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Dates for your Diary

November

5th	S&B Gardening Club
8th	Christmas Decoration Sale
	Bonfire and Fireworks
12th	Readers Group
13th	Parish Council Meeting
14th	FeckenOdeon 2
17th	WI
29th	FeckenOdeon

December

6th	Christmas Tree Erection
13th	Big Band Village Hall
24th	Carols on the Square

Regular Sessions

Mondays	Dance Academy
Tuesdays	Tai Chi
Wednesdays	Playgroup (term time)
Thursdays	Bridge; Hatha Yoga

Second Monday of the month: Mobile Library

First Tuesday of the month:

Lunch Club, Feckenham Sessions

First and Third Wednesday: Community Choir

Second Wednesday Art Club

Third Monday of the month: WI

1st and 3rd Fridays : Erstwhile Morris Dancers

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Harvest festival
Flowers

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Editor's Note

Your editor is not away this time, but looking out at the pouring rain and feeling just a bit sorry for herself as she's had Covid for a week and just wants to get back to normal!

Meantime it's a lesson in patience and an opportunity to read and relax while remembering how good it is to feel well.



One of the books I've had on the go is called *The Book About Getting Older* by Dr Lucy Pollock, a geriatrician. It's full of good advice for all ages and is very readable. I can thoroughly recommend it.

Back to the magazine and thanks to Judy Hooker who is stepping back from years of tending to tubs on the village green. Good luck to Miranda who has taken on the job at the bottom of the Square.

Amanda and Bob Gordon's Interrail journey must have been quite an adventure. There's a flavour of the trip on pages 14-15.

Next it's the Bonfire on Saturday 8th November then full steam ahead to Christmas.

Swansbrook Radio Christmas Music Requests

Although only November I have to start preparing the annual Christmas music playlist for Classical Swansbrook on Swansbrook radio. So please if you would like to choose a favourite carol or piece of Christmas music I'd be delighted to include it. Just let me know what you would like to hear and a dedication if you wish. Send your requests to me, **Chris Fletcher** on cefletcher44@gmail.com as soon as possible please.

I look forward to hearing from you and especially from anyone new to Feckenham.

Village Christmas Card

A reminder:

Instead of sending lots of cards, you can send just one greeting to all and a donation for charity. This is financially supported by the church and distributed by the magazine so all your donations go to charity. The card will be circulated with the December magazine and donations will go to Shelter, the housing and homelessness charity.

Contributions can be made by cheque (or even cash), but BACS payments to the Church Account with a clear reference "Xmas Card" are preferred. The Church account details are: Feckenham PCC Sort Code: 30 96 97 Account 01231863 Please send your wording to feckenhamnews@gmail.com or post with your donation to Angela Fletcher 12 Mill Lane, B96 6HY, Feckenham by 14th November.

Obituary

Some of you will remember Hilary Gosling, barrister, circuit judge, member of the Parish Council, devout catholic, who lived with his wife and 4 children - and animals - in Chesterfield House on the Droitwich Road. After he retired, he and Diana moved to Cheltenham where he died recently, surviving well into his nineties.

He was for decades our humorous, entertaining and faithful friend, with whom there was no comparison.

Michael and Phyllis Mott



HOUSING NEEDS

The Parish Council has commissioned a “**Housing Needs Survey**” which all homes should receive this month. Due to the Governments housing targets it is likely that Feckenham will face a large number of planning applications of varying sizes for new housing. In view of this the Parish Council needs to find out your thoughts and wishes.

Please be sure to complete the form and return it as soon as possible so that the Parish Council can act in accordance with the will of the Parish.

BETTER BROADBAND

Feckenham would like to be near the front of the queue for the government’s **Project Gigabit**, bringing faster, more reliable internet to our village. Openreach’s Community Fibre Partnership team has been made aware of the inconsistent broadband speeds in our area.

The Parish Council has been advised that only three more telegraph poles are needed to make the project work, meaning improved internet could be closer than ever!

Residents can help: Just register your interest with Openreach via:

[www.openreach.com/broadband network/fibre-availability](http://www.openreach.com/broadband-network/fibre-availability)

The more people who register, the stronger the case for Feckenham to get upgraded sooner. Do not miss this opportunity to help bring faster broadband to our community!

HEALTHY WORCESTERSHIRE

Worcestershire County Council may have money available to put on free sessions at the Village Hall as they have been successful in other areas. The sessions include gentle exercise (including seated), specific topics such as doorstep crime, mental and emotional well being and finally a time to sit and chat. If the County Council isn’t able to arrange this for Feckenham then we may

be able to get a grant to fund something similar. If anyone is interested, please contact the clerk in the first instance.

GETTING ABOUT

Redditch Dial A Ride is a door-to-door transport service for residents of Redditch Borough who cannot use public transport. You can make any journey within Redditch Borough in their fleet of modern wheelchair accessible minibuses which have low rise steps for easy access. If you need to get to the shops, visit friends, attend a medical appointment, etc. this service may be able to help. It’s run by Redditch Borough Council and you can register with the service by calling 01527 64910 or email

dialaride@bromsgroveandredditch.gov.uk

Our County Councillors are making efforts to get community bus services to and from Worcester extended to include Feckenham. The Parish Council will keep you informed of any developments.

COUNCIL FINANCES

Parish Council accounts are subject to rigorous auditing by independent inspectors. At the meeting on 9th October it was reported that the annual audits had been conducted with no issues arising.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 13th November at 7.30pm in the back room at the Village Hall. Everyone is welcome to attend. There is an “open forum” section at the beginning of all Council meetings where you can raise matters of concern or ask questions of the Council.

GET IN TOUCH

If you have queries or need help with local problems you are very welcome to contact the Council. Initially you can call the Parish Clerk on 01527 892522 or Email:

clerk@feckenham-parishcouncil.gov.uk

NEED INFORMATION?

Visit the Parish Council’s website for information about the Council, planning issues, local organisations and useful contact details to help you solve problems. You’ll also find digital editions of Feckenham News going back to 2012.

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The FeckenOdeon Cinema Society



COULD THIS HAVE HAPPENED HERE?

A sleepy village is shaken from its postwar complacency when widow Florence (Emily Mortimer) opens a bookshop promoting the latest in modernist fiction. As if her championing of books like "Lolita" wasn't enough, Florence also manages to upset local bigwig Mrs. Gamart (Patricia Clarkson). Before long the town is awash with intrigue and Florence will have to rely on the support of her sole ally, reclusive bookworm Mr. Brundish (Bill Nighy). A film full of small town intrigue - sound familiar? (UK 2017)

THE BOOK SHOP (PG)

Friday, 14th November at 8pm



CHANGIN' TIMES...

New York, 1961. Against the backdrop of a vibrant music scene and tumultuous cultural upheaval, an enigmatic 19-year-old from Minnesota arrives with his guitar and revolutionary talent, destined to change the course of American music. The story culminates in the groundbreaking and controversial performance that reverberates worldwide. Timothée Chalamet stars and sings as Bob Dylan in a film that reveals the man behind the music. (USA 2024)

A COMPLETE UNKNOWN (12A)

Saturday, 29th November at 7.30pm

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

Feckenham Village Hall

SLEIGH BELLS SWING

Following their sell out concert in 2024, Neil Coley and his Big Band return by popular demand! The Neil Coley Big Band has been entertaining audiences across the West Midlands for the past 27 years. The 17 piece band was formed in 1998 by keyboard player Neil Coley and boasts a varied musical mixture of well-loved tunes and exciting new arrangements.

This year's Feckenham show will include a few festive favourites which is why they've called it "Sleigh Bells Ring Swing"

THE NEIL COLEY BIG BAND

Saturday, 13th December at 7.30pm

TICKETS for shows at the Village Hall are on sale at The Village Shop and The Rose & Crown.

Book online through www.feckhall.org

Book by phone on 0333 666 3366

IMPROVEMENT FUND DRAW

You will note that the October Improvement Fund winners are printed below. This was the last draw for the 2024/25 year. The first draws for the 2025/26 year will take place at the Village Hall Trustee's meeting on the first Tuesday in December. Three cash prizes are drawn each month - £25, £15 and £10 (£600 in total over the year). A £12 contribution buys you entry to each of the 12 monthly draws.

Most village households will receive a letter inviting you to contribute during the next month, with an explanation as to how to pay by cash, cheque or bank transfer.

Last year's Fund contributed £1,044 towards covering the cost of improvements to the Hall and its facilities.

If you've got room for a flutter, thanks in advance for any £12ses you can afford.

Draw results

Feckenham Village Hall Improvement Fund October draw. Carried out on 7th October, 2025.

August:

1st (£25)	1	Marion Chute
2nd (£15)	46	Michael & Katie Wormington
3rd (£10)	131	Ashley Beldham

Feckenham Square Management Committee

SQUARE REPAIR

The long hot summer hasn't been kind to The Square. There are numerous bald patches where the grass hasn't survived. The Square Committee's Bill Rollins is on the case and has re-seeded the affected areas. Green shoots have appeared and it's hoped that the village green will soon be back to its former glory.

For many years the flower tubs have been planted and maintained by Judy Hooker. Judy has now retired and handed the trowel, and the hard work, on to Miranda Powell.

CHRISTMAS IS COMING

Plans are in hand for the festive season. Over the next few weeks Committee members will be preparing for the installation of the Christmas lights and the arrival of the village Christmas tree. If you have an hour or so to spare on **Saturday, December 6th** you can help us erect the tree - meet at **10am on The Square**.

Carols on The Square is scheduled, as usual, for **6.30 on Christmas Eve**. Mince pies, mulled wine and a hearty sing to welcome the Christmas spirit. Slight tweaks to the format are being planned to make it a livelier occasion.

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For all other enquiries please contact Ian Hunter, Secretary to the Parochial Church Council preferably by email to secretary@feckenhamchurch.org.uk or 07874 800108.

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PARISH CHURCH
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Services for November 2025

2nd November	10.30am	Eucharist	Rev Fiona Carter
9 th November	10.20am	Remembrance Service	Rev Fiona Carter
16th November	6.30pm	Evensong	Rev Fiona Carter
23rd November	No service at Feckenham 3pm St James' Church, Harvington - Fr Glenn's licensing *		
30th November	10.30am	Eucharist & Shoebox service	Rev Fiona Carter

*Fr Glenn would like to know how many people are coming, so please let him know if you are.

Coffee Stop (in church)

Tuesday 11th November at 2.00pm to 3.45pm.
Take a break before or after school. Toys for children



Drop in (in church)

Wednesday 12th November and 26th November at
10.30am - 12.00pm.
All are welcome (coffee and cake)



FECKENHAM ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

Mass will not be held at St John Fisher and Thomas More until further notice.

Mount Carmel 6 pm Sunday Mass is now the Live Streamed Mass.

Link: www.eventcast.uk/live (Type the link into the browser)

Local contact: Phylis Mott, Feckenham. Tel 893898

Fields of Gold

A fund-raising concert in aid of the Leprosy Mission and the restoration of the church roof was held in the church on Saturday 11th October. The programme consisted of pieces by 3 local choirs: The Ballard Singers from Inkberrow : The Long Room Madrigal Singers based in Feckenham: and our own church choir; supported and supplemented by organ, keyboard and pieces for flutes. The event was organised by Clare Furey who also sang, and played all 3 instruments! The music was of generally high quality and ranged from the popular, including the title song Fields of Gold, to Vivaldi's Gloria through Rutter's All Things Bright, and madrigals very well sung unaccompanied. To the relief of us all the church was packed, the audience enthusiastic, doing its bit by patronising



the bar and buying lots of raffle tickets. We were grateful to all who organised the drinks and who were responsible for the beautiful flowers.

Finally it is worth reflecting on how fortunate we are to live in a community in which you can go to your local church, pay £10 and enjoy 2 hours of music of such quality - with a glass of wine.

Michael Mott



Feckenham Church Flower Group

Once again we have Mr Crump to thank for the splendid displays of beautiful dahlias which he grows and kindly donates to us to fill the church for Harvest Festival.

Thank you flower ladies for all your lovely colourful autumnal arrangements of flowers, foliage, fruit, vegetables and produce which truly encapsulated the traditional season of harvest. They were very much enjoyed by the Sunday service congregation and again by everyone at the brilliant music concert organised by Clare Furey the following Saturday! Margaret and Marg Co-ordinators



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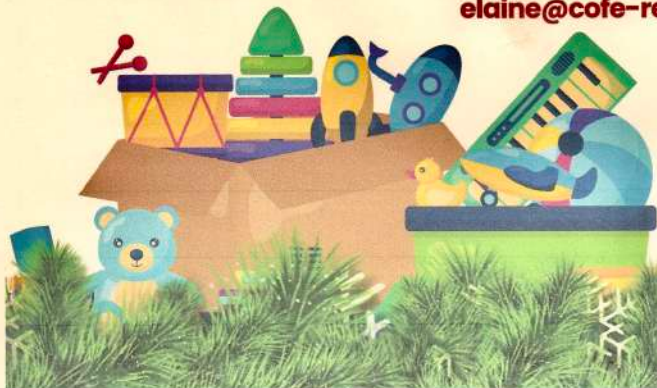
Get ready to make a child's Christmas! The Redditch Mission Area is bringing the community together for the Make Christmas Special Toy Appeal, and you're invited to be part of it. This is a wonderful opportunity to show God's love with generosity and kindness. Help us bring a smile to children's faces across Redditch.

How Can you Help?

- Host a collection point. - Set up a local collection point for new toys (for ages 0 to 17) at your church.
- Drop off toys. - Take the toys to a designated drop-off point for the distribution hub.
- Volunteer your time. You can help sort toys and set up the distribution hub from December 3-5 between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m..
- Or, give an hour to staff the hub from December 6-13, between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m.

For More Information :

Contact Elaine on 07836 644445 or email elaine@cofe-redditch.org.uk



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Feckenham WI

Our October meeting prepared us for Winter as we made scarves and snoods out of super chunky wool. We used a technique that was new to all of us - hand knitting. It involves using just your hands and the yarn and is very quick to pick up. All of us managed to produce something we were pleased with by the end of the night.

Our next meeting is on Monday 17th November at 8pm in the back room of Feckenham village hall. Margaret Green will very kindly be giving us a talk on her work for Mission Morogoro. Members are free and guests are £5.



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Wednesday, 12th November - 7.45pm
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INSPIRING WOMEN

Next Meeting: Monday, 17th November

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Wednesday, 5th November - 7.30pm
Stock & Bradley Village Hall



Feckenham Parish Council

MEETING

Thursday, 13th November - 7.30pm

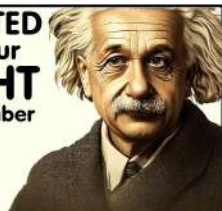
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Meetings include a Public Forum where parishioners can bring matters to the attention of the Council and ask questions.

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QUIZ NIGHT
Thursday, 13th November

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THE FECKENODEON CINEMA SOCIETY



FeckenOdeon 2 Friday, 14th November at 8pm

TIMOTHEE CHALAMET as BOB DYLAN in A COMPLETE UNKNOWN



FeckenOdeon 1 Saturday, 29th November at 7.30pm^{12A}

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Amanda and Bob's European Interrail Adventure



The trickiest bit of the journey was leaving Feckenham by public transport. We started on a Thursday morning by the 354 bus to Redditch, a train to New Street then to Euston, stopping overnight near St Pancras before a Eurostar to Amsterdam.

From Feckenham via Amsterdam then to Istanbul - approximately following the route of the famous Orient Express - then find an alternative route back.

Relying heavily on the website “Man in Seat 61” for vital information on train travel across the continent,



Our third city on the Danube was **Budapest**. We visited the Fisherman's Bastion and nearby castle, giving us spectacular views of the Parliament buildings and the river. Next day went to the old Szechenyi thermal baths, a perfect choice on such a hot day (38 degrees). We found the clean and efficient underground system a cheap (all public transport is free for the over 65s) and reliable way to get around.

Timisoara in Romania, previously unknown to us. A pleasant surpris. We stayed in their Old Town, which, like Bratislava, was largely pedestrianised with gorgeous buildings and a vibrant cafe culture. It was clear that this town is undergoing much improvement and restoration.





Here we were able to obtain the precious sleeper tickets that can only be bought at a station in either Romania or Bulgaria to get us to Istanbul!!

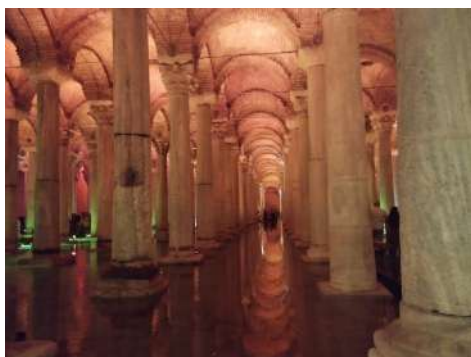


Istanbul was hot and mad - traffic was insane and the horn was the most used component on every vehicle. We fortunately had an apartment in the Sultanahmet district, within walking distance of the Blue Mosque, Hagia Sophia etc. Our highlight was a tour through the Cistern, the underground water system built by the Romans. With our objective being to reach the extremities of Europe, we of course took a ferry trip across to Kadikoy on the Asian side of The Bosphorus.



We abandoned trains briefly and headed for the Adriatic for a week to chill out. Stopping for two nights in **Piran**, Slovenia, an ancient town nestling on the edge of the Adriatic . A charming cluster of houses interwoven with narrow alleyways and a surprise around every corner

A sleeper train (2-person private compartment) for a 20 hour journey to **Sofia in Bulgaria**. The compartment was comfortable, but sadly the air-conditioning was not working. Knowing that there was no restaurant car or refreshments, we had taken plenty of water and a picnic to sustain us for the long hot journey. We had to change train at a remote station (Videle Romania), where we were entertained by the house martins swooping into the waiting room, where they had built their nests.



A key part of our plan was travel on the Bernina Express route which zig-zags though the **Alps**, with staggering views.

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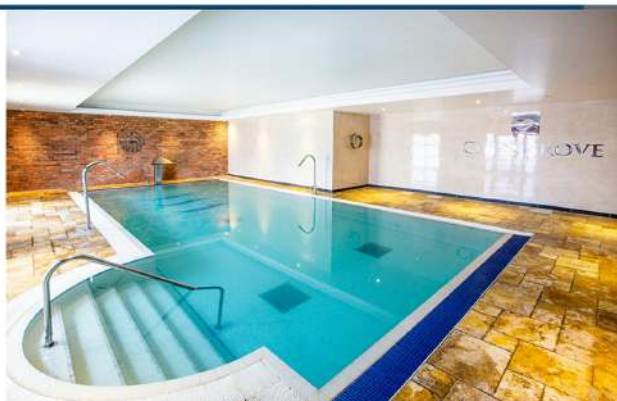
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Feckenham Archive - Marion Chute

The Village has changed so much but some things remain unchanged. This postcard which I suspect is from 40's or 50's was sent to me by Wendy Ralphs (thankyou). It shows this very familiar scene in High St. Does anyone recognise this gentleman strolling down the road? Please keep sending me your photos for the archive.



BICA APPEAL

CHARITY WINNERS

A charity which supports care for local Cystic Fibrosis patients was the biggest winners at the Race Night held at the Rose and Crown on 18th October. An enthusiastic gathering of horse fanciers crowded into the marquee in the pub garden and gambled recklessly on a series of races whilst enjoying free snacks and drinks from the course bar. Many of them went home a little poorer but the result for charity was much more cheering - over £4,000 was raised.

The money goes to the Birmingham Irish Cycle Appeal. The pub's nominated charity is the West Midlands Adult Cystic Fibrosis Centre at Heartlands Hospital.

Thanks are due to all who attended and gave so generously and to those who sponsored the earlier cycle rides.

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Wow - what a result.

Last month I mentioned the wonderful community spirit that exists in Feckenham and the kindness of so many of the people that live in our village.

That kindness shone brightly at last month's Coffee Morning in aid of Macmillan cancer nurses, when we raised a staggering £1400 for the charity.

This amazing total exceeded the previous year's record by £400. My congratulations go to our Thursday Team of volunteers who made it happen. I must also acknowledge those who baked the cakes, made the jam, donated the cat note-lets and all those who provided raffle prizes. By the way, the winner of the raffle

(£125) generously returned the amount to add to add to our final total.

A truly herculean effort and thanks to everyone who helped on the day.

If you are looking for a unique gift we may have just the thing for you. We have a limited number of prints of the 1591 map of the parish of Feckenham - made by Norman Neasom based on the original 16th Century drawing by Blagrave. The prints are on sale at just £5 each (unframed).

There is a framed copy on display in The Shop if you are interested.

Until next month - thanks for the continuing support of the village shop.



An Organic Allotment by Pete Delaney

This month sees the allotment become a bleaker looking place, with most harvests reaped and green foliage dying away across the plot. Gather it in and throw it on the compost heap.

Turning over heaps and creating new compost is an important job at this time of the year, dying leaf mould makes excellent plant feed compost.

In late October I bring in the rest of my squashes and pumpkins, storing them in a chest with a glass window over the top to let in light to aid the pumpkin and butternut squash in their curing.

A first success for me in this season's harvests was sweet potatoes. When dug up they are found to be growing hugging around each other and I was lifting the whole cluster of each plant as one. Tomatoes in the poly-tunnel provided ripe tomatoes until early November. I

stop watering them to panic them into ripening.

This month, later, also do my first planting out for next year's harvest and get my garlic in the ground.

I strongly weed and fork over unused beds, keeping them as weed free as possible during the fallow winter months - what a result.



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Rob Cole's Gardening Tips

Early Winter Berries and Fruits

Amongst the golds and browns of fading shrubs, grasses and perennials, the bright colours of berries and fruits stand out in a way that they never would in the height of summer when there is so much floral competition.

Although holly is king at Christmas time, I think that *Pyracantha* is much showier - certainly until the blackbirds and thrushes strip the berries. Many cultivars are available, with white



flowers in the spring and masses of berries in the early winter, but 'Orange Chamer' (left) is my favourite.

The various forms of *Cornus* are renowned for their coloured stems in the winter garden, but 'Kesselgii' not only has autumn colour in the leaf and black coloured stems all year round, it also produces terminal bunches of white berries for an early winter bonus (right)



I was initially surprised by *Euonymus* 'Emerald 'n' Gold', firstly that the shrub favoured by supermarket car park designers would also climb unaided if you plant it next to a wall, but also that it will produce a subtle show of fruits if left unpruned. As with the fruits of most of the *Euonymus* clan, they will

eventually emerge from the calyx and dangle on slender threads, before finally breaking free and falling to the ground.



Gardeners always like to grow something 'out of the ordinary' and the purple berries of



Callicarpa bodinieri var. *giraldii* 'Profusion' come into this category (right).

We grew two plants, close to each other, and they both produced berries, sometimes lots, but often only a few. We always thought that it might get going next year, but it never did.

Another plant in the 'out of the ordinary' category is *Decaisnea fargesii*, known as Dead Man's Fingers - a name amply explained when the fruits arrive in late October (left).

I always remember picking a bunch and getting Diane to paint the tips of each 'finger' with red nail varnish. We took it to a gardening club meeting and claimed we had raised a new variety which we called Dead Lady's Fingers. Tee hee!





CLUB MEETING – Wednesday 1st October 2025

We had a talk entitled ‘Tales from the Potting Shed’, given by Katherine Kear. This was a fun look at some of the oldest garden advice, not found in a gardening book, but from the wisdom of green-fingered gardeners from long ago. A most entertaining and informative talk, delivered with great skill.

NEXT CLUB EVENT – Wednesday 5th November 2025

Our next meeting at the Village Hall will be on Wednesday 5th November and will be a talk entitled ‘The Late Summer Garden’, given by Jack Wilgoss. Jack and his wife Laura run Wildegoose Nursery in Shropshire and many of you will remember our visit some years ago.

The subject for the monthly competition is ‘Autumn Colour’.

Club meetings are normally held on the first Wednesday of each month at the Village Hall, Church Road, Bradley Green starting at 7.30pm, and are free to members for an annual subscription of £5.00 for 2025. Visitors are made very welcome and may attend for £3.00 per meeting.

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