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- 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

March

- Sunday 1st Quiz at The Bell
- Tuesday 3rd Bingo 2pm to 4pm sponsored by Worcester Awnings also Lottery draw
- Wednesday 4th Community Coffee Morning at The Bell 11am
- Saturday 7th Brain of Eckington at the Village Hall 7pm
- Tuesday 10th W.I, 'Social at the Local' will be at 11am at the Anchor
- Tuesday 17th EPC meeting at The Recreation Centre 7pm
- Wednesday 18th Memory Impairment Group Coffee Morning at The Bell 11:30am
- Friday 20th Film Night – The Choral 12A, 2025, 1h 53. Door and bar open from
6pm, includes Food Genie (fish'n chips and kebabs)
- Saturday 21st Soup Saturday at the Village Hall 12-2pm

April

- Sunday 5th Easter Sunday Holy Communion service with Baptism at Eckington
church **10:30AM**
- Tuesday 7th Bingo 2pm to 4pm sponsored by Worcester Awnings also Lottery
- Sunday 12th All day Harry Arnold Teak Furniture Sale
- Friday 17th 7pm start Film Night – Song Sung Blue 12A, 2025, 2h 13. Door and bar
open from 6pm, includes The Old Dough Hook Pizza Van

Important Village Dates

- 4th May Eckington Garage Sales 9:30am-1pm
- 16th/17th May Eckington Open Gardens & Flower Festival 1940's weekend with Craft
and Vintage Fayre

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



Church Service Rota for March 2026

Date	Time	Place and Service	Presiding
1 st	09.00am	Besford – Holy Communion	Rev Sooz
	10.45am	Bredon – Holy Communion	Allison preside and Rev Catherine Lack to preach
	10.45am	Little Comberton – Morning Worship	Rev Katryn
	6.00pm	Teddington – BCP Evensong	Rev Katryn
8 th	09.00am	Bredon's Norton - Holy Communion	Rev Sooz
	9.00am	Bricklehampton – Holy Communion	Rev Katryn
	10.45am	Eckington – Holy Communion	Rev Allison
	10.45am	Overbury – Holy Communion	Rev Katryn
	10.45am	Bredon – Morning Praise	Lay Led
15 th Mothering Sunday	9.00am	Eckington – Holy Communion	Rev Allison
	10.45am	Bredon – All Age Family Service	Rev Allison
	10.45am	Elmley Castle – Holy Communion	Rev Katryn presiding and Rev Alma Organ preaching
	3.00pm	Overbury – Messy Church	Rev Katryn
	4.00pm	Bredon's Norton Evensong	Lay-led
	6.00pm	Beckford - Evensong	Rev Gerard Moate
22 nd	9.00am	Great Comberton – Holy Communion	Rev Katryn
	10.45am	Defford – Holy Communion	Rev Sooz preside and Rev Allison preach
	10.45am	Bredon – Village Worship	Rev Catherine Lack
	10.45am	Ashton Under Hill – Holy Communion	Rev Katryn
	3.00pm	Elmley Castle – Messy Church	Rev Katryn
29 th Palm Sunday 30 th	10.00am	Elmley Castle – Holy Communion	Canon Roger Spiller
	10.00am	Overbury – Holy Communion and Procession	Rev Katryn
	10.45am	Eckington – All Age Family service	Rev Sooz
	10.45am	Bredon – Holy Procession and reading the Passion	Rev Allison
		Worcester Cathedral – Chrism Service	

Midweek Iona Communion at 10am

18th March – Little Comberton – Rev Katryn

25th March – Overbury – Rev Katryn



Easter Lily Remembrance

Anyone wishing to make a donation towards
Easter lilies in remembrance of a loved one,
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Sat 28th March

Many Thanks
– **Sarah Fincher**
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Church Warden: Derek Potter

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*Anyone requiring Holy Communion at
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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 please contact the Administrative Coordinator for the Bredon Hill
Group, Alison Khan on 07984 748059 or at acbhteam@gmail.com

News from Worcester Diocese

An article from the Bishop of Worcester:

<https://www.cofe-worcester.org.uk/news/a-warm-welcome.php>

Modern Slavery and the Clewer Initiative:

<https://www.cofe-worcester.org.uk/news/modern-slavery-the-clewer-initiative.php>

ALM celebration service in the Cathedral:

[https://www.cofe-worcester.org.uk/news/alms-celebration-service-held-at-worcester-
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A report on Bishop Hugh's welcome service:

<https://www.cofe-worcester.org.uk/news/welcoming-bishop-hugh.php>



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Welcome to Holy Trinity Church, Eckington

Hope in Suffering

This is my first article for several months because as many of you will know I have been off on sick leave due to a number of personal, challenging situations within the family – surgery for myself, death of a parent and my husband and daughter both suffering major illnesses. These resulted in lengthy periods in ICU and hospitalization. I am pleased to say we are now in a better place, but it has been a hard 6 months. My thanks go to all who have prayed for me and our family during this time. We were so grateful for the many messages of support and acts of kindness during this time.

Now this may not be the happiest ways to start an article as we face the joys of Mothering Sunday during this Lenten season and look forward with hope to Easter. However, as I reflect on all that has happened over the last few months, I have been reminded of last year's Lent Book Study for the Big Churches Read, entitled Wild Bright Hope. In the last chapter, written by Rachel Woolridge, an assistant vicar at St. Paul's, Hammersmith, she writes about hope in the face of suffering, as she and her family watched her mother die. The hope felt for a cure ended, and a seemingly greater heartbreak ensued, as she passed away. Rachel says that over the next 16 years she watched as her father too slipped away – he had hoped for something more than he had ever hoped in his life, and it did not come to

be. Grief became depression and depression affected his relationship with his daughter forever.

Hope can therefore seem dangerous when the things we hope for most do not happen; And one of the most common comments when people question the existence of God is "If God was real and a loving God, why does he allow suffering?" In the book of Job in the Bible, where Job loses everything– wealth, children, health and social standing, his friends rationalise why this has happened.

However, what you learn from Job at the end of the story is that rather than asking the question "WHY is Job suffering", the question should be whether, that despite the suffering, CAN, and WILL, Job continue to trust God?

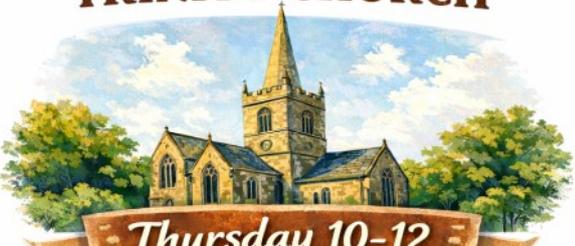
Job did continue to trust God and his hope came from his belief in who God is; A God who is always present. Christian hope therefore means trusting in God whatever we journey through and no matter the outcome, because he is with us always. We will all face challenges where we might be tempted to ask "Why is God allowing me to suffer"; However, as we journey through Lent, looking towards the suffering and sacrifice of Jesus on Good Friday, and the way this suffering was transformed by the joy of his resurrection at Easter, may we continue to trust in the God who is forever present, and to have hope in him.

Every blessing, **Rev. Allison.**



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First Wednesday of the Month
March 4th 11am

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Admiral Nurses
— specialist dementia nurses —

Memory Impairment Group
Coffee Morning

at *The Bell Eckington*

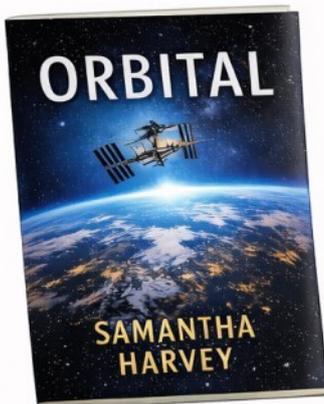
Third Wednesday of the Month
March 18th
11:30am

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.

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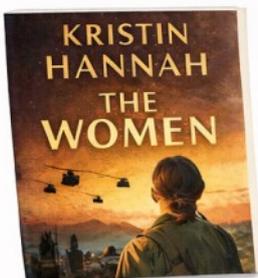
Eckington Book Club



In January we read *Orbital*, by Samantha Harvey, winner of the 2024 Booker Prize.

It is only **136 pages** long but conveys a lot of information about the *international space station* and the life and work of its crew of 6, covering 24 hours, orbiting the Earth 16 times at 17,500 mph. They are stunned by its beauty which is described in detail.

We found it a very informative book and quite a dense read.



In February we shall be reading *The Women* by Kristin Hannah.

For further information contact **Dominique** on **07769 603920**.

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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-9pm	Women's Institute	Jenny Doyle	eckingtonwi@gmail.com
3rd Fri of month	7pm start	Film Night		07756 195099

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Lottery update: Have you joined our Lottery yet? Contact us for more details. Lottery winning numbers for February were 2, 21, 25 & 39. Unusually low numbers last month!

AGM: Want to know what we do? Interested in helping with events? Join us at 18:30 on Wednesday 13th May at the Village Hall. Nibbles provided.

Clubbercise: new to the Village Hall, starting on Monday 13th April. So excited to have something new to the hall.

March Events:

Tuesday 3rd – 2pm to 4pm Bingo sponsored by Worcester Awnings. Also, Lottery draw.

Saturday 7th – 7pm start Brain of Eckington run by Under 5's

Friday 20th – 7pm start Film Night – The Choral 12A, 2025, 1h 53. Door and bar open from 6pm, includes Food Genie (fish'n chips and kebabs).

Saturday 21st – 12pm to 2pm Christian Aid Soup Saturday

We have a couple of other Charity events booked by local people in March. Watch out for these.

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

Friday 17th – 7pm start Film Night – Song Sung Blue 12A, 2025, 2h 13. 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

Friday 15th – start 7pm – Film Night tbc

Saturday 16th/Sunday 17th – Open Gardens

Future Events

Saturday 5th December Christmas Fayre

Polite reminder about the Village Hall Car Park.

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VILLAGE Spotlight



Fresh from Eckington: Bringing Microgreens to Your Table



When I first started growing microgreens in my kitchen, I never imagined how much joy these tiny greens would bring to our community. What began as a small experiment quickly turned into a passion for growing fresh, nutritious food right here in Eckington.

Microgreens are young, tender plants packed with flavour and nutrients. I grow them using a simple form of vertical farming, in trays stacked on racks in our converted conservatory. It's amazing how much can be grown in a small space, and each batch is grown and harvested to order so it's as fresh as possible when it reaches your table. From the peppery kick of radish to the sweet crunch of pea shoots, every variety adds a burst of colour and taste to your meals.

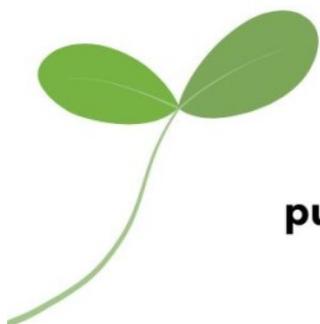
It's been wonderful connecting with local people who love good food and care about where it comes from. You can now find our Microgreens in the village shop, or if you'd prefer, we deliver fresh punnets straight to your door each week.

If you'd love to try fresh, locally grown microgreens, pop into the village shop or get in touch to order your first punnet and taste the difference.

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On March 14th **The Worcester Philharmonic Orchestra**, conductor **Dan Watson**, presents an afternoon Spring Concert in Pershore Abbey at 2.30pm. The programme highlights **Edward Elgar's Sea Pictures**, with the exciting young contralto, **Suzie Purkis**. Also featured are **Grieg's energetic Norwegian Dances** and **Dvorak's 6th Symphony**; a feast of a piece. Don't miss it!

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BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY

4th MAY 2026

£6.00 per garage



REFRESHMENTS IN THE VILLAGE HALL

Email eckingtonwi@gmail.com before Friday 24th April

February was our first meeting this year as we don't have a meeting in January and it was lovely to meet up with our members again. We had a most interesting talk and slide show by Jenny Doyle explain her own journey to plant-based eating. Both members and visitors had the added delight in sampling quite a few examples of plant-based nibbles and a special fruit cake with our cups of tea.



Our presidents challenge was to bring along an item that we had made by recycling something. We had a very unusual

collection of items but the winning one was a most beautiful beaded necklace made from a Liberty print blouse.

Our next meeting is **History of Hats'** on **Wednesday evening 1st April at 7.30pm** in the Village Hall. So, come and join us, for what promises to be a 'fascinating' Speaker evening. Visitors welcome, admission £4 includes refreshments.

Our 'Social at the Local' was held at the Bell and welcomed two non-member ladies to join in our chatter. **The next 'Social at the Local' will be at 11am at the Anchor on Tuesday 10th March, please note that we have reverted back to mornings at the Anchor.** 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

GARAGE SALE: MONDAY 4th MAY

This is an event organised by Eckington WI. For those new to the village, this is similar to a car boot sale but instead of you taking your car to the car boot sale to do your selling, customers come to you. So, from the comfort of your garage (or more usually your front garden), you can sell your unwanted goods. A map is provided for all visitors so they can see where the sellers are in Eckington and it costs £6.00 (same price as last year) for each 'garage' to be included in on the map.

This is a very popular event with over 30 garages last year taking part. It is advertised widely so we do get a lot of visitors in the village for the sales.

Free parking is made available for visitors and refreshment will be available in the Village Hall.

So join in the fun and take advantage to sell your surplus and unwanted goods. **We are now taking bookings for the Garage Sales Bank Holiday Monday, May 4th (9.30am to 1pm).** Email us now at eckingtonwi@gmail.com

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Shakespeare's OTHELLO

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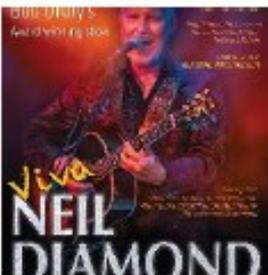
Shakespeare's OTEHLLO rages to life like never before in a compelling new production starring David Harewood OBE, Toby Jones OBE and Caitlin FitzGerald. This epic story of manipulation and jealousy explores the darker side of power and desire. £16, Over 60's £15, Student £10



EOS: Turner & Constable

Tue 10 Mar – 7.00pm

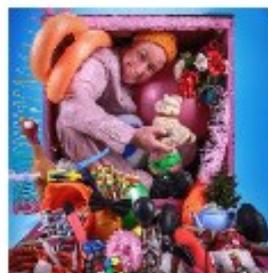
Two of Britain's greatest painters, J.M.W. Turner and John Constable were also the greatest of rivals. Both used landscape painting to reflect the world around them. This unmissable documentary explores their lives alongside the groundbreaking TATE exhibition. £12, Student £10



Bob Drury's Viva Neil Diamond - Unplugged

Sat 21 Mar – 7.30pm

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Out of the Box

Mon 30 Mar – 2.00pm

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Sat 31 Mar – 5.15pm

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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.

Expressions of interest are invited from anybody who is interested in fulfilling this vital and rewarding community role. Please contact Robin Powell, clerk to Governors, in the first instance, with a supporting statement describing the areas of expertise that you feel you can offer the Board.

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🗨 Church Opening & Display Times

- Open from 9:30am **Thursday 14th May**
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ECKINGTON OPEN GARDENS & Flower Festival 2026

16th & 17th May 2026 • 1940's Weekend • 11am – 5pm

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- ✓ Open your garden
- ✓ Create a flower display in Eckington Church (Earth Theme)
- ✓ Volunteer to help in the preparation of the weekend
- ✓ Volunteer to help over the weekend for a few hours
- ✓ Make a cake for refreshments at the village hall
- ✓ Supply plants for the plant stall
- ✓ Sponsor an advert in the programme
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6. Historic market town east of the hill
7. Land used for grazing sheep
8. Direction of the Malvern Hills from Bredon
9. Rural path crossing the hill
10. Church tower seen from afar
11. County town of Worcestershire
12. Ancient people who built hill forts
13. Season celebrated in Housman's poem
14. Long-distance footpath nearby
15. Farming boundary
16. View or outlook

Charity



Pat Chambers & Stephanie were special guests of the Midlands Air Ambulance base at Strensham this morning. This was to recognise the £101,000 raised over the years to date. This has been raised in Eckington at Whist drives, Coffee mornings and Jumble sales. Also remembering our friends Betty, Frances and Cynthia who started it all going years ago. The amount raised would have paid for 34 flights and probably as many lives saved.



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A Proud Year Ahead for Pershore Rotary

We begin 2026 with exciting news for Pershore Rotary and the wider community.



One of our members, **Lucy Thornton**, will take up the role of **District Governor for Rotary International's**

District 1100 on 1 July 2026. This is a

significant honour,

not only for Lucy personally but also for Pershore Rotary, reflecting the strength and commitment of our club.

As District Governor, Lucy will be responsible for leading, mentoring and advising more than **60 Rotary clubs** across a large and diverse area covering **Herefordshire, Worcestershire, Gloucestershire, parts of Wiltshire and Bristol**. Her role will include promoting membership growth, supporting the vital work of **The Rotary Foundation**, visiting clubs throughout the district and organising major district events. Lucy has recently returned from the **Rotary International Assembly in Orlando, Florida**, where she joined over **500 incoming District Governors from around the world** for an intensive programme of training and preparation. We are immensely proud of her achievement and wish her every success in this important role.

Looking ahead to March, Pershore Rotary is once again delighted to be presenting its

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

Richard Lees

much-anticipated **concert** in **Pershore Abbey**. On **Saturday, 7 March**, we will host the **Rich Hughes Trio with "Fugue & Groove"**, a thrilling live performance where classical music meets jazz. This high-energy, piano-led concert blends jazz drive with classical elegance, delivering a performance that is sophisticated, inventive and hugely entertaining. With re-imagined works ranging from **Bach to Beethoven**, no two performances are ever the same, making it a treat for both seasoned jazz lovers and classical music fans alike.

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All proceeds from the concert will go to supporting and promoting **local music in Pershore**.

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From The Plot... *Rhubarb*

By *Carolyn*

I love renting a village allotment and the first pick of spring rhubarb is a fabulous way to start the growing year. The first stalks, iridescent ,vivid pink and glowing in the spring sunshine are both beautiful and bursting with flavour.

And there are so many varieties, with delightful names such as Timperley Early, Hawke's Champagne and Glaskin's Perpetual to choose to grow both on an allotment or in your garden.

Sometimes I will 'force' one of the crowns to get an extra early crop. This is easy to do .All I need to do is to cover it with a tall bucket ,weighted with a brick and surround it with plenty of manure to help to raise the temperature. The dark and extra warmth providing me with a tart crumble as early as the start of March

Apparently rhubarb has been cultivated for 2,000 years ,but it wasn't until the 18th century that people started to eat the stems. Before that the powdered roots, imported from China were used as a cure for many and various ailments. Mixed into wine they provided a mild and easy

purgative, whilst 'infusing the powder in two quarts of strong ale' was recommended for children suffering from rickets. However, I think that I might think twice before giving my new born a teaspoon of rhubarb root mixed into 'a good stomach wine' that had been laced with honey in order to ensure good health.

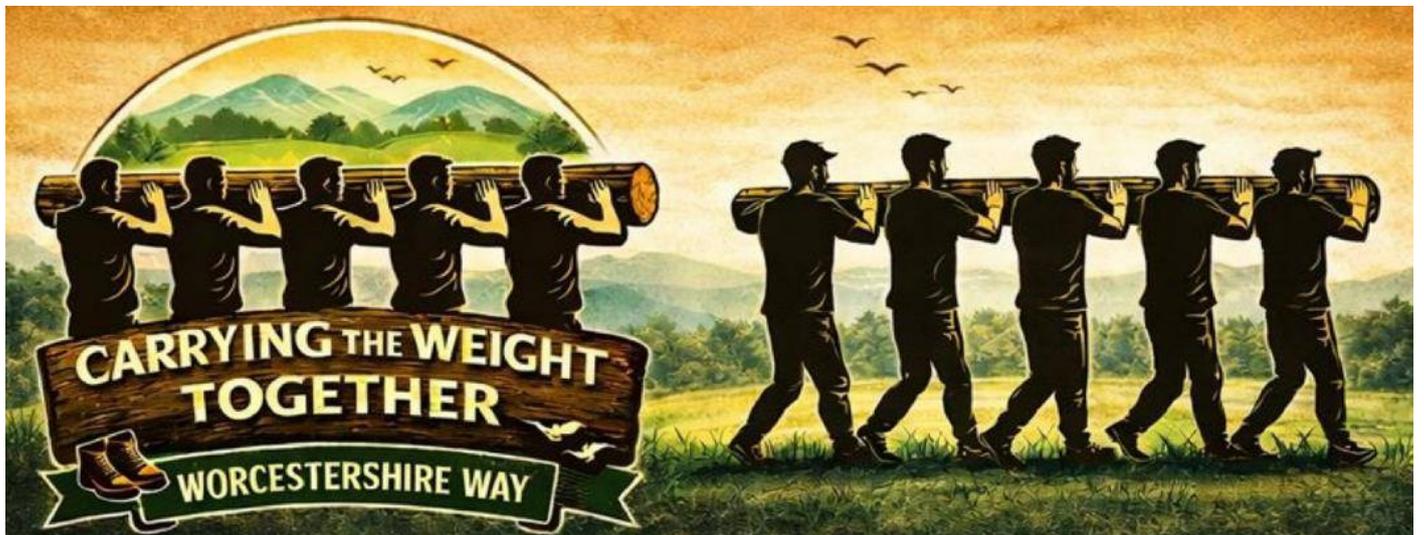
When I first acquired an allotment in the village the rhubarb crowns were already well established .(Apparently they can live for 60 years).However ,I have found that if I divided the plants every few years and then replanted them in a new spot they really flourished. Fresh compost, good drainage and lots of sunshine all helps them to grow really well

'If I could eat only one thing for the rest of my life', wrote the author Sebastian Barry, 'it would be rhubarb fool made with ginger and a hint of elderflower cordial'. But why stop there? Crumbles, pies, tarts, jam and chutney are all delicious and rhubarb makes a perfect accompaniment to both mackerel and pork.

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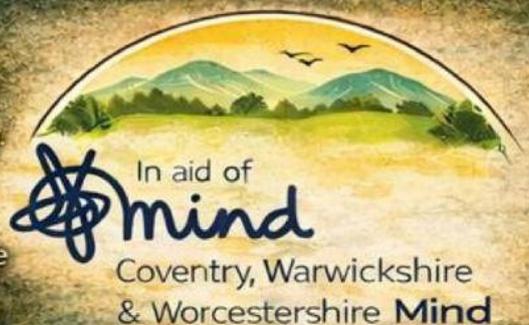
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 **Challenge date:** 3rd–6th April 2026

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The Carrying the Weight Together team will be carrying the weight by hand across the whole length of Worcestershire Way, a walking route from Bewdley to Malvern, without the help of any vehicles.

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Tewkesbury & Bredon Hill Probud Club

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<https://probusclub.net/tewkesbredon/>

Last year at Tewkesbury and Bredon Hill Probud Club we started to bring in some big names to give us extensive presentations at our Tuesday morning talks, sometimes needing two or three visits to cover the subject matter in enough detail. This year we are continuing this approach and we welcomed retired RAF Group Captain Neil Meadows who presented two talks about the Second World War Battle of Britain in 1940. The first covered the strategic preparation for the battle and how the German Luftwaffe was structured to supply and protect Germany's ground based army compared with the RAF's dedication to air power. Neil also highlighted the German obsession with obeisance to Hitler and the Nazi hierarchy resulting in the German war machine being diluted three ways under the control of separate commanders who hated each other and never cooperated together.

Neil's second talk was a detailed account of the unfolding of the battle itself and the bravery and selflessness of the very young pilots and the incredible risks they took in engaging with the enemy on a daily basis, causing extreme fatigue and severe mental health issues triggered by the deaths of so many of their comrades. He also described an air defense network

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Earlier in the month we were treated to an excellent talk by Arthur Ball who has travelled all over the world to countless countries where he has combined his love of travel and wildlife with his passion for photography. He has produced many talks illustrated with superb images and Arthur's talk on this occasion was Panama, famous for the canal but also for its fantastic range of exotic wildlife. Arthur is a highly skilled photographer and his pictures, particularly of the birdlife of Panama were stunning.



By Chris Brown for Tewkesbury and Bredon Hill Probud Club

<https://probusclub.net/tewkesbredon/>

Forthcoming Events in March:

3 Mar – North Korea (with Sue Ablett)

10 Mar – Visit to the John Moore Museum

17 Mar – When the Boffins came to Malvern
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31 Mar – 100 years of Bang and Olufsen

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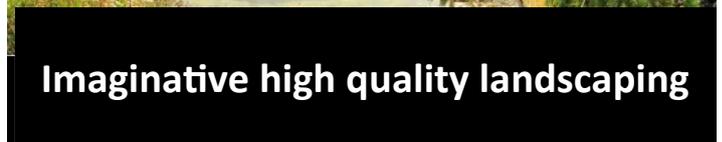
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