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## Dear Readers

Already it is October, the season of Harvest Thanksgiving when the Teme Valley glows in the autumn sunshine. It is the season of mists and mellow fruitfulness when our senses are alive to the colour and shape of the trees, the heaving swell of hills and hummocks, the pattern of hedges and the movement of sheep across the landscape. We hear geese flying overhead and look up to see them flying southward in formation. Rain waters the earth. Seed is sown. We smell the rich earth, cool to the touch. Indoors some of us make chutney, bake cakes.

Not so well known are the celebrations for Francis of Assisi which take place at this time every year. 800 years ago the first Franciscans arrived on our shores just two years after his death. There has been a Franciscan house in Canterbury ever since. Today there are friaries and convents all over the world as well as a Third Order of men and women from all walks of life living at home within their own communities.

Francis was a rich young man, a soldier, the son of a wealthy merchant. But he was not a man of his time, he was a man for all times and most certainly a man for today. He discovered the love of God for all creation. He loved the unlovely, he found joy in the outcast. He renounced his wealth. As he walked the hills of Umbria he saw that all of creation is interconnected, all depend on each other. Brother sun and sister moon and the stars; water, wind and fire. Mother earth, fruits and flowers and all living creatures. Praise God for all these blessings and give thanks. Francis lived anew the creation songs of the psalms. Like Jesus he withdrew to the hills to pray, to spend time with God. He lived the life of Jesus in his own time. His prayer led to action. He was called to

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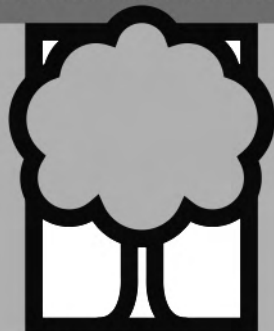
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# Parish news

## From the Registers

### Baptism

We welcome to our church family Lucas Kevin Whittle whose Christening was held on 15th September at St Michael, Rochford.

### Marriage

Although not from our Teme Valley South registers we offer congratulations to Sophie Fenemore and James Phipps who were married at St Michael and All Angels, Knighton on Teme on 17th August.

### Iona inspired services

We loved our pilgrimage to Iona last September and wanted to bring a little of Iona to the Teme Valley.

As October is a month full of harvest services and suppers, our next in the series of Iona services begins at 4pm on 10th November. These services involve a pattern of prayer, singing and imaginative engagement with scripture that reflects our life together as community as we celebrate God's presence in our lives.

So you are invited to join us at Hanley Broadheath Village Hall. Do give them a try.

## Dear Readers

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revive the church. He attracted devoted followers. He brought healing and reconciliation in a time of war. He was not interested in power or possessions. Today his call is as alive as ever in a time of turmoil, our planet in crisis and nations at war.

This October, on the Feast of St Francis, Rev'd Jen Jones, serving here in Teme Valley South, will be professed into the Third Order of the Society of St Francis. We wish her joy in her endeavour.

*Rev'd Sally Jones*

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## Teme Valley Tots

Our Tots group is back in full swing on Fridays, 10.30 to 12noon at Rochford village hall. We break for half-term on 1st November. For more information do contact Tina via email on [tinaslord@gmail.com](mailto:tinaslord@gmail.com).

## Placement student Rob Little



Many congratulations to Rob, who did a placement with us in TVS churches a year ago. He was licensed as a lay minister (LLM Reader) on 15th September at St John Bedwardine in Worcester by retired bishop Alan Winton. Rev'd Jen Jones and Pat Snelling went along to represent us on this happy occasion.

*Rev'd Julia*

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11th September	No 28	Not sold
18th September	No 44	Hazel Bristol

### Saturday winners

24th August	No 45	Not sold
31st August	No 54	Not sold
7th September	No 2	Sue Bridge
14th September	No 54	Not sold

There are still plenty of numbers available – why not join in? It's just £1 per draw and the profits are split between Rochford church and the village hall – plus you get two chances each week to win £25!

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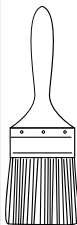
September's prize draw, the sixth in this series, was decided when Rev'd Jen Jones rolled the dice on 3rd September to select the set of random numbers and the starting point. Prizewinners are:

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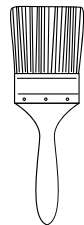
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# Rochford News

## Live music in Rochford

Many thanks to the Scratch Band, who played their great selection of well-known rock and blues songs from across the decades to an appreciative audience. It is great that local talented musicians are prepared to give their time to raise funds for the village hall. Thanks to everyone who helped and supported this event and to Ann for providing delicious baked potatoes.

## The Big Breakfast

The Big Breakfast at Rochford is on Saturday 5th October at 9.30am. All are welcome so come along and enjoy one of Ann's breakfasts, fruit juice, cereal, full English (with vegetarian option), toast, tea and coffee. Please book with Ann to avoid disappointment!

## Church clean

We will be cleaning the church and decorating for harvest on Saturday 12th October at 2.30pm. Please come along and help prepare our lovely church for harvest. We also need a working party to help tidy up and maintain the churchyard – trim trees, edge paths, paint railings, etc. Date and details to be confirmed, please look for notifications on the parish WhatsApp group.

## Harvest Festival and supper

The church service is at 5pm on Sunday 13th October followed by supper at the village hall at 6.30pm. All are welcome to either or both – if you can't make it to the church service just come for supper (just £12). Please book supper with Ann. Donations of harvest produce and non-perishables (tins, packets etc) would also be much appreciated and will be passed on to Tenbury food bank to support local people in need.

## Neighbourhood lunch

Dates for sit down and takeaway neighbourhood lunches are 29th October and 26th November. Christmas lunch with raffle will be on 17th December. Booking for lunches is essential and takeaways should be collected between 12.30 and 1pm. As food prices are rising the price of lunch is increased to just £7. Please book with Ann on 01584 781317 at least the previous week.

## Church flower rota

Jenny Barbé and harvest helpers, thank you.

## Rochford Quiz

On Friday 8th November at 7.30pm at Rochford village hall – see page 16 for details. Please book your place with Ann or Andrew. Supper included for just £12.

## Musical evening

On Saturday 30th November at 7.30pm at Rochford church we are pleased to welcome back Corrine Frost (cello) and friends for a light-hearted evening of music and readings. See page 16.

## Dates for your diary

**Wednesday 2nd November** – All Souls Service when we remember our loved ones who are no longer with us.

**Sunday 22nd December** – village Christmas lunch followed by carol service.

**Saturday 24th December** – Christmas Eve Midnight Service at 11.30pm at Rochford Church.

## 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 the village happenings, please send me your mobile number.

*Andrew Barbé*

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Thanks to everyone who came to the end of summer barbecue at the August Pub Night. A reminder the next pub/social night will be on Friday 25th October. Bar opens at 7pm with food (if booked) at 8pm.

November will be our last pub night of the year and this year we intend to hold a race night in our usual pub night slot on Friday 29th November. Entrance is only £2.50 plus the usual charge for food if pre-booked.

A reminder to put Sunday 15th December in your diary for our Christmas lunch. We were over-subscribed last year, so will again be operating on a first come first served principle when it comes to ordering. Watch out for details in next month's issue.

Finally we warmly welcome Ian and Sam to their new home in the heart of the village. The bus shelter is looking good!

## Looking back – looking forward

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# Eastham Jottings

## Church flowers and cleaning

October – Rhiannon Chapman

November – Diana Potter

Thanks to those who have volunteered for the spare months. There is always room for more! Please contact Celia on 01584 781258.

## Eastham Coffee Morning

In September Diane Thomson of Air Ambulance came along and thanked us formally for recent donations totalling £530. See picture below.



The next coffee morning will be on Wednesday 2nd October at 10.30am at Eastham Memorial Hall. In 2023 **Macmillan** raised a staggering £18 million at coffee mornings throughout the country, with Eastham raising £550. Please come along with cakes to eat or sell. There will be a special raffle prize of an afternoon tea for two at Spotty Dog in Tenbury, as well as the usual Macmillan quizzes with prizes.

If you can't come but would still like to give a donation to Macmillan, just text CUPCAKE to 70550 (one text = £5), go to [macmillan.org.uk/coffee](http://macmillan.org.uk/coffee) or drop a cash donation to Celia Adams at Eastham Court.

Please come to the November coffee morning, hosted by Liz Cattani with a special early Christmas stall.

The Christmas coffee morning will be on Wednesday 4th December.

## Autumn cleaning

Please come along on Saturday 19th October for the autumn clean of the churchyard and church interior from 10am to 1pm. Come at any time with gardening tools to tackle the churchyard. All are welcome whatever your skills. The church interior includes finishing the flower arrangements for the Harvest Festival.

Barbecue, tea and cakes throughout. Everyone welcome.

## Pub Night

The pub night will be on Friday 18th October at 7pm at Eastham Memorial Hall. Open to all to meet up with others. Watch out for the usual banner. In September the annual slide show of fête photos was shown – some lovely pictures, thanks to Matt Hall, Simon Lusty and Jo Wheeler. Amazing shots!

## Pumpkinfest and Harvest Festival

Entries to the church on Sunday 20th October from 9 to 9.45am for judging on the day. You don't have to live in Eastham to take part – just join in, it's all for fun.

The competitions are adults – heaviest pumpkin, children – an animal made from a fruit or vegetable. Enquiries to Nicky Webb, email [nudgecorner@gmail.com](mailto:nudgecorner@gmail.com).

In advance and on the day, please bring fruit, vegetables, tins etc which will be donated to Maggs Day Centre at Deansway, Worcester. The collection at the service will be sent to Tenbury Food Bank.

## Hallers six-monthly get together

All hall committees and trustees are invited to an evening at Holme Lacey Village Hall on Thursday October 3rd at 7 pm to see another hall and share ideas with other villages facing the same sort of challenges. Richard Timney of Community First will be updating on new initiatives. Just turn up for 7 pm – check with Celia Adams for any seats in cars to share a lift. See Richard's Facebook page for all halls in Worcestershire and Herefordshire – Community First H&W-Village Hall Group.

## Christmas Market

There will be a Christmas market at Eastham Memorial Hall on Sunday 1st December, with indoor and outdoor stalls, a cash bar and hot food. Please phone Beryl on 01584 781920 or email [events@easthammemorialhall.org.uk](mailto:events@easthammemorialhall.org.uk) if you would like to have a stall.

## Children's parties at the hall

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*Celia Adams*

# Hanley Happenings

## Race Night

Place your bets on Saturday 5th October at Hanley Village Hall. Will your horse win? Alfie's Kitchen will be serving their renowned burgers and fries (takeaway available). Pop-up bar. Bring plenty of cash for your bets! If you don't want to join in the racing, just come for a takeaway.

## Relaxation Evening

The relaxation and sound bath evenings with Lynney are becoming very popular – look out for the next one in November.

## Film Club

To get into the Hallowe'en mood we will be showing *The Woman in Black* at our next film night on 19th October. Bring food to share at 6.30pm or just come for the film starting at 7.30pm.

## Pumpkin felting

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*Carole Gardner*



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## Hanley Childe church is having a makeover!

The Harvest Festival on October 22nd is moving to Hanley William church because of all the renovations taking place at Hanley Childe. The east window has been removed and new pieces of stained glass will be installed. The stonework is also being revamped.

A big thank you to Dave Diamond for replacing the posts and gates at the top of Church Alley, they look really smart!

*Sarah Geggie*

## Days out in south Herefordshire

It is now more than six months since my hip replacement and everything has gone really well. I gave it a good rest before trying to do too much and now I have no pain and feel like a new person!

When I was feeling better we had a few days out in the south of the county which I didn't know too well. We visited cider makers, of which there were quite a few, and some of the churches dotted about in some very strange places, most of them like ours, small but well loved and looked after.

One that stands out is Brockhampton near Ross on Wye (pictured below). It has three different roof profiles, all thatched, so is used a lot for weddings.



Close by is Brockhampton Court nursing home which, back in the 70s and 80s, was a hotel with a reputation for holding unusual parties, starting in the autumn and organised by different groups of people each Friday night until the spring. Events started at 11.30pm with supper followed by breakfast at 4.30am! Guests headed home very tired and bleary eyed.

The saying went that if you hadn't been to the Brock you hadn't arrived in the party scene! I only went a few times but never really found the parties all that interesting, probably because I had to rush home to do the milking and then play rugby in the afternoon. Saturday evening I was shattered so never again!

*Ed Yarnold*

# Stanford • Stanford • Stanford

As autumn approaches and we are blessed with some sunshine, we can look forward to a number of events taking place around the valley. The blackberries are in the hedgerows – perhaps some of you have been making apple and blackberry crumble (see page 20). Some cutting back of hedges and tidying up seems to be on everyone's mind. The farmers have been busy with their harvests and much work preparing the hay and straw for the winter. Let's hope the rain stays away!

## Services in Stanford

### Sunday 6th October

Holy Communion at 8.30am

**Harvest Festival** with choir at 11am followed by Harvest Lunch at Stanford Village Hall at 12.30pm. Book with Alexandra on 07891 346783 or Sue on 01584 881342. We would love to see you there and it would be helpful to have some idea of numbers in advance.

If you would like to donate produce to decorate the church please bring it on Saturday 5th October. If you can help with decorations, we will be there from 3 to 4 pm. Any donations given for the produce will be in aid of the Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution.

## Church flowers

Flowers for October by Sarah Burgoyne.

## Refreshments

Thanks again to Andy and Helen Nicol who brought the tea, coffee and delicious apple cake which we all enjoyed after the September service.

## St Mary's churchyard working party

Andy Nicol reported that the churchyard working party on Saturday 7th September was a great success. A big thank you to everyone who came and to Helen who provided much needed refreshments. Much was achieved although much still needs to be done. Look out for the date for the next working party which will be announced in the magazine.

## Church news

On 1st September we were sad to say goodbye to John Lloyd who has played the organ at St Mary's for 12 years. We thanked him for his diligent repairs to the organ and will miss his organ playing and his presence. John received a Deanery certificate of appreciation for his outstanding music ministry in the parish and a token gift of appreciation.

## Congratulations

to Chloe and Hilgrove Kenrick on the birth of their little boy, Hugh Mark Kenrick, on 27th July. We look forward to seeing Chloe leading the TVS Choir again for the Harvest Festival service.

## Mill Farm Country Retail

Congratulations to Julia Haywood, proprietor and beauty therapist of Pure Thyme Wellbeing and Beauty, and her team who raised £304 for St Richard's Hospice at the salon's open evening in September. Thanks to Steve and Rose at the Den Café for enabling the occasion.



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*Alexandra Winnington*

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The wing walk was to raise much needed funds for Midlands Air Ambulance, one of Barbara's chosen charities when she was chairman of Malvern Hills District Council for the third time in 2023.

Barbara would like to thank everyone who has already sponsored her. So far she has raised £4,160. If you would like to add to this total, go to [Just](#)

Giving and search for Barbara Jones-Williams.

She would also like to thank her husband Neville and family for supporting her. She had a fantastic day and it was an experience she will never forget.





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A lovely surprise awaited our regular attendees at the Stoke Bliss & Kyre Neighbourhood Lunch on Thursday 12th September.

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The surprise was that through careful budget-

ing and a generous donation of £125 towards the costs from the Alexandra Dyke's Trust this lunch was free!

In fact the lunch is going from strength to strength and with careful accounting we can reduce the normal cost of our monthly get together to just £7 for a two course meal and a drink of your choice from this month onwards.

So if you would like to join us for a catch up with your neighbours or maybe make some new friends, the lunch is held at Stoke Bliss & Kyre village hall on the second Thursday of every month. Our next lunch is on Thursday 10th October at 1pm.

As all the food is freshly cooked by our chefs on site, it is essential that we know if you plan to come along so we can make sure we have catered for you. To book your lunch you can either phone 07396 813137 or email sbklunch@gmail.com.

We look forward to meeting you soon.

*The Stoke Bliss & Kyre  
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Tues 15th	7.15pm	The Royal Ballet: Alice's Adventures in Wonderland

### Films

Wed 2nd	7.00pm	Sing Sing (15)
Thurs 3rd	7.00pm	Grease (PG)
Fri 4th	7.00pm	Shaun of the Dead (15)
Wed 9th	7.00pm	Deadpool & Wolverine (15)
Fri 10th	7.00pm	The Crow (18)
Sat 19th	11.00am	Disney Junior Cinema Club 2024
Thurs 31st	4.30pm	Casper (PG)
	7.00pm	Hallowe'en screening (tba)

### Live Cabaret

Sat 5th	7.30pm	Jenny 'The Vixen' Ryan: Out of the Box
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### Live Music

Sat 12th	7.30pm	Dire Streets
Thurs 17th	8.00pm	This is the Police
Fri 18th	7.30pm	Fairport Convention
Sat 26th	7.00pm	The Ministry of Rock

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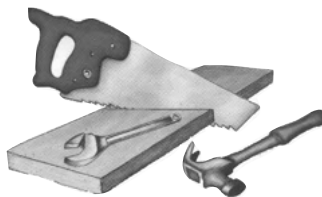
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# Films at Hanley Village Hall



Saturday 19th October, 7.30pm

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The pre-loved Range Rover Vogue SE has a 4.4L turbo diesel engine and has been a joy to drive but it has been less joyful paying for it.

The fuel economy struggles to reach 30mpg but isn't a problem as my mileage is fairly low. Road tax at £675 works out at 10p per mile. It would hurt less if I travelled further.

Now there are worrying messages appearing on the dashboard and also from Will at Will's Autos, so what to do?

As I now travel only 500 to 600 miles a month I am considering going electric. But what are the pros and cons?

The pros suggest that a good two or three year old electric car is as cheap as chips. The petrol or diesel versions of such models are much more expensive and it seems you can buy a lot of car at three years old with fewer than 20,000 miles on the clock for £10,000 to £15,000. And it will help save the planet.

Running costs, by charging at home, will be negligible. Road tax will be zero. Insurance may be reduced, but not a lot.

What are the cons? Range anxiety probably comes top of the list. A very nice used Mazda claims a range of only 124 miles (and several others up to 200 miles). Most of my journeys are round trips to Tenbury, Bromyard, Leominster or Ludlow with longer trips occasionally to Hereford, Worcester or Shrewsbury. The furthest of these has a round trip of less than 100 miles.

But, I hear you ask, what about travelling in winter with headlights on, windscreen wipers running and the heater on full? Will that reduce the range? I'm sorry, I don't know the answer. Our electrician advises us to install a dedicated external car charging point (cost £1,000) and not to rely on an extension lead plugged into a three-pin socket.

I do however have a "get out of jail" card for any longer journey as I can ask my wife nicely if I can use her petrol driven car which goes over 400 miles on one tankful. And there's always a good chance of finding a petrol station if we run low.

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# Apple and blackberry crumble

Make this seasonal apple and blackberry crumble for a comforting family pud. Pre-cooking the topping will make it extra-crispy, while also retaining the texture of the fruit. Serves 4

## Ingredients

### For the crumble topping

120g plain flour  
60g caster sugar  
60g unsalted butter at room temperature, cut into pieces

### For the fruit compote

300g Braeburn apple  
30g unsalted butter  
30g demerara sugar  
115g blackberries  
¼ tsp ground cinnamon  
vanilla ice cream, to serve

## Method

Heat oven to 190C/170C fan/gas 5. Tip 120g plain flour and 60g caster sugar into a large bowl.

Add 60g unsalted butter, then rub into the flour using your fingertips to make a light breadcrumb texture. Do not overwork it or the crumble will become heavy.

Sprinkle the mixture evenly over a baking sheet and bake for 15 mins or until lightly



coloured.

Meanwhile, for the compote, peel, core and cut 300g Braeburn apples into 2cm dice.

Put 30g unsalted butter and 30g demerara sugar in a medium saucepan and melt together over a medium heat. Cook for 3 mins until the mixture turns to a light caramel.

Stir in the apples and cook for 3 mins. Add 115g blackberries and ¼ tsp ground cinnamon, and cook for 3 mins more.

Cover, remove from the heat, then leave for 2-3 mins to continue cooking in the warmth of the pan.

To serve, spoon the warm fruit into an oven-proof gratin dish, top with the crumble mix, then reheat in the oven for 5-10 mins. Serve with vanilla ice cream.



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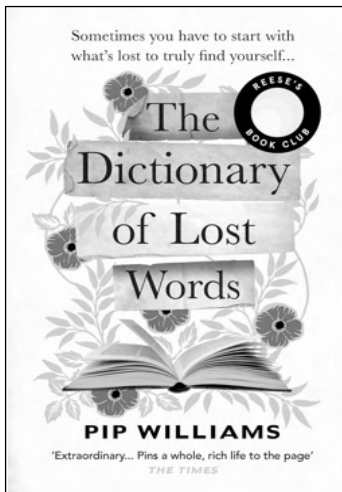
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*The Dictionary of Lost Words* by Pip Williams is an enchanting book about women and words, love and loss – tender, moving and sometimes heart-breaking.

It tells the story of Esme who, as a child, went every day with her father to the Scriptorium where the editor of the first Oxford English Dictionary, James Murray, worked with his team of lexicographers on words and their definitions. The Scriptorium was a shed in the garden of Murray's house in Oxford. As a child Esme sat under the big table where Murray's assistants worked. One day a slip of paper containing a forgotten word fluttered to the ground and she picked it up and put it in her pocket – and so her collection of lost words began.

As she grew up Esme collected other words, words which were spoken but never written down because the people who used them couldn't read or write, words which were too crude or offensive for the dictionary.

The story spans the end of the nineteenth and the beginning of the twentieth centuries and bril-



liantly mixes fact with fiction. Esme is briefly involved with the suffragette movement and lives through the First World War. All the time she is learning and noting down the words which poor and uneducated people, especially women, used to describe their experiences of life.

The book is full of finely drawn characters: Lizzie, a servant at the Murrays' house who looks after the motherless Esme and guides her through her growing up, Esme's father and her aunt Ditte, James Murray, his wife and daughters and the men in his team, the people Esme meets in the markets and

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# Teme Valley Wildlife

2024 has been a difficult year for gardeners and farmers alike. Persistent rain, cool night temperatures and low light levels have made growing plants a challenge.

Many gardeners noticed a springtime surge in slug and snail populations and most found them well-nigh impossible to combat. After early losses, I

tested a strategy new to me, a low barrier of copper mesh fixed around my emerging vegetable seedlings. It is one I can recommend. For my clematis, whose buds were being eaten as soon as they formed, I made a do-it-yourself barrier from old plastic nets in which daffodil bulbs had been sold. Tied around the base of the stems where the buds were forming, these were unsightly but effective. Although the growth of my vegetables and some flowers slowed down



*A silver washed fritillary*

early on, it caught up as the year progressed and the plants were eventually productive.

I think this shows an important lesson about nature. There is an inherent adaptability in biological systems which preserves life. A concept once dubbed "the selfish gene" tried to explain how natural variation and evolution act to protect living organisms.

There is always an ecological balance in operation which prioritises survival. I was impressed, after fuming at the work of slugs in my garden, that I then began to feel empty snail shells crunch under my wellingtons. My garden thrushes were having a field day with my snails. It is worth remembering that any population which suddenly rises benefits that of its predators. Their numbers increase

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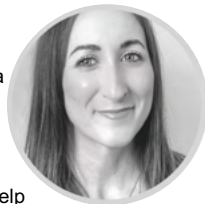
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too. Next year, the increased predators lower the population on which they prey back down to an average level.

Something similar happened to butterfly numbers this year. Butterflies were more abundant last year than any year I can remember. This year's crash in numbers, although undoubtedly aided by the wet weather, was in part a natural phenomenon where population numbers rise and fall from year to year. I certainly won't be predicting no butterflies in 2025, I have every confidence that they will bounce back. It must be so, because life hasn't survived on this planet for untold millennia without a few bumps along the way.

An unexpected benefit of so much wet weather has been the abundant growth of brambles – not at first sight a good thing. But what a fantastic crop of blackberries there has been this year! And next year there will be more nectar to

boost the butterflies, not to mention more berries for us to make into pies.

Another welcome appearance in 2024 was that of the ghost orchid. This diminutive plant was first spotted not far away in Herefordshire in 1854. It has been recorded sporadically over the years and was then deemed extinct – until one flowered fifteen years ago. It has flowered once again in 2024, probably in the Welsh Marches (but I can't know for sure, it's a secret).

The next meeting of the Teme Valley Wildlife Group is at 7:30pm on Thursday 10th October at Stoke Bliss and Kyre village hall. It is always a pleasure to welcome Rosemary Winnall, whose talk is called "In search of ancient trackways". Everyone is most welcome and it is just £3 on the door.

Stephanie Mcroft

For up-to-date information on wildlife seen in our area, or to give sightings or comments please visit our Facebook page. Our programme of events, bird survey and archive photographs can be found at [www.temevalley-wildlife.co.uk](http://www.temevalley-wildlife.co.uk) We normally hold meetings on the second Thursday of the month. A warm welcome awaits. Contact us by email at [twwg@outlook.com](mailto:twwg@outlook.com).

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## October

- 2nd Wednesday Eastham Macmillan Coffee Morning, Eastham Memorial Hall, 10.30am  
5th Saturday The Big Breakfast, Rochford Village Hall, 9.30am  
Race Night, Hanley Village Hall, 6.30pm  
6th Sunday Harvest service, St Mary's Stanford, 11am followed by lunch at 12.30  
10th Thursday Neighbourhood Lunch, Stoke Bliss & Kyre Village Hall, 12.30pm  
12th Saturday Church clean, Rochford church, 2.30pm  
History Exhibition, Stoke Bliss & Kyre Village Hall, 2.30pm  
13th Sunday Harvest Festival, Rochford Church, 5pm, followed by supper at 6.30pm  
16th Wednesday The Bible Course, Hop Barn South, Shelsley Beauchamp, 7pm  
18th Friday Pub Night, Eastham Memorial Hall, 7pm  
19th Saturday Pumpkinfest and Harvest Festival, Eastham church, 10am  
Autumn clean, Eastham church and churchyard, 10am  
Social & Pub Night, Stoke Bliss & Kyre Village Hall, 7pm  
Film Night at Hanley Village Hall, *The Woman in Black*, 6.30pm  
20th Sunday Pumpkin felting, Hanley Village Hall, 2pm  
29th Tuesday Neighbourhood Lunch, Rochford Village Hall, 12.30pm

## November

- 6th Wednesday Eastham Coffee Morning, Eastham Memorial Hall, 10.30am  
8th Friday Rochford Quiz with supper, Rochford Village Hall, 7.30pm  
9th Saturday Knitwear Sale, Stanford Village Hall, 9am  
14th Thursday Neighbourhood Lunch, Stoke Bliss & Kyre Village Hall, 12.30pm  
26th Tuesday Neighbourhood Lunch, Rochford Village Hall, 12.30pm  
29th Friday Social & Pub/Race Night, Stoke Bliss & Kyre Village Hall, 7pm  
30th Saturday Musical evening in Rochford church

## December

- 1st Sunday Christmas market, Eastham Memorial Hall  
4th Wednesday Eastham Coffee Morning, Eastham Memorial Hall, 10.30am  
15th Sunday Christmas Lunch, Stoke Bliss & Kyre Village Hall

**Send items for inclusion to Sandra Griffiths  
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**Deadline for the November issue of TemeTalk is 18th October**

# Services

## October/November 2024

Daily prayer continues at 9am and 7pm on Zoom, contact Rev Julia if you would like to join us. The blessings group meets regularly and is co-ordinated by Richard Skerrett who can be contacted on 01886 853099 for details.

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](http://www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/church-online/weekly-online-services)

### Services Schedule

#### Sunday 6th October

8.30am	Stanford	Said Holy Communion
11.00am	Stanford	Harvest Festival Choir and Lunch
6.30pm	Worcester Cathedral	Diocesan Harvest Service

#### Sunday 13th October

10.00am	Kyre	Harvest Festival
5.00pm	Rochford	Harvest Festival followed by
6.30pm	Rochford Village Hall	Harvest Supper

#### Sunday 20th October

10.00am	Eastham	Family Harvest Festival
2.00pm		Walking Church
5.00pm	Hanley William	Harvest Festival followed by refreshments and auction

#### Sunday 27th October

10.00am	Rochford	All Age and Holy Communion
4.00pm	Stoke Bliss	Evening Prayer

#### Saturday 2nd November

3.00pm	Rochford	All Souls Service
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#### Sunday 3rd November

10.00am	Stanford	Holy Communion and hymns
4.00pm	Stanford	Evensong



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