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OCTOBER Diary



Wed 1st	8.30pm	Meeting to discuss our ancient monument	Rose & Crown
Wed 1st	7.30pm	Stock & Bradley Gardening Club	Bradley Village Hall
Sat 4th	6pm	“White Hart Morris”	Square
Tues 7th	12.30am	Lunch Club	Village Hall, Back Room
Wed 8th	10.30am - noon	“Drop in” for coffee and a chat	Parish Church
Thur 9th	7.30pm	Feckenham WI	Back Room Village Hall
Fri 10th	8pm	FeckenOdeon-2	Back Room Village Hall
Sat 11th	7pm	Harvest Supper	Village Hall
Sin 12th	11am	Harvest Festival	Parish Church
Tues 14th	7.30pm	Feckenham Forest History Society	Feckenham Village Hall
Sat 18th	10.30am-noon	Children’s Society Coffee Morning	Timber End Cottage, High Street
Sat 18th - Sun 19th	from 11.30am	Scarecrow Weekend	The Village
Wed 22nd	10.30am - noon	“Drop in” for coffee and a chat	Parish Church
Sat 25th	7.30pm	FeckenOdeon	Village Hall
Sun 26th	7.30pm	“My Big Fat Cow Pat Wedding”	Village Hall

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Hedgehog in need of our help
- see p7. Photo by Ian Bellion.

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Church Services OCTOBER

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

Churchwarden: Ann Matthews 01527 892180 **Church website:** www.feckenhamchurch.org.uk

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

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

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

Readers and Intercessors

Sunday 5th
Trinity 16

11-00am Sung Eucharist
Isaiah 5 : vs. 1-7
Philippians 3 : vs. 4b-14
Intercessions

Alison Crellin
Angela Fletcher
Cyril Warrilow



Sunday 12th
Trinity 17

8-00am Holy Communion
Ephesians 4 : vs. 1-6

John Eaton

11-00am FAMILY SERVICE "Sharing God's Harvest"

Sunday 19th
Trinity 18

6-30pm Evensong
Isaiah 45 : vs. 1-7
Matthew 22 : vs. 15-22
Intercessions

Oliver White
Gerry Eost
John Calvert

Sunday 26th
Trinity Last

11-00am Family Communion
1 Thessalonians 2 : vs. 1-8
Intercessions

Ann Matthews
Erica Dilger

X Box Sunday School

Will be held in Church on Sunday 5th October. All children will be warmly welcomed.

Partners in Prayer

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

Feckenham Roman Catholic Church

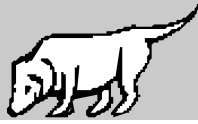
St John Fisher & St. Thomas More



Mass is celebrated every Sunday at 10.15am in the Church

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

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



Weddings

Many congratulations to Wreide Poole and Tehmi Cirrone who were married at Feckenham church on August 15th by Rev Wyn Beynon. The bride was attended by two adult bridesmaids and by the couple's 5 year old daughter Bella and 18 month old son Lucca who both looked adorable! There were also two bestmen to look after the groom.

The reception was held at the Abbey Hotel in Redditch and the honeymoon was spent in Lanzarote. The newly weds had the first week to themselves then flew back to collect their children before returning to Lanzarote to complete their holiday together.

Wreide and Tehmi met at school in Hall Green and have been together for 17 years. They came to Feckenham five years ago and are very much part of the village community.

They would like to thank all the people who helped to make the wedding day so successful. In particular the ladies who arranged the flowers, Slade Arthur for the vintage car, Arthur Hind for photographs, Ann Matthews for general management and also Lucas Wright from The Forest who opened early to cater for the groom's party and Matt and Mel from the Rose and Crown who looked after the guests before the wedding.

Wreide particularly appreciated the impromptu choir of village children who serenaded him on his way to the church with a rendering of "Going to the Chapel"!!

Many congratulations to Katie Guy, only daughter of Angela and Richard Fletcher who married Kaj David on Saturday 30th August. The wedding took place in Feckenham Parish Church and was officiated by Rev. Sue Barrett, a family friend. Katie's three cousins were bridesmaids and Kaj's two young nieces were flower girls. The reception was held in the Guesten Hall at Avoncroft Museum and the couple honeymooned in Mauritius. They will continue to live and work in Hertfordshire.

They would like to thank the church flower group for the beautiful church flowers and also the choir and bell ringers who helped make it a very special day.

New baby

John and Becky Bayliss (daughter and son in law of Malcolm and Vanda Cookes) had a new baby boy • Patrick Martyn, on 17th July 2014 weighing 7lb 1oz. • He has two big sisters Phoebe and Florence who adore him. • It is lovely to have a boy in the family.

stop press:

As I write we are preparing to welcome back Gilly Cooper who returns this evening from her epic cycle ride from Lands End to John o' Groats. Congratulation banners are up and the bubbly is on ice ready for a surprise party on the village square. This has been a tremendous achievement and I hope to have more about her journey and the cause she has been fundraising for in next months edition. Well done Gilly!

Communal Christmas Card

Time to think about this year's card. If you are unfamiliar with the idea, instead of sending lots of cards to people you see all the time, you make a donation and send a message to your friends and neighbours. A card is delivered to everyone with the Dec. Feckenham News. I have room for 44 messages, 1st come 1st served! *Example -*

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

..... &

Please deliver your message (20 words max.) and donation (benefiting charity to be decided), 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."

Thought for the month

Wyn Beynon

Dear Friends,

I had the fun and pleasure of opening the Stoke Prior Steam Rally in September. I walked across to a beautiful barrel organ (made 110 years ago in Paris and rescued from Kentucky). It played the hymns for our Sunday morning service. As I got there I saw a little red tractor on the end of a line of vintage tractors of various makes and colours. But this wasn't wasn't JUST a little red tractor. It was a David Brown Cropmaster. I was delighted to see it. And someone delighted in caring for it. The last time I remember seeing one was when I was about 6 or 7 when our David Brown Cropmaster was part exchanged for a new David Brown 950 and the older model was taken away.

To the uneducated eye a little red tractor is a little red tractor. But to those who know they are all special, all unique - it's an Alice Chalmers, or an International, a Fergie or a Ford Dexter. They are names, and each one has a story.

To the uneducated eye people are all just people. Long, tall, short fat and thin. The mass of humanity. But to those who know they are all special, all unique. They are names, with stories. And the one in the know might be another person. Though often our stories are never fully known.

When we are baptised we are given a name. We are special, special to parents and family and friends. But more importantly Baptism is a sign that we are special to God. That's why I'm always keen to say "Yes" when asked to baptise a baby. Because to God each one is special. Maybe you don't think you're special, maybe you have a low opinion of yourself. You may have reason to think so. But you would still be wrong. The only opinion that matters, in the end, is God's. *Whether you are baptised*

or not, God loves you more than you can imagine. You are not just a little red tractor. You are you, with a name. You're a David Brown Cropmaster, the delight of the one who cares for you!

Best wishes,

Wyn



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Feckenham Roger Hunt

Poppy Appeal 2014

Coffee Morning, 10.30am - 12 noon

Wednesday 5th November

Rose & Crown, Feckenham.

Raffle, Cake Stall or Bring & Buy donations can be left at the pub or brought on the day.

Can You Help?



HELP A HEDGEHOG

Hedgehogs are one of the nations favourite animals, yet they are in real danger and their numbers are declining nationally. In the 1950's there were an estimated 30 million hedgehogs in England, but this has fallen to less than 1 million now. A number of factors have been linked to this decline including more roads and traffic using them; meaning many more hedgehogs are killed, the use of pesticides reducing the amount of prey and the loss of hedgerow habitat caused by intensive agriculture and increased development.

Here in Feckenham we are incredibly lucky to have a good population, with at least six different hedgehogs regularly spotted on The Green, in the churchyard and on Mill Lane. However if you see a hedgehog out in the daytime this autumn or over the winter it is almost certainly in need of help. Carefully pick up the hedgehog (gardening gloves are useful) and weigh it on your kitchen scales, if it weighs

below 600 grams it will probably not survive the winter.

I can be contacted at 51 High Street or on 894571 to assess these underweight hedgehogs, and can arrange transport to a local wildlife hospital if necessary. Further information can be obtained from Vale Wildlife Rescue (www.valewildlife.org.uk 01386 882288) or the British Hedgehog Preservation Society (www.britishhedgehogs.org.uk 01584 890801).
Jon Ratcliffe MSc (Animal Welfare)

WOMEN V CANCER

Tracey Somers joins the fifth Women's Cancer Challenge - Cycle Africa 18-26th October 2015.

She will be part of an amazing group of women tackling the fifth Women V Cancer challenge, previous challenges have raised over £3.5 million. She will be challenging herself as part of a women only team of cyclists riding through Tanzania to support the work of three charities: **Breast Cancer Care, Jo's Cervical Cancer Trust and Ovarian Cancer Action.**

Woman of all ages and all cycling abilities from across the UK will be riding around 350km/216 miles over 5 days, both on and off road, experiencing rural Tanzania away from the tourist trails and hotspots. As well as training hard Tracey needs to raise a minimum of £3,000 (half of which Tracey will pay to cover her travel associated costs etc) so she is asking local people and companies to help her match her personal contribution to help achieve her target. To pledge your support for Tracey you can post your sponsorship donation, made payable to Women V Cancer CAF to 4a High Street, Feckenham, at the Village Shop (there is a sponsorship form and envelope for donations) or online at www.justgiving.com/Tracey-Somers1.

For more information about Women V Cancer visit www.actionforcharity.co.uk or telephone Action for Charity on 0845 4082698 or 01590 677854

Mission Morogoro

Tony Mortimer

Tony's letter to Tunguli following their recent visit

Dear Mr Sangali, Bwana Asifiwe.

All the members of Mission Morogoro send greetings to you and our many friends in Tunguli. We also send thanks for the hospitality, love and entertainment which you gave us during our recent visit to Tunguli. The dancing and singing were spectacular – we can learn so much from you about being joyful and happy!

We did so enjoy our time with you and were truly moved by the generosity of your welcome. We are honoured to have received your gifts which have been much admired by our friends and family here in the UK.

When we left the UK our main goals were to meet people, make friends and understand the challenges your community faces. With the help of your careful planning of visits to the key parts of the community such as the Health Centre, Schools, Church and Village, we were able to see and learn a great deal. This will help us to understand how we may be able to work together in the future to improve opportunities for community development. We were also very pleased to see what progress has been made, especially at the schools. The building being done by the village at the Secondary School is an excellent example of what a community can achieve when they are passionate about something. This is a great basis on which to develop our partnership.

As you know we are supporting the EMBRACE/TUSHIKAMANE project, a top priority for us at the moment. This is concerned with reducing deaths delivering mothers and their babies. We are also supporting the Diocese of Worcester's Tractor for Tunguli project and will be holding a big fund-raising event for this in September. During our visit we discovered that there are some problems with the solar lighting at the Health Centre and we are now sending money to Isaac for repairs.

At the moment we are studying the reports which were presented to us during our visit and these will help us to decide on areas for future improvement.

Forming strong, lasting friendships is a gradual process but we feel that we are now beginning to know each other. We very much look forward to visiting again in the future to deepen our understanding and strengthen the links with your community.

From all of your friends at Mission Morogoro with our love and blessings.

Asante Sana

Tony Mortimer. Chairman, Mission Morogoro, Worcestershire, UK

IT GETS YOU YOUR GOAT & THE POWER OF A POUND

Thanks to all who came along to this event at Feckenham village hall in July to hear about the recent trip to Africa as detailed in Tony's letter and the gifting of a goat to the MM group, a hugely generous gesture on the part of Tunguli Village. For obvious reasons, it was necessary to re-gift the goat, the lucky recipients being Utah and the children at the Berega orphanage.

The evening was also the launch of Tricia's 'Power of a Pound' appeal which, through regular donations by standing order, will enable MM to plan ahead. The exciting fact is that one pound in Africa goes a very long way

400 pain/fever relief tablets - £1

1000 Folic Acid or 1000 Vitamin C tablets - critical during pregnancy - £1

100 doses of Ampicillin antibiotics to fight a wide range of infections - £1

Transport to hospital for life-saving care - £1

100kg of maize - the staple diet in Tunguli - £1

COMING SOON - Report by Hanbury parishioner Dr Laura Pearson about her experiences working as a doctor in Berega Hospital.

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HOW CAN YOU HELP?

- Visit** www.missionmorogoro.org.uk for events, information and to donate.
- Join 'The Power of a Pound' scheme'**- ask Tricia on 01527 402302
- Order beautifully knitted dinosaurs & nursery rhyme characters** as displayed in Feckenham Village Shop - ask Margaret on 01789 400213
- Collect "Change for Tunguli" in a mini water carrier** - ask Judith 01527 821443
- Donate old mobile phones/laptops/spectacles** - ask Ann on 01527 892180
- Donate foreign currency and obsolete coins** - ask Tony on 01527 402302

**The Mission Morogoro Trustees:
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Village Shop

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The loyalty card continues. If you have six stamps on your card you get your 7th drink, free. And the offer of a hot drink and a toasted tea cake at the special price of £2.50 – a bargain!

On the gift front, there's a range of soaps available.

We will be getting our Christmas stock soon (sorry to mention it), fairly traded gifts and crafts available. More details next month, but keep your eyes open – once they are gone, they're gone.

Churches Together in Worcestershire

invite you to a Quiet Day
'In God's Goodness':
Benedictine practice for our daily lives
Led by the Revd Ian Mead

10am – 3.30pm Saturday 8th November 2014
Droitwich Methodist Church,
Worcester Road, WR9 8AN

ALL WELCOME This event is free, but donations of £5 invited to cover expenses. Please bring a packed lunch.

Ian is an ordained Methodist minister who has lived for the past 6 years in a Benedictine community now based at Mucknell Abbey in Worcestershire.

TO BOOK YOUR PLACE Please contact Max Jourdier on mandcjourdier@gmail.com or 01886 812259

WHAT'S ON IN FECKENHAM

Feckenham Readers Group

Tuesday, 7th October - 7.45pm

This month's book.

STONER

by John Williams

Details from Marion Chate - 892285



COFFEE MORNING

Saturday, 18th October - 10.30am to 12 noon

At Timber End Cottage, High Street

Coffee & Biscuits £1 : Produce - Cakes - Raffle - Bring & Buy

In aid of



The Children's Society

Stock & Bradley GARDENING CLUB

Sugar, Spice & All Things Nice

a talk by Murray Milchreest

Wednesday, 1st October

7.30pm - Bradley Village Hall



Feckenham Forest History Society

THE WELSH BORDER COUNTRY

An Illustrated Talk by

Bernard Pumphrey

Tuesday, 14th October - 7.30pm

Feckenham Village Hall

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

TABLE TOP SALE

Feckenham Village Hall - Saturday, 15th November

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Feckenham ENTERTAINMENTS Committee

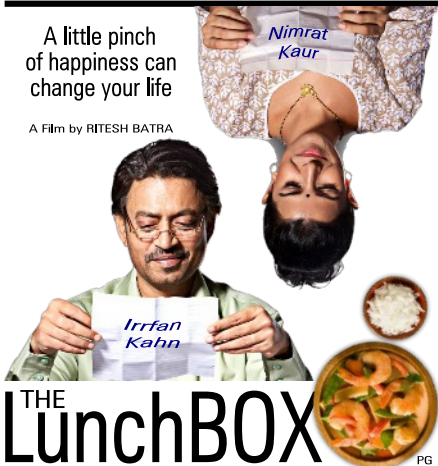
WHAT'S ON IN FECKENHAM

FeckenOdeon 2

The Cinema in the Back Room

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THE LunchBOX

Friday, 10th October at 8pm

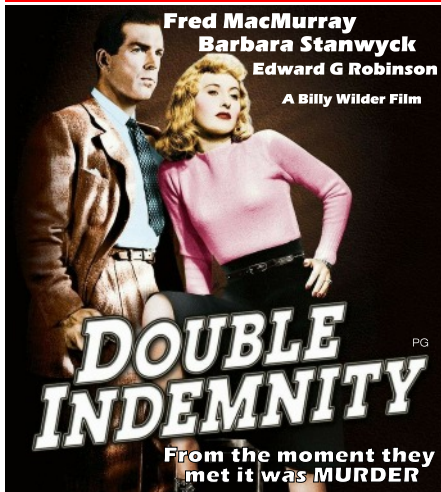
Tickets: £5 (FeckenOdeon Members £3.50)
from The Village Shop and The Rose & Crown, Feckenham
or book by phone on 0333 666 3366 or online* at
www.fecknodeon.co.uk

*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, 25th 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
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The FeckenOdeon Cinema Society



THE WAY TO A MAN'S HEART...

FeckenOdeon 2 serves a heartwarming Indian banquet on **Friday, 10th October at 8pm** in the form of "The Lunchbox". Every morning in Mumbai millions of housewives prepare hot lunch for their working husbands. Every morning the lunches are packed in to lunchboxes and are collected by a dabawalla - and then transported by a remarkably complicated system involving bikes, buses, trains and feet - to arrive at the right desk at the right time - with the food still piping hot. It is reckoned that, for every million boxes delivered, only one goes to the wrong person. This film is the story of that one - and how it changes two lives. Starring Irrfan Kahn (from Life of Pi) this is a warm and funny film that'll have you longing for something spicy!



ARE YOU INSURED?

The insurance industry has had its problems recently but the PPI scandal is nothing to the scam cooked up by Barbara Stanwyck in the FeckenOdeon's classic on **Saturday, 25th October at 7.30pm**. In "Double Indemnity" a greedy, weak man is seduced and trapped by a cold, evil woman. Miss Stanwyck talks insurance agent Fred MacMurray into murdering her

husband in order to collect his insurance money. Edward G. Robinson smells a rat. This tense thriller is directed by Billy Wilder. Better check your policies!

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

Square Management Committee

CHRISTMAS IS COMING...

...and it's on the same date as usual - and so is the Annual **Carols on The Square** event. **Christmas Eve, 6.30pm** - hot punch, mince pies, happy warbling - all as usual. Put it in your diary!

TREEMENDOUS REQUEST

Sorry to repeat ourselves but it's worth asking again ... Last Christmas The Square was graced by a splendid tree donated by a well wisher. The Square Committee cut down the tree and transported it to The Square where it was admired and enjoyed over the festive season. The Committee is now looking to repeat the exercise for Christmas 2014. Do you have a Christmas tree in your garden? Perhaps it was planted as a small tree many Christmases ago and has now grown to many times its original size? If you do, and you want to be rid of it, please get in touch. We'll take it down in early December and whisk it away to be the centre of attention. Call Ian Ridley on 894010 or e-mail square@feckenham.f9.co.uk



Feckenham
ENTERTAINMENTS
 Committee

SCARE A CROW

October 18th & 19th are the dates for this year's **SCARECROW WEEKEND**.

This is the weekend when villagers show off their creativity by making the most strange, peculiar and downright outrageous scarecrows - and put them on display throughout the village. There's a prize for the best scarecrow. Visitors and locals can follow The Scarecrow Trail on both days from 11.30am. The Trail starts on The Square where free maps can be had and there's free parking available at Winfields. There'll be teas, cakes and games for the kids also on The Square. Unlike similar events in the area, this is entirely FREE! It's not in aid of anything - simply a bit of fun before the winter closes in on us.

Your Scarecrows need YOU!

The event depends entirely upon YOU - our scarecrow makers. In past years we've had over 50 scarecrows and we'd love it if we could beat that this year. There's no theme - other than "Scarecrows" - and you can make your scary thing out of anything you like - but it must be visible from the street. You can make a single scarecrow, a tableau or a full army of the things. Just use your imagination. If you live outside the central village (beyond the Feckenham signs) you can take part by putting your scarecrow on The Square. The public will be the judges and will vote for the best scarecrow. The winners will be announced and prizes presented at 4.30pm on Sunday, 19th. There's an entry form below.



Make
 your
 scarecrow
 as
 BIG



or
 as
 small
 as you like

Feckenham SCARECROW COMPETITION - 18th & 19th October
 ENTRY FORM

Name.....
Address.....

Name of Scarecrow.....
Will your scarecrow be at home..... **or on The Square**.....
Tick here if this entry is from someone under 12 years old

Please return this form by 15th October to
Chapel Cottage, Mill Lane or Hunnypot Cottage, Alcester Road



Village Hall

Ian Bellion



A COUNTRY WEDDING

The banns have been read, the vicar's got it in his diary and the Village Hall is being decorated for the wedding reception of the year - and we're all invited! Dust off your best clobber. Dig out that fancy hat and... don't forget your wellies! On **October 26th** in Kali Theatre's "**My Big Fat Cowpat Wedding**" a young lass from the country is marrying a city slicker... and when their families meet there are bound to be sparks! The Hall will be glammed up beyond belief, the champagne will flow and you can all have your pictures taken with the happy couple. What could possibly go wrong?

Based on real people's experiences of weddings attended by guest from very different backgrounds this is a fun, light hearted look at the way people behave when they're out of their comfort zones.

The show has been developed by Wolverhampton based Kali Theatre with the help of Black Country Touring and Shropshire's Arts Alive - and the posh kid from The Guardian thought it was a birra orlroight "The most enjoyably inventive piece of theatre I've seen all year".

You can get tickets (£10) from The Village Shop and The Rose & Crown, by phone on 0833 666 3366

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31	Mike Hopkins	£10

The October Draw will be held in the Village Hall at 8.00 pm on Tuesday 7th October 2014

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Neighbourhood Development Plan

A WIDER PLAN

As reported last month, the Parish Council has decided that it is appropriate for Feckenham to have its own **Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP)**. A Working Party has been formed and application has been made to Redditch Borough Council for Neighbourhood Area Designation.

Further investigation by the Working Party has revealed that these Plans are far more comprehensive than had previously been thought as they include planning for traffic management, leisure provision, etc. There'll be much more work to be done before the village consultation stage is reached and it will be necessary to form a number of sub-groups in order to get through the task speedily.

There'll be more information soon but in the meantime if you have any questions about the NDP you can contact the Chair of the Working Party, Alan Jones, on 893463 or Marion Chute (Secretary) on 892285.

What's On this month in STOCK & BRADLEY

October

1st 7.45pm Gardening Club V.H.

5th 4pm Harvest Festival, Bradley Church, followed by tea & cakes, ALL WELCOME. Produce donated to St.Richard's Hospice

8th & 22nd 10am - 12 Drop In V.H.

12th Walking Club meet at church at 10am

18th 7pm for 7.30pm Harvest Supper V.H.

.....and in November

29th Quiz Night 7pm Teams of 6 @ £8 per person to include Fish & Chip supper. Tickets from Stella Wallis 01386 793350; Mel Bates 01386 792414; Wendy Ralphs 01527 821527.

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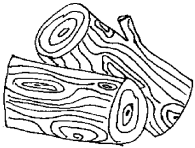
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The next Club meeting -

Wednesday 1st October 2014 is a talk by Murray Mylechreest entitled 'Sugar and Spice, and All Things Nice'. Murray is an RHS speaker and an Honorary Research Fellow at the University of Worcester. His talk will show us how plants can benefit people, for food, decoration, medicine, etc.

The AGM originally proposed for this meeting is to be held at the December meeting instead, and subscriptions for 2015 will become due on January 1st, and can be paid at that meeting.

The theme for the monthly competition is 'Flower of the Month - A Single Stem'. 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 forthcoming AGM.

The following Club meeting -

Wednesday 5th November 2014 the speaker is Nick Wray who will talk about 'The Development of the New University of Bristol Botanic Garden'. Some of you may remember Nick as a former presenter on Gardeners' World.

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.

Feckenham W.I.

Jane White



In September we enjoyed an evening having a go at rag rug making.

This month on October 9th David Clark is talking to us about “**Sentenced to beyond the seas**” The true story of 8 Worcester female convicts deported to Australia and what became of them. 7.30pm Back Room Village Hall. Visitors are very welcome £3.50. Why not become a member - you can join now for the next 3 months and all of 2015, 15 months for the price of 12!

Our programme up to June 2015 is as follows -

November 13th “Fat girls and fairy cakes”. Sue Watson.

December 11th Ron Gallivan “Wartime Christmas” - Ron’s talk covers wartime truces in the trenches, and celebrations despite rationing and shortages.

January 8th 2015 David Slater “The life and times of Buddy Holly”.

February 12th “The work of the Burns Aid Unit”. Helen King, play specialist at the unit will talk about rehabilitation and support, aiming to get patients back into the community and back to school.

March 12th Alan Benjamin. “Tales of a constable- boy and man”.

April 9th Craft evening. Several members will demonstrate their crafts and encourage other members to have a go.

May 14th. AGM and resolutions evening.

June 11th. Adrian James. “Courtyard Gardens- history, design and influence”.

We also organise theatre trips, garden visits and social events. A great way to meet people from the village and nearby. In 2015 the Federation of WI’s celebrate their centenary. Our Institute was founded in 1919, come and help us move on with the times.

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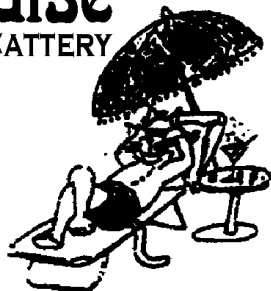
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