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# OCTOBER Diary



Sat/Sun 1st & 2nd	11.30am - 4.30pm	Scarecrow Weekend	Village
Tues 4th	12.30am	Lunch Club	Village Hall, Back Room
Wed 5th	7.30pm	Stock & Bradley Gardening Club	Bradley Village Hall
Sat 8th	7pm	Harvest Supper	Village Hall
Sun 9th	11am	Harvest Festival	Parish Church
Sun 9th	7.30pm	Shindig Performance	Village Hall
Thur 13th	7.30pm	Feckenham WI	Back Room Village Hall
Fri 14th	8pm	FeckenOdeon-2	Back Room Village Hall
Tues	7.30pm	Feckenham Forest History Society	Village Hall
Sat 22nd	7pm	"Postie" Celebration	Rose & Crown
Sat 29th	7.30pm	FeckenOdeon	Village Hall
Sun 30th	16:00:00	Parish Memorial Service	Parish Church

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# Church Services OCTOBER

PARISH CHURCH  
of ST. JOHN  
THE BAPTIST



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## Readers and intercessors



### Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup>

Trinity 19

### 11.00am Sung Eucharist

Lamentations I: 1-6

2 Timothy I: 1-14

Intercessor

Kat Powles  
Fiona Carter  
Ian Hunter

### Sunday 9<sup>th</sup>

Trinity 20

### 8.00am Holy Communion

Ephesians 5: 15-21

John Pulsford

### 11.00am Harvest Festival

### Sunday 16<sup>th</sup>

Trinity 21

### 6.30 pm Evensong

Jeremiah 31: 27-34

Luke 18: 1-8

Intercessor

Jenny Snel  
David Street  
Mark Wheatley

### Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup>

Trinity 22

### 11.00am Family Communion

2 Timothy 4: 6-8, 16-18

Intercessor

Carol Price  
Cyril Warrilow

### Sunday 30<sup>th</sup>

All Saints Sunday

### 10.30am Group service at Crowle

### 4.00pm Memorial and Thanksgiving Service

All are welcome for this service to remember and give thanks for the lives of those to whom we were close and have died.

## 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](mailto: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

# Thought for the month

Rev. Wyn Beynon

Dear Friends,

I need to write about two different issues this month. One is our churchyards. All our churchyards are beautiful places full of memories. Some of those memories are sad and some are happy. Such is life and our holding of those we have loved and lost in our minds. Churchyards, as their resting place, hold all these emotions. The responsibility for the care and maintenance of the churchyard rests with the Rector and PCC of each parish. We are responsible for making sure that the churchyard rules are adhered to. These rules are common to all Church of England churchyards, with very minor local variation.

One of the shifts in our society over the past 25 years has been in the way we demonstrate grief. Many of you will remember the way in which Princess Diana's death showed a public emotion in England that was quite different to the stiff-upper-lip restraint of previous generations. Our churchyards now contain memorials that would not have been acceptable years ago and many families add small objects of personal significance as well as pots of flowers and also solar lights that glow at night. All of this is in keeping with the more expressive and individualistic culture of our day. Over the next few months the PCC will be looking at this afresh and we will ensure that everyone is aware of the guidelines that we are expected, by the Church of England, to manage the churchyard. As the Rector I still have the duty to ensure that the churchyards are maintained and managed for the benefit of everyone, whilst acknowledging that at any one time there will be several individual families wishing to express their grief through the way they keep their loved one's grave.

The second issue is different.. Or is it? We try, as much as possible, to ensure that our churches are open each day so that people can not only visit the churchyard but also go inside. When does quiet thought become a prayer?

When does wondering or longing become something more? Prayer is not a set of words, but noticing our deepest longings. Sometimes all we can do is let thought deep thoughts be. That is prayer, or at least an aspect of prayer which is more important than saying words. For those who might want to explore silent prayer we meet every 3rd Thursday in the month at St Mary de Wyche 7.30pm - 8.15pm and ½ hour of that is silence. Why not come and share it? October - 20th, November 17th and just for December, the 2nd week: 8th!

Best wishes, Wyn

## The Parish Memorial and Thanksgiving Service

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2016

4.00pm

St John The Baptist Church ,  
Feckenham

with refreshments afterwards

This is a special, annual, service to remember and give thanks for the lives of all the people to whom we were close and have died. They may have been interned in the churchyard or elsewhere; recently or a long time ago. It is still good to remember and give thanks. At the service, the names of those departed will be read out, remembered and there will be an opportunity to light a candle in their honour.

To have your loved one's name remembered, please put the details on the list that is available in Feckenham Church by the 25<sup>th</sup> October 2016. Alternatively, email or call the Reverend Gary Crellin on [revgarycrellin@gmail.com](mailto:revgarycrellin@gmail.com) or 07708 488705 (text or message) to have the required name to be added to the list. The service is open to all.



# Teams4u Shoeboxes for Christmas 2016 Appeal

Gary Crellin

United Parish of Stoke Prior, Upton Warren and Wychbold with Feckenham and Bradley Green

**Teams4u Christmas Shoe Box Appeal - Changing Lives - One Box At A Time**  
Something to do over half term, perhaps?

The parish churches are joining forces with our local first schools with Feckenham (and the village nursery), Stoke Prior and Wychbold to help vulnerable children and their families in Romania this Christmas.

We are going to work with Teams 4 U and the Smiles Foundation to pack up as many shoe boxes as we can with Christmas and everyday items to make their lives a bit better over Christmas.

Leaflets and posters will be available in school and in the churches. These will suggest what you can pack and how to do it! You can pack a box for a boy or girl (two age ranges to choose from) or consider compiling a "family" or older person's box. You can choose!

The key date is **WEDNESDAY 16<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2016**. ALL boxes need to be in school or any of our churches by this date in order that they can be checked and packed for distribution.

This year, Reverend Gary is going out to Romania to distribute the boxes and will come back to tell you how your efforts were appreciated.

Please help these people and vulnerable children in Romania the best you can by spending half term filling a shoe box. Your shoe box will be a gift of hope. It will tell them that whilst we are enjoying OUR festivities, THEY are also not forgotten. Someone, somewhere, cares. Thank you

**Reverend Gary Crellin**

Stoke Prior, Wychbold & Upton Warren churches, with Bradley Green and Feckenham churches

## COTTON REELS •FOR TUNGULI

Do you have any unused and unwanted reels of sewing machine cotton? If so, Mission Morogoro would value them for the next sewing training course being run for women in Tunguli village, Tanzania and will take them out on their next visit in November.

## CELEBRATION

Parish Councillors and other friends of retiring postie Neville Collis have arranged to have an event "to celebrate, and thank him" for some 30 years of service to the village. This is set to be on **Saturday 22nd October 2016 at the Rose and Crown, at 7pm**. Everybody is welcome - there are collection boxes in the pub if you wish to contribute.

## Rous Lench & Inkberrow R.B.L. POPPY APPEAL 2016

### Coffee mornings 10.30-noon

22<sup>nd</sup> Oct - Old Bull Inkberrow

29<sup>th</sup> Oct - Boot Flyford

1<sup>st</sup> Nov - Wheelbarrow & Castle Radford

### A Night to Remember

12<sup>th</sup> Nov. 7.30pm Inkberrow Village Hall

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Mr Whitfield 01386 792418

Mr Bonehill 01905 381559

Mr Hunt 01527 853116

## Village Hall

Philip Tricklebank



The annual painting day of the village hall was a resounding success.

A great community effort helped to carry out the task.

The Committee would like to express its grateful thanks to all who joined in and supported us, including but not exclusively, Fiona and Jeremy, Alan and Jan, Geraldine, Sandra, John and Cathy.

The Village Hall now looks sparkling and fresh for the start of another year of events and functions.

Thanks in anticipation of your continued support.

Phil

## Feckenham

## Parish Council

### COUNCILLOR VACANCIES

There are now two vacancies for councillors on Feckenham Parish Council. For details of how to stand for election or co-optation please contact the Clerk to the Council : Sean Arble on 01789 490501 or email [clerk.feckenhampc@feckenham.com](mailto:clerk.feckenhampc@feckenham.com)

St John the Baptist Feckenham

# Harvest Festival

Sunday 9th  
October

11am



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The Village Shop, Carol Onions or  
Ann Matthews



# From the Rural Dean

Sheila Banyard

## Archbishop of Canterbury's visit

There may still be opportunity to get tickets to hear Archbishop Justin in conversation with Jeremy Vine at the Worcester Arena on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm. For details of this and other events during the Archbishop's visit to the Diocese of Worcester go to [www.cofe-worcester.org.uk/archbishops-visit](http://www.cofe-worcester.org.uk/archbishops-visit)

## Church then, Church now

Would you be interested in a short series exploring the Acts of the Apostles this autumn? It's for anyone who would like to build on some previous study of the bible to look at the origins of the Church, at what we might learn for the Church of today, as well as for our own lives. There would be six evening sessions on Tuesdays in Droitwich starting on 18<sup>th</sup> October. Let me know if you would like more details.

## World church companions

The Open Forum session at deanery synod on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October will offer an opportunity to hear about the Diocese of Worcester's companion links with the Anglican Diocese of Peru and the Anglican Diocese of Morogoro, Tanzania, as well as the ecumenical link with the Propstei of Magdeburg-Halberstadt in Germany. These links remind us that we are part of a community that stretches way beyond our usual horizons and we look forward to reflecting on how they enrich local church life. The meeting is at Salwarpe Village Hall, Copcut Lane, Salwarpe WR9 0AH, 7.15pm for 7.30pm, and all are welcome.

## Time for you at Holland House

Places are still available for the deanery quiet(ish) day at lovely Holland House, near Pershore, on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November, 10am to 4pm. Led by Canon David Rogers, the theme is the Good Samaritan and there will be time to listen, reflect, talk and relax in supportive

company and surroundings. The cost will be £15 to include coffee, lunch and tea. Booking is essential – please contact me if you would like to reserve a place.

Sheila Banyard – 01905 773134 or [rddroitwich@gmail.com](mailto:rddroitwich@gmail.com)

## SCARECROW WEEKEND



## SCARY FUN

**Feckenham Scarecrow Weekend** is on **Saturday and Sunday, 1st and 2nd October** and the Scarecrows will be on parade from 11.30am to 4.30pm each day. There'll be a Scarecrow Trail to follow with free maps handed out at the start on The Square - where you'll also find the (in)famous pink Tea Tent with a mouthwatering array of cakes to be washed down with tea, coffee or soft drinks. There'll also be the ever popular PhotoCrow, a Stone the Crows game for youngsters to enjoy, Mrs Whippy's ices and it's even rumoured that the scariest scarecrow of all - he moves, he speaks, he scares - Willum the Conquerer is heading back to Feckenham. If you're planning to enter a Scarecrow... you're too late - the maps and competition lists went to press on 27<sup>th</sup> September - so all that can be done is relax and enjoy the fun.

## SCARY HELP!

The Wake Committee and Entertainments Committee are working together on this one but, despite the doubling of forces, we could still do with some help - if you can spare an hour or so over the weekend to help with the handing out of maps, serving of teas, etc we'd love to hear from you. Call Marion on 892285 or e-mail [entertain@feckenham.f9.co.uk](mailto:entertain@feckenham.f9.co.uk) to see how you can help.

# Village Shop

Jeff Matthews

Here's a serving suggestion based on some ingredients you can find in the shop. First some Delphi sun ripened tomato salad, then maybe quinoa edamame and corn salad and then from the same producer some lovely dips Taramosalata, lemon & coriander houmous and chargrilled red pepper, and as an accompaniment hand baked wafers and assorted breadsticks. Sounds like a great idea for an informal lunch.

And if all that sounds rather complicated there are always the snack pots, and you can find those in the chiller.

This month's Cafe special – the return of the teacake and hot drink £2.50. A perennial favourite with the hoards of hungry cyclists we seem to entertain these days. A lightly toasted teacake with a hot drink of your choice. All for £2.50.

We have an amazing group of volunteers who have mostly been with us from the start but still need a few extra hands particularly on weekends. So if you can give a little time to join our friendly teams please let us know.

# Village Hall

Improvement Fund 2015/16



## August Winners

66	Doris Burley	£25
163	Lisa Brock	£15
135	Angela Fletcher	£10

## September Winners

150	Jane Bird	£25
63	Chris Fletcher	£15
61	Howard & Liz Bellaby	£10

The October Draw will be held in the Village Hall at 8.00 pm on Tuesday 4th October 2016

# 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 to start planning.

For those unfamiliar with the card scheme, instead of sending lots of cards to people you see all the time, you make a donation and send a message (each in it's own box with up to 20 words) to your friends and neighbours. A card is delivered to everyone with the December Feckenham News. I have room for a maximum of 44 messages, first come first served! I will need entries by 14th November.

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 £715 to Syrian Refugees through Oxfam thanks to a full card and your generosity.

Example message & size of box

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

..... & ..... .....

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

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

or

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

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

Jane White


# WHAT'S ON IN FECKENHAM



First Tuesday of every month from 8pm  
NEXT SESSION: Tuesday, 4th October

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Feckenham Readers Group  
Wednesday, 5th October - 7.45  
This month's book: THE TRUMPET MAJOR  
by Thomas Hardy  
Details from Marton Chute - 892285



Feckenham Forest History Society

**ALFRED'S WESSEX**

with Bernard Pumphrey

Tuesday, 11th October - 7.30pm  
Feckenham Village Hall

[www.feckenham-forest-history-society.org.uk](http://www.feckenham-forest-history-society.org.uk)


Feckenham  
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1st & 2nd OCTOBER

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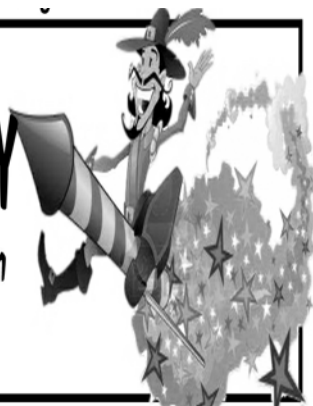


Feckenham Cricket Club

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FREE entrance - collection to cover costs - Barbecue



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# WHAT'S ON IN FECKENHAM

## FeckenOdeon 2 The Cinema in the Back Room



Friday, 14th October at 8pm

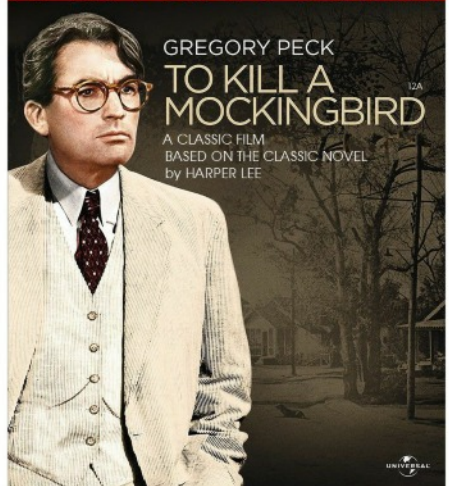
Tickets £5 (FeckenOdeon Members £3.50)  
from The Village Shop and The Rose & Crown, Feckenham  
or book by phone on 0333 666 3366 or online\* at  
[www.feckenodeon.co.uk](http://www.feckenodeon.co.uk)

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



FeckenOdeon 2 at Feckenham Village Hall

## THE FECKENODEON CINEMA SOCIETY



Saturday, 29th October - 7.30pm

at The FeckenOdeon Cinema in Feckenham Village Hall  
Tickets: £5 from The Rose & Crown and Village Shop, Feckenham  
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# The FeckenOdeon Cinema Society



## GOING GOING GOA!

The first FeckenOdeon 2 film of the autumn is a storming Bollywood Comedy set in a village in Goa. When Ferdie, the old postmaster, realises that his proposal to Fanny Fernandez never got delivered 50 years ago he sets out to find out what her answer would have been in **“Finding Fanny” - showing on Friday, October 14th at 8pm.**

The journey is undertaken in the village's only car... once its usual population of chickens has been evicted... and in the company of Angie (a young widow who became a widow by an unfortunate accident with a wedding cake), Angie's Mother in Law, Rosie Eucharista (a forthright lady), Savio (a young man with no sense of direction) and Don Pedro Cleto Colaco (a failed artist with a wandering eye). Needless to say the journey is eventful... and hilarious.

This is a Bollywood film but it's set and filmed in Goa, formerly a Portuguese colony, where many people are Christian and paradoxically speak English... of a sort. We're hedging our bets and will be presenting the film with "SuperTitles®" - English titles at the top of the picture.

At the time of writing tickets are selling fast - book soon to avoid disappointment!



## JUSTICE AND COURAGE

Every actor longs for a role that will be remembered long after they've spoken their last line. Gregory Peck's portrayal of small town lawyer, Atticus Finch, in **“To Kill a Mockingbird”** is such a role. Peck was known for middleweight characters and this one gives him a chance to really show what he can do.

Harper Lee's novel had struck a chord in the early 1960s when the US Civil Rights movement was just getting into its stride. The story of the black man accused of a terrible crime in a town where lynch law ruled is still incredibly strong. The lawyer defends him when no-one else will. It's a courtroom drama of sorts - but it's stronger than that because we learn about the lawyers home life, his children... and the effect the trial has upon them. It's perhaps one of the greatest films of its time and it stands the test of time. The publication last year of the author's "sequel" "Go Set a Watchman" has prompted interest in the original film and it has been beautifully restored for this re-release.

**“To Kill a Mockingbird” - Saturday, 29th October at 7.30pm.**

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

# Square Management Committee

## TREE NEEDED

Every Christmas the Square is graced by a large, cheerfully decorated Christmas tree.

We've been fortunate is the last few years in that

we've been invited to fell and use trees that have overgrown their welcome in private gardens. We're on the look out for one for this year. If you have a suitable tree we'll chop it down and take it away... or, if you're feeling generous, we'd be delighted to accept a donation towards a commercially grown one. Please give us a call if you think you can help - 892130 - or e-mail [square@feckenham.f9.co.uk](mailto:square@feckenham.f9.co.uk) Many thanks.... and Merry Christmas!

PS: Carols on The Square, Christmas Eve, 6.30pm - carols, mulled wine and mince pies. Put it in your diary!



# Village Hall

Ian Bellion



## GET READY TO BANGRA!

At the beginning of October we're expecting an injection of colour and vitality into the darkening October nights. On **Sunday, 9th October** Northumberland Theatre Company, one of the UK's best touring outfits, will present **"How to Make a Killing in Bollywood"**. Described as a musical comedy, this lively show follows the fortunes of a group of restaurant workers as they bid to make their fortunes in India's answer to tinsel town. As ever, the road to riches is paved with potholes!

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## HALLOWEEN CRACKERS!

Halloween this year is inconveniently on a Monday - so the Village Hall is going to celebrate it on **Sunday, 30th October** with a fantastic band - the like of which Feckenham has never seen before!

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*"I asked one member of the audience how they would describe the band's style and they said. "It would be like trying to pin a tale on a bucking bronco." Sums things up rather nicely."* Yorkshire Post  
**"Holy Moly & The Crackers" - Sunday, 30th October at 7.30pm**

These are the first two of the Village Hall's series of 5 professional shows. You can buy a season ticket for all 5 for £45 - a saving of £5 against the regular ticket price of £10 per show.

## HAVE FUN AND RAISE FUNDS

These performances, while designed to be fun, have a serious purpose. The money raised at the bar and the small profit on the show itself help to keep the Hall in business and to keep hire fees to village organisations at an affordable level. So, all you have to do to help keep your community alive is to come along and enjoy a show - not a hardship really!

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Swansbrook Radio suffered a bit of a calamity in September. All was going well ... that should have been a warning because quite suddenly one morning... plo! We fell off the air. The transmission computer had decided to do what computers frequently do and go into an intense sulk... and not only that... it was sulking in an inaccessible room somewhere in the South of England (where it lives because the Broadband in Feckenham is so unreliable). The custodian of the machine had gone on his holidays and nobody had the key. We sincerely apologise to our regular listeners for this hiatus - but we're back on now with a vengeance! New programmes all round to entertain and inform.

**SWANCROWS**

Swansbrook Radio is delighted to be sponsoring the Scarecrow Weekend's Trail Maps. We're making an exhibit as well - the realistic one's Ian Bellion, the frightening one's Stuart Knowles and the downright spooky one's Dr Paul Furey

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# Feckenham Cricket Club

Bob Gordon



Before covering the cricket, a quick word about the annual firework display which this year is almost certain to take place on Friday November 4<sup>th</sup> – more details will follow in next month's magazine.

By the time that you read this the cricket season will be over – and what a season it has been, with an exciting but tense finish. With 2 games to play the first team faced Lye on a dull rainy day and managed to get the game underway late, losing the toss and being asked to bat, we declared at 249 for 9. The rain then returned and it looked very unlikely that the game could resume, needing to finish by around 7pm. At just after 6, Lye took the field and in under 11 overs they had been dismissed for 59 runs, Tom Coulson taking 6 for 23 and Matt Henning 4 for 19. This provided a priceless 24 points, as Chaddesley Corbett could only manage 9 and so with one match to go against Enville, 5 points are needed to guarantee promotion to Division One of the Worcestershire County League for the first time since 1999.

Preceding this, the first team had victories over Worcester Dominies, Alvechurch & Hopwood and Wormelow but have been frustrated by the game at Bromyard being called off and the home match against Evesham resulting in a "losing draw" in a game foreshortened by rain. The club earned 10 points which edged us ahead of Chaddesley Corbett but it demonstrated the arcane rules that govern matches that are cut short by weather – think Duckworth-Lewis!

It was however a tribute to the club groundsmen, Steve Daniels and Neil Evans that the match took place at all, being one of only two club matches that took place in the West Midlands region on that particular Saturday.

The first team standouts in August have been Jamie Griffiths with another half-century against Worcester with Josh Stacey not far behind on 46 while Tom and Mitch each took 3 wickets. Jamie hit 93 against Alvechurch, with notable contributions from Muhammad Idrees (62), Danny Bloomer (39) and Jamie Reddish who scored 48 as the number 7. Tom again took 3 wickets and

Matt Henning 2, continuing his good run as an all-rounder.

Against Wormelow, Muhammad hit 87, Mitch again took 3 wickets while Neil Evans bamboozled their batsmen with his slow looping deliveries and took 3 himself. In the tense rain-affected game against Evesham the runs were evenly spread and bowling highlights were the 3 wickets each for Tom, Neil and Matt.

The second team have led their league for some time now and hold a 46-point lead as at 9<sup>th</sup> September, promotion looking a certainty. The team has been strong this year with fine batting from Muhammad and Nick Reddish (half-centuries) and a century from Craig Bird in the last month. Amongst the wickets for the second team have been Ed Wormington, Yasir Mehmood and Ryan Humphries. Perhaps the highlight game was the important win against Bromyard in which Yasir took 5 wickets and Andy Kings hit 61 not out.

The club even reached the final of the Canterbury Plate knock-out competition at Kidderminster against local rivals Redditch. Unfortunately, this was not to be Feckenham's day, losing the T20 game on a fine sunny afternoon.

The annual charity fund-raiser - FeckFest - took place on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> August and around 500 people enjoyed mainly good weather and a wide range of music during afternoon and evening. There were many children in attendance, who enjoyed the bouncy castle, Zubes and face-painting while the adults managed to almost drink the real ale and cider dry with the BBQ totally sold out late in the evening. The cricket match between Bridley Moor and St Augustines was a lot of fun and the feedback from those present was that this was the best Feckfest yet. Some of the proceeds will be going to Primrose Hospice. Finally, thanks to Lionel Hill who was kind enough to make one of his fields available for parking.

The season is now over but we are already looking ahead to 2017. The big challenge is to raise a third team – a requirement if as expected the first team is promoted to Division 1.

**IF YOU MIGHT LIKE TO PLAY CRICKET, DO NOT BE SHY, COME DOWN TO THE CLUB ANY WEEKEND AND ASK AT THE BAR - OR CALL NEIL EVANS ON 07985 214850.**

The clubhouse will be open Thu-Sun over the winter so if you would like to see what we have to offer just drop in. Finally, thanks to all who have supported the club over the season and we look forward to welcoming you back in spring 2017.

# Stock & Bradley Gardening Club

Dinny Pynsent

## Wednesday October 5th at 7.30pm.

Our talk will be given by Tamsin Westhorpe and is entitled 'Life as Editor of The English Garden'

Tamsin has been editor of the English Garden gardening magazine but she is now based at Stocktonbury Garden in Herefordshire (which the Gardening Club visited in 2015) where she is one of the gardening team, she is also a freelance writer. She will talk about her life as a gardener and magazine editor, and her role at Stocktonbury which will be lighthearted and informative so we can all look forward to an enjoyable evening.

Our monthly competition is entitled "Autumn Leaves". The speaker will act as judge and every entry will win a point. 1st 2nd and 3rd entries will gain additional points. The member with the most points at the end of the year will be awarded a year's free subscription to the Gardening Club at the December meeting.

## The next Club meeting is on Wednesday November 2nd at 7.30pm.

Vivienne McGhee is a past Chairman of the Hardy Plant Society and she will talk about plants she has tried in her own garden in Worcestershire to see which have proved hardy for her. The title of her talk is 'Hardy or not so Hardy.'

*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 please ring Dinny Pynsent (Secretary) on 01527 821355 or Rob Cole (Chairman) on 01527 821156*

# Feckenham W.I.

Jane White



## Our meeting this month is on 13th October.

Ron Gallivan will be talking to us about the history and culture of "The Amish People". 7.30pm in the Back Room of the Village Hall - visitors very welcome, £4 including refreshments.

We have two theatre visits this month -

**"Half a Sixpence" on 5th October** at The Palace Theatre, Redditch

**"South Pacific" on 18th October** at The Swan Theatre, Worcester.

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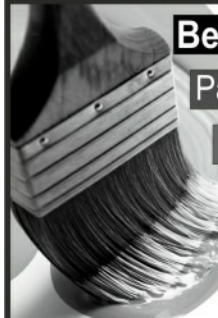
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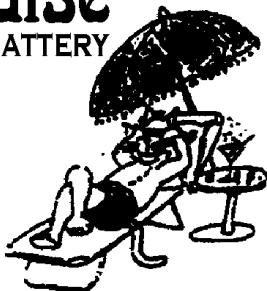
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