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SEPTEMBER Diary



Tues 5 th	12.30am	Lunch Club	Village Hall, Back Room
Wed 6 th	7pm to 9.30pm	Collect a Smartwater Marking kit	Village Hall
Wed 6 th	7.30pm	Gardening Club	Bradley VH
Sat 9 th	2.30pm	Flower Show	Village Hall
Tues 12 th	7.30pm	Feckenham Forest History Society	Webheath Village Hall
Sat 23 rd	7.30pm	FeckenOdeon	Village Hall
Fri 29 th	10 - 12.30	MacMillan Coffee Morning	Parish Church
Sat 30 th & Sun 1 st		Scarecrow Weekend	Village
OCTOBER			
Sun 1 st		Shindig "Truth & Truffles"	Village Hall
Sat 7 th		Harvest Supper	Village Hall

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Front Cover

Charlotte Davey riding Taz on her way to church to marry Paul Styler in the pouring rain on 22nd July. The couple live on The High St. Photo by Tim Smith.



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

Readers and intercessors



Sunday 3rd
Trinity 12

11.00am Sung Eucharist
Jeremiah 15: 15-21
Romans 12: 9-12
Intercessions

Jenny Goode
Ian Hunter
Tony Mortimer

Sunday 10th
Trinity 13

8.00am Holy Communion
Galatians 3:16

Antonia Pulsford

**11.00am A conversation with Michael Kretzmer from the
Progressive Synagogue in B'ham**

Sunday 17th
Trinity 14

6.30 pm Evensong
Ezekiel 15: 15: 1b-11, 20-21
Romans 14: 1-12
Intercessions

Carol Onions
Gerry Eost
Erica Dilger

Sunday 24th
Trinity 15

11.00am Family Communion
Jonah 3: 10 – 4: 11
Philippians 1: 21-30
Intercessions

Muriel Richards
Mark Wheatley
Walter Richards

Feckenham: Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals

Initial contacts should be directed to Angela Kovacevic, Parish Administrator & Lay Minister:

 01527 861247 or email Angelakov2202@gmail.com

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

Community Archaeology Project

Jen Cary

In the Spring we wrote to tell you that the group was applying for funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund for a second time, after our first application was unsuccessful. We have now heard back from the HLF about our latest application and unfortunately it is bad news again. However, this time we have been given more help from the HLF about what they are looking for (as the criteria seems to have changed) and so we will be hopefully meeting with them soon.

In the meantime though, the work that really matters and which will get the Scheduled Ancient Monument that is the Recreation Ground moated site off Historic England's 'At Risk' register, is pressing ahead and we hope to have it completed this Winter. This work will mean that the landowner, Redditch Borough Council (RBC), will have a professionally drawn-up management plan that instructs them how to properly maintain the site in future. Thank you very much to the small band of volunteers who have agreed to help with the construction of part of this plan in order to help keep the professional fees down.

Hopefully this Autumn RBC will continue with their initial clearing work of the site as there is still more to do. If you do pop down to see what's there please do take care to walk in the moat as much as possible, rather than on the top of the banks, as we are trying to avoid further erosion of the tops.

If anyone is interested in joining the volunteers on a visit to one of Redditch's other Scheduled Ancient Monuments, Moon's Moat, which is similar to our site, then please do get in touch before the 31st August –
jen@28highstreet.co.uk .

From the P.C.C.

Bats in the Church

Nocturnal activity in the churchyard may have been noticed in recent weeks. This was a survey of bat activity around the Church.

The PCC is next year planning to carry out essential repairs to the Church which will include replacing the Chancel Roof. This work may disturb the bats which are known to be present in the churchyard. A survey carried out by a Consultant Ecologists has found bat droppings in both the tower and the body of the church which indicates the presence of roosting bats. Bats are a Protected Species and we were required to commission further surveys to determine the type of roost, species present and numbers.

These surveys must take place at dusk when the bats emerge from the roosts and at dawn when they return. They were due to take place over the nights of Wednesday 16 August, Wednesday 30 August and Wednesday 13 September (although the weather may have dictated changes to these dates).

The results of these surveys will determine whether a Licence will be required from Natural England.

Ian Hunter
PCC Secretary

An Evening of Popular Classics

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Friday 15th September 7.30pm
Tardebigge Church

Admission £10 children (u16) £3
(glass of wine/soft drink included)
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Teams4u Shoeboxes for Christmas

2017 Appeal Lin Preece

CHANGING LIVES ONE BOX AT A TIME



It is now 20 years since first becoming involved with the Christmas Shoebox Appeal. It started in a very small way with my Nursery children. Feckenham First School quickly became involved, soon the whole village was wrapping and packing too!

Together we have been able to make such a difference to the lives of the worlds most disadvantaged children. Thank you!

As ever I am asking you once again to make up a Christmas Shoebox. Your gift filled boxes will give hope and joy to these unfortunate children. Naturally the boxes need to be checked to make sure that nothing inappropriate is inside, but you can rest assured that they are disturbed as little as possible so that the love you have packed remains there until your box is opened. Last year The Reverend Gary Crellin was moved to see the looks of awe, wonder and gratitude on the children's faces when they received their boxes.

Leaflets with all the information you will need, will be in Church or in the Village Shop from September. When packing your boxes please try to add a ball, a cuddly toy, some sweets and maybe a fidget spinner (it's the latest craze) and a Christmas card. Teams4U welcome home/family boxes too. These boxes could include a bag for life, wind up torch, candles, pegs, headscarf, bic razor, bath products (just wrap in clingfilm) and cosmetics. Baby boxes are also welcome!

Please continue to knit or crochet hats, gloves, scarves and blankets, they are always gratefully received, as are any small gifts such as toys, toothbrushes and toothpaste, soap and candles. There is a box in Church for your kind donations.

Please take your boxes to the Church no later than Sunday 19th November. In 2016 Teams4U managed to send over 33,000 boxes. This year they are able to reach out to even more children, boxes will be going to Romania, Bosnia and the Ukraine for 'Our Christmas', and Belarus for the Orthodox Christmas in January, isn't that marvellous news!

My stall on wake day raised £275-60p. We had such a great response this year that all but 2 of the soft toys were won, so I am now desperate to replenish stock! If you have any plush toys, in good condition and in need of a new home would you please donate them for next years stall! I have used £50 to purchase some pre-wrapped shoeboxes. There will be 100 boxes in Church at the beginning of September, please feel free to take 1 or 2! The remaining £225-60p I have given to Teams4U.

Thank you all in anticipation. Lin

Friends of Feckenham Church



The Friends of Feckenham Church are delighted to announce that by courtesy of Carol Corden, The Wythall Players will present a **Murder Mystery Evening 'DIG FOR VENGEANCE'** at 7.30pm on **Saturday 18th November 2017** in the Village Hall.

Tickets at £10 are available to purchase from the Village Shop, Carol Corden and Catherine Fisher (07931 338291).

There will be a licenced bar and a raffle with all proceeds going towards the maintenance of our Parish Church.

We look forward to seeing you

Village Shop

Jeff Matthews

If you find yourself caught short for something for an evening meal, there is a surprising selection of options down at the shop.

For meat eaters, we have Mister Dave's range of curries plus Keema rice and to accompany naan breads. Then, easy to microwave 'Look what we Found' chilli con carne, chicken casserole and a number of other variations.

For the vegetarian, Linda McCartney's country pies, sausages, cheese and leek plaits and mozzarella burgers. Also, Whitby breaded Yorkshire scampi and Natural Cool Peas and Green Beans to go with it.

And for those challenged by gluten, Thai red curry from Amy's kitchen.

Plenty of choice for all tastes and tolerances.

And, if you fancy a pudding, how about Chocolate Fudge Brownie or an Iced Bakewell Tart or perhaps one of our delicious cakes?

Feckenham Flower Show

Saturday 9th September

Margaret East

The Autumn Flower Show will be held in the Village Hall on Saturday 9th September, and staging of exhibits will be between 10.00am and 12 noon. Judging will then take place behind closed doors, and after calculating the results the Show will open at 2.30pm, for visitors to admire the exhibits.

A full Schedule of Classes is included in this issue of Feckenham News, along with more details of the Show. Making entries to the Show is very easy, and there are plenty of helpers available to advise first-time exhibitors. The more exhibits there are, the more interesting the Show, and whilst not everyone can be a winner, all of the exhibitors enjoy taking part in this traditional village event.

Teas will be available during the afternoon, and there will be an auction of exhibits at 3.15pm.

Join us for this interfaith service

@ 11am on Sunday

10th September

RITUAL IN JUDAISM

why bother with ritual?

A conversation with Michael Kretzner

member of the Birmingham Progressive Synagogue

At St John the Baptist Church

Feckenham

Michael Kretzner, a progressive Jew, will describe the role of ritual in his personal and family life.

Of the many rituals, he will examine

The Passover Meal and

The Shabbat Meal

All are welcome and please stay for refreshments after

Harvest Service

At The Gazebo, Callow Hill

Sunday 1st October

10.30am

All Welcome

Donations to Redditch Food Bank

Chaplaincy for Agriculture and Rural Life

County Harvest Service

Worcester Cathedral

Sunday 1st Oct • 6.30pm

Preacher - • Geoff Sansom
from Natural England

All welcome

Thought for the month

Rev. Gary Crellin

Give thanks for our local schools

They say that your school days are the happiest of your life. How about you? For me I remember them as a good time in many ways. Do you remember much about your first school? I remember a few of my friends. I remember walking to school - I don't remember children arriving by car - but perhaps some did. I can recall one of the teachers. It is all so long ago, the memory is dim. Yet I learnt all the basics of what I needed at that school - to read, write, basic maths . And I realised I was rubbish at PE.

People often achieve notable things when they are a bit older -and so it is the secondary schools which often get the accolades for their pupil's success. But the foundation work is done in the primary or first schools. In our 'benefice', we are blessed with three schools - in Feckenham, Stoke Prior and Wychbold. Nowadays thanks to all the reforms in education, schools are often competing for children to attend. I wish to reflect in general on our three schools together – they all so good I cannot give the Gold, Silver or Bronze - they're all Gold!

Our Three Head teachers - Mrs Little (Feckenham), Mr Satchwell (Stoke Prior) and Mrs Howitt (Wychbold) have enriched our local community by their wonderful work. They have raised standards in their schools and have a remarkable team of staff and volunteers helping. They deserve accolades too - especially as we start the new school year this month.

I am a governor of one of the schools but I am universally struck by the quality of the children whom I meet in each of our schools. They are invariably courteous and helpful to people such as myself. I notice that in the intimate setting of a small school they often support and help each other -including helping those younger or older than themselves. Now I know that in practice things happen, incidents, disagreements - our

local schools reflect life as it is - but I wish to focus on what is good. I have been here long enough to see children pass through our local schools and go on to middle or secondary school. I have seen some of them do very well indeed - on the foundation given locally.

I've mentioned the dedication and skill of the head teachers. They lead the teaching staff who work so hard to help the children. Our local schools are relatively small and this has lots of advantages. There is an intimacy and ability for people to know one another. But I was struck on the challenges this gives to the staff. In a large school a member of staff can head up just one area of the curriculum, science for example. In a school with a small number of staff - one person may have to cover several areas. The amazing thing is that our local teachers are able to do this in a way in which high academic results can be maintained. Remarkably our local schools can provide a place where all the advantages of small size are enjoyed, and results just as good as larger schools can be achieved too. It is amazing - and we in a debt to our local teachers.

There is even more in the team than this. Working with the teachers are the teaching assistants, whose contribution makes the success of our schools in coping with many challenges possible. I am amazed how close the progress of pupils is tracked in our schools these days - so there really is that emphasis that every child matters. In addition, there are other members of staff as well. It is a team effort. There are also volunteers, parents or other friends of the schools who help in various ways. Lastly, there are the Governors, the 'critical friends' of the school as we are told by the government. I pay tribute to them as well, working as volunteers, giving much time and energy to this work which can have its very difficult moments. As Governors, we see just how many changes in education are brought in by successive governments and how this adds to the work and pressure on teachers.

People often tell me they wonder what religious input pupils get nowadays in our schools. Although not all of our schools are "church schools", all three welcome contact with the

local church and provide a good input of teaching about the Christian Faith in a variety of ways – from Open the Book, to my assemblies and more. Of course, they also teach about other religions, which is so important for community understanding these days. I think that the provision is good. Well. I would say that wouldn't I !

No school, church, village or family is perfect. My purpose in this article is to remind us of all the good associated with our local schools. I feel privileged to be involved in them and thank all involved.

World War I Centenary Commemoration



The life of the Feckenham villager **Ernest Charles Hicks**, who died a hundred years ago in World War One, will be commemorated on Sunday 10th September 2017 at the Family Service to be held in the Parish Church of Saint John the Baptist, Feckenham.

Ernest was born in 1890 to Rebecca Hicks, and was baptised in Feckenham Church on 19th August 1890. In 1911 he was working as a printer's pressman, but by 1914 he had changed career and was employed as a chauffeur.

On the night of the 1911 census Ernest was at 10 High Street Feckenham, his Grandparents John and Julia Hicks' house, the rest of the family being across the road at 33 High Street.

Rebecca married William Stockley on 27th December 1891 in Feckenham Church, and by 1911 she had had 13 children, but by then only eight of them were still alive (Ernest, Albert Henry, Gladys, Louisa May, Florence Gertrude, John Reuben, Grahame, and Leslie). Rebecca still lived in the area until her death aged 87 in 1966.

Ernest enlisted into the Redditch Battery (3rd

Worcester) of the Royal Field Artillery on 5th August 1914. By March 1915 the Battery was training in Essex prior to sailing from Southampton to Le Havre on 31st March. He was promoted to acting bombardier on 7th September 1915 while his unit was in the Somme area.

Early 1916 was mixed for Ernest because he had four periods in hospital, but he was able to come home for a week in late January 1916 to get married to Eleanor Colebrook in Feckenham church on 20th January 1916.

In 1917 his unit travelled north into Belgium to participate in the third battle of Ypres, more commonly known as the battle of Passchendaele. We do not have any details of the actions that Ernest was involved in as the relevant war diary entries are missing from the National Archives, but we know that he was injured and sent to a casualty clearing station at Proven, where he died from wounds received on 12th August 1917, aged 27. He was buried at Mendinghem Military Cemetery, to the North West of Poperinge in Belgium.

Ernest is remembered on the Feckenham and Feckenham School War Memorials, and on a family headstone in Feckenham churchyard

What's On this month in STOCK & BRADLEY

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| 2nd | SKITTLES BATTLE
Bradley Village Hall - 7pm |
| 6th | BREAKAWAY
Edward Kendrick talking about
the Severn Freewheeler
10.30am - Village Hall |
| 6th | GARDENING CLUB
"Two for the Price of One"
Village Hall - 7.30pm |
| 11th | ART CLASS
New term starts
Village Hall - 9.30am |

For more information see
STOCK & BRADLEY CHRONICLE

Mission Morogoro

Tricia Mortimer

'WATER FOR LIFE' - 'TARANTARA' FUND-RAISING CONCERT

It is very difficult to imagine how life would feel without the clean, safe water that we often take for granted. Imagine having to queue for hours at a well to collect water that is dirty and infected, and then carry it on the long walk home. That is the daily challenge facing people living in the poor rural village of Tunguli, Tanzania, and Mission Morogoro wants to make a difference. We are currently at the beginning of a major project to improve the supply of safe water to the village, in partnership with a Tanzanian NGO with expertise in this area of work. To do that we need your support, too.

TARANTARA LIVE

'Tarantara' - the outstanding local choir - will be singing a selection from their exciting repertoire at our fund-raising concert, to be held in St John the Baptist Church on Saturday, 28 October, at 7.30pm. Tickets are £10 each including a glass of wine. Do join us for an evening of inspirational music.

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Jane White

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Tickets £12.50 adult, £7 child. These will be available soon from the Village Shop, Margaret East, Jane White and Katie Taylor Jones

Margaret, Jane & Katie will be asking for help with providing puddings etc. and help on the night.

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Tarantara

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Square Management Committee

DAMP FUN

The British summer is unreliable at the best of times but on 22nd July it was at its most capricious. Fun on The Square "When we were very, very Fab" was planned as an outdoor celebration of everything to do with the 1960s but when the weather forecasts came in the Square Management Committee had to make some hard decisions. There was only one certainty - it was going to rain. Decamping to the Village Hall was considered but finally the decision was made to soldier on. The three large marquees belonging to The Wake and the Entertainments Committee were rapidly erected by a small army of volunteers who materialised unbidden and the show went on - and so did the rain. Spacehoppers and bingo in a downpour weren't likely to draw a huge crowd but 80 or so people braved the cold and damp. Alan Smith's "Swingin' Blue Moods" entertained with gusto and there was dancing in the mud - Feckenham's tribute to Glastonbury?

Despite the conditions the event made a profit of £400 - it's a tribute to all those who helped and all those who turned out that there wasn't a loss. The Committee would like to say a huge thank you to everybody, far too many to name individually, who helped before, during and after the event. We'd particularly like to thank Eric Harman who provided all of the meat free of charge and Mel and Matt of The Rose & Crown for donating the beer for the bar (not actually Double Diamond as it said on the pumps).

CHEERING NEWS

As an antidote to the rather depressing Fun the Committee learned the following week that its application for a grant from the Barnard Kenneth Hufton Charity had been successful. The substantial award will ensure that the immediate remedial tree works can take place. Thanks are also due to Maxine Melson for mounting a Crowdfunding campaign and the Wake Committee for running the Scarecrow Festival in aid of The Square. Every cloud has a silver lining!



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First Tuesday of every month from 8pm
NEXT SESSION: Tuesday, 5th September

Feckenham FLOWER SHOW



Saturday, 9th September
Feckenham Village Hall
Show opens 2.30pm
Hall open for exhibitors from 10.30am

Feckenham Readers Group

Wednesday, 13th September - 7.45

This month's book IN SIBERIA
by Colin Thubron
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CRAFT IDEAS FOR CHRISTMAS

JANE WHITE DEMONSTRATES

Thursday, 14th September - 7.30pm
Visitors Welcome at all meetings - £4

MacMillan Coffee Morning

Friday 29th September 10 am - 12.30pm

in Feckenham Church

Raffle, Books, Bric-a-brac, Cakes.

Help support our local Macmillan Nurses

Feckenham Forest History Society

KING JOHN - THE WORST KING?

Costumed talk with Max Keen
Tuesday, 12th September - 7.30pm
Webheath Village Hall

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

Feckenham Parish Council & West Mercia Police

Collect your FREE Smartwater pack
from Feckenham Village Hall
Wednesday, 6th September



7pm to 9.30pm

Feckenham Scarecrow Weekend



30th Sept & 1st Oct
Throughout the village

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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"NAIL BITING" "A TRIUMPH"
★★★★★

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SULLY

MIRACLE ON THE HUDSON

Saturday, 23rd September - 7.30pm

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Phone and Online bookings attract a 30p booking fee. *Book in person and save money!

FeckenOdeon 2

The Cinema in the Back Room

The **Olive Tree** "El olivo" 15

A film by Iciar Bollain

A comedy in Spanish with English Subtitles

Friday, 13th October at 8pm

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

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FeckenOdeon 2 at Feckenham Village Hall

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Feckenham Flower Show - list of classes

September 9th



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 (heaviest combined wt) | (4) |
| 9 | ONIONS (dressed) | (4) |
| 10 | PARSNIPS (trimmed) | (3) |
| 11 | LETTUCE | (2) |
| 12 | MARROW | (2) |
| 13 | MARROW (heaviest) | (1) |
| 14 | COURGETTES | (3) |
| 15 | POTATOES | (5) |
| 16 | PUMPKIN (best) | (1) |
| 17 | SHALLOTS | (9) |
| 18 | LEEKS (trimmed) | (4) |
| 19 | SWEETCORN | (2) |
| 20 | VEGETABLES (best display of any 4 types) | |

FRUIT

- | | | |
|----|----------------------------|-----------------|
| 21 | PLUMS | (5) |
| 22 | DAMSONS | (10) |
| 23 | RASPBERRIES | (15) |
| 24 | APPLES (culinary) | (5) |
| 25 | APPLES (dessert) | (5) |
| 26 | PEARS | (5) |
| 27 | BLACKBERRIES | (15) |
| 28 | A VARIETY OF WILD FRUIT | (on a 7" plate) |
| 29 | UNUSUAL FRUIT or VEGETABLE | (any No.) |
| 30 | OTHER FRUITS or VEGETABLES | (any No.) |

FLOWERS

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|----|-----------------------------------|------------|
| 31 | CHRYSANTHEMUMS | (3) |
| 32 | DAHLIAS (Cactus, any size) | (3) |
| 33 | DAHLIAS (Decorative fully double) | (3) |
| 34 | DAHLIAS (other than Class 32/33) | (3) |
| 35 | ROSE | (1) |
| 36 | ROSES (1 of each of 3 varieties) | (3) |
| 37 | ASTERS | (3) |
| 38 | SWEET PEAS | (6) |
| 39 | GLADIOLI (any colour) | (3 spikes) |
| 40 | PINKS | (6) |
| 41 | CARNATIONS | (6) |
| 42 | PANSIES (growing in a pot) | (1 pot) |

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|----|------------------------------------|---------|
| 43 | GERANIUMS (growing in a pot) | (1 pot) |
| 44 | FLOWERS (any other single variety) | (3) |

MISCELLANEOUS FLOWER CLASSES

- | | | |
|----|---|-----|
| 45 | POSY (ready for presentation) | (1) |
| 46 | BUTTONHOLE (spray) | (1) |
| 47 | POT PLANT (in flower) | (1) |
| 48 | POT PLANT (foliage effect, no flower) | (1) |
| 49 | POT PLANT (cactus or succulent) | (1) |
| 50 | ARRANGEMENT OF FLOWERS (in any container) | (1) |
| 51 | ARRANGEMENT OF FRUIT AND FOLIAGE (in any container) | (1) |
| 52 | ARRANGEMENT OF EXOTIC FLOWERS (in any container) | (1) |
| 53 | ARRANGEMENT OF WILD AUTUMN BERRIES | (1) |
| 54 | HERBS (display of 6 varieties, labelled) | (1) |
| 55 | ARRANGEMENT (1 fruit or vegetable, and 1 flower) | (1) |

DOMESTIC CLASSES

- | | | |
|----|------------------------------------|------------|
| 56 | JAM (soft fruit) | (1 jar) |
| 57 | JAM (stoned fruit) | (1 jar) |
| 58 | JELLY PRESERVE | (1 jar) |
| 59 | MARMALADE | (1 jar) |
| 60 | LEMON CURD | (1 jar) |
| 61 | PICKLES (any variety) | (1 jar) |
| 62 | CHUTNEY (any variety) | (1 jar) |
| 63 | DIP (any type) | (1 jar) |
| 64 | FRUIT CAKE (rich) | (1) |
| 65 | FRUIT CAKE (plain) | (1) |
| 66 | MADEIRA CAKE | (1) |
| 67 | VICTORIA SPONGE | (1) |
| 68 | DECORATED CAKE | (1) |
| 69 | SMALL CAKES | (6) |
| 70 | SMALL TARTS | (6) |
| 71 | FRUIT PIE (min. 7"/178mm diameter) | (1) |
| 72 | CUP CAKES | (3) |
| 73 | SCONES (fruit) | (6) |
| 74 | SCONES (plain) | (6) |
| 75 | Home made BREAD (fancy loaf) | (1) |
| 76 | Home made BREAD (machine made) | (1) |
| 77 | Home made COUNTRY WINE (red) | (1 bottle) |
| 78 | Home made COUNTRY WINE (rose) | (1 bottle) |
| 79 | Home made COUNTRY WINE (white) | (1 bottle) |
| 80 | Home made BEER | (1 bottle) |
| 81 | EGGS (white) | (6) |
| 82 | EGGS (brown) | (6) |

CHILDREN'S CLASSES

- 83 BUTTONHOLE (under 5 years) (1 flower)
84 BUTTONHOLE (5 to under 7 years) (1 flower)
85 BUTTONHOLE (7 to under 10 years) (1 flower)
86 BUTTONHOLE (10 to 16 years) (1 flower)
87 MINIATURE GARDEN (under 5 years)
88 MINIATURE GARDEN (5 to under 7 years)
89 MINIATURE GARDEN (7 to under 10 years)
90 MINIATURE GARDEN (10 to 16 years)
91 FLOAT GARDEN (under 5 years)
92 FLOAT GARDEN (5 to under 7 years)
93 FLOAT GARDEN (7 to under 10 years)
94 FLOAT GARDEN (10 to 16 years)
95 HUMOROUS VEGETABLE ARRANGEMENT (under 5 years)
96 HUMOROUS VEGETABLE ARRANGEMENT (5 to under 7 years)
97 HUMOROUS VEGETABLE ARRANGEMENT (7 to under 10 years)
98 HUMOROUS VEGETABLE ARRANGEMENT (10 to 16 years)
- 99 SMALL CAKES OR TARTS (under 5 years)
100 SMALL CAKES OR TARTS (5 to under 7 years)
101 SMALL CAKES OR TARTS (7 to under 10 years)
102 SMALL CAKES OR TARTS (10 to 16 years)
103 PAINTING, DRAWING or CRAFT *** (under 5 years)
104 PAINTING, DRAWING or CRAFT *** (5 to under 7 years)
105 PAINTING, DRAWING or CRAFT *** (7 to under 10 years)
106 PAINTING, DRAWING or CRAFT *** (10 to 16 years)
- *** all on the theme **"MY FAVOURITE HOBBY"**
107 6 MOUNTED and NAMED TREE LEAVES on an A4 size sheet (under 5 years)
108 6 MOUNTED and NAMED TREE LEAVES on an A4 size sheet (5 to under 7 years)
109 6 MOUNTED and NAMED TREE LEAVES on an A4 size sheet (7 to under 10 years)
110 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 42, 43, 47-55, and 83-103) will be sold by auction.
- 7 All exhibits in classes 47, 48, and 49 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.

The Committee wishes to thank exhibitors, and all who in any way contribute to the success of the show.

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FeckenOdeon Cinema Society

Ian Bellion



YOUR LIFEVEST IS UNDER WATER...

On Jan. 15, 2009, Capt. Chesley "Sully" Sullenberger makes an emergency landing in New York's Hudson River after his Airbus strikes a flock of geese. Miraculously, all of the 155 passengers and crew survive, and Sullenberger becomes a national hero in the eyes of the public and the media. Despite the accolades, the famed pilot now faces an investigation that threatens to destroy his career and reputation..

It is one of its 86-year-old director Clint Eastwood's finest features and it rests firmly on the solid craftsmanship of its lead actor. "Sully" is Tom Hanks at the height of his powers. It's an absolutely gripping and believable performance aided by solid storytelling from a director who doesn't miss a trick - but doesn't rely on tricks to make the story compelling viewing.

**"Sully" - FeckenOdeon I at 7.30pm
on Saturday, 23rd September.**

Tickets for 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.fecknodeon.co.uk

17th SEASON UNDER WAY

The FeckenOdeon Cinema Society's new season starts with "Sully" - the details of the season's main films are in the brochure you'll find inside this magazine - but are a couple of recent additions: On **October 13th** FeckenOdeon 2 will show a gentle Spanish comedy **"The Olive Tree"** and on **November 11th** we join with the WWI Commemoration Committee to present a big screen showing of **"Suite for the Fallen Soldier"**

Village Hall

Ian Bellion



CHOCOLATE AFFAIR

The first show in the Village Hall's Shindig season of live professional shows begins on **Sunday, 1st October** with **"Truth and Truffles"** - an evening of comedy, stories, songs... and chocolate - that's "Truth & Truffles"! It's an irresistible blend of humour and heart, delivered by two wonderfully gifted performers: **Cat Weatherill** and **Naomi Paul**. The show, coming here direct from the Edinburgh Festival, celebrates Life as a 'Grown Up': the ups and downs, the regrets and rewards, the hopes and dreams. It's about finding humour in the way we live now, and savouring the special moments... and the chocolate.

Cat Weatherill, on her third visit to Feckenham, has been captivating audiences the world over with her theatrical style and magical presence. Her stories are beautifully crafted, funny and often moving. The hilarious Naomi Paul takes her audiences on surreal journeys, from Birmingham to the Balkans via lingerie and libraries.

'A masterclass in enchantment' (The Times)
'Terrific deadpan delivery... topical and relevant. Audiences loved it!' (Pulse Theatre Ensemble)

*Tickets for all of the Shindig shows are on sale at
The Village Shop and The Rose & Crown,
by phone on 0333 666 3366 (local call rates) and
online at www.ticketsource.co.uk/feckenham*

SEASONAL SAVING

With this issue of Feckenham News you should receive a leaflet detailing all four shows in the Shindig Season. Tickets for each show cost £11 for adults but you could save by booking for the entire season at the reduced price of £40 - **Season Tickets** are available at both of the village "box offices" and online as detailed above.

THANKS!

Many thanks to those of you who turned out to help us paint the Village Hall on Saturday 18th August. Many hands make light work - and the Hall is now clean and fresh - and ready for the autumn activities. We couldn't have done it without you!

Feckenham Parish Council

SECURITY FOR YOUR PROPERTY - AND IT'S FREE!

Feckenham Parish Council has teamed up with West Mercia Police to provide a special pack to every household in the Parish. This pack contains a Smartwater Kit - and Smartwater is a remarkable liquid which allows you to mark your treasured possessions indelibly and invisibly - if items are stolen, the Smartwater allows the Police to trace exactly where the goods came from and who the true owners are. Not only does Smartwater allow you to get your property back, it can play a large role in reducing the likelihood of anything being stolen in the first place. If criminals know that Smartwater is in use in a community they're less likely to even attempt to break in. The Police report that SmartWater has helped reduce burglary by up to 85% in many rural communities - and, as we've had a spate of break ins in this area recently, it has to be worth trying. Feckenham will become a "We Don't Buy Crime" community with signs and notices to warn off would be thieves.

GET YOUR PACK!

Every household in the Parish is entitled to a Smartwater pack. Your local bobbies and the Parish Council have arranged an evening where you can pick up your free pack and learn how to use it effectively. You're invited to pop into **Feckenham Village Hall on Wednesday, 6th September from 7pm to 9.30pm.** Police and Councillors will on hand to help you get the most out of Smartwater and show you how it can make your home much more secure.



NEW PROGRAMME - NEW MP

Always up to the minute - always with his finger on the pulse - **Stuart Knowles** has launched his new programme "**The Broadsheet**" with a bit of a coup. No sooner had Redditch's brand new MP taken her seat than she found herself opposite Stuart's microphone and on air in one of her very first radio interviews ever. **Rachel Maclean**, who took the Conservative nomination at very short notice following Karen Lumley's decision not to stand, found herself answering probing questions about Brexit, the Hospital crisis and where she actually lives. You can hear the interview in "The Broadsheet" and on demand on Swansbrook Radio now.

GONE BUT STILL WITH US

Swansbrook's new music presenter, **Thea Matthews** is off to a post graduate course in Broadcast Journalism in Bournemouth - but ever loyal to her roots, she's going to continue making her local New Music programme "**Neo**" for Swansbrook - so our listeners can continue to hear the latest local bands and gig info every month.

... and also still with us (try getting rid of them!) are senior presenters **Colin James and Ian Bellion**. Both welcome requests for favourite music (and we have a vast Library) - an email to radio@swansbrook.com is all it takes.

LISTEN TO THE SWANS

Just go to www.swansbrook.com and follow the instructions you'll find there. You'll also find programme times and details of how to register for updates.

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SCARECROW WEEKEND



LET'S SCARE AGAIN

Feckenham Scarecrow Weekend is back. The event will take place on **Saturday, 30th September and Sunday, 1st 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 - and for the first time this year there'll be freshly tossed fancy pancakes

...LIKE WE DID LAST AUTUMN...

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 26th September.

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**



2016's winning scarecrow.

Scarecrow Entry Form is on page 19





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From the Rural Dean

Sheila Banyard

Sharing faith as a grandparent?

Thursday 21st September, 10am-2pm,
The Old Palace, Worcester WRI 2JE

A gathering to think about sharing faith down the generations, either as a grandparent yourself or as a grandparent figure to children in your family or at church. Grandparents will talk about their experiences, there will be opportunity to reflect on what the bible says about passing on faith, and fun and cake are also promised. Book your place at cydproject@cofe-worcester.org.uk

Linking church and school communities

Wednesday 8th November: a day at Stanbrook Abbey (near Malvern) to explore how we can strengthen and deepen the relationship between local churches and schools. There will be input about the Church of England's vision for education, its impact on our diocese and workshops to look at creative resources and practical ideas for engaging with our schools. To book email training@cofe-worcester.org.uk or call 01905 732812.

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Thursday, 21st September

American Theme Menu

Friday, 29th September

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30th September & 1st October

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Feckenham SCARECROW COMPETITION - 30th Sept & 1st Oct

ENTRY FORM

Name.....

Address.....

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Name of Scarecrow.....

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

Please return this form **by 26th September at the very latest**

to Old School House, Mill Lane, Feckenham



Feckenham Cricket Club

Bob Gordon



After a summer that has seen more bright and dry weather than is usual, we have been promised a glorious August. That would be very welcome as Feckfest takes place on Sunday 27th August at the ground, combining cricket and live music, reinforced by a range of excellent food and washed down by real ales and ciders, Prosecco and Pimms.

The musical line-up for 2017 oozes quality and variety – don't miss the Elvis tribute in mid-afternoon, local legends My Grey Horse reforming for one day only, the exciting Small Doses rock band at 8:30pm and the wonderful Marina Coombes as Amy Winehouse bringing the event to a close.

Tickets are available online at <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/feckfest-2017-tickets-34064520899> - or just search for "Feckfest 2017". £8 per adult, Child at £2 and a Family ticket (2 adults and 2 children 5-14) are a bargain at £15. Tickets are also on sale at the clubhouse for a real family day, with plenty for children to enjoy. Each year we raise money for a worthy cause and for 2017 the main beneficiary will be Charlotte and Craig Saving Hearts Foundation, who seek to improve heart-attack awareness along with supply of defibrillators and training in their use.

On the pitch, our teams have had a pretty good season so far, with the second team just slipping back to second in their division and the first team in mid-table, a position we would have settled for at the start of this first year in the top division for 30 years.

The first team is proving that it is competitive at this level, although the last few weeks have included mixed results. Having won at home to Droitwich Spa (making 267 for, Will Davies 137) we bowled the visitors out for 165 in 33 overs, Matt and Josh both taking 3 wickets. The match at title-contenders Worcester was abandoned (rain) with FCC having reached 76-4 over 25 overs (Danny Bloomer 43 not-out). The next two fixtures were defeats. At Pedmore, we batted first and made 234 in the 50 overs but this proved to be not enough, the hosts passing that total in the penultimate over, despite Tom Coulson taking 4 wickets. Jamie Griffiths reached 66 and Danny Bloomer again stood out with his 48. On a dull day in early August the team was well-beaten by a Redditch side sitting

at the top of the league and just lost out to Stourport, with Jamie Griffiths (65) and Jamie Redditch (56) at the heart of the team's 245 runs, which didn't prove enough on a good batting wicket.

The second team suffered their first defeat of the season at Harborne, despite having set what looked like a good target of 316 in the 50 overs, with two outstanding not-out batting performances – Andy J Kings with 149 and Hugh Humphries with 91. Andy also took 3 wickets but the hosts reached the total in the last over. A great game for the impartial spectator!

The wet weekend of 22nd July saw the second team game at Worcester abandoned, with the hosts at 166-8 at the time, Ryan Humphries having taken 4 wickets. A great opportunity for another 20 points was frustratingly washed out by the weather. The final game of July was at home to Pedmore and was also affected by rain, being abandoned after 36 overs of the FCC reply to the visitors' 241. The score of 205 for 3 resulted in a home win based upon a fester run rate in which Andy J Kings (115) and Hugh Humphries (59 not out) once more stood out. The second team also lost to Redditch in a disappointing day for the club, with the third team also losing and then missed out to Stourport in the final over at Mill Lane (Hugh Humphries 52 and Ryan Humphries 4 for 49 again the pick of the bowlers).

The third team lost a close game at Bartestree & Lugwardine, the three Hardy brothers all contributing with the bat, twins Angus (46) and Euan (25 not out), with Alex coming in at number 10 and making 33. In a defeat to Ombersley Taverners, Alex again scored well, making 54 in a last-wicket stand of 100 with Wayne Davis, who contributed 39.

The remaining fixtures at Mill Lane this year are:

Sat. **2nd** Sept. - 1st XI v Colwall (12 noon)

Sat. **9th** Sept. – 2nd XI v Eastnor (12 noon)

Tue. **12th** Sept. - Worc's 70+ v Herts 70+ (12:30)

Sat. **16th** Sept. - 1st XI v Hagley (12 noon)

Sun. **17th** Sept. – Pat Murphy's BBC XI (12:30)

The Worcestershire Over 70s match is likely to feature our Joe Davis, who at 72 is still scoring runs for his county. This includes 70no against Warwickshire, 64no against Gloucestershire, 63 against Somerset and 81 and 75 against previous champions Hampshire this season. More about Joe in a future article.

Fixtures can be found on <http://feckenham.play-cricket.com/> and on The Square's notice board.

Come and join us for the final matches of the season!

Stock & Bradley Gardening Club

Rob Cole

THIS MONTH'S MEETING - Wednesday 6th at 7.30pm Our monthly talks will recommence with a talk by Timothy Walker entitled 'Two for the Price of One' when he will show us how we can gain the maximum impact from the plants that we grow. Timothy was formerly the Director of Oxford Botanic Garden and is now freelance and one of the most popular and entertaining speakers in horticultural circles. This talk is definitely not one to miss!

We are extending the invitation to join us for this special evening to anyone who would like to come along, so do bring along a neighbour or friend as a visitor. If you are reading this as a non-member of the Gardening Club, do please also come along and meet us.

Our monthly competition also restarts, and the theme for the meeting will be 'Three September Flowers'. 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 be awarded a prize of a year's subscription to the Gardening Club, at the December meeting.

The next Club meeting - Wednesday 4th October 2017 at 7.30pm

Our speaker in October is Jack Willgoss who will entertain us in a talk entitled 'Late Summer Perennials'. Jack will discuss planting styles, cultivation, and which plants to use to obtain the longest season of interest. Jack and his wife Laura have a local connection in that they took over the stock of the Viola specialist nursery near Inkberrow run by Mark Roberts, before moving to their current home in Shropshire. *Club meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month at the Village Hall, Church Road, Bradley Green starting at 7.30pm, and are free to members for an annual subscription of £10.00. Visitors are made very welcome and may attend for £3.00 per meeting. If you require any further information, ring Dinny Pynsent (Secretary) on 01527 821355 or Rob Cole (Chairman) on 01527 821156.*

Feckenham W.I.

Jane White



Our meeting this month is on **Thursday 14th September at 7.30pm** in the Village Hall Back Room. I have been asked to talk and demonstrate ideas for Christmas decorations and gifts. The idea is to give inspiration sufficiently far ahead to give time to do something yourselves! I shall have materials there for you to have a go at simple decorations on the night. The idea of a series of meetings to "Natter & Craft" has been suggested as a follow on.

Light refreshments included, visitors welcome.

On **September 19th** we have a visit to **Morton Hall Garden**. There are a few places left, but priority to members. Contact Vivien Hunter 402360

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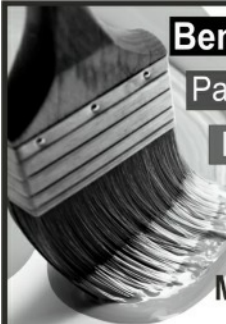
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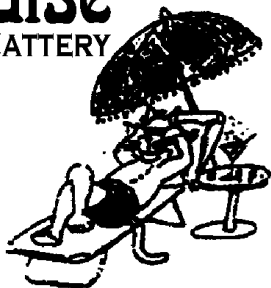
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