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Tues 2nd	12.30am	Lunch Club	Village Hall, Back Room
Wed 3rd	10.30am - noon	“Drop in” for coffee and a chat	Parish Church
Wed 3rd	7.30pm	Gardening Club	Bradley Village Hall
Tues 9th	7.30pm	Feckenham Forest History Society	Feckenham Village Hall
Thurs 11th	7.30pm	Feckenham W.I.	Village Hall Back Room
Sat 13th & Sun 14th		Scarecrow Weekend	
Sat 13th	7pm	Harvest Supper	Village Hall
Sun 14th	11am	Harvest Festival	Parish Church
Wed 17th	10.30am - noon	“Drop in” for coffee and a chat	Parish Church
Fri 19th	8pm	FeckenOdeon2	Village Hall Back Room
Sat 20th	10.30am - noon	Children’s society Coffee Morning	“Timber End” High street
Sun 21st	7.30pm	Zulu Tradition	Village Hall
Sat 27th	9.30am- 12.30	Churchyard Working Party	Parish Church
Sat 27th	2.30pm	FeckenOdeon “Pirates”	Village Hall
Sat 27th	7.30pm	FeckenOdeon “Maltese Falcon”	Village Hall
Wed 31st	10.30am - noon	“Drop in” for coffee and a chat	Parish Church

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## Front Cover

The ladies of Aelfgythe Border Morris from Alvechurch dancing in the garden of The Rose & Crown during the Beer Fest on 25th August

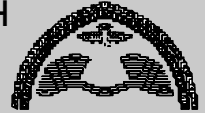
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# Church Services OCTOBER

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### Sunday 7th

Trinity 18

### 11-00am Sung Eucharist

Job 1 : vs. 1 -2: vs. 1-10

Hebrews 1 : vs. 1-4, 2 : vs. 5-12

Intercessions

Patricia Collins

Ann Matthews

Tony Mortimer

### Sunday 14th

Trinity 19

### 8-00am am Holy Communion

Ephesians 4 : vs. 17-22

Pam Eaton

### 11am Family Service - Celebrate Harvest

### Sunday 21st

Trinity 20

### 6-30pm Evensong

Job 38 ; vs. 1-7

Mark 10 : vs. 35-45

Intercessions

Gerry East

Oliver White

Walter Richards

### Sunday 28th

Trinity Last

### 11-00am Family Communion

Hebrews 7 : vs. 23-end

Intercessions

Vicky Nicod

Mark Wheatley

### X Box Sunday School

Will be held in Church on Sunday 7th October. All children will be warmly welcomed.

### Morning Fellowship

This lay led prayer service continues weekly on Wednesdays for 30 minutes in the Parish church. **All welcome.**

# Feckenham Roman Catholic Church

## St John Fisher & St. Thomas More



Mass is celebrated every Sunday at 10.15am in the Church

**Fr. Edward Clare**, The Presbytery, Redditch. Tel. 01527 63096

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



## WEDDINGS

The Marriage took place on September 8th at St John the Baptist church Feckenham between **Lucinda Lincoln - Lewis and Michael Abu Zalaf**. a reception was held afterwards at Glebe Farm Feckenham. The couple who met at Birmingham University now live in Blackwell near Chipping Campden. Canon John Green conducted the ceremony.

**Libby Mitchell and Rob Clement** of Yeates Acre were married by Ken Boyce, formerly vicar of Astwood Bank but now living in Worcester..

The wedding took place at Dulverton in Devon, on 14th September between **Thomas Pynsent and Natasha Day**. Thomas is the oldest son of Dinni and Paul Pynsent of Berrow Hill. The couple will live at Long Hanborough in Oxfordshire and the honeymoon will be spent in Sardinia.

## BAPTISMS

Two baptisms took place on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> August. **Lacey Bott** granddaughter of Marg and Dave Kings and the second child of Melanie and Peter Bott and **Harry Lea** of Callow Hill. Harry's parents, Cathy and Ben, married in Feckenham church in 2010. The service was conducted by John Green.

**THE FUNERAL** of Keith Summers took place in Feckenham on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> September followed by interment at Westall Park. Keith farmed in the locality for many years latterly at Ham Green.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Doris Fereday who was 100 on 15th September. She lives at

Ham Green Farmhouse with her son Colin, and his wife. She is still active and her "older" sister is 102.

## NEW GRANDMOTHERS

**A Granddaughter** for Minkie Waters, Emilia Grace 8lbs 10ozs born Sept 11th very welcome sister for Tristan. The family live near Barton under Needwood.

**And Grandson** for Shirley Harman. Gabriel, born on 29th August, a welcome brother for Alfie. Congratulations to parents Melanie and Christian

## CHARITY SUCCESS

**M**acmillan Cancer Care have received a cheque for £639 as a result of fundraising efforts at The Rose & Crown's Beer Festival held over the August Bank Holiday weekend. The money came from the sale of T-shirts, a raffle, the sale of cider made by Dave Baughan and some very generous donations.

## BEER QUALITY ACCOLADE

**M**ore good news from The Rose & Crown - Mel and Matt Clarke are delighted to report that their 2 years of hard work has paid off. The pub is now featured in CAMRA's Good Beer Guide. The Crown joins the elite ranks of 4,500 establishments included in the Guide which are chosen by rigid inspection and regarded as the best out of the country's 50,000 pubs. The Guide, though primarily concerned with the range and quality of the beers on sale, also takes into account the facilities and comfort offered.



# Thought for the month

John Green

## THE JOY OF RECEIVING

Quite frankly, I do not know where to begin! Margaret and I have been overwhelmed by kindness and love expressed by so many of you over the past few weeks. My farewell get-together in Crowle Village was just so friendly and warm and loving with plenty of humour. It was just what we needed and a wonderful opportunity to relax among friends. Obviously we would both like to thank you all for the wonderful cheque which will be well spent in the provision of a new computer, with some money left for helping me with the joys of climbing Kilimanjaro next year! The bottle of whisky, of course, will enable me to be renewed for a while in the power of the spirit! The cookery book was also a joy to receive and hopefully I will be the provider of many excellent meals in the future. Could it be possible that you might indeed see me on Master Chef! Margaret was also delighted with the lovely flowers that you provided. Therefore, thank you all from the bottom of our hearts.

It needs to be said, of course, that we have received in abundance from the moment that I was appointed Interim Priest in Charge four years ago. I could not have worked with a more empowering and loving group of parishes. Over and over again, I have found myself being ministered to by the most wonderful group of churchwardens that I have ever worked with. Thank you for loving me, challenging me, putting me in my place and for occasionally rescuing me from my own folly. At the beginning of my time with you, I made the decision not to have any church keys as I felt that with so many church buildings, disaster would only be a moment away. In fact, this has meant that every time I have entered a parish I have needed someone with me to open doors

and welcome me. In a very special way, this has been a symbolic underlining of the very close and intimate working relationship between myself as ordained priest and you as members of the priesthood of all believers. For me, ordination is all about service and washing feet and enabling others. In my own faltering way, I have tried to do this and in your own loving way, you have empowered me and blessed me in this task.

My thanks go also to a wonderful group of clergy and readers who have travelled the lanes of this beautiful part of the world, leading worship in all our churches. I have received so much from you, and the task of ministry could not have been done without you.

It has also been so uplifting and exciting to move between so many different congregations. You have all been so welcoming and empowering for both Margaret and I and, in so many different ways, you have reflected the richness and diversity of God's family (the Church).

So, as I prepare to go on my way, can I wish you all God's blessings for the future and hope that many of you will want to call in and see us in our new home in Alcester. The address is 25 Station Road, Alcester, Warwickshire B49 5ET, and phone 07778 585746. You will always (well perhaps nearly always!) be very welcome.

Finally, can I wish Wyn and Melissa all God's blessings and much happiness as they prepare to begin their time amongst us and ... one final message for Wyn!

***“Blame it all on me, at least for the first couple of years!!!”***

With much love to all of you

John

# Village Shop

Jeff Matthews

**Jenny meets the Queen.** In recognition of the shops contribution to life locally and in the county, Jenny Mason was invited to meet the Queen when she visited Worcester recently. As part of her Jubilee celebrations, The Queen has been visiting all corners of the Realm and she came to Worcester in July. Jenny was invited as the nominated representative of the shop to meet her along with other representatives of community projects that were seen as supporting life in and around the County and developing a sense of community spirit.

**Shop AGM:** By the time you receive this, the shop AGM will have taken place. We can report steady progress in the shops fortunes. Sales revenue grew by 7.5% last year, with gross profit increasing but remaining the same as a % of sales. There was a modest increase in surplus after tax of £8.9k, which will be reinvested in the shop, in a range of projects.

## This month's offers:

- The offer of a hot drink and a snack continues with the return of the very popular "Coffee and Danish", which can be yours for £2.25. We are pleased that so many people are becoming "regulars" and coming down to meet friends or just to "chillax" as we believe the phrase is.
- Produce and product news
  - We have a range of frozen breads which are tucked away in the freezer. This is

useful to know as they simply require baking off in the oven. So if you find yourself caught short of fresh bread and need to create something for lunch...

- We also now have Artisan bread, which is made in Ross. In a straight line its 50 miles, so that classes it as 'local' apparently.
- Organic veg will be available from this week. Bunched carrots, onions and French beans are all on the list.
- The gift season is nearly upon us, so why not think about Shop vouchers as a present? Available in various denominations, they make a great gift for the more challenging member of the family to buy for.
- We will be open slightly longer for the Scarecrow weekend. Opening hours for 13<sup>th</sup> Oct, will be from 9am to 5pm, and on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> Oct, 10am to 5pm

## Village Hall

Improvement Fund 2011/12



### August Winners

105	Neil & Annie Johnson	£25
12	Rhys & Andrea Willaims	£15
97	Michael Mott	£10

### September Winners

2	Pete & Barbara Masters	£25
22	Angela Fletcher	£15
125	John & Sally Roundell	£10

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# Thanks

## THE KINDNESS OF STRANGERS

A huge thank you to the kind gentleman visiting his sister on Saturday morning (Sept. 1st) for stopping his car to ensure I was all right after I fell whilst out on my final training run before heading off to the World Long Distance Mountain Running Championships in Switzerland.

I was touched by his concern and thought he might like to know that the race went well with me finishing 513 out of a ladies field of almost 2000 at Kleine Scheidegg just below the summit of the Jungfrau.

## Feckenham Flower Show & Over 60's Party Fund

*Rob Cole*

### Over 60's Christmas Party

**Saturday 8th December 2012**

We have had a particularly successful year of fundraising events during 2012, and consequently have decided not to seek donations this year in support of the Annual Outing and the Over 60's Christmas Party.

The Christmas Party event is run by the Committee of the 'Feckenham Flower Show & Over 60's Party Fund' and provides a Christmas meal and entertainment, free of charge, to Feckenham residents who are over 60 years of age (and to their partner or a friend) and who live within 1 mile of The Square.

The Over 60's Christmas Party this year is to be held on Saturday 8th December 2012 in the Village Hall, opening at 6.00pm. If you have become eligible during the last year, or are already eligible but have not yet let us know, please contact our Treasurer, Angela Fletcher, on 01527 893231 so that your name can be added to our list of invitees. Invitations will be sent out early in November.

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### 3rd BREAKAWAY

Visit to Tyntesfield NT near Bristol

### 3rd GARDENING CLUB

Talk from David Tidswell

'Preparing to Feed Our Garden Birds  
This Winter'

### 14th WALKING CLUB

Walk in the Feckenham area leaving  
Bradley Church at 10 am

### 24th 10.00 -12.00 DROP IN

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal  
Coffee Morning

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

# Celebrate Harvest

At  
**St. John the Baptist  
Feckenham**  
**Sunday 14th October**  
**at 11am**



*Please bring your Harvest gifts on the day,  
Perishables to be sold on the morning, dry food  
items to be donated to The Salvation Army  
Refreshments served after*

## Welcome

Welcome to Louise and Adam Jordan who with family Grace and Lucy, Buster the cat and a lovely border collie that goes by the name of Florrie, have just moved to 52 High Street. Grace featured on the cover of the September magazine with friend Helena dressed as Red Indians for the Fun on The Square evening. We hope they enjoy life in Feckenham and many more village events.

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## Help Keep the Churchyard Tidy

### Churchyard Working Party Saturday 27th October

Willing villagers required on Saturday 27th October 9.30am to 12.30pm to help tidy up a part of the lower churchyard. Coffee and very nice biscuits will be served to workers mid-morning. There will be some stones and earth to move so spades and wheel barrows, if you have them, would be useful.

We have several volunteers already who regularly keep the churchyard in first rate order but this is a job where we need a bit of extra labour. Please come and help us.

Carol and Pat Onions.



# WHAT'S ON IN FECKENHAM

## Feckenham Readers Group



October 10th 7.45pm  
This month's book:

Half of a Yellow Sun

Details from Marion Chute - 892285



## Stock & Bradley GARDENING CLUB

**ALPINES** with Vic Aspland  
Wednesday, September 5th - 7.30pm  
Bradley Green Village Hall  
Call 821156 for details

## Feckenham Forest History Society KING HENRY V

A Costumed talk by Max Keen.  
Tuesday, 9th October - 7.30pm  
Feckenham Village Hall

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

St John the Baptist Church

## Harvest Supper

Saturday 13th October at 7pm - Feckenham Village Hall

Tickets £10 - Children £5  
Ann Matthews or from The Village Shop  
Bring your own drinks and glasses

## the **WI** FECKENHAM **WI** INSPIRING WOMEN At FECKENHAM VILLAGE HALL

THURSDAY, 11th OCTOBER - 7.30pm

Stained Glass, & the work of the  
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## COFFEE MORNING

Saturday, 20th October - 10.30am to 12 noon

At Timber End Cottage, High Street  
Coffee & Biscuits 5:1 : Produce - Cakes - Raffle - Bring & Buy

In aid of  The Children's Society



# Feckenham Scarecrow Weekend

A Harvest Time  
Display of weird and  
wonderful creations

**13th & 14th OCTOBER**  
Throughout the village  
FREE Exhibition!

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Feckenham ENTERTAINMENTS Committee

# WHAT'S ON IN FECKENHAM

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FeckenOdeon 2 at Feckenham Village Hall

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**Saturday, 27th October - 7.30pm**

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# Feckenham ENTERTAINMENTS Committee

## QUICK, QUICK, CROW!

On 13th and 14th October Feckenham is due to welcome hoards of visitors all clamouring to see hoards of scarecrows. If you haven't entered a scarecrow into the Scarecrow Competition there's just time to dash off and make the most wonderful, most bizarre, most fantastical and most hilarious scarecrow you can possibly think of! There's an entry form at the bottom of the page. Please fill it in and let us have it as soon as you can! There's no entry fee this year! If you don't enter a) you don't stand a chance of winning fantastic prizes and b) your scarecrow won't be on the Scarecrow Trail map and people won't know where to find him/her/it/them.

## FUN AND CROWS

The Scarecrows will all be in place for viewing by 11am on both days. Parking will again be FREE courtesy of Winfields Super-Store and visitors and villagers can pick up a FREE map at the pink tent on The Square. Last year there were over 60 scarecrows and we hope to beat that total this time. There'll be teas and cakes in the pink tent and games and amusements for

the youngsters. As ever it'll be a pleasant experience without any ulterior motive - no great cause, no noble intent - just a nice day out for locals and visitors alike.

The Prizes for best scarecrow will be presented at 4.30pm on Sunday, 14th October - and the organisers emphasise that the outcome of the competition is entirely dependent on the votes cast by members of the public.

### Cookhill Garden Association

are welcoming Andy Pedrick

to **Cookhill Village Hall**  
on **Wednesday 17th October**

for a practical session on  
plant propagation.

Andy is a consultant horticulturalist so has a wealth of knowledge to impart to existing members and anybody new who is interested.

**7.30 start** with refreshments.

£1 members £2 non members.

All welcome for a bit of green fingered fun!!!

## Feckenham SCARECROW COMPETITION - 13th & 14th October

### ENTRY FORM

Name.....

Address.....

.....

.....

Name of Scarecrow.....

Will your scarecrow be at home..... or on The Square.....

Please return this form by 10th October to

Chapel Cottage, Mill Lane or Hunnypot Cottage, Alcester Road



# The FeckenOdeon Cinema Society



## SALMON LEAP OF FANCY

Everybody knows that Salmon don't live in the desert but try telling that to Sheikh Muhammed. Having visited Scotland and enjoyed the delights of salmon fishing he decides that this pastime must be available in his homeland - the Yemen. Everybody tells him that it's not possible... but then the British Government spots a chance to gain a bit of influence in the middle east... Marine biologist Ewan McGregor is sent to make the impossible happen - propelled by a determined newspaper boss (Kristen Scott-Thomas). **"Salmon Fishing in the Yemen"** is a funny and often moving film guaranteed to lift the spirits as the leaves turn and the first frosts approach. Showing in FeckenOdeon 2 on **Friday, October 19th at 8pm.**



## A TEMPTING MALTEASER

Black and white classics tend to be regarded as cheap fillers for quiet afternoons on the telly. There's nothing quiet about **"The Maltese Falcon"** showing on **Saturday, 27th October at 7.30pm** - and it deservedly claims its place as the centre of attention on the BIG screen. This dark and intriguing tale about the lure of the mysterious falcon features Humphrey Bogart in one of his finest performances as Sam Spade, ruthless and fearless detective, as he falls in and out of love with double crossing dames whilst

dispatching dastardly villains. Dashiell Hammett's script is brought tensely to life by John Huston's direction and the brilliant black and white photography ramps up the brooding atmosphere. The film has been digitally restored and its amazing technical quality will prove that High Definition isn't a recent invention!

The supporting short feature is "Hellzapoppin". Released in the same year as "The Maltese Falcon" (1941), this high speed comedy must surely have provided inspiration for the likes of Monty Python.

## YO-HO-OH?!

Heading to port at The FeckenOdeon is the latest creation from the makers of Wallace and Gromit. **"The Pirates! An Adventure with Scientists"** is the Bristol based Aardman Animation's first stop-motion feature since "Wallace & Gromit: The Curse of the Were-Rabbit" in 2005. It is based on the first two books in the Pirates! series by Gideon Defoe, and follows a pirate captain who is determined to win a Pirate of the Year Award, in the face of some stiff competition from his swaggering rivals, Peg Leg Hastings, Cutlass Liz and Black Bellamy. The



scientists? Well, there's a subplot involving Charles Darwin and the search for the Dodo -

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# Village Hall

Ian Bellion



## MORE SHINDIGS

It's now 7 years since Feckenham Village Hall, with some trepidation, welcomed its first Shindig show. There have been 31 performances since then and many hundreds of satisfied audience members. The shows have provoked a great deal of laughter, occasional tears and made the point that you don't have to spend a lot of money or travel great distances to see excellent professional entertainment. We've had plays, acrobatics, storytellers, dancers and musicians from across the globe. A welcome by-product has been the beneficial effect on the Hall's finances - our local clubs and societies for young people, over 60s, sports and recreation would have had to fork out a lot more for the use of the Hall if it wasn't for Shindig. Now we're looking forward to another season of great shows - all professional, all fully staged and all very high quality...



## OUT OF AFRICA....

**Sunday, 21st October at 7.30pm**  
**ZULU Tradition**

Our first show this season features a dynamic troupe direct from South Africa. ZULU is a company of Zulu singers and dancers who deliver a heady mix of African harmonies (traditional songs as well as Afro-Gospel) and high-energy, athletic dance - all traditionally costumed and with drum-rhythms. Their shows are exciting, enthralling and hugely entertaining.

This new and vibrant company of Zulus reaches back into the past to preserve ancient skills while stretching forwards to contemporary Africa. Direct from Durban in KwaZulu Natal, individual members of ZULU have performed in the UK and abroad, including special events for the Queen and for Nelson Mandela.

Tickets £8.50 (under 14s £6)

## COMING SOON

**Saturday, 10th November at 7.30pm**

### **The Lighthouse on Shivering Sands**

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## HARVEST FRUITS REFRESHED

The Village Hall has received its annual spruce up - another coat of Dulux Harvest Fruits 5 adorns the interior walls while the woodwork is shining from a fresh application of Nutmeg Cluster 5 trimmed with a lick of Brilliant White. Everything has been cleaned, dusted and de-cobwebbed. Unpleasant substances have been dug out of the gutters and the wilderness has been tamed. The old place is ready to face another twelve months of constant use.

The Committee would like to thank all those villagers who gave up a sunny Saturday to tackle the job. It's true - many hands really do make light work - and we're very grateful!

# Ridgeway Middle School

## Success shared and New Kids on the Block?

Hello all,

Last term at Ridgeway Middle School was an incredibly busy yet successful time for the pupils and staff.

Last year's Yr6 pupils (current Yr7) gained some fantastic results in the Standard Assessment Tests (SATs).

	Maths	Eng(R)	Eng(W)	Combined
L4+	84%	88%	89%	76%(13%)
L5+	40%	50%	31%	

This is a 13% increase on the previous year's results and some 76% above the target set by the DfE. An excellent set of results. Everybody has played their part in ensuring that the current Yr 7 have achieved a good set of results. Well done children and staff.

At the beginning of the 2011-2012 academic year it was decided that Ridgeway Middle School would pilot a group of Year 8 students being entered for the Functional Skills test ICT level 1 and maths level 2, which are GCSE exams.

Sitting the functional tests would provide the opportunity for the students to sit a recognised externally moderated qualification. In comparison to other centres, Ridgeway students attained exceptionally well, with **100% pass rate in ICT (68% nationally) and 88% pass rate in maths (49% nationally)**. All the staff at Ridgeway would like to congratulate the pupils on their amazing success after all the hard work and effort.

## New kids at Ridgeway!

The new Year 5 pupils are settling in well to their new school. However, they are not the only new kids at Ridgeway. In September we also accepted two Pygmy Goats. These Goats (yet to be named) will be part of the pupil's curriculum and learning experiences in school.

Kind regards

Mike Bennett

Head teacher

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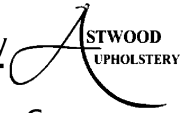
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All meetings are held on the second Thursday of the month at 7.30pm in the back room of Feckenham village hall. There is an annual subscription (currently £31.50) but visitors are welcomed to join us for any meeting at a cost of £3.00 per visit. If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

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

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

### EVENTS FOR 2012

#### Tues. 6th Nov.

**Poppy Appeal Coffee Morning,**  
at the Rose & Crown, Feckenham, 10.30am - noon. All welcome.

**Thurs. 6th Dec.** Quiz'n Turkey Evening, at The Wheelbarrow & Castle, Radford. Contact Roger Hunt 01527 853116 for details and tickets.

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

## Stock & Bradley Gardening Club

Rob Cole

### THE NEXT CLUB MEETING -

#### Wednesday 3rd October 2012 - 7.30pm

Is a talk from David Tideswell entitled 'Preparing to Feed Our Garden Birds This Winter'. David is a keen ornithologist and gardener and combines these two subjects in an entertaining talk which shows how to look after garden birds during the winter months.

The AGM will precede his talk, and will be brief.

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

*All club meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month at the Village Hall, Church Road, Bradley Green starting at 7.30pm, and are free to members for an annual subscription of £10.00. Visitors are made very welcome and may attend for £3.00 per meeting. If you require any further information, ring Jan Bates on 01386 792414 or Rob Cole on 01527 821156.*

**The following meeting - Wednesday 7th November 2012** will be an evening with John and Carole Matthews, who will bring along a treasure trove of old, interesting, and useful garden tools and talk about them.

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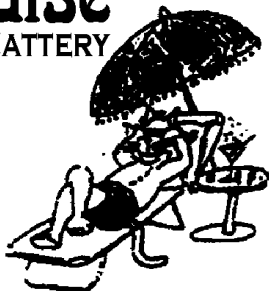
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