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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

August

2nd Quiz at The Bell
4th Bingo 2pm to 4pm also Lottery
4th-10th **VILLAGE HALL CAR PARK CLOSED AS BEING REPAIRED**
 NO FILM NIGHT
5th Community Coffee Morning 11am at The Bell
11th W.I. 'Social at the Local' 11am at the Bell
18th Memory Impairment Coffee Morning 11:30 at The Bell

September

1st Bingo 2pm to 4pm also Lottery
18th Film Night 7pm—Hidden Figures, PG, 2016, 2hr 7min (tbc).
 Food van – Curry, details to follow.

October

6th Bingo 2pm to 4pm also Lottery
16th Film Night – 7pm – Devil Wears Prada 2 – food van fish & chips.

Future Dates

5th Dec Village Hall Christmas Fayre
28th/29th Dec Panto - Aladdin at the Village Hall

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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 August 2026

Date	Time	Place	Presiding
2 nd	9.00am	Besford – Holy Communion	Rev Alma Organ
	9.00am	Alstone – Holy Communion	Rev Katryn
	10.45am	Little Comberton – Holy Communion	Rev Katryn
	10.45am	Bredon – Holy Communion	Rev Allison
9 th	10.45am	Eckington – Holy Communion	Rev Allison
	10.45am	Overbury – Holy Communion	Rev Gerard Moate
	10.45am	Bredon – Morning Praise	Ken McGowen
	4.00pm	Bredon – WhizzPop – picnic and games	The WhizzPop team led by Rev Allison and Rev Sooz
16 th	9.00am	Bredon's Norton – Holy Communion	Rev Sooz
	10.45am	Elmley Castle – Holy Communion	Canon Roger Spiller
	10.45am	Bredon – Morning Praise	Rev Catherine Lack
23 th	10.45am	Ashton Under Hill – Holy Communion	Rev Catherine Lack
	10.45am	Great Comberton – Morning Praise	Elaine Simpson
	10.45am	Defford – Holy Communion	Rev Sooz
	10.45am	Bredon – Village Worship	Jim McKay
30 th	10.45am	Eckington - Group Service	Rev Sooz/Rev Gerard Moate

Midweek Iona Communion at 10am

As Katryn will be on annual leave; there will be no Midweek Communion during August

News from Worcester Diocese

Bishop Hugh's address to Diocesan Synod:

<https://www.cofe-worcester.org.uk/news/sermons-addresses/-diocesan-synod-address-july-26.php>

Have you considered standing for General Synod?

<https://www.cofe-worcester.org.uk/news/have-you-considered-standing-for-general-synod.php>

Marking Mary Sumner day as the Mothers' Union celebrates 150 years:

<https://www.cofe-worcester.org.uk/news/150-years-of-the-mothers-union.php>

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

Welcome to Holy Trinity Church, Eckington

Recognise

Things in the world continue as febrile as ever. As I write, we are hoping that Andy Burnham, the seventh prime minister in a decade, is going to be better news for the country. Analysis of his track record suggests that the realities of being in government may present a steep learning curve for him. Whoever he is, however he turns out to be, the duty of Christian citizens is to pray for leaders and government (including the loyal opposition), that government at all levels may be mindful of the margins of society, those whom the Old Testament calls the widow, the orphan and the stranger.

It is when we are mindful of the people on the edges, those pushed out of the mainstream by misfortune, ill health, age, colour, gender, that we become a wholesome society. One in which everyone feels safe, supported and with opportunity.

The Church of England has just had a week called 'Recognise'. We were invited to recognise and give thanks for all people working with Children, youth and families, especially families needing support. As the school term came to an end, we recognised the work of our Open the Book Teams, our Messy Church/Making Church teams, our pastoral teams keeping an eye on families in our villages. We gave thanks too for school staff who have become a cross between educators, social workers, health visitors, mediators and more! We pray that the summer break may indeed be a refreshing time for all who work in schools and with young people and their families.

*Ever yours, **Rev. Katryn***



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Church Warden: Derek Potter

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

*Anyone requiring Holy Communion at
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Davies to arrange.*

Open Church for Private Prayer

The Church is open for
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Wishing Mrs Crumpton

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After 22 years of dedicated service, we are saying a fond farewell to Liz Crumpton as she begins her well-deserved retirement. Throughout her time at the school, Mrs Crumpton has worn many hats—Teaching Assistant, Caretaker and Wrap Around Care Leader—and has carried out each role with remarkable commitment, professionalism and care. Known for her exceptional organisation, intricate knowledge of every corner of school life, and her warm, caring nature, she has supported countless children across all age groups, helping them to learn, grow and thrive. Her wonderful sense of humour, willingness to help others and ability to build positive relationships have made her a much-loved colleague and friend. Mrs Crumpton has been a central cog in both our school and the wider local community, and her contribution over the past two decades and beyond has been immeasurable. She leaves behind a lasting legacy and will be greatly missed by staff, pupils and families alike. We wish her every happiness and success in this exciting new chapter.



We would also like to thank our whole Eckington village community for your support, especially with our Fete (which raised **£1669!!**), the lovely Open the Book ladies, our coaches coming and going and general patience!



Lastly we have a lot of work going on over the summer inside and outside in the grounds so we would ask that our car park is kept clear please!

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DOES YOUR ORGANISATION NEED SOME FINANCIAL SUPPORT?



Applications for **Wychavon Resilience Grants** are now open. There are three funding strands available: community resilience, community-building energy resilience, and biodiversity improvements.



The **Community Resilience** element provides **£400,000** of small revenue grants to support voluntary and community sector organisations operating in Wychavon to become stronger and less reliant on local authority funding in the future. This includes support for areas such as leadership and governance, strategic, business and succession planning, financial planning and budgeting, skills development, project management, digital and marketing skills, and volunteer and staff management.



The **Community Building Energy Resilience** part of the fund provides **£50,000** towards the costs of energy audits and the implementation of energy efficiency and carbon reduction measures in community buildings in Wychavon.



A further **£50,000** is available for biodiversity improvements, supporting communities to improve biodiversity in their local area. Worcestershire Wildlife Trust is managing this element of the funding on our behalf.



Parish and town councils are not eligible for the community resilience grants but can apply for community building, energy resilience, and biodiversity improvement grants. Applications are open in three rounds, with deadlines in **August 2026**, the **February** and **July 2027**. All the details, including how to apply, are available on the Wychavon website:



<https://www.wychavon.gov.uk/community-and-living/wychavon-resiliencegrants?highlight=WyJ3eWHoYXZvbilslnJlc2lisaWVuY2UiLCJncmFudHMiXQ==>

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Tues	11am-12pm 7pm to 8pm	Tai Chi Zumba	Tony Johnson Yana Konova	07469 939836
Wed	10:30-11:30am 2:30-3:30pm	Zumba Chance to Dance	Kerry Keenan Marie Oldaker	zumbawithkerry@gmail.com 07855 595287
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
1st Tue of month	2pm-4pm	Bingo & Lottery Draw	Village Hall	07756 195099
1st Wed of month	7:30pm-9:3pm	Women's Institute	Jenny Doyle	eckingtonwi@gmail.com
3rd Fri of month	7pm start (usually)	Film Night	Village Hall	07756 195099

Eckington Village Hall



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Bookings: Angela 07756 195099

Those of you who have seen the car park (at the village hall) will know it is in desperate need of repair. This is a mammoth undertaking, despite the best endeavours of the committee, it was not one we could achieve on our own. We are delighted to have worked closely with Eckington Parish Council, to obtain funding to have the essential works to undertake.

- Currently the planned works are due to commence on **Tuesday 4th August** and to be completed by **Monday 10th August**.
- The hall remains operational, during this period, just there will be **no parking**. The various user groups have been contacted.

July Lottery update: Winning numbers for July were
99, 118, 57 & 96. Congratulations to all winners.

August Events:

- **Tuesday 4th** – 2pm to 4pm Bingo, refreshments and Lottery draw.
- **No Film Night**

September Events:

- **Tuesday 1st** – 2pm to 4pm Bingo, refreshments and Lottery draw.
- **Friday 18th** – **Film Night** – **Hidden Figures**, PG, 2016, 2hr 7min (tbc).
Food van – Curry, details to follow.

October Events:

- **Tuesday 6th** – 2pm to 4pm Bingo, refreshments and Lottery draw.
- **Friday 16th** – **Film Night 7pm** – **Devil Wears Prada 2** – food van fish & chips

November Events:

- **Tuesday 3rd** – 2pm to 4pm Bingo, refreshments and Lottery draw.
- **Friday 20th** – **Film Night 7pm** **Bohemian Rhapsody** to celebrate the 35th anniversary of the loss of Freddie Mercury

Christmas Fayre!

Saturday 5th December

Yes we are in a heat wave, and planning has already started!

- We need a few people to help, with the planning and organising- sourcing gifts, wrapping gifts, seeking out raffle prizes and bringing fresh ideas. It would be a couple of hours a month leading up to the event
- Can you please help? **Contact the village hall as above**

Panto this year is **Aladdin** – **Monday 28th December**
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**AUGUST
2026**



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WYCHAVON PARISH GAMES 2026

EVENT PROGRAMME

Celebrate Community Through Friendly Competition

JUNE 2026

SUNDAY
28



ROUNDERS

9:30 am – 1:30 pm

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1st Evesham Bengeworth

2nd Offenham

3rd Sedgeberrow

JULY 2026

SUNDAY
5



5 A SIDE FOOTBALL

9:00 am – 2:00 pm

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1st Evesham Bengeworth

2nd Sedgeberrow

3rd Evesham Great Hampton

SATURDAY
18



BELL BOATING

9:45 am – 1:00 pm

St George's Field Pershore

1st Hill & Moor

2nd Fladbury

3rd Eckington

SUNDAY
26



PETANQUE

8:00 am – 5:00 pm

Workman Gardens, Waterside, Evesham



SEPTEMBER 2026

TUESDAY
8



CROSS COUNTRY

7:15 pm – 8:30 pm

Hampton Ferry, Evesham

SUNDAY
13



BOWLS

8:00 am – 5:00 pm

Evesham Bowls Club

SATURDAY
26



ANGLING

8:00 am – 5:00 pm

Hampton Ferry, Evesham

OCTOBER 2026

SUNDAY
4



JUNIOR TABLE TENNIS

1:30 pm – 5:00 pm

Wallace House, Evesham Oat Street, Evesham

SUNDAY
11



SENIOR TABLE TENNIS

9:30 am – 1:00 pm

Wallace House, Evesham Oat Street, Evesham

NOVEMBER 2026

FRIDAY
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For our July meeting we were fortunate to have Theresa Clarke, a textile artist talking to us about the history of 'Ladies pockets'. Did you know that in the 1700 to 1900's ladies didn't carry handbags to put all their personal items in, instead they wore separate pouches or pockets that were tied round their waist under their skirts or dresses. Because they were hidden and secure, women used these large, pear-shaped pouches or pockets to carry money, letters, sewing tools, keys, and personal valuables. Theresa had made numerous fabric 'pockets' and through intensive research matched them to notable ladies of Worcestershire, two who were closely connected to Croome. She talked about what was likely to be inside their pockets and gave a slide show about these ladies and the items they were likely to have in their pockets. Theresa had decorated the outside of each pocket with embroidery, or

applique of the particular items associated to the different ladies.

Our August meeting will be a member only meeting but you are welcome to come along as a visitor and listen to David Jellie on the topic 'How photography changed the world' on Wednesday 3rd September

'The social at the local' for July was held at the Anchor and it was really lovely to have some non-members join us for this social gathering. As we have mentioned before this is a get-together for any ladies, you do not have to be a WI member so pop along and join us for a cup of coffee and a good natter at our next 'Social at the Local' which will be held on **Tuesday 11th August 11am at the Bell.**

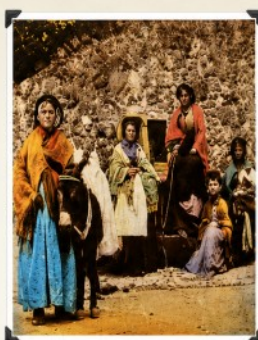
In last month's magazine we mentioned that we would be going on a walk down to the river for a picnic only if the rain kept off and would you believe it we had to postpone this event due to the extreme

heat. The walk is now planned for Wednesday 22nd July but as I am writing this the temperature is 29°C so I am guessing we may have to postpone the walk again.

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

Betty Caley

- * The Malvern 'Donkey Lady'
- * This photograph is of a group of donkey women, one of which is apparently Betty Caley – taken at Lower Wyche Spout, Malvern Hills c.1850
- * Donkey rides on the Malvern Hills were a huge tourist attraction and were still popular until the 1930's
- * Princess Victoria visited Great Malvern with the Duchess of Kent, aged 12 years and took several donkey rides on Betty Caley's donkey 'Old Moser'
- * Betty Carey was not adverse to making a quick buck and exploited the fact that Princess Victoria had rode on her donkey. She made a small fortune from snobbish visitors who wanted to claim they had ridden on the same donkey as the Princess
- * An article in the Worcester News in 2004, about *Malvern's Donkey Lady*, writes, that sadly, 'Old Moser' the donkey, died two or three years later from over work



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- The topic of illegal parking at Eckington Bridge was discussed at Eckington Parish Council meeting on the 15th July.
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- The Parish Council's letter to West Mercia Police has not resulted in a satisfactory response, and we are told that the traffic wardens cannot ticket cars there as there are no double yellow lines (even though they are not allowed to park where there are double white lines).
- Paul Middlebrough (District Councillor) and Adrian Hardman (County Councillor) are fully aware of how dangerous the parking is, but we need to get West Mercia Police to act.
- The suggestion that we were given was to report dangerous parking by dialling 101 and to use photographs and videos of the parking through Operation Snap (link below). Given the, quite justified, levels of complaints on Facebook this should push the police to deal with the situation.
- <https://www.westmercia.police.uk//police-forces/west-mercia-police/areas/west-mercia/campaigns/campaigns/2019/operation-snap/>
- Thank you for your continued vigilance.

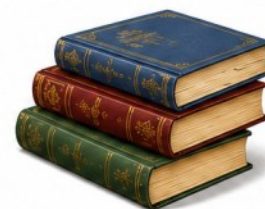


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Eckington Book Club



Disobedient, by Elizabeth Fremantle, is a historical novel about the 17th century Italian painter Artemisia Gentileschi, showing the difficulties and constraints faced by women at the time. She fought against society's patriarchy and was to become a major figure in the art world.



All of us at our June meeting were in agreement about this one: it is intriguing and well written.

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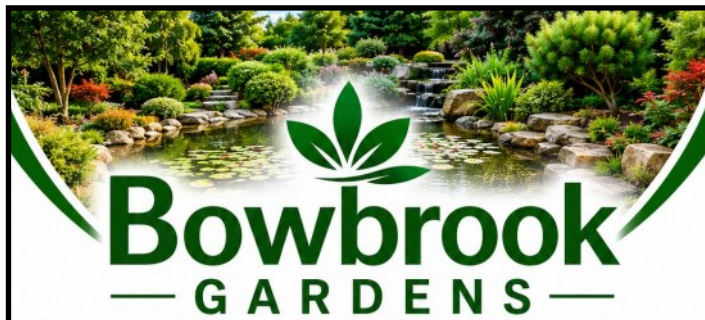


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Date	Match Info	Result
Friday 19 th June Away	Offenham vs Eckington (20 overs) Eckington 140 (Alex Brown 37, C.Fincher 33) Offenham 105-7	Won by 35 runs
Sun 28 th June Home	Eckington vs Hagley (40 overs) Hagley 218 (J.McCracken 4-11) Eckington 222-7 (G.Bunn 96, C.Icke 58)	Won by 3 wickets
Sun 5 th July Home	Eckington vs Asian Sports (35 overs) Eckington 146 (L.Flowers 27, J.Green 27) Asian Sports 149-2	Lost by 8 wickets
We 8 th July Away	Bushley vs Eckington (20 overs) Eckington 46-8 Bushley 49-1	Lost by 9 wickets)
Sun 12 th July Away	Eckington vs Kingsholm (35 overs) Eckington 256-5 (J.McCracken 63, S.Butts 55 rtd, J.Green 53 rtd) Kingsholm 233-2	Won by 23 runs
Sunday 19 th July Home	Eckington vs Peopleton (35 overs) Peopleton 201-7 (S.Butts 3-30) Eckington 206-6 (J.Green 66, G.Bunn 31, C.Icke 28, C.Fincher 24	Eckington won by 4 wickets with 1 over to spare!

Sunday 26th July Overbury vs Eckington 1:30pm

Wednesday 29th July Bredon vs Eckington 6pm

Sunday 2nd August Eckington vs Bushley 1:30pm

Sunday 9th August Peopleton vs Eckington 12:30pm

Sunday 16th August Spragg Cup 1:30pm

Sunday 23rd August Bushley vs Eckington 1pm

Sunday 6th September Childswickham vs Eckington 1pm

Sunday 13th September Alcester and Ragley vs Eckington 1pm

Anybody who wishes to play or get involved in any way would be made very welcome.

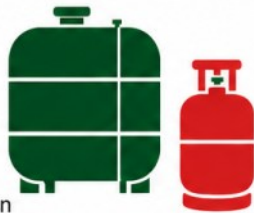
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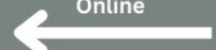
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New President takes the helm at Pershore Rotary



Pershore Rotary Club welcomed its new president on 17 June as outgoing president Lynne Raymer handed over the chain of office to Mina Crisp. Looking back on her year, Lynne described it as a period of recovery and renewal for the club. She highlighted the introduction of evening meetings at the Queen Elizabeth Inn, Elmley Castle, alongside informal coffee gatherings in Pershore, helping make Rotary more accessible and visible within the community.

The club also strengthened its local profile through a new website, increased activity on Facebook and greater coverage in local newspapers, while supporting events including Pershore Carnival, the Plum Festival, Riverside Festival and the Georgian Christmas Fayre.

Members continued their commitment to charitable work, raising funds for Midlands Air Ambulance, Acorns Children's Hospice, St Richard's Hospice and The Rotary Foundation. Other projects included funding a quiet room at Wick Care Farm, supporting ShelterBox's "Tea in a Tent" appeal, sponsoring a KidsOut film screening at Number 8 Arts Centre and enabling a local student to attend the Rotary Youth World Affairs Seminar in the USA.

Lynne also reflected on a successful programme of social activities, including a members' visit to Ely, support for Project

Hospice Nepal and celebrations marking the club's 60th anniversary.

Incoming president Mina Crisp outlined plans to continue supporting local organisations including the Wellbeing Centre, Pershore Plus Volunteer Centre, Wick Care Farm, the Foodbank and the Riverside Centre.

Encouraging young people will be a key priority, with plans for a primary school photography competition, STEM projects and creative workshops in partnership with magician Angus Baskerville and music therapists to build confidence, creativity and enterprise.

Earlier this month, the club also celebrated a successful fundraising evening for Project Hospice Nepal, raising more than £1,400 towards equipping a new hospice in Kathmandu.

Guests enjoyed a home-cooked curry, raffle, silent auction and a presentation from Peter Maxwell of Hereford City Rotary Club about plans for a modern 20 to 24-bed hospice serving adults and children, with training facilities for healthcare professionals and expanded outreach to rural communities.

Event organiser Jan Crouch thanked everyone who supported the evening, paying tribute to Mina Crisp and her aunt, Kate, for preparing the curry that helped make the event such a success.

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From the plot... By Carolyn Gemson

Plums have been grown and enjoyed in Eckington for many years and several of us have plum trees on the allotments.

In fact one of the 3 varieties of Pershore Plum, The Emblem, was discovered on an allotment just down the road in Pershore.

Whilst the Pershore Yellow Egg, which was used widely in World War one to provide jam for the troops, was first discovered growing in Tiddesley Wood.

Although all 3 varieties can be eaten straight off the tree they taste far better when they are cooked and used in pies and crumbles (with lots of ice cream or custard!), cakes jam, chutneys, and or even for brewing.

There is the local drink called Plum Jerkum which is easy to make and is a delicious taste of summer during winter days

And for those who fancy trying it out ,here is a tried and tested local recipe.

- 3lb sugar
- 3 lb plums
- 6 pts water
- 1 crushed camden tablet
- 1 sachet wine yeast

- 1 boil the plums and sugar in the water until soft
 - 2 press through a sieve to remove the stones
 - 3 Place juice in a demijohn with the camden tablet.
 - 4 The next day add the yeast
 - 5 stir and fit the airlock
 - 6 place in a warm dark place
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- 7 After a couple of months , when the fermentation has finished ,bottle and then leave in a dark place for a couple of months to mature.



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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.

3rd August - Deerhurst (led by Phil)

Meet in Deerhurst, on the approach road to church and floodgates. Approx. 4 miles. We follow the Severn Way and field paths to Apperley, returning on further field paths. Mainly flat, one short slope, 4 stiles.

10th August - Bredon Hill (led by Mike & Jenny)

Meet at Bredon's Norton bus shelter, share cars if possible. We walk on the lower slopes of Bredon Hill. To Westmancote and maybe Kemerton by the higher route and back by the lower route. Field and track walking. 3 or 4 stiles, might be muddy in places. 3-4 miles. Return to Mike and Jenny at Northcroft to celebrate a successful walking season.



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Eckington Neighbourhood Plan

A small group of residents, together with Eckington Parish Council, are working to review and update our Neighbourhood Development Plan.

Eckington's previous Neighbourhood Plan was adopted in 2020. While parts of this plan are still in place, the housing needs section became out of date in 2025.

This is our opportunity to identify local requirements, specific property size needs, local demand, and justify small-scale community led housing schemes.

What's in it for you and your family?

- The opportunity to, if the survey shows this is required, possibly get local housing in Eckington for Eckington people, both rented and for purchase/shared ownership
- Your opportunity to comment on local issues and opportunities
- New community facilities for you to use
- Entry into a free prize draw to win a meal for 2 at The Bell or The Anchor

What's in it for the village?

- Our neighbourhood plan will be up-to-date for the next five years.
- Wychavon District Council (or the new unitary authority) planning departments will have to take account of the plan when considering all applications to build housing in Eckington.
- Limited numbers of new housing in Eckington and containment of future development

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

There are many terrible diseases that affect human beings, but few are as cruel as Motor Neurone Disease (MND). Hazel Carter gave Tewkesbury and Bredon Hill Probus Club a deeply moving account of her husband Alan's journey from being a fit and active man to his diagnosis with MND, and of how together they faced the challenges of the disease until his death at the age of just 62.

Given the seriousness of the subject, one might have expected the presentation to be a sombre experience. Instead, Hazel's warm and engaging presentation style made it both uplifting and inspiring. The title of her talk, *"Life's Good – It's the Disease That's the Problem,"* perfectly reflected her positive outlook. Rather than seeking sympathy, she focused on accepting the reality of MND and making the very best of life despite its devastating consequences.

At the time of Alan's diagnosis, Hazel was at the height of her career as a board director of a national financial planning business. Once the initial shock had passed, she made the life-changing decision to leave her career and devote herself to ensuring that Alan received the very best care and enjoyed the highest possible quality of life throughout the inevitable progression of the disease.

Hazel's presentation was a deeply personal account of one of life's greatest challenges. Club members learned about the symptoms of MND, the difficulties of diagnosis and the relentless progression of the illness. Equally inspiring was hearing how Hazel and Alan developed practical strategies to cope with each new obstacle and still managed to enjoy a number of adventures together despite the increasing physical limitations.

Following Alan's death, Hazel has found a renewed sense of purpose. She is now a highly regarded public speaker, serves as a trustee of the MND Association and volunteers at a Marie Curie Hospice, using her experiences to support and inspire others facing similar challenges.

Hazel's presentation was an unforgettable experience for our members. It was informative, thought-provoking and profoundly moving, leaving everyone with enormous admiration for the courage, resilience and positivity shown by both Hazel and Alan in the face of an unimaginably difficult disease.



Chris Brown

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

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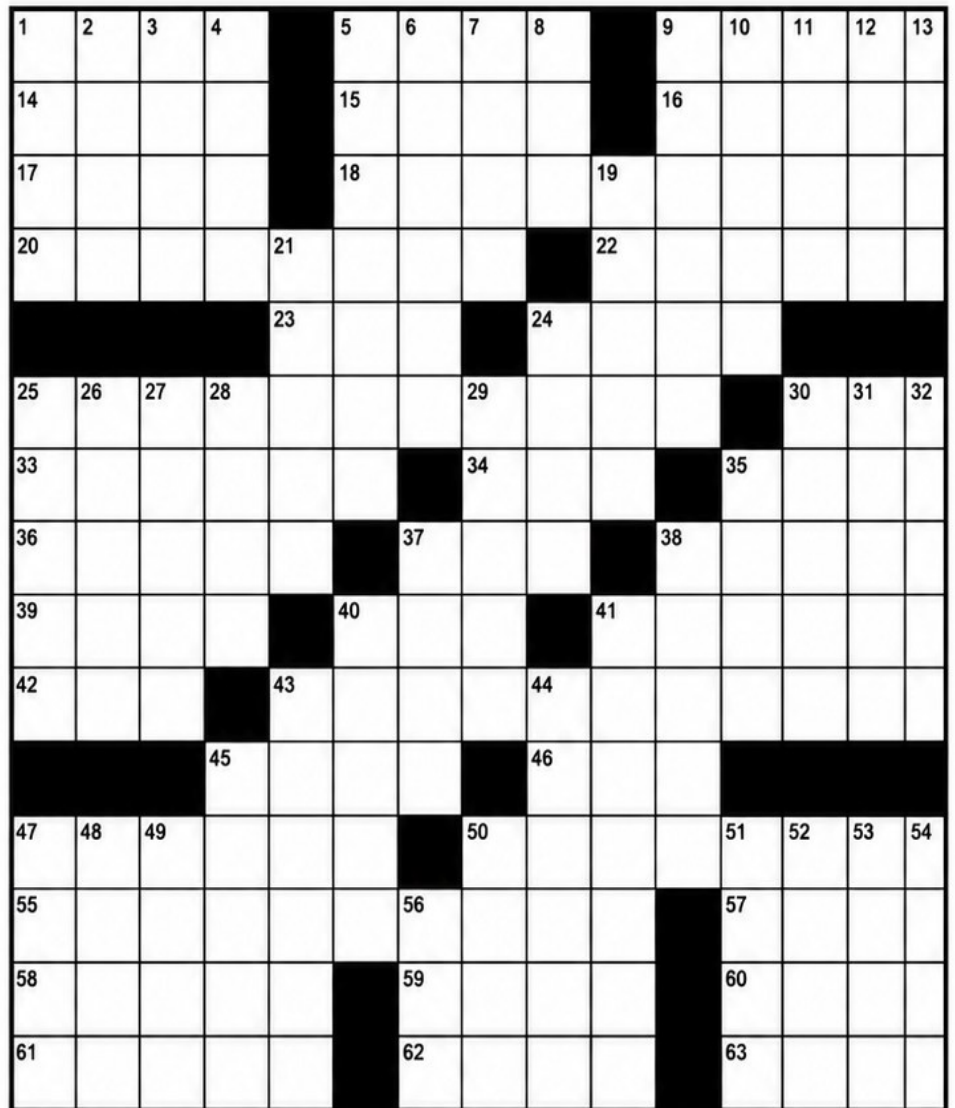
25 Aug - Diego Rivera's murals in Mexico City (with Malcolm Pollock)

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9. Gloss
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15. Kater-wale
16. Bizarro
17. Binds
18. Nearest in this direction
20. Court sittings
22. Salt solutions
23. Secret agent
24. Timber
25. Withered stalk of grass
30. Not many
31. Worselliger
34. Buddhist temple
35. Aboriginal rite
36. Lores colour
37. Item of headwear
38. - Heights, Syrian area occupied by Israel
39. Meki
40. An age
41. An explosive
42. The sun
43. Aboriginal instruments
45. Wrinkle
46. Monetary unit of Japan
47. Covered passage
50. Stumbles
55. Roseatte
57. Potpourri
58. Arab spirit
59. Book of the Bible
60. Capital of Norway
61. Greek theiste
62. Arrived
63. Length measures

DOWN

1. Flying mammals
2. Tennis star, - Natase
3. Dregs
4. Merits
5. Marked/ incompetent person (2-5)
6. One of The Furies (Greek Myth)
7. Performs
8. Cheer
9. Sadness
10. Sultry
11. English college
12. Garlic
13. Devices for fishing
19. Torpedo vessel (1-4)
21. Small islands
24. Envelop
25. Floats through air
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28. Stretched
29. Nasal tone
30. Book leaf
31. Muse of poetry
32. Diminishes
35. Surely
37. Musical ending
38. Leaving
40. Swiss mountain
41. Pedal
43. Short Irish tobacco pipe
44. Revere
45. Proportion
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Memory Impairment Coffee Morning

At The Bell Eckington
WR10 3AN

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

Friendly, informal meet up

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Hospitality

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Eckington Stores	01386 750266	
The Anchor Eckington	01386 750356	anchorinneckington.co.uk
The Bell Eckington	01386 750033	thebelleckington.com

Outdoor & Gardening

Bowbrook Gardens	07792613020	bowbrookgardens.co.uk
Jonathan Cook Forestry Services Ltd	01386 751899	jcfs-ltd.com
Readyhedge	01386 750585	readyhedge ltd.com
T.A Spry Landscape Gardener	01684 773089	

Professional Services

All that Beauty		www.allthatbeautyx.co.uk
Bees & Co Trust & Estate Planning	07770833916	beesandco.com
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Ear Wax Removal	01386 710444	07961 649288
E Hill & Sons Funeral Directors	01386 552141	ehillandson.co.uk
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Isabela Bailey Ear Wax Removal	01386 710444	07961 649288
Jones & Associates Estate Agent	01386 291010	jjaa.co.uk
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Mobile Beauty Therapist	07977564105	
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Pro-Active Physiotherapy	07935 533151	proactivephysiopilates.co.uk
Taylor & Kerby Antique Clock Repairs	01684 259135	taylorandkerby.co.uk
The Devereaux Centre	01684 214333	thedevereuxcentre.co.uk
Thomson & Bancks Solicitors	01386 562000	tbsolicitors.co.uk
The Photo Studio	01684 298479	photostudio-tewkesbury.co.uk
Three Counties Agri Spares	01684 592515	threecountiesagrispares.co.uk

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MTK Plumbing & Heating	07766751989	martin.kitchener@icloud.com
Pershore Electrical	07368509659	info@pershoreelectrical.uk
Stuart Huntley Aerial Services	01386 553151	
The Locksmith	01905 570 999	locksmithworcestershire.co.uk
Three Counties Chimney Sweep	01684 891005	threecountieschimneysweep.co.uk

Pershore Plus Volunteer Service

Community Transport	01386 554299	pershorevolunteers.org.uk
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Eckingtons' Social Scene



Monthly QUIZ
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The Bell & The Anchor

— also —
LIVE MUSIC
MONTHLY
— at —
The Anchor

Join us for fun times
All welcome.

Check out The Bell & The Anchor facebook pages for details



Did you know that
ECKINGTON VILLAGE HALL
has
BINGO
the *first Tuesday* of every month

a fun afternoon from **2pm-4pm** with refreshments.

A lovely friendly session open to **everyone!**

Why not pop along and join us.

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COFFEE MORNINGS

OPEN TO ALL

Eckington Holy
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THURSDAY 10-12

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COFFEE, CAKE & A CHAT!

CONTACT: KAREN SAGAR
07593260432



TO ALL
LADIES
IN ECKINGTON

Just to let you know that WI organise a **COFFEE MORNING** to be held every month just for us to have a really good natter and a laugh.

There is no WI business, it's just a **SOCIAL OCCASION** for all women whether they are WI members or not.

WE CALL IT OUR
'Social at the Local.'

The reason for this is that we **ALTERNATE** from the **ANCHOR** and the **BELL**.

It is always held on
THE SECOND TUESDAY OF THE MONTH.

ALL WELCOME

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