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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

June

2nd Bingo 2pm to 4pm sponsored by Worcester Awnings also Lottery
3rd Community Coffee Morning at The Bell 11am all welcome
3rd W.I. Meeting - Worcester flower- maker Avril Pulley 7:30pm
7th Quiz at The Bell
11th W.I. Social at the Local' 11am at the Bell
17th Memory Impairment Coffee Morning at The Bell 11:30am
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
17th Family film afternoon, film starts 4pm – doors open 3pm. 'The Sheep
Detectives' tbc (PG) 2026, 1hr 50. There will be a food van, details to
follow. This is a free event, donations kindly accepted. Bar and other
refreshments also available. Bring the children (Grandchildren) straight
from school.

August

4th Bingo 2pm to 4pm sponsored by Worcester Awnings also Lottery
NO FILM NIGHT

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Let us know your event/activity dates by the
20th of the preceding month. email
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Church Service Rota for June 2026

Date	Time	Place and Service	Presiding
7 th	9.00am	Little Comberton – Holy Communion	Rev Katryn
	9.00am	Besford – Holy Communion	Rev Allison
	10.45am	Bredon – Holy Communion	Rev Sooz
	10.45am	Teddington – Holy Communion	Rev Katryn
	6.30pm	Beckford – Evening Worship and Thanksgiving after the Beckford Open Weekend	Archdeacon Robert Jones
14 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 Allison
	10.45am	Bredon – Morning Praise	Angie Godsell
21 st	9.00am	Eckington – Holy Communion	Rev Sooz
	9.00am	Elmley Castle – Holy Communion	Rev Katryn
	10.45am	Bredon – Holy Communion	Rev Allison
	10.45am	Beckford – Holy Communion	Rev Katryn
	3.00pm	Overbury – Messy Church	Rev Katryn
28 th	9.00am	Ashton Under Hill – Holy Communion	Rev Katryn
	10.45am	Defford – Holy Communion	Rev Sooz presiding and Rev Allison preaching
	10.45am	Great Comberton – Holy Communion	Rev Katryn
	10.45am	Bredon – Village Worship	Jim McKay
	4.00pm	Bredon – WhizzPop	The WhizzPop team led by Rev Allison and Rev Sooz

Midweek Iona Communion at 10am

17th June – Little Comberton – Rev Katryn

24th June – Overbury – Rev Katryn

Best Eco Churchyard competition

This year the Campaign for the Protection of Rural England (CPRE) is celebrating its Centenary Anniversary and to mark the occasion CPRE Worcestershire is launching a competition to find the county's Best Eco Churchyard. Churches should use the simple 'Self-Score Sheet' below to enter the competition. Certificates and prizes of £100, £75, £50 will be awarded to the top three burial grounds in person by the CPRE-W judges and by Dr Peter King, Chair of CPRE Worcestershire

[Download the self-score sheet and further information](#) by the 30th June to enter.

Vicar: Rev Allison Davies

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Church Warden: Derek Potter

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*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,
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News from Worcester Diocese

Bishop Hugh's art competition for schools:

<https://www.cofe-worcester.org.uk/news/bishop-hughs-art-competition-for-schools.php>

Ordinations 2026:

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

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Best Eco Churchyard competition:

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Students in Church Schools across the Diocese are being encouraged to get creative and enter our new diocesan art competition.

We are looking for pieces of art which represent the biblical themes of faith, hope and love, with the winning entries displayed on the wall of Bishop Hugh's office in Worcester.

Pupils of all ages are welcome to take part and can produce their artwork as individuals or in pairs. There will be one winner each from EYFS & Key Stage 1, Key Stage 2 and Key Stages 3 & 4 and all the winning entries from each of our schools that enter will also form part of a public display in the Cathedral.

We are hoping that all entrants will be exhibited at Worcester Cathedral at some point during the summer with the overall winners announced at an event in September. The winners will be invited to afternoon tea with Bishop Hugh to see their artwork hanging in his office.



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Welcome to Holy Trinity Church, Eckington

As I write this article at the beginning of May, a month earlier than you will be reading it, all the churches in my benefice have just finished having their Annual Parochial Church Meetings (APCM's). These meetings reflect on the year past, elect officers to key roles in the church and share hopes of things we seek to develop and take part in in the coming year. This year these meetings have coincided with the selling of the home I grew up in mid Wales. The house, coincidentally called "Chapter House" is hard to let go of as it breaks the connection, not just with a much-loved home which holds thousands of memories, but with a community of friends and past neighbours whom I have known for over 50 years.

Many of you will relate to this emotion of "having to let go", whether it be to homes, jobs, activities or even people; And it can be hard! We experience it in our churches as well, as we adjust to the changing world around us. We have to consider whether our worship services, and the way the church interacts with the communities around it, feel relevant and connected. Sometimes this may mean moving away from things, or doing them differently in order to engage with new ventures and connect with people not involved in church life previously.

Our APCM discussions reflected this as we looked at priorities for next year and elected people into Key Roles to support the work and life of the Church. One key priority was in augmenting our work with Children and Young People; To this end we will be starting a New Worship Community in June at St. Giles, for First School children and siblings called

WhizPop, every 2nd and 4th Sunday afternoon at 4.00pm. Based on singing songs from iSingPop, a Craft/activity, Bible Story and Prayer, this short session will be an exciting new way for families to spend some fun time together and learn a little more about God.

However, letting go may also involve stepping away from roles people have held for a long time because it is the right time. This is not always easy to get used to, but such changes offer the opportunity to do things differently. For example, in Bredon there will no longer be a Church Warden, a key role for the church there. Yet, this has given us the chance to split the duties amongst several other people; And yes, it will take some time for us to adjust to this new way of working, but it does mean the responsibilities can be shared across several people, and it gives us the opportunity for new people to get involved in new ways in church life. This is very much in line with Christ's teaching about building up the church body and allowing everyone to fully use their skills and gifts for the wider good of the community.

So, in many ways, it feels like our churches are entering new chapters in their faith stories; Therefore, may I encourage people to pray for the ongoing health and welfare of our churches, especially in its' formation of new activities and connections with people around our communities; And as we do, may we learn to "let go" gracefully and look forward to a future with renewed hope and expectation.

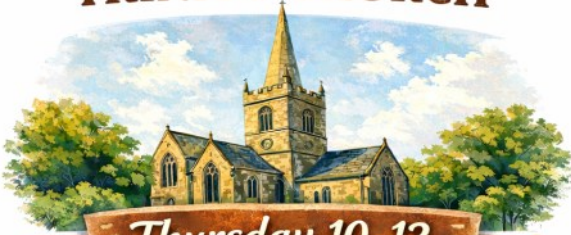
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**Mendelssohn - Overture:
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Weber - Overture: Oberon
Mendelssohn - Symphony No 5**



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Tickets £17 from ticketsource.co.uk (booking fee applies) Under 16 yrs £5.

Eckington Book Club

In April we read Evelyn Waugh's *A Handful of Dust* and enjoyed his comedic writing. It satirizes English upper class society in the 1930s, depicted as devoid of morals or values. Although very funny in parts there is an undercurrent of sadness.

It is partly autobiographical as Waugh draws on his experiences of divorce and travelling in South America.

— For May we chose —
Flaubert's Parrot
by Julian Barnes



We meet on the
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A.G.M. Report - see page 15

Car Park update: Thank you to all who took part in the consultation for the funding for the resurfacing of The Village Hall car park. The forms have been collated by the Eckington Parish Council and the application is in hand. Just a waiting game now.

Lottery update: Lottery winning numbers for May were 32, 70, 17 & 101. Some repeat winners and new winners last month.

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. Sponsored by Bees & Co. 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 – Family film afternoon, film starts 4pm – doors open 3pm. ‘The Sheep Detectives’ tbc (PG) 2026, 1hr 50. There will be a food van, details to follow. This is a free event, donations kindly accepted. Bar and other refreshments also available. Bring the children (Grandchildren) straight from school.

August Events:

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

No Film Night

Future Events:

Christmas Fayre – Saturday 5th December – time to be confirmed. There will be lots of fun activities, refreshments and a special visitor! If you would like to help on the day, please contact us.

Panto this year is **Aladdin** – Monday 28th December at 18:30 and Tuesday 29th December at 14:30



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The coffee morning at **Eckington Church** raised over **£75** and we'll let you know the collection total soon.



THANK YOU! 

PARISH WALKS JUNE 2026

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.

1st June - Elmley Castle and Little Comberton (led by Roger)

Meet at the Queen Elizabeth Pub in Elmley Castle. A level walk to Little Comberton, returning via Bricklehampton and Netherton. One stile. About 4.5 miles.

8th June - Willersey and Saintbury (led by Pat and Maggie)

Meet by the pond in the main street of Willersey. Park on the same side of the road as the pond. We will walk along the disused railway track towards Honeybourne and then turn towards Saintbury. Field paths return us to Willersey. 4 miles. No stiles. One shortish hill.

15th June - Birtsmorton (led by Tim) - 6.45pm for 7pm

Meet at The Farmers Arms in Birtsmorton (WR13 6AP). Walk towards Birtsmorton Court and visit St Thomas's Church. Flat with a rugged terrain in places. No stiles, but a 7-bar gate to climb over. About 3.75 miles.

22nd June - Eastnor & Obelish (led by Meg) - 6.45pm for 7pm

Walk will start at Eastnor, Woodshed car park (HR8 1RA). We walk to the Obelisk and back.

29th June - Snowhill (led by Rose) - 6.45pm for 7pm

Meet at the carpark near Snowhill village (OS 096 341). Access is from Broadway Church Road; follow this road for about 2 miles to car park on the right. The walk is along lanes and across fields. Hilly, distance about 3 miles.



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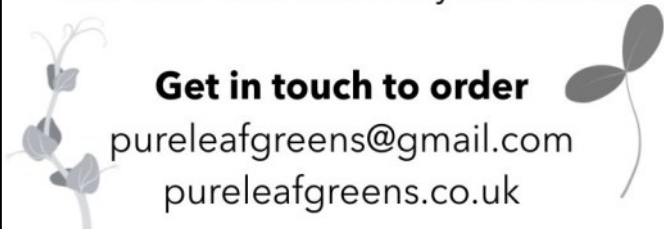
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What a busy month we have had in May. The month started with our popular Garage Sale event with 45 garages taking part. We were so fortunate with the weather as the forecast had been for some rain. Chatting to some of the visitors in the village hall people had travelled from all over the place even as far as Shropshire, they must all love coming to our pretty friendly village.

Our next event was our Annual Meeting where all the committee and the president step down and voting takes place for the new committee and President. We are pleased to announce that Jenny Doyle has been re-elected for the next year and one committee member has had to step down due to work commitments and all the other members re-elected plus one new member.

The winner of the yearly Presidents Challenge was Angela Townsend and she was presented with the Presidents



Challenge Bowl.

The 'Social at the local' this month was held at the Anchor and we were greeted by live music (they were rehearsing for the weekend) and our tables laid with a wonderful selection of cakes. We all had a good friendly catch with plenty of laughter.

Next month's 'Social at the Local' will be on Tuesday 11th June at 11am at the Bell.

Just a reminder that all ladies are welcome you do not have to be a WI member to pop in and join us.

We then had our final meeting to discuss the floral arrangement for the church's Flower Festival. The theme for the church arrangements is 'Earth'. WI have a talented member who hand painted a glass bowl representing the earth and our arrangement of Eckington wild flowers (except the Sun Flower) is depicting the blue and white sky and the eight planets.



At our next WI meeting we are fortunate to have a flower making demonstration by former Royal Worcester flower-maker Avril Pulley. This will be on Wednesday 3rd June at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Visitors are welcome, £5 admission includes refreshments.

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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Memory Impairment Coffee Morning

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The Eckington Community Memory Impairment Group is an informal group, which holds a monthly complimentary Coffee and Cake morning on the third Wednesday of each month.

It is open to anyone who is suffering from dementia, or any level of memory impairment, their carers or family.

People from Defford, Birlingham, Little and Greater Comberton and Bredons Norton are welcome to join in.

Further information is available from Doug 07900312775

**Third Wednesday of the Month
11:30am-1pm**



In support of Admiral Nurses - specialist dementia nurses

Community COFFEE & CAKE EVENT



at The Bell Eckington



FIRST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH



11AM

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Eckington Village Hall A.G.M. Report

The AGM for Eckington Memorial Village Hall was held on Wednesday 13th May 2026, which was very well attended.

The annual reports were delivered by the Chairman and Treasurer.

The Chairman's report covering a busy year, with thanks to all our users, supporters, sponsors, the committee and friends of the hall.

The Treasurers report covered the increase in revenue, along with the rise in costs, some planned and some unplanned!

During the last 12 months an audio-visual system and hearing loop have been installed, thanks to grants obtained from the National Lottery and Elmley Trust. These grants were also topped up with generous donations from Women's Institute, Eckington Parish Parochial Council and Cllr Adrain Hardman.

The committee received the resignations of Tony Radcliffe (Chairman) and Angie Radcliffe (Secretary), due to their family commitments. They were warmly thanked by the committee for their work and diligence whilst in office. To help spend more time in the garden they were given a lovely fuchsia.

Alan Mole has also stood down as a committee member, but will remain as a Trustee. Alan, was unable to make the meeting, due to his international commitments. His 25 years plus of being on the committee has benefited the hall and the village, his input will be greatly missed.

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Update on the resurfacing of the car park. The consultation process is now complete with 136 responses, 127 supporting, 7 against and 2 voids. This now moves to the next stage, no news is expected for a couple of months.

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As you may know, PCC John Campion has launched a consultation on the future of policing which closes on Monday 15th June.

The PCC wants to ensure as many people as possible have their say so we'd really appreciate if you could pop the below article and image into your council magazine. I've also attached an A4 poster that you can print out and pop onto any noticeboards you have - that too would be really helpful.

Got a spare few minutes? Police and Crime Commissioner John Campion has launched a short consultation to give you an opportunity to have your say on the Government's proposals to create 12 'mega police forces'.

As this could be the biggest shake up to policing in six decades, the PCC wants to make sure you can share your views on this change. He will share the public response directly with the Government to consider in their review.

The consultation closes on Monday 15th June. Have your say by visiting the West Mercia PCC website - www.westmercia-pcc.gov.uk



Sharing a Local Initiative Supporting Adults with Reading Confidence

Many of us take reading for granted, but for some adults, it can be a daily challenge. There are people in our local communities who struggle with reading and this can make everyday tasks such as understanding letters, filling in forms or reading instructions feel overwhelming. Read Easy South Worcestershire is a local charity offering free, confidential, one-to-one reading coaching for adults who would like to improve their reading confidence. Each learner is supported by a fully trained and DBS-checked volunteer, meeting regularly in The Hive library in a relaxed and friendly way. There are no classrooms, no tests and no cost, simply patient support at a pace that suits the individual. Building reading confidence can make a real difference. It can help people feel more independent,

self-assured and enable them to manage everyday life more easily. You may not know if someone struggles with reading as it is often hidden. Sometimes, a gentle conversation or simply being aware that support exists can make all the difference. Read Easy works well as a simple signposting option and we often find that friends, family members or others in the community are aware of someone who might benefit from this kind of support. If you, or someone you know, would like to find out more, please contact our Coordinator, Lynn, on 07749 093 207 or via email at swcoordinator3@readeasy.org.uk Together, we can help more people in our community discover the confidence and joy that reading can bring.

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Sun 3 rd May Away	Eckington vs Fladbury 40 overs Eckington 266-8 (G.Bunn 101 Retired, C Fincher 100 rtd) Fladbury 120-8 (Tom Kilmister 3-14)	Won by 146 runs
Weds 6 th May Home	Eckington vs Alderton 20 overs Alderton 84 (J.McCracken 0-5) Eckington 85-5 (Harvey Sagar 25 rtd, Sam Butts 22 n.o)	Won by 5 wickets
Sun 10 th May Away	Eckington vs Great Alne 40 overs Great Alne 186 (J.Thomas 3-45) Eckington 187-2 (Sam Butts 100 rtd, H.Sagar 37, C.lcke 33 n.o)	Won by 8 wickets
Sun 17 th May Away	Eckington 17 th May vs Elmley 40 overs Elmley Castle 211-7 (J.McCracken 3-11) Eckington 74	Lost by 137 runs

Future Fixtures are:

Weds 20th May (H) Eckington vs Overbury (20 overs) 6pm
Sun 31st May (H) Eckington vs Old Georgians (40 overs) 1:30pm
Weds 3rd June (H) Eckington vs Flyford Flavell (20 overs) 6pm
Weds 10th June (H) Eckington vs Childswickham (20 overs) 6pm
Sun 14th June (H) Eckington vs Woodmancote (40 overs) 1pm
Fri 19th June (A) Offenham vs Eckington (20 overs) 6pm
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Diamond Years: Pershore Rotary Marks 60 Years of Service

On 10 May 2026, Pershore Rotary celebrates its 60th anniversary, marking six decades of community service and international impact.

The club began on 19 January 1966, when thirty-three of Pershore's "great and good" gathered at the Star Hotel on Bridge Street. Sixty years on, our records reflect a legacy of practical action and lasting change, both locally and worldwide.

Globally, Rotary is best known for its fight against polio. Since launching the PolioPlus programme in 1985, it has contributed over \$1.6 billion to eradicate the disease. Once endemic in more than 125 countries, polio has been reduced by 99.9%. Today, it remains active in just two countries and an estimated 19 million people, who might otherwise have been paralysed, can walk. Pershore Rotary continues to support this effort through the "End Polio Now" campaign, a global initiative dedicated to eradicating polio by vaccinating children annually.

Closer to home, the club has made a tangible difference. In 2006, nine local Rotary clubs led by Pershore together with Inner Wheel Club members, raised £78,000 to fund a dedicated a Rotary Family Suite and day room at St Richard's Hospice in Worcester. The space provides comfort and privacy for families supporting loved ones through serious illness.

Between 2014 and 2025, the club raised and donated more than £172,000 to a wide range of causes, including local charities, youth initiatives and international humanitarian projects - demonstrating a sustained commitment to service.



That commitment continues today. This year, Pershore Rotary is supporting local student James Barnett of Bromsgrove School, who will attend the World

Affairs Seminar (WAS) in Wisconsin, USA, from 20 to 26 June. The event brings together young people aged 16 - 18 from around the world to explore global challenges and promote "Peace Through Understanding." James follows in the footsteps of Jorja Woolston who was Pershore Rotary's representative at WAS 2025.

Meanwhile, Rotarian Dave Foster from Evesham is preparing for an ambitious 700-mile walk from Land's End to the Scottish borders. He aims to raise £20,000 for ShelterBox, a disaster relief charity providing emergency shelter and essential supplies to families affected by conflict and natural disasters. Supporters will follow his progress, with a local welcome planned as he walks from Tewkesbury to Worcester on 30 May.

These varied efforts highlight Rotary's mission as a global humanitarian organisation, delivering practical support and positive change. As Pershore Rotary enters its seventh decade, it remains firmly focused on community, collaboration and service - values that continue to make a difference, near and far.

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This year I am going to try and grow flowers that I can eat throughout the year, both at home and on the allotment



I started in March by adding a splash of spring colour to a rice dish by sprinkling it with primroses and forsythia petals from the garden, and I have stayed with sunshine colours and am now enjoying the first flush of over wintered marigolds with their sun gold flowers. I steeped them in honey and lime and then adding them to a Maderia cake-it was delicious. With a bit of luck they will continue flowering right through until autumn .

Roses are probably the most popular edible flower as with their heavily scented petals they have been used for centuries - crystallised, infused into honey, syrups,

jam, sorbet, ice cream, rose water, vinegar, butters and sugar. They grow so well in many of our village gardens ,and with their long flowering period there will be plenty of time to experiment in their uses.

If the rabbits don't eat all my allotment courgettes the plants will be flowering by midsummer .and as picking off the male flowers will not reduce my harvest I can enjoy eating them as well. All I will need do is remove the stigma and then I will stuff them with cream cheese, breadcrumbs and maybe some walnuts, dip them in batter and eat them hot straight from the pan

For August, September and October, nasturtiums are the thing. They taste the strongest of all the edible flowers and all parts of the plant, not only the flowers are delicious. With their peppery taste I will eat the young leaves in salads together with the flowers .I can also use them to flavour butter, soft cheese, oil and salad dressing as well as in summery pesto's.

If this has made you think that you might like to add flowers to your diet this summer then the best time to pick them is on dry mornings when the taste and look will be at their best

So whether it is jams or jellies, syrups or vinegars ,or just a few petals scattered into your salad why not give flowers a try this summer?



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1-20 EXPLORE & DISCOVER

- 1 Go on a bug hunt
- 2 Turn over logs
- 3 Follow an ant trail
- 4 Watch clouds
- 5 Listen for birds
- 6 Track footprints
- 7 Find tiny creatures
- 8 Compare wet vs dry ground
- 9 Look at leaf shapes
- 10 Find something that moves
- 11 Watch water flow
- 12 Observe shadows
- 13 Spot insects
- 14 Follow a trail
- 15 Watch the wind
- 16 Find animal signs
- 17 Feel textures
- 18 Find something old
- 19 Watch a spider
- 20 Sit still and notice



21-40 BUILD & CREATE

- 21 Build a den
- 22 Make a bug hotel
- 23 Create a bird feeder
- 24 Build a bridge
- 25 Make a jungle
- 26 Sculpt with mud
- 27 Make leaf art
- 28 Build a tower
- 29 Create a lab
- 30 Make a shelter
- 31 Build a dam
- 32 Create a habitat
- 33 Make camouflage
- 34 Build a giant nest
- 35 Make a mountain
- 36 Build a hide
- 37 Create a maze
- 38 Make a tool
- 39 Build a rope swing
- 40 Invent a species



41-55 SURVIVAL SKILLS

- 41 Light a fire (with an adult)
- 42 Cook outdoors
- 43 Boil water
- 44 Make a roasting stick
- 45 Build a windbreak
- 46 Test materials
- 47 Make charcoal
- 48 Tie knots
- 49 Carry water
- 50 Build a shelter
- 51 Grind plants
- 52 Use tools
- 53 Stay warm
- 54 Signal for help
- 55 Share food



56-70 CARE FOR NATURE

- 56 Plant flowers
- 57 Water plants
- 58 Make a pond
- 59 Build a hedgehog home
- 60 Feed birds
- 61 Start compost
- 62 Pick up litter
- 63 Sort materials
- 64 Protect insects
- 65 Watch wildlife
- 66 Build shade
- 67 Leave water out
- 68 Reuse materials
- 69 Make signs
- 70 Care for a garden



71-85 IMAGINE & PLAY

- 71 Be a wildlife presenter
- 72 Narrate a scene
- 73 Act like animals
- 74 Tell a survival story
- 75 Invent an ecosystem
- 76 Play predator & prey
- 77 Tell stories by the fire
- 78 Make animal sounds
- 79 Turn the site into a jungle
- 80 Name a documentary
- 81 Act life cycles
- 82 Be a creature
- 83 Form an explorer team
- 84 Migrate across the site
- 85 Imagine the future



86-95 RECORD & CREATE

- 86 Draw nature
- 87 Make a map
- 88 Keep a journal
- 89 Press leaves
- 90 Sketch animals
- 91 Make patterns
- 92 Match colours
- 93 Do bark rubbings
- 94 Record sounds
- 95 Take photos (real or pretend)



96-100 SHARE & CELEBRATE

- 96 Share your favourite find
- 97 Build something together
- 98 Make a nature display
- 99 Tell stories around the fire
- 100 Leave nature better than you found it



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My favourite thing I did:

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Members of Tewkesbury and Bredon Hill Probus Club are always interested in history and we have heard many talks from experts in British and international historical events. But sometimes we come across something in British history which very few people have heard about. The title of Chris Mapp's talk was "Britain's lost children" about the forced emigration of thousands of British children from poverty stricken backgrounds to Canada in the 19th and early 20th century, a little known, and some would say, shameful part of our social history,

Chris told us that from the late 1860s until 1939, around 100,000 British pauper children were sent to Canada where they were put to work, mostly on farms or in domestic service. The purpose of the scheme was twofold – one to boost the Canadian labour force for their developing economy and second to give the pauper children the opportunity of a life better than that living in the slums and workhouses of Britain.

They are known as the 'British Home Children' and supported and financed by the British Government, the children were

shipped across the Atlantic by several individuals and organisations including the well known founder of children's homes, Dr. Thomas Barnardo. Whilst most of these eminent people were motivated by philanthropic intentions hoping to give these children a better life, there was a feeling amongst campaigners against the scheme that a number of individuals were motivated more by money than by the benefits to the children.

Most of these children never returned to their homeland and 10% of Canada's current population is said to be descended from them.

Often the children were treated very badly and suffered hostility and prejudice from the local population and in 2020 the then Prime Minister Gordon Brown issued a formal apology for the Government's involvement with the scheme.

Chris surprised us when he revealed that he has a personal interest in this affair. His own father was one of those children who despite the difficulties of life in Canada, came back to Britain, married and had a very successful business life.

Forthcoming Events in June

2 June - The wreck of the SS Suevic (with Galen Bartholomew)

5 June - Visit to the Dowty Turbocraft Day

9 June - Visit to Worcester Cathedral

10 June - Visit to the A417 Missing Link

16 June - A brief history of tattoos (with Janine Kilroe)

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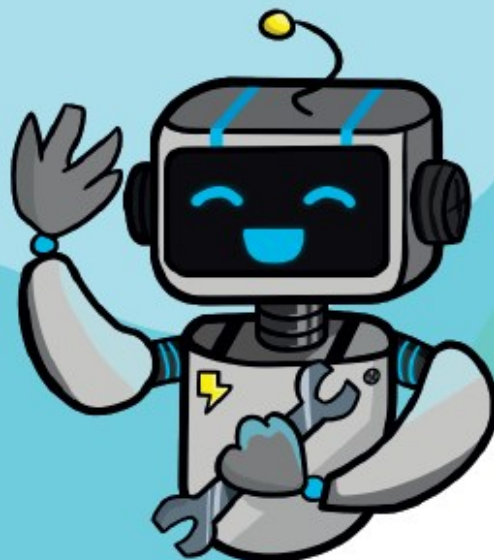
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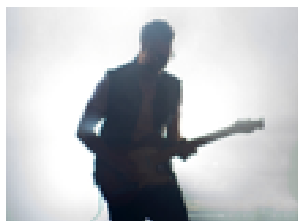
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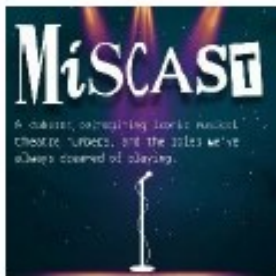
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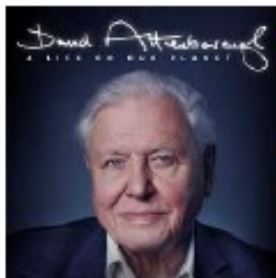


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