

FECKENHAM

NOVEMBER 2012

News

Published by Feckenham Church for the Village
Editor: Jane White Tel.:01527 893281 (Copy date 14th)
e-mail: jwhite@thewhites55.wanadoo.co.uk
or: ejw55@hotmail.co.uk



- 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



JEFF LYNN

Painter and Decorator

Interior and Exterior
Work



Inkberrow (01386) 792198

KESTREL

Carpet And Upholstery
Cleaning Services

A Family Business founded in 1985

Sanitizing

Stain Removal

Protection

Free Quotation

Guaranteed

Insured

Proclean Members

NEW TECHNOLOGY

We now offer the

most advanced

system in the

industry...

CARPETS DRY IN 30

MINUTES



01527 542515

01386 792762

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 1HH
Tel: (01527) 876200 Mobile 07710 976744

THOMAS BROTHERS

The Funeral Directors

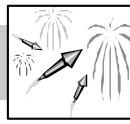
Pre-payment Plan, Private Chapels, Woodland Burial, Daimler Fleet
24 hour Service

*A family owned funeral directors offering a friendly,
dignified service paying attention to detail*

01527 547777

Birchfield House, 494 Evesham Road, Crabbs Cross, Redditch. B97 5JF

NOVEMBER Diary



Sat 3rd	7pm	Village Bonfire Party	Cricket Club
Tues 6th	10.30am	Poppy Appeal Coffee Morning	Rose & Crown
Tues 6th	12.30am	Lunch Club	Village Hall, Back Room
Tues 6th	7.30pm	Feckenham Forest History Society	Webheath Village Hall
Wed 7th	7.30pm	Gardening Club	Bradley Village Hall
Thurs 8th	7.30pm	Feckenham W.I.	Village Hall Back Room
Sat 10th	7.30pm	The Lighthouse on Shivering Sands	Village Hall
Sun 11th	10.45am	Remebrance Service	War Memorial, Churchyard
Wed 14th	Last Day	For Entries in Communal Christmas Card	To Jane White or Ann Matthews
Wed 14th	10.30am - noon	"Drop in" for coffee and a chat	Parish Church
Fri 16th	7.30pm	Ladies Evening In aid of Berega Hospital Tanzania	Jinney Ring, Hanbury
Fri 16th	8pm	FeckenOdeon 2	Village Hall Back Room
Sat 17th	7.30pm	A Good Time All Round	Village Hall
Sat 24th	7.30pm	FeckenOdeon "Maltese Falcon"	Village Hall
Wed 28th	10.30am - noon	"Drop in" for coffee and a chat	Parish Church

Contents

Bell Ringers	p5
Christmas Card	p5
Church Services	p4
Entertainment Com.	p14
FeckenOdeon	p13
Gardening Club	p18
Local Policing	p5
Over 60's Party	p8
Personal Ads	p6
Review	p8
R.B.L.	p15
Square Management	p9
Thanks	p7
Thought for the	p6
Village Choir	p9
Village Hall	p12
Village Shop	p6
W.I.	p18

Front Cover

Droplets of autumnal dew trapped in a spider's web in a local bramble hedge.
Photo by Ian Bellion.

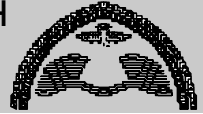
Production Team

Ian Bellion – What's On
892130 whatson@feckenham.f9.co.uk
Adrienne Newland – Newshound
821760
Antonia Pulsford – Reviews
892268
Jo Warrilow – Ads, Mags by post
892059
Jane White – Letters, Reports etc.
893281 ejw55@hotmail.co.uk

Magazine online at
www.feckenham.co.uk

Church Services NOVEMBER

PARISH CHURCH
of ST. JOHN
THE BAPTIST



Priest-in-Charge: Rev Wyn Beynon

Churchwarden: Ann Matthews 01527 892180

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 4th

Advent - 4

11-00am Sung Eucharist

Wisdom 3 : vs. 1-9

Revelation 21 : vs. 1-6a

Intercessions

Doug Curtis

Angela Fletcher

Ian Hunter

Sunday 11th

Advent - 3

10-45am REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

Jonah : vs. 1-5, 10:

Hebrews 9 : vs. 24-end

Intercessions

Richard Hillman

Alison Crellin

Paul Richards

Sunday 18th

Advent - 2

6-30pm Evensong

Daniel 12 : vs. 1-3

Mark 13 : vs. 1-8

Intercessions

Clare Furey

TBA

Walter Richards

Sunday 25th

Advent - 1

11-00am Family Communion

Revelation 1 : vs. 4b -8

Intercessions

Megan Nicod

Carol Onions

X Box Sunday School

Will be held in Church on Sunday 4th November. All children will be warmly welcomed.

Morning Fellowship

This lay led prayer service continues weekly on Wednesdays 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. Edward Clare, The Presbytery, Redditch. Tel. 01527 63096

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

Local Policing

Richard Waterhouse

Dear residents,

Between Saturday 3rd November and Friday 8th November I will be placing our PACT (**P**artners **A**nd **C**ommunities **T**ogether) post box and post cards in the Village Shop.

If you have any issues you would like to bring to the attention of Police/ Council/ Highways etc then please complete and post a card and I will collect at the end of the week.

At a recent PACT event we held in Tesco's Redditch, speeding in Feckenham was raised by a concerned resident. If this or any other issue concerns you then post a card.

Should this method of engagement prove successful I will repeat the process at various times throughout the year.

Regards

Richard - PC 1824 Richard Waterhouse

Feckenham Bell Ringers

Ron Russ

Two Feckenham ringers took part in the Association Striking contest held at Pershore on 6 October. The Worcestershire and Districts Change Ringing Association has three branches, Northern, Western and Southern. Feckenham is in the Southern branch, which hosted this annual interbranch striking competition this year. Tim Haslam was in the 8 bell band ringing the Abbey bells, while Ron Russ was in the 6 bell band ringing at the Parish Centre, formerly St Andrews. Southern branch won both competitions!

Feckenham WI will have a treat in November when they hear some of their members ringing Christmas carols on our hand bells under Tim Haslam's tuition. May we look forward to carols on the green at Christmas for us all to enjoy?

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 Hospital in Tanzania which churches in our group have visited and are currently supporting. 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.**" *Jane White*



Heating Engineer

Gas appliances serviced & repaired:
central heating boilers, gas fires, cookers,
water heaters & warm air heating units.

- Landlord Certification
- Commercial boilers serviced & repaired
- LPG services

Tel/Fax: 0121 258 2941

Mobile: 07973110138



Village Shop

Jeff Matthews

Convenient and Cosy - The Village Shop

We are really pleased that increasingly villagers and visitors alike are using the coffee shop to meet and to spend some time. We know people appreciate the warm, friendly welcome, which helps and the very reasonable special offers seem to make a difference, too.

This month it's the return of "savoury" **Soup and a Roll for £2.25** or if you prefer "sweet" a **Danish pastry and a drink £2.25**.

Also a sure sign of the season, **logs** are now available for those who run out or just use the occasional open fire.

Come and look at the **Christmas stock**, which will be on the shelves very soon. And as you begin to get your head around "the season of the great too much", as my Grandad used to call it, you can order your **Turkeys and Geese** from Ragley meats through the shop. We have had both in recent years in our house and they have been superb.

Following a series of requests we are also pleased to be stocking a **larger range of organic vegetables**. They are also local, which for some is as important, if you are counting food miles.

Personal Ads.



FOR SALE Electric Wheelchair £300, Mobility Scooter £200. For details ring Hunter 01527402360.

FREE TO GOOD HOMES! Since re-locating to Droitwich, the Bowbrook Group has two photocopiers that are no longer required. Good working order. ☎ 01905 778181

Thought for the month

Wyn Beynon

Dear Friends,

I feel I can call you all friends because Melissa and I have been given the warmest and friendliest of welcomes to the parishes.

Thank you to everyone who contributed in any way to the Licensing Service and the lovely box of provisions we were given on our moving in. Thank you, also, for the many cards and messages of welcome and practical help we have received.

As I write we're still surrounded by boxes. Normally, clergy move in a couple of weeks before the licensing, not two days afterwards, so we'll be playing catch-up for a while!

It's a new ministry for me and new arrangements for 5 parish churches and their congregations. There's a lot to learn for all of us. But we're going to do that together.

Melissa and I feel we have moved to a delightful part of the world with so many interesting things going on. There are lots of dedicated folk in all our parishes, and it's a privilege to be here as Priest in Charge. The work of the Church is to be salt and light in the community - not by being an alternative community, competing with other activities, but by bringing something important into the life of the communities of which we are part.

God is interested in every aspect of his creation, and every aspect of human life. In Jesus Christ God earthed himself, rolled up his sleeves, and shared in human life. By his Spirit he is still with us. The simple task for those of us who call ourselves "Christians" is to keep alive the rumour of God. The mission of the Church, as Archbishop Rowan put it, is to notice what God is doing in the world and joining in.

November is a dark month, but we have the privilege of celebrating the light of Christ, together.

with best wishes,

Wyn

The Rectory, Fish House Lane, Stoke Prior

Thanks

I would like to thank the only committee to make a contribution to the cost of bunting used throughout the year on the square.

Thank you Wake Committee, much appreciated.

Arthur Hind

Thank You!

The stalwart Oliver White forced his ancient limbs to cycle over 45 miles, visiting 18 churches on Heritage Day! Thus earning £117.60 to split between St. John's and the Worcester & Dudley Historic Churches Trust. The weather was perfect - but by Oddingley (Pinvin was my furthest) I was thinking this was a "Bridge Too Far". Thus I needed a stiff drink before crawling up the stairs to my bath But I survived! And thank you gallant sponsors.

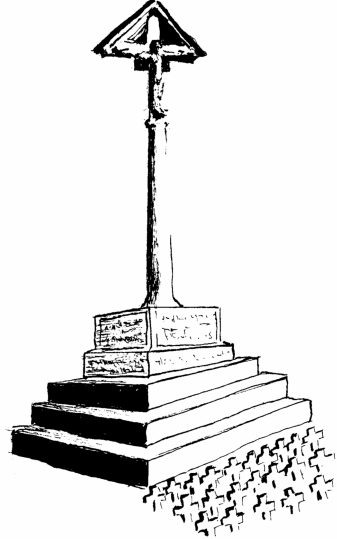
Oliver

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

11th November

10.45am

Parish Church



Hardwood Logs For Sale

No Delivery Charge

Telephone any time

01905 620934



Interior Property Services

Office & Home Refurbishments
Ceilings & Partitions
Carpentry & Joinery
Timber Flooring
Painting & Decorating

Marc Bradley
07759 461406
ips@feckenham.com

Bowbrook Group Office

The office move is now successfully completed and contact details are as follows

The Bowbrook Group
The Parish Office
St. Andrew's Street
Droitwich WR9 8DY

Phone 01905 778181
Email bowbrookgroup1@gmail.com

Office hours remain the same.

Review

Antonia Pulsford

Arrow Valley Brass at the church of St. John the Baptist, Feckenham

On Saturday 29th September Arrow Valley Brass, conducted by Dave Stanley, and Clare Furey on the organ gave us the most splendid concert in the church. The programme ranged from Purcell's lovely Trumpet Tune and Air, which also featured Clare on the organ, and Handel's Fireworks Music, through the 19th and 20th centuries including Puccini's Oh My Beloved Father, sung by Sue Thomas, Elgar's Nimrod, a Glenn Miller Selection and two songs from Les Miserables sung by Sue Thomas and Mark Williams. Other soloists were Peter Farlow on the trombone, Simon Bateman who played Misty most beautifully on the Flugel Horn, and of course our own Clare Furey on the organ. Her playing of Boellman's Suite Gothique really showed us the variety of sound that the organ is capable of, and was very satisfying. She also played a very beautiful encore.

Arrow Valley Brass is a large and very successful band, described as 'a smashing lot' by their conductor, Dave Stanley. Three key members were unable to come, but our thanks are due to Stephanie from Blockley, and Paul and Tracey who filled in for them. The volume of sound they could produce was staggering – I was very pleased to see that the plaster work in the church appeared to be in good order as none fell off. I am sure any loose bits would have!

Our thanks are also due to Ann Matthews for setting up the church and Paul Furey and his helpers for producing delicious refreshments at the end of the performance. The proceeds, after expenses have been paid, will be divided equally between the church fabric fund and Dave Stanley and the band who support a number of local charities. We have just heard that the profit after all expenses was £730

which means that the Arrow Valley Brass Band and the Church Fabric fund will each receive £365.

I think John Green spoke for all of us when he said the performance was characterised by 'richness, variety, splendour and gentleness', and we feel very fortunate to have had the opportunity to enjoy such a class act in our church.

Feckenham Flower Show & Over 60's Party Fund

Rob Cole

Over 60's Christmas Party

Saturday 8th December 2012

The Over 60's Christmas Party is to be held on Saturday 8th December 2012 in the Village Hall, opening at 6.00pm

The 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.

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.

DOGGY PADDLE
Canine Hydrotherapy



Earls Common
WR9 7LB

01905 391501

www.doggypaddle.net

STARRY DEBUT FOR NEW CHOIR

A "GOOD TIME ALL ROUND" Is promised at Feckenham Village Hall when the village's new community choir takes to the stage for the first time. The choir, which rehearses every Tuesday evening at the Village Hall, has come along in leaps and bounds since its inception earlier this year and director Karen Hill has decided that they're more than ready for a public outing.

The choir will be part of a show featuring one of the region's best loved personalities as Malcolm Stent heads an evening of laughter and song. Malcolm's thirty odd years in showbiz have covered just about everything including singer, comedian, Tv actor, Radio presenter Playwright and compere. He'll be joined by his old mate Dave Sealey from "Cosmotheka " (and Astwood Bank). There'll also be contributions from Robin Johnson and Karen Heard who have starred in West End Musicals and theatre tours including "Dreamboats and Petticoats", "Good Golly Miss Molly", "Return to the Forbidden Planet" and Malcolm Stent's recent success "Go and Play Up your Own End". The show is on **17th November at 7.30pm at Feckenham Village Hall**. The choir hopes to raise some funds for The Acorns Charity and Mission Morogoro. Tickets costing £ 10 can be had by calling 01527 893918. They're also in sale at Feckenham Village Shop.



WITCHES AND WARDROBES

Looking ahead to December, the village's junior theatre school ARTS will be presenting it's annual Christmas show at the Village Hall on **Saturday and Sunday, 1st &**

2nd December at 7pm. This year the young cast are tackling "The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe".

For Tickets (£4.50 and £3.50) telephone : 01527 893918 or Email :

lorraineolearydancers@hotmail.com

or call into Feckenham Village Shop.

Supporting Acorns Charity.

Square Management Committee

DECK THE HALLS WITH JINGLE BELLS

Carols round the Christmas Tree on the Square on Christmas Eve is a great Feckenham tradition and we're pleased to confirm that it'll be upheld again this year. All welcome - all free of charge. Bring your Christmas visitors, family, friends (four legged welcome) for a good old bawl (subtle singers prepare to abandon your principles), a glass of mulled wine and a home mince pie or two. **6.30pm, Christmas Eve - be there or be Scrooge!**



**Able Maintenance
General Handyman
Painter & Decorator**

External and Internal

Phone Bill On

01527 550172 or 07795 556685

Free Quotes - Public Liability - Reliable

WHAT'S ON IN FECKENHAM

Feckenham Readers Group



Tuesday, 6th November - 7.45

This month's book.

SECRET SCRIPTURES by Sebastian Barry

Details from Marion Chate - 892285

Feckenham Forest History Society WORCESTER

An illustrated history.

Tuesday, 13th November - 7.30pm

Webheath Village Hall

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

theWI FECKENHAM WI

INSPIRING WOMEN At FECKENHAM VILLAGE HALL

THURSDAY, 8th OCTOBER - 7.30pm

SHOW TIME

The Skills of WI Members

Non-members welcome - £3

Stock & Bradley GARDENING CLUB



The Vintage Garden Store

Wednesday, 7th November - 7.30pm

Bradley Green Village Hall

Call 821156 for details

SATURDAY 3RD NOVEMBER
FREE! FROM 7PM



**FECKENHAM
CRICKET CLUB**

**FOOD - DRINK
FUN!**

**FABULOUS FECKENHAM
BONFIRE & FIREWORKS**

ALL ROUND THEATRE COMPANY PRESENTS

"A GOOD TIME ALL ROUND"

AN EVENING OF LAUGHTER AND SONG

WITH MALCOLM STENT



JOINED BY:

FROM COSMOTHEKA
DAVE SEALEY

FROM MUSICAL THEATRE
**ROBIN JOHNSON
KAREN HEARD**

WITH
MUSICAL DIRECTOR TO THE STARS
ROBERT E WILLIS

PLUS LOCAL CHOIR



ALL ROUND VOICES

SATURDAY 17TH NOVEMBER 2012 7.30.PM



FECKENHAM VILLAGE HALL

TICKETS £10

TEL: 01527 893918



EMAIL: lorraineolearydancers@hotmail.com

Join us for our LADIES' EVENING

'How to accessorise your wardrobe'

Friday 16 November 2012

Jinney Ring Craft Centre, Hanbury: 7.30-9.30

Jane Brook from 'House of Colour' gives us tips on how to use accessories
Also ... Christmas gift ideas, natural skincare from 'The Blue Lemon',

Fairtrade products, Raffle prizes and more ...

Tickets £5 a glass of wine and nibbles included!

Tickets from: Sue Plummer 07971 730873

All proceeds will go to supporting Berega Hospital in Tanzania

WHAT'S ON IN FECKENHAM

FeckenOdeon 2

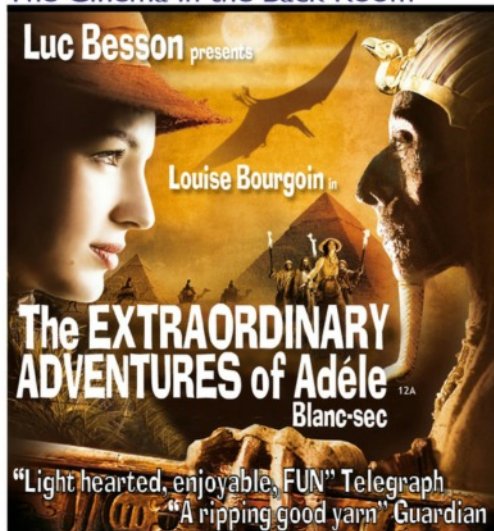
The Cinema in the Back Room

Luc Besson presents

Louise Bourgoïn in

The EXTRAORDINARY ADVENTURES of Adèle Blanc-sec 12A

"Light hearted, enjoyable, FUN" Telegraph
"A ripping good yarn" Guardian



Friday, 16th November at 8pm

Tickets £4.50 (FeckenOdeon Members £3.50)

from The Village Shop and The Rose & Crown, Feckenham
or book by phone on 0844 8700 887 or online* at

www.feckencodeon.co.uk

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

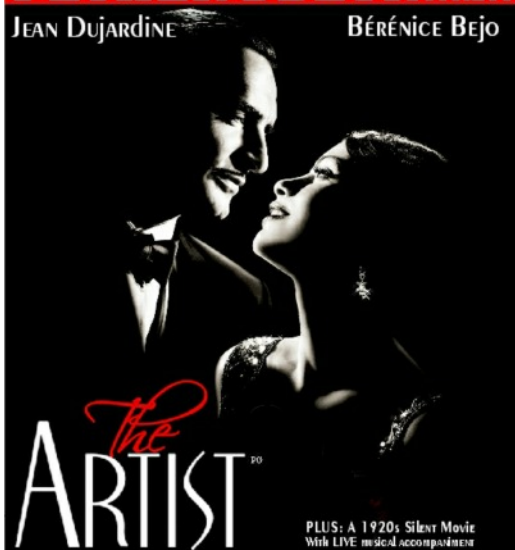
FeckenOdeon 2 at Feckenham Village Hall

THE FECKENODEON CINEMA SOCIETY

JEAN DUJARDINE BÉRÉNICE BEJO

The ARTIST PD

PLUS: A 1920s Silent Movie
With LIVE musical accompaniment



Saturday, 24th November - 7.30pm

at The FeckenOdeon Cinema in Feckenham Village Hall
Tickets: £4.50 from The Rose & Crown and Village Shop, Feckenham

Telephone 0844 8700 887* or BOOK ONLINE* at

www.feckencodeon.co.uk

*BOOKING FEE APPLIES TO TELEPHONE AND ONLINE BOOKINGS. AVOID THE FEE - BUY IN PERSON!

NORTH COUNTRY theatre in association with ht HEATHE

The LIGHTHOUSE ON SHIVERING SANDS

by J.S.Fletcher

adapted for the stage by
Nobby Dixon

A Sinister Story of
SAND
SEA
And
STRANGULATION!

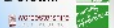
Arts Council ENGLAND

Feckenham Village Hall *Shindig*
Saturday, 10th November - 7.30pm

Tickets £8.50 From The Village Shop and The Rose & Crown.

Phone 0844 8700 887

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



Village Hall

Ian Bellion



ZULU SHINDIG

The Shindig programme turned up another winner on Sunday, 21st October when a packed village hall was energetically entertained by a seven strong troupe of Zulu singers and dancers in



traditional dress. The company, Zulu Tradition, not only perform all over the world but also work with schools to explain their culture and foster international understanding. The performance was spectacular to say the least and featured the most athletic dancing ever to be seen on the Village Hall's stage - indeed the gravity defying high leaps and consequent heavy landings proved that the Committee had acted wisely when they bought a stage capable of supporting a 10 ton truck. The music was, with a couple of exceptions, unfamiliar but instantly likeable and the audience happily joined in - clapping, clicking their fingers and joining in the singing.

This show was proof, if any were needed, of the value of the Shindig scheme to the cultural life of the countryside. The programme is jointly subsidised by Arts Council England, Worcestershire County Council and Redditch Borough Council - which means that independent village halls like ours can present top quality professional shows at reasonable prices. Without the subsidy the price of tickets for Zulu would have to be £16 rather than £8.50 and they'd be considerably more for theatrical productions. The cheap tickets, combined with the advantages of performances "on your doorstep", mean that everyone has the opportunity to enjoy fine performances - and, as a byproduct, the Village Hall is able to use the proceeds of the shows (and the bar) to keep hire charges low for villagers and village organisations.

MERMAIDS AHOY!



Strange tales were told of Shivering Sands - of light house keepers gone mad, mermaids and sea monsters, and hauntings. None of that scared Mordechai Chiddock, but had he known that Jezreel Cornish was one of the keepers he'd

never have set foot on that cursed rock..... So begins "**The Lighthouse on Shivering Sands**" by J.S.Fletcher. Creepy stuff you may be thinking - but a new stage version by North Country Theatre manages to see the funny side of this pot boiler. This company has been responsible for hilarious adaptations of classics like "The 39 Steps" and the stories of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle. Now they're tackling this hoary old horror by a Yorkshire writer who churned out over 230 books in the 1920s and 30s. Needless to say the approach is hardly reverential and there's the promise of a truly hilarious evening on **Saturday, 10th November 7.30pm.**

The production comes direct from the Harrogate Playhouse as part of a 65 performance tour... and there is a mermaid in it - seeing is believing!

Tickets (£8.50) are now on sale at The Village Shop and The Rose & Crown. You can also book online at www.ticketsource.co.uk/feckenham or by phone on 0844 8700 887

MISSING POTS

It appears that someone may have borrowed and neglected to return two catering sized saucepans from the Village Hall's kitchen. They're tall pots in stainless steel with lifting handles on either side and they were donated to the Hall by Val Russell-Dawe primarily for the use of the monthly Lunch Club. Replacement costs would be about £40 EACH - so if you have them please contact Brian on 894046

Village Hall

Improvement Fund 2011/12



HELP YOUR HALL AND WIN!

The Village Hall has for many years run a small lottery. Subscribers pay £12 a year and each month there's a draw for cash prizes. The proceeds are used to improve the Hall's facilities - the recent heating system upgrades and solar power installations have both been boosted by the funds made by the lottery. If you've subscribed before we'll be getting in touch to ask for your continued support. If you'd like to join in this time please get in touch with John Pulsford on 01527 892268

October Winners

112	Andy & Jane Bray	£25
13	Gary Simpson	£15
30	Danielle Chute	£10

This was the Final Draw for the 2011 /12 Fund which raised £1,356.00 for the Village Hall. The first draw for the 2012 /13 Fund will be held in the Village Hall at 8.00 pm on Tuesday 4th December 2012.

The FeckenOdeon Cinema Society



CHERCHEZ LA PTERODACTYL

Adèle's sister is poorly – very poorly. It seems that the only person who can save her is an Egyptian doctor and he's dead...

mummified in fact. Adèle asks a mystic to bring the ancient doctor back to life but whoops! Up pops a pterodactyl instead ...which causes a spot of bother.... It's all great fun – Stylish, clever and very funny – **The Extraordinary Adventures of Adele Blanc-Sec**, based on the comic books of Jaques Tardi, explode onto the FeckenOdeon 2 screen on **Friday, 16th November at 8pm..** Come with us to the fantastical world of early twentieth-century Paris, where loveable heroine Adèle Blanc-Sec saves the day without breaking a sweat. This film has it all: dinosaurs, Egyptian mummies and a female adventurer with a spectacular collection of hats. The spirit of Indiana Jones lives!



SILENTS IS GOLDEN

The Artist is the film that swept the board at this year's Oscars. You know - the silent movie with the dancer and the film star and the wonderful dog. A lovely film that proves that the oldest film techniques can still work if done well enough. Showing on **24th November at 7.30pm** and supported by the British Premier of a film made (and banned) in 1915. **A Fool There Was** stars Theda Barra, the first screen vamp, and will be accompanied from the pianoforte by Mr Ian Room

Tickets for these 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

CROWTASTIC

Any lingering doubts that the organisers might have had about Feckenham's ability to rise to an occasion were dispelled along with the morning mist on Saturday, 13th October. There was activity wherever you looked as no fewer than 53 imaginative creations were manoeuvred into position. Big ones, tall ones, wooden ones, plastic ones - some that talked, some that cycled and some that made you worry about what went on inside their creator's head... The annual Scarecrow Weekend was underway... and then the visitors came. More than ever before. It's estimated that over the weekend around 3,000 people came to Feckenham to enjoy a stroll around the Scarecrow Trail, a cup of tea in the startlingly pink tent and a daft game involving crows and tennis balls. It was as if everyone was determined to enjoy some sunshine on what was probably the last warm weekend before the autumn really begins to dig its teeth in. There was universal praise for the effort that had gone into the making of the scarecrows and everyone took the chance to vote for what they considered to be the best exhibit.

The results were close - First Prize went to Lew Howe-Bennett with "Shaun the Sheep and Farmer Crow", Second was "Crow Bar" by the Masters family and third was "Campcrow" by Steve and Jenny Dalloway (a truly wind powered creation).

CROWTHANKS

The organisers, Feckenham Entertainments Committee, would like to thank everyone who took part and everyone who helped. In particular we're extremely grateful to the small army of willing folk who appeared to help us set up and clear up. There are far too many generous individuals and organisations to name



here but we ought to mention Winfields (who gave us free parking facilities), Rhys & Andrea Williams (who gave us free electricity and water) - and Russell and Catherine Cotton who travelled all the way from their new home in Scotland to work on the Festival. We also should thank YOU - the residents of Feckenham (and The Square in particular) who cheerfully put up with our silliness and the inconvenience it sometimes causes.



Breakfast at the CrowKay Corral

CROWFACTS

Tracy Somers, inspired by a friend's rescue by Air Ambulance, dedicated her scarecrow to the Air Ambulance Service. Generous visitors dropped £134.22 into her bucket. A graphic demonstration of the value of the service was provided by the sudden arrival of an Air Ambulance on Saturday afternoon to assist someone who had been taken ill at the Football Club.

An increasing problem for organisers of events like this is the level of insurance required. Insurers no longer trust the general public to walk along the pavement unaided - as a result the premium for this event was £430. Thankfully the generosity of visitors and the consumption of over 500 cups of tea and an even larger number of cakes has put the event into the black - and there may even be a small surplus.

The Entertainments Committee is: Ian Bellion (Chair), John Pulsford (Treasurer), Judy Hooker (Catering), Judy Underwood (Administration), Alan Jones (Tent Master), Lew Bennett and Tim Smith

SOURCROW

One little incident that spoilt an otherwise jolly weekend was the destruction by children of the winning entry (Shaun the Sheep). We're told that parents watched as the sheep was damaged and the farmer's ears were torn off. How sad.



Russell Cotton tackles the vandals

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

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

EVENTS FOR 2012

Tues. 6th Nov. Poppy Appeal Coffee Morning, Rose & Crown, Feckenham. All welcome.

Thurs. 6th Dec. Quiz'n Turkey Evening, at The Wheelbarrow & Castle, Radford.

Contact Roger Hunt 01527 853116 for details and tickets.

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

What's On this month in STOCK & BRADLEY

7th BREAKAWAY

Life with British Airways
Stock & Bradley Village Hall

7th Gardening Club

The Vintage Garden Store
Stock & Bradley Village Hall
7.30pm

14th & 28th

Drop In

Drop in for a Coffee and a Chat
10 am - 12noon
Bradley Green Village Hall

17th Test you knowledge!

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE QUIZ

Bradley Green Village Hall

For more information see
STOCK & BRADLEY CHRONICLE

CLICK PC NO FIX = NO FEE

- PC Crashing - very slow
- Internet Connections
- Virus Problems
- Upgrades & advice
- Windows & Office Problems
- Hardware & Software issues
- Networking solutions
- Custom built PCs

**SAME DAY RESPONSE
NO CALL OUT CHARGE**
**01527 576 611 or
0800 085 2143** Mon-Sun ♦ 8am-6pm
 www.click4pc.co.uk Open Bank Holidays
 178a Austin Road, Bromsgrove B60 3NS

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** 
 Bsc (Hons): Horticulture
 HND: Garden Design & Management

Complete Gardens

Design & Planting
 Maintenance & Rejuvenation
 Consultancy

☎ 07773 101750 or 01527 894745

Lewis Allen
Plumbing & Heating Ltd

- Central Heating / Boiler installations and servicing
- Power flushing
- Landlord Gas safety Checks
- Bathrooms
- Installation of kitchen appliances
- New build and extension plumbing/heating
- Leaks and emergency work

Tel: 01527 892398
Mobile: 07817596943



**Tony & Dean at
FECKENHAM
GARAGE** 

MOT Testing Station
 Service & 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

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"

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

Make this YOUR year

Achieve your New Year's resolution sooner than you think with Cambridge Weight Plan. You can discover the real you with the help of your own Cambridge Consultant. Their one-to-one support will guide you through every step of your weight-loss journey. With six flexible programmes, which can include everyday food, there's a step that suits you and your lifestyle.

Cambridge
Weight Plan

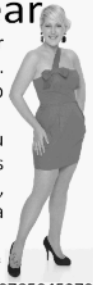
Real people, real support, real results.

Your Independent Cambridge Consultant.

Yvonne Cutler

Tel 01527-574389/07850452705

yvonne.cambridge@gmail.com



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

BMS

Bray Maintenance Services Limited

Your LOCAL Gardening Service

Lawnmowing - Turfing

Garden Clearance - Fencing

High Pressure Surface Cleaning

For FREE quote call Carl Bray

01527 453163 or 07970 271653

Formerly Bray Services

THE IRONING CENTRE

16 Feckenham Road

Astwood Bank

(Next to the old Coach House pub)



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

01527 894040

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

The Village shop

...drop in to sample our deli
fresh local produce on your doorstep

Monday - Friday 8am - 6pm

Saturday 9am - 4pm

Sunday 10am - 1pm

Droitwich Road, Feckenham, Redditch, B96 6JE.

Telephone: 01527 894475

Open Now

Coffee • Tea • Cake • Fresh Sandwiches



Feckenham W.I.
Gay Bligh

theWI
INSPIRING WOMEN

Thursday 8 November at 7.30pm –

Show Time! Members show off their skills and interests, including hand-bell ringing, step dancing, tales of a District Nurse, tracing your ancestors, story telling, monologues, patch work, painting and much more.

All meetings are held on the second Thursday of the month at 7.30pm in the back room of Feckenham village hall. There is an annual subscription (currently £31.50) but visitors are welcomed to join us for any meeting at a cost of £3.00 per visit. If you require further information please contact Linda Harris on 01527 892850 or Gay Bligh on 01527 893321.

Stock & Bradley Gardening Club

Rob Cole

Wed. 7th November 2012 - 7.30pm will be a talk entitled 'The Vintage Garden Store' and will be an evening with John and Carole Matthews, who will bring along a treasure trove of old, interesting, and useful garden tools and talk about them. If you have anything which might be of interest, you are welcome to bring it along for discussion.

Please note that the annual subscription is due in October and can be paid at the meeting.

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

The following meeting – Wed. 5th December 2012 will have a seasonal flavour. Dr Michael Jones, who is Head of Newman College, Birmingham, will give a fascinating insight into the botany and history of mistletoe, and its association with the festive season.

MAKE A NOTE IN YOUR DIARY NOW !

Rose & Crown 48 High Street
Feckenham B96 6HS

01527 892188

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

WHAT'S ON

Special Christmas Menu

*For that Special Meal in the
run up to Christmas.*

*Pop in to the pub for details
Bookings Essential*

Proper Pub Food at Proper Prices

Quality meat from the Old Yarr Estate

Real Ales & Ciders

We're in the 2012

GOOD BEER GUIDE!

Weekday Lunch 3 Courses £6.75

Dish of the Day £4.75

**Full Menu available daily,
Lunch & Evenings**

www.roseandcrownfeckenham.co.uk

WANTED URGENTLY for Macmillan...

Good nearly new gents & ladies clothes
for our larger, newly opened shop on
Unicorn Hill, Redditch.

Contact Shirley Harman for
collection/delivery.

Tel:892140

Macmillan
cancer relief

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 893866

Mobile 07973 517781

Direct Floors Ltd

HOME SERVICE

Need a new carpet, vinyl or wood floor?
With over 1000 samples brought to your
home, call now for a free no obligation
quotation.

Tel: 01527 894777

Mob: 07968 023456

7 Days a week

www.direct-floors.co.uk



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 - Crowle 01905 380128

Mobile 07792613020

15 Astwood Lane
Feckenham
Worcs. B98 6HG

6 Burns Close
Headless Cross
Redditch. B97 5BS

BRAY & WARRING

Established 1966

GENERAL BUILDERS

Tel.: 01527 893480

or 01527 545238

Ryan L. Bennett

PAINTER AND DECORATOR

ESTIMATES FREE

1188 Evesham Road
Astwood Bank, Redditch,
Worcestershire. B96 6 DT

☎ (01527) 893162

'Purradise'

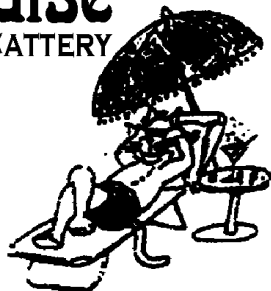
BOARDING CATTERY

Earls Common

Himbleton

01905 391648

Jane Moule



Town&Country

Private Hire & Driving Services

Prompt and reliable

local transport to all Airports

Social travel, short or long journeys, transport to corporate &
sporting events, wedding car available, business travel,
seaports and rail stations.

Driver only service - Fully Licensed and CRB checked Drivers

Chauffeur vehicle available

01386 793156 / 07910 361707 / 07905 406686

e-mail: info@tcexecutivetravel.co.uk

Website: www.tcexecutivetravel.co.uk

BRAY BROS

TREE SURGEONS

TREE SURGERY · HEDGE TRIMMING
LOPPING, PRUNING · STUMP REMOVAL

TEL: 01527 892828

MOBILE: 07970 263779
67 WESTONHILL CLOSE, ASTWOOD BANK

FULLY INSURED · NPTC CERT. NO.952670



S.E.DAVIS & SON LTD.

Tel: 892716 & 893343

*Broken Slabs, Brick Hardcore,
Sand, Gravel, Ashes, Cotswold
Stone, Cement, Topsoil, etc.*

LARGE OR SMALL QUANTITIES DELIVERED
PLANT HIRE AVAILABLE



We supply
building
materials
to help
transform
your
garden

The Farmshop

Mon - Sat 9am - 5pm

Sunday 10am - 4pm



The Stables

FARM SHOP

Tearoom & Butchery

The Tearoom
Mon - Sat 10am - 4pm
Sunday 10am - 4pm

Our aim is to provide quality fresh local
produce from small independent growers
and producers.

The Cheese Counter

• Finest Local Cellar Matured Cheeses

The Stables Butchery

• Friendly Service • Finest Fresh Local Produce

www.thestablesfarmshop.co.uk

01527 894167

Astwood Lane, Astwood Bank, Redditch,
Worcestershire B96 6PS



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