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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

May

3rd Quiz at The Bell
4th Eckington Garage Sales 9:30am-1pm
6th Community Coffee Morning at The Bell 11am
5th Bingo 2pm to 4pm sponsored by Worcester Awnings also Lottery
8th “The Ideal Husband” a play by Oscar Wilde by Aunty Jen Productions -
doors open 6pm
12th W.I. Social at the local - The Anchor 11am
12th EPC Meeting Recreation Centre 7pm
13th Village Hall AGM. Please join us for drinks & nibbles 6:30pm
15th Film Night at the Village Hall 7pm “Operation Mincemeat (12). Door
and bar open 6pm - no food van this month
16th/17th May Eckington Open Gardens & Flower Festival 1940’s weekend with Craft
and Vintage Fair
20th Memory Impairment Coffee Morning at The Bell 11:30am

June

2nd Bingo 2pm to 4pm sponsored by Worcester Awnings also Lottery
19th Film Night at the Village Hall 7pm “Mothers Pride” 12A Door
and bar open 6pm - Food van “Rulers of the Smoked Kingdom

July

3rd FOES Summer Fete
7th Bingo 2pm to 4pm sponsored by Worcester Awnings also Lottery

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



Church Service Rota for May 2026

Date	Time	Place and Service	Presiding
3rd	09.00am	Besford – Holy Communion	Rev Alma Organ
	09.00am	Alstone – Holy Communion	Rev Katryn
	10.45am	Bredon – Holy Communion	Rev Allison
	10.45am	Little Comberton – Holy Communion	Rev Katryn
10 th	09.00am	Bredon's Norton - Holy Communion	Rev Catherine Lack
	9.00am	Bricklehampton – Holy Communion	Rev Katryn
	10.45am	Eckington – Holy Communion	Rev Allison
	10.45am	Overbury – Family Communion with baptism	Rev Katryn/Rev Sooz
	10.45am	Bredon – Morning Praise	Angie Godsell
	5.00pm	Elmley Castle – BCP Evensong	Rev Katryn
17 th	9.00am	Eckington Open Gardens Weekend – Holy Communion	Rev Allison
	10.45am	Bredon – Holy Communion	Rev Sooz
	10.45am	Elmley Castle – Holy Communion	Rev Katryn
	3.00pm	Overbury – Messy Church	Rev Katryn
	6.00pm	Beckford – Evensong	Rev Katryn
	6.00pm	Bredon's Norton – Evensong	Lay-Led
24 th	9.00am	Great Comberton – Holy Communion	Rev Katryn
	10.45am	Defford – Holy Communion family	Rev Allison presiding and Rev Sooz preaching
	10.45am	Ashton Under Hill - Communion	Rev Katryn
	10.45am	Bredon – Village Worship	Jim McKay
	3.00pm	Elmley Castle – Messy Church	Rev Katryn
31 st	10.45am	Overbury – Group 5 th Sunday service followed by a bring your own picnic lunch	Bishop Hugh

Midweek Iona Communion at 10am

20th May – Little Comberton – Rev Katryn

27th May – Overbury – Rev Katryn

Vicar: Rev Allison Davies

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*Anyone requiring Holy Communion at
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Davies to arrange.*

Open Church for Private Prayer

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Every Wednesday 10am—2pm

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when there is no service.

Outside of above times if

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If you have a general inquiry or a specific query about baptisms,
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News from Worcester Diocese

An article from Diocesan Secretary, Andy Todd:

<https://www.cofe-worcester.org.uk/news/waiting-with-hope.php>

Bishop Hugh's Easter Message:

<https://www.cofe-worcester.org.uk/news/bishop-hughs-easter-message.php>

Understanding your home energy use:

<https://www.cofe-worcester.org.uk/news/understanding-your-home-energy-use-utilities-solar-tracking.php>

Volunteers' Week 2026:

<https://www.cofe-worcester.org.uk/news/volunteers-week-2026.php>

This year, Volunteers' Week runs from 1 to 7 June.

All around us, often unnoticed, volunteers are quietly holding the world together. They open doors, make tea, stack chairs, run clubs, lead prayers, coach teams, visit the lonely, organise events, raise funds, tidy spaces, and offer a thousand small acts of kindness that keep communities alive.

They don't always wear uniforms or receive applause, but they are the backbone of so much that happens in churches and our wider communities. When others arrive and feel welcomed, when a service runs smoothly, when help reaches those in need - it is often because someone gave their time freely.

Volunteering is more than helping out. It is offering the gifts God has placed in each of us: patience, practical skills, compassion, creativity, leadership, listening, encouragement, and faith. Every act of service, whether seen or unseen, becomes a ministry when it is offered in love.



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Welcome to Holy Trinity Church, Eckington

The Good Things Guy began putting good news items on social media to counter the narrative that the world is falling apart and that most people are self-interested, and that most businesses out to make as much profit as possible whilst ignoring impact on people and places.

The Good Things Guy describes his mission as “to change what the world pays attention to. There is good news all around...” and he wants to publish these stories to inspire and rejoice.

This is such good news! Stories which celebrate our common humanity, our generosity, courage, kindness, self-sacrifice. These are stories of people and businesses which have a positive impact around them. It may not be huge or heroic, but it changes lives, brings joy.

The Good Things Guy has threatened and criticised for who he is, his sexuality, what he does. His mission is borne out of suffering and pain. He has not let it

define him, make him bitter. People’s bigotry and small mindedness have propelled him to tell a different story, to spotlight what is good and life-giving in local communities.

In our ‘anxious world’, as Bishop Hugh described it on Bredon Hill on Good Friday, stories of love, of solidarity, of kindness, of rising above our squabbles, make hope practical in our local communities. This is what Jesus was all about. He was a realist who knew the nature of threatened powers, but he was also a realist who knew the power of forgiveness, of kindness, of love for all our neighbours. He wouldn’t compromise on being a ‘good news guy’ and his resurrection from death and the out pouring of the Holy Spirit which we will celebrate this month makes good things possible everywhere through us, through you and through me. Let’s just do it!

Yours, **Rev. Katryn**

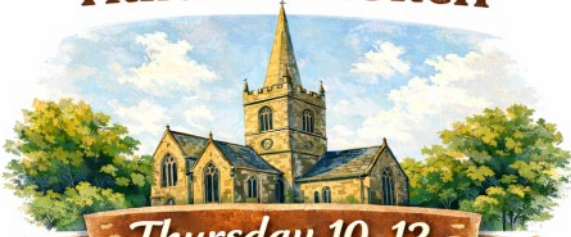




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Many thanks to all who made soup, helped in many ways (from washing-up to bunting-hanging) or attended our

SOUP SATURDAY in March.

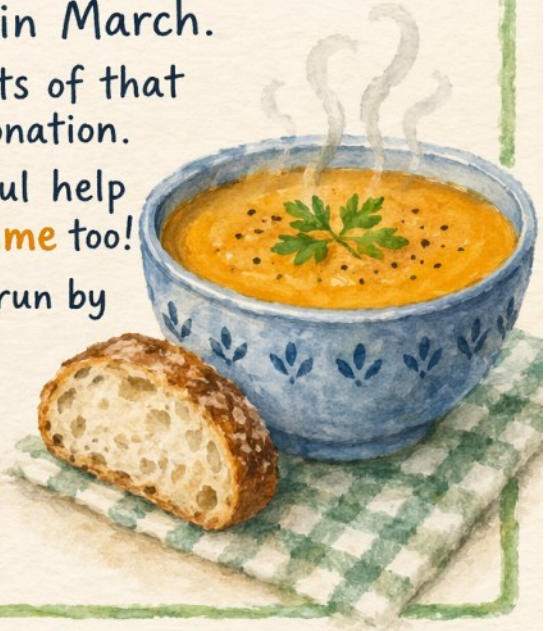
We made a splendid £639.75 and lots of that was due to kind folk gift-aiding their donation.

We are very grateful for everyone's cheerful help and we actually had a really enjoyable time too!

The money goes to very worthwhile projects run by local people in situations desperately hit by war and climate change.



THANK YOU!



Eckington Book Club

A Light in the Window, by Marion Kummerow, is about a young Jewish woman in Berlin in 1941.

To save her own life she assumes the identity of the daughter of the Nazi family for whom she worked as a maid and who were killed when a British bomb destroyed their house. She escapes to occupied France and becomes involved with an SS officer who is the brother of the woman she is impersonating.

It is quite convoluted and the writing is awkward but you get the sense of the horrors of life for the Jews under the Nazis and the story is compelling.

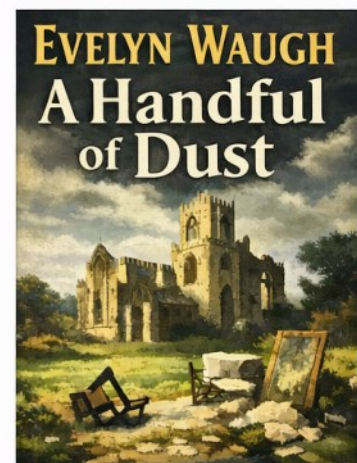
Back to the classics for April:

A Handful of Dust

by Evelyn Waugh

Meetings on the Forth Thursday of the month.

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Thur	11:15-12:15 2pm-4pm 7pm-8pm	Pilates Whilst Drive Pilates	Rachel Gardwood Stephanie Elphick Louise Clines	101pilates.co.uk 07452 940055
Fri	8am-8:45am 10am-11am	Yoga Young @ Heart	Hannah Nardini Lorna Brooks	www.alchemyyoga.co.uk 07904 352642
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Lottery update: Lottery winning numbers for April were 60, 26, 21 & 143. It's never too late to join.

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. Doors and bar open at 6pm.

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

Friday 15th – start 7pm – Film Night – Operation Minceat (12), 2021, 2h 8m. Door and bar open from 6pm. No food van this month. 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, door and bar opens at 6pm. 'Mother's Pride' (12A) 2026, 1hr 33. Food van for June is 'Rulers of the Smoked Kingdom' – home of awesome grill.

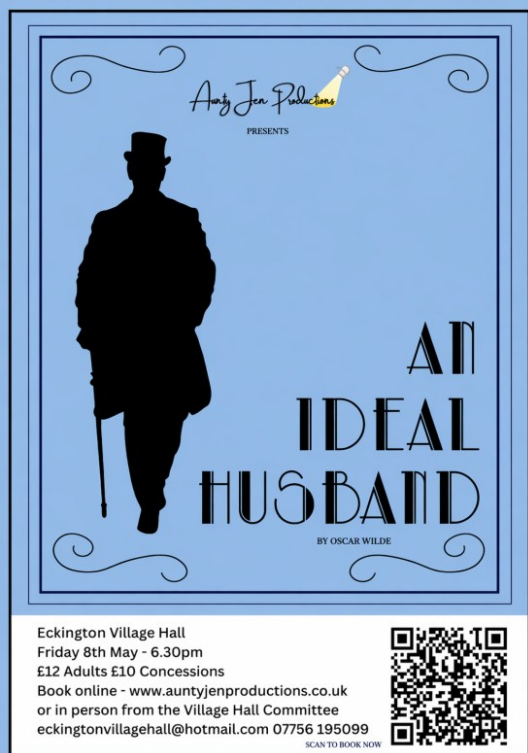
July Events:

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

Friday 17th – Film start 4pm – free family film tbc and food van

August Events:

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

MAY 2026

**Our summer walks will start on Monday, 11th May.
Please come and join us!**

These are led walks in our beautiful countryside. All are welcome, so do come and enjoy it with us.

Please bring appropriate footwear and waterproof. Sorry, no dogs.

Unless shown otherwise, we meet on Monday evenings at 6.30 for 6.45pm start.

Walks will be about 4 miles, 2 hours, unless shown otherwise.

You may like to make a voluntary donation of 50p per head at the start of each walk which goes to charity.

11th May - Eckington (led by Sue & Sharon)

Meet at Eckington Bridge car park. Walk along side the river going to Strensham Lock. Flat walk. Coming back through Eckington and back to Eckington Bridge. About 3-3.5 miles.

18th May - Holly Bush and Chase End (led by Ray)

Meet at Holly Bush car park. Walk to Chase End via White Leaved Oak avoiding walking over the top of Ragged Stone Hill. No stiles. About 3 miles.

25th May - Norton and Sandhurst (led by Peter)

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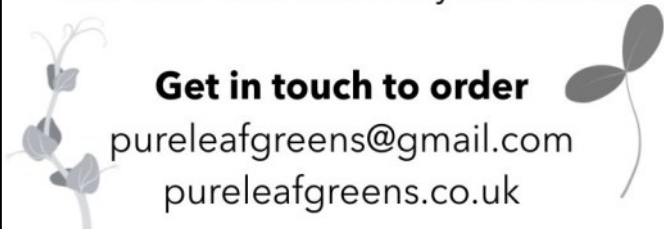
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Our speaker for April was Josh Egan Wyer who is a professional horticulturist, with a keen dedication to all things plants, new introductions and the production and sales of plants to both wholesale and retail markets. The title of his talk was 'The very best plants of the month' and he brought along some cut material and many living plants and shrubs to discuss with us and give us gardening tips on how to look after them. Josh also brought along many plants for sale which is always popular with our members.



Also, did you know that the little purple flowers on a Rosemary bush are not only edible and tasty they look very attractive in salads, try it.

The Presidents challenge for the meeting was to bring an item with a Daisy on it, the reason being that it is one of the two official flowers for April and captures the meaning of spring. Daisies come to symbolize innocence, purity, new beginnings, and true love. Their simple yet charming appearance is the reason why they've been dear to the heart across cultures for centuries. We had some really attractive entries including a lump of turf with daisies growing in it.



May WI meeting will be a members only meeting as it is our Annual Meeting.

The 'Social at the Local' was on a glorious sunny April day at the Bell and we all decided to take advantage of the sunshine and sit outside, Steve kindly put up the parasols for us to sit under to have our coffee and a chat. **The next 'Social at the Local' will be on Tuesday May 12th at 11am at the Anchor.** This is open to all ladies not just WI members. Do come along for a cup of tea or coffee and cake and a natter about anything and everything, we would love you to pop along.

By the time this magazine is printed the map for the Garage Sales will also have been printed so we wish you all success with your sales and hope you have a most enjoyable time.

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.

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The Metropolitan Opera: Eugene Onegin

Tue 5 May – 6.00pm

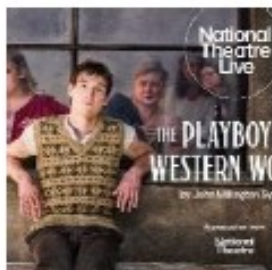
Soprano Asmik Grigorian returns as Tatiana, the idealistic young heroine of Tchaikovsky's operatic adaptation of Pushkin. Igor Golovatenko reprises his Onegin, who recognises love too late. £17, Seniors £16



All In A Good Cause

Fri 15 May – 7.30pm

Dan Amis has a dream; to save the world's great apes from extinction. The only thing standing in his way is public apathy. Original songs written by ex-Bad Manners band members Dave Home and Nick Thomas. £12.50



NLive: Playboy of the Western World

Thu 28 May – 7.00pm

Pegeen Flatherty's life is turned upside down when a young man walks into her pub claiming that he's killed his father. Instead of being shunned, the killer becomes a local hero and begins to win hearts. £16, Seniors £15, Student £10



Tannahill Weavers

Sat 23 May – 7.30pm

One of Scotland's premier traditional bands, their diverse repertoire spans the centuries with fir-driven instruments and songs, and original ballads and lullabies. They have that unique combination of traditional melodies, driving rhythmic accompaniment, and rich vocals. £17.50

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For further details see www.number8.org

Eckington Parish Council

Eckington Community Fields Tidy Up

Thankfully, we were blessed with beautiful weather this morning so we were able to get on and do most of the jobs we wanted to get done.

The New Road entrance now looks great (Thank you Graham, Anne, Jack, Clare and Steve)

Richie's excellent strimming has really sorted those stingers at the end of the Cemetery...hope you didn't get stung too many times Richie.

Two of the beds around the Memorial garden now weed free thanks to Bob, Vicky, iv, Karen, Clare and Steve. Thanks Bob for dealing with all the rubbish bags

All 4 raised beds dug, composted, and expertly planted thanks to Robert, Tim, Cilla, Alistair and Karen

Cemetery hedge trimmed perfectly by Anne and Tim.

The Car Park entrance from Spitfire now looks fab...Jack, Graham and Anne did a great job

A few new whips planted too by the 'planting team'...no doubt they'll look good when we're all dead and buried...we'll be able to see them from the Cemetery!!

Thanks to Nik for strimming and transporting compost and Mike for sweeping up all our messes!

A great team effort. So a BIG thank you to all those that helped this morning.

You may also have noticed, that we've had some cycle racks installed at the new road entrance... Thank you to Steve, our village lengthsman, for doing this, and for strimming all the weeds in that area.

Tim Knight

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Find out what we do, what our plans are for the future.



Drinks and snacks provided.



CRAFT & VINTAGE FAIR



16th / 17th
May 2026



11am - 5pm



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- If anybody (14+) is interested in joining our very friendly and social club, they would be made very welcome.
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A month of contrasts, but all Rotary

Global conflict and local community spirit formed a striking contrast for Pershore Rotary this month, highlighting the breadth of the organisation's work at home and abroad.

With attention focused on war in the Persian Gulf, members were reminded not to lose sight of the ongoing crisis in Ukraine. Guest speaker Brian Watkins of the Ukraine Freedom Company (UFC) outlined the charity's vital efforts delivering aid directly to those in need.

The UK-based organisation provides humanitarian, medical and logistical support, sourcing supplies in Britain and transporting them into Ukraine through trusted civilian networks. Among the most urgent needs are "comfort boxes" for frontline personnel, containing first aid materials, hygiene products, thermal clothing, food and basic cooking equipment.

UFC also supplies trauma kits, tourniquets and haemostatic dressings to medics, as well as generators for hospitals, schools and homes. A notable innovation is the Getmet handheld scanner, which detects shrapnel without the need for X-ray or ultrasound. Costing around £1,500, the device has helped speed up surgical treatment at Ternopil Hospital, where up to 150 operations are carried out each week.

Support for civilians is equally critical. The charity provides essential supplies, including baby formula, nappies and wipes, to vulnerable mothers who have lost partners and homes due to the war. Donations can be made by contacting Brian Watkins directly at Lovelacewatkins@uwclub.net.

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

Richard Lees

Closer to home, Rotary's work took a more uplifting turn. Sixteen young people from the Cube Youth project enjoyed a hands-on cookery experience at Feli's Bar & Restaurant in Stoulton.

Cube Youth, a Malvern-based charity, supports 10 to 18-year-olds through free activities designed to build confidence, improve wellbeing and foster friendships. During their visit, the group received a warm welcome before taking part in a lively demonstration led by chef Felice, learning how to prepare a simple three-course meal they could recreate at home.

The day ended with a shared lunch, leaving participants with new skills, fond memories and small gifts supported by Pershore Rotary.

Youth Manager Jo Hine praised the experience, while hosts Felice and Fiorinda said it was always a pleasure to work with the group.



These contrasting activities reflect Rotary's wider mission as a global humanitarian organisation, bringing practical support and positive change to communities both near and far. If you would like to work with us, we would love to hear from you. Follow us on Facebook, check out our website www.pershorerotary.club or email our secretary@pershorerotary.club.

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From The Plot...

This will be my first full year tending an allotment. Last year some courgettes and tomatoes produced bumper crops, but if the weather differs this year, I may not be so fortunate. Raspberries produce each year, so I think I'll try them. Three lots of bare-rooted specimens have arrived; summer(Glen Carron) mid-summer (Glen Ample) - of course Scottish Raspberries will feature!, and Autumn Bliss. If the soil and aspect suits them they should fruit well next year, but maybe also this.

This is a recipe I was given a couple of years ago and I hope to use the fruit;

Bakewell Cake

5 oz butter/ margarine

5 oz ground almonds

5oz caster sugar.

5 oz raspberries(fresh or frozen)

2 large eggs.

1 oz flaked almonds

Few drops of almond essence

50 ml milk

5 oz self raising flour

Icing sugar for dusting

Allotment Life By

- Preheat the oven to 180C(350F)
- Line an 8 " cake tin.
- Cream the butter/ margarine until soft.
- Add the sugar and beat until light and fluffy.
- Whisk the eggs and almond essence.
- Gradually whisk eggs into the creamed butter mix, beating all the time.
- Next beat in the milk, then add the flour and ground almonds, folding until just mixed.
- Next add the raspberries and fold gently so as not to break up.
- Tip the batter into the prepared tin, then scatter with flaked almonds.
- Bake for 50- 55 minutes. (I check while cooking as oven temperatures vary.)
- Cool for 10 mins before removing from tin then dust with icing sugar once fully cool.

It has proved very popular - I sometimes serve with natural yoghurt.



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The members of Tewkesbury and Bredon Hill Probus Club come from a wide variety of businesses and professions and together have a huge bank of knowledge collected in a lifetime of work. From time to time one of our members gives a talk about his own life and work experiences and we were treated to an excellent talk by Bob Stockwell who spent many years in senior positions in the iconic electronics company Bang and Olufsen which celebrated its centenary in 2025.

Bob talked us through the origins of the company in Denmark set up by Peter Bang and Svend Olufsen to create and market superior innovative products in the emerging radio, TV and Hi-Fi business in the 1930's and beyond. Bob showed us examples of some of the very early designs and how the company developed through the second world war to become the crème de la crème of the quality consumer electronics world. He described his role in the development of the business and how the minimalist design and beauty of the products was matched by the excellence of the engineering to produce world class products.

We recently welcomed John Gillham from the Malvern Radar and Technology History Society who told us the story of how scientists and engineers from two secret air defence research establishments were moved to Malvern in 1942 after a raid by British forces on a German radar post on the north coast of France revealed that our research establishments on the south coast of England would be vulnerable if the enemy decided to undertake a similar attack on them.

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John described how this influx of a large number of strangers affected the people of Malvern especially as the incomers were all sworn to secrecy, didn't mix with the locals and were billeted in their own compounds separate from the Malvern residents.



Chris Brown

Forthcoming Events in May:

- 5 May – No meeting (Bank holiday)
- 12 May – The Winchcombe Meteorite (with Rob and Cathryn Wilcock)
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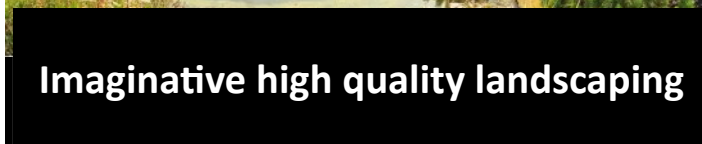
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GARAGE SALES

BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY

4th MAY 2026

9:30am – 1pm



REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE AT THE VILLAGE HALL

FREE Parking 9am-2pm at Recreation Ground WR10 3DD

Eckington

Open Gardens & Flower Festival

1940's Weekend



16th / 17th May 2026

11-5pm Daily

Adults £7pp both days
Under 16s FREE

RAF Fly Past

Around the Village

- Approx 15 Open Garden (3 NGS)
- Cooking Demonstrations
- Art Studio Open
- Cream Teas & Refreshments
- Live Music
- Plant Stall
- Wine Tasting at Deer Park Wines



Eckington Holy Trinity Church

- 'Earth Themed' Flower Festival Display
- Live Music



The Recreation Ground

- Craft & Vintage Fair
- Classic Cars & Military Vehicles



The Village Hall

- Refreshments,
- Children's Activities



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