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APRIL 2026

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Sat 4th April 3-4pm

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and a Cuppa!



All Welcome

Welcome to the
April 2026
edition of the



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Eckington Calendar

2nd Thursday Mobile Library
09:45 to 10:00—Upper End, Eckington
10:05 to 10:20—Glenmoor, Eckington

Every Thursday Everyone Welcome 10am-12pm Coffee Morning Eckington Church

April

Wednesday 1st Community Coffee Morning at The Bell 11am
Wednesday 1st W.I. Meeting 7pm at the Village Hall
Saturday 4th Easter Egg Makes Eckington Holy Trinity Church 3-4pm
Sunday 5th Easter Sunday Holy Communion service with Baptism at Eckington church **10:30AM**

Sunday 5th Quiz at The Bell
Tuesday 7th W.I. "Social at the local" at The Bell 11am All Welcome
Tuesday 7th Bingo 2pm to 4pm sponsored by Worcester Awnings also Lottery
Sunday 12th All day Harry Arnold Teak Furniture Sale
Monday 13th Clubbercise starts 8pm at Village Hall
Wednesday 15th Memory Impairment Coffee Morning at The Bell 11am
Friday 17th 7pm Film Night – Song Sung Blue 12A, 2025, 2h 13. Door and bar open from 6pm, includes The Old Dough Hook Pizza Van
Saturday 24th Live Country Music at Eckington Manor 7pm

May

4th May Eckington Garage Sales 9:30am-1pm
5th Bingo 2pm to 4pm sponsored by Worcester Awnings also Lottery
8th "The Ideal Husband" a play by Oscar Wilde by Aunty Jen Productions
13th Village Hall AGM. Please join us for drinks & nibbles 6:30pm
15th Film Night at the Village Hall 7pm "Operation Mincemeat (12)"
16th/17th May Eckington Open Gardens & Flower Festival 1940's weekend with Craft and Vintage Fayre

If you would like to receive a monthly printed copy of this magazine please email:

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Let us know your event/activity dates by the 20th of the preceding month. email



Church Service Rota for April 2026

Date	Time	Place and Service	Presiding
1 st	8.30am	Bredon – Morning Prayer	Jill and Andrew Chapman
	8.30am	Eckington Morning Prayer	Rev Allison and Rev Sooz
	8.30pm	Bredon – Compline	Rev Catherine Lack
2 nd Maundy Thursday	10.00am	Overbury - Iona Maundy Thursday Holy Communion	Rev Katryn
	7.00pm	Bredon – Holy Communion with handwashing	Rev Allison presiding and Rev Catherine Lack preaching
	7.00pm	Great Comberton – Holy Communion with foot washing	Rev Prajna presiding and Rev Katryn preaching
3 rd Good Friday	11.30am	Bredon’s Norton Proclamation of the Cross followed by Soup Lunch	Rev Sooz
	12.00pm	Elmley Castle – An Hour before the Cross	Rev Katryn
	2.00pm	Bredon – The Last Hour	Jim McKay
	2.45pm	Good Friday on Bredon Hill	Rev Allison presiding and Bishop Hugh preaching
5 th Easter Sunday	9.00am	Besford – Easter Holy Communion	Rev Catherine Lack
	9.00am	Bredon’s Norton – Easter Holy Communion	Rev David Foster
	10.00am	Little Comberton – Easter Communion	Rev Katryn
	10.30am	Eckington – Family Communion with baptism	Bishop Michael and Rev Sooz
	10.45am	Bredon – Easter Communion	Rev Allison
	10.45am	Ashton Under Hill – Easter Communion	Rev Prajna Pal-Lad
12 th	9.00am	Bredon’s Norton – Holy Communion	Rev Sooz
	9.00am	Overbury – Holy Communion	Rev Katryn
	10.45am	Morning Worship – Little Comberton	Rev Katryn
	10.45am	Eckington – Holy Communion	Rev Catherine Lack
	10.45am	Bredon – Morning Praise	Angie Godsell
19 th	9.00am	Eckington – Holy Communion	Rev Allison
	9.00am	Elmley Castle – Holy Communion	Rev Katryn
	10.45am	Bredon – Holy Communion	Rev Sooz
	10.45am	Beckford – Holy Communion	Rev Katryn with Archdeacon Mark preaching
	3.00pm	Overbury – Messy Church	Rev Katryn
26 th	9.00am	Ashton Under Hill – Holy Communion	tbc
	10.45am	Defford -Holy Communion	Rev Allison presides with Rev Sooz preaching
	10.45am	Great Comberton-Holy Communion	Rev Alma Organ
	10.45am	Bredon – Village Worship	Ken MacGowan
	12.30pm	Bricklehampton - Baptism	Rev Alma Organ

Midweek Iona Communion at 10am

15th April – Little Comberton – Reverend Katryn

22nd April – Overbury – Reverend Katryn

Vicar: Rev Allison Davies

The Vicarage, Drakesbridge Rd,
Eckington

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eckingtonvicarage@hotmail.com

Church Warden: Derek Potter

01386 750628

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church/7962/](https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/7962/)

*Anyone requiring Holy Communion at
home to please contact Rev. Allison
Davies to arrange.*

Open Church for Private Prayer

The Church is open for
private prayer and quiet reflection:

Every Wednesday 10am—2pm

Sundays 10am-12pm

when there is no service.

Outside of above times if
anyone wishes to go into the church
please contact Allison on 01386 750203

If you have a general inquiry or a specific query about baptisms,
weddings or funerals 01386 748059 or at acbhteam@gmail.com

News from Worcester Diocese

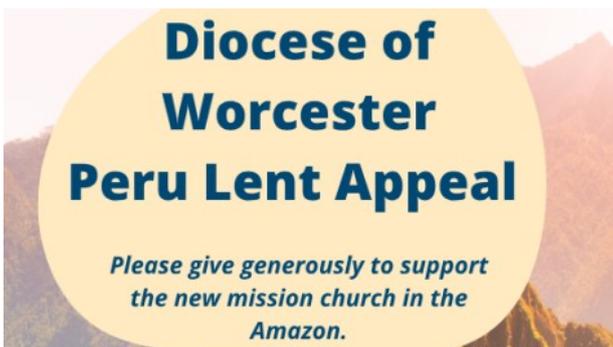
An article from the Bishop of Dudley: <https://www.cofe-worcester.org.uk/news/leading-the-way-in-sustainability.php>

Lent appeal 2026: <https://www.cofe-worcester.org.uk/news/lent-appeal-2026-francis-of-assis-mission-in-the-amazon-rainforest.php>

New diocesan Children and Young People d: <https://www.cofe-worcester.org.uk/news/sian-morgan-appointed-as-new-children-and-young-people-lead.php>

A year of generosity: <https://www.cofe-worcester.org.uk/news/a-year-of-generosity.php>

General Synod backs Worcester Diocesan Synod motion: <https://www.cofe-worcester.org.uk/news/general-synod-backs-worcester-diocesan-synod-motion.php>



This year's diocesan Lent Appeal will be for our partner diocese of Peru, where they are asking for donations towards their Church in the Amazon rainforest.



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Monday 9:15-10:15am Hatha (gentle) £10

Friday 8:00-8.45am Hatha (gentle) £8

First Sunday of the month 5:00-6:15pm Yin & Yoga Nidra (restorative) £12



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Welcome to Holy Trinity Church, Eckington

God Talk

Do you believe in God,
and does it matter?



We may not think much about God in our day-to-day life, but when our lives are shattered by profound loss or suffering, or, conversely, when we are awestruck by a night sky or the birth of a child, we may wonder whether there is a God out there.

What is the nature of the God who is worth believing in, anyway? 'I don't believe in God', one man said to his vicar. 'What God don't you believe in', replied the vicar. And when he'd told him the vicar replied, 'I don't believe in that God either'.

We are all on a journey to try to make sense of our short life on this earth, so this course is for people of all persuasions, ranging from those who don't believe or are not sure about the reality of God to those who hold a strong belief in God. The aim is to clarify the issues, and excite and nourish us on our journey.

Roger Spiller

When + Where

7.30-9pm

Little Comberton Village Hall,
Elmley Road, WR10 3EP

15 April,

22 April,

29 April,

6 May,

20 May

Register with

[https://wegottickets.com/
event/695202](https://wegottickets.com/event/695202)

Or, acbhteam@gmail.com by the

10 April 2026

Refreshments served

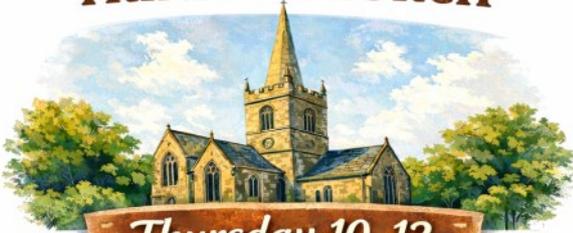




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Forest School

Tuesday morning 9am-12pm for children aged 2-4 years

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Community
COFFEE & CAKE
 EVENT

at *The Bell Eckington*

First Wednesday of the Month

April 1st 11am

Friendly, informal meet up

EVERYONE WELCOME!

In support of
Admiral Nurses
 • specialist dementia nurses •

Memory Impairment Group
Coffee Morning

at *The Bell Eckington*

Third Wednesday of the Month

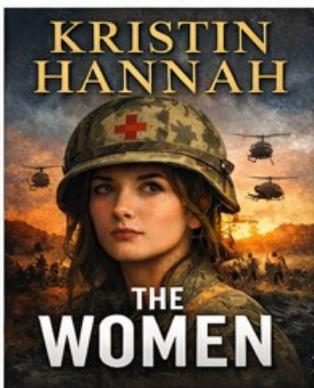
April 15th
 11:30am

This event is specifically for people who have any degree of memory impairment, regardless of the cause.

Families and/or carers are welcome to attend.

In support of Admiral Nurses – specialist dementia nurses

Our book for February was
The Women by Kristin Hannah.



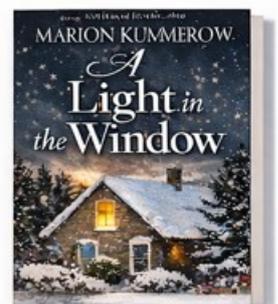
Frankie, a young woman in California, for various family reasons goes to Vietnam in 1967 as an army nurse. The novel is about what she experienced there and the reception she received when she returned home and her subsequent life. It is very readable, and informative about the Vietnam war and society in the US at the time.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday March 25th.

We'll be reading

A Light in the Window

by Marion Kummerow



For further information contact Dominique
 on 07769 603920

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Tues	7pm to 8pm	Zumba	Yana Konova	07469 939836
Wed	10:30-11:30am 2:30-3:30pm 6:30-8pm	Zumba Chance to Dance Pershore Phoenix	Kerry Marie Oldaker Linda Tucker	zumbawithkerry@gmail.com 07855 595287 hello@persshorephoenix.com
Thur	11:15-12:15 2pm-4pm 7pm-8pm	Pilates Whilst Drive Pilates	Rachel Gardwood Stephanie Elphick	101pilates.co.uk 07452 940055
Fri	8am-8:45am 10am-11am	Yoga Young @ Heart	Hannah Nardini Lorna Brooks	www.alchemyyoga.co.uk 07904 352642
1st Tue of month	2pm-4pm	Bingo & Lottery Draw		07756 195099
1st Wed of month	7:30pm-9:3pm	Women's Institute	Jenny Doyle	eckingtonwi@gmail.com
3rd Fri of month	7pm start	Film Night		07756 195099

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Lottery update: Lottery winning numbers for March were 28, 66, 76 & 79. All winners were delighted.

AGM: Want to find out more about the Village Hall. Join us at 18:30 on Wednesday 13th May at the Village Hall. Drinks & nibbles provided.

Clubbercise: starts on Monday 13th April at 20:00. Sounds like a fun way to exercise.

April Events:

Tuesday 7th – 2pm to 4pm Bingo sponsored by Worcester Awnings. Also, Lottery draw.

Sunday 12th – all day Harry Arnold Teak Furniture Sale

Monday 13th – Clubbercise starts at 20:00

Friday 17th – 7pm start Film Night – Song Sung Blue 12A, 2025, 2h 13m. Door and bar open from 6pm, includes The Old Dough Hook Pizza Van.

May Events:

Monday 4th – 9.30am to 1.30pm WI Garage Sale

Tuesday 5th – 2pm to 4pm Bingo sponsored by Worcester Awnings. Also, Lottery draw.

Friday 8th – start 6.30pm The Ideal Husband, a play by Oscar Wilde, performed by Aunty Jen Productions.

Wednesday 13th – 6.30pm Village Hall AGM. Please join us for drinks and nibbles.

Friday 15th – start 7pm – Film Night – Operation Mincemeat (12), 2021, 2h 8m. Door and bar open from 6pm. The film is set in the 1940's to coincide with the theme of the Open Gardens weekend.

Saturday 16th/Sunday 17th – Open Gardens

June Events:

Tuesday 2nd - 2pm to 4pm Bingo sponsored by Worcester Awnings. Also, Lottery draw.

Friday 19th – Film Night 7pm start tbc

July Events:

Tuesday 7th - 2pm to 4pm Bingo sponsored by Worcester Awnings. Also, Lottery draw.

Friday 17th – Film start 4pm – Hoppers tbc

Eckington Film Night

Friday 17th April



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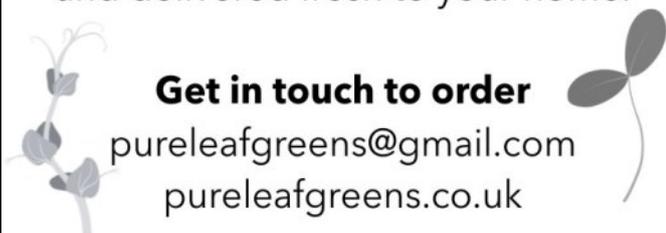
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What an enjoyable evening we had with our speaker Caroline Butcher who gave us a brief introduction to the history of wearing and making hats. Caroline had brought along a variety of hats and we were shown the correct way of wearing the different styles. She made us laugh at some of her tales about ladies who had worn their hats the wrong way round. We all then had the opportunity to try on as many hats as we wished and admired and laughed at each other. A great evening.



This month our meeting will be on Wednesday 1st April 7.30pm in the village hall and as usual visitors will be most

welcome. The admission is £4 and includes refreshments. Our speaker will be Josh Egan Wyer who is a professional horticulturist, with a keen dedication to all thing's plants, new introductions and the production and sales of plants to both wholesale and retail markets. **The title of his talk is 'The very best plants of the month'** It entails him bringing some cut material and living plants to discuss with us. He says he often describes this type of session as 'him waving plants around at the front and getting all excited about them'. Plants will also available for sale, which is always popular with group members so remember to bring your purses along.

Our 'Social at the Local' was held at the Anchor and we were back to the usual meeting time of a morning as the Anchor have changed their opening times. We were treated to some delicious home-made cakes with our drinks and as usual had plenty to have a natter about.

Our next 'Social at the local' will be Tuesday 7th April 11am at the Bell. Just a reminder that this is a get-together for any ladies, members and non-members so pop along for a cup of coffee and a good natter.

If you would like more information about any of the above or generally about W.I. please email us at eckingtonwi@gmail.com You can also check us out on Facebook or visit our website: eckingtonwi.weebly.com.

Eckington Parish Council

Outline Planning Application for a new development of 25 dwellings with new access and associated infrastructure

Summary	
Application Number	W/26/00016/OUT
Location Address	Land At (Os 9227 4192) Pershore Road Eckington
Proposal	Outline Planning Application for a new development of 25 dwellings with new access and associated infrastructure
Status	Pending
Application Type	Outline Application
Appeal Decision	N/A

Application Valid

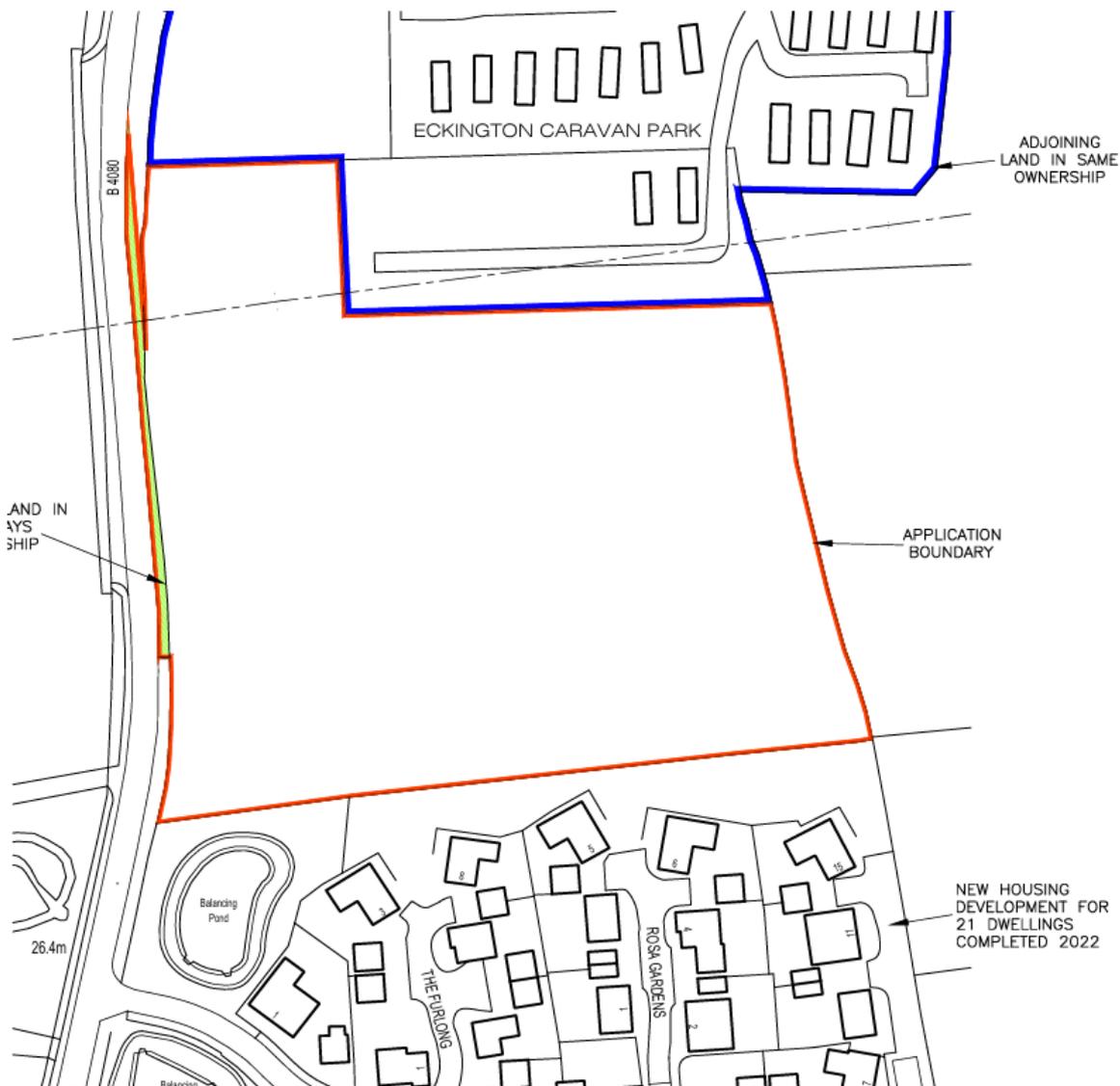
09/03/2026

Consultation End

11/04/2026

Committee Meeting

N/A



Permission in Principle Application for up to 9 houses Land At OS 9240 4107 Tewkesbury Road Eckington

Summary	
Application Number	W/26/00410/PIP
Location Address	Land At OS 9240 4107 Tewkesbury Road Eckington
Proposal	Permission in Principle application for up to 9 houses
Status	Pending
Application Type	Permission in Principle
Appeal Decision	N/A

**Application
Valid**

12/03/2026

**Consultation
End**

30/03/2026

**Committee
Meeting**

N/A



Eckington Parish Council held a public meeting on Thursday 19th March and will publish outcome soon.

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8th - 13th June 2026

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Eckington C of E First School

Rivers of living water will flow from within. John 7:38

Governing Board of Eckington CofE First School Vacancy

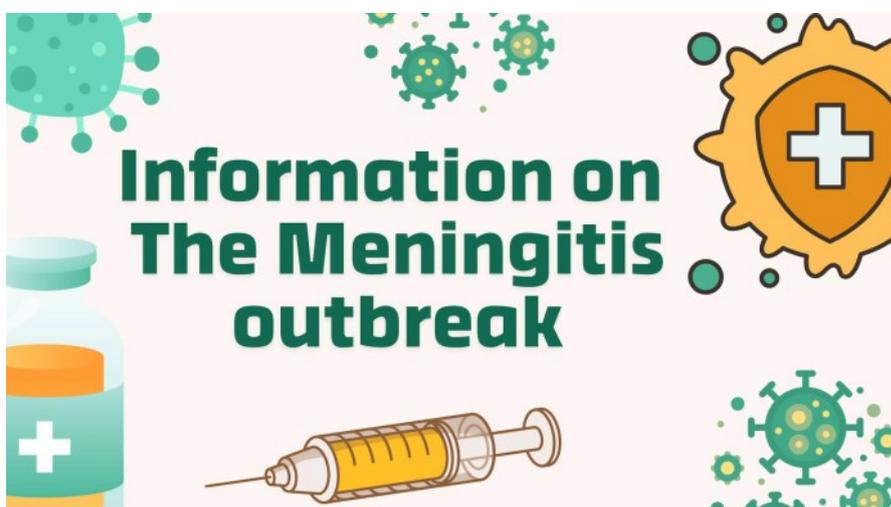
As part of our ongoing continuity planning, the school's Governing Board have a vacancy for a co-opted Governor to assist them in their important work in providing oversight of teaching and learning, special education / inclusivity provision and compliance activities. This is an exceedingly rewarding role and would suit someone with experience or knowledge in any of these areas.

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- A well supported end of season awards evening was held in October.
- We have a good base of quality players, but could do with more numbers to call upon, even so, last season we lost one Sunday game and one T20 fixture.
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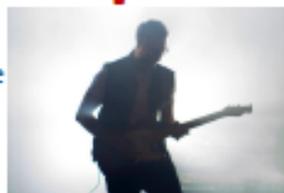
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Sporty February for Pershore Rotary

February proved to be a particularly “sporty” month for members of Pershore Rotary, combining fundraising, friendly competition and community spirit.

The month included a successful Quiz Night at the Queen Elizabeth Inn in support of Wick Care Farm, one of the local organisations the club is supporting this year. The evening brought together regular QE quizzers, Rotary members and

supporters for a lively test of general knowledge while raising funds for a new “Quiet Room” planned at the Farm.

The event raised an impressive £525 for Wick Care Farm, which carries out valuable work helping adults and young people improve their physical and mental wellbeing through farm-based activities.

Organisers thanked everyone who took part and the team at the Queen Elizabeth Inn for their warm hospitality and support.

The venue itself was also recognised by the club shortly before Christmas, when President Lynne Raymer presented Mark Cieslik, representing the Queen Elizabeth Inn, with a Rotary Certificate of

Appreciation. The award acknowledged the pub’s important role as a thriving, community-run hub at the heart of village life.

Meanwhile, Rotary’s inter-club skittles competition got underway at the end of January with a home fixture against Colwall Rotary. The match was played at Pershore’s new home venue, the Blue Bell Inn & Gurkha Pub. In a closely contested game

<https://www.pershorerotary.club/>

Richard Lees

Pershore came out on top, before both teams sat down to enjoy a selection of excellent Gurkha curries. Players praised the warm welcome from the Blue Bell staff.

In early February, Pershore hosted Worcester Vigornia Rotary for their second match of the season, again at the Blue Bell Inn. It proved another close contest, with Pershore narrowly securing the win after an evening of strikes, near misses and good-natured rivalry.

The third match took Pershore away to the Saracen’s Head in Worcester for the return fixture against Worcester Vigornia. After several closely fought ends Pershore again came out on top. One memorable moment saw a Pershore player score 13 with his first bowl, knocking down all nine pins with two balls and adding four more with his third. With scores improving across both teams, players agreed that practice must be paying off while enjoying another series of sociable evenings.

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From The Plot... Looking Back and Planning Forward By **ROGER**

Seeing the wood pigeons having their breakfast on juicy black ivy berries as if their lives depended on them reminds me of watching the recreation ground squirrels, next to our plots, collecting and burying vast numbers of acorns in preparation for hibernating,

And then in early spring all those emerging queen wasps, even though for some reason we had less problem with wasp nests later in the year. I enjoying watching the early butterflies looking for the first pollen, only to be stopped in their tracks by a perishingly cold April and May.

I remember showers of blossom on our Plum, cherry, pear and apple trees that gave us such a massive crop that has fed us right through the winter.

And then the long weeks of heat and drought, difficult to imagine after such a wet winter-when much of our crops didn't survive, even with our efforts to keep them watered.

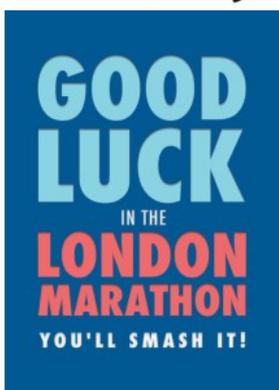
But then, going into autumn the sun was still so warm that I had a second batch of sunflowers blooming long into the autumn.

So now, as the days lengthen, I am busy planning what I will grow in 2026. Potatoes are always a favourite, although my crop was disappointing last year. Runner beans and spinach are two regular crops and as always, I look forward to picking that first delicious strawberry!

As a cattle farmer in Gloucestershire for much of my life I couldn't have imagined a time when dairy cows lived indoors throughout all their lives. The problem is that out to grass they might meet a badger carrying TB on its feet, which might contaminate the same grass that the cows are feeding our cows are subject to a sixty day routine test for TB and an infection is every farmer's worst nightmare.



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Your Local Team

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Your local Neighbourhood Police Officers are PC Alex Prentice and PC Shaquille Lakin. Your local Police Community Support Officers are, PCSO Jasmine Hill, PCSO Lee Stirling, PCSO Kyle Westwood and PCSO Karen Kempton. The email addresses for each of them are first.surname@westmercia.police.uk. Karen will be leaving the team shortly as she'll be taking up a new role within West Mercia.

Drop-In Sessions and Neighbourhood Matters

Drop-in sessions are held weekly around the patch. If you have anything you wish to discuss, please pop along to one of these sessions. These sessions are advertised on the Evesham and Pershore Facebook page as well as Neighbourhood Matters. Neighbourhood Matters is a free service which allows you to receive updates regarding crime in your area and also allows you to message your local officer. Take a look at the website for further information: <https://neighbourhoodmatters.co.uk/>.

Please feel free to come to any session you see advertised, you do not have to live in the village to attend. If you know people who do not have access to the internet, please feel free to share the information. The more people who know about these drop-ins, the better!

Reporting Incidents

Please remember to report crime and any incidents via 999, 101 or on the West Mercia website. Please do not email/ring/text individual officers if a crime has happened, this needs to be reported officially through the correct channels.

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Class 2 trip to The Bell, Eckington March 2026

We were extremely grateful to Mr and Mrs Leighfield at The Bell, Eckington, for hosting our Class 2 children for a morning of learning all about making healthy food choices. The children enjoyed a hands-on experience, chopping vegetables, weighing and grating cheese, and carefully cracking and whisking eggs. We then watched as our omelettes were cooked and, best of all, got to taste them — they were delicious! We also completed a healthy choices quiz, thinking about how to keep our bodies strong and healthy.



National Science Week!

During British Science Week, w/c 6th March, we had a fantastic time exploring the theme “**Curiosity – What’s Your Question?**”. The children worked in their house groups and moved around different activities, carrying out exciting investigations and asking thoughtful questions. They explored topics such as what makes a boat float, whether toast always lands butter side down, and what makes a good paper airplane. They also learned about how bees help flowers, whether there is a difference between black inks, and how scientists know how old sharks are. Other activities focused on what makes good teamwork and what helps create effective space vehicles. The week was full of curiosity, teamwork and discovery, and the children really enjoyed learning through hands-on experiments and investigations.



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Probus Club welcomed Sue Ablett who is the Chair of the annual Evesham Festival of Words and is also a passionate traveller, having visited countless countries around the world. This time she came to tell us about her experience of visiting North Korea, which she described as one of the most secretive and least visited places on Earth. Holidaying in North Korea is nothing like taking a trip to any of the usual holiday destinations. Sue explained the huge bureaucratic hurdles to be overcome just to get permission to visit the country and once there, how she and her partner were allocated two guides to accompany them on all their outings. They experienced the all-pervading cult of the Kim family dictatorship, even being obliged to bow deeply to a gigantic statue of Kim Il Sung and his son and successor Kim Jon Il or face “consequences”. Unfortunately Sue and her partner were only allowed to see what the regime approved and despite visiting what were described as very popular venues (like a deserted bowling alley) rarely saw or had an opportunity to come face to face with the ordinary people of the country.

Continuing our policy of bringing in high profile speakers, we welcomed retired Detective Chief Superintendent Paul Howlett who has a wealth of experience at a very high level in the Metropolitan Police. Paul has led many major crime investigations bringing offenders to justice and one of his roles in his career was as a hostage negotiator. Paul described several highly charged situations he experienced where every word between the hostage-taker and the police negotiator can easily shift the balance between calm and catastrophe. He told us of how when dealing with a potentially life threatening situation how influence, trust and active listening to develop empathy and rapport with the hostage taker can lead to the resolution of the crisis.

This was a really hard hitting talk and we look forward to bringing Paul back again to hear more about police informants, undercover work, covert policing and several real-life murder investigations.



Forthcoming Events in March:

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14 Apr – SARA: The Severn Area Rescue Association (with Iain Sangster)

21 Apr – Britain’s lost children (with Chris Mapp)
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