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|           |                   |                                  |                            |
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| Sun 4th   | 7.30pm            | “A Wife or the Gallows”          | Village Hall               |
| Tues 6th  | 12.30             | Lunch Club                       | Village Hall,<br>Back Room |
| Wed 7th   | 10.30am<br>- noon | “Drop in” for coffee and a chat  | Parish Church              |
| Wed 7th   | 7.30pm            | Stock & Bradley Gardening Club   | Bradley Village Hall       |
| Thur 8th  | 7.30pm            | Feckenham WI                     | Back Room<br>Village Hall  |
| Sat 10th  | 7pm               | Harvest Supper                   | Village Hall               |
| Sun 11th  | 11.30am           | Harvest Festival All Age Worship | Parish Church              |
| Tues 13th | 7.30pm            | Feckenham Forest History Society | Feckenham Village Hall     |
| Fri 16th  | 8pm               | FeckenOdeon-2                    | Back Room<br>Village Hall  |
| Sat 17th  | 2.30pm            | FeckenOdeon-2 Family Film        | Back Room<br>Village Hall  |
| Wed 21st  | 10.30am<br>- noon | “Drop in” for coffee and a chat  | Parish Church              |
| Sat 31st  | 7.30pm            | FeckenOdeon                      | Village Hall               |

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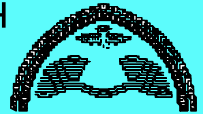


## Front Cover

The Church Clock stopped at 12.  
The clock has been in trouble for a while now, and details can be found on page 5.  
Photograph by Ian Bellion

# Church Services SEPTEMBER

PARISH CHURCH  
of ST. JOHN  
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**Priest-in-Charge:** Rev Wyn Beynon

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**Sunday 4th •• 11am •**

**Sung Eucharist**

..... Genesis 2: 18-24 .....  
..... Hebrews 1: 1-4, 2:5-12 .....  
..... Intercessor .....

**Readers and Intercessors**



Pat Onions  
Oliver White  
Carol Onions

**Sunday 11th •• 8am**

**Holy Communion**

•Ephesians 4: 17-32 .....

Cyril Warrilow

**11am**

**All Age Worship - Harvest Service**

**Sunday 18th • 6.30pm**

**Evensong**

..... Isaiah 53: 4-end .....  
..... Mark 10: 35-45 .....  
..... Intercessor .....

Paul Richards  
Carol Price  
Jeff Matthews

**Sunday 25th •• 11am**

**Family Communion**

..... Hebrews 7: 23-end .....  
..... Intercessor .....

Patricia Collins  
Erica Dilger

## “Mixed Bag”

Will be held in Church on Sunday 4th October - a group for young people and activities for younger children. All children will be warmly welcomed.

## Partners in Prayer

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

# Feckenham Roman Catholic Church

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Mass is celebrated every Sunday at 10.15am in the Church

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

## 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 is still to be chosen. 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.)  
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## From the P.C.C.



### The Church Clock

As most of you will know we have been having problems the clock on the church tower in spite of several visits from Smith of Derby with whom we have a maintenance contract. The problem has now been diagnosed as "excessive wear within several of the bearings on the timeside of the movement and also on the tips of the escapement teeth which may have been causing the escapement to run through therefore gaining time quickly". The clock has been stopped with the hands set at 12 o'clock .

Smiths propose that the clock be dismantled and taken to Derby for "the relining of 8 of the timeside bearings including the escapement pallets and wheel and also a replacement escapement wheel". The quotation for this work amounts to £7,164.00 including VAT.

Smiths point out that they overhauled the movement in 1990 when the clock was dismantled and cleaned on site. Subsequently in 2006 the movement was converted to automatic winding and a pendulum regulator installed. We have been told by Smiths that the frame is wrought iron blacksmiths work probably from the late C18th but the mechanism is a little later possibly early C19th. It is conceivable that the escapement which must be replaced could be 200 years old.

The PCC must now decide what should be done. Hopefully grants will be available but the PCC may have difficulty in justifying more than a small proportion of money required.

Ian Hunter

PCC Secretary

# Thought for the month

Rev. Wyn Beynon

Dear Friends,

Getting hard of hearing can be a distressing business. I'm one of the lucky ones, because as my hearing slowly deteriorates I find that I am able to adapt and get by and it doesn't bother me that much.

I'm not really going deaf in the sense that I can't hear anything but my hearing is increasingly impaired. I can still hear sounds. But it gets harder to work out exactly what I'm hearing. So speech can be difficult when there is a lot of background noise. I'm so grateful for an NHS which gives me a hearing aid that really makes a difference. And many of you reading this will know exactly what I'm writing about.

Sounds can be deeply meaningful. The sound of a loved one's voice. The rich tones of a musical instrument. For those of us with oil in our veins the sound of a Rolls Royce Merlin is totally evocative. As a little boy I could tell several aero engines apart by their sounds.

There are other feelings too. Those moments when we just catch a snatch of a tune or a voice or a sound and we are transported back to some happy or sad event. Sounds, like smells, can take us right back to a moment, a place, a person. We may smile with joy at the thought, or hold back a tear.

Other sounds are reassuring. They tell us all is well. The clink of milk bottles at the start of the day tell me that, as the old prayer puts it, "God.. [has] safely brought us to the beginning of this day...."

Sadly I don't enjoy music so much these days because my tinnitus spoils it a bit. But, oddly, I'm not all that bothered. Because I've discovered that making space instead of adding to the noise is a rich and deep thing. It's never silent in my world because the tinnitus hisses, buzzes and whines away. But behind that, somewhere beyond the noise there is something weaving a meaning. Having to abandon the bombardment of noise means I can simply let the sounds be. And there there is a presence. The sound of sheer silence, the cosmic background that tells

me all is well with the symphony of creation. I'm tempted to call it God.

Best wishes,  
Wyn

## The Children's Society

Jo Warrilow



The 'Annual Coffee Morning' planned for Saturday October 17th has had to be cancelled due to ill-health.

**House Boxes** have to be opened during the month of October and I am asking for your help.

I will be - '**At Home with Coffee**' on Saturday **October 17th, 10am - 12noon** when I will be pleased to see you. Or please drop them in by **Tuesday October 20th** closing date. If none of this is convenient and you have a problem please ring -

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Even after my article in the July magazine pleading with dog owners not to let their dogs foul the churchyard I am still finding mess. Twice this month on the Memorial Garden• and in several other places too.

If you go• to the Village Shop and look among the pet food you will find 40 biodegradable bags for £1-50 please buy some and use them and solve this problem. *Carol Onions.*

## Motocross

Villagers may be aware that a Motocross track has opened along the B4090 near Shurnock. I have been informed that if you are disturbed by the noise you can e-mail your complaint to Trevor Chalk who is the Environmental Health Officer at Worcester Regulatory Services in charge of the case. His e-mail address is

[trevor.chalk@worcsregservices.gov.uk](mailto:trevor.chalk@worcsregservices.gov.uk)

This follows a considerable number of complaints from those living nearby.

*Editor*

**"Found on The Square:** A pair of "Episode" ladies glasses - reddish brown, in a case. Contact Ian Ridley on 01527 894010"

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FeckenOdeon 2 at Feckenham Village Hall

## FeckenOdeon 2

The Cinema in the Back Room



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FeckenOdeon 2 at Feckenham Village Hall

## THE FECKENODEON CINEMA SOCIETY

ROBERT MITCHUM in



**THE NIGHT OF THE HUNTER** *A Movie for Halloween\**

a film by CHARLES LAUGHTON 12A  
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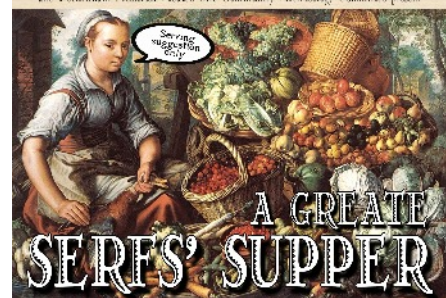
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**Saturday, 31st October - 7.30pm**

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# WHAT'S ON IN FECKENHAM



First Tuesday of every month from 8pm  
NEXT SESSION: Tuesday, 6th October

## Feckenham Readers Group



Wednesday, 7th October - 7.45

This month's book: THE BIG SLEEP  
by RAYMOND CHANDLER  
Details from Marion Chate - 892285

Feckenham Forest History Society

## TUDOR ENGLAND

with Benard Pumphrey

Tuesday, 13th October - 7.30pm

Feckenham Village Hall

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At FECKENHAM VILLAGE HALL

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## Stock & Bradley GARDENING CLUB

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with Bob Brown  
Bradley Village Hall

Wednesday, 7th October - 7.30pm

## Harvest Supper

Saturday, 10th October at 7.00pm - Feckenham Village Hall  
£12.50 adults and £7.00 children

**Pig roast with salads and desserts**

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Tickets from The Village Shop, Ann Matthews and Carol Onions.



## Art Exhibition

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October 24th and 25th - 10.30 - 4.00

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# The FeckenOdeon Cinema Society



## WHEN IS A HILL NOT A HILL?

When it's a mountain! Mountains are just over 1000ft tall - but a Welsh village's only tourist attraction is a mere 999ft. In **"The Englishmen Who Went Up a Hill but Came Down a Mountain"** the villagers try everything to gain mountain status - from artificially building up their asset to distracting the government surveyor with a bogus romance. This is a classic gentle British film with more than a hint of an Ealing Comedy. It stars Hugh Grant, Kenneth Griffith and Tara Fitzgerald - and it's showing in FeckenOdeon 2 on **Friday, October 16th at 8pm.**



## MILLIONS & MILLIONS OF MINIONS!

If you've been living in a cocoon of sophistication for the past couple of years you might not know what a Minion is... erm... it's a sort of little and yellow... erm .... and it's got big eyes, sometimes... and... oh, for goodness sake, they're impossible to describe - the only thing to do is to come along to a family matinee showing of **"Minions"** on **Saturday, 17th October at 2.30pm.** The origin of the Minion species is fully explained and you'll also learn how, throughout the ages, they sought to serve the most vile despots.... but somehow managed to accidentally bump off their cruel masters in the most original and amusing ways. Like most of the FeckenOdeon's family films, there's plenty to amuse all ages - so bring the family... or be brazen and come on your own. There will be laughter! Tickets (£5 / Under 14s & Members £3.50) are on sale now.



## WHERE ARE YOU CHILDREN?

It would be very wrong to describe the FeckenOdeon's Halloween film as a horror film... Its director was far too clever to be bothered with the present day fad for buckets of stage blood and screaming histrionics. **"The Night of The Hunter"** is a cleverly told tale that may well make you a little fearful. It's told through the eyes of a young lad who knows where the proceeds of a robbery are hidden. The only other person who knows about the robbery is a travelling preacher who has "love" tattooed on one hand and "hate" on the other - and he wants that money. There's no supernatural mumbo-jumbo, no special effects... just the knowledge that the preacher is out to get the children.

This is British character actor Charles Laughton's only film as director and he uses his considerable experience to draw us into the web of fear created by Robert Mitchum's unsettling minister. There are also terrific performances from Shelley Winters and veteran silent star Lillian Gish. A tour de force of a movie... you may need a Halloween drink to break the mood afterwards!

Showing on **Saturday, October 31st at 7.30pm**

## OH HORROR! NO ROCKY!

The FeckenOdeon had planned to break new ground by presenting its first ever **late night movie on 31st October.** Sadly, despite initially accepting our booking, the distributors have decided to withdraw "The Rocky Horror Picture Show" from cinema distribution. They've given no reason for this but sadly it means that the show has been **cancelled.** Apologies to fans of the Time Warp - we can do nothing about it.

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# Village Hall

Ian Bellion



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## A WIFE OR THE GALLOWES...

On **Sunday, October 4th at 7.30pm** we welcome the first in the new series of shows from Shindig, Worcestershire's Touring Arts scheme - bringing fine, professional performances to your doorstep.



First up is Northumberland Theatre Company with **"A Wife or The Gallows.... and other Telling Tales"** - A jolly evening of five tale-telling misadventures with comic, swashbuckling and light-hearted traditional stories, linked through character, music and song. No high drama but lots of earthy and good humoured fun.

NTC are no strangers to Feckenham having brought us last year's "Rumpelstiltskin", the hilarious new version of "Whisky Galore" and the moving WWI tribute, "Country Voices"

This new show features popular Northern Tales such as 'A Snowball in June and Midside Maggie's Bannock', 'The Adventures of Launcelot Errington and his Nephew Mark' and other unremembered but highly entertaining classics.



An evening to delight, enchant and entertain with music, song and sackloads of laughs. Stave off the thoughts of the working

week with this Sunday night jollification and sugar the Monday morning pill with memories of merriment!

*Note for parents - children are most welcome but please be aware that the tales can be a bit bawdy.*

## SERFS SUPER SUPPER

Feckenham Entertainments Committee are joining forces with FMMSAC (a very long title for the people looking into the history of Feckenham's Ancient Monument) to raise some money to find out where the King lived... and further back than that. They need to pay for some preliminary work before bidding for big bucks to pay for geophys (and the possible attendance of Tony Robinson?)...

What better way to get the pigs bladder rolling than a **"Greate Medieval Serfs' Supper"**. on **Saturday, November 14th**. You're invited to dress for a night of feasting in a medieval tavern. Join us amid the rough and tumble of a working serf's night out - no fine silks and ermine - more like sackcloth and sawdust. We'll publish a handy guide on how to improvise a medieval look available before the event.



There'll be boisterous musicke and merry mummers - as well as copious quantities of rustic food and drink. Tickets cost 30 Feckels (£15 - including feast and first mug of mead).

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# Stock & Bradley Gardening Club

Rob Cole

**THE NEXT CLUB MEETING Wed. 7th October 2015 at 7.30pm** Our speaker is Bob Brown who will be well known to many of you as the owner of Cotswold Garden Flowers at Badsey, near Evesham. For this talk, entitled 'A Bucketful of Stuff', he will bring along cut material to talk about and entertain us.

The theme for the monthly competition is 'Orange'. To take part, just bring along a floral exhibit for judging by the speaker. Remember that this is NOT a flower arranging competition, and that a single stem can be a winner. 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 forthcoming AGM.

**The next Club meeting - Wed. 4th Nov. at 7.30pm** Our Chairman, Rob Cole, will share his love of growing plants from seed in a talk entitled 'A Passion for Seed'. He will show all aspects of collecting and sowing seed, and will also show how Nature does the job of seed distribution.

*Club meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month at the Village Hall, Church Road, Bradley Green starting at 7.30pm, and are free to members for an annual subscription of £10.00. Visitors are made very welcome and may attend for £3.00 per meeting. If you require any further information, ring Dinny Pynsent (Secretary) on 01527 821355 or Rob Cole (Chairman) on 01527 821156.*

## What's On this month in STOCK & BRADLEY

- |             |   |
|-------------|---|
| <b>7th</b>  | <b>Gardening Club</b><br>Talk by Bob Brown<br>Bradley Green Village Hall - 7.30pm |
| <b>17th</b> | <b>Harvest Supper</b><br>Bradley Green Village Hall - 7pm                         |

For more information see  
**STOCK & BRADLEY CHRONICLE**

## Feckenham W.I.

Jane White



Our meeting this month is on Thursday 8th October, and we shall be welcoming Paul McGuire who will talk on "My experiences as a BBC TV warm up man". This should prove very entertaining.

Visitors are very welcome to join us, we charge £3.50 with very good refreshments!

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

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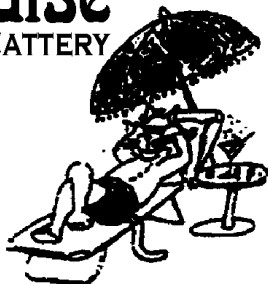
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