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SEPTEMBER Diary



Tues 6 th	12.30am	Lunch Club	Village Hall, Back Room
Wed 7 th	6pm	Open Meeting about Flooding concerns	Village Hall
Sat 10 th	2:30am	Flower Show	Village Hall
Wed 7 th	7.30pm	Stock & Bradley Gardening Club	Bradley Village Hall
Thur 8 th	7.30pm	Feckenham WI	Back Room Village Hall
Tues 13 th	7.30pm	Feckenham Forest History Society	Webheath Village Hall
Thur 15 th	7.30pm	Parish council Meeting	Back Room Village Hall
Sat 24 th	7.30pm	FeckenOdeon	Village Hall
Fri 30 th	10.30am- 12.30pm	MacMillan Coffee Morning	Feckenham Church
October			
1 st & 2 nd		Scarecrow Weekend	
Sat 8 th		Harvest Supper	Village Hall

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Front Cover

Children enjoying the “ocean” on the Square during Australian Christmas Event (see p15)

Photo by Arthur Hind



Church Services SEPTEMBER

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Readers and intercessors



Sunday 4th

Trinity 15

11.00am Sung Eucharist

Jeremiah 18: 1-11

Philemon 1-21

Intercessor

Doug Curtis

Ann Matthews

Carol Onions

Sunday 11th

Trinity 16

8.00am Holy Communion

Ephesians 3: 13-21

Peter Horsley

11.00am All Age Worship

Reflections from the Great War – Those left behind

Sunday 18th

Trinity 17

6.30 pm Evensong

Jeremiah 8: 18 – 9: 1

Luke 16: 1-13

Intercessor

Gerry Eost

Patricia Collins

Jeff Matthews

Sunday 25th

Trinity 18

11.00am Family Communion

1 Timothy 6: 6-19

Intercessor

Angela Fletcher

Walter Richards

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



Congratulations to Imogen Parker, daughter of Adele and Tom Parker of Oxford and grand daughter of Jo and Cyril Warrilow of High Street Feckenham, on completing her A levels and gaining a place at Nottingham University to read Psychology.

The Children's Society

Jo Warrilow



A date for your diary -

if you are a Box-Holder **Saturday 15th October** is the day for handing in your box for opening. Look out for details later. Thank you.

Jo Tel 892059

FECKENHAM CHARITY

Funds are dispensed from this ancient charity to individuals and organisations within the boundaries of the Ancient Parish of Feckenham, as the Trustees think fit.

Closing date for receipt of applications

30th September, 2016

Further enquiries/applications to:

Mrs J. Bate

(Clerk to the Trustees)

'Wychway', Droitwich Road

Hanbury, BROMSGROVE

B60 4DB

Tel 01527 821285

Letters



A letter to everyone in Feckenham from Neville Collis:

LAST POST

I am writing to thank you all for the cards and get well messages, I was very touched by them all.

I started working for Royal Mail in 1977 and have been delivering mail to Feckenham for over 25 years; the best years of my life.

I have made many friends over the years; past and present, and it is a very sorry day for me to think I will no longer be able to deliver any mail as I have now been retired on Medical Grounds.

I would like to thank you all for the way you have welcomed me into your Village and made me feel part of it.

I am writing this with tears in my eyes but I hope to see you all in the future.

Thank you for the best 25+ years of my life; I would not change any of it.

See you soon

Nev (Neville)

CELEBRATION

Parish Councillors and other friends of Neville have arranged to have an event "to celebrate, and thank him" for some 30 years of service to the village. This is set to be on **Saturday 22nd October 2016 at the Rose and Crown**, the time to be confirmed.

Between now and then you may be approached in case you may wish to make a donation towards a gift, or gifts from the village, and provision of refreshments - there'll be no obligation to contribute but you may wish to help.

Teams4u Shoeboxes for Christmas 2016 Appeal

Lin Preece

Changing Lives 1 Box at a time

Thank you, very much, for your support over the years. Your shoebox gifts have given so many of the worlds poorest children a Christmas to remember. You have given them joy, excitement and hope.

In light of the concerns raised over messages being put across by Samaritans Purse, we have made the decision to support 'Teas4u'. Our boxes will be going to Romania this year and I am delighted to tell you, that our very own Rev Gary Crellin will be there to distribute them.

All you need is a good sturdy shoe box, wrap it in some colourful Christmas paper and fill it with gifts. This year we can once again put chocolate and knitted toys in our boxes. Some favourite things you might to include are balls, a yoyo, skipping ropes, stationary, small role play items (dolls, cars, animals, people) a musical instrument, balloons, all go down really well. Please don't forget a nice warm hat, a must have cuddly toy and some toiletries. Including a Christmas card and a photograph of yourself is a nice addition!

Leaflets with all the information you will require are available in Church. If you feel able to help in other ways, knitted hats, scarves, gloves, toys, jumpers and blankets are always desperately needed, as are little gifts and toiletries that can be added to boxes. There is a box inside Church for your kind donations. Please have your boxes ready and take them to Church by Wednesday 16th November.

Thank you for supporting our stall on Wake Day, we raised £196.50p. Half of this money will go on much needed toothbrushes and toothpaste, the rest on transportation costs.

PLEASE CONTINUE TO HELP THESE VULNERABLE CHILDREN .YOUR SHOEBOX GIFT IS A GIFT OF HOPE, IT WILL TELL THEM THAT THEY ARE NOT FORGOTTEN, THAT SOMEONE SOMEWHERE CARES.

From the P.C.C.

The Church Clock



We are at last able to report positive progress on the repair of the church clock. When Smith of Derby, with whom we have a maintenance contract, reported excessive wear in the mechanism, the decision was taken to stop the clock. The Diocesan Clock Adviser inspected the clock in September and confirmed that the clock is of historic interest, dating from between 1730 and 1770 and that significant wear was present. He recommended that additional quotes be obtained from the Cumbria Clock Company and from Armitage Clock and Bells. Both companies inspected the clock in December and Cumbria Clocks reported in January with a quotation which, at £3,000, was half that of Smith of Derby.

Before any work to the clock could be committed it was necessary to obtain consent from the Diocesan authorities (known as a Faculty). This is always a protracted process and it was not until the end of July that consent was given. By that time donations and grants from Feckenham Charity and Feckenham Parish Council had been received and it was possible on the 1st August to instruct Cumbria Clocks to proceed. It could however be some eight weeks before the company can take the clock to their workshop near Penrith in Cumbria.

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Ian Hunter PCC Secretary

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The endowment makes grants to young people in the pursuit of further education or training. If you are under 25 and live in the Ancient Parish of Feckenham or the District of Redditch you may be eligible for a grant. Any such grants are divided on the basis of 4/5 to the Ancient Parish and 1/5 to the District of Redditch. All applications will be carefully considered. An individual may make a maximum of three applications. The decision of the Trustees is final.

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Thought for the month

Rev. Gary Crellin

One evening, during the height of the cricket season, I was walking the dog around the local cricket pitch. The groundsman was sorting out the cricket store, and I saw a few mangled and fractured cricket bats being thrown out. “They were not oiled or knocked in properly”, I was told. As I am not of “cricket stock”, I wondered what had “oiling” and “knocking in” to do with cricket?

As ever, the internet helped. These are ways of preparing the bat for the onslaught of high speed bowling. Oiling describes the regular rubbing in of Linseed oil into the willow. This is supposed to penetrate and season the willow, to make it supple, but additionally it helps to knit the willow fibres together. “Knocking in”, is the action of knocking (literally) a cricket ball (or mallet or by machine) across all the faces of the bat to harden and condition the face of the bat to deal with the incoming bowling.

Why am I giving you this rather poor description of cricket etiquette or practice, I hear you cry? Well, this month (September 2016), I “transfer” from being a “volunteer vicar” to a full time one - being able to serve the parishes across the United Parish, with Feckenham and Bradley - as well as the wider Wychbrooke Group all week rather than just at weekends.

Still, what’s the cricket bat story got to do with my change in ministry - I hear you now plead?

Rather like a cricket bat, I need preparation. Two years as your curate has given me some of the knocks that I need to get into shape - to tackle funerals and weddings, season me to cope with service rotas and PCCs and to realise that I am there to serve.

But where can I get the linseed oil that is going to sustain my ministry, especially as I prepare for my own parish setting in a couple of years?

Where can I get the oil that is going to make me resilient, responsive and “knitted together”? I think it will come from two places.

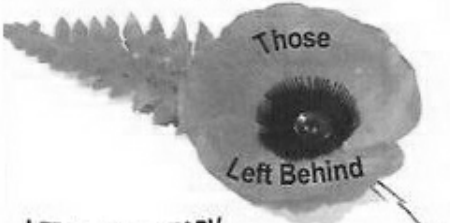
Rather like oiling a bat, prayer is an important preservative. By engaging in prayer may not be to everyone’s cup of tea – but how can you say that without trying, I say? Engaging in prayer gives me the opportunity to preserve and deepen my relationship with God - crucial after contending with the “spiritual splinters” or the cracked bat of life in myself or others. The second place, is to make time for my family rather than taking on everyone else’s problems but not have the time to be there for my family. We are all in this Club House together.

Sometimes in ministry, as well as anyone’s faith journey, you might get a dodgy innings or a split bat. It is the oiling of prayer and the resilience of self and family that will get you safely out to the crease - and back in time for tea.

Revd Gary Crellin

St John the Baptist Church Feckenham

Sunday 11th Sept.
11 am



A TRUE LOVE STORY

Reflections from the
Great War

Refreshments served after

World War I Centenary Commemoration



A Community's Woven Response

As written in the August magazine, the All Age Worship Group led two services, in June and July, which focused on the Commemoration of the Battle of the Somme. As a group we did not want to focus so much on the loss and pain, though important to acknowledge, but more to be thankful and to look forward. Out of this decision came something creative as a way of reflecting upon the Battle of the Somme and WWI as a whole – a **woven tapestry**.

Initially in June each member of the congregation took three strips of cloth, each representing an aspect of our remembrance. The first stood for our thankfulness for all those who had gone to war, died or suffered as a result in order to win the freedom we enjoy today. The second strip was to represent our sorrow and repentance that as a human race we have not learnt, with war and strife still occurring across our world today. The third strip represented our commitment to live in peace and to strive for peace in our time. We tied these three strips of cloth together as our reflections, responses and prayers as we thought about the Battle of the Somme. We recognised that these individual responses were not the whole picture – whole communities were affected by WWI and so to acknowledge a more communal response to the Battle of the Somme we tied our strips of cloth to the strips of other people around us, this gave us several long strips that were more representative of a community response. These strips were then placed alongside a lighted candle and some of the ceramic poppies which commemorate those who died in WWI as a prayerful reflection on the Battle of the Somme and our commitment to peace.

In July the creativity continued as we took the strips of cloth created in June and began to weave these strips on a peg-loom to create a piece of 'fabric'. This weaving was both symbolic and very moving – a recognition of how communities in the

war had to pull together to help one another to survive. It was also symbolic of our commitment not only to peace, but also to love and to care for each other in our community today. As we wove and looked at the 'fabric', we noticed that it had frayed ends and knots all woven into it – it spoke to us as human beings – rough at the edges and often very 'knotty' in our relationships. However even with all this messiness something of beauty was being created as we continued to weave – bringing hope for our future peace.

We also acknowledged that the 'Poppy Sculpture', created from the ceramic poppies from the Tower of London with its symbolic crown of barbed wire, was something that, although beautiful and a fitting tribute to those who died, was never the less sharp and painful whereas the woven response was creating something softer and more hopeful.

We would like to invite the whole of the community to take part in this woven response to the Battle of the Somme and WWI so please come into the church whenever you are free and do some weaving and remember, be thankful, express the sorrow that we do not learn and make your commitment to peace in our time.

The resulting piece of fabric will be dedicated as part of our Act of Remembrance on November 13th as our community's reflections, responses and prayers over the Battle of the Somme, WWI as a whole and our commitment to peace.





SWANNING ABOUT

Swansbrook Radio is starting to find its feet - we're trying to get around and about in the village and area and talk to lots of villagers. Apart from the immediate wish to reflect the life of our community in our programmes, there's another reason for recording the voices of present day Feckenham. We hope to create an audio archive of the happenings, way of life and memories which will be available for future generations to listen to. Ultimately they'll be published as "podcasts" for people to dip into whenever they wish. Obviously we're in the very early stages but we're hoping that in a few months times there'll be a small and ever growing selection of Feckenham voices online. If you'd like to help us in this we'd love to hear from you. Perhaps you could record some of the interviews, suggest who we should talk to or help us to collate the collection. E-mail us at radio@swansbrook.com and we'll have a chat about the possibilities.

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Wednesday, 7th September - 7.45
This month's book: MRS DALLOWAY
by Virginia Woolf
Details from Marion Chute - 892285

Feckenham Forest History Society
FECKENHAM FOREST
FROM 1600s with Michael Sharpe
Tuesday, 13th September - 7.30pm
Webheath Village Hall
www.feckenham-forest-history-society.org.uk

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Friday 30th September 10.30 am - 12.30pm
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annual photography competition
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*Look out for entry forms in the shop and
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focus on feckenham

Feckenham Flower Show
Saturday, 10th September
2.30pm - Feckenham Village Hall
Displays of Flowers and Produce
Teas - sale of produce.
Exhibitors - staging from 10am to 12noon

FLOODING - OPEN MEETING
Concerned about flooding in Feckenham? Meet Sarah Payne of
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Wednesday, 7th September at 6pm

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The FeckenOdeon Cinema Society

ANOTHER OPENING!

The FeckenOdeon, Feckenham's community cinema in the Village Hall, first opened its doors in September 2001. The first film was "The Smallest Show on Earth" and the first season was a bit like that - a bit makeshift, prone to breakdowns and not very comfortable. In 2016 things have changed - the technology has galloped ahead by leaps and bounds. Mechanical projectors have been replaced by state of the art high definition digital devices, muffled mono has become crisp, clear surround sound and the hard plastic seats have yielded to upholstered comfort. Some things haven't changed - the warm welcome by uniformed volunteer "staff", the well stocked bar and the ices in the interval are all still in place - as is the core principle that going to The FeckenOdeon isn't just going to "watch a film" - it's very much a "night out at the pictures" and we aim to keep it that way - perhaps an antidote to the modern soulless multiplex cinema experience?

OUR PROGRAMME

If all's gone to plan there should be a FeckenOdeon programme brochure inside this magazine giving full details of the films on offer. Just in case your has gone astray or perchance you're reading this online, here's a quick list for easy reference:

September: HAIL CAESAR

October: TO KILL A MOCKINGBIRD

(Also: FeckenOdeon 2 - FINDING FANNY)

November: BRIDGE OF SPIES

December: HARVEY + SAILOR BEWARE

January: FLORENCE FOSTER JENKINS

February: THE GRADUATE

March: HIGH NOON

April... Well, April 2017 is almost a year away so it's been left open. Who knows what fantastic films will have come along in 12 months time?! Films in FeckenOdeon 2 (the FeckenOdeon's smaller cinema) are booked and advertised about 6 weeks before the show.

There's more info in the brochures and online

at www.fecknodeon.co.uk



"INFAMY! INFAMY!"

"They've all got it in for me!" - Kenneth Williams' agonised cry from "Carry on Cleo" could almost be echoed by George Clooney in the FeckenOdeon's opening film of the new season. In **"Hail Caesar"** Mr Clooney plays a maturing leading man starring in a Roman epic.. at least he is until he's kidnapped and held for ransom. This splendidly eccentric tale features blackmail, intrigue and lots and lots of recreations of the sorts of movies they don't make any more. In fact, if you've ever wondered what classic movies would have looked and sounded like if they had been made to today's technical standards then this is your chance to find out!

Starring Josh Brolin as a hard-working industry "fixer" tasked with keeping big-budget productions on track and wayward stars in line, this is a gorgeously crafted romp through the backlots and Malibu enclaves of Hollywood's Golden Age and includes buckets of eccentric comedy and musical razzle-dazzle. All in all this is a great deal of fun with the plot about Mr Clooney's kidnapping pretty well incidental to the amazingly staged set pieces.... Make 'em laugh, make 'em laugh!

Showing at 7.30pm on Saturday, 24th September.

PUTTING THE GO IN GOA

The first FeckenOdeon 2 film of the autumn is a storming Bollywood Comedy set in a village in Goa. When the old postmaster realises that his proposal to Fanny Fernandez never got delivered 50 years ago he sets out to find out what her answer would have been in **"Finding Fanny"** - **showing on Friday, October 14th.**

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

Square Management Committee

AUSTRALIAN YULE FUN

Christmas came early this year - just in time for the Square Committee's Annual Fun on The Square event. An Australian Christmas was blessed with lovely weather (with only the odd snow shower strangely confined to the southerly end of the site) and it brought out crowds of people in appropriate holiday mood. The youngsters instantly gravitated to the ocean and, despite menacingly realistic sharks, they all dived in and conducted a sea battle with the water blasters thoughtfully provided for the occasion. Adults enjoyed the bar, the food and the music of the Rhythm Pirates (in the guise of the Rhythm Diggers). The band had prepared an authentic Aussie set and the crowd joined in with such favourites as "Waltzing Matilda", "My Boomerang Won't Come Back" and "Tie Me Kangaroo Down".

The barbie sold out in an hour and the rest of the food followed suit - not surprising as such delicacies as Kangaroo Stew and Sydney Tiger Pies were on offer. The only low point was the failure of the power supply to cope with the culinary demands - causing the inflatable Christmas Tree to wilt alarmingly. A jolly, easygoing evening enjoyed by all.

THANKS COBBERS

A satisfying £750 was made for the upkeep of The Square. The Committee would like to thank everyone who helped - especially Eric Harman (who donated the meat); Phil and Annie Talbot (for supervising the sea battle); Paul Nicholson (for aquatic activities); James Barrett (for pool bits and fixes); the Horseley family (for chairs); Julian Bull (for table transport); Judy Underwood and Lizzie Hunter (Catering services); Mark & Barbara Wheatley (Food service); Toby & Louise Denne, Brian Robson (Pool redesign).

The Square Committee: Head Chef: Judy Hooker, Barchaps: Tim Smith & Barry Hamilton, Raffle extorters: Pete Masters & Slade Arthur, BBQ Burner: Ian Bellion, Conceptualisator: Ian Ridley, Bean Counter: Dawn Southwell; Head of Tunes: Alan Smith.

Village Hall

Ian Bellion



KITCHEN RENEWED

As we go to press the Village Hall's new kitchen is nearing completion. The units are in place, the lovely new Corian worktop has been installed and the fitters are busy putting on doors and drawers.

Through an incredibly generous donation from a villager we have been able to afford to replace the aged oven which, as many users can testify, had developed a tendency to cremate rather than cook. We'll be taking delivery of a brand new catering oven within the next few days.

We're also delighted to report that, after an e-mail appeal for help, Steve and Jenny Dalloway have offered to do the tiling work - thus saving us a considerable amount of money.

The kitchen project has already received some funding for the work but other applications are in progress. Our funders will be acknowledged on completion of the project.

GET READY TO BHANGRA!

At the beginning of next month we're expecting an injection of colour and vitality into the darkening October nights. On **Sunday, 9th October** Northumberland Theatre Company, one of the UK's best touring outfits, will present "**How to Make a Killing in Bollywood**".

Described as a musical comedy, this lively show follows the fortunes of a group of restaurant workers as they bid to make their fortunes in India's answer to tinsel town. As ever, the road to riches is paved with potholes!

This is the first of the Village Hall's series of 5 professional shows. You can buy a season ticket for all 5 for £45 - a saving of £5 against the regular ticket price of £10 per show. The other shows in the season are:

30th October: Holy Moly & The Crackers

11th December: The Tim Klipuis Trio

11th February: A Fistful of Spookies

9th April: Fordante

Tickets for all these 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

Feckenham Flower Show - list of classes

September 10th



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

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)

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 "WILDLIFE"
- 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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Feckenham Scarecrow Weekend is back. The event will take place on **Saturday and Sunday, 1st and 2nd 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 free maps handed out 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.

...GET SCARY SET...

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.

...GET SCARY STUFFING!

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 27th September

As mentioned in last month's Feckenham News, this event is being run by Feckenham Wake Committee and Feckenham Entertainments Committee in partnership. While the Scarecrow Competition remains free to enter and there's no admission or parking charge, any funds generated at the tea tent, etc will be used to enhance the Wake - 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 cakes please contact Marion Chute on 892285

Feckenham SCARECROW COMPETITION - 1st & 2nd October

ENTRY FORM

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Feckenham Cricket Club

Bob Gordon



The club has its annual charity fund-raiser **on Sunday 28th August. FeckFest** provides a mini beer festival, stalls and sideshows, with live music from 1pm to around 10:45pm, featuring a range of local artists.

The centrepiece is a special cricket match involving Bridley Moor and St. Augustine's who will be competing for the Simon Ward Trophy.

This year the event raises money for Primrose Hospice with stalls and sideshows, with admission on the day £6 for adults and £1 for children under 12. Tickets are also available in advance online at £4.50 for adults, £1 for children or £12 for a family (2 adults and up to 3 children), plus booking fees - go to

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/feckfest-2016-tickets-26876130229>. Last year we raised over £1,000 for charity – please help us beat that in 2016.

On the cricket pitch, the two teams have continued with their fine runs in August. Jamie Griffith in particular had a great month, taking crucial wickets and scoring a lot of runs, including a century against Enville while he also contributed 73 not out in the win over Bredon which saw he and Josh Stacey (79 not out) contributing a 150-run 4th wicket partnership

The 1st team were disappointed at the narrowest of defeats in a hard-fought game at Chaddesley Corbett where the team lost by 3 runs and one wicket but bounced back to score a tense and thrilling home victory over arch-rivals and third-placed team Coombs Wood. Luke Jackson and Josh Stacey contributing over 70 runs each but arguably the

key was an exceptional spin bowling spell by Jamie Griffiths at a crucial point in the game, which saw him finishing with figures of 4 for 23.

This was followed by a convincing win at local rivals and league leaders Redditch in a fine team performance, Danny Bloomer and Jamie Griffiths hitting 60+ and Josh Stacey 76. Tom Coulson took 3 wickets but Matt Henning's 4 and all-round game attracted coverage in the local press. This was followed by victory over Worcester Dominies with batting highlights from Jamie and Josh, both local lads. The fast bowling spearhead of Tom and Mitch wrapped up the win with 3 wickets each and a win at Alvechurch (Jamie hitting 93 and Mitch taking 4 wickets), cementing the team's 3rd place in third place in the table and promotion to the top division a real prospect.

The second team just can't stop winning, with both the club's Andy Kings (!) scoring centuries in the away win over Oldswinford & Stourbridge. Andy J (AJ) Kings also hit 149 not out against Harborne with Muhammad Idrees hitting 119 in the same game. Hugh Humphries also continues to score well, with 71 in the win at Enville, where Fraser Duggan took 4 wickets. Craig Bird also hit a century while Yasir Mehmood also made the league honours board with bowling figures of 4 for 15. AJ and Andy Kings both hit centuries (155 and 100) against Oldswinford and Stourbridge and the team now leads their division by 32 points from Harborne and are a staggering 69 points clear of the 3rd team.

Fixtures (12:30pm start unless stated)

Sat 27th August - Bromyard (2nd team), 1pm

Sat 3rd September - Evesham

Sat 10th September - Lye (2nd team)

Sat 17th September – Enville

The season is drawing to a close and local support makes a big difference to the teams for whom this is becoming a great year. Please come and enjoy both great games of cricket and a friendly and comfortable social environment.

Stock & Bradley Gardening Club

Rob Cole

**This month's CLUB MEETING -
Wednesday 7th September 2016 at
7.30pm**

Our series of monthly talks will recommence on Wednesday 7th September and is a talk by Everett Leeds entitled 'Clematis Through the Seasons'. Everett is a Clematis enthusiast, and is co author of a well respected book about the genus and his knowledge and passion for this popular garden plant will mean that this talk is definitely not one to miss !

Our monthly competition also restarts, and the theme for the meeting will be 'A Clematis Flower'. 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 5th
September 2016 at 7.30pm**

Tamsin Westhorpe will share her life as a gardener and gardening magazine editor, as well as her role at Stockton Bury Garden in Herefordshire (which we visited last year) in a talk entitled 'Life as Editor of 'The English Garden'.

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 8th
September.**

Member Lynda Lamb will be giving us a talk on "Creative Card making". 7.30pm in the Back Room of the Village Hall - visitors very welcome £4 including refreshments.

We have one remaining garden visit for this year -

On Tuesday 13th September we are visiting MortonHall garden, 11am - 1pm - cost £8.

And two theatre visits -

"Half a Sixpence" on 5th October at The Palace Theatre, Redditch

"South Pacific" on 18th October at The Swan Theatre, Worcester.

For details of these contact Vivienne Hunter on 01527 402360

Feckenham Parish Council

MEETING

Thursday, 15th September at 7.30pm
Feckenham Village Hall (Back Room)

At all Parish Council Meetings there is a 15 minute open forum when parishioners can bring matters of concern to the attention of the Council as well as ask questions about ongoing matters

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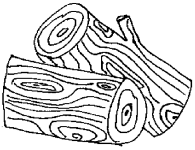
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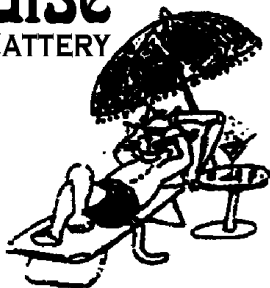
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