel: 01527 892522.

FECKENHAM BRANCH SURGERY

A Potted History

The original name of the Surgery was "Waverley Cottage". It was bought by Dr Pinnock for use as a surgery and the building was converted in 1965. The first surgery was held on 1st January, 1966 and the first patient was Bill Glover who lived on the Droitwich Road.

Dr Pinnock had deeds going back to 1665 when a Mr Farmer owned the site. The present building is clearly more recent. Dr Pinnock did live here for 6 months (before retiring to Atch Lench) when he sold the Practice to Dr Cowburn - who has now also retired.

Until recently it has been open for business on three afternoons a week serving patients who find it difficult or inconvenient to travel to Astwood Bank - as well as those who have been unable to secure an appointment at the morning surgery at the main branch.



Friends of Feckenham Church



Annual General Meeting

St John The Baptist Church Feckenham

Thursday 15th November 2018

at 7.30 pm

Mr Andrew Fisher QC in the Chair

You are all welcome to the AGM when details of the fundraising and the projects undertaken during the year will be available together with new projects identified and to be resourced

A Trustees Annual report together with the Annual Accounts will be available at the meeting when any queries can be raised and observations made. Look forward to seeing you!

Phil Guise

Secretary to the Board of Trustees

CHARITY QUIZ

At The Rose & Crown

You're invited to sharpen your thinking parts for a Grand "Not Quite Christmas Quiz" at **The Rose & Crown on Thursday, 29th November**. This is the latest in a series of fun filled fundraisers organised by Arthur Hind and Tracy Cater. Over the past couple of years they've raised thousand of pounds for widely differing good causes - from Cancer Relief to Lifeboats. The most recent quiz raised nearly £400 for the Alzheimer's Society. This event is in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support. It's a jolly way to spend an evening - gather up a few friends to make up a team (maximum 6 people) and sign up on one of the lists in the bar or lounge at the pub. £2 per person is all it costs - pay on the night. There'll be a raffle and a few nibbly snacks to help the brain cells along.

Quiz starts at **7.30pm - prompt!**

It's Your Village

You all should have received a little publication called "The Feckenham Directory". It contains contact details for most, if not all, the organisations, that make Feckenham a community - as opposed to a housing estate. As a follow up to the booklet the Directory team, working with the Parish Council, is holding an informal event called "**Feckenham - Past, Present and Future**" at the Village Hall on **Sunday, 25th November from 11am to 3pm**. Most of the village organisations will be there to demonstrate what they do and how they do it - it'll be a chance to meet the people involved and to find out more about the way the village works.

There'll also be displays, pictures and films of Feckenham in the past - you'll be able to see who lived in your house generations before you arrived and understand how the village has developed to its present state. The Parish Council will be there - so present day and future issues can be aired.

This will be an easy going event aimed at introducing new and old villagers, all generations and all walks of life. We hope you'll all come along and get to know YOUR village better.

How well do you know YOUR VILLAGE?



Drop into the Village Hall

between 11am and 3pm
on Sunday, 25th November
to find out about

Feckenham Past, Present & Future

An informal occasion where you can get to know people and find out things about the place in which you live - there'll be an EXHIBITION about Feckenham in the past, representatives and displays from village organisations as well as details of what's being done to help make life better in our village

- MEET the people involved in local activities and events
- HEAR about what's happening and what's planned
- SEE pictures and films of Feckenham in the past
- FIND OUT what your house looked like many years ago
- ENJOY a chat over a cuppa and a cake

Organised by The Feckenham Directory supported by Feckenham Parish Council

World War I Centenary Commemoration

Jeff Mathews



11th November Remembrance Service

The Remembrance Service will take place on Sunday 11th November, starting at 10:15 in the church, and finishing at the War Memorial for the two minute silence at 11:00.

The service will include elements of the Suite for the Fallen Soldier, performed by Church and Community Choirs.

A permanent plaque marking the Crown of Poppies will be unveiled and blessed during the service.

If you have medals in your possession awarded to your direct ancestors, you are invited to wear them on the right breast of your coat or jacket.

Your free copy of the booklet 'The Way We Were', edited by Kathy Gee and Steve Fletcher has been included with this edition of the Feckenham News. Additional copies are available from the church.

Feckenham Church Choir

Amanda Gordon

Feckenham Church Choir Sings at Worcester Cathedral

On the 15th September, Fiona Carter was licensed as a reader at Worcester Cathedral. The church choir were delighted to be invited by Eileen Tomlinson to sing along with other church choirs from around the County. Nine choir members, Patricia Collins, Carol Price, Marg Kings, Amanda Gordon, Jenny Snel, Gerry Eost, Phil Tricklebank, Pat Onions and John Calvert, all committed to extra rehearsals to learn the 11 pieces of music required for the occasion. On the day, under the expert guidance of Eileen, the different choirs from around the county met for just one hours rehearsal before the service itself. The choir were impressed with the way that Eileen brought us all together and helped us to produce a lovely sound, aided also by the acoustics of the Cathedral. The choir members that were able to attend all enjoyed the occasion, and I am sure, felt privileged to sing in such a beautiful building. We will welcome any opportunity to sing there again in the future, as a bonus, we also have new exciting repertoire to use at our own services throughout the year.



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Feckenham Flower Show & Over 60's Party Fund

DONATIONS TO FECKENHAM FLOWER SHOW AND OVER 60's PARTY FUND

You are probably already aware that the two Feckenham Flower Shows and the Over 60's Christmas Party are a long standing tradition in the village.

Our Committee raises money to support this tradition by organising a number of fundraising events, but we are also supported by donations from villagers which we seek to collect from time to time when our resources begin to become depleted. In this issue of Feckenham News, you will find an insertion which is a simple form enabling you to contribute.

If you feel able to support us and our activities in this way, we would be very grateful if you would fill in the attached form and send your donation to our Treasurer, Angela Fletcher, at the address given.

We would like to thank you in anticipation of your new or continued support, and assure you that your donation will be used to continue and enhance our objectives.

Feckenham Over 60's Christmas Party

The Over 60's Christmas party is being held on Saturday 8 December 2018 at Feckenham Village Hall. If you are eligible and would like to attend the Christmas party, would you please contact either Margaret East (President) on 893735 or Linda Harris (Secretary) on 892850.

Village Shop

Jenny Mason

Christmas goodies are arriving at the shop including unusual gifts, spotty crockery, a great selection of cards, gluten free mince pies plus new wines/ beers/ & ciders.

Our cafe specials are Soup & a Roll £3.25 and the ever popular Teacake & Hot Drink £2.95. If you haven't tried it yet come & taste our great new coffee blend from our new espresso machine, it's getting excellent reviews on our website.

New Saturday Closing Time

We are sorry for any inconvenience but we are now closing at 2pm on Saturdays due to increased pressure on volunteers to fill the rota. We will endeavour to open longer near Christmas and on occasions when there are special Village events.

**'Carole Corden and Friends,
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"A Christmas Concert"

7.30pm on Sat. 1st December
in Feckenham Village Hall.

Tickets at £10

are available to from the Village Shop. Doors open at 7.00pm, there will be a licenced bar and a raffle.

Proceeds going to Cancer Research, Air Ambulance and the Parish Church maintenance fund.

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or book by phone on 0333 666 3366 or online* at
www.fecknodeon.co.uk

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



FeckenOdeon 2 at Feckenham Village Hall

THE FECKENODEON CINEMA SOCIETY



Saturday, 24th November - 7.30pm

at The FeckenOdeon Cinema in Feckenham Village Hall
Tickets: £5 from The Rose & Crown and Village Shop, Feckenham
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NEXT SESSION: Tuesday, 6th November

Feckenham Readers Group



Wednesday, 7th November - 7.45

This Month: **THE DRY**
by Jane Harper
Details from Marion Chute - 892285

Feckenham Forest History Society

DROITWICH CANAL

Talk by Margaret Rowley
Tuesday, 13th November - 7.30pm
Feckenham Village Hall
www.feckenham-forest-history-society.org.uk

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INSPIRING WOMEN

FECKENHAM WI At FECKENHAM VILLAGE HALL MOUNTAIN RESCUE

with Vince Williams
Thursday, 8th November - 7.30pm
Visitors Welcome at all meetings - £4



Stock & Bradley GARDENING CLUB

BULBS FOR SPRING

With Duncan Coombs
Wednesday, 7th November - 7.30pm
Bradley Village Hall - 01527 821355

FECKENHAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Feckenham Village Hall (Back Room)
Thursday, 15th November - 7.30pm
Everyone is welcome to attend

At every Council meeting there is a 15 minute Open Forum during which you're invited to raise matters of concern or ask questions of the Council



Feckenham Cricket Club
BONFIRE & FIREWORKS DISPLAY
Saturday, 3rd November
Fire lit at 6.45pm Fireworks at 7.30pm
FREE entrance - collection to cover costs
Barbecue

TABLE TOP SALE

Saturday, 17th November - 1.30pm

Feckenham Village Hall

To book a table call 892130 or email halle@feckenham.f9.co.uk
Table fee £10 - the rest of the profit is yours!
Proceeds to Village Hall Improvement Fund



Not quite Christmas Thursday, 29th November

Charity

7.30pm at

The Rose & Crown

All proceeds to

QUIZ

Make up a team of 6 or less
Sign up at the Pub - £2 per person

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How well do you know

YOUR VILLAGE?

Drop in to the Village Hall

on Sunday, 25th November between 11am and 3pm

Find out about Feckenham Past, Present and Future
Village organisations, old pictures, useful information... and a cuppa.

Send details of events for FREE listing to: whatson@feckenham.f9.co.uk or call 892130

FeckenOdeon Cinema Society

Ian Bellion



FRENCH FOLLIES

A comedy in English and French for November in FeckenOdeon 2. Fiona (Fiona Gordon) is a young goof from Canada who comes to Paris to visit her similarly away-with-the-fairies aunt Marthe (Emmanuelle Riva). A mishap on the banks of, and then in, the Seine leads to an encounter with a romantic tramp (Dominique Abel). It's a classic French entertainment that could have been produced almost any time in the last 60 years. "Delivers more laughs than a nitrous oxide leak near the hyena compound!"

"LOST IN PARIS"

at 8pm on Friday, 9th November



IT'S IN THE POST

Steven Spielberg directs Meryl Streep and Tom Hanks in a thrilling drama about the partnership between The Washington Post's Katharine Graham, the first female publisher of an American newspaper and editor Ben Bradlee, as they race to expose a massive cover-up of government secrets. They risk their careers - and their freedom - to help bring long-buried truths to light. A detective story, suspense thriller and an object lesson in how basic freedoms can be eroded... if we're not vigilant

"THE POST"

at 7.30pm on Saturday, 24th November

Tickets for all 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



UP TO THE MINUTE

While Feckenham News carries all the news that's fit to print, it is a monthly publication and can't keep up with fast moving developments. At Swansbrook Radio we lack the resources of most larger stations - but we are very close to local stories and can report developments as they happen. We are, for instance, watching and reporting on the proposals to close the village surgery, staying close to those involved in the possible improvements to the village roads and passing on information about other village hotspots as the information reaches us. Tune in to our **News Headlines** to keep up to date with Feckenham's news - you can hear them on the hour in our "Live" stream - or you can use the "On Demand" service to listen when it suits you. The issues are explored in greater depth in **The Broadsheet** - on air at 4, 8 and 12 am and pm and through the "On Demand" page.

COME AND MEET US

Swansbrook will be at the "**Feckenham Past, Present and Future**" event at the Village Hall on **Sunday, 25th November** (11am to 3pm). Please come and have a chat with us. We can explain and demonstrate how the station works. Show you how programmes are put together and, if you find it interesting, suggest ways in which you could become involved. Do drop in for a cuppa with the team - we're even more attractive than we sound on the wireless - and we might quite easily be persuaded to play a request for you on the air!

LISTEN TO THE SWANS

Just go to www.swansbrook.com and follow the instructions you'll find there. **Most programmes are now available for you to play ON DEMAND - listen when and where you like - as often as you like.**

FECKENHAM'S OWN Local Radio
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Village Hall

Ian Bellion



BUSHWACKERS AND BILLABONGS

Tickets are now on sale for the first Shindig show of the season:

Sunday, 18th November - 7.30pm:

BUSH GOTHIC

Rattled by the bones of felons and steeped in campfire smoke, this outstanding Australian bush band performs riveting songs from the era of criminal women and convict men, treachery and transportation. This most daring of Australian bush bands come direct from Melbourne, Australia to give Feckenham a taste of the outback.

BUSH TUCKER

We won't be serving witchetty grubs or anything else wriggly - but we will be offering you a chance to enjoy a free Australian snack or two alongside some Aussie drinks from our bar. Make this a Sunday evening with a difference - lick a Lamington, sup some Shiraz and enjoy some lovely music - what better way to wrap up the weekend?

Tickets (£11) from *The Village Shop, The Rose & Crown*, by phone on 0333 666 3366 or online at www.ticketsource.co.uk/feckenham

GLASSES FARCE

Sometime in June we noticed that a tray of 24 wine glasses was missing from the Village Hall store. We searched high and low, asked everyone if they'd borrowed them - with no results. Eventually, with functions needing to use the glasses, we ordered replacements. In late September the original glasses reappeared with no explanation - just left in the kitchen. This has caused the volunteers who run the hall unnecessary trouble and effort - and has involved needless expense. Please note that items provided in the Hall are not for use outside the Hall and certainly should not be borrowed without permission.

TABLES OF TREASURE!

A Table Top Sale before Christmas is a double delight - you can pick up lovely things to give as Christmas presents and you can clear the attic, basement or shed before the influx of Christmas presents. **Feckenham Village Hall will hold a Table Top Sale on Saturday, 17th November at 1.30pm** - and there'll be tea and cakes to help the afternoon along.

At the time of writing there are a few tables available for sellers. Call 892130 or email hall@feckenham.f9.co.uk There's a table charge of £10. All proceeds go to the Village Hall's Improvement Fund.

Village Hall

Improvement Fund 2017/18



October Winners

62	Stuart & Val Moberley	£25
99	Muriel Richards	£15
107	Richard Fletcher	£10

*This was the Final Draw for the 2017 /18 Fund which raised **£1,381.00** for the Village Hall.*

The first draw for the 2018 /19 Fund will be held in the Village Hall

at 8.00 pm on Tuesday 4th December 2018.

What's On this month in STOCK & BRADLEY

- 7th BREAKAWAY**
The Sweet Life in Bournville
Village Hall - 10.30am
- 7th GARDENING CLUB**
Bulbs for a Spring Display
Village Hall - 7.30pm
- 17th QUIZ NIGHT**
Village Hall - 7.15pm
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For more information see
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Thursday 22nd November - 6 - 9pm

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Thursday, 29th November - 7.30pm

CHARITY QUIZ Teams of up to 6 - £2 per person
Sign up lists are in the pub

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CAROLS AS USUAL!

The Annual Carols on The Square will take place, as usual, on Christmas Eve starting at 6.30pm - free mulled wine, mince pies and good cheer.



From the Rural Deanery

Sheila Banyard

This is to say a big thank you to all the congregations of Droitwich deanery for such a generous farewell at the deanery service in September, marking my retirement as Rural Dean. I was greatly touched by everyone's warmth and kindness, and by the lovely gifts which will help Andy and me make some enjoyable additions to our new house and garden. Thank you too to everyone who sent cards and flowers; we loved them all and felt very spoiled! It's been a privilege and a pleasure to serve in the deanery, twice as rural dean, and

I have been blessed with wonderful colleagues in every parish and in every aspect of ministry, for which I am extremely grateful. It's been great to get to know so many people and places - I am full of admiration for all that's done to enrich the life of our local churches and communities, and so glad I've had the opportunity to contribute and help in some small way. Thank you for your support, kindness and encouragement and I wish you

Church Flower Group

Margaret Perry

Harvest Festival 2018

The church was absolutely filled with a colourful, autumnal display of flowers, foliage and berries produced by the flower group ladies. To which their added fruit and vegetables made a lovely harvest display for which we thank them all for their efforts.

Together with these, many chrysanthemums and dahlias were once again grown and provided by Mr Crump for which we thank him very much.

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Feckenham Cricket Club

Bob Gordon



We are firmly into Autumn now, with winter just around the corner. Tree leaves have had their gold and brown hues for weeks, as chlorophyll is lost and other chemicals take over – some of which provide the orange/yellow colours in carrots. The colours this year are spectacular and are one of the reasons that this season is the favourite of many people.

Interestingly, we regard the use of the word “Fall” as being a North American aberration, when in fact it was widely used in England until relatively recently. Based upon the phrase “fall of the leaf”, the phrase was commonly used in England in the 17th century but the anglicised version of the French word “automne” replaced it during the 18th century.

Cricket finished of course in September but there is activity at the club all year round, both sporting and social. One of the highlights of the year is imminent – **Bonfire Night fireworks - this year taking place on Saturday 3rd**

November. As is customary, the event is free to attend, although we encourage visitors to contribute to the bucket collections as this helps to pay for the following year's 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. **PLEASE DO NOT BRING OR USE SPARKLERS.**

At the end of the cricket season the first team finished 5th in Division I of the Worcester County League, which means that as part of a major reorganisation of Midlands cricket we will be playing in the new Premier Division of the league next season. This is a tremendous achievement for a team from a small village and will be a real challenge as it will mean matches against Redditch and Astwood Bank – exciting times indeed.

The second team will play in division 5 and the third team in division 10 (North).

Post-season ground-care continues unabated. The grass will be mown while it continues to grow and the wickets will be spiked to promote stronger root growth, which helps the soil to hold together during the season. A concern recently has

been the number of worm casts on the wickets, following the damper weather that followed the dry summer. These casts are a problem for machinery as they can damage the bottom blades of mowers and can alter the height of cut as they attach easily to mower front rollers. They can also smother finer leaved grasses and encourage weed seeds and germination. The ground staff will need to clear the casts and to then tackle the problem using approved worm control treatments.

However, worms are generally a very good thing and the need is to prevent casting on the wickets only – their presence on the outfield is beneficial, bringing aeration and reducing compaction. As in previous years, the club's indoor wormery will be brought back into use to accommodate younger worms over the winter that might otherwise not survive a harsh winter. Under computer-controlled conditions, such worms thrive and grow and are duly returned to their original areas of the ground in the Spring.

The ground itself needs a tidy and volunteers will be at work over the coming weeks to help remove the debris of the season.

Last month the club hosted a McMillan Coffee Evening, organised by Carly Fletcher and Sharon Simpson and this was a great success, raising over £400 for this important charity. A further charity event takes place on Friday 9th November. Join us to raise funds for three charities close to the hearts of many - The Primrose Hospice, Macmillan Cancer Support and Cancer Research UK. In a specially erected marquee the ticket price of £10.00 (on the door) (children free and face painter on hand) you will be entertained by the fabulous sounds of Coyne Dave and his disco, enjoy a hog roast/BBQ to warm you and a fizz/hot toddy reception drink. There will also be a fantastic raffle thanks to the generosity of local businesses and supporters.

As nights are cooler, the comforting smell of open fires and log burners is noticeable during the evening in the village. If you haven't already stocked up with logs for the winter it might be a good time to consider doing so, particularly if the stories of snow for four months comes to pass. An old saying that might be relevant is “Ice in November to bear a duck, the rest of the winter will be slush and muck”. Which means that if November is cold and icy we can expect the winter to turn milder and wetter. Wrap up warm!

Stock & Bradley Gardening Club

Rob Cole

**NEXT CLUB MEETING -
Wednesday 7th November 2018 -
7:30pm** will be a welcome return by Duncan Coombs, who will give a talk entitled '**Bulbs for a Spring Display**'. Duncan is a retired horticultural lecturer at Pershore College and for this talk he will concentrate on choosing and looking after bulbs which will give a colourful start to the growing season.

The regular monthly Competition theme will be '*Three Stems of Hedgerow Fruit (the same or different)*'. 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.

**The following meeting -
Wed. 5th Dec. - 7:30pm** is our brief AGM, followed by a talk by John Tilt entitled '**A Natural History of Grafton Wood**'. John is warden of Grafton Wood Nature Reserve, near Grafton Flyford, which is managed by Worcestershire Wildlife Trust with Butterfly Conservation, and he will show us the natural delights which are to be found in this local woodland.

The regular monthly Competition theme will be '*A Winter Flower (single specimen)*'.

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 £8.00 for 2018. 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.

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INSPIRING WOMEN

We meet in the Village Hall Back Room at 7.30pm on Thursday 8th November when Vince Williams will talk to us about "Mountain Rescue in the UK". We may not live in a mountainous county, but it should be very interesting to hear about the work of people, mainly volunteers who go out in all weather conditions to help people in trouble. There will be light refreshments, visitors welcome (£4)

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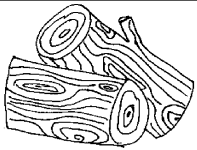
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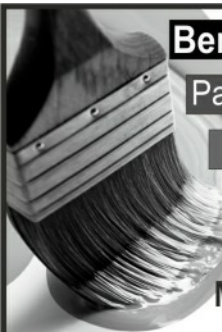
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