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SEPTEMBER Diary



Tues 4 th	12.30 am	Lunch Club	Village Hall, Back Room
Wed 5 th	7.30 pm	Stock & Bradley Gardening Club	Bradley V H
Sat 8 th	2.30 pm	Autumn Flower Show	Village Hall
Tues 11 th	7.30 pm	Feckenham Forest History Society	Feckenham Village Hall
Thur 13 th	7.30 pm	Feckenham VI	Village Hall, Back Room
Thur 20 th	7.30 pm	Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall Back Room
Sat 29 th	7.30pm	FeckenOdeon	Village Hall

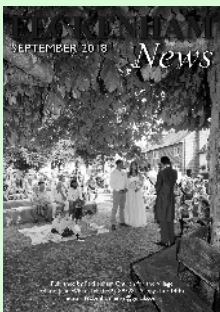
OCTOBER

Sat 6 th	Coffee Morning (Children's Society) - Church
Wed 10 th	Coach Trip to Oxford
Sat 13 th	Harvest Supper - Village Hall

Front Cover

An Open Air Wedding on
Feckenham Square.
The Bride - Debbie Cookes
The Groom - Chris True
Details in Newshound

Photo by Arthur Hind



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Church Services SEPTEMBER

PARISH CHURCH
of ST. JOHN
THE BAPTIST



Priest-in-Charge: Rev Wyn Beynon **07595 313035**

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

Readers and Intercessors

Sunday 2nd

Trinity 14

11.00am

Sung Eucharist

Samuel 21: 10-15 & 22: 1-2 Mark Wheatley

2 Corinthians 5: 16-21 Angela Fletcher

Intercessions

Erica Dilger



Sunday 9th

Trinity 15

8.00am Holy Communion

Galatians 6: 11 Ann Matthews

**11.00am Worship For All – Seeing the light through the Quaker
faith** Kelley Reid from the Society of Friends

Sunday 16th

Trinity 16

6.30pm Evensong

Isaiah 5: 1-7

Mark 4: 1-9

Intercessions

John Calvert

Oliver White

Jeff Matthews

Sunday 23rd

Trinity 17

11.00am Holy Communion

Jeremiah 11: 18-20

James 3: 13-4: 3, 7-8a

Intercessions

Jane White

David Street

Lin Preece

Sun 30th

11.00am Harvest service at The Gazebo, Callow Hill

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

Newshound



The role of Newshound was started years ago by Adrienne Newland (hence the dog!) and taken on ably by Chris Fletcher, but for some time she has felt unable to continue. We now have a new volunteer for Newshound - Jen Cary. Please do feel free to contact her with your news, details on page 3.

Congratulations to Debbie Cookes and Chris True on their marriage, which took place on Saturday 14th July on The Square in Feckenham. It was a humanist ceremony, led by the celebrant Alan Feeney, and Debbie was transported to the wedding in a horse drawn dray. The couple's dog Quin was an honoured guest. The ceremony was followed by a reception in a marquee on the cricket pitch. Debbie has grown up in the village, having gone to Feckenham Nursery, Feckenham First School, and been a member of the church choir. Debbie is the daughter of Vanda and Malcolm Cookes who have lived in Feckenham for over thirty years and live on the High Street. They would like to say a big thank you to Max and Barry on The Square for all their help, to the Village Square Management Committee for their help and permission, and to all the residents of Feckenham. It was an honour to have been married on The Square and was a proper country wedding on a perfect day and couldn't have been better.

Our village postman Over the Summer you might have noticed that our postman Ash has not been around much. Unfortunately Ash has had to stop serving Feckenham on health grounds. His replacement is a young man called Oli, who took over at the beginning of August.

Many congratulations to Daniel Williams who has achieved a 1st class Honours Degree in Aerospace Technology from Coventry University. He is a former pupil of Feckenham

1st School and lives in Ham Green with his proud parents Mark and Tracy Williams.

Twelfth Night in the garden.

On Friday 10th August a very appreciative audience enjoyed a novel production of this play in Gilly Cooper's garden. The Secondbestbed company enchanted us with their lively take on this drama of subterfuge and mistaken identities, skilfully and at times hilariously done by way of rapid costume, accent, and hat changes by the talented cast of three players, all interspersed with charming Elizabethan music.

Lit by numerous candles the garden was a delightful theatre for the evening. We all shivered under the surprisingly cold air after the heatwave and several people dashed home for warmer clothing or blankets in the interval. All in all a great evening and I hope we will see more of this company in future plays in Feckenham.

Refreshments served at the event raised £180 for St Richards Hospice in Worcester.



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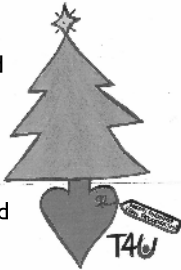
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Teams4u Shoeboxes for Christmas

2018 Appeal Lin Preece

It's Shoebox Season once again. Time to find a box, wrap it in Christmas paper and fill with gifts that will delight a child in need this Christmas (or better still simply pop into church and collect one or two boxes ready wrapped and good to go).



Our boxes are distributed to the most disadvantaged children throughout Romania, Ukraine and Belarus. These children's little lives are really tough, their families struggle day in day out to make ends meet. There is nothing over for Christmas Presents. Our boxes are so important as they will most probably be the only present that these children will receive on Christmas Day.

Please continue to support T4U. Leaflets with all the information you will need are available in Church and the Village Store, there is a lot more information on the T4U web site, they even show you how to pack your boxes it is well worth a look! Please try to add a photograph of yourself and a Christmas card as they really personalise your gift box and what a lovely keepsake they make too! Please remember to pack a cuddly toy and sweets as they are sure favourites for children of all ages

Your knitted items are as important as ever, they are always gratefully received as are any gifts that will go inside the boxes such as toys, toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, candles, bags for life. There is a box in church for your kind donations.

Please take your boxes to the Church no later than WEDNESDAY 21st NOVEMBER, Distribution begins on 2nd December. This is Feckenham's 21st year, I know that you will be as generous as ever and that together we will change lives one box at a time.

We raised an amazing £221-40p on 'Wake Day'. T4U have received this money and are making up 100 boxes at the Evesham warehouse on Feckenham's behalf

Thank you in anticipation

Lin



Friends of Feckenham Church



Anyone visiting the church or walking through its grounds recently will have spotted the boarded-up window. No, we have not been vandalised! The glazing to this window has been removed for re-leading by Norgrove Studios Ltd of Bentley.

This is the first step in a programme to refurbish all the windows in the church. We have been able to begin this work thanks to the generosity of our window sponsors – local residents who have kindly agreed to support the project. The Friends of Feckenham Church are organising the fundraising for the window appeal. We have raised just over £15,000 and sponsored all but two of the windows that need repairing. The remaining two windows are the most costly and have not yet been sponsored. We are contacting local businesses and organisations that award grants for charitable work and hope that they may be interested. The opportunity for individuals or families to contribute however still exists.

Please contact Louise Denne (louiseddenne@aol.com) if you would like to support this appeal.

Local History

Elizabeth Atkins

East Window (North Aisle)

In the glass of the north aisle east window by Charles Ford Whitcombe – the Victorian glass shows

in the centre - The Crucifixion;

on the left - King Charles I with orb and sceptre, with behind him Feckenham Church

and below - a scene in which he is making his gift to the Free School (shown behind);

on the right - John of Feckenham in Abbot's Mitre and vestments holding a representation of Evesham Abbey, with Westminster Abbey in the background

and below - scene showing him visiting Lady Jane Grey "The Ten Day's Queen" in the Tower of London before her execution in 1553. There is a nice figure of a monk to the left of Abbot John's feet.

The window is inscribed in loving memory of Clara Medora Gutch of this village who died at Gotha, Germany April 6th 1900 aged fifty one years. This window was given by her brother Alfred Gutch, late of Dunstall Court and was dedicated in 1904.

The Gutch Family had a long involvement with John English & Co. in Feckenham. John Gutch had married into the English family in 1841 by taking as his wife Sarah English. John Gutch was a successful pin manufacturer in London (Newington) who also exported English's needles to many parts of the world. He had three sons, Frederick, who was connected with the English Company in Queen Street, Redditch while Alfred (of Dunstall Court) and Arthur Henry were involved with the running of John English and Co., Feckenham.

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Community Archaeology Project

Judy Underwood

LATEST NEWS ON THE FECKENHAM MANORIAL MOAT SITE

We are delighted to say that following receipt of an updated tender from Worcestershire Archaeology Services, the good news is that we already have sufficient funds available to pay for the work, so the go ahead has been given for the preparation of the Conservation Management Plan to get underway.

The preparation of the Plan will involve desk based research into the site, plus three on site surveys – an archaeological survey, a tree survey and an ecological survey. All this information will then be pulled together and an informed Conservation Management Plan will be prepared to enable the site to be properly managed in the future and hopefully for it to be taken off the Historic “At Risk” register.

Each of the surveys will take approximately one day, will be “non-invasive” and will be carried out by experts in the various fields. They will take place during the week and at a time which will not clash with any current bookings of the recreation ground.

We are currently awaiting formal permission from the landowner, Redditch Borough Council, for the surveys to go ahead and once this has been received, dates and times for the surveys will be organised. Once we have these dates to hand, we will let you all know so you are aware of what is happening but there should be no disruption to residents at all.

It is anticipated that the Plan will be completed by the end of this year at the latest.

Should you have any queries, or if you would like any further information about the archaeology project, please contact Judy Underwood, Secretary (unjudy@hotmail.com)

Ten Years of “Open the Book”

“Open the Book” is a scheme that introduces children to bible stories through interactive drama and prayer. And it is ten years since members of Feckenham churches formed three teams, and started visiting the Village School each week. Cyril Warrilow organised the group from the beginning and now feels it right to pass on the baton, though he will still be an active member. His role is being taken by Lin Preece, who also acts as wardrobe mistress as well as running one of the teams.

Members and their spouses celebrated their work with a jolly evening at The Rose & Crown. Cyril was thanked for his 10 years leadership, and Lin given good wishes for her new leadership role. On display was a splendid large “Thank You” card produced by the school children, with illustrations by different children of bible stories - plus a tin of chocolates!

If anyone has costumes or material suitable to make some, Lin would love to hear from you.

Date for your Diary

Feckenham Harvest Supper

Saturday 13th October

Tickets will be on sale soon from
Marg Eost, Phyllis Mott and
Jane White



Angelika Schuler, “Hamilton” and me.

Antonia Pulsford



One of my grandmothers, Helena Cruger Mallory, before she married my grandfather, Wilfred Mellersh, was American, from New York State where a lot of the settlers were originally Dutch families, as the Schuylers (pronounced Skyler) were, and it is through her I am related to Angelica, whose younger sister married Alexander Hamilton. The other notable American family we are related to is the Crugers who were merchants based in the West Indies and Bristol. One forbear, Henry Cruger, is buried in Bristol Cathedral, and we found his memorial plaque when we were in Bristol last winter, and one of his sons, not my ancestor, managed to be Mayor of Bristol and M.P. in the Westminster Parliament for Bristol in the American War of Independence, as well as holding office in the seceding States. I think the situation must have been rather like Brexit, with a lot of people with feet in both camps. Eventually he decided not to stand for Parliament again and retired to the States, but the family still retained close connections with England and his niece, Angelika Schuyler, by then Mrs. Church, was certainly in London in the 1790's

With these connections we moved fast to get tickets for “Hamilton” which is a splendid rap version of Hamilton's life with a very multi-racial Cast. Our son, James, managed to get in touch with the theatre and explained the relationship, which fascinated them. I mean it's not often you

get the descendant of a historical character in a play turning up in the audience, unless of course the people involved are royalty, which we definitely are not. Anyhow we were very impressed with the organisation of the Victoria Theatre as they keep records of where everyone is sitting in the theatre, so at the interval a nice young man called Luke found us and took us off to a private sitting room and plied us with drinks – very useful as there weren't many seats in the bar. At the end of the show he found us again and took us down to the stage door where we met the delightful Miriam-Teak Lee, who played my great, great, great great grandmother, hence the photo, and other members of the cast.

The show is a sell-out but if they release more tickets do go. It's a bit like a pop concert with a very enthusiastic remarkably young audience, and we had a great time.

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Thought for the month

Rev. Wyn Beynon

Dear friends,

The older I get
the better I was

It's a little quote (from someone called Big Joe Shelton, whoever he was, it turns out) that catches the whole problem of getting older. We modify our memories of the past and, if at all possible, we prefer to remember the good bits and forget the bad. Sadly that isn't always possible of course, when very traumatic things have happened to us.

But it does explain the nonsense of the "good old days" attitude which in my experience, usually needs challenging.

During the 1960s, which is the decade in which I grew up, it was OK to use vile racist language I won't repeat here, pinch the secretary's bottom in the office (because they liked it, we said) and we honestly thought that the nations that had been part of the empire genuinely thought we Brits were wonderful. And anyway we had just won the world cup and we had produced the Beatles. It was also the decade I lost my cousin to leukemia aged 13. She would have been cured today. And people moaned about wearing motorcycle crash helmets and car seat belts. Reforms which have saved countless lives, of course, including members of my close family. It was, however, the decade that defiance, that unquestioning acceptance of authority began to be challenged. We see now how much evil was done behind the veneer of professional distance... in the law, police, teaching, medicine.. and clergy.

So let's have an honest assessment of ourselves. The truth for most of us is that we were never nearly as bad as we feared we were, and we were never quite as good as we'd like to think. Most of us trundle along doing our best. And actually, that's fine....it was all we ever could do.

Jesus walked through the world enjoying life, and encouraging people to be themselves,

because we are made in God's image. Too often the institution of the Church (though not the real saints, who were disliked and distrusted by the institution) fought to control the people by making Christianity about morality and good behaviour.

Well, as many of you have heard me say before, "If it isn't fun: don't do it". But the trick, of course, is to know what real fun is... and that's another letter! But it's something to do with living in the here and now, and being totally tuned in to each other, not hankering after an illusory past and concerned only for ourselves.

As September comes and the mellow days of autumn approach it's time to look back in honesty and gratitude, but not too much nostalgia.

One thing I do want to look back to if the Open Gardens in May. I have thanked Kathy Fisher personally but I hadn't put it in writing just how grateful I am, together with the PCC and all interested in St John the Baptist Church, to Kathy and all those lovely people who selflessly worked so hard on all kinds of supportive jobs and opened their gardens after vast amounts of labour. Thank you so much, and thank you for the magnificent £11,000 raised for the fabric of the church. Amazing!

Best wishes
Wyn

What's On this month in STOCK & BRADLEY

5th BREAKAWAY
The Life of a Seaside Hotelier
Village Hall - 10.30am

5th GARDENING CLUB
Plants with a History
Talk by Samantha Hope
Village Hall - 7.30pm

10th ART CLASS
Autumn Term starts
Village Hall - 9.30am

OCTOBER

6th HARVEST SUPPER

For more information see
STOCK & BRADLEY CHRONICLE

Poverty, Pregnancy & Patriarchy

Thea Matthews

Thea sent me this interesting article and you can see the result on the internet. Ed.

In January, Tanzanian authorities arrested five pregnant schoolgirls and their parents, to try to tackle student pregnancies in the north of the country. Six months prior, President John Magufuli publicly backed a law that states if a schoolgirl gets pregnant, she is to be expelled and can never return to a state-run school. The same is true if a girl gets married. Marriages are often arranged, and despite the law, many girls marry when they are under 18. In this patriarchal society, a boy's education is valued more highly than a girl's, so if parents cannot afford to send all their children to school a girl's education is often sacrificed.

In April, I was told to find an ambitious subject for my journalism project - a practical, dissertation equivalent module which was the culmination of my multimedia journalism masters degree at Bournemouth University. It did not take me long to think of something - after all, what is more ambitious than interviewing over 20 people who cannot speak English about taboo subjects in a remote part of Tanzania?

The first time I travelled to Tanzania I was 16 years old. Now, at 23 years old, I have visited the country four times. Each experience is completely different from the one before, and my week long visit in June was no exception. I met village elders, doctors, teachers, mothers and daughters with one purpose: I wanted to find out why less girls go to school in rural Tanzania than boys.

The project was filmed over seven days - five in Tanzania and two in England - and explores the lives of women and girls in Tanzania and their access to education. It follows five different pathways - four real stories and a section on women's groups and projects. It is an

interactive documentary, so there is no right or wrong order to read and watch. Instead, viewers can choose their own route and take as little or as much as they want from it.

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

Feckenham Readers Group

Thursday, 6th September - 7.45



This Month:

ELEANOR OLIPHANT
IS COMPLETELY FINE

by Gail Honeyman
Details from Marion Chute - 892285

FECKENHAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Feckenham Village Hall (Back Room)
Thursday, 20th September - 7.30pm

Everyone is welcome to attend

At every Council meeting there is a 15 minute Open Forum during which you're invited to raise matters of concern or ask questions of the Council

Feckenham Flower Show

Saturday, 8th September

2.30pm - Feckenham Village Hall

Displays of Flowers and Produce

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



GARDENERS
& BAKERS

Why not have a go?

Check out the list of classes in this
edition of Feckenham News

Feckenham Forest History Society

HISTORY OF STOURBRIDGE GLASS

Talk by Dr Kate Round
Tuesday, 11th September - 7.30pm
Feckenham Village Hall

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

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INSPIRING WOMEN

At FECKENHAM VILLAGE HALL

THROUGH THE YEARS

Wildlife Photography
with Rosemary Morris

Thursday, 13th September - 7.30pm

Visitors Welcome at all meetings - £4



Stock & Bradley GARDENING CLUB

PLANTS with HISTORY

With SAMANTHA HOPES

Wednesday, 5th September - 7.30pm
Bradley Village Hall - 01527 821355

Feckenham's Own...



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WHAT'S ON IN FECKENHAM

THE FECKENODEON CINEMA SOCIETY

MELBA STAUNTON TIMOTHY SPALL CELIA IRRIS DAVID HAYMAN with JOHANNA LUMLEY

FINDING YOUR FEET

12A



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Feckenham Flower Show - list of classes

September 8th



VEGETABLES

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|----|------------------------------------------|----------|
| 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)
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)

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.

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FeckenOdeon Cinema Society

Ian Bellion

18th SEASON

A new season of fantastic films starts at Feckenham's village cinema at the end of this month. There are full details of all the Main Season films in the brochure you'll find inside this copy of Feckenham News. If your copy is missing you can pick one up at the Village Hall, Rose & Crown or the Shop - or take a look at fecknodeon.co.uk. Membership for the full Season costs just £30.



OLD DOGS, NEW(ISH) TRICKS

Opening the new season is a fine comedy full of vintage players. In **'Finding Your Feet'** 'Lady' Sandra Abbott discovers that her husband of forty years is having an affair. Moving in with her estranged sister, she reluctantly allows herself to be dragged along to the community dance class, where a new lease on life, new friends, and – possibly – new romance await her. A heartwarming comedy starring Imelda Staunton, Timothy Spall, Celia Imrie and Joanna Lumley - all proving that you're never too old to do whatever it is that you've forgotten you wanted to do....

"FINDING YOUR FEET"

at 7.30pm on Saturday, 29th September

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FeckenOdeon 2 re-opens with a biting sharp satirical comedy by Armando Iannucci. **"The Death of Stalin"** presents what might have been going on after the despot's demise

"THE DEATH OF STALIN"

at 8pm on Friday, 12th October

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LOCAL PEOPLE

Part of the reason for starting our local radio station was to put local voices on the air and to make a record of the way we are now - so that future generations can hear us. Part of the way we're doing this is through our **"In Conversation"** programmes where we enjoy a relaxed chat with local folk.

On air at the moment is **Arthur Brassington** - a lifelong Feckenhamster with memories of the village and an insight into the country way of life... including the best way to cook a partridge. You can also listen to past programmes in the series through our On Demand service - currently available are chats with **Alan Jones, Wyn Beynon, Marie Morgan and Jane Bull.**

CLASSY CLASSICS

A **New Series** has recently been added to our schedule. In **Classical Swansbrook** Christine Fletcher presents outstanding performances from the classical repertoire - some familiar, some not so well known - and explains the origin of the piece and, in many cases, tells of her own experiences of the music or the performer.

The first few programmes will feature Chris' own favourites but suggestions are very welcome - so, if you have a classical piece that's special to you we'd love to hear from you. Just email us at radio@swansbrook.com - if there's a story that goes with the music, so much the better. If you're not email savvy you can drop a note to Chris addressed to Classical Swansbrook, Swansbrook Radio, 64 High Street - B96 6HS.

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Square Management Committee

HOEDOWN HITS THE HEIGHTS!

The annual Fun on The Square event, this year entitled "A Feckenhamster Hoedown", was a huge success. On the warm, but not too warm, evening of 21st July large numbers of villagers gathered to enjoy the attractions which included dancing to the "GoodOldFeckenBoys" (led by our own Alan Smith), A Rodeo Bull, lots of food and drink, a spectacular raffle and all sorts of informal activities for younger revelers. It was a pleasant and convivial occasion and a reminder that The Square is owned by the people of Feckenham for their enjoyment.

The purpose of the event was to raise money for the upkeep of The Square and it succeeded. Over £1,500 was raised - and it couldn't have been more timely. The Square Committee's coffers were at an all time low following the refurbishment of the High Street area of the site. Further works are planned to repair the gravel road - so the monies raised will be put to immediate good use.

The Committee is most grateful to everybody who came to the event - and anyone who helped in any way. In particular Eric Harman who donated meat for the chile con carne, Mel and Matt Clarke for loan of bar equipment, Feckenham School for loan of their stage, Barb Masters, Judy Underwood and Liz Hunter for food prep and service, Peter and Marion Chute and Dave Mitchell for BBQ magic - and everyone who so kindly donated prizes for the Raffle.

On the night the Committee was : Judy Hooker (Chef), Barry Hamilton & Tim Smith (Bar Stewards), Dawn Southwell (Cashier and Banker), Ian Bellion (Bull Control), Slade Arthur and Peter Masters (Rafflers).

Unfortunately there was an accident on the Rodeo Bull in which a young lady strained her neck. Emergency services attended but thankfully the injuries were not serious. This was the first accident of any sort on this ride in 14 years of operation.

This fully licensed and insured event was closed down before 10.30pm. The Committee wishes it to be known that people causing a disturbance at around midnight were not on The Square at shut down.

Thanks

Coffee Morning in aid of Feckenham Church and Hands of Compassion

We all enjoyed a most successful Coffee Morning on Friday 27th July at 33 High Street. It was a hot sunny day and the ladies serving the coffees worked flat out! We sold lots of cakes, jams and marmalades and there was a super raffle, lots of bring and buy and a plant stall. Many thanks to all who attended, to the helpers and all who sent us donations. We raised the magnificent total of £883.70. Well done and thank you again one and all from
Shirley and Pat and Carol Onions.

Ride Achieved.

Can I thank all that supported my sponsored ride across Wales in a day? We made it, and it was a great day out. After a damp 4am start in Caernarfon, the leaden skies gave way to sunny and warm intervals and thankfully not too hot. The rest of the ride was event free with fine clear views having toiled up the hills. We arrived suitably tired just after 6pm in Chepstow which was a good time for the 185 miles.

The total raised so far is approaching £1500, my target for equipment for the new school lab in Tunguli, Tanzania. It's not too late to donate. Either put something through my letter box (8 The Square) or <https://mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/jeffmatthews2>

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Village Shop

Jeff Matthews

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On the wine front, we are pleased to be stocking Vintage Roots wines, whose claim to fame is their organic range with no sulphates (meaning no hangover, although please don't take that as a serving suggestion) and also a carbon offset programme. Truly green wine.

As ever, we are looking for volunteers to help out. We are one buyer down on the buying team (many thanks to Allison Crellin for all her hard work over the last 9 years). If you would like to help in that area, please let Ann Matthews know (892180) or come to the shop.

Also, a web person is needed. The website needs to be kept up to date, not an onerous task, as we tend to use facebook to communicate with customers and followers. If you think you can help please contact Jeff Matthews, jeff@the-madison-group.co.uk

Village Hall

Ian Bellion



LOVELY FINISH!

The Village Hall's main floor has been rejuvenated. When the Hall was refurbished in 2003 a beautiful maple floor was installed at a cost of £18,000. Over the years grime, polish and general wear and tear took their toll. Contractors have now completely stripped all the gunge away and re-lacquered the wood to the original specifications. It's a remarkable transformation - a beautiful, light wood colour with a slight sheen for all to enjoy - but please remember that stilettos are not welcome!!

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World War I Centenary Commemoration

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UPDATE

The last of the Tower of London poppies is now in place on the crown. It commemorates the loss of Edgar Badger on 2nd September, his story will be elsewhere, and he will be remembered at the service on 9th September.

As the 100th anniversary of 1918 Armistice day approaches, the Group is preparing the final few projects to mark the event.

- We are currently working on making the Crown of Poppies a permanent feature in the church. A design for a plaque is about to be submitted to church authorities to be in place for 11th November and agreement that the crown can remain beyond November.
- 11th November service; Remembrance Sunday falls on 11th this year, and will be marked by a specially written service. It will feature music from the specially commissioned work Suite for the Fallen Soldier and will culminate at the War Memorial for a 2 minute silence at 11:00. All are invited to attend the service and / or the 2 minute silence at the memorial.
- As part of that we understand that if you have medals in your possession, awarded to a member of your family, of whom you are a direct descendent then you are permitted to wear them on the left breast of your coat or jacket. I fully intend, as a mark of respect, to wear my Grandfather's medals won on the Western Front in WWI. Can we encourage others to do likewise? It would be wonderful for as many of these marks of service and connection to this sacrificed generation (in both wars) to be remembered and acknowledged.
- As a result of our research work into all those that served and those that fell we have

amassed a range of material about the village and those that went. With Kathy Gee's expert help and careful crafting, we will be able to produce a book as a permanent item of remembrance. Also, as a result of grants and careful financial management we find ourselves able to provide and distribute a free copy to all the households in the parish. We hope this appreciated and marks our respect to this generation and our thanks to our continued community spirit.



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Feckenham Cricket Club

Bob Gordon



The heatwave has finally faltered – no doubt precipitated by my decision to spend a couple of days trying the new tent in Devon – and the cooling weather may well see the club's swallows decide that it is time to fly South. The outlook is still pretty fair (based on “normal” years) with limited rain and so it may take a while for the many rather scary cracks in the outfield to disappear. After having applied over five tons of sand to the worst of them, it will be interesting to see how quickly that will happen.

The hard outfield has resulted in interesting times for fielders. In one recent match the fielder in front of the clubhouse looked to have the ball covered until it kicked off the ground, almost took his head off and crashed into the clubhouse wall.

The first team continues its mixed run, starting with a good win at Hagley where our team comfortably reached the hosts total of 207 inside 35 overs, Josh and Tom taking 3 wickets each while Andy Kings (59), Muhammed Idrees (94) and Jamie Griffiths (33) polished off the runs. Unfortunately this was followed by a home defeat to Chaddesley Corbett, a game in which none of our batsmen really got going and the bowlers found it hard work. The yo-yo form continued in the next game, away at Cookley where we bowled out the home team for 155 and comfortably reached the total in 26 overs, Andy Kings and Jamie Griffiths again leading the way with the bat.

Despite at one point it looking like a home victory was likely, the first home game of August against Worcester was another reverse. The visitors set a testing total of 302 and Feckenham initially responded well, with Muhammed Idrees hitting seven fours in a 7-over knock of 39, following which Jamie Griffiths (53) and Danny Bloomer (63) put on a fine partnership but fell behind the run rate. When Danny was out, we witnessed the unfortunate spectacle of the opposition's Shaun D'Oliveira (a fine cricketing name) taking a hat-trick. Young Flynn Duggan put up a spirited display but ran out of partners and the game was lost. The “firsts” sit in mid-table.

Over the same period the second team won just match – a 9-wicket away win over Harborne in a low-scoring game in which Matt Kings (4) and Paul Hird (5) took the wickets. Flynn Duggan with 60 runs was the batsman of the day. A home defeat to Hagley (Andy Kings 73 being a bright feature) and a 48-run defeat away at Worcester ended the period, despite 50s from Matt Grubb and Paul Hird. The other match was one of many that were abandoned on a wet 28th July leaving the team second to bottom of the league table.

The third team have quietly worked their way into fourth place in their division. A fine win at Enville featured villager Steve Bennett hitting 81, ably supported by Simon Mitchell (65) and stalwart Alex Hardy (58). The next match saw a real thumping of old rivals Redditch, in which Feckenham set a huge total of 347, Jon Dean with an awesome 148, the Hardy brothers Alex (57 n.o.) and Angus (58) supporting and Steve Bennett again contributing with 38. A shell-shocked Redditch were then bowled out for 163 inside 30 overs. A very satisfactory afternoon's work! The match of 28th July was abandoned and the first match of August was conceded by Enville.

The third team play their “home” matches at Studley High School as the club awaits news of the appeal against planning permission (yes it is needed) to play cricket in a field off Moors Lane. Hopefully the decision is near as the process appears to be nearing its conclusion.

Our junior sections have had a highly successful season, building on last year's foundations. The U9s softball team have won their local regional division and then went on to win the District Finals. The team has really developed as the season progressed with many players having their first introduction to the game and being successful. They now have a County Cup final to look forward to later in the summer.

The U11s have also won their regional division and are now waiting to see who they will play in the County Cup semi final later in the summer. The team lost two early games in the division then managed to go on a seven game unbeaten run to top the division - this is a notable achievement given the league is made up of a majority of Birmingham League teams who have much larger junior sections.

The U13s team players are now starting to appear in the senior teams and are contributing well and continuing to develop as cricketers while - importantly - enjoying the game. Four (Jay, Ethan, Jaden and Ollie) of the team have played for the full 3rd team, taking wickets and catches while scoring runs while one (Ollie) has also gone on to play four times for the second team. It is also worth pointing out that although Feckenham is a very small club in Worcester League terms, the junior section of the club has contributed 5 players to Worcestershire County teams this years in both boys and girls cricket.

The saga of equipment problems continues. The latest to succumb is our Dennis wicket mower, which suffered a broken drive cable recently, the replacement needing to be order from a dealer in Knowle. It is (almost) back to working condition and the ground team is hoping that this run of misfortune is now over for the season. By the time that you receive this, the annual Feckfest music festival will have taken place over the August Bank Holiday weekend. Hopefully the weather was fine and we raised a good sum for this year's charity beneficiary, Midlands Air Ambulance.

Fixtures at Mill Lane (12:30 start unless stated):

Sat Sep 1st v Stourport (1st team)

Sun Sep 2nd v Oldswinford (Under 13s) 10am

Sat Sep 8th v Droitwich (2nd team)

Sat Sep 15th v Burghill & Tillington (1st team)

Sun Sep 16th v Pebble Mill CC (BBC XI) – friendly (TBC) Please join us!

Stock & Bradley Gardening Club Rob Cole

THIS MONTH - Wed. 5th - 7:30pm

Our next season of monthly meetings begins with a talk by Samantha Hopes entitled 'Plants with a History'. Samantha trained at Birmingham Botanical Gardens and at Pershore College. She went on to work and study at the RHS Garden at Wisley, and at Kew and Great Dixter. She has also worked as part of the team at Ashwood Nurseries.

The regular monthly Competition theme will be 'Variegated Foliage'. 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 AGM in December.

The following meeting - Wed. 3rd Oct

Diane Clement is the co-ordinator of the Alpine Garden Society seed exchange scheme and is a keen grower of garden plants, not just alpines. Her talk will seek to show a wide range of garden plants which will give interest for each season.

The regular monthly Competition theme will be 'Two Different Asters'.

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 £8.00 for 2018. 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.

Jane White



We meet in the Village Hall Back Room at 7.30pm on Thursday 13th September we shall be welcoming back Rosemary Morris. She always amazes us with her wildlife photography and this time her talk is 'Through the Years' There will be light refreshments, visitors welcome (£4)

Theatre visits:

Wed 3rd October. "My Fair Lady"

Tues 20th November, "White Christmas"

Contact Vivien Hunter 402360 for both

Craft & Natter:

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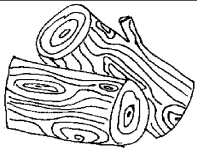
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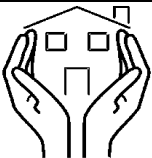
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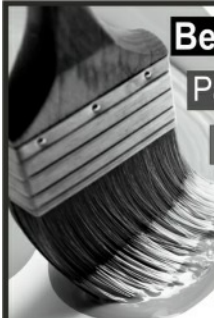
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