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Dear Readers

What makes you think, reflect and rest?

A walk in the garden, a cup of tea, a glass of wine?

Perhaps it's a smoke on a pipe, like Tolkien and CS Lewis.

Whatever it is, treasure those moments as the mind settles and the world is a distance away, not invading your thoughts.

Jesus says, "Come away to a quiet place and rest".

Rest is a gift we should allow ourselves and our souls.

I would love to be better at it ...

July and August are the height of the summer months. Schools are getting ready for the holidays. Children are planning their next class, high school teenagers are anticipating exam results and future plans.

It's a busy time mentally for all concerned and emotions can run high.

Yet taking time out can be good for us. So let me encourage you to find rest in a book or a walk in a garden. Perhaps make a visit to one or more of our beautiful churches in the Teme valley. Sit in the cool and breathe in deeply the prayers said over the years and add your own. Explore the history and the stories of faith in the Lord Jesus who encourages us to rest and "just be".

In one of his poems RS Thomas writes:

But the silence in the mind is when we live best.

Jill Smith, Reader LLM

This month's cover photograph of last year's Eastham Fête was taken by Jane Yarnold, chair of the fête committee

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Parish news

From the Registers

Wedding

Congratulations to Aaron and Abigail Redding who were married on 1st June at Hanley William Church. We wish them a lifetime of love and happiness.

Funeral

The funeral of Valerie Rabbit (Val) was held on Tuesday 16th June at St Michael's Church, Rochford. We send our condolences to her family and friends.

May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

Confirmations

Confirmation is a joyful and public step of faith where a person affirms their baptism promises and receives the bishop's prayer for strength through the Holy Spirit. So we are delighted that Hugh, our new bishop, will be coming to Rock Church in the Muddy Boots Mission area on 20th September to lead a confirmation service at 4pm.

Preparation will be part of the Exploring your Hidden Treasure sessions at Stanford church as advertised on page 17 – either four mornings from 11th to 14th August or four evenings from 25th to 29th August.

Teme Valley Tots

July sees the last meetings before the summer break. The last Tots is Friday 17th July. For more information do contact Tina via email on tinaslord@gmail.com.

Have a great summer everyone!

Rev'd Julia

Iona Worship 2026

A pattern of prayer, singing and imaginative engagement with scripture, Iona worship reflects our life together as rural communities as we gather to celebrate God's presence in our landscape and our lives.

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27th May	No 35	Gary Burns
3rd June	No 44	Not sold
10th June	No 16	Not sold
17th June	No 16	Not sold

Saturday winners

23rd May	No 35	Not sold
30th May	No 33	Not sold
6th June	No 50	Not sold
13th June	No 44	Dan Taylor

There are still plenty of numbers available – why not join in? It's just £1 per draw, plus you get two chances each week to win £25!

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Teme Valley Tote

June's draw, the third in this series, was decided when Rev'd Julia Curtis threw the dice on 1st June to determine the set of random numbers and the starting point. As a result, the prizewinners for June are:

£50 – **Cecilia Dixon** of Stanford / Knighton
(No 528)

£30 – **Zoe Orton-Jay** of Pensax (No 350)

£20 – **Sally Baker** of Pensax (No 376)

If you have any queries about the Tote, please contact Robin Dean on 01886 853295 or robin.c.dean@gmail.com – he is still looking for someone to take over its running! You are still able to join if you wish.



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Rochford News

Rochford village hall

The village hall has new blinds and is looking very smart but there is still a little bit of finishing off to do in the kitchen and some of the hall parquet floor blocks need cleaning and regluing, so we are looking for volunteers to help finish this project. If you can help, please contact me and we can plan the work. As part of the MHDC grant conditions, we wish to ensure that the hall continues to act as a community hub. It is currently being well used with monthly neighbourhood lunches and the Tots group every week, and it has been hired for three parties in June. If you would like to hire the hall for your party, please contact Ann for details.

It would be good to have new activities available in Rochford. If you look through the other parish pages, you will see a great range of activities on offer across Teme Valley South including yoga, pilates, table tennis, film nights and pub nights to mention just a few. We don't want to duplicate what is on offer in neighbouring villages but if you are interested in starting something new at Rochford, MHDC is offering a range of grants to help develop new community-based activities including micro-grants of up to £250 to help individuals start up new community events, together with community well-being grants of up to £3,000 backing local ideas that help people live happier, healthier lives to improve wellbeing, build connections or create safer spaces. It would be great to have more people involved in running community events and activities in Rochford.

Rochford Church Fête and Fun Dog Show

Rochford Church Fête and Fun Dog Show will be at 2.30pm on Sunday 12th July on the riverside field next to the church, by kind permission of Dr Lear and the Adams family. It is always an enjoyable afternoon with a range of stalls and competitions. Relax and catch up with neighbours over a cream tea. Bring your dog along and take part in the dog show. Please let us know if you have any ideas or if you can help with this event. Please contact Ann if you can provide any donations for the cake stall, tombola, white elephant, plant and book stalls.

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ronsmum@icloud.com

Neighbourhood lunches

Neighbourhood lunches are on 28th July, 25th August, 29th September, 27th October and 24th November. Everyone is welcome. Booking for lunches is essential. Takeaways should be collected between 12.30 and 1pm. Book with Ann on 01584 781317 at least the previous week.

Dates for your diary

Big Breakfast – Saturday 19th September

Harvest Festival – Sunday 11th October

Village quiz – Friday 20th November

Church flower rota

Flowers for July: Chris and Amy Jones. Thank you.

Please see page 18 for ideas for church flowers and sustainability.

Contacts

Ann on 01584 781317

Andrew on 07809 658484 or through the parish WhatsApp group

If you would like to be added to the parish WhatsApp group to keep you up-to-date with all village happenings, please send me your mobile number.

Andrew Barbé



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Open Gardens

Many of us enjoy the peace and sense of calmness achieved from being in our gardens which offer a space for relaxation and creativity. Being able to share a garden with others is also very rewarding, as clearly shown by the response to the Stoke Bliss and Kyre Open Gardens event held in June

Five very different gardens spread across the two villages were open to visitors, each garden showcasing the best that its size and aspect allowed. We had some wonderful feedback from visitors, many of whom commented on how varied each garden was and how they had found elements of the designs and planting ideas to try out in their own garden spaces.

I want to say a very big thank you to all those who opened their gardens for the afternoon and to all the volunteers who helped with tickets, publicity, setting up the tents and staffing and stocking the tea stall. Do get in touch with me if you would like to share your garden in a future Open Gardens.

St Peter's church roof update

After months of no activity, there is at last something to report. Our church faculty application has been resubmitted to the Diocesan Buildings Office; this is the next important step before we can get full building tenders. It is similar in scope to a local authority planning application and just as detailed. The church management committee have also begun reviewing potential sources for grant funding. It is still a long road to travel, but it is great to have some modest progress on the project.

Social Night

Friday 31st July

Stoke Bliss & Kyre Village Hall

Bar opens at 7pm, food served from 8pm

Please book food at sbkvillagehall@gmail.com

Next Social Night is Friday 26th August

Summer barbecue from 6pm

Food to be ordered and prepaid

Churchyard tidy sessions

June has seen the volunteers working hard to cut back vegetation following on from our support of "No Mow May" in St Peter's churchyard, when we allow the grass to grow, enabling our many varieties of wildflowers to mature and set seed before being mown. Some of the larger bushes and shrubs have also had a "haircut", including those by the entry gate.

During July we will continue to keep the churchyard grass short and pull out any self-seeded saplings before they take deep root. My thanks to all our volunteers for their hard work. Our July working party will be on Saturday 25th July, 10am to 12 noon, at St Peter's church, Stoke Bliss. All welcome, refreshments provided.

Keeping you informed

Stay up to date with village news and events for Stoke Bliss and Kyre via the community group on Facebook – search "Stoke Bliss & Kyre Community" to join. If you are not already on the SBK email list, contact Julia Berry at sbkvillagehall@gmail.com to join.

Jeremy Wyatt



Thursday 9th July

Thursday 13th August

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12.30pm welcome, lunch served at 1pm

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We look forward to seeing you

The deadline for the August issue of TemeTalk is 18th July

Please send contributions to ronsmum@icloud.com or call 07482 482629

Eastham Jottings

Church flowers and cleaning

July – Judith Hobson

August – Mel Cumming

More helpers needed

If you can join the rota for church flowers and cleaning that would be great, just contact Celia Adams on easthamcourt@icloud.com or 01584 781258.

Eastham Coffee Morning

Please join us for coffee, the monthly raffle and a catch up on Thursday 2nd July at 10.30am to 12 noon at Eastham Memorial Hall. There will be a bring and buy stall and anything left will go forward to the Fête.

The rota for 2026 is:

2nd July – c/o Blakehouse

6th August – Gill Deacon

Autumn clean of churchyard and church

Make a diary note to come along on Saturday 17th October to keep our Grade 1 listed church and churchyard in tip top condition. Everyone welcome from 10 am to 12.30 pm.

Chill out over a barbecue and beer at the end.

Bell ringing on fête day

We are delighted that Julie Hartridge (née Wylde) will be bring a group of bellringers from Lilleshall near Telford to ring a quarter peal (roughly 45 minutes) for the fête. They will start ringing at about 1pm, end up with a good cuppa at the fête!

Pub Night

is on Friday 17th July from 7pm at Eastham Memorial Hall. Come along for a drink and a catch up, everyone is welcome. Look out for the usual banner.

Eastham fête

Raffle tickets for cash prizes

The raffle is one of the best money earners at the fête and you can't win if you don't get a ticket. The more you buy, the better your chance. Please collect and return books and takings to Celia Adams – there are lots to be sold so make sure you have your quota.

Bottles for tombola

There is a box in the church for donations, which is emptied regularly. Thanks in advance.

Eastham Neighbours WhatsApp Group

New (or old) to Eastham and not in the group? Get local updates, from "sheep on the road" to what's going on in the village. Contact Celia Adams on easthamcourt@icloud.com or 01584 781258.

The Filling Station

The next meeting is on Thursday 16th July, everyone welcome. A great group which loves having visitors. For more information please contact Kate on kateharley6@gmail.com

Celia Adams

Activities at Eastham Memorial Hall

- Pilates – on Tuesdays at 1.10pm and 2.20pm. For details or a taster session please contact Sue on 07974 343609 or sue579@icloud.com. The last class before the summer holidays is 14th July.

- Yoga – every Wednesday at 10am. Ring Zoe on 07962 981456 or see www.zedyoga.co.uk. Taster sessions available. Last session before the summer holidays is 8th July.

- Fitball – Rejuven8 Fitness & Wellbeing is running a new Fitball class at Eastham village hall every Thursday afternoon from 1.30 to 2.30pm. Fitball offers a variety of exercises using a yoga ball, which can help improve strength, balance, coordination and flexibility. It is good fun and suitable for all abilities. If you would like to come and give it a go, please contact Michelle on 07837 359403.

Classes will continue during the summer holidays.

TemeTalk

Deadline 18th July

Please note this is the *last* day for contributions – the sooner you send your items to the editor, the more chance there is that they will be included

Please send items for inclusion to
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Hanley Happenings

Village hall news

The excellent Wheelie Good Pizza will be back on the car park on 1st July and delicious fish and chips from Hooked and Cooked on 16th July.

Super Summer Cream Tea

Everyone is welcome to our Super Summer Cream Tea on Sunday 26th July from 3pm at Hanley village hall.

You can enjoy fresh homemade cakes and scones with homemade jam and cream (in whichever order you like!) and a selection of sandwiches, a pot of tea and some great company.

If you have any dietary requirements please let us know – we will try to cater for everyone.

Just £7.50 per person, to book please contact Diane on 07879 888336 or email hanleyvillagehall@outlook.com.

Open Garden

Anna Fletcher's open garden and plant sale was another resounding success and the Alzheimers Society will benefit from all the contributions. Many thanks to Anna and David.

Carole Gardner

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Sunday 5th July

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Sunday 2nd August

Holy Communion at 10am

Confirmation classes

Confirmation classes at St Mary's church are on 11th to 14th August in the mornings or 25th to 28th August in the evenings. See page 17.

Flowers for July

Neenie Tangye

Thanks to Cecilia Jourdier for the lovely flowers in June.

Stanford Fête

The Stanford Fête was held on 6th June, kindly hosted by Tom and Amber Spilsbury at the Tap House, Orleton Court Farm. It was the first Stanford Fête for 13 years.

It was a fun afternoon for all with a dog show, traditional games, bric-a-brac stall, cake stall, wheelbarrow raffle, tombola, face painting and Guess the Weight of the Cake, to name just some of the many activities, plus refreshments. The plants grown by Cecilia Dean sold out very quickly!

A fantastic £1,890 was raised to be shared by the church and the village hall, thanks to the hard work of the committee team and all the volunteers on all the stalls. Sue Softly and I would like to thank all those involved. Special thanks to Tom and Amber at the Tap House for hosting and to their team for all their assistance, to Laura Taylor and Bay Tree Vets for sponsoring the dog show, to Barry and Simon Hodgetts at SB Print for their support, to Louise at Angel Gardens for sponsoring the coconuts and to David Evington for the marquee.

More pictures from Stanford Fête on page 12.

Churchyard

At this time of year the grass is growing so quickly and since our last churchyard working party we are all a bit overwhelmed by it. Is there anyone in the village who might offer their voluntary services? We need someone to cut some existing pathways through the churchyard and to trim the road turning edge which is dangerous when cars are pulling out with the grass in the way. If not, we will need to employ someone to do this work.

Can you help?

Whilst we are moving into a quieter period over the summer there is plenty going on to keep us all very busy with bookings in the church and other projects. If you feel you would like to get involved and enjoy the tranquility from time to time of the "quiet" space inside the church, do please get in touch. The view up the valley from St Mary's is so lovely and many people visit to walk and appreciate it.

Alexandra Winnington



Tina Lane and her grandchildren raffled a wheelbarrow of booze at the Fête

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Let me take you down ...

The deadline for this issue of TemeTalk was 18th June which was Paul McCartney's 84th birthday – just one of the useless facts that I kept in my head.

It made me think of my first trip to New York in 2005 when a similar useless fact proved useful.

My son David and his wife-to-be had just moved into an apartment on 34th Street, halfway between the Empire State Building and the headquarters of the UN. On the first evening of my visit we went to a bar. While David was chatting to someone, I was listening to the man sitting on the stool next to mine, who was talking to the barman. He said, "Today is John Lennon's birthday". I couldn't help myself. "No it isn't," I said, "it's tomorrow, 9th October." We had a brief discussion but I won the day – I was British, I was older than him and I had been a Beatles fan for as long as Bea-

ties fans had existed. Eventually he admitted that I might be right.

The next day we went for a walk up Fifth Avenue to Central Park. After walking through the Park and stopping for lunch, we crossed the road to the Dakota Building where John Lennon was murdered on 8th December 1980.

Back in the Park is Strawberry Fields, a two-and-a-half acre landscaped area dedicated to his memory. As it was John's birthday (of course I was right!) it was filled with people playing guitars and singing Beatles' songs around the central circular, starburst patterned mosaic in the pavement which bears the solitary word *Imagine*.

It was magical and strangely moving. And it was an experience that we might have missed if the man in the bar hadn't got the date of John Lennon's birthday wrong!

SG



Above: the Dakota Building

Below: the mosaic in Strawberry Fields





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That time has come around again, so sort out those unwanted books and bric-a-brac, pamper your plants and practise your baking. We have plenty of challenge cups waiting for a new home!

See the schedule for classes and please contact us on 01584 781505 or easthamfete@gmail.com if you have not had a copy or if you would like to help out on the day.

Starting at 12 noon, the annual fête will be held in and around Eastham Memorial Hall where there will be

Donkey rides

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Fun dog show

as well as teas and plants for sale, the well-supported produce show and many other stalls and attractions not forgetting the popular tombola (donations please!).

So why not make a day of it?

There will be

Barbecue food and a bar

and other food stalls and plenty of activities to keep the whole family entertained. With parking and entry free it's a great way to have an affordable afternoon.

This year we have more tents than ever so even if the weather is bad you can come along and stay dry – and the Chase Brass Band is back again.

Preparations start the day before when we will be putting up tents and marking out the site. If you have time and are feeling strong please come along and help. We'll be on site from morning until it's all done.

This year we are introducing another interest with a larger display of tractors of all shapes, ages and sizes.

To complement this we would like to encourage you to bring along vintage machinery in just about any condition to display – horse drawn or early tractor or steam engine driven, anything that would provide some interest to the visitors.

There are no conditions except that we know it's coming so that we have enough space for it, you can get it to Eastham Fête field and that it arrives before 11am.

The Fête raises funds for the Memorial Hall and the church each year and is Eastham's biggest fundraising event, so come along, have fun and at the same time support the village, meet up with old friends and make some new ones.

We hope to see you there!

Don't forget – Sunday 16th August, 12 noon to 5pm

Stanford Fête 2026 in pictures



*Above: Grace and Greta Sparey
Below: Tom Spilsbury and Bertie*



*Above: Amber Spilsbury, Chloe Brook and Louise Leftwich
Below left: Karen Metcalfe's dog Tedward, the Most Handsomest Dog
Below right: Karen Ward-Batty with Dave Powell's sheepdog, Cody*



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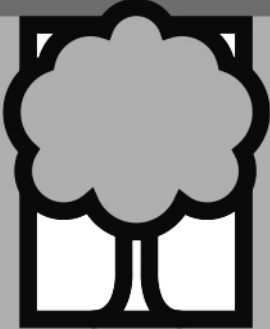
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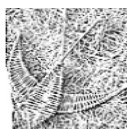


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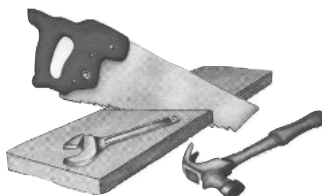
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Rochford church flowers and sustainability

Andrew Barbé had an idea to develop a plot in the churchyard to grow some flowers for use in the church. He needed some help on this topic so he asked Tina Lord, who kindly put together the following information.

Many flowers bought from supermarkets or florists have travelled hundreds or thousands of miles. Many come from Kenya, Ethiopia and Columbia which have limited water resources, and they have a high chemical footprint from the pesticides and chemicals they have been sprayed with many times over. They are covered in protective plastic packaging which generally is not recyclable and don't use any type of floral foam.

It would be much better to use locally grown, seasonal flowers and, even better, ones that are grown in the church grounds. If you grow perennials (plants that come back year after year), bulbs (iris, tulips, daffodils etc) and some shrubs, you can have sustainable arrangements for at least seven to eight months with minimal effort. Below are just a few perennials that are easy to maintain and would be great grown in the church grounds or Rochford gardens.

Achillea: flowers August to October. Long lasting in bright and pastel shades. Dries easily for use later in the year.

Alchemilla Mollis (lady's mantle): will thrive in a shady corner and can flower twice in a season. Great frothy gap filler.

Alstromeria: flowers all summer. Long vase life.

Geum: Flowers all summer, luminous orange and yellow flowers on upright stems.

Gypsophila: Flowers June to September. Delicate froths of tiny flowers.

Michaelmas Daisy: flowers July to October. Cheerful daisy flowers.

Sedum: great foliage filler, any flowers that are not cut will dry beautifully for winter arrangements.

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Ancient stories for contemporary wisdom

In last month's article we left Adam in the garden of creation tending it and keeping it. How does the narrative go on and how does that help our lives today?

Adam is free to eat and enjoy the fruit from the trees of the garden. He is there as a consumer – but there are limits set on his consumption. One of the trees – the tree of the knowledge of good and evil – the story puts off limits. The legend doesn't give a clear explanation as to why the tree is there in the first place or why the consequences of eating its fruit will be dire. But, for whatever reason, there are limits set on consumption.

It's important to be reminded that consumption is okay. It's very easy to be negative about "consumerism" or "consumer culture". This myth, set at the beginning of God's dealings with humans, and indeed the rest of the account of God's interactions with humans, speaks of consuming as being a proper human thing to do. Jesus taught us to pray for our daily bread – food for us to consume. He gave us a meal and told us to consume bread and wine and remember Him. But not consuming is not unrestricted!

Modern politics and economics largely work on the assumption of continuous growth. Whatever the problem, we can grow our way out of it. Growth is assumed to be possible forever.

Ancient stories suggest otherwise. They don't tell us where the limits of consumption need to be set, they simply tell us that limits exist. Our modern assumption of limitless growth doesn't sit with our role as humans to tend and keep the earth. It is wise to look for the limits of consumption and live within them.

Robert Barlow

The Filling Station

Our next meeting will be on Thursday 16th July at Eastham Memorial Hall at 7.15 for a 7.30pm start.

Our speaker will be Nick McLeish. Nick worked before retirement as a UK and European Patent Attorney in the fields of both law and science. He will be explaining why, far from being a hindrance to his faith, his background as a scientist serves to strengthen his Christian beliefs.

There is no meeting in August but we look forward to welcoming you to our September get-together on Thursday 17th September.

We look forward to seeing you at our evenings of fellowship, worship, teaching and refreshments. If you are not on our mailing list and would like further information please contact me on kate.harley6@gmail.com.



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80g parmesan cheese, grated
Sea salt and freshly ground black pepper
120g peas, defrosted if frozen
1 tbsp fresh mint, chopped
50g butter, melted
1 sheet ready rolled shortcrust pastry
8 asparagus spears, trimmed

Method

Heat the oven to 160C fan/gas 4.

Place a frying pan over a low heat. Add the olive oil, then stir in the leek and garlic. Cover and cook for 5 minutes.

In a large mixing bowl, whisk the eggs, then pour in the cream, crumbled feta and grated parmesan. Season with sea salt and freshly ground black pepper and whisk together, then fold in the cooked leeks and garlic, peas and chopped mint.



Line a 9" tart tin with the shortcrust pastry and bake blind for 10 minutes. Spoon the tart filling into the centre and, using the back of the spoon, spread out the mixture evenly. Arrange the asparagus on top to decorate and gently press them into the tart filling.

Place the tart in the oven for 30 to 35 minutes, or until it's golden on top and the centre is firm to the touch.

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Thanks for a lovely day



On a sunny Saturday in June, Maggie Kingston held a party at Kyre Valley Railway to celebrate 30 months of Guardians of Hollow Meadow CIC and also her 80th birthday.

Maggie and the steering group of John C, Andrew Y and Diane A would like to

thank everyone who has supported Hollow Meadow in many ways in its more than 30 years as a wildlife sanctuary.

Maggie writes: "You helped make the Kyre Valley Railway day a real celebration of support. We are so fortunate to have the Kyre Valley Railway team, started by Tony Marris and continued by the Netherwood Estate. From its inception it has helped raise funds for local causes – over £500 was raised for GOHM CIC on 13th June.

"And special thanks for all the ways in which you have supported me, some of you for 62 of my 80 years and others in the 42 years that I have been in Stoke Bliss. It was a joy to share time together. We listened to a great band – Ray Mytton, his grandson and Colin Beaumont – ate cake (of course!) and shared memories. Thank you."

If you would like to visit Hollow Meadow, please email hollowmeadow23@gmail.com.

Stoke Bliss and Kyre Open Gardens

I would like to say a big thank you to everyone who kindly welcomed neighbours and visitors to their wonderful gardens on 14th June. Big and small, they were all fabulous. I appreciate the hours needed just to maintain them – and then there are additional worries. Is it going to flower in time? Or even, will it still be flowering? Or perhaps, will it still be standing? You all managed wonderfully and your work did not go unnoticed. What a delightful afternoon it was, all rounded off with tea and cake – the perfect finale.

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Teme Valley Wildlife



I found myself visiting the parish of Mamble twice in close succession during the months of April and May, to join two different guided walks along its many footpaths. A walk by Worcestershire Wildlife Trust was billed as a chance to see bee orchids, whilst the object of Mamble History Group's walk was to see the evidence of former coalmining in the parish. On both occasions, dry sunny weather allowed the participants to enjoy beautiful landscapes, lots of fruit blossom and a host of wildflowers.

It is always a surprise to incoming valley dwellers to find that this quiet rural location once played a significant role in industry. Coalmining began in Mamble during medieval times and only came to a halt in 1972, even though plenty of coal remains in the ground. What is also unexpected is that nature has swiftly and completely cloaked man's exploitation of such resources with abundant vegetation. Hunthouse Wood is now a Worcestershire Wildlife Trust nature reserve, but in the past coal was hauled up steep inclines after being laboriously worked from shafts and adits along the Dumbleton Brook. It no longer resounds to the clang of explosives

blasting rock from the coalface. Instead, its engines, chimneys and buildings have given way to a deciduous woodland where bats, dormice and three species of woodpecker enjoy utter peace and quiet.

The history group's guide took us past long-abandoned coal bell-pits which are now ringed by mature oaks. Beneath those trees, sheep and lambs welcomed shelter from the sun. Elsewhere, the raised foundations of a former tramway, which

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once led to the Southnett terminus of the long-defunct Leominster canal, was knee-deep in bluebells, wild garlic and red campion. Considerable imagination was required to see coal-tubs rolling past, heading for a wharf to be loaded onto narrowboats for onward sale.

Fortunately, the history group's members were on hand to help, with a display of photographs, maps, documents and vintage coalmining picks, plus tea and excellent cakes in the village hall. They had secured permission to visit "Harry's shaft", a 1920s coal shaft which proved unsuccessful as a coal source but has been remarkably successful in remaining virtually unchanged for more than a century. It even retains the windlass and chain used for hauling up its treasure. The views from this spot were magnificent – it did not feel anything like a coalfield.

And what about the bee orchids of Mamble? Unfortunately, none were to be found, or even admitted to by the WWT's walk leader. "I didn't write the publicity material", he explained. The walk was still enjoyable though, having lovely views, good company and the sight of a noisy pair of ravens seeing off some buzzards. I later made good my bee orchid deficit and visited a patch of grass verge where I've looked for them in previous years. It's opposite a layby on the A44, near the turn-off to Martley, and this year there were lots of bee orchids flowering there in the last week of May. As a bonus, they were joined by common spotted orchids and pyramidal orchids too. Result!

The next meeting of the Teme Valley Wildlife Group will be at 7.30pm on Thursday 9th July at Stoke Bliss and Kyre Village Hall. We welcome back Geoff Hall whose talk will be on the wildlife of Shropshire. Members and friends are welcome; it is just £3 on the door.

Stephanie Macroft

For up-to-date information on what wildlife is being seen in the area, or to give us your sightings or comments, please visit our Facebook page. Our programme of events, newsletter and bird survey are available on our website at www.teme-valley-wildlife.org. We hold meetings on the second Thursday of the months January to November. Everyone is welcome.

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Food is available every lunchtime and evening (except Christmas Day) – we've been there many times and have never been disappointed. The pub also offers bed and breakfast if you fancy a longer stay in Clun.

Described by AE Housman as one of the quietest places under the sun, Clun is a charming town in miniature lying in a stunningly beautiful valley in the Clun Forest. It was built around a narrow 14th century packhorse bridge with alcoves for pedestrians to avoid being run over –

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The atmospheric ruins of the Norman Clun Castle rise above the town. Built in the motte and bailey style around 1100, the castle was in a good defensive position close to the Welsh border where any Welsh troublemakers could be kept under Norman control.

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- **Excavation**

What's on in Teme Valley South

July

2nd	Thursday	Eastham Coffee Morning, Eastham Memorial Hall, 10.30am
7th	Tuesday	What Comes After the Flood, Regal Cinema, Tenbury Wells, 7.00pm
9th	Thursday	Stoke Bliss & Kyre Neighbourhood Lunch, Stoke Bliss & Kyre VH, 12.30pm
12th	Sunday	Rochford Church Fête, Rochford Church Riverside Field, 2.30pm
16th	Thursday	The Filling Station, Eastham Memorial Hall, 7.15pm
17th	Friday	Pub Night, Eastham Memorial Hall, 7.00pm
19th	Sunday	Willow making, Hollow Meadow, Stoke Bliss, 2.00pm
25th	Saturday	Churchyard working party, St Peter's Stoke Bliss, 12 noon
26th	Sunday	Super Summer Cream Tea, Hanley Village Hall, 3.00pm Tai Chi and a cup of tea, Hollow Meadow, Stoke Bliss, 10.30am
28th	Tuesday	Rochford Neighbourhood Lunch, Rochford Village Hall, 12.30pm
31st	Friday	Social Night, Stoke Bliss & Kyre Village Hall, 7pm

August

2nd	Sunday	Tai Chi and a cup of tea, Hollow Meadow, Stoke Bliss, 10.30am
6th	Thursday	Eastham Coffee Morning, Eastham Memorial Hall, 10.30am
8th	Saturday	Train Day at The Hyde, Stoke Bliss, 2pm
11th to 14th		Exploring Hidden Treasure, St Mary's Church, Stanford, 10.30am
13th	Thursday	Stoke Bliss & Kyre Neighbourhood Lunch, Stoke Bliss & Kyre VH, 12.30pm
14th	Friday	Bellringing at Eastham Church for VJ Day, 6.30pm
16th	Sunday	Eastham Fête, Eastham Memorial Hall, 12 noon Bellringing for the Fête, Eastham Church, 1.00pm Tai Chi and a cup of tea, Hollow Meadow, Stoke Bliss, 10.30am
25th	Tuesday	Rochford Neighbourhood Lunch, Rochford Village Hall, 12.30pm
25th to 28th		Exploring Hidden Treasure, St Mary's Church, Stanford, 7.00pm
28th	Friday	Stoke Bliss & Kyre Summer Barbecue, Stoke Bliss & Kyre Village Hall, 6pm
30th	Sunday	Tai Chi and a cup of tea, Hollow Meadow, Stoke Bliss, 10.30am

September

3rd	Thursday	Eastham Coffee Morning, Eastham Memorial Hall, 10.30am
6th	Sunday	Tai Chi and a cup of tea, Hollow Meadow, Stoke Bliss, 10.30am
10th	Thursday	Stoke Bliss & Kyre Neighbourhood Lunch, Stoke Bliss & Kyre VH, 12.30pm
19th	Saturday	Big Breakfast, Rochford Village Hall
20th	Sunday	Tai Chi and a cup of tea, Hollow Meadow, Stoke Bliss, 10.30am
29th	Tuesday	Rochford Neighbourhood Lunch, Rochford Village Hall, 12.30pm

October

1st	Thursday	Eastham Coffee Morning, Eastham Memorial Hall, 10.30am
8th	Thursday	Stoke Bliss & Kyre Neighbourhood Lunch, Stoke Bliss & Kyre VH, 12.30pm
11th	Sunday	Harvest Festival, Rochford Church
17th	Saturday	Autumn clean of churchyard and church, Eastham Church, 10am
27th	Tuesday	Rochford Neighbourhood Lunch, Rochford Village Hall, 12.30pm

**Send items for inclusion to Sandra Griffiths by 18th of the previous month
telephone 07482 482629 or email ronsmum@icloud.com**

Services

July/August 2026

Daily prayer continues at 9am and 7pm on Zoom, contact Rev'd Julia if you would like to join us.

The Church of England has a pre-recorded weekly on-line service which can be found by searching 'Church of England Weekly Services' or accessed on their website www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/church-online/weekly-online-services

Services Schedule

Sunday 5th July

10.00am	Stanford Church	Holy Communion with hymns
10.30am	Lindridge Church	Holy Communion (<i>Tobias Thorne's first as priest</i>)

Sunday 12th July

9.30am	Stoke Bliss	Holy Communion
11.00am	Hanley William	Morning Prayer

Sunday 19th July

10.30am	Eastham Church	All Age Worship and Holy Communion
2.00pm		Walking Church

Tuesday 22nd July

7.00pm	Lindridge Church	Wardens' Admission Service
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Sunday 26th July

10.00am	Rochford Church	Holy Communion and All Age
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Sunday 2nd August

10.00am	Stanford Church	Holy Communion with hymns
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