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

September

1st Bingo 2pm to 4pm also Lottery
5th Birlingham Flower & Produce Show 2pm Birlingham Cricket Club
6th Quiz at The Bell
8th W.I. Social at the local 11am at The Anchor
18th Film Night 7pm— Hidden Figures, PG, 2016, 2hr 7min (tbc).
Food van – Durban Curry Chow. Doors & bar 6pm
24th Macmillan Coffee Morning 10-12 Eckington Holy Trinity Church

October

6th Bingo 2pm to 4pm also Lottery
16th Film Night – 7pm – Devil Wears Prada 2 – food van fish & chips
17th Saturday “Swap Shop for Christian Aid 10am Eckington Church

November

3rd Bingo 2pm to 4pm also Lottery
7th RBL coffee morning 10am-12pm
16th Film Night – 7pm – Bohemian Rhapsody

Future Dates

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

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



Church Rota for September 2026

Date	Time	Place and Service	Presiding
6th	09.30am	Besford – Harvest Worship	Rev Alma Organ
	09.00am	Alstone – Holy Communion	Rev Katryn presiding and Elaine Simpson preaching
	10.45am	Bredon – All Age service with baptism	Rev Sooz
	10.45am	Little Comberton – Holy Communion	Rev Katryn presiding and Canon Roger Spiller preaching
13th	09.00am	Bredon's Norton – Holy Communion	Rev Sooz
	9.00am	Bricklehampton – Harvest Worship	Rev Katryn
	10.45am	Eckington – Holy Communion	Rev Allison
	10.45am	Overbury – Family Communion service with baptism	Rev Katryn
	10.45am	Bredon – Morning Praise	Angie Godsell
	3.30pm	Bredon – WhizzPop	The WhizzPop team led by Rev Allison and Rev Sooz
20th	9.00am	Eckington – Holy Communion	Rev Sooz
	10.45am	Bredon – Holy Communion	Rev Allison
	10.45am	Great Comberton – Harvest Worship	Rev Katryn
	3.00pm	Overbury – Messy Church	Rev Katryn
	6.00pm	Bredon's Norton – Harvest Evensong	Lay Led
	6.00pm	Beckford – Harvest Evensong	Rev Katryn
27th	10.45am	Defford – Harvest Service	Rev Allison and Rev Sooz
	10.45am	Ashton Under Hill – Holy Communion	Rev Alma Organ
	10.45am	Bredon – Village Worship	Angie Godsell
	3.00pm	Elmley Castle – All Age Harvest with Messy Church – Chapel Farm Barn, Netherton	Rev Katryn

Midweek Iona Communion

16th September – Little Comberton – Rev Katryn

23rd September – Overbury – Rev Katryn

Welcome to Holy Trinity Church, Eckington

Have you ever taken a wrong turn and got a little lost? I have - many times, both literally (despite studying the maps!) and metaphorically. Those who know me well tease me about my sense of direction, yet many people have patiently guided me and helped me to look out for reliable landmarks.

This summer, the diocese of Worcester has been encouraging people to consider the concept of pilgrimage. A pilgrimage can be any kind of journey, providing an opportunity to appreciate nature and reflect on things that feel important, preferably in the company of others.

As I write this, Anglican Franciscans who are part of the Society of St Francis, are currently undertaking a pilgrimage from Alnmouth in Northumberland to London, passing through the Diocese of Worcester from Clent to Upton between 23rd and 28th of August, with a day of celebration in Worcester Cathedral on 27th.

In a Church of England newsletter, Sister Judi of the Society of St Francis explains that the pilgrimage marks the “Transitus of St Francis”, that is the commemoration of his death which took place 800 years ago. “Franciscans mark it every year, but this is a very important year. Francis was very much about bringing peace – the theme of peace is especially urgent today...” Sister Judi goes on to say, “It’s open to absolutely everybody”. The pilgrimage is intentionally inclusive, with space for people of all faiths and none, as well as live-streamed elements and daily prayer along the route.

Whether or not you enjoy walking, visiting churches or meeting for a picnic, each of our lives can be thought of as a journey, often encountering the unknown. I am delighted that my own particular journey has recently led to buying a house in Great Comberton, and I am very happy to be living and seeking to serve in this area. Through the completion of my training at theological college I have been guided towards the role of Distinctive Deacon in the church and community rather than going on to become a Priest. The second half of my training is to become a “Non-stipendiary Assistant Curate”. Plans for ordination are currently being drawn up - please watch this space!

We may never know what impact our words and deeds may have, but we may know how it feels to receive encouragement and guidance. It has been said that pilgrims in the past have changed the world around them for the better. So I encourage you to step out into the world, guided by the Holy Spirit, to share love in the ways Jesus taught us.

Elaine Simpson For further details about the Franciscan pilgrimage, please contact pilgrimage800@franciscans.org.uk

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



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News from Worcester Diocese

An article from the Archdeacon of Dudley:

<https://www.cofe-worcester.org.uk/news/breadth-and-variety-in-our-churches.php>

Celebrating 10 years of Eco Church:

<https://www.cofe-worcester.org.uk/news/celebrating-10-years-of-eco-church.php>

Bishop's Art competition winners announced:

<https://www.cofe-worcester.org.uk/news/bishops-art-competition-winners-announced.php>

This year's clergy conference:

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

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

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Church Warden: Derek Potter 01386 750628
<https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/7962/>

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 27. Farm bird (3), 29. Baby's apron (3), 34. Thing to sleep on (3), 36. Crusted dish (3),
 37. Thing that is added to (9), 38. Partake of food (3), 39. Serious (7), 41. Cooking dish (7),
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 9. Mental health (6), 11. Ship's pronoun (3), 12. Well-being (6), 13. Cold and slippery (3),
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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
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Bookings: Angela 07756 195099

The Trustees and Committee, past and present, of the Village Hall, would like to express their gratitude to Eckington Parish Council, and the residents of the village for their support in having the car park re surfaced.

In itself it may not seem a huge thing, but this has been an “active” project for many years, and with all the support, it is now complete.

Lottery update: Lottery winning numbers for August were **134, 89, 123 & 111**. Three new winnings numbers last month.
You must be in it to win it, as they say.

September Events:

Tuesday 1st – 2pm to 4pm Bingo, refreshments and Lottery draw.

Friday 18th – **Film Night 7pm** – **Hidden Figures**, PG, 2016, 2hr 7min.

Food van – Durban Curry Chow. Doors and bar open from 6pm, film starts at 7pm.

October Events:

Tuesday 6th – 2pm to 4pm Bingo, refreshments and Lottery draw.

Friday 16th – **Film Night 7pm** – **Devil Wears Prada 2**, 12, 2026, 1hr 59min –
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November Events:

- **Tuesday 3rd** – 2pm to 4pm Bingo, refreshments and Lottery draw.
- **Saturday 7th** – RBL coffee morning 10am to 12pm
- **Friday 20th** – **Film Night 7pm** We lost Freddie Mercury 35 years ago. To celebrate his life, why not join us to watch **Bohemian Rhapsody**, 12, 2018, 2hr 14min

Future Events:

Christmas Fayre – Saturday 5th December – time to be confirmed.

There will be lots of fun activities, refreshments and a special visitor!

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Panto this year is Aladdin – Monday 28th December at 18:30
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While it's the end of summer - there are plenty of jobs to be done to tidy & clear summer growth, dig up plants not needed. Prepare for Autumn by choosing Spring bulbs in garden centres & planting - best to wait until rain softens the rock-like soil.



I find it's a good time to refer to my trusty Gardening month by month guide for tasks to be done. The list for September can look daunting but feels good as each job can be ticked off.



On the allotments (between the recreation ground & the railway) Peter Rabbitt & his friends have been visiting but a new fence is planned to curtail their activities. The train spotting from the allotments was good a few years ago but the growth of Brambles & other vegetation has spoilt my views. It has always been a welcome distraction from being bent double working to pause & see a train go by. I don't imagine clearing the undergrowth is high on Network Rail priorities so I've not sent a Victor Meldrew letter.



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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	Winners - Wick Runners Up - Fladbury

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

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I finished my report last month by saying that we were going on our second attempt for the walk down to the lock on the 22nd July. As you are, I am sure fully aware that we have been having some extremely warm weather so this walk was again postponed. In fact we have now cancelled the idea and have decided to have a game of Pétanque



on the rink at the recreation ground.

Our August meeting was for members only so we thought we would have something a little different. We arranged many small tables round

the room and had a buffet style table with a chocolate fountain and a selection of fruit and marshmallows to dip in the delicious chocolate. This was thoroughly enjoyed by all our members. For entertainment we had Glen Theobald who gave a fascinating talk on his Nyckeoherba, which is a traditional Swedish keyed fiddle played with a bow. It is mainly used for dance music, although you can play any sort of music on it. The Nyckeoherba features 16 strings (3 or 4 played with a bow and 12 sympathetic strings) and about 37 wooden keys. When you press the keys, tiny wooden pegs called tangents touch the strings to change notes. It creates a rich, resonant sound. An original version of the instrument mentioned in 1400's but the modern instrument as improved in the 1930's.

Most dance music for the instrument actually originated in Poland and often just have numbers rather than names for the music, although some are named for the person or event it was first played for or at. Glen played a variety of different tunes to demonstrate the versatility of the instrument by playing several different styles. It was greatly enjoyed by members and generated a lot of questions.

The 'Social at the Local' was held at the Bell and we were pleased to have some non-members join us for a coffee. The **September 'Social at the Local' will be held at the Anchor on Tuesday 8th September at 11am.** Just to remind you that 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 so do come and join us sometime, you will be made most welcome.

Our September meeting will be on **Wednesday 3rd September 7.30 in the Village Hall.** We will be having David Jellie coming to talk to us about 'How Photography Changed the World'. Visitors are welcome to come along to this meeting, admission £5 includes refreshments.

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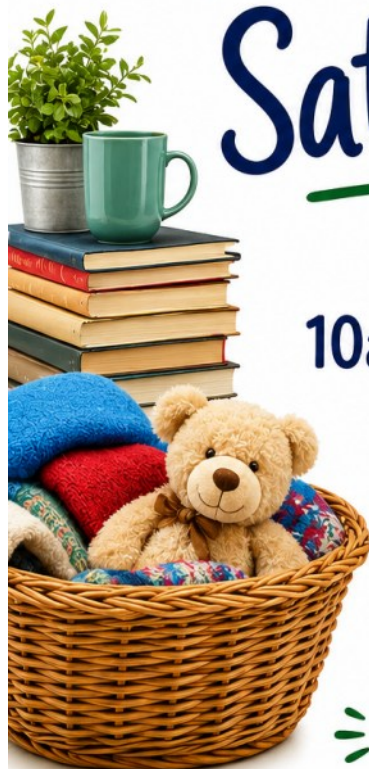


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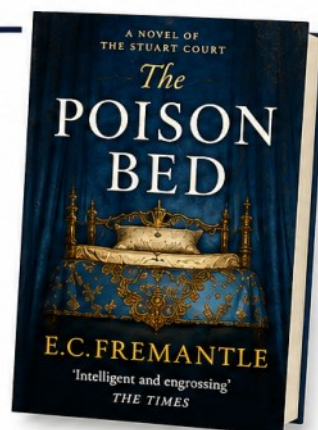
Eckington Book Club



The Poison Bed by E.C. Fremantle.

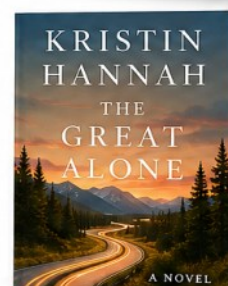
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The next book will be by an author we enjoyed recently, Kristin Hannah.

This time we'll read **The Great Alone**.



For further information contact Dominique on 07769 603920

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WEEKLY COFFEE MORNING

-  Eckington Holy Trinity Church
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-  Alternates between The Bell & The Anchor
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-  First Wednesday of the Month
-  11am at The Bell
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-  Third Wednesday of the Month
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-  1st Tuesday of the month
-  Eckington Village Hall
-  2pm–4pm
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QUIZ AT THE BELL

-  1st Sunday of the Month
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Date	Match Info	Result
Sun 26th July Away	Overbury v Eckington (30 overs) Eckington 195-8 (Tom Ridsdale 43, J Green 37, M Rawlings 25no) Overbury 176-9	Won by 19 runs
Sun 2nd August Home	Eckington v Bushley (40 overs) Bushley 200 (R Thorner 3-37) Eckington 201-4 (Gio Capaldi 63, J Green 47no, J MacCracken 31)	Won by 6 wickets
Sun 9th August Away	Peopleton v Eckington (40 overs) Peopleton 302-5 Eckington 228 (C Icke 67, J MacCracken 63)	Lost by 74 runs
Sun 16th August Home	Eckington v Fladbury (40 overs) Eckington 298-8 (J Green 100 rtd, O Bates 67, J Thomas 37) Fladbury 95	Won by 203 runs

Fixtures:

Sun 6th Sept (Away) Childswickham v Eckington (1.00 pm)

Sun 13th Sept (Away) Alcester and Ragley v Eckington 1.00 pm)

Sunday 16th August Spragg Cup 1:30pm



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Pershore Rotary puts community wellbeing in the spotlight

Pershore Rotary is continuing its focus on health and wellbeing in the local community, supporting young people and raising awareness of important mental health issues.

The club recently supported Pershore High School's Wellbeing Day, organised by the Pershore Plus Volunteer Centre's Community Builder Group.

The event gave students the chance to explore a wide range of activities designed to promote physical and mental wellbeing, including yoga, CPR training, healthy eating, summer safety and music workshops.

Pershore Rotary sponsored the popular drumming session, which offered students an energetic and enjoyable way to experience the benefits of music. Drumming is recognised as a form of music therapy and can help reduce anxiety, improve mood and confidence, while developing communication, concentration and coordination skills. It can also be particularly beneficial for people living with autism and PTSD.

Pershore Rotary President Mina Crisp praised the event, "The Wellbeing Day was very interesting and certainly valuable for me, with the opportunity to speak with students and staff about Rotary, our youth programmes and our vision to collaborate with Pershore High School."

The club also welcomed Christine Searl, founder of Beyond the Hoard, who gave members a thought-provoking presentation about hoarding disorder.

Drawing on her own lived experience, Christine challenged some of the common misconceptions surrounding the condition and stressed the importance of providing compassionate, non-judgmental support.

Hoarding disorder has been recognised by the World Health Organization as a mental health condition since 2018. The NHS estimates that it affects between two and five per cent of the population - potentially more than 12,000 people across Worcestershire.

"It's important to break down the barriers and stigma attached to the condition," Christine said. "Our approach is supportive and non-judgmental."

Beyond the Hoard provides support groups in Pershore, Evesham, Kidderminster and Worcester, as well as in-home support, workshops and training for individuals and professionals.

The local focus complements Rotary's wider commitment to improving health and wellbeing. July was Maternal and Child Health Month in the Rotary calendar, highlighting the importance of access to healthcare, vaccinations, good nutrition, clean water and trained healthcare professionals. The campaign highlights a stark reality – around five million children under the age of five died in 2020, most from preventable causes, while more than 800 women lose their lives every day due to complications during pregnancy and childbirth.

For Pershore Rotary, however, promoting wellbeing starts firmly within the local community - through practical support, partnership working and creating opportunities for people to learn, connect and thrive.

For more information about Pershore Rotary, visit www.pershorerotary.club or follow Pershore Rotary on Facebook. For support from Beyond the Hoard, email info@beyondthehoardcic.co.uk.

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I would also like to thank the Fire Brigade for what they did. They said they had been very busy lately. It could have been a lot worse without all the help I received, for which I am extremely grateful.

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One such favourite is Mike Bottomley, who has now visited our Club for the fourth time. On every occasion he has received outstanding feedback, and his latest presentation on Katherine Parr, the sixth and final wife of Henry VIII, was no exception.

Mike began by reminding us of the fate of Henry's six wives: two were divorced, two were executed, and two died naturally. He then focused on Katherine Parr, the last Queen Consort of the Tudor dynasty, who outlived Henry by almost two years. Married four times, she was England's most -married Queen and also became the first English woman to publish an original work in print under her own name.

As always, Mike's extensive historical knowledge was matched by his flair for presentation. Dressed in period costume as one of Henry VIII's trusted supporters, he brought Tudor history vividly to life through a combination of storytelling, music and video.

A particular highlight was a series of professionally produced video sequences featuring a local actress portraying Katherine Parr. Beautifully dressed in Tudor costume and delivering extracts from Katherine's prayers and writings with conviction, she created a moving portrayal of the Queen. Mike complemented these performances by recreating conversations between Katherine and her court advisers, giving the audience a real sense of the personalities and politics of the Tudor court. The presentation captured the intrigue and atmosphere of Henry VIII's reign while revealing the remarkable story of a Queen who rose from relative obscurity to play a significant role in English history.

Mike concluded by describing Katherine Parr's final resting place at Sudeley Castle, where her lead coffin was rediscovered beneath the floor of the ruined chapel in 1782, more than two centuries after her burial.

This was another memorable and thoroughly enjoyable presentation, confirming once again why Mike Bottomley remains one of our Club's most popular and accomplished speakers.

Chris Brown

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Forthcoming Events in September

1 Sept - No meeting

8 Sept - The British Honours system

15 Sept - A walk down memory lane

22 Sept - The hidden world of undercover policing

25 Sept - Visit to BRI in Chipping Campden

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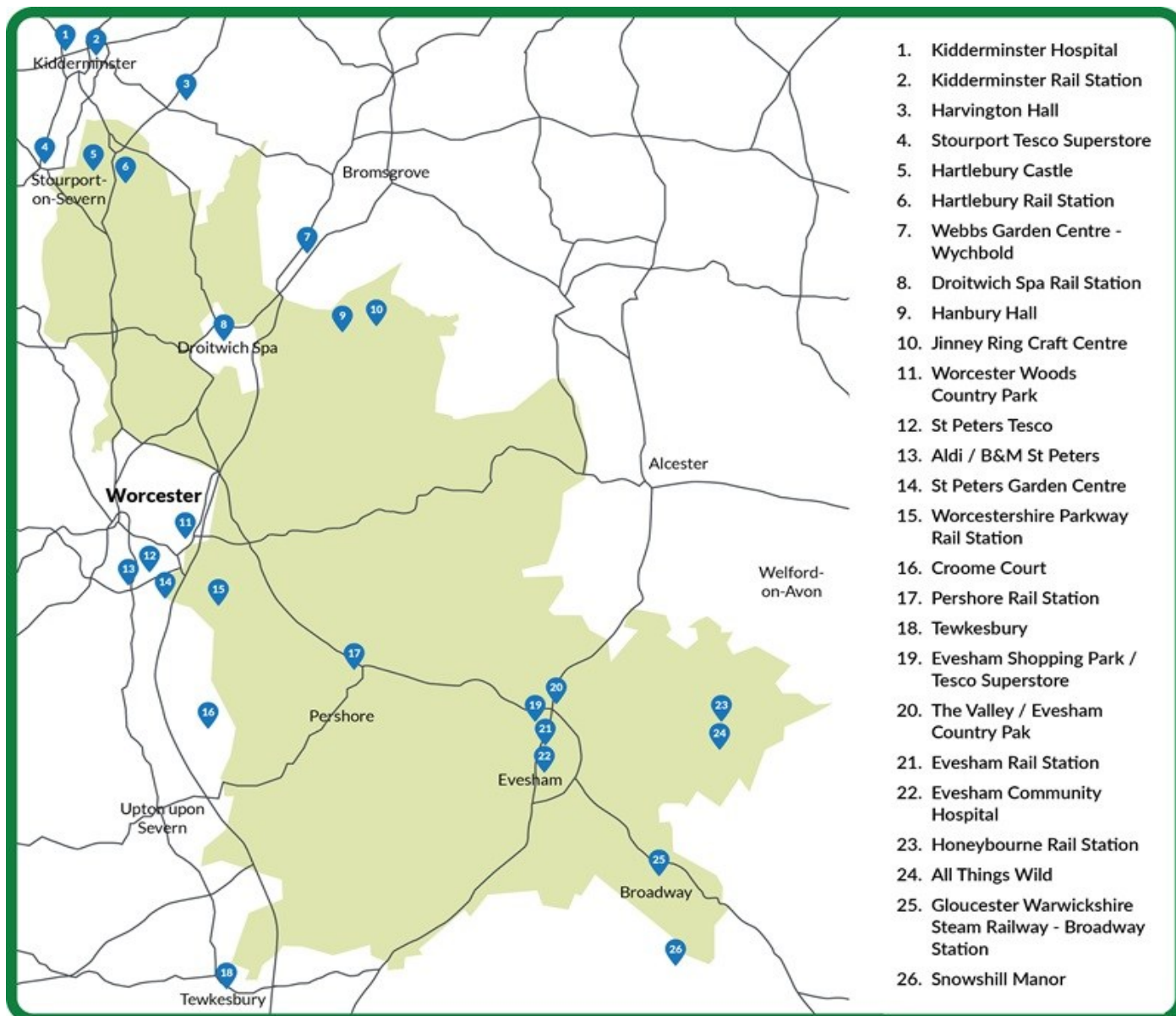
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2 Pershore, opp Cornmore	07:07
3 Eckington, adj Bell Inn	07:16
4 Defford, adj Church	07:22
5 Besford Turn (adj)	07:26
6 Wadborough, opp Telephone Box	07:33
7 Littleworth, adj School	07:39
8 Norton, adj Hatfield Turn	07:41
9 Norton, adj Talavera Road	07:45
10 St Peter the Great Broomhall Green (Northbound)	07:47
11 Worcester Bus Station (Stand N)	08:05

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1 Worcester Bus Station (Stand N)	16:40
2 St Peter the Great Broomhall Green (Southbound)	16:56
3 Norton, opp Talavera Road	16:58
4 Norton, opp Hatfield Turn	17:01
5 Littleworth, opp School	17:04
6 Wadborough, adj Mill Lane Telephone Box	17:10
7 Besford Turn (opp)	17:17
8 Defford, opp Church	17:21
9 Eckington, adj Bell Inn	17:27
10 Pershore, adj Cornmore	17:35
11 Pershore, opp Royal Arcade	17:38

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2	Elmley Castle, opp Netherton Lane Village Hall	08:02
3	Little Comberton Crossroads (NW Bound)	08:06
4	Little Comberton, opp Windy Ridge Cottages	08:07
5	Little Comberton, opp Westfield Cottages	08:08
6	Wick, adj Cooks Hill	08:12
7	Wick, adj War Memorial	08:13
8	Wick, adj School Lane	08:14
9	Avonbank Goodleigh Hill (Southbound)	08:16
10	Great Comberton, opp The Monument	08:20
11	Great Comberton, adj Hands Orchard	08:22
12	Eckington, adj Bell Inn	08:28
13	Eckington, adj Memorial	08:29
14	Eckington Bridge Picnic Site (Opp)	08:30
15	Pershore, adj Cornmore	08:35
16	Pershore, adj Birlingham Close	08:36
17	Pershore, opp Abbotswood Health Centre	08:37
18	Pershore, opp Royal Arcade	08:39
19	Pershore High School (opp)	08:45



MIDDAY SERVICE

1	Pershore Railway Station (Adj)	12:30
2	Pershore, adj Royal Arcade	12:32
3	Eckington, opp Bell Inn	12:39
4	Evesham Bus Station (Stand C)	13:19



AFTERNOON SERVICE

1	Pershore High School (Adj)	15:40
2	Eckington, opp Memorial	15:50
3	Eckington, opp Bell Inn	15:51
4	Great Comberton, opp Hands Orchard	15:55
5	Great Comberton, adj The Monument	15:56
6	Avonbank Goodleigh Hill (Northbound)	15:59
7	Wick, opp School Lane	16:04
8	Wick, opp War Memorial	16:05
9	Wick, adj Cooks Hill	16:06
10	Little Comberton, adj Westfield Cottages	16:10
11	Little Comberton, adj Windy Ridge Cottages	16:11
12	Little Comberton Crossroads (SE Bound)	16:12
13	Elmley Castle, adj Netherton Lane Village Hall	16:15
14	Elmley Castle, adj Queen Elizabeth	16:17



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2 Pershore, opp Royal Arcade	09:05
3 Pershore, adj The Star Inn	09:05
4 Wick, opp Pershore College	09:10
5 Wick, adj School Lane	09:12
6 Wick, opp War Memorial	09:12
7 Wick, opp Cooks Hill	09:13
8 Little Comberton, opp Orchard Drive	09:18
9 Little Comberton, opp Windy Ridge Cottages	09:18
10 Little Comberton, opp Westfield Cottages	09:18
11 Great Comberton, opp The Monument	09:21
12 Great Comberton, adj Hands Orchard	09:22
13 Eckington, adj The Close	09:28
14 Eckington, opp Bell Inn	09:30
15 Bredon, opp Waterloo Corner	09:35
16 Kinsham, opp Chapel Lane	09:38
17 Aston Cross, nr Queen's Head Close	09:40
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RETURN TO PERSHORE

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1 Cheltenham Royal Well Bus Station (Bay A)	13:00
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3 Aston Cross, by Ashchurch Camp	13:20
4 Kinsham, adj Chapel Lane	13:22
5 Bredon, adj Waterloo Corner	13:25
6 Eckington, adj Bell Inn	13:30
7 Eckington, opp The Close	13:31
8 Great Comberton, adj Hands Orchard	13:38
9 Little Comberton, adj Orchard Drive	13:42
10 Wick, opp School Lane	13:46
11 Wick, adj Pershore College	13:48
12 Pershore, opp Royal Arcade	13:55
13 Pershore, opp Farncombe Terrace	13:58

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Further information is available from Doug 07900312775

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