

FECKENHAM

NOVEMBER 2017

News



Published by Feckenham Church for the Village
Editor: Jane White Tel.:01527 893281 (Copy date 12th)
e-mail: feckenhamnews@gmail.com



- Hardy Home Grown Bedding Plants
- Trees, Shrubs, Roses, Alpines & Perennials
- Glazed & Terracotta Pots
- Fresh Cut Flowers, Wild Bird Feed
- National Garden Gift Vouchers Accepted

Your Local Plant Centre!



Evesham Rd (A441), Cookhill, Alcester, Warks., B49 5JR
 Tel: 01527 894 111 www.ridgewaynurseries.co.uk
 Open Mon-Sat: 9am-5.30pm, Sun: 10am-4.30pm



As Time Goes By YOUR LOCAL FAMILY RUN MEMORIAL SUPPLIER

Head Stones, Cremation Tablets,
 Additional Inscriptions and
 Renovation Work



Please call 01527 550505

To arrange a home visit or to find out our
 opening times

Unit 5, Dunlop Road, Hunt End Industrial Estate
 Redditch B97 5XP

"MEMORIALS THAT REFLECT A LIFETIME"

ANDREW SMITH CHIMNEY SWEEP

Traditional and Power Sweeping
 Clean, reliable and fully insured
 smoke test, CCTV and certificates.
 Evening and weekend appointments
 also available



Member of the
 Institute of Chimney
 Sweeps

Based locally in Inkberrow

Phone: **01386 793248**

Mobile: **07789 721303**



Tapcast Ltd COMPUTER SERVICES

Tapcast is a family business, based in
 Inkberrow, with over 20 years
 experience, supporting computer
 systems in businesses and homes



For: Computers, Laptops, Networking, Broadband, Email,
 Upgrades, Repairs, Support and more

web: www.tapcast.co.uk tel: 01386 792196
 email: jane.neal@tapcast.co.uk



A. Pullen

• MEMORIALS •

*Additional Inscriptions
 & Renovations*

All work is to the Highest Standard

Burcot Forge, Unit 4, 338 Alcester Road,
 Burcot, Nr Bromsgrove B60 1BH
 Tel: (01527) 876200 Mobile 07710 976744

An Independent Family Owned Funeral Directors



Thomas Brothers The Funeral Directors

The only family owned funeral homes in Redditch, Wythall & Alvechurch.
 We provide a friendly, dignified service
 paying special attention to detail.

01564 822 001
 100 Alcester Road,
 Wythall,
 B47 5HA

01527 547777
 Birchfield House,
 494 Evesham Road, Redditch.
 B97 5JF

0121 445 3422
 12A Red Lion Street,
 Alvechurch.
 B48 7LF

www.thomasbrothers.co.uk
 A family concern



NOVEMBER Diary



Wed 1 st	7:30pm	Gardening club	Bradley Village Hall
Thur 2 nd	7:30pm	Friends of Feckenham Church A.G.M.	Parish Church
Sat 4 th	6:30pm	Bonfire & Fireworks	Cricket Club
Tues 7 th	12.30am	Lunch Club	Village Hall, Back Room
Thur 9 th	7.30pm	Feckenham WI	Village Hall, Back Room
Sat 11 th	7.30pm	FeckenOdeon "Suite for the Fallen Soldier"	Village Hall
Sun 12 th	Last day	Copy for December Magazine	
Tues 14 th	Last day	Messages to be included in the Village Card	
Tues 14 th	7.30pm	Feckenham Forest History Society	Webheath Village Hall
Fri 17 th	8pm	FeckenOdeon-2	Back Room Village Hall
Sat 18 th	10am - 12.30pm	"Wrap & Pack" Morning	Gazebo Callow Hill
Sun 19 th	Last day	Christmas Boxes to the Parish Church	
Sat 25 th	7.30pm	FeckenOdeon	Village Hall
Thur 30 th	7.30pm	Charity Quiz	Rose & Crown

Contents

Christmas Box Appeal	p5
Church Services	p4
Cricket Club	p16
Drama on Square	p9
FeckenOdeon	p12
Flower Group	p5
Friends of Feck. Church	p6
Friends of Feck. AGM	p5
Gardening Club	p17
Newshound	p8
Parish Council	p9
Radio	p14
Scarecrow Festival	p13
Square Management	p13
Thanks	p8
Thought for the month	p7
Village Card	p5
Village Hall	p12
Village Shop	p8
W.I.	p17

Production Team

Ian Bellion – What's On
892130 whatson@feckenham.f9.co.uk

Chris Fletcher – Newshound
894568 cefletcher44@gmail.com

Antonia Pulsford – Reviews
892268

Jo Warrilow – Advertising, Mags by
post 892059

Jane White – Editor 893281
feckenhamnews@gmail.com

Magazine online at
www.feckenham.com

Many articles in Feckenham News are contributed by members of the public. They remain the responsibility of the writers and neither the production team nor the publishers can be held responsible for the views and assertions contained therein.

Front Cover

The winner of last month's Scarecrow Competition "Piddler on the Roof" by Pat and Alan Moore, 1 The Square.
Photo by Ian Bellion



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

Readers and intercessors

Sunday 5th

All Saints

11.00am Sung Eucharist

Job 19: 23-27

Thessalonians 1: 1-17

Intercessions

Walter Richards

Doug Curtis

Tony Mortimer



Saturday 11th

10.50am short Vigil at the War Memorial

Sunday 12th

10.45am Remembrance

Malachi 4: 1-2

Thessalonians 3: 6-13

Intercessions

Alison Crellin

Paul Richards

Lin Preece

Sunday 19th

6.30 pm Evensong

2nd before Advent

Jeremiah 23: 1-6

Colossians 1: 11-20

Intercessions

Gerry Eost

Fiona Carter

Carol Onions

Sunday 26th

11.00am Family Communion

Christ the King

Isaiah 2: 1-5

Romans 13: 11-end

Intercessions

Robert Fish

Erica Dilger

Cyril Warrilow

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

2017 Christmas Shoe Box Appeal

Wrap and Pack Morning

Callow Hill Gazebo

10am-12.30pm

Sat. 18th Nov. 2017

Bring items to fill your own, or share a decorated shoe box for children overseas this Christmas. £2.50 (or more) voluntary donation

Tea/ Coffee

See sign in the Gazebo at Callow Hill for more details!



Communal Christmas Card

Jane White



2 weeks to get your message in the Village card to go out with December's magazine.

The charity being supported this year is Shelter Box which gives emergency disaster relief by providing shelter and tools for families who have lost their home, they have had a lot of need recently. (SHELTERBOX.ORG)

The Parish Church pays for the printing and all of your donation will go to the charity. Last year we were able to give £835 (made up to £1000 by a generous donation) to Bishop Chiterno Primary School Berega, thanks to a full card and your generosity.

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.**"

Notice of the 1st Annual General Meeting Of the Friends of Feckenham Parish Church

To be held on **Thursday, 2nd November, 2017, 7:30pm** in St John the Baptist Parish Church, Feckenham (B96 6HR)

Mr. Andrew Fisher in the Chair

Trustees' Annual Report with Accounts available for inspection in the Church in advance with copies available at the meeting.

Church Flower Group

Margaret Perry

How splendid the church looked this year for Harvest Festival!

Many thanks to all the Flower Group members for their excellent displays to which they were once again were able to add dahlias, gladioli and chrysanthemums all grown and donated by Mr Crump, so many thanks to him too.

Village Hall

Improvement Fund 2016/17



October Winners

44	Mel Clarke	£25
40	Eileen Newman	£15
38	Nora Winter	£10

This was the **Final Draw** for the 2016/17 Fund which raised **£1,381.00** for the Village Hall.

The first draw for the 2017/18 Fund will be held in the Village Hall at 8.00 pm on Tuesday 5th December 2017.



Sponsor a Window Appeal

In the October newsletter we outlined some of the priorities that the Friends have identified in our aim to upkeep and enhance the fabric of our church. One of those priorities is window restoration. We are fortunate to have some very beautiful window architecture, including stained glass added to the church in the mid/late 19th century. We have 18 windows in need of repair or restoration. Some of these require only minor repairs – others involve more substantial attention. We would like to invite villagers and local businesses to become involved in this project and offer the chance to sponsor the restoration of a window. Windows can be dedicated to someone special, to celebrate an event or in memory of a member of our community.

North Aisle West Window	£45.00
Rood Stair Window	£230.00
North Aisle North Window 3	£300.00
North Chancel Window 1	£300.00
North Chancel Window 2	£300.00
East Window	£300.00
South Chancel Window 1	£335.00
North Aisle East Window	£485.00
North Aisle North Window 1	£600.00
North Aisle North Window 2	£600.00
South Chancel Window 2	£600.00
South Nave Window 3	£850.00
North Chancel Window 3	£2,900.00
South Chancel Window 3	£3,000.00
Porch Windows	£3,400.00
West Window	£4,700.00
South Nave Window 1	£6,900.00
South Nave Window 2	£8,150.00

If you wish to sponsor a window please get in touch with either Louise Denne (louisedenne@aol.com) or Jeff Matthews (jeff@the-madison-group.co.uk)



Did you know that!

The making of stained-glass windows has hardly changed since the 12th century. A stained-glass window consists of pieces of coloured glass held together in a latticed web of lead. The glass has previously had details of faces, hands and drapery painted and fired on to it in black or brown paint. About the year 1300, yellow stain was discovered. This had the ability to turn white glass yellow or blue glass green, and was extremely useful in the highlighting of hair, haloes and crowns.

Stained glass continued to flourish in England until the Reformation of the Church in the 1540s when changes in religious outlook undermined the need for sacred art.

Although coloured glass continued to be made in the 17th and 18th centuries, the craft declined and skills were lost. Only in the 19th century was there a serious attempt to rediscover the techniques of the medieval glazier. Men like the antiquarian Charles Winston, and the architect A W N Pugin helped to re-establish the scholarly principles for a Gothic Revival of stained glass. As a result of Winston's technical experiments of the 1850s, the quality of coloured glass approached that of the medieval glaziers. Today almost all parish churches and cathedrals contain Victorian windows. Their quality and craftsmanship are now widely recognised.

Source:

<http://stainedglassmuseum.com/briefhistory.html>

Thought for the month

Rev. Gary Crellin

November is a month *to remember*. November 1st is *All Saints' Day* when the Church remembers and celebrates those women and men of every age who have provided a glimpse of heaven on earth. November 2nd is *All Souls' Day* when all other Christians who have died are remembered in our services which commemorate the 'Faithful Departed'. As a benefice, we are hosting two services on the nearest Sunday, 29th October, at Wychbold and Feckenham churches – so if you have this magazine early, please feel free to come along. If not, hold a few moments of quiet prayer with your faithful departed, in one of our open churches, or at home on the 2nd November.

Just three days later, we "*Remember, remember the fifth of November, gunpowder, treason and plot.*" Then, the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month marks Armistice Day in 1918 when the guns finally fell silent. Our parish and community remembrances services take place on the 12th November. We stand in silence to remember all those whose lives have been tragically cut short by warfare.

What is the difference between *memory* and *remembrance*? *Memory* concerns the recollection of facts. Loss of memory is deeply disturbing and frightening. For some people living with Alzheimer's disease or vascular dementia, whole episodes of their past can be beyond recall; they forget where they have been and what they have achieved. Family and friends can become anonymous strangers, and sufferers forget who they are and whom they love.

However, *Remembrance* describes a much more profound process. To remember is to invite the past into the present. When we do this, people, places and shared experiences can be so valued and cherished that greater meaning, depth and joy are brought to our lives today.

Remembrance can be holy ground. St Paul gave instructions on how the Eucharist should be conducted in churches, i.e. in *remembrance* of

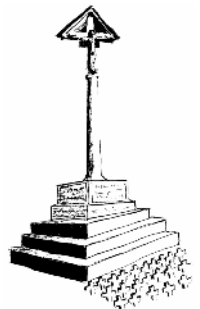
Christ. In this context, the New Testament Greek word for remembrance, *anamnesis*, (it's not just Wyn or Barbara that can use these big words!!) is more than mere commemoration; it means a sacramental presence. The life, ministry, death and resurrection of Jesus are so movingly remembered and celebrated that they have the spiritual power to transform lives in the present.

At the end of the month, after remembering Christ the King, Advent commences. A time to look forward. Just for a change, I would also like to recommend an Advent book – *The Christmas Stories* by Trevor Dennis (SPCK, London, 2007). Dennis examines the Biblical narratives in the Gospels of St Matthew and St Luke and concludes that the Church needs 'the vision of the God in a manger, and must allow this vision (together with that of God on a cross) to shape its theology and practice.' Too right.

In November, the clocks have gone back, it is getting dark by late afternoon. We are just one month from the light and joy of Christmas, but first we have to wait. The trouble is that we are not very good at waiting. In a culture of instant communication and obsessive planning we often find it difficult to simply allow the future to become the present in its own time.

However, as Christians we are called to be different and to have a wider perspective which is informed by God's Spirit. So when this month of remembering draws to a close, I wish you God's blessing as together we watch and wait.
Rev Gary Crellin

As a precursor to our Remembrance Sunday service, Rev Gary will be holding a brief vigil at the parish War Memorial in the churchyard on **Saturday 11th November at 10.50am.** All are welcome.



Thanks

Macmillan Coffee Morning

The morning in Feckenham church raised £662.76. Many thanks to the team of helpers including Year 4 pupils from Feckenham School, to the people that generously donated raffle prizes and to all of you that supported it on the day.

Margaret East

Harvest Supper

John and I would like to send our congratulations and thanks to Jane White and Margaret East for organising such a splendid supper last night. Our thanks also go to all their helpers and the hand bell ringers who entertained us delightfully. A very good idea to combine the churches for this event.

Antonia and John Pulsford

The Raffle made £220 which is being sent to the Rohingya Appeal. Shirley Harman would like to thank everyone who provided the prizes and gave so generously on the night.

Shirley

Pat and I would like to express our appreciation to the C of E community for inviting the RCs to the Harvest Supper. It was a thoroughly lively evening with a vast array of delicious food. The puddings were especially enticing, beckoning us all to have multiple helpings. The hand-bell ringing added more pleasure to the festive atmosphere. Many thanks to all the staff and cooks for your efforts.

Bernard Cannon

A big thank you to everyone who made the evening such a success, we could not have done it without the help we received, the setting up in the morning, the salads made by our RC friends and all those puds by you all! And all those hands that stayed on and cleared the Hall and the kitchen.

Brian has already booked the Hall for Saturday 13th 2018. So put the date on your 2018 calendar, and get your tickets early.

The full house provided a profit of £620.29 which has been split with £413.53 to St. John the Baptist and £206.76 to St John Fisher & St Thomas More. This was in addition to the raffle.

Marg & Jane

Newshound



Congratulations to Emma Hubball and Kevin Morris who have announced their engagement. Emma is the daughter of Gilly Cooper who lives on the Square and Henry Hubball. Kevin is originally from Sedgeley West Midlands. The couple live in London and plan to have a village wedding here in Feckenham in the summer of 2019.

Village Shop

Jeff Matthews

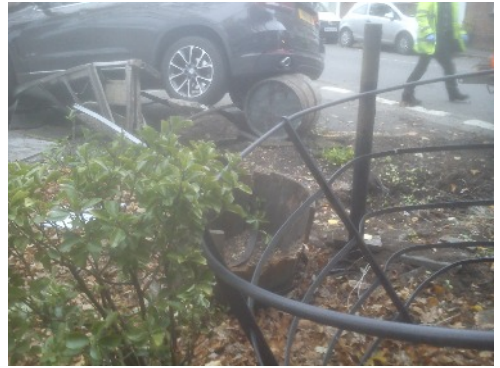
Half – term usually means beginning to think about the “Great Too Much” as my Grandfather used to call it. In our house, we know Christmas is coming as the exotic, lovely and unusual Christmas stock begins arriving. We are lucky to have privileged access to the full range of Traidcraft gifts and carefully select the things we think will be a bit different. Come and have a look.

And whilst you are there you can sample the Cafe Specials - soup and a roll £2.95 or how about a mince pie and clotted cream. You can have that with a small hot drink for £2.50.

And for those for whom the café is forming something of a habit, we are encouraging you further by re-introducing the loyalty card again. Get yours and then get your stamps that mean you can have a free drink.

We had the AGM recently, which was successful, up to a point. We are still looking for people to join the Shop Board, as well as a Secretary. If you are interested speak to either Jenny Mason or Martin Gill, via the shop.

DRAMA ON THE SQUARE!



PHONE BOX FLATTENED

BT had informed the Square Management Committee that they intended to remove the public telephone from The Square because it hadn't been used for years. It was just as well that nobody was using it on the afternoon of Friday, October 20th! The driver of a car heading in the direction of Astwood Lane found it necessary to swerve to avoid another vehicle coming in the opposite direction. That swerve took him up onto the kerb... and straight through the substantial park bench, three large planter tubs, the old BT connection box, the new tree protection rails (thankfully the tree sustained only a scratch), a variety of street signs (including the village bus stop) and the aforementioned telephone kiosk. The car ended up balanced on one of the tubs and with the remains of the telephone box wedged in the front wheel arch. In fact it seems that it was the phone box that prevented an even worse collision with the New Vicarage wall (and the demolition of the village's broadband connection box). The final scene was one of complete devastation with bits of debris spread over a large area.

Thankfully nobody was hurt. The driver, an elderly gentleman, was rescued from the site by his son and seemed physically unharmed. Although we can't know the speed of the vehicles at the time of the accident, it does raise awareness of the use of the High Street as a "rat run". If anyone had been sitting on the bench, waiting for a bus or on the phone the outcome would have been wholesale carnage.

Feckenham Parish Council

PARISH CLERK REQUIRED

As we go to press we learn that Feckenham Parish Council's long serving Clerk, Sean Arble, has decided to leave the job. The Council is therefore in urgent need of a replacement. This is a paid position - official title "Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer" - and applicants will have to be suitably qualified. This is an important post as the Clerk is the point of contact for all Council matters and advises the council on correct procedures. More formal job advertisements and specifications will appear soon but, if you are interested, you should in the first instance get in touch with the Council's Chairman, Alan Smith on 01527 893967.

WHAT'S ON IN FECKENHAM



THE
FECKENHAM
SESSIONS
TRADITIONAL
MUSICMAKING
at THE ROSE & CROWN

First Tuesday of every month from 8pm
NEXT SESSION: Tuesday, 7th November

Feckenham Readers Group

Thursday, 9th November - 7.45

This month's book **FALLING**
by Elixabeth Jane Howard

Details from Marton Chute - 892285



Rose & Crown Quiz

Returns for a special festive evening
Thursday 30th November 2017

7.30 p.m.



Proceeds to

The Birmingham Children's Hospital

Any prize donations will be appreciated

Teams of up to six
£2.00 each member

A capacity turn out is anticipated so if you want
a seat please put your name on the list
in The Rose & Crown

Mince Pies, Mulled Wine, Crackers, Table Decorations,
Log Fires and Mel & Matt's goodies



FECKENHAM VILLAGE HALL

Northumberland Theatre Company Presents...

THE PRINCESS & THE GOBLIN

By George MacDonald, Adapted by Karen Hirst

Directed by Louis Roberts
Designed by Michelle Huisson

A Pre-Christmas treat
for everyone
Suitable for ages 5 to 500!



SUNDAY 10th DECEMBER - 7 PM

Tickets £11 (under 12s £8)

from The Village Shop and The Rose & Crown

Book online at www.ticketsource.co.uk/feckenham

Phone bookings: 0333 666 3366

theWI FECKENHAM WI

INSPIRING WOMEN

At FECKENHAM VILLAGE HALL

AROUND THE WORLD IN CHOCOLATE

Talk and Tasting with SALLY DANIEL

Thursday, 9th November - 7.30pm

Visitors Welcome at all meetings - £4

Feckenham Forest History Society

EVESHAM & THE KING

Talk by Howard F Robinson

Tuesday, 14th November - 7.30pm

Webheath Village Hall

www.feckenham-forest-history-society.org.uk

Feckenham Cricket Club

BONFIRE & FIREWORKS DISPLAY

Saturday, 4th November

Fire lit at 6.45pm Fireworks at 7.30pm

FREE entrance - collection to cover costs - Barbecue

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

WHAT'S ON IN FECKENHAM

THE FECKENODEON CINEMA SOCIETY



WORLD WAR I
CENTENARY

In association with Feckenham WW1 Commemoration Committee

All Round Voices & Theatre School
Feckenham Church Choir
Feckenham First School

PRESENTS
A response to the Great War
in words and music

Suite for the Fallen Soldier

by Phil Mountford

Narrative by Kathy Gee

A BIG SCREEN PRESENTATION
of the World Premiere performances

recorded at
The Church of St John the Baptist
Feckenham
on 11th & 12th November, 2016



Conductor: Claire Purdy
with Phil Mountford (piano), Josh Mountford (cello)
and featuring local solo voices, instrumentalists and readers

© Licensed from BBC, distributed by Concert & Theatre Social Ltd on behalf of

Saturday, 11th November - 7.30pm

at **The FeckenOdeon Cinema** in Feckenham Village Hall

Tickets: £5 from The Rose & Crown and Village Shop, Feckenham
Telephone 0333 666 3366* or BOOK ONLINE* at
www.feckencodeon.co.uk



*BOOKING BY PHONE IS AVAILABLE ONLY BY DAYTIME, MONDAY TO FRIDAY, 9AM TO 5PM

FeckenOdeon 2
The Cinema in the Back Room

BASED ON THE BEST SELLING BOOK

A STREET CAT NAMED BOB

12A

SOMETIMES IT TAKES
NINE LIVES
TO SAVE ONE

Starring
LUKE TREADAWAY
and BOB



Friday, 17th November at 8pm

Tickets: £5 (FeckenOdeon Members £3.50)

from The Village Shop and The Rose & Crown, Feckenham
or book by phone on 0333 666 3366 or online* at
www.feckencodeon.co.uk



*BOOKING BY PHONE IS AVAILABLE ONLY BY DAYTIME, MONDAY TO FRIDAY, 9AM TO 5PM

FeckenOdeon 2 at Feckenham Village Hall

THE FECKENODEON CINEMA SOCIETY

WHILE THE WOMEN YOU ENSE I KNOW
BEHIND THE MISSION YOU DO

HIDDEN FIGURES



Saturday, 25th November - 7.30pm

at **The FeckenOdeon Cinema** in Feckenham Village Hall

Tickets: £5 from The Rose & Crown and Village Shop, Feckenham

Telephone 0333 666 3366* or BOOK ONLINE* at
www.feckencodeon.co.uk



*BOOKING BY PHONE IS AVAILABLE ONLY BY DAYTIME, MONDAY TO FRIDAY, 9AM TO 5PM

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

FeckenOdeon Cinema Society

Ian Bellion



THE SOLDIER FALLS AGAIN

Last year saw a vast community effort come to fruition in the WWI Commemoration Committee's presentation of **"Suite for The Fallen Soldier"**. This specially commissioned piece by Phil Mountford and Kathy Gee was given its world premiere by a host of village choirs and soloists. The event was filmed in high definition and The FeckenOdeon is delighted to be able to present the entire work on the big screen on the first anniversary of the premiere - which also happens to be armistice day. If you were in the show, it's your chance to see it from the audience's viewpoint. If you missed it, it's another chance to catch it... and if you were at the concerts it's a chance to relive the experience.

"Suite for the Fallen Soldier"

at 7.30pm on Saturday, 11th November.



A FELINE FRIEND'S GOOD DEED

When James Bowen found an injured, ginger cat curled up in a doorway, he had no idea just how much his life was about to change. James was living on the streets & the last thing he needed was a pet. Yet James couldn't resist helping the tom cat, whom he quickly christened Bob. He nursed Bob back to health & then sent him on his way... but Bob had other ideas.

This adaptation of the real James Bowen's book **"A Street Cat Named Bob"** demonstrates that, though dogs are reckoned to be man's best friend, cats can also do the trick when you're really on your uppers.

"A Street Cat Named Bob" FeckenOdeon 2
at 8pm on Friday, 17th November.



MOONSHOT MARVELS

The true story of the forgotten women who helped win the space race. This entertaining film shows the lives NASA's black "human computers" whose work was at the heart of the battle to put a person on the Moon. NASA's scientists were about to find out that the finest mathematicians weren't necessarily white and male! A true story told well - and grippingly when the Apollo 7 mission starts to go wrong...

"Hidden Figures"

at 7.30pm on Saturday, 25th November.

Tickets for FeckenOdeon shows are on sale at The Village Shop and The Rose & Crown. You can also book by phone (through TicketSource) on 0333 666 3366 or online at www.fecknodeon.co.uk

Village Hall

Ian Bellion



A FAIRYTALE FOR CHRISTMAS

We suggest that you book as soon as possible for a very special pre-Christmas treat. Northumberland Theatre Co are bringing their magical production of **"The Princess and The Goblin"** to the Village Hall on **Sunday 10th December at 7pm**. This is the exciting adventure story of Princess Irene who has been promised as the bride of the goblin king's son - except he hasn't asked her yet. Cue fun and frantic shenanigans as the goblins try to steal Irene away. There are catchy songs, silly dance routines and lots of fun for everyone age 5+. A colourful and lively show guaranteed to get youngsters of all ages in the mood for the festivities. Tickets are on sale now - please book early to avoid disappointment!

Tickets for all of the Shindig shows are on sale at The Village Shop and The Rose & Crown, by phone on 0333 666 3366 (local call rates) and online at www.ticketsource.co.uk/feckenham

Square Management Committee

TREATMENT BEGUN

At the time of writing the remedial works on the trees on The Square has been started. The decompaction of the earth around the large horse chestnut at the Recreation Ground end of the site has been carried out. This is intended to allow the tree to drink and absorb nutrients more easily. Further work on the rest of the trees will begin in early November following the recent receipt of permission from Redditch Borough Council's tree officers. Attention is being paid to the crowns, dead wood will be removed and some of the tree canopies will be lifted. All of this is being done in the interests of safety and of the trees' future health.

Merry Fa-la-las

Good news - Christmas Eve is on the same date as usual this year - 24th December... and even better news - the Annual Carols on The Square will be warbled as usual. Mulled wine and Mince pies, soft drinks for the little uns - good cheer and even a spot of snow. The traditional way of starting the festivities at Christmas - free and for nothing apart for a few voluntary bob in the bucket for the Air Ambulance.

6.30pm - Christmas Eve - put it in your diary!



Scarecrow Festival 2017

Marion Chute

Our Twelfth Scarecrow Festival looked as though it might be a soggy one but there were still over 50 scarecrows on show and the public turned out in their hundreds to see them and to vote for their favourites.

It's a free event which just asks for donations to cover costs and this year any additions will be given to the appeal to pay for the expensive tree surgery need on the Village Square. Families came from far and wide to join fun and eat the homemade cakes in the tea tent.

After a tense count on Sunday afternoon the runaway winner 'Piddler on the Roof' which was designed and built by Pat and Alan Moore with Ski Crow and Quick Quick Sand Crow as second and third were announced. There were also prizes and certificates for the under 12's won by groups of children at Feckenham First School. Top was 'Peter Pan and Tinkerbelle', followed by 'Michael' and Octocrow was third.

The weekend was a terrific success despite the weather and thank you to everyone who volunteered, baked and constructed the amazingly imaginative scarecrows.

What's On this month in STOCK & BRADLEY

1st BREAKAWAY
HISTORY OF ABBERLEY HALL
Village Hall - 10.30am

1st GARDENING CLUB
"Looking forward to Winter"
Village Hall - 7.30pm

25th ANNUAL QUIZ NIGHT
Village Hall - 7.30pm

December:

9th 7nd Evening of Convenience
with **CRAZY88 BAND**
Details in S&B Chronicle

For more information see
STOCK & BRADLEY CHRONICLE

Feckenham's Own...



Listen at
www.swansbrook.com

SWANSBROOK Radio

MISSED YOURSELF?

Have you talked into our microphones recently? Perhaps at the Scarecrow weekend, Flower Show or other local event? Missed the broadcast? Fear not - you can still hear yourself by going to our "On Demand" page and looking for your event in the "Features" section - click on the button and there you are!

LISTEN TO THE SWANS

Just go to www.swansbrook.com and follow the instructions you'll find there. You'll also find programme times and details of how to register for updates.

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
www.swansbrook.com



FROM AN
award-winning
GASTRO TEAM



The Forest offers imaginative cuisine, fine wines and real ales all in a friendly atmosphere.

1 Droitwich Road,
Feckenham, B96 6JE.
01527 894422

www.theforestatfeckenham.com

www.FabricZ.co.uk

Made to measure Curtains and Blinds

Expert Carpet and Flooring advice

Visit our web shop showroom
for FABulous Fabrics, Poles
Beds & Furnishing Inspiration

Feckenham based family business

e. info@FabricZ.co.uk t. 01527 821828

SWANSBROOK RADIO

is looking for

REPORTERS

We need people who enjoy talking to people and who enjoy getting out and about. We're aiming to beef up our news coverage so we'd like you to follow up local stories, interview people and help put together items for our Parish Notices and for The Broadsheet. No experience or equipment necessary - we'll show you how it's done. No huge commitment - do as much as you wish. Why not get in touch for a chat? Just email us at radio@swansbrook.com

Have a go - you never know what you can do until you try!

Beauty by Elizabeth

Skin Therapist



Flexible appointment times available

Telephone: 01527 822698

Mobile: 07890 978059

Beauty therapy, bio sculpture, massage, facials, gel nails, waxing, eyelash tinting, manicure, pedicure and many more!

Cider Mill House
Cider Mill Lane, Bradley Green
Redditch, Worcestershire B96 6TH

PETER R. YARNOLD CARPENTRY & JOINERY

Quality hand made joinery in
hardwood or softwood.

Windows, door, stairs, conservatories
and furniture

Meadow Cottage, Agmore Lane,
Tardebigge, Bromsgrove.

Tel.: 01527 873552

Mobile: 07717 102604



CORNELL

Established Over 40 Years
Chimney Sweep

Clean & Efficient - Brush & Vacuum
Competitive Prices - Cowl Fitting

Graeme Butlin
0121 445 5913
0754 587 6475

46 Oxford Road, Moseley, Birmingham B13 9ER

THE IRONING CENTRE



16 Feckenham Road
Astwood Bank
(Next to Astwood Smiles Nursery
The Old Coach House)

IRONING
LAUNDERING
DRY CLEANING
REPAIRS & ALTERATIONS
SHOE REPAIRS
COLLECTION & DELIVERY

01527 894040

TAYLORS

SOLICITORS

For all your legal needs

- Probate
- Affairs of the Elderly
- Lasting Powers of Attorney & Deputyships
- Wills, Trusts and Inheritance Tax matters
- Conveyancing
Buying, selling or remortgaging a property

1 Mason Rd, Headless Cross,
Redditch. B97 5DA - Easy Parking
Home visits available

01527 544221

Lexcel
Legal Practice Quality Mark
Law Society Accredited

www.taylorsolicitors.com



Regulated by the Solicitors Regulation Authority - No 515404

COLOR CODE MOTORS

ACCIDENT & REPAIR SPECIALIST
COLOUR MATCHING 100% GUARANTEED
LOW BAKE OVEN
FIBREGLASS & RESORATION WORK
FLEET & COMMERCIAL REPAIRS

LEE HALL-ANNISON

Unit A, Green Lane, The Slough, Studley, Warks. B80 7EY

TELEPHONE: 01527 854155

COUNSELLING & PSYCHOTHERAPY



JUSTINE BARRETT BSc MA

Reg UKCP Reg MBACP (Acired) AMBICA

INKBERROW

01386 792 148

Depression, Anxiety, Stress, Loss, Bereavement, Grief,
Self esteem, Infertility, Pregnancy,
Birth, Trauma, Abuse, Work related issues.....

L.E. Plasterer & Decorator
all aspects of plastering and decoration undertaken

for a free estimate call

07909 911833

01905 772890

realistic prices

Feckenham Cricket Club

Bob Gordon



Well, the cricket is over for another year. The final day was agonizing for the second team who started the day in top spot in Division One and just needing to win away at Hagley to confirm the title. Unfortunately rain decided the title race, with the match at Hagley being abandoned and Redditch managing a win at a somewhat drier Colwall to steal first place.

A fine season though for the seconds, who will challenge hard for the title in 2018.

The first team finished the season in 7th place, which can be considered a great achievement in their first season back in the top division for decades, particularly considering injuries to key players (Tom Coulson was rarely able to bowl at full throttle all season). Tom featured heavily in the final home game against Hagley, where a number of players changed roles to add fun to a mid-table match. Batting at number 4, Tom hit 120 runs in 136 balls and made the league's honours board for the first time for his batting rather than bowling. Aply assisted by Jamie Griffiths 82, the total of 307 was far too much for Hagley, who were bowled out for 167.

With the season over, three of our top players departed to Australia to play club cricket during the summer down under. Best of luck to Players Player of the Year Josh Stacey, Bowler of the Year Tom Coulson and Jamie Griffiths who had yet another strong season. Each of these lads came through the junior system at the club, where we have more highly promising players coming through at all ages. Flynn Duggan for example has already played and excelled for the first team at the age of 15.

Two even younger junior players were involved at a senior level in friendlies against a Welsh touring side and in the traditional season closer, a match against a BBC XI lead by Pat Murphy and didn't look out of place. We have some fine young players coming through, thanks to the hard work put in by junior coaches Ross, Davey and Sean.

Once the stumps were drawn for the last time, work began on preparing the pitches for next year. Over two days, all of the wickets were scarified to remove thatch and unwanted growth, reseeded and then covered with a thin layer of loam, specially formulated for our soil. By early October, new grass was growing vigorously.

The same treatment was given to 4 wickets being prepared at the proposed second ground in a field off Moors Lane. Discussions are ongoing with the

Planning Department at Redditch Borough Council regarding "change of use" from agricultural to recreational to enable games to be played there next season, avoiding the need for the third team to hire other club's ground for their "home" matches, as happened this year.

In early October the club presented awards to players and other club members. Player awards included:

- 1st team** Fielder of the Year Travis Bartells
Bowler of the Year Tom Coulson
Batsman of the Year Josh Stacey
- 2nd team** Fielder of the Year Fraser Duggan
Bowler of the Year Ryan Humphries
Batsman of the Year Hugh Humphries
- 3rd team** Fielder of the Year Richard Eost
Bowler of the Year Steve Bennett
Batsman of the Year Angus Hardy

There isn't room to mention everybody but Alex Hardy was voted Clubman of the year for stepping up and organising the third team, John Hicks, Steve Daniels and Neil Evans for their tireless work on the pitches. Special thanks also to Matt and Jane for managing the clubhouse and bar and to Hayley and Carly for preparing teas for first and second team games. Finally, thanks to the many villagers who came to watch cricket at Mill Lane in 2017 – see you again next year and bring your friends – the players really appreciate your support.

Around the ground, certain trees near the clubhouse have been a cause of concern for some time, with obviously dead branches overhanging Mill Lane and presenting a risk to road users and vehicles. Having conformed with RBC that there are no preservation orders on any of these trees, work started in mid-October to take out diseased branches, interrupted briefly by the arrival of a Tree Officer from RBC. However the gentlemen soon agreed that the work underway was indeed highly desirable and in fact recommended the removal of additional diseased ash and blackthorn trees. This work was completed and Mill Lane is now a safer place for pedestrians, horses and their riders and of course vehicles. Thanks to club stalwart Wayne Davis for leading the work - and also for rebuilding the steps from the churchyard into the ground, making that entrance much safer. As you read this the annual firework display will be imminent (Saturday 4th November). For this, there is no admission fee although a bucket collection is carried out to gather funds for the following year's event. The bonfire will be lit 6:30-7pm, fireworks will follow soon after and there will be a barbecue. The week after, the club will be running another Horse Race evening on Saturday November 11th which was huge fun when run for the first time last February.

Stock & Bradley Gardening Club

Rob Cole

THE NEXT CLUB MEETING - Wednesday 1st November 2017 at 7.30pm

Our speaker for our November meeting is Ross Barbour who will talk about 'Looking Forward to Winter'. Ross was Head Gardener at Ragley Hall, but is now freelance. His marriage to Helen Picton of Old Court Nurseries has brought together two inspiring gardeners and ensures the continuation of the National Collection of Autumn Flowering Asters. Ross's experience of creating a Winter Garden at Ragley will form the basis of his talk.

For this meeting, the theme for our members' monthly competition will be 'Berries'. 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 be awarded a prize of a year's subscription to the Gardening Club, at the December meeting.

The following Club meeting - Wednesday 6th December 2017 at 7.30pm

After a brief AGM, Celia Davis will give a talk about plants for encouraging bees into your garden.

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 9th November at 7.30pm in the Village Hall Back Room. Our speaker for the evening is Sally Daniel - "**Around the world in chocolate**" a talk and guided tasting!

Sounds like a must for chocoholics Visitors welcome.

A small number of members met for a first 'Craft & Natter' afternoon in October. They started a small individual project in simple patchwork. We are planning to arrange a few more sessions very soon.



**48 High Street
Feckenham
B96 6HS**

01527 892188

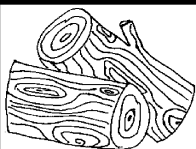
**A traditional freehouse village pub
with Food - owned and run by the
Clarke family**

**Proper Pub Food
at Proper Prices**
Special Dishes - every day
Quality locally sourced meat
Full Menu available daily
Lunch & Evenings (not Sunday evening)
Real Ales & Ciders
4 real ales on hand pumps every day
Traditional ciders - fine wines

We're in the 2017 GOOD BEER GUIDE
Casque Marque Award for quality beers

Thursday, 23rd November
Black Country Grub
Thursday, 30th November
QUIZ NIGHT
£2 per person - proceeds to B'ham Children's Hospital
CHRISTMAS FAYRE MENU (Pre-bookings only)
Enjoy a special meal with friends family or colleagues

www.roseandcrownfeckenham.co.uk



HARDWOOD LOGS FOR SALE

NO DELIVERY CHARGE

TREE TOPPING
HEDGE CUTTING
GARDEN CLEARANCE

Telephone anytime:

01905 620934

Cool Climate

Air Conditioning Systems
for your Home, Office or Business

Mr Simon Baker

Tel.: 01527 892823 or 07736 447705

E-mail: simon@coolclimate.co.uk

Web: <http://www.coolclimate.co.uk>

Can't think what to do with your garden?


Let me help!



Claire Ellis

Complete Gardens

Design & Planting
Maintenance & Rejuvenation
Consultancy

 07773 101750 or 01527 894745

JMA Electrical

& Heating Services

- Domestic & Commercial Heating
- Warm Air
- LPG
- Landlord Certificates
- Electrical Work Undertaken
- Fuse Board Changes
- Inspection and Testing

0121 258 2941 & 07973 110 138



dhe1@hotmail.co.uk



FECKENHAM GARAGE



MOT Testing Station

Servicing & Repair to all makes

Tel: 01527 892483

Landscaping

Jeff Annand Contracting Ltd.

Blockpaving - Ponds - Patios - Groundwork
& General Property Maintenance

Free Quotes
References available
Fully Insured

**Tel: 07968 668906
or 01527 894745**



MAIDS WITH CARE

Maids with Care is a family run cleaning company for the domestic and commercial business sectors.

Our services include:

Regular and one-off cleans • Deep and spring cleans

Moving in and out cleans • Property letting

Holiday cover • Oven cleaning • Window cleaning

Ironing • Carpet and upholstery cleaning

We employ, insure and CRB check our staff.

To arrange a sparkling clean ring **01527 401822**

e-mail: info@maidswithcare.co.uk

www.maidswithcare.co.uk

WD & NM Willison Ltd

- Land Repair & Maintenance
- Fencing & Groundworks
- Livestock Management & Care
- Hay / Straw / Logs

Free estimates - over 20 years experience

Based locally in Bradley Green

Mob: 07825034320 / Tel: (01527)821589

Email: wwdandnmltd@gmail.com

JW & A J BARRETT LTD

Craftsmen in Metal

Traditional Blacksmithing
Restoration/repair
Metal work for home & garden
Mobile Welding

www.artmetal.co.uk
Tel/Fax 01527 821500
Mobile 07973 517781



Direct Floors

Home service

Carpets • Vinyls • Wood-floors • Laminates

- Mobile showroom to your home
- Save up to 30% on shop prices
- Over 3000 samples on our van



01527-894777



www.direct-floors.co.uk

Furniture moved & carpets uplifted
for OAP'S & disabled free of charge



CAR AIR CONDITIONING SERVICING



AUTOTECH

Motor Vehicle Services - MOT Centre

TEL: 01527 892254

1 Queen Street. Astwood Bank

All Car & Light Vehicle Repairs & Servicing
Free Collection & Delivery - Breakdown & Recovery
Tyre Fitting While U Wait

TYRES EXHAUSTS BATTERIES TYRES

Bowbrook Gardens

Imaginative high quality landscaping

Patios & garden walls

Ponds & water features

Swimming pool & ponds fibreglassed

Also Pond & Patio cleaning

Fencing & Hedge cutting

Local, friendly service, references available

Call Glenn - 01905 937852

Mobile 07792613020

Roz Lowe

McTimoney Chiropractor
and Homoeopath

For information and appointments
Phone 07989 986889



CTIMONEY
CHIROPRACTIC

www.mctimoneychiropractic.co.uk

Bennett Decoration

Painting & Decorating

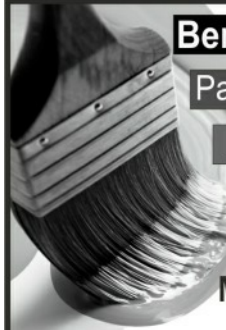
Interior & Exterior

First Class Work

Tel: 01527 893162

Mob: 0797 3627269

Free Estimates

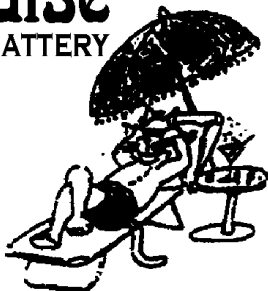


'Purradise'

BOARDING CATTERY

Earls Common
Himbleton

01905 391648
Jane Moule



Venables
Property Services

Building, Roofing,
Maintenance & Repair

Structural Alterations
Re-roofing, Landscaping
Brickwork Contractor
Garden Design

† : 01386 793 164

Bean hall mill, moors lane,
feckenham, worcs B96 6JJ

BRAY BROS

TREE SURGEONS

TREE SURGERY · HEDGE TRIMMING
LOPPING, PRUNING · STUMP REMOVAL

TEL: 01527 892828

MOBILE: 07970 263779

184 THE RIDGEWAY, ASTWOOD BANK

FULLY INSURED · NPTC CERT. NO.552670



S.E. Davis & Son Ltd

FIRST CHOICE IN LANDSCAPING SUPPLIES

COMPLETE RANGE OF SAND & GRAVELS,

ROCKERY STONE & WATER FEATURES,

RECYCLED & QUARRIED STONE,

TOP SOIL, TURF, BARK & CEMENT

READY MIX CONCRETE &

CPCS TRAINING ALSO AVAILABLE ON SITE

CAN BE DELIVERED LOOSE OR IN BULK BAGS

DAILY DELIVERIES TO YOUR AREA

01527 893343



www.sedavis.co.uk

NATIONAL AWARD WINNING COMMUNITY SHOP

The Village Shop

Droitwich Road, Feckenham

- Coffee Shop
- Local Produce
- Deli



Weekdays 8am - 6pm

Saturday 9am - 4pm

Sunday 10am - 1pm



W feckenhamshop.co.uk

T 01527 894475

FREE
SECURE



JONATHAN SPROULE & SONS LTD

(MASTER BUILDERS)

20 Years Experience

SPECIALISTS IN

CHARACTER & PERIOD PROPERTIES

HOUSE EXTENSIONS & RENOVATIONS

Mere Green Cottage, Hanbury, Worcs. WR9 7DZ



Tel: 07973 445048 & 07976 826065 Fax: 01527 821452