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SEPTEMBER Diary



Tues 3 rd	12.30pm	Lunch Club	Village Hall, Back Room
Wed 4 th	7.30pm	Stock & Bradley Gardening Club	Bradley Village Hall
Sat 7 th	7.00pm	“Why Women Matter”	Village Hall
Thur 12 th	7.30pm	Feckenham WI	Village Hall, Back Room
Tues 10 th	7.30pm	Feckenham Forest History Society	Webheath Village Hall
Sat 14 th	From 10am	Churchyard working party	Church
Sat 14 th	2.30pm	Flower Show	Village Hall
Sun 22 nd	2-5 pm	Open Afternoon Moated Manorial Site	Playing Field
Fri 27 th	10.30- 12.30	McMillan Coffee Morning	Parish Church
Sat 28 th	7.30pm	FeckenOdeon	Village Hall

OCTOBER

Sun 6 th		“Men in general”	Village Hall
Sat 12 th	11.30-	Scarecrow Weekend	The Village
Sun 13 th	4.30		

Front Cover

Hollyhocks in the garden of
“The Rose & Crown”.

Photo: Arthur Hind.



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Church Services SEPTEMBER

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of ST. JOHN
THE BAPTIST



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

Readers and Intercessors

Sunday 1st

Trinity 11

11.00am

Sung Eucharist

Ezekiel 2:1-5
Galatians 1: 15-24
Intercessions

Carol Price
Mark Wheatley
Ian Hunter



Sunday 8th

Trinity 12

8.00am Holy Communion

1 Corinthians 15:1

Ann Matthews

11.00am

Lay led service

Sunday 15th

Trinity 13

6.30pm Evensong

Ezekiel 2: 8 – 3: 3
Galatians 2: 9-14
Intercessions

Gerry Eost
Erica Dilger
Jeff Matthews

Sunday 22nd

Trinity 14

11.00am

Holy Communion

Ruth 3:1-5
Ruth 4:13-17
Intercessions

Phil Tricklebank
Ann Matthews
Barbara Wheatley

Sunday 29th

St Michael and All Angels

11.00am

Holy Communion

Genesis 28: 10-17
Hebrews 3-14
Intercessions

Ian Hunter
Wendy Ralphs
Fiona Carter

Feckenham: Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals

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

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

Feckenham Roman Catholic Church

St John Fisher & St. Thomas More



Mass is celebrated every Sunday at 10.15am in the Church

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

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



Feck Folk cycle Ireland for charity

It's with great pleasure that the exploits of Brett, Sharon, Robbie (aged 18), Aidan (aged 16) and Kivah Lavin (aged 14) along with Brett's mum Annie Fieldhouse can be publicised in our monthly newsletter. They all belong to BICA which is the Birmingham Irish Cycling Appeal that has been raising vast amounts of money for charities such as cancer, dementia and brain tumours etc. This year's event marked the 20th anniversary they have taken on this gruelling challenge.

The team consisted of 40-50 cyclists and a back up team of differing ages, they started off from Mizen Head, one of the most Southerley points of Ireland, and then embarked on an epic 900km journey through and up the West coast, arriving some 8 days later at the most northerly point, Malin Head. This route is very challenging and required great commitment, courage and determination. It was strength sapping and relentless punishment on the body as they negotiated many high peaks and tough terrain, some days in torrential rain and high winds.

They started their journey on the 2nd August and finished on the 10th August. Brett and his family have been in training for this for well over 6 months. A typical day started at 8.30am when the team set off, with a few pit stops en route, and would finish at about 9.30pm after averaging 100km per day. Due to the horrendous weather on one particular day, the whole team did not get back till 11.45pm!

They all did this at their own expense, giving up their valuable time away from home, family and friends. Each rider undertook to raise funds for the charities mentioned earlier. They are truly wonderful people who are unsung heroes and having 4 riders from Feckenham, plus Annie and Sharon that were part of the essential back up team responsible for feeding and watering everyone, is a tremendous achievement by any standards.



BICA normally raise funds in the region of 60-70k for an event like this; you can join the team if you wish as it is open to everyone. Many residents and groups in Feckenham fund raise on a regular basis and Brett, Sharon, Robbie, Aidan, Kivah, Sharon and Annie are very proud and honoured to be associated with the efforts our wonderful village go to to help those in need.

 **King's Worcester**

Open Mornings

Senior School
Saturday
5th October

Sixth Form
Saturday
9th November

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'Why Women Matter'

Empowering women in rural Tanzania

Saturday 7th September, 2019

7pm

Feckenham Village Hall

**Guest speaker: Laurence Wood,
retired consultant obstetrician**

'Nothing is more vital and rewarding than ensuring the safe delivery of the future inhabitants of the planet – and the wellbeing of their mothers. But how? The World Health Organisation is quite clear – you must begin by empowering women's groups in rural hamlets to stimulate their communities to tackle the root causes.'

Laurence graduated as a surgeon from Liverpool University and went on to work extensively in surgery and obstetrics, as well as in education and management within the NHS. He has also worked in Zulu Land and more recently in Tanzania, East Africa, where, in partnership with Mission Morogoro, he has championed the empowerment of women.

Free admission - Bar

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MacMillan Coffee Morning

Friday 27th September

in Feckenham Church

10.30am - 12.30pm

Entrance £2

Bric a brac: Cakes: Books: Raffle.

Donations welcome

Support our local MacMillan Nurses

Village Shop

Jenny Mason

Since Easter we have seen a steady increase in sales compared to last year and are optimistic that the trend will continue during the months ahead. Even allowing for seasonal fluctuations the early signs are that more of you are using the shop for your daily essentials.

This is very encouraging as it's your shop serving the Feckenham Community and it enables us to support the activities and facilities of the village. For example, in the last month we have been able to make financial donations to both the Wake and the much needed repairs to the Village Hall. We are also delighted to act as an advance ticket office for the Feckenodeon and other local events, thus enabling us to play an active role in the life of the village. So the more you support the Community Shop, the more we can do to support village activities. If you haven't paid us a visit recently come in and have a look around and you will be pleasantly surprised at the range of products in stock. Our buying team is continually introducing new lines and looking to find better deals such as 2 litre milk at £1.35, and our cafe area is a great place to meet up for morning coffee or afternoon tea & cakes.

We look forward to seeing you soon.

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Teams4u Shoeboxes for Christmas

2019 Appeal

Lin Preece

I am writing to ask if you would kindly support this years appeal! Feckenham Village, Feckenham School, Callow Hill Village and beyond have been so generous over the years, resulting in hundreds of disadvantaged children receiving a Christmas Box.

Your boxes are only distributed to the poorest of children and will most probably be the only present that they will receive this Christmas. You will not only be sending these children a box full of gifts, you will be sending them a box full of joy, love and above all else hope for a brighter future. This small act of kindness really does have the power to change these children's lives.

Your support over the years has been amazing, but sadly there are as many needy children in the world today as there were when we first began supporting the Christmas Shoebox Appeal 22 years ago, how terribly sad is that! So please pop into Church or the Village Shop and pick up a leaflet, it will contain all the information you will need to get you started. There are some pre-wrapped boxes available in Church too.

When making up your box, for whatever age group (even a family box) please try to add a cuddly toy, a ball, some chocolate or sweets. There is lots of information on the T4U website, it even shows you how to pack a box its well worth a visit ! A Christmas Card and a photograph of yourself makes a very special addition too, it is a little something that they will be able to treasure a reminder that we have not forgotten them.

If you feel unable to make up a box but wish to be involved, donations will be gratefully accepted and appreciated (small items that will fit into the boxes please) as ever hand knits are always wanted and will be very much



appreciated too! There is a box in Church for your gifts.

£219 was raised on Wake Day. T4U will once again use this money to make up about 75 boxes on Feckenham's behalf so we are on our way.

Please take your boxes to Church by 23rd November at the latest.



What's On this month in STOCK & BRADLEY

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|------------------------------|--|
| 4th | BREAKAWAY
Village Hall - 10.30am |
| 4th | GARDENING CLUB
Colour Combinations
with Julie Richie
7.30pm - Village Hall |
| 11th
& 25th | DROP IN
10am - Village Hall |
| 12th
19th & 26th | SCOTTISH DANCING
- Village Hall - 7.30pm |

For more information see
STOCK & BRADLEY CHRONICLE

Thought for the month

Rev. Wyn Beynon

Dear Friends

It only seems a few short years since I took my children to see the original Lion King animation, but that must be 25 years ago! The new Disney version tells the same story and uses some of the original songs but the level of animation is jaw-droppingly real.

I was a bit uncomfortable with the message of the film 25 years ago. It spoke of the circle of life and that didn't quite chime with how I understood things back then.

The circle of life is very much the story of the new film too but this is contradicted by a couple of characters who see life as a straight line, and when you get to the end you just drop off. But in the intervening years my grasp of Christian faith has deepened and I would now argue that the circle of life reflects exactly the central theme of Christianity - life is a circle in which we are born, live and die and return to the love that made us. Death and resurrection, far from being some crazy miracle stuff is exactly how life evolves on this planet. Everything is indeed connected and Christian mystics have found what the mystics of all the great religions have found - that we don't understand life at all until we see it as an interconnected whole. It's an illusion to think in terms of either/or, black/white, yes/no. Jesus refused to see life like that and the liberation he brought was to see life, and live life, in terms of both/and, this **and** that, rainbows colours not shades of grey.

But to really understand that we need to discover who we are. Which is what the Lion King did. The mandrill character is a kind of prophet/priest/wise man. (License has been taken here by the story writers as mandrills live in west Africa and have never seen Lions!) The mandrill asks the Lion King who he is. The Lion King only realises who he is when he looks in the water and sees his father's face in the reflection of his own.

And that is something I talk about at Christenings. Who are we? At a Christening we hold a child over the water so that they could, if they looked, see themselves. And what they see is what God sees - himself reflected in love, because we made in his image. The Lion King is about finding out who we are, remembering who we are and that is the Christian life too - to find we are part of a great chain of being that comes from and returns to God. Nothing is lost. All shall be well.

Best wishes,

Wyn

The Churchyard

Jeff Matthews

Church Yard Maintenance Day

14th September

Lots of jobs big and small depending on how much time you can offer.

We continue to look to develop "God's Acre" as a resource for both village and wildlife. Be great if you can give a hand.

We will be starting at 10:00am, but come when you can for as long as you can.



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Community Archaeology Project

Judy Underwood

OPEN AFTERNOON AT THE MANORIAL MOATED SITE

22nd September 2 - 5pm

As part of Heritage Open Days week which this year runs from 13th to 22nd September, the Feckenham Community Archaeology Group will be hosting an open afternoon at the Manorial Moated Site at the Recreation Ground in Feckenham.

If you are interested in learning more about Feckenham's very own Scheduled Ancient Monument and what the Group is doing to ensure that it is kept safe for posterity and to investigate its history and origins further, then join us between 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. on Sunday 22nd September. You will find us in The Pound at the top of The Square.

There will be a small exhibition providing information about the history of the site and its origins plus details of the Community Archaeology Project. In addition, members of the Group will be on hand to answer your questions and to take you to discover the moat for yourself.

For more information, please contact Judy Underwood at unjudy@hotmail.com



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I have to thank so many in the village who made our day possible: the Village Amenities Trust who allowed us to use the green, the Wake committee, our neighbours who kindly moved their cars and so many other individual villagers too many to name here who assisted in lots of ways.

All three of my children who grew up here, attended the nursery then Feckenham First School, are marrying this year and continuing their various careers which must have been made possible in no small part due to their amazing start in life in this glorious village. Jamie was first - he married Emma Ballard from Inkberrow in a quiet ceremony in London before their move to Chicago where he will be teaching maths in an international school. Emma and Kev will return to their jobs in London

where Emma is a civil servant at the Department for Education and Kev works for RBS. We now look forward to Rachel's marriage to Joe Regan in October. They live in Kings Heath where Joe is a primary teacher while Rachel is a manager at Birmingham Children's Hospital.

Gilly Cooper

Opportunity to be more green TERRACYCLE

RECYCLE YOUR ORAL CARE PRODUCTS AND PACKAGING!

If you have any empty toothpaste tubes, old plastic toothbrushes and their wrappers, also the heads off electric tooth brushes too, there is now a recycling bin for them available for everyone in the community to use. It can be found in reception at Feckenham First School. It can be any brand and please no dental floss boxes. If you are unable to get these items to school during their opening hours you can drop them through my letter box at 9 Alcester Road. All these items are currently non-recyclable through your green bin system.

Iona Ratcliffe

Editor - Funds from this go to schools and organisations.



Square Management Committee

A DASTARDLY SUCCESS

Fun on The Square - Cartoon Capers.

“Drat and Double Drat” might have been Dick Dastardly’s comment about the weather on Friday 19th June as volunteers struggled to assemble the various elements of Fun on The Square... but the day itself was lovely. On 20th July villagers turned up in their hundreds to enjoy and support an event that ensures that the village’s green heart is kept in good health.

The “Cartoon Capers” theme was brought alive by various larger than life costumed characters, and painted cutout cartoon icons. Sadly there was only one entry in the Wacky Racers construction competition - so the Clarke family won the both the competition and the race by a whisker.

Large quantities of cartoon food and drink were consumed - Speedy Gonzales Chilli lived up to its name, Dick Dastardly’s Best Bitter sold out, Squarepete’s Spongeburgers did a roaring trade. The youngsters enjoyed the Road Runner bungee game... but the Flintstones’ Clubbing Challenge floored all but the hardest - mainly because the clubs were too heavy. Big Al’s Looney Tooners played valiantly while their caller tried to teach the dance steps... but the most successful things as far as the kids were concerned were the space hoppers and hula hoops - now making their third appearance at this annual event. A good time appeared to have been had by all.

BIG BUCKS

When the dust had settled and the cash had been counted the efforts certainly proved to have been worth it. £1,300 was made for the Square Management Fund - every penny of which will be used to maintain and improve The Square. Ongoing projects include the replacement of the diseased Horse Chestnut tree which was felled earlier in the year, re-graveling the roadway and renovating The Pound. A little will also be used to provide the village’s Christmas Tree and the annual Christmas Eve carol extravaganza.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH!

The Square Management Committee is very grateful to everyone who helped make Cartoon Capers such a success. From all the folk who appeared and helped us put the tents up to those who helped us serve and to run the event. In particular we’re grateful to Eric Harman for the gift of meat, Mel and Matt Clarke for bar bits and beer supply, Feckenham First School for loan of their stage, Dave Mitchell for loan of stage cover and general tentmanship, Hannah Mayneord and family for game supervision, Peter & Marion Chute and Martin Strange for barbecue cookery, Judy Underwood, Lizzie Hunter and Barbara Masters for food prep and service, Phil Talbot for climbing up trees... and everyone else who gave time and effort so willingly.

The Square Management Committee is:- Ian Ridley (Chairman and Cartoon Painter), Barry Hamilton (Vice-Chair, Dastardly Barman), Ian Bellion (Secretary, Barman and Panda), Dawn Southwell (Treasurer and Cashier), Judy Hooker (Head of Catering), Tim Mayneord (Transport and Child Control), Alan Smith (Artist Management), Peter Masters (Supervision and Raffle adjudicator), Slade Arthur (Raffle Sales Management), Gilly Cooper (Grill Chef).



The old Horse Chestnut is removed - money raised at Fun on The Square will be used to plant a replacement. *Picture: Barbara Masters*

WHAT'S ON IN FECKENHAM



First Tuesday of every month from 8pm
NEXT SESSION: Tuesday, 3rd September

Feckenham Readers Group



Wednesday, 7th September - 7.45

This Month: A PERFECT SPY
by John le Carré

Details from Marion Chute - 892285

Feckenham Forest History Society

THE MAYPOLE VOYAGES

Tuesday, 10th September - 7.30pm
Webheath Village Hall

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

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INSPIRING WOMEN

FECKENHAM WI At FECKENHAM VILLAGE HALL HISTORY OF WAITROSE

with Ingrid Bauer

Thursday, 12th September - 7.30pm

(Pre-booked visitors only at this meeting)

Coffee Morning **MACMILLAN** CANCER SUPPORT

Friday 27th September in Feckenham Church

10.30am - 12.30pm : Entrance £2

Bric a brac: Cakes: Books: Raffle. - Donations welcome

Support our local MacMillan Nurses

Feckenham Flower Show Saturday, 14th September

2.30pm - Feckenham Village Hall

Displays of Flowers and Produce

Teas - sale of produce,
Exhibitors - staging from 10am to 12noon



GARDENERS
& BAKERS

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edition of Feckenham News

OPEN AFTERNOON

Manorial Moated Site

Sunday, 22nd September : 2 - 5pm

Exhibition in The Pound (entrance to Recreation Ground)

MISSION MOROGORO

'Why Women Matter'

Empowering women in rural Tanzania

Saturday 7th September, 2019 at 7pm

Feckenham Village Hall

Guest speaker: Laurence Wood,
retired consultant obstetrician

Feckenham Scarecrow Weekend

12th & 13th October

Open from 11.30am each day - FREE admission

Teas and Games on The Square



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WHAT'S ON IN FECKENHAM

THE FECKENODEON CINEMA SOCIETY

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BASED ON A TRUE STORY

FISHERMAN'S FRIENDS ^{12A}

SOME BANDS CAN'T BE MANAGED



Saturday, 28th September - 7.30pm

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

Ian Bellion

19th SEASON STARTS

The showing of "Fisherman's Friends" at The FeckenOdeon marks the start of the 19th season of films. There should be a programme inside this issue of Feckenham News - and there are copies available at the Shop, Rose & Crown and Village Hall. As ever there's a mixture of ancient and modern - films you may have missed at mainstream cinemas, films you may never have thought of going to see, films to surprise and entertain. You can join the Society for £30 and enjoy all eight of the main season movies as well as reduced prices at FeckenOdeon 2 films... Or you can buy tickets for individual shows if you so wish - see feckencodeon.co.uk for full details.



NOT JUST A COUGHDROP...

The first film of the new season is "Fisherman's Friends". Based on the unlikely but true story of a group of Cornish lifeboat workers who, moonlighting as a sea shanty-singing a cappella group, found themselves with a recording contract and made a debut album that reached the top ten.

Featuring an ensemble cast of home-grown talent, including Daniel Mays, Tuppence Middleton, Noel Clarke, and Dave Johns - a heart warming British comedy made by the team that brought us "Finding Your Feet".

"FISHERMAN'S FRIENDS"

Saturday, 28th September at 7.30pm

Coming soon to FeckenOdeon 2:

Oct 18th : "EATEN BY LIONS"

Nov 15th : "YESTERDAY"

Watch for details!

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



LISTEN TO LEN...

Len Burley has lived in Feckenham for all of his 83 years. In "In Conversation" Len shares his memories and stories with Stuart Knowles. Some surprises, some sad and others amusing. Life growing up in Feckenham. What happened during the war and in the 1950s and 1960s. Len worked alongside 'Red Robbo' at Longbridge and has witnessed all the changes to village life in the last 80 years. A fascinating chat - and a few astonishing revelations.

This is part of Swansbrook's ongoing project to record life in Feckenham and to preserve the recordings for future generations. Future editions of "In Conversation" will include a chat with Mark Wheatley - and David Street will let us in on the mysteries surrounding Feckenham garage - which is 100 years old this year.

LEWIS WONDERS WYE?

Former Feckenham resident Lewis Stacey is going on an adventure this autumn - and he's taking us with him. Lewis and his wife Sue are planning an epic trek down the length of the River Wye - starting in the Welsh mountains at Plynlimon and ending as the river meets the Severn Estuary near Chepstow - it's 135 miles and it'll take the intrepid pair (plus their Labrador, Mordechai) 13 days to complete. Lewis will be sending Swansbrook daily reports on progress, chatting to people they meet on the way and filling us in on the tips and pitfalls of long distance river walking. We'll be broadcasting his reports every day - check the website for dates and times.

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PAINTING DAY - THANK YOU!!

The Village Hall's annual Painting Day has resulted in a fresh, clean hall all ready for the year's activities. The Committee is most grateful to those villagers who gave up their Saturday morning to get stuck in to the task. We couldn't have done it without you... and we're sorry we couldn't stop Brian from singing....

A CAPELLA MIRTH

The Goons in harmony is one description of **MEN IN GENERAL** who will take to the Village Hall's stage on **Sunday, 8th October**. This totally off the end of the pier male vocal group mixes deadpan comedy, lively repartee and sophisticated, massively melodic à cappella classics with unexpected, charming and very funny results.

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The Chris Ingham Quartet

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The performance by Men in General is sponsored by The Village Shop. The Hall is facing large unexpected repair costs and is delighted that the Shop has offered to work with us to mount this show. Proceeds from all Shindig shows are used to maintain and upgrade the Hall.



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Feckenham Flower Show - list of classes

September 14th



VEGETABLES

- | | | |
|----|--|----------|
| 1 | RUNNER BEANS | (6 pods) |
| 2 | FRENCH BEANS | (6 pods) |
| 3 | BEET (long or globe) | (3) |
| 4 | CABBAGE (white) | (1) |
| 5 | CARROTS (short/intermediate,
trimmed) | (4) |
| 6 | CUCUMBER (indoor or outdoor) | (1) |
| 7 | TOMATOES | (5) |
| 8 | ONIONS (dressed) | (4) |
| 9 | PARSNIPS (trimmed) | (3) |
| 10 | MARROW | (1) |
| 11 | COURGETTES | (3) |
| 12 | POTATOES | (5) |
| 13 | PUMPKIN (best) | (1) |
| 14 | SHALLOTS | (7) |
| 15 | LEEKs (trimmed) | (3) |
| 16 | SWEETCORN | (2) |
| 17 | VEGETABLES (best display of any 4 types) | |

FRUIT

- | | | |
|----|----------------------------|-----------------|
| 18 | PLUMS | (5) |
| 19 | DAMSONS | (10) |
| 20 | RASPBERRIES | (15) |
| 21 | APPLES (culinary) | (5) |
| 22 | APPLES (dessert) | (5) |
| 23 | PEARS | (5) |
| 24 | BLACKBERRIES | (15) |
| 25 | A VARIETY OF WILD FRUIT | (on a 7" plate) |
| 26 | UNUSUAL FRUIT or VEGETABLE | (any No.) |
| 27 | OTHER FRUITS or VEGETABLES | (any No.) |

FLOWERS

- | | | |
|----|------------------------------------|------------|
| 28 | CHRYSANTHEMUMS | (3) |
| 29 | DAHLIAS (Cactus, any size) | (3) |
| 30 | DAHLIAS (Decorative fully double) | (3) |
| 31 | DAHLIAS (other than Class 29/30) | (3) |
| 32 | ROSE | (1) |
| 33 | ROSES (1 of each of 3 varieties) | (3) |
| 34 | ASTERS | (3) |
| 35 | SWEET PEAS | (6) |
| 36 | GLADIOLI (any colour) | (3 spikes) |
| 37 | PINKS | (6) |
| 38 | GERANIUMS (growing in a pot) | (1 pot) |
| 39 | FLOWERS (any other single variety) | (3) |

MISCELLANEOUS FLOWER

CLASSES

- | | | |
|----|--|-----|
| 40 | POSY (ready for presentation) | (1) |
| 41 | BUTTONHOLE (spray) | (1) |
| 42 | POT PLANT (in flower) | (1) |
| 43 | POT PLANT (foliage effect, no flower) | (1) |
| 44 | POT PLANT (cactus or succulent) | (1) |
| 45 | ARRANGEMENT OF FLOWERS
(in any container) | (1) |
| 46 | ARRANGEMENT OF FRUIT AND
FOLIAGE (in any container) | (1) |
| 47 | ARRANGEMENT OF EXOTIC
FLOWERS (in any container) | (1) |
| 48 | HERBS (display of 6 varieties, labelled) | (1) |
| 49 | ARRANGEMENT (1 fruit or vegetable,
and 1 flower) | (1) |

DOMESTIC CLASSES

- | | | |
|----|--------------------------------|------------|
| 50 | JAM (soft fruit) | (1 jar) |
| 51 | JAM (stoned fruit) | (1 jar) |
| 52 | JELLY PRESERVE | (1 jar) |
| 53 | MARMALADE | (1 jar) |
| 54 | PICKLES (any variety) | (1 jar) |
| 55 | CHUTNEY (any variety) | (1 jar) |
| 56 | TEA LOAF | (1) |
| 57 | FRUIT CAKE | (1) |
| 58 | MADEIRA CAKE | (1) |
| 59 | VICTORIA SPONGE | (1) |
| 60 | DECORATED CAKE | (1) |
| 61 | SMALL CAKES | (6) |
| 62 | SMALL TARTS | (6) |
| 63 | CUP CAKES | (3) |
| 64 | SCONES (fruit) | (6) |
| 65 | SCONES (plain) | (6) |
| 66 | Home made BREAD (fancy loaf) | (1) |
| 67 | Home made BREAD (machine made) | (1) |
| 68 | Home made COUNTRY WINE (red) | (1 bottle) |
| 69 | Home made COUNTRY WINE (rose) | (1 bottle) |
| 70 | Home made COUNTRY WINE (white) | (1 bottle) |
| 71 | EGGS (white) | (6) |
| 72 | EGGS (brown) | (6) |

CHILDREN'S CLASSES

- 73 BUTTONHOLE (under 5 years) (1 flower)
 74 BUTTONHOLE (5 to under 7 years) (1 flower)
 75 BUTTONHOLE (7 to under 10 years)(1 flower)
 76 BUTTONHOLE (10 to 16 years) (1 flower)
 77 MINIATURE GARDEN (under 5 years)
 78 MINIATURE GARDEN (5 to under 7 years)
 79 MINIATURE GARDEN (7 to under 10 years)
 80 MINIATURE GARDEN (10 to 16 years)
 81 FLOAT GARDEN (under 5 years)
 82 FLOAT GARDEN (5 to under 7 years)
 83 FLOAT GARDEN (7 to under 10 years)
 84 FLOAT GARDEN (10 to 16 years)
 85 HUMOROUS VEGETABLE ARRANGEMENT (under 5 years)
 86 HUMOROUS VEGETABLE ARRANGEMENT (5 to under 7 years)
 87 HUMOROUS VEGETABLE ARRANGEMENT (7 to under 10 years)
 88 HUMOROUS VEGETABLE ARRANGEMENT (10 to 16 years)

RULES FOR THE FLOWER SHOW

- 1 All exhibits shall be either grown or produced by the exhibitor only.
- 2 All exhibits to be exactly as stated in the Schedule and to be staged between 10.00am and 12 noon.
- 3 No persons other than the officials will be allowed in the Hall during judging.
- 4 The Judges' decision shall be final, and they reserve the right to withhold any prize where there are no exhibits of sufficient merit.
- 5 All exhibits shall bear an exhibitors number.
- 6 All exhibits (except those in Classes 38, 42-49, and 73-100) will be sold by auction.
- 7 All exhibits in classes 42, 43, and 44 must have been in the possession of the exhibitor for a minimum of six months.

CASH PRIZES - Children's Classes only

First (3 points) £1: Second (2 points) 50p: Third (1 point) 20p.

TROPHIES

There are lots of trophies to be won, some open to all, and some restricted to villagers and children attending the schools.

- 89 SMALL CAKES OR TARTS (under 5 years)
 90 SMALL CAKES OR TARTS (5 to under 7 years)
 91 SMALL CAKES OR TARTS (7 to under 10 years)
 92 SMALL CAKES OR TARTS (10 to 16 years)
 93 PAINTING, DRAWING or CRAFT *** (under 5 years)
 94 PAINTING, DRAWING or CRAFT *** (5 to under 7 years)
 95 PAINTING, DRAWING or CRAFT *** (7 to under 10 years)
 96 PAINTING, DRAWING or CRAFT *** (10 to 16 years)
 *** all on the theme **"MY FAVOURITE HOBBY"**
 97 6 MOUNTED and NAMED TREE LEAVES on an A4 size sheet (under 5 years)
 98 6 MOUNTED and NAMED TREE LEAVES on an A4 size sheet (5 to under 7 years)
 99 6 MOUNTED and NAMED TREE LEAVES on an A4 size sheet (7 to under 10 years)
 100 6 MOUNTED and NAMED TREE LEAVES on an A4 size sheet (10 to 16 years)



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Scarecrow Weekend



LET'S SCARE AGAIN

Feckenham Scarecrow Weekend is back. The event will take place on **Saturday, 12th October** and **Sunday, 13th 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 maps available 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 be games and novelties for the youngsters.

WITH YOUR HELP!

Without scarecrows there would be no Scarecrow Weekend so this is where YOU come in. We want you to make the most eye-catching and original scarecrows you can imagine. There's no theme and very few rules so let your imagination go wild! Scarecrows can be as big or as small as you wish, can be by themselves or in a group. Your scarecrow must be placed where the public can see it from the pavement and be within the central village. If you live outside you'll be welcome to display your masterpiece on The Square. There'll be prizes for the **BEST SCARECROW**.

There's no charge for entering - and the public will be the judges. Winners will be announced at 4.30pm on Sunday...So get stuffing! There's no time to lose!

PLEASE NOTE: So that the Scarecrow Trail Map can be prepared in time we MUST have received your entry form by 6th October .

SCARY HELPERS NEEDED!

This event is being run by Feckenham Wake Committee and Feckenham Entertainments Committee in aid of the Square's Tree Fund. While the Scarecrow Competition remains free to enter and there's no parking charge, any funds

generated at the tea tent, etc will be used to help look after and treat the trees so that our "Village Green" can remain beautiful for years to come. - so please lend a hand to make this, and The Wake, even more successful.

If you can spare an hour over the weekend, help to erect the tent or help us prepare and sell teas please contact Marion Chute on 892285



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Feckenham doesn't have much of a public transport service but if you think it should be improved the County Council is offering the opportunity for you to have you say.

The Worcestershire Passenger Transport Strategy has been developed to support Worcestershire's Local Transport Plan 4. The Strategy sets out how Worcestershire County Council, working with its partners, aims to deliver passenger transport for all our residents. The Strategy will look at ways for residents and visitors to access services across Worcestershire. It recognises that passenger transport plays a key part in supporting this access.

The overarching objective of this Strategy is to ensure that residents and visitors have a level of access to services and facilities which will contribute to enjoy a good quality of life.

You can read the Strategy documents and comment on them at www.worcestershire.gov.uk/passengertransportstrategy

Your comments need to be made by 13th September at the latest. The County Council will analyse the responses and make the results public later in the year.



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ENTRY FORM

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

Please return this form **by 6th October at the very latest**
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Feckenham C. C.

Bob Gordon



As September arrives the days are shortening and the tang of Autumn is in the air. But at least we have 30 days of September to enjoy. Back in 1752 that wasn't the case. Until that year, the Julian calendar was used in Britain, being based on the solar year, the time it takes for the Earth to rotate around the Sun. But this meant that it was 365.25 days long, which was fractionally too long, and the calendar over time fell out of line with the seasons. However, the alternative Gregorian calendar has a leap year every four years (or more precisely, 97 leap years every 400 years). This means that the year corresponds closely with the astronomical year (365.24219 days) so that it is just one day out every 3,300 years.

So, in 1752 Britain decided to correct this by moving to the Gregorian calendar but by doing so, 3rd September instantly became 14th September - and as a result, nothing whatsoever happened in British history between 3 and 13 September 1752.

The Second Team in particular would probably be quite happy to lose those days this year, as they are well adrift at the foot of Division 5 of the Worcestershire County League (largely due to many of their players being drafted into depleted First Team matches). However, as I write, the First Team has just convincingly beaten Evesham, the team just above it at the bottom of the Premier Division, after losing very narrowly at Redditch. Heart has been taken from these performances.

At the end of this season, the League will assess the divisional structure and talk to clubs about the levels at which their teams play next year. The reorganisation brought in this season was always going to need 2-3 years for clubs to reach their natural levels and we just have to grit our teeth and carry on.

At the junior level, things have gone rather better. The Under 12s still have one or two fixtures left and have done very well, as have the Under 9s. The Under 10s have won their league and now have a play off game against Pedmore. If that is won, they then play a semi final and then hopefully the final. They will also have played Barnt Green on the 22nd Aug in the quarter final of the T20 cup.

Our junior players are blossoming and if the boys and girls stick with it, we could have great senior

teams in a few years. You can see the Under-10s in action (weather-permitting) on Sunday 1st September where we will host a tournament involving several other local clubs. It all starts at 10:30am and there will be a BBQ, cake stall, tombola and lots of fun – and no admission charge! At the other extreme, veteran FCC player Joe Davis continues to wallop the ball all over the ground when playing for Worcestershire Over-70s and occasionally the Over 60s. How about this for a run:

Hertfordshire – 52 not out; Wiltshire – 50 not out; Cheshire – 28; Gloucestershire – 47; Wales – 42; Somerset - 39 not out; Gloucestershire – 44; Leicestershire – 88 not out; Berkshire and Bucks – 90; Kent - 81 not out. Joe's average for Worcestershire Over-70s is 72 – amazing!

The Ladies Softball team has played its second tournament at New Road, the home of Worcestershire cricket. Once again they did very well, winning two of their three games, the third being lost by a mere 5 runs. Setting up a four-club tournament at Mill Lane is being discussed.

On the ground, efforts have been made to tidy the top half of the field and the tree-lined stretch along the bridle-path which continues on from Mill Lane.

As you may know, the club held a public meeting at the Village Hall at which our proposal for rebuilding of the aging clubhouse was presented and discussed. At present there are two possible solutions, the first to rebuild the existing structure and the second to build anew near the bottom corner, furthest down the lane. Both need to be costed.

The annual Feckfest family-friendly music festival will have taken place on August Bank holiday Sunday, and it is hoped that the club will have raised a tidy sum for Midlands Air Ambulance.

Remaining fixtures over the next few weeks at Mill Lane :

Sat Aug 24th at 1pm – Stourport (1st team)

Sat Aug 31st at 1pm – Lye (2nd team)

Sat Sep 7th at 12:30pm – Old Elizabethans (1st team)

Sat Sep 14th at 12:30pm – Worcester Nomads (2nd team)

Sun Sep 15th at 12:30pm – Pebble Mill (friendly)

Come down and watch – you will be very welcome. In the meantime, find us online at <https://www.feckenhamcc.co.uk/>.

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NEXT CLUB EVENT -

Wednesday 4th September at 7:30pm

Our speaker is Julie Ritchie from Hoo House Nursery, near Tewkesbury and she will give a talk entitled '**Colour Combinations**'.

The theme for our members' monthly competition will be 'A Colourful Combination from Three Different Plants'. Our speaker will act as judge, and 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 then be awarded a prize of a £20 gift token at the December 2019 meeting.

The following event -

Wednesday 2nd October at 7:30pm

Our speaker is Bob Brown, who will be known to many of you as the owner of Cotswold Garden Flowers nursery at Badsey. Bob is a knowledgeable and entertaining speaker and will give us a talk entitled '**A Garden for November**' in which he will guide us through some choices for the November garden. The theme for our members' monthly competition will be '*Autumn*'.

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 £5.00 for 2019. 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.

Feckenham W.I.

Glenda Smith



On Wednesday 24th July, Feckenham WI joined Cookhill WI on their skittles evening at the Swan Inn Studley. All members partook of a supper of either chicken curry,

pork bap & chips or a vegetarian option. Cookhill provided a raffle.

Friendly competition ensued with a very satisfactory outcome of a draw after a fun evening.

With no meeting in August, a group of us met at The Rose & Crown for our annual summer lunch. An opportunity to socialise and catch up with news. What could be better than good food and good company?

Leaflets are being prepared ready for collection from the Village shop/handing out to interested parties, detailing our future speakers and events, please look out for these.

Our September meeting is on 12th, when we have Ingrid Bauer talking on the "History of Waitrose". This will include a Wine & Cheese tasting so we can only welcome pre booked visitors.

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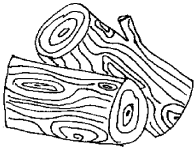
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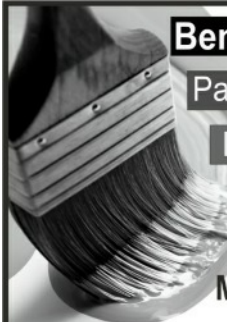
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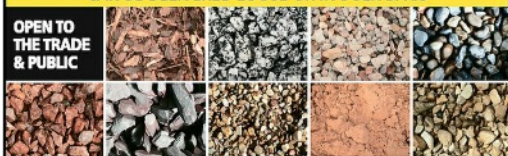
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