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Sat 2nd	6.30pm	Bonfire Party	Cricket Club
Tues 5th	12.30am	Lunch Club	Village Hall, Back Room
Wed 6th	10.30am - noon	"Drop in" for coffee and a chat	Parish Church
Wed 6th	7.30pm	Gardening Club	Bradley V.H.
Sat 9th	2pm	Tabletop Sale	Village Hall
Sun 10th	10.45am	Remembrance Service	Parish Church
Tues 12th	7.30pm	Feckenham Forest History Society	Webheath Village Hall
Thurs 14th	7.30pm	Feckenham WI	Village Hall Back Room
Fri 15th	8pm	FeckenOdeon 2	Village Hall Back Room
Sat 16th	10am -12.30	Traidcraft Coffee Morning	Chestnut House The Square
Wed 20th	10.30am - noon	"Drop in" for coffee and a chat	Parish Church
Thur 21st	7.30pm	Parish Council	Village Hall
Sat 23rd	2pm - 4.30pm	"Make Your Christmas Beautiful"	Parish Church
Sat 23rd	7.30pm	"Dr. Teeth"	Village Hall
Sat 30th	7.30pm	FeckenOdeon	Village Hall

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A spectacular firework at last year's bonfire event at the Cricket Club. Photo by Julian Bull.

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

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

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

Readers and Intercessors



Sunday 3rd

Advent-4

11-00am Sung Eucharist

Daniel 7 : vs. 1-3,15-18

Ephesians 1 : vs. 11-end

Intercessions

Alison Crellin

Muriel Richards

Jeff Matthews

Sunday 10th

Advent -3

10-45am REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

2 Thessalonians 2 : vs. 1-5, 13-end

Luke 20 : vs. 27-38

Intercessions

John Pulsford

Peter Horsley

John Calvert

Sunday 17th

Advent-2

6-30pm Evensong

Malachi 4 : vs. 1-2a

Luke 21 : vs. 5-19

Intercessions

Alan Colley

Paul Richards

Pat Onions

Sunday 24th

Advent-1

11-00am Family Communion

Colossians 1 : vs. 11-20

Intercessions

Phil Tricklebank

Walter Richards

X Box Sunday School

Will be held in Church on Sunday 3rd November. All children will be warmly welcomed.

Partners in Prayer

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

Feckenham Roman Catholic Church

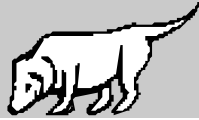
St John Fisher & St. Thomas More



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



Now I feel sure I dropped some money, but quite where or how much I cannot recall.....

FOUND on The Square during Scarecrow weekend -

Small silver coloured lady's watch

Keyring with door key - Playboy tags.

If you've lost either of these items please ring 892130

Communal Christmas Card



This year we shall again be producing the communal Christmas card. 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! This year the charity supported will be Berega Mission Morogoro which churches in our group have visited and are currently supporting (see p6). 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
"Mission Morogoro" Jane White

Weddings:

Congratulations to Matt Henning and Jane Forbes who were married in the village church by Rev Wyn Beynon on September 28th. The reception was held in a marquee on the cricket field. The couple live in Astwood Bank but are closely connected to Feckenham through the cricket club.

On October 5th Jonathon Mott, son of Phyllis and Michael Mott, married Madeleine Reeves in an autumn themed wedding in Feckenham. Their reception was held in a yurt at Cookhill village hall and the honeymoon was spent in Majorca. The newly weds live in Selly Park Birmingham and we wish them every happiness together.

Grandchild

Congratulations to Jeremy and Pam Lincoln-Lewis on the birth of their granddaughter Sophia Joanna on September 24th. Sophia is the first child of Michael and Lucinda Abu Zalaf (nee Lincoln-Lewis) who were married in Feckenham church last September.

Graduations:

Congratulations to Georgina Lees from The Old Vicarage on the village square who graduated from Leeds university with a 2:1 in music this summer. She is now continuing her studies at Leeds with a one year Masters in musicology. While at university Georgina has been heavily involved in many amateur musical societies outside of her studies. This year she is Assistant Musical Director for two societies, one in Halifax and the other in Checkheaton.

Found.

The money found near the postbox in Turton Gardens over two months ago has still not been claimed. (Feckenham News September 2013) If the money is yours, please phone Geoff on 01527882140

Mission Morogoro

Pat & Tony Mortimer

'Simply Supper and a Song'

Together for Tanzania

Our evening got off to a fantastic start, as rising stars from the 'All Round Theatre Group', with ages ranging from 7-17, entertained us with a lively and varied selection of songs. There was something for everyone and it was great fun – we all loved it! The children did us proud, set the mood for the night and gave their gift of song for the children of Africa – so appropriate for a country where there is great joy in music. Our sincere thanks go to them and also to Karen Heard, who worked very hard to prepare and lead the group – we always value her support.

After the entertainment we gave a short update on 'Mission Morogoro' projects and the progress made since our visit to Tanzania, not much more than a year ago.

With support from so many people in the Bowbrook parishes we have been able to fund two main projects at the rural Tunguli 'Health Centre' - solar lighting, and a rainwater harvesting and storage system using three 5000 litre water storage tanks. In our presentation we included photographs of the installations and we know from detailed reports sent by Isaac, the Director of the hospital, that these are having a real impact on care delivered to the local community.



We would like to express our heartfelt thanks for all the support that has made these projects possible and hope that the information we give helps you to understand what your support really means to the people of Tunguli.

Following the success of the Kilimanjaro climb in August, plans are now being drawn up for several 'easy' climbs and all are welcome. Don't worry, they will all be local and will definitely be gentle!

Our evening was rounded off with a tasty supper and a good old 'chinwag'. It was a happy evening. Thanks to everyone involved – and also to some not able to make it – we raised the amazing total of £700. This money will be used to provide desperately needed items such as mattresses and bedding – some of you will remember the appalling mattresses from the photographs you have seen.

We are now preparing the 2014 'Mission Morogoro' calendar – back by popular demand! – and are happy to take advance orders.

Another date for your diary is Saturday, 23rd November, when we are holding an afternoon 'get-together' with a Christmas theme – see the 'What's On' page in this issue. This is a great chance to learn how to make your own Christmas table-centre flower arrangement and find out about creative gift wrapping. Ever wondered how to wrap a bottle with style? Come along and find out. This is a 'workshop' and places will be limited, so buy your ticket early.

So, on behalf of all the Mission Morogoro team, thank you once again – or, as Isaac would say – 'Asante sana'.



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Feckenham Wylde Moor Nature Reserve

Do you have any memories or photographs of Feckenham Wylde Moor before the Trust bought it in 1981.

My reason for asking is that we are trying to establish exactly what the place was like long before we purchased the land in 1981.

When we did that we held a meeting in the village hall to introduce ourselves to the village and at the meeting there was a man who was then in his 90's who remembered as a lad helping his family to make hay and that his mother used to come down with their lunch in a basket and as far as I recall he mentioned flagons of cider !!!

He also said that it was too wet to grow anything and that they had lost machinery and livestock in the 'bog'.

At that time we were not looking at the Hydrology of the site but now because the land has changed and we have uncovered wells we think that what we thought were clay drainage pipes put in after the enclosures act in the 1800's are in fact wide channels or ditches that were dug out to take water off the meadows from the Moors Lane side to eventually run into ditches connected to the Bow Brook via the Brandon Brook. We also wonder if any drainage was put under Moors Lane in the 1800's.

We also think that when the land was enclosed it might well have been further split into small holdings around the area where our entrance is now as we believe that there was a building there possibly a cottage as there is the remains of an orchard alongside the lane.

So, if anyone has recollections or very old photographs of the site together with any records of who worked the land in the past prior to 1981 as far back as possible, please contact me.

Many thanks

Paul Meers

Reserve Warden/Manager

Worcestershire Wildlife Trust

Email paul.meers@blueyonder.co.uk

Thanks

Many thanks to Paul Meers and his helpers, Sue, Jennie and Phil who are volunteers from the Wylde Moor Reserve down Moors Lane. Recently they gave us several hours of their time to strim and clear the area of the churchyard where the Yellow Meadow Ants have their mounds. It was very hard work and we are most grateful, we tried to help but age is catching up with us.

Carol and Pat Onions.

Church's Sponsored Ride Oliver White accrued £95.20 by cycling the length and breadth of Worcestershire on September 14th. Thank you, noble sponsors. *Oliver*

Children's Society. Jo's Coffee Morning raised £642.40. Many thanks, full report next month. *Jo*

What's On this month in STOCK & BRADLEY

- 6th Gardening Club**
Tiptoe Through the Tulips
7.30pm - Bradley Village Hall
- 13th Drop In**
Drop in for a Coffee and a Chat
10 am - 12noon
The Bird in Hand
- 16th Quiz Night**
Bradley Green Village Hall - 7pm
- 27th Drop In**
Drop in for a Coffee and a Chat
10 am - 12noon
Bradley Green Village Hall

Dec 6th AUCTION OF PROMISES
7.30pm Bradley Village Hall
In aid of the church

For more information see
STOCK & BRADLEY CHRONICLE

Village Shop

Jeff Matthews

Volunteer News

Firstly, the news from the Shop AGM held at the end of September, was that John Calvert retired after 5 years from his role as Chair. John was one of the key figures in the early days of the shop, being the first formal Chair of the Feckenham Community Shop Association Ltd. He was key in supporting the early plans that had been developed for the formation of the shop and the negotiation of the current site and location.

John Eaton has been elected to succeed as Chair. An accountant by background, he brings a wealth of commercial experience, as does Martin Gill, who also joins the Board, replacing "JC". Martin's past includes extensive involvement in retail pharmaceuticals and fellow Board members welcome that experience. He has been a volunteer for a while working as a "cashier-up", one of the many roles that our volunteers undertake.

Speaking of which, we have some specific opportunities where we are looking for help, in the shop.

We're looking for someone to act as **Minute Secretary** to the Board and/or the Shop Committee. That would be about 4 meetings and approximately 6 meetings a year, respectively, all currently scheduled for Thursday evenings. Anyone interested should contact either Maureen (01386 793717), John (01527 894272) or Walter (01527 893929) for further details.

The Shop Marketing Team are looking for someone who would like to support by getting involved in designing and carrying out specific marketing promotions for the shop. Again, not a huge number of these but we need someone with a bit of time, desk top publishing skills would be great, and social media skills even better. But anyone that feels they'd like to help would be welcome. Call Jeff on 01527 894801.

•We're also looking for **accessible clean dry space locally to store** paper records and seasonal items. Anyone who might be able help should contact either Jenny (01527 892678), John (01527 894272) or Walter (01527 893929)

Christmas Shop Offers

We have turkeys, who we understand have voted to be sold through the Village Shop this year. So, if you would like to order one, we'd be pleased to accept it. Delivery Christmas Eve, we understand. So order now.

We have a range of affordable Christmas Stockings, which will have different selections of shop produce, which you will be able to specify, or buy our pre-prepared versions. We are aiming to create an affordable present for Children to give, or something for that challenging Aunt, that you can never quite decide what to get, or just as a filler for Christmas morning. They will be in store from 1st week in November.

We continue to stock things that are "a bit different", so please come on down and see what we can do in solving your present giving conundrum. There's a cup of coffee to be had, with a tea cake (or a piece of chocolate, or sponge or date and walnut).

Church Flower Group

Thank you to the flower group ladies for their wonderful displays for Harvest Festival.

We had many complimentary comments from both regulars and visitors.

We would also like to thank Mr Crump for his contribution of dahlias and Michaelmas daisies, which the ladies were able to add to their displays.

Margaret Perry and Marg Kings co-ordinators.

Thought for the month

Wyn Beynon

Dear Friends,

Call me a Victor Meldrew but I do like politeness. Or even better, courtesy. It may seem contradictory since I'm an ardent feminist but I still really want to stand up when members of the opposite sex enter the room, at least in formal situations. But these days it's mostly not done.

Then there are those emails. Why do so many people not put the normal greetings and ending that were standard in letters?

Of course, when memos are whizzing back and forth that's different, they are memos. But I always start with "Dear Fred", or sometimes "Hi Fred", which is friendly, when writing what would have been a letter in former times.

I usually sign off with "Best wishes", which is not formal, but when I email formally I still revert to "Yours sincerely" and, when I don't know the name of the person I'm emailing, it's "Yours faithfully". I'll have started with "Dear Sir/Madam", which doubtless gets a giggle at the receiving end!

Courtesy is not stuffy and and old fashioned. Courtesy is what happens when you notice the other person. And noticing other people is something our society pressurises us into not doing, because we're all too busy being efficient.

Someone once commented that Jesus never looked over the shoulder of the person he was talking too. It's so easy for us to be too busy to be courteous. Let's look each other in the eye!

I beg to remain, Sirs and Madams, your most humble and obedient servant

Yours faithfully

V W Beynon, Clerk in Holy Orders

On the other hand perhaps this would be better!:

Best wishes,

Wyn

The Bowbrook Parishes



A service in memory of loved ones
Sunday 3rd November at 3pm

St John the Baptist, Crowle
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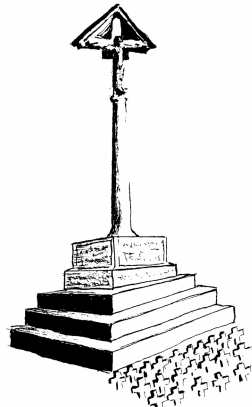
In the church's season of All Saints and All Souls you are warmly invited to this special service when we remember our departed loved ones. This is a quiet, simple occasion for reflection and thanksgiving. All are welcome.

Refreshments will be served after the service.

Enquiries to the Bowbrook Office:
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REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

10th November
10.45am
Parish Church



WHAT'S ON IN FECKENHAM



Stock & Bradley GARDENING CLUB

TIPTOE through the TULIPS

with Derek Waller

Wednesday, 6th November

Bradley Village Hall



TABLE TOP SALE

Saturday, 9th November

from 2pm - Feckenham Village Hall

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Feckenham Readers Group



Wednesday, 6th November - 7.45

This month's book:

THE WINTER'S VAULT - by Anne Michaels

Details from Marion Chate - 892285

Feckenham Forest History Society

BORDESLEY TOLLHOUSE

An illustrated talk by Chris Jackson

Tuesday, 12th November - 7.30pm

Webheath Village Hall

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



ADVANCE WARNING

**CAROLS ON THE
SQUARE**

CHRISTMAS EVE - 6.30pm

theWI FECKENHAM WI
INSPIRING WOMEN **At FECKENHAM VILLAGE HALL**

THURSDAY, 14th NOVEMBER - 7.30pm

**A FLORAL CHRISTMAS
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Saturday, 23rd November, 2013 - 2 to 4.30 pm

Create your own floral table centre decoration and learn the secrets of wrapping Christmas gifts with style!

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Tickets £7 All welcome but book early as places will be limited.

St John the Baptist Church, Feckenham

Contact Pat Mortimer 402302 or Ann Matthews 892180

Please bring along a small selection of foliage/fresh flowers to use at the workshop

Mission Morogoro Improving life together in rural Tanzania

FECKENHAM FAMILY

BONFIRE NIGHT

Saturday NOVEMBER 2nd

Feckenham Cricket Club

Help build the Bonfire from 10am

Open from 6.30pm

Fire lit 7pm

NO private Fireworks or Sparklers



WHAT'S ON IN FECKENHAM

FeckenOdeon 2

The Cinema in the Back Room



Fabrice Luchini Sandrine Kiberlain
with Natalia Verbeke Lola Dueñas and Carmen Maura

the No.1 comedy smash hit
from director Philippe Le Guay

the Women on the 6th Floor

12a

Help is on the way.



Friday, 15th November at 8pm

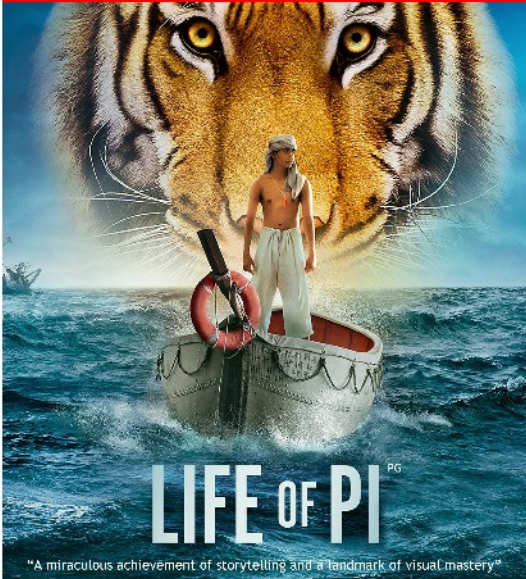
Tickets £5 (FeckenOdeon Members £3.50)
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or book by phone on 0844 8700 887 or online* at
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The FeckenOdeon Cinema Society



FRENCH FARCE IN THE ATTIC

Jean-Louis is a respectable man. He lives with his wife in a respectable apartment building. But Jean-Louis is bored... or he is until he employs Maria as a maid. Maria introduces him to a new world. He discovers and then delights in the hidden world of domestic servants - the **Women on the 6th Floor**. This is a joyful comedy that's broken box office records across the channel where they like a good chuckle.

The setting is Paris in the 1960s when it became fashionable to employ a Spanish maid. Jean- Louis is charmed and seduced by the colourful and eccentric occupants of the servants' floor. It's a delight of a film - if you enjoyed our recent showing of *Potiche* then this is for you!

**The Women on the 6th Floor - Friday,
15th November at 8pm**



A TERRIFIC TALE WITH A TIGER

One of the most amazing films ever made comes to The FeckenOdeon on **Saturday, 30th November at 7.30pm**. Ang Lee's **Life of Pi** fully deserves the awards showered on it. It's a "believe it or not" tale of a boy in a boat... with a Bengal tiger called Richard Parker. Pi is the only human survivor of a shipwreck cast adrift in a small boat... lucky to be alive... and then up pops Richard Parker. It doesn't sound much of a plot but this film has all the tension of a thriller, all the warmth of a romance - and is the most fantastic visual experience you're ever likely to have in the cinema. Tickets are selling fast - book soon!

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

Feckenham ENTERTAINMENTS Committee

CROWING DAMPLY WITH SUCCESS..

The weather was not kind to the Scarecrows this year. The entire festival (12th & 13th October) was a bit of a soggy occasion. Feckenham villagers were not to be put off by a bit of rain - there were 51 scarecrows and a huge amount of creativity on display. Visitors who braved the deluge were not disappointed and many were delighted, amused and amazed. The public voted for their favourites and the winners were presented with a specially made Trophy.

Prizewinners were as follows:

1st Prize: **Peppas's Possy** by Lou and Nick Byng

2nd Prize: **Harecrow** by Jennifer Burton

3rd Prize: **Row Crow, Row the Boat** by the Masters family

Special Mention: **Piratecrow** by Alan Smith

Best Exhibit by a person under 12: **Scare White & the 7 Dwarfs** by Freddy & Connie-Boo McCoy

Best exhibit by a pupil of Feckenham School: **Harry Potter Crow** by Charlie Manning.

THANKS

Feckenham Entertainments Committee wishes to thank all those who took part, who attended and who put up with the disturbance such an event generates. Particular thanks are due to: the gallant crew who turned out to help with the handling of the pink tent; everybody who volunteered to take a turn serving in the tea tent; Winfields for allowing us to park cars on their field; Simon Sharp for drying out much of the tent; Feckenham First School for

contributing so many exhibits. We're also grateful to Ian Ridley who made a special crow picture at his village hall exhibition - and to Keith and Lyn who bought it (proceeds split between the Scarecrows and Acorns Hospice)...and Rhys Williams for being Willum the Conker. We apologise if we've left anyone

out - the damp may have affected our memories.

The Entertainments Committee is Ian Bellion, Alan Jones, Judy Hooker, Judy Underwood, John Pulsford; Tim Smith and Lew Bennett.



PEPPAS'S POSSY

The first prize winner by Lou and Nick Byng.

Photo by Barbara Masters

HARECROW

The second prize winner by Jennifer Burton.

Photo by Barbara Masters



Village Hall

Ian Bellion



TEETH ON FIRE!

Roaring into Feckenham, courtesy of Shindig, on **Saturday, 23rd November** is **The Dr Teeth Big Band** - one of the most versatile and energetic bands ever to come out of the Windy City.

With huge stage presence, a big band sound and a commanding 6' 6" front man from Chicago, this is a powerful outfit. Dr Teeth's heady mix of non-stop Boogie Woogie, rhythm and blues, swing, Jump Jive, ska and soul means that this night is not for the faint-hearted. 'Explosive' best describes the band's performances! They've been together for many years and this is their farewell tour - catch 'em now... or never!

In addition to The Teeth's own greatest hits, you can expect to hear classic showstoppers like 'Minnie the Moocher' and 'King of the Swingers'; swing tunes such as 'Mack the Knife' and 'The Lady is a Tramp', Jump Jive classics like 'Jump, Jive and Wail' and rock 'n' roll anthems like 'Tequila' and 'Chantilly Lace'.

This will be a rollicking night of entertainment; 'The Doctor' (aka Steve Steinhaus) will have you waving your arms, stamping your feet and boogieing all night long! **BOOK NOW!**

Still to come in the Shindig season:

9th February - The Hungry Heart

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6th April - Shooting the Moon

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You'll also be able to hear some of the best bits from the broadcasts, there'll also be information about the station and a chance to chat about the way things might go in the future.

The aim is to pay off the small loss the station made and to provide a modest fund to help us find a way to finance and run future broadcasts in Feckenham.

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Feckenham Flower Show & Over 60's Party Fund Christmas Party

Saturday 7th December 2013

The Christmas Party event is run by the Committee of the 'Feckenham Flower Show & Over 60's Party Fund' and provides a Christmas meal and entertainment, free of charge, to Feckenham residents who are over 60 years of age (and to their partner or a friend) and who live within 1 mile of The Square.

This year's party is to be held on 7th December in the Village Hall, opening at 6.00pm. If you have become eligible during the last year, or are already eligible but have not yet let us know, please contact our Treasurer, Angela Fletcher, on 01527 893231 so that your name can be added to our list of invitees. Invitations will be sent out early in November.

Feckenham's War Graves

Alan Jones

Most of us are aware of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission and associate it with the Cemeteries seen in Northern France and other countries.

Recently I meet an agent of the CWGC in Feckenham Church Yard who was cleaning and 'plumbing' (ie ensuring they were upright) four gravestones. He explained they are also responsible for the graves of servicemen who were injured in battle and were sent back home but died of their injuries shortly after their return. He explained that they visit every 14 months to ensure that these memorials do not fall into disrepair but remain as a reminder of those who died so tragically for us.

Editor. There are 3 WW1 and IWW2 graves in our churchyard and I am told the Commission has been involved with their upkeep since 1921. About 10 years ago the church became responsible for mowing and general maintenance but they still whiten and service them from time to time. Next year will be the centenary of WW1. JW

Parish Council

The Parish Council met on 17 October. The meeting was attended by 47 Parishioners, which was very pleasing.

As concerns have been raised over possible flooding as a consequence of planned developments at Webheath and Foxlydiat, Redditch District Council Office Emma Baker attended the meeting to speak about the issue and take questions. We thank Emma for giving up her evening to enlighten us.

We wished to gather the widest possible views on an outline planning application for 8 houses at a brownfield site on Astwood Lane. Architect Mr Alan Smith took questions from the floor following which a helpful debate took place. The Council have made a submission to the district council indicating the Parish Council's support but reflecting a number of concerns.

We noted the mobile speed camera unit which will be operating on the B4090 for the next 6 months.

We also noted with regret that a Councillor has resigned, creating a casual vacancy. A Notice has been posted and if an election is not called for we will need to co-opt a new Councillor as soon as possible.

Next meeting is at the Village Hall at 7.30 on 21 November 2013

Village Hall

Improvement Fund 2012/13



October Winners

131	Peter & Phil Horsley	£25
91	Adam & Alison Williams	£15
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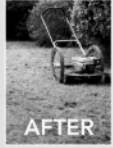
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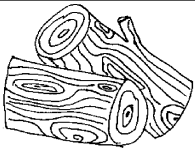
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THE NEXT CLUB MEETING -

Wednesday 6th Nov is a talk by Derek Walker entitled 'Tiptoe through the Tulips'. Derek will take us through his garden at Little Larford, and will show us the tulip display for which his garden is renowned. Many of you will remember visiting him in April 2009.

Subscriptions for the 2013/2014 year became due on 1st October, so don't forget to renew your membership at the meeting if you haven't already done so.

The theme for the monthly competition is 'Autumn Colour'. To take part, just bring along an exhibit for judging by the speaker. 1st, 2nd, and 3rd will be awarded points, and the member with the most number of points in the year will be awarded a prize of a year's subscription to the Gardening Club, at the next AGM in October 2014.

The following Meeting is on 4th December 2013 will be a talk by Mike Dunnnett entitled 'Easier Gardening'.

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.
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**Thursday 14th November 2013 at 7.30pm
in the Back Room, Village Hall**

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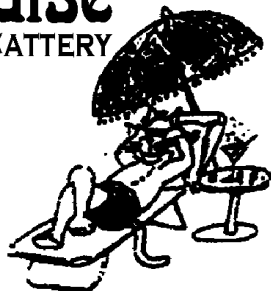
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