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OCTOBER Diary



Tues 2 nd	12.30am	Lunch Club	Village Hall, Back Room
Wed 3 rd	7.30 pm	Stock & Bradley Gardening Club	Bradley Village Hall
Sat 6 th	10 am - 12.30 pm	Coffee Morning Children's Society	Parish Church
Tues 9 th	7.30 pm	Feckenham Forest History Society	Webheath Village Hall
Wed 10 th	8:30 am	Coach Trip to Oxford	
Thur 11 th	7.30 pm	Feckenham WI	Village Hall, Back Room
Fri 12 th	8 pm	FeckenOdeon-2	Back Room Village Hall
Sat 13 th	7 pm	Feckenham Churches' Harvest Supper	Village Hall
Sat 27 th	7.30 pm	FeckenOdeon	Village Hall
Sun 28 th	4 pm	All Souls Service	Parish Church

NOVEMBER

Saturday 3 rd	Village Bonfire Night	Cricket Club
Saturday 17 th	Table Top Sale	Village Hall
Sunday 18 th	"Bush gothic"	Village Hall
Sunday 25 th	Feckenham Past, Present and Future Event	Village Hall

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Front Cover



A well trodden path - one of Feckenham's favourite country walks, just before the leaves start to turn.
Photo: Ian Bellion

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Church Services OCTOBER

PARISH CHURCH
of ST. JOHN
THE BAPTIST



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

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

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

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

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

Readers and Intercessors

Sunday 7th

Trinity 19

11.00am Sung Eucharist

Hosea 14: 1-7

Revelation 22: 1-5

Intercessions

Jenny Goode

Tricia Mortimer

Tony Mortimer



Sunday 14th

Trinity 20

8.00am Holy Communion

Ephesians 5: 15

John Pulsford

11.00am Harvest Service

Isaiah 35: 1-10

James 3: 13-18

Intercessor

Doug Curtis

Carol Onions

Ian Hunter

Sunday 21st

Trinity 21

6.30pm Evensong

Isaiah 59: 14-21

Mark 6: 1-6

Intercessions

Jenny Snel

Patricia Collins

Sunday 28th

St Simon & St Jude

11.00am Holy Communion

Isaiah 28: 14-16

Ephesians 2: 19-22

Intercessions

Walter Richards

Muriel Richards

Cyril Warrilow

4.00pm Parish Memorial Service

Feckenham: Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals

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

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

Feckenham Roman Catholic Church

St John Fisher & St. Thomas More



Mass is celebrated every Sunday at 10.15am in the Church

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

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

Newshound



Welcome to Esther and Andy Lucas, who have moved into 'Sunnyside' on Moors Lane. They arrived from Ettington near Stratford-on-Avon in the Spring and are now in the process of renovating the bungalow. Andy is mainly a plumber and electrician and Esther has run children's nurseries in and around Shipston. Between them they have 4 grown up children, several pretty chickens and a beautiful cat, Jake.

Wedding Val Neal and daughter Julia are very happy and delighted to announce the marriage of Julia's son Adam to Helen McCathie, which took place on the 28th July. Helen is a Guernsey girl and she met Adam whilst at Kingston University, Surrey, 7 years ago.

The wedding ceremony and reception took place in the garden of Helen's parents' home in Guernsey, where Helen and her younger sister Sarah were brought up, before moving to the 'mainland' for their university education. The wedding day was a wonderful experience; so different and so enjoyed by us all - perfect location, perfect weather, and perfect company. Adam and Helen live in Kingston-upon-Thames and work in the London area but, after taking a 4 week honeymoon touring part of America, they are planning within the next 12 months or so to relocate to the Manchester area.

Feckenham Directory

Marion Chute

Over the last few weeks a Feckenham Parish Council working group has been updating the Feckenham Parish Directory and it should be delivered to every house in the Parish. This is a listing of useful contact numbers and email addresses. By the time you read this you should have had your copy. If you haven't then you can pick one up from the Village Shop. In time it is hoped that the Parish Council website will have an updatable online version.

Feckenham Churches Harvest Supper

**Saturday 13th October
7pm**

Feckenham Village Hall



Tickets £12.50 (Children £7)

obtainable from

Marg East, Phyllis Mott and Jane White
and the Village Shop.

Bring your own drinks & glasses.

The Children's Society

COFFEE MORNING

6th October

10am to 12.30pm

In Church



Wednesday 10th October, 2018

Depart Feckenham 8.30 (Public Car Park)

Depart Oxford 4.30 (approx. 6pm re-
turn)

Tickets £18 - a few still available

Contact: Tricia Mortimer 01527 402302

tricia.mortimer@gmail.com

In aid of Mission Morogoro

www.missionmorogoro.org.uk

All Soul's Service

Sunday 28th October 4pm

at Feckenham Parish Church

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

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

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

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

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

Communal Christmas Card



It seems amazing but Christmas is approaching in less than 3 months. This year we shall again be producing the Communal Christmas Card and in order to get it out with the December magazine I need entries by 14th November.

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

The charity to be supported this year will be decided very shortly, and I will let you know next month or you can ask Ann or I. The Parish Church pays for the printing and all of your donation will go to the chosen charity. Last year we were able to give £1,200 to "Shelterbox" thanks to a full card and your generosity and the sale of Ian's painting.

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

Village Hall

Improvement Fund 2017/18



August Winners

71	Dinny Pinsent	£25
151	Annie Fieldhouse	£15
87	Arthur Hind	£10

September Winners

77	Phil Horsley	£25
103	Danielle Chute	£15
137	John Morris	£10

The Final 2017/18 Draw will be held in the Village Hall at 8.00 pm on Tuesday 2nd October 2018

Feckenham Past Present & Future Event

Marion Chute

Sunday November 25th 11 - 3pm

Have you got any old photos of Feckenham? Would you like to check out what the area used to look like? There is going to be an opportunity to do exactly that this November when you are invited to an event in the Village Hall where there will be an exhibition of old photos, a chance to find out a bit more about Village organisations and, of course, have an afternoon cuppa too.

If you would like to be involved, have any old photos or are part of an organisation that would like to be represented on the day then contact

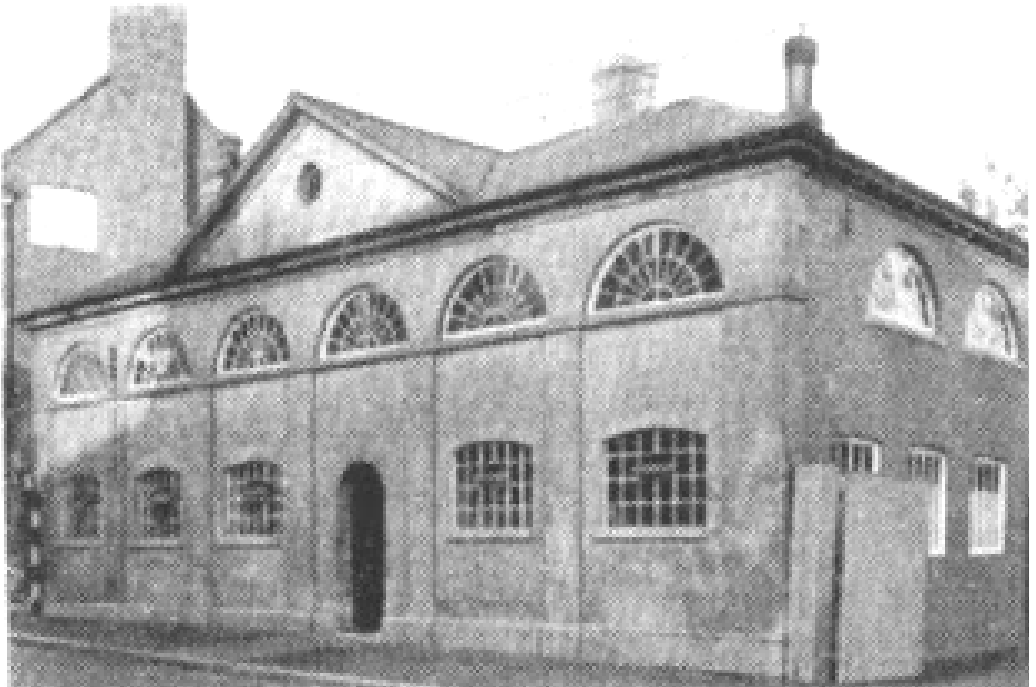
localhistoryfeckenham@gmail.com

Thanks

I would like to express my sincere thanks to all those who contributed to making the Autumn Flower Show on Saturday 8th September such a successful and enjoyable event. The Flower Show Committee did an outstanding job in organising and setting up the Village Hall for the show and for serving tea and cakes in the back room. Credit must also go to those who exhibited all the wonderful flowers, fruit, vegetables, etc. - without their support the show would not be viable. All of the produce was auctioned at the end of the show, and the auctioneer did a sterling job in selling so many different lots.

All in all, another wonderful village event.

Rob Cole



Thought for the month

Rev. Wyn Beynon

Dear Friends,

Doing nothing often leads to the very best of something

Winnie the Pooh in the film "Christopher Robin"

Do you believe that? I do. But it is totally countercultural to our age which really believes that doing nothing is "not an option". When it is. Some say nothing is impossible. But I agree with Pooh. I do nothing every day. And so should you!

One of St Paul's most famous passages - the one about love from I Corinthians 13 - is often used at weddings. In it is a little aside in which he talks about having once been a child but having now put aside childish ways. It has always appeared to me that he's saying that we need to be grown ups in order to understand properly. But "hidden His next verse says that now, as an adult, he sees, "through a glass, darkly". It was the giving up of being childlike ways that made him blind. And that, of course, is exactly what Jesus taught... "unless you turn around and go back to childlikeness you'll never enter the kingdom of God!"

Schools are filled with loads and loads of great teachers who do their best to let children have a happy and healthy childhood. But government policy has made that job difficult at best, often impossible, and too often destructive to the mental wellbeing of children and young people.

You can be the richest woman in the world and be a complete failure as human being, and utterly poor and yet a complete success at being a person. If that makes you laugh then you, above all, are to be pitied.

The misery of children, young people and young adults all comes down to one thing. - you mustn't ever fail. And if you fail you are looooooser.

Many children and young people have been told they are failures by the time they are 10.

The answer is to learn from Jesus (who no doubt taught it to Winnie the Pooh) to be a people who believe in sitting still and doing nothing. To wonder, to muse, to be quiet.

Children so much need that example. To be allowed to stare at the rain out of the window and not be required to pass another test. If you learn to be still, to be quiet, then one day, just when you are miles away, you will realise that you sitting on God's lap and she's telling you the story of the world. And then you will begin to be wise and the dark glass will clear and you'll see for ever.

best wishes,

Wyn

Carole Corden and Friends
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Feckenham Church Choir
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"A Christmas Concert"



7.30pm

Sat. 1st December

in Feckenham Village Hall.

Tickets at £10

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

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

We look forward to seeing you there.

World War I Centenary Commemoration

Jeff Matthews



Right Sentiment, Wrong Breast

A correction to the note in last month's magazine, for those intending to wear medals won in military service at the Remembrance Day Service on 11th November. I am grateful to several who agreed with the sentiment but pointed out that my advice was incorrect. You can wear the medals won by people from whom you are directly descended, but they are to be worn on the right breast (not the left, as the article incorrectly stated – that is reserved for medals you have won yourself). I hope that is now clear, and we look forward to seeing as many as possible round the war memorial to mark 100th anniversary of the end of WWI.

The accompanying service will include the choir singing part of the Suite for the Fallen Soldier. It promises to be a poignant event.

Look out next month for the booklet that we have produced on the history of the village then and on the stories of the fallen and those that served and returned. Full details in the November magazine.

TABLES OF TREASURE!

A Table Top Sale before Christmas is a double delight - you can pick up lovely things to give as Christmas presents and you can clear the attic, basement or shed before the influx of Christmas presents.

Feckenham Village Hall will hold a Table Top Sale on Saturday, 17th November at 1.30pm

- and there'll be tea and cakes to help the afternoon along.

If you'd like a table to sell your items please call 892130 or email hall@feckenham.f9.co.uk There's a table charge of £10 - and you keep the profits from your stall - riches beyond your wildest dreams and a clear attic - what more could you ask?!

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NEXT SESSION: Tuesday, 2nd October

Feckenham Readers Group



Thursday, 11th October - 7.45

This Month: THE GIRL WITH SEVEN NAMES

by Hyeonseo Lee

Details from Marion Chute - 892285

Feckenham Forest History Society

THE RIVER WYE

Talk by Brian Draper

Tuesday, 9th October - 7.30pm

Webheath Village Hall

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

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Thursday, 11th October - 7.30pm

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Stock & Bradley GARDENING CLUB

A GARDEN FOR ALL SEASONS

With Diane Clement

Wednesday, 3rd October - 7.30pm

Bradley Village Hall - 01527 821355

Feckenham Churches

HARVEST SUPPER

Saturday 13th October - Feckenham Village Hall

Tickets £12.50 (Children £7)

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The Children's Society

COFFEE MORNING

6th October 10am to 12.30pm

Feckenham Church



Feckenham Cricket Club

BONFIRE & FIREWORKS DISPLAY

Saturday, 3rd November

Fire lit at 6.45pm Fireworks at 7.30pm

FREE entrance - collection to cover costs
Barbecue

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VILLAGE HALL



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TABLE TOP SALE

Saturday, 17th November - 1.30pm

Feckenham Village Hall

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Table fee £10 - the rest of the profit is yours!

Proceeds to Village Hall Improvement Fund



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

WHAT'S ON IN FECKENHAM

FeckenOdeon 2

The Cinema in the Back Room

SIMON RUSSELL BEALE
RUPERT FRIEND
MICHAEL PALIN



A FILM BY
ADRIAN M'CLOUGHLIN
PAUL WHITEHOUSE
JEFFREY TAMBOR

THE DEATH OF STALIN¹⁵

A COMEDY OF TERRORS



Friday, 12th October 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.feckenodeon.co.uk

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FeckenOdeon 2 at Feckenham Village Hall

THE FECKENODEON CINEMA SOCIETY

JAMES STEWART ALFRED HITCHCOCK'S REAR WINDOW

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Saturday, 27th October - 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.feckenodeon.co.uk



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

How well do you know

YOUR VILLAGE?

Drop in to the Village Hall
on Sunday, 25th November between 11am and 3pm
Find out about Feckenham Past, Present and Future
Village organisations, old pictures, useful information... and a cuppa.

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

FeckenOdeon Cinema Society

Ian Bellion



REVOLUTIONARY RUMPUS

In FeckenOdeon 2's first film of the autumn 2 the jokes fly as fast as political fortunes fall in an uproarious, wickedly irreverent satire from Armando Iannucci. When tyrannical dictator Joseph Stalin drops dead, his parasitic cronies square off in a frantic power struggle to be the next Soviet leader. This audacious comedy is a biting funny takedown of bureaucratic dysfunction performed by a sparkling ensemble cast which includes Michael Palin and Simon Russell Beale

"THE DEATH OF STALIN"
at 8pm on Friday, 12th October



DON'T LOOK OUT!

Spying on people was always a risky business but in **"Rear Window"** Alfred Hitchcock shows just how risky it can be. When a photographer (James Stewart) is confined to a wheelchair with a broken leg, he watches his neighbours from his rear window. He suspects a salesman may have murdered his wife and decides to investigate... and that leads to one of the most gripping endings in all of film history. None of Hitchcock's films has given a clearer view of his genius for suspense than this classic thriller.

"REAR WINDOW"
at 7.30pm on Saturday, 27th October

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

Village Hall

Ian Bellion



BUSHWACKERS AND BILLABONGS

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

Sunday, 18th November - 7.30pm:
BUSH GOTHIC

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

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

COMING UP

More Shindig shows are on the way:

Saturday, 2nd February : Noble Jacks

With the fiddle leading the charge, Noble Jacks are out to take no prisoners as they come on with their high-energy footstompin' rhythms which have taken crowds by storm across the UK.

Sunday, 7th April : "Once Upon a Time..."

The hilarious **Gonzo Moose Theatre** return to Feckenham with their latest creation - a retelling of the tales of the Brothers Grimm - a delight for young and old... and everyone in between.

...and, not part of the Shindig scheme:

Sunday, 12th May: Fordante

Phil Mountford's elegant ensemble returns with a brand new show entitled **"From Romance to The Movies"**.



Gonzo Moose's "Once Upon a Time"

Square Management Committee

TREE WANTED



Have you got a pine tree cluttering up your garden - perhaps a live Christmas tree planted years ago that's outgrown its surroundings? If you have, Feckenham Square Management Committee would like to hear from you. For the past few years kind people have given us a tree to grace The Square over Christmas - it saves considerable expenditure and means that we can give all of our Christmas Eve collection to charity (the Air Ambulance). If you can help please email square@feckenham.f9.co.uk or call Ian Ridley on 894010



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Parish Council

BIN SPOTTERS NEEDED

Feckenham Parish Council is now responsible for keeping all the salt bins in the parish topped up. The only problem is that up to now there's been no record of where they all are. The Council wants to make sure that all the bins are filled in the run up to the icy months so would be grateful if people could let us know if there's one hiding nearby. To be clear - it's only the green salt bins - bins of another colour are the County Highways Department's responsibility. Drop the info in an email to clerk.feckenhampc@feckenham.com or call 892522

What's On this month in STOCK & BRADLEY

- 3rd BREAKAWAY**
Tour of Royal Shakespeare Theatre
Leaving at 9am
- 3rd GARDENING CLUB**
A Garden for all Seasons
Village Hall - 7.30pm
- 6th HARVEST SUPPER**
Village Hall - 7.30pm
- NOVEMBER**
- 17th QUIZ NIGHT**
Village Hall - 7.30pm

For more information see
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THE FECKENHAM PULSE

Swansbrook Radio is tiny by comparison to the national and regional stations - but that leaves it free to concentrate on the stories that matter to Feckenham people - like the recent council refuse crisis when residents were left with overflowing bins for weeks on end. Swansbrook got to the truth of the matter by holding Borough Councillor Craig Warhurst to account. Swansbrook may not be able to respond as rapidly to stories as it would like - the volunteer "staff" all have other things in their lives - but stories can be thoroughly investigated and reported on. If you spot anything that you think your local radio station should be reporting you only have to send an email to radio@swansbrook.com - we can only report on what we know about!

MUSIC AND MADNESS

Swansbrook's lighter side is well represented by three frequently updated programme strands. If you remember winkle pickers and Juke Box Jury you'll love **Colin James' A-Z of Pop** - music from the Dansette era presented by a pirate radio veteran. On the other side of the musical tracks is **Chris Fletcher** who has just completed her second **Classical Swansbrook** programme - favourite classics with the stories that go with them. There's a new **Happy Hour with Ian Bellion** every week - and that's where you'll hear about local entertainments and events - and there are snippets of things you may have missed - even the odd recipe!

LISTEN TO THE SWANS

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

FECKENHAM'S OWN Local Radio
www.swansbrook.com

Feckenham Cricket Club



Bob Gordon

BY the time that you read this the season will be over (the final senior league games take place on September 15th). It has been a mixed season for the three seniors, with the first and second teams due to finish mid-table. As both are in the top-most division of the Worcestershire County League this is of course no mean feat but the club has high aspirations, but unavailability for players has challenged the club during 2018.

For the 2019 season, major changes are taking place that will involve the Birmingham & District Cricket League being reduced to two divisions (Premier and Division One) with teams that do not finish high enough falling back into a restructured "county" league, e.g. Worcestershire, Warwickshire etc.

Alongside this, the Worcestershire County League will be reorganised into a Premier Division and Divisions 1-7. Where Feckenham Cricket Club's first and second teams will fit is to be confirmed, while the third team is likely to move into regional division 8 or 9. All depends upon final league positions and qualifying criteria. Fortunately, the first team have had a great few weeks.

The first team hosted Colwall on 18th August, were put into bat and made 217 (Andy Kings 81) but this was a target comfortably reached by the visitors. At Pedmore the following week, the home side were dismissed for 217 (Tom Coulson 4 for 61) inside 42 overs. A good all-round batting performance saw our lads home within 41 overs, the bulk of the runs being scored by Jamie Griffiths (60), Will Davies (52) and Muhammad Idrees (49). This was followed by a very good win over Stourport, who were sitting in 2nd place in the league. Another solid batting performance saw FCC set a target of 217 (Josh Stacey 58) which Stourport never looked like reaching. This was largely due to Josh Stacey strengthening his claim to be the club's all rounder by taking 6 wickets for 21, a marvelous achievement. The penultimate game of the league season resulted in a victory at Evesham, the home team being demolished by Tom Coulson's bowling (7 for 65) and the total being reached in the 24th over. This

leaves the team in fifth position in Division One – which is understood to mean that in the 2019 season would be in the new Premier Division. The second team has suffered from loss of players to the first team and recent matches have largely been a struggle. A heavy defeat at Colwall was brightened somewhat by a spirited 115 from young Fraser Duggan and the team went back to winning ways at home to Pedmore the following week. The visitors fielded a number of youngsters and were dismissed for 58, Paul Hird taking 4 wickets for only 10 runs. In response FCC reached the total in just 9 overs, Peter Monk (30) and ever-reliable Andy Kings (24) scoring the runs. The match finished mid-afternoon and was one of the shortest games that I have witnessed at Mill Lane. Unfortunately, a weakened team lost convincingly at Stourport the following week, never coming close to the target of 275, despite veteran Peter Monk again showing what he can do with the bat by hitting 42. The penultimate game at home to Droitwich Spa was abandoned due to the damp pitch, leaving the team hovering just above the relegation places. In the final game at Coombs Wood, a result no worse than those of Cookley and Pedmore is required.

The third team finished a very good season with a flourish, beginning with a fine win at Five Ways Old Edwardians who will have regretted putting our team in to bat as they set a stiff target of 303 (Jon Dean 130, captain Alex Hardy 67 not out). The shell-shocked home team were dispatched within 21 overs for 115, Matt Rowberry taking 4 wickets for 36 runs. The final game was conceded by Pedmore and the team finished in third place in Division 8 (North), a very creditable achievement. Our juniors have had an amazing 2018. The Under-9 team almost swept the board, winning the Group and District Finals and finishing runners up to a very strong Himley team on the last ball of the County Final. What an achievement, particularly the wins over teams from our larger local rivals Astwood Bank, Alvechurch and Barnt Green along the way.

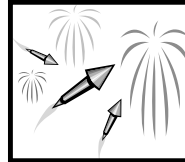
The Under 11s also had an amazing season, defeating Redditch en route to reaching the County Final. Himley edged the final but the team can be very proud. The Under 13s team is the route for boys and girls and four of them to play senior cricket and four have turned out for the thirds and even the second teams.

It looks as though the third team will continue to play their “home” matches at Studley High School

as the club has heard the the appeal against planning permission to play cricket in a field off Moors Lane was unsuccessful. It is perplexing that permission is even needed to play a handful of cricket matches in a farmer's field, let alone that this is not encouraged.

Our latest equipment problem is resolved, when removal of the drive cover from the 40-year old Allett mower revealed two broken chains. Fortunately, our box of chains and parts provided the links needed to effect a repair.

On the ground, we will have carried out the annual scarification of the wickets, which is followed by re-seeding and then a dressing of loam. This prepares the square for the following season. Mowing will continue into late October or even November, or until the grass stops growing. Finally, the annual Feckfest music festival took place on the Sunday of August Bank Holiday weekend, unfortunately a day that produced rain showers until late afternoon. This obviously deterred a number of people and so attendance was well down on last year. Those that did venture out were however treated to some excellent music and a great choice of food and drink. Planning for 2019 starts very soon!



The annual **firework display** this year takes place on Saturday **November 3rd**. As usual, the bonfire will be lit at around 6:45pm and the fireworks start at approximately 7:30pm. There will be a BBQ and other attractions. As usual this will involve no admission fee although a bucket collection is carried out to gather funds for the following year's event. Please be aware that no sparklers are allowed.

Regarding the bonfire, we welcome donations of wood, pallets etc. but please, **ONLY** in the week leading up to the event, when materials may be dropped off at the corner of the ground furthest down Mill Lane.

Although cricket is now finished for another year the clubhouse will be open Thu-Sun over the winter and anyone who wishes to join as a social member is welcome to pay us a visit.

Stock & Bradley Gardening Club

Rob Cole

NEXT CLUB MEETING - Wednesday 3rd October - 7:30pm is a talk by Diane Clement entitled 'A Garden for all Seasons'. Diane is the co-ordinator of the Alpine Garden Society seed exchange scheme and is a keen grower of all garden plants, not just alpiners. Her talk will seek to show a wide range of garden plants which will give interest for each season.

The regular monthly Competition theme will be 'Two Different Asters'. To take part, just bring along an exhibit for judging by the speaker. Every entry will win a point, and 1st, 2nd, and 3rd will be awarded additional points. The member with the most number of points in the year will be awarded a prize of a year's subscription to the Gardening Club, at the AGM in December.

The following meeting - Wednesday 7th November 2018 - 7:30pm will be a welcome return by Duncan Coombs, who will give a talk entitled 'Bulbs for a Spring Display'. Duncan is a retired horticultural lecturer from Pershore College and for this talk he will concentrate on choosing and looking after bulbs which will give a colourful start to the growing season. The regular monthly Competition theme will be 'Three Stems of Hedgerow Fruit (the same or different)'.

Club meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month at the Village Hall, Church Road, Bradley Green starting at 7.30pm, and are free to members for an annual subscription of £8.00 for 2018. Visitors are made very welcome and may attend for £3.00 per meeting.

If you require any further information, ring Dinny Pynsent (Secretary) on 01527 821355 or Rob Cole

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We meet in the Village Hall Back Room at **7.30pm on Thursday 11th October** when Sally Beech will talk to us on "Colour your Future". What everyone needs to know - finding the most flattering colour for yourself. And for a bit of a change we will have a competition on this of "My Favourite Scarf" There will be light refreshments, visitors welcome (£4)

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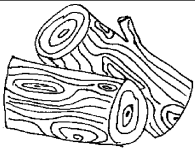
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