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## Dear Readers

This edition of TemeTalk is packed full of Jubilee celebrations in our communities and it is a wonderful opportunity to come together after a very difficult couple of years. Different activities are being planned for each of our areas in Teme Valley South, and John and I hope to be at as many as possible. Thank you to those who have invited us to join you. Not sure we will be cooking the chosen Jubilee pudding, but maybe someone locally will have a go.

As I start to plan our combined parish service for the morning of Sunday 5th June, I'm left reflecting about the uniqueness of our monarch, Queen Elizabeth. Not only is she remarkably long serving, but her life is a shining example of dedication and integrity in public life. As a young woman of 21 she pledged herself to serving us. Always clear that she does this with God's help. As the years have gone by, she has become more outspoken about the importance of Christian faith to her, revealing that she relies on Jesus as an example to guide and to strengthen her; often referring to a parable or story from Christ's life in her annual Christmas message. So even if you are not able to join us for the service of hymns and thanksgiving on 5th June, please do feel free to use the thanksgiving prayer below:

Gracious God, we give you thanks for the reign of your servant Elizabeth our Queen, and for the example of loving and faithful service which she has shown among us.

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Amen.

*Rev'd Julia*

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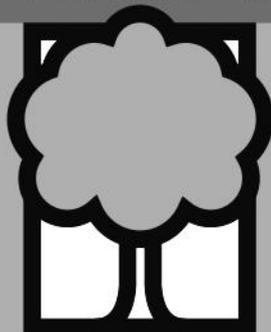
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# Parish news

## From the registers

On 28th April we held the funeral service of Ray Jordan from Rochford at Wyre Forest Crematorium, and the following day at Hanley Childe church we said goodbye to Pat Kerby. After the funeral service, Pat was buried in the churchyard next to members of her family. On 3rd May at Eastham church and churchyard we held the funeral and subsequent burial of Margaret Pyatt and on 13th May, Robert McLeish was buried in Stanford churchyard. Immediately following this we held a Thanksgiving Service in the church for Robert, with friends and family attending from far and wide.

Our prayers continue to be with all their families and friends at this time; may they rest in peace.

During May we also read the banns of marriage for Philip Blakeway and Holly Williams, and we wish them well in their married life together after their wedding in June.

## Teme Valley Tots

Thanks to our helpers for providing cake and a cuppa and for being on hand for play and stories. Except for the Jubilee bank holiday on 3rd June, we will be meeting at Rochford Village Hall on Fridays from 1 to 2.30pm during the month.

## Placements

Don't forget trainee priest Martin Price will be with us this month as he completes his placement in a rural setting. Please make him welcome if you see him. Sadly, I have not been able to persuade Martin that Rochford's wheelbarrow races are an essential part of the training!

## Village Hall Bookings

### Stoke Bliss & Kyre

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stokeblisskyrevillagehall@gmail.com

Rochford – Ann Prosser, 01584 781317

Eastham – Helen Matravers, 01584 781510

Hanley – Judy Bayliss, 01886 853813

Stanford – Robin Dean, 01886 853295

## Service times and openings

You are very welcome to come and spend some time in these spaces to reflect, to pray and just to 'be' for a quiet moment. Kyre Church will be open on Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 11am to 4pm and is attended on Friday afternoons, with Take Breath, our silent prayer time open to all from 4 to 4.30pm.

*Rev'd Julia*

This month's front cover picture is of male green long-horned moths spreading out their wings in the sunshine to attract females. The plant they are on is wood spurge, also common in this area. The photograph was taken by Stephanie Mcroft in her local wood.

## TemeTalk deadline 18th June

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

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# Rochford 49 Club

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April 27th No 46 Carolyn O'Hagan  
May 4th No 5 not sold  
May 11th No 26 not sold

## Saturday winners

April 23rd No 15 Di Ricketts  
April 30th No 52 not sold  
May 7th No 39 John Forsythe  
May 14th No 35 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! Remember, you must be in it to win it!

Ring Gill Smith on  
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# Teme Valley Tote

April's prize draw of the Tote (the first in this series) was decided when Rev'd Julia Curtis rolled the dice on 1st May to select the set of random numbers. Prizewinners are:

£50 – **Diane Ralph** of Eastham (No 285)  
£30 – **Michael Gwilt** of Stoke Bliss (No 862)  
£20 – **Mr and Mrs Alan Lamb** of Stanford now Cornwall (No 486)

May's prize draw of the Tote (the second in this series) was decided when Rev'd Julia Curtis rolled the dice on 1st May to select the set of random numbers. Prizewinners are:

£50 – **Mrs M Plant** of Knighton (No 643)  
£30 – **Jan Moseley** of Eastham (No 252)  
£20 – **Cecilia Dean** of Stanford (No 516)

If you have any queries please contact Robin Dean on 01886 853295 or email [robin.c.dean@gmail.com](mailto:robin.c.dean@gmail.com).

Apologies for not producing April's results last month. If you still wish to enter the new series, please contact Robin.

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# Rochford

## Scarecrow competition

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations will start with a royal themed scarecrow competition. We are hoping for a range of scarecrows throughout the village.

## Jubilee film show

In 1977 the BBC filmed Rochford's Jubilee celebrations and we will show the film on Saturday 4th June at 7pm so you can see what happened 45 years ago and how many people you recognise. We will have the results of the Scarecrow Judging and enjoy a bring and share supper (see WhatsApp group for details). We would also like to know about your encounters with the Royal Family, however tenuous, so please come along prepared to recount your Royal encounters!

## Wheelbarrow race

Rochford's fourth Jubilee Fun Wheelbarrow Race will be on Sunday 5th June, starting Key-sells' farm wain house at 3pm.

The first wheelbarrow race took place for the Queen's Silver Jubilee in 1977. This year we will celebrate with the fourth wheelbarrow race. Everyone is very welcome so please come along and join in, competing, helping or just spectating. We especially need people to help man the stops. There will be prizes for the best decorated wheelbarrow and fancy dress is encouraged. After the race there will be other fun and games – rounders, welly-wanging and skittles depending on the weather. Thanks to a generous donation from the parish council, there will be refreshments for all so please come along and have a lovely afternoon celebrating the Queen's 70th year on the throne with a traditional village get together. Everyone will be very welcome, and it would be lovely to see some old faces who can remember past Jubilees.

To help with catering, please let Ann know if you are coming on 01584 781317.

**Deadline 18th June**

## Rochford Fête

Rochford Fête and Fun Dog Show will be held on Sunday 24th July. It is always an enjoyable afternoon with a range of stalls and competitions, a grand draw and cream teas. Please let us know if you can help with the event or if you can provide donations for the cake stall, tombola, white elephant, plant and book stalls.

This year's Bake-off competition is an apple pie on a plate (your own shortcrust pastry recipe) so please have a go!

## Neighbourhood lunch

Neighbourhood lunches are held every month in the village hall with takeaways available. The next lunch will be on Tuesday 28th June. As ever booking for lunches is essential and takeaways should be collected between 12.30 and 1pm. Please book with Ann on 01584 781317 at least the previous week.

## Dates for your diary

1st October: Big Breakfast and walk.

11th November: the ever-popular Rochford Quiz will be back with supper included.

2nd December: Christmas musical evening.

11th December: Christmas lunch and carol service.

## Church flower rota

June – Amy Jones, thank you.

*Andrew Barbé*

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# Stoke Bliss and Kyre

## Stoke Bliss Open Gardens

By 19th June, the date of Stoke Bliss Open Gardens, Maggie Kingston's meadow will still be a picture but the orchid display will probably be over! They are just starting to emerge in mid May.

So if you would like to visit early and see the orchids, please ring Maggie on 01885 410431. Maggie will give you a receipt for your £5 entrance fee which you can then exchange on 19th June for the map of the gardens taking part and enjoy the others!



## Pub Night



Friday 24th June

Friday 29th July

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# Eastham Jottings

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June – Helen Matravers

There is a vacancy on the rota for July. You don't have to be a great flower arranger, so if you would like to do it please ring Celia Adams on 01584 781258 or email easthamcourt@icloud.com.

## Coffee Mornings

Join us on Wednesday 1st June at 10.30am at Eastham Memorial Hall. The rota is:

The rota going forward is:

1st June – Ann Hadfield

6th July – Celia Adams

3rd August – Jane Yarnold

## Teme Valley South Tote

Thanks to everyone who joined in – we sold 100 tickets (£1,000)- already results are looking good this side of the river.

## Eastham Pub Night

Come along to Eastham Memorial Hall on Friday 17th June from 7.30pm and meet up with neighbours old and new.

## Eastham Riverside Fête

Eastham Fête organisers to remind you again to hold the date 21st August from 12 noon for our annual Fête and Flower show. All the normal fun and games will be there, plenty to see and do for the whole family to have a great day out without breaking the bank.

If you would like to see the day from both sides and join in the fun of helping in some way, maybe setting up or helping on the day, please get in touch with the organisers as there will be plenty to do. Fancy joining in the Produce show? There are loads of cups to compete for and if you have not had a schedule yet, please let us know at easthamfete@gmail.com or call David on 01584 781505.

## Eastham Neighbours WhatsApp Group

New (or old) to Eastham and not in the group? Get local updates from “gallini” birds escaping to things going on in the village – contact Celia Adams on easthamcourt@icloud.com or 01584 781258.

## Eastham Memorial Hall AGM

This took place on 17th May. The accounts were presented with the report of the independent examiner Barbara Selkirk ACCA. For a copy of the annual report, please visit the Charity Commission website Charity registration 1177355 – Eastham Memorial Hall. The trustees for the forthcoming year are Mike Palfrey, Simon Neary, Beryl Lewis and Celia Adams. The Parish Council Trustee is Michael Adams.

## Margaret Pyatt

Margaret's funeral took place on 3rd May at Eastham Church. A church full of people paid their last respects including Margaret's four granddaughters.

Margaret had lived at Coldenhale Farm in Eastham for over 50 years. She was a great lover of the countryside and a star puppy walker with the Clifton Hunt, and she always had a constant (dog) companion by her side. Margaret had been a leading light in the Riverside Fête for many years, organising the gymkhana. Whenever she could, she would attend local shows – Tenbury, Burwarton etc. Thanks for the £230 donated to St Peter and St Pauls Church at Margaret's funeral.

## Mary Ramsden formerly of Eastham Grange

We were sorry to hear of Mary's death on 1st May and send our condolences to Brian and the family.

## Memorial Hall weathervane

This has been reconditioned (thanks to Matt Hall) and will be fitted now that the snagging on the roof has been signed off. The weathervane was donated by Brian and Mary Ramsden at the Millennium, shortly before they moved from Eastham.

*Celia Adams*

*Eastham Jottings continue  
on page 21*

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# Hanley Happenings

## Tabitha Worsley/ Pat Kerby

It was ironic that in April, the month, when the 2021/2022 NH Racing Season finished and the new one almost immediately began, one of our most respected jockeys, Pat Kerby, passed away aged 94 and one of our current jockeys, Tabitha Worsley, achieved her best season since she began racing. Her statistics for the year are really quite remarkable in that she had 257 races winning 17 – a record for her, which meant that she was the third highest placed lady rider in the country. On the assumption that each race would have been between two and three miles and allowing for some falls and pull-ups, Tabitha probably covered between 650 and 700 miles of racing during the year 2021/22 and I can't imagine how many miles she would have driven to complete these – an amazing achievement so well done to her.

## Jubilee celebrations

These will be on us as you read this, so let's hope for fine weather to make all those risk assessments and health and safety checks worthwhile. Gone are the days of previous jubilees when a mere signed scrap of paper would do to protect the organisers from being sued for anything or everything.

## Parish council

At a recent parish meeting, Tracy gave notice of her wish to stand down as chair. At the moment no one has come forward to replace her, so she said, no chair, no parish council.

If you have a burning ambition to sample local political life please step forward. As David Blunkett once said, you could achieve far more at local level than by sitting in the House of Commons!

## Films at Hanley Village Hall

JoJo Rabbit was shown at Hanley Village Hall on 16th April and made £165 for the Ukraine Appeal. The film was unusual – not at all what people were expecting – but it was well received. One person immediately went home and ordered the film on BlueRay DVD so they could watch it again!

## Electric charging point

Tracy has been meeting a company which is interested in providing a public electric charging point at the village hall. A sign of the times, but I wonder how many of us currently have a full electric vehicle. This may change quicker than we imagine when people have greater confidence in the vehicles' range and continue to feel the pain of higher and higher fuel bills.

*Peter Thorneycroft*

## Table tennis

If you would like to join in the fun come along on Monday evenings at 7pm, bats and balls are provided. Your first taster session is free, then just £3 per evening.

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## Services and dates for your diary

2nd to 5th June – The Queen’s Platinum Jubilee celebrations.

5th June at 10am – Platinum Jubilee Service for the Parish of Teme Valley South followed by Communion at St Mary’s at 10am.

3rd July at 10 am – Holy Communion with hymns  
3rd July at 4pm – Praise Service

## The Queen’s Platinum Jubilee

A full programme of events for the weekend of 2nd to 5th June appears on page 13. We hope that you can come to some of them. All profits and donations from the weekend will go to the Queen’s Green Canopy.

## Brian and Janet Mills

They have decided to resign from Stanford with Orleton Area Church Committee. As Robin said at a presentation of a crystal vase to them before the Volante Strings concert, the reason our church is in such good condition is because of Brian’s stewardship over the last 46 years. The only position that they had not filled was that of churchwarden! Brian was also chair of TVN PCC and treasurer of TVS PCC. We will miss their input and support.

## Dawn Service on Easter Day

A dozen people came to the Dawn Service at 5.45am on 17th April. Robin arrived at 5-ish to light the brazier kindly loaned by David Lane. Thank you Julia for a lovely service – we were rewarded by a beautiful sunrise above the mist! Seven of us went down to the village hall for a delicious breakfast – thanks to Cecilia and Ange for the cooking and serving.

## Wine tasting evening

Some 40 people enjoyed a super evening on 23rd April (a pink, three whites and three reds and wine with the meal). Thanks to Brian for overall organisation. Thanks to Milly and her helpers for producing a lovely dinner to go with it. Thanks also to the readers (Cecilia, Iain and David) and the sommeliers (Alexandra and Anthony).

Brian has volunteered to run another on 15th October – please book early.

## Volante Strings concert

Thanks to Volante Strings for a lovely concert on 6th May – the evening was a little wet but that did not seem to dampen people’s enjoyment of the evening. About 40 people enjoyed the concert and the interval drinks and nibbles. We raised a surplus of just over £400 which was split evenly between St Mary’s and the Volante Strings. Thanks to Cate, Sue, Anthony and Lesley for the delicious nibbles – they were so good that I was not able to take any home at the end of the evening. Thanks also to Cecilia and Ange who served the wine in the pouring rain.

## Events in the next few months

We are looking for other events in the next few months. We hope to have a dance of some kind and a fête, but we are open to other ideas. If there is something you would like us to do, please contact Robin.

## St Mary’s church

St Mary’s is now open every day from dawn to dusk. The front door will be open (please do not shut) and the main door will be closed but unlocked. Please visit and sign the visitors book and leave any donations you wish! There will still be hand gel in the porch which you are encouraged to use. We are getting visitors from all over the world and locally, who are delighted to have the church open and comment on its beauty.

## Volunteers please – again

People have joined both the area church committee and the village hall committee but we would welcome some more. Robin (01886 853295) is happy to explain what is involved and you are welcome to attend one of our meetings when so that you can see what it is like. We still need people to organise and assist. Robin is particularly looking for a churchwarden to assist him and take over – dare you volunteer? It would be great to have a volunteer from Stanford but you can come from anywhere in Teme Valley South. You should be confirmed!

*Robin Dean*

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On a recent TV celebrity quiz show the four guests were asked to identify, from a picture of a cricket match, which fielder was fielding at third man? No one knew. So here, with the summer season ahead, is my useful cut-out and keep guide to cricketing terminology ...

**Ashes:** Traditionally, failed cricketers were burnt at the stake and their ashes interred on the pitch.

**Bails:** Originally bales were used as a target but round bales became too big. The name lives on in a corrupted form – see sledging

**Batter:** This ancient name has recently been revived and is used when a player performs badly and is given a battering.

**Bowler:** In the 19th century the equipment was carried to the game in a bowl so the bowler is an alternative name for the bag man.

**Bouncers:** These are men who attend the entry gate and stop unsavoury folk from attending. (Police have reported that the man who fell to his death from the roof of a Tenbury nightclub was not a bouncer.)

**Covers** The term is borrowed from hunting and shooting sports and refers to the long grass where players can hide.

**Deep fine leg:** This one is obvious – the player with the longest and finest legs.

**Googly:** Another borrowed term, this time from Australian tennis star Evonne Goolagong but mangled slightly in translation.

**Hokey Cokey:** Cricket has borrowed from several sources - not least from the Hokey Cokey. That's why it's *in out, in out* before you *shake it all about*.

**Mid on:** A corruption of midden.

**Mid off:** Away (well away) from mid on.

**Over:** What players shout at the end of the game

**Polish:** What players carry onto the field to spruce up the ball (think Pledge).

**Point:** The player responsible for pointing at the ball so others know where to look.

**Slip:** What lady batters wear under their whites.

**Runs:** to mid on, when necessary

**Silly mid on:** to mid on when not really necessary

**Short leg:** An electrical problem around the knee.

**Sledging:** When played on a slope players may slide down the hill and shout "balls" at opponents. As most English grounds are flat this activity mainly takes place in Australia.

**Slider:** This is similar to slip but only when it rains.

**Square leg:** A design problem.

**Square:** Not to be confused with Oval. Both are geometrical shapes.

**Spinner:** This player tells outrageous tales, some not necessarily true.

**Umpire:** A corruption from the days of Empire when we taught the game to the rest of the world. In a dispute the natives would ask for the *Empire's* decision.

**Wrong'un:** In every team there is one.

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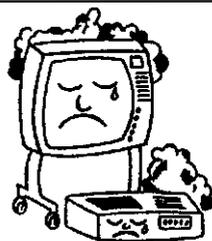
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Royal jubilees celebrate the life and reign of a monarch and are significant events which are celebrated around the world. Though the concept of the jubilee began in biblical times, today the term is most closely associated with the Royal Family, and the ceremony and spectacle which the term symbolises

The celebration of the Sovereign's jubilee years really began in the long reign of King George III. The beginning of the fiftieth year of his reign, on 25th October 1809, the King and other members of the Royal Family attended a private service in Windsor and a grand fête and firework display at Frogmore. In London the Lord Mayor and Corporation processed to St Paul's Cathedral for a service of thanksgiving before holding a dinner at the Mansion House.

Queen Victoria celebrated Golden and Diamond Jubilees marking 50 and 60 years of her reign. Her Golden Jubilee was celebrated on 20th and 21st June 1887. Fifty foreign kings and princes, along with the governing heads of Britain's overseas colonies and dominions, attended a banquet at Buckingham Palace.

She wrote in her diary: "Had a large family dinner. All the Royalties assembled in the Bow Room, and we dined in the Supper-room, which looked splendid with the buffet covered

with the gold plate. The table was a large horse-shoe one, with many lights on it."

The next day Queen Victoria travelled in an open landau to Westminster Abbey, escorted by Indian cavalry. The procession through London, according to Mark Twain, "stretched to the limit of sight in both directions".

Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee was marked by many celebrations, including, on 22nd June 1897, a progress to St Paul's Cathedral, where a short service of thanksgiving was held outside the building, as the Queen was too lame to manage the steps.

In her journal the Queen wrote: "No one ever, I believe, has met with such an ovation as was given to me, passing through those 6 miles of streets . . . The cheering was quite deafening & every face seemed to be filled with real joy. I was much moved and gratified."

Our own Queen has already celebrated a Silver Jubilee and a Golden Jubilee. On 9th September 2015 she became the longest reigning monarch in British history and in 2017 she became the first British Monarch to mark a Sapphire Jubilee. And of course this year sees another first with her Platinum Jubilee.

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As a result of the money this event has raised in the previous six years, we have been able to distribute over £120,000 to charities and community organizations. This year's charities are Hope House Children's Hospices, St Michael's Hospice, Hereford and Ludlow Rotary Cares.

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# Coronation Chicken – perfect for a Jubilee party



Invented for the coronation banquet of Queen Elizabeth II, this classic recipe is perfect for a Jubilee tea party.

Coronation chicken was first concocted by Rosemary Hume, head of the famous Cordon Bleu cookery school, and Constance Spry, a florist, who catered for the Queen's coronation banquet in 1953. It was given the name Poulet Reine Elizabeth, but later became popularised as Coronation Chicken. It may have been based on an earlier recipe for Jubilee Chicken for George V in 1935.

## Ingredients

6 skinless chicken breasts  
2 tsp mild curry powder  
150 g (5oz) mayonnaise  
125 g (4oz) crème fraîche  
3 tbsp mango chutney  
1 tsp Worcestershire sauce  
2 celery sticks, finely chopped  
75 g (3oz) dried ready-to-eat apricots, chopped  
50 g (2oz) sultanas  
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Meanwhile, heat a small frying pan and toast the curry powder, stirring, until it smells fragrant (about 30 seconds). Empty into a large bowl and stir through the next seven ingredients, along with plenty of seasoning.

Cut or rip the cooled chicken into bite-sized pieces and add to the mayonnaise mixture, along with most of the flaked almonds and chopped coriander. Stir well and check the seasoning.

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# Teme Valley Wildlife

The Teme Valley Wildlife Group is meeting again at Stoke Bliss and Kyre village hall now that coronavirus restrictions have been lifted. One of our speakers was Nick Dunn from Frank P Matthews Tree Nursery who gave an excellent talk on trees and shrubs for gardens and wildlife. The meeting was well-attended and in addition to the main topic we heard fascinating details about Nick's research in identifying varieties resistant to serious plant diseases including ash dieback. He also mentioned his work in sending pollen samples to breeders and researchers all over the world who look to maintain and improve the health of shrubs and trees of all kinds.

Frank P Matthews is based at Berrington Court near Tenbury and I have recently discovered that an earlier owner also took an interest in wildlife and in fact was an accomplished naturalist. Her name was Ellen Meredith and in 1831 she became co-heiress to a large fortune. Her inheritance included the family's country seat of Berrington Court, a house she had known from childhood. As a wealthy and

*... she turned down a marriage proposal from Benjamin Disraeli ...*

well-connected young woman she turned down a marriage proposal from Benjamin Disraeli and instead married Frederick William Hope, a Shropshire clergyman and fellow naturalist.

He was at the forefront of the new science of entomology and founded a department at Oxford University devoted to its study. On his death, Ellen donated their large collection of insects to the department. It is now housed in London's Natural History Museum and comprises over a million specimens. The Hopes were working at a fascinating time for natural science. Many discoveries were being made and museums were keen to hold collections sourced from across the world. The British Empire was at its greatest breadth and naturalists could take advantage of colonial administrations to assist them in their work. Huge numbers of new plants and animals were being described and sent back to Britain to be catalogued and studied.

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FW Hope knew Charles Darwin, whom he joined on insect-collecting trips, and he accepted specimens, including a sample of the world's biggest bee, from Alfred Russell Wallace. Wallace had travelled to the far-flung Malay Archipelago as a collector of previously unknown natural history specimens. His preserved skins of birds of paradise sparked enormous interest when they reached London and went on public display. Together, Wallace and Darwin publicly announced the theory of evolution, for which they will forever be remembered, but who would have thought that they were collaborating with Ellen and Frederick Hope, a couple connected to Tenbury.

Berrington Court lies just west of the town, on a bluff overlooking the Teme. On the opposite bank lies Dean Park in Burford, an estate owned by Frederick's father. Did they meet in the valley and did it inspire their scientific endeavours? I would like to think so.

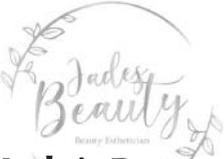
The next meeting of the Teme Valley

Wildlife Group will take place at Stoke Bliss and Kyre village hall on Thursday 9th June at 7.30pm. We welcome Dee White whose talk is called "A day in the life of a wildlife rescue centre". Everyone is most welcome, it is just £2 on the door.

Stephanie Mocroft

*For up-to-date information on what wildlife is being seen in the area, or to give us your sightings or comments, visit our Facebook page. Our programme of events, bird survey and archive photographs are available on our website [www.temevalleywildlife.co.uk](http://www.temevalleywildlife.co.uk) We normally holds meetings on the second Thursday of the month. All are welcome. Contact us by telephone on 01568 750413 or by email at [twvg@outlook.com](mailto:twvg@outlook.com).*

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# What's on in Teme Valley South

## June

- 1st Wednesday Eastham Coffee Morning, Eastham Memorial Hall, 10.30am  
2nd Thursday Hanley Happening, Rectory Garden, 4.30pm  
Hanley Jubilee Beacon Celebration, Hanley Childe, 7.30pm  
Pizza, beer and music, Spilsbury & Jones tap house, 7pm  
Lighting of Platinum Jubilee beacon, Home Farm, Stanford, 9.45pm  
3rd Friday Jubilee pop-up museum, Stanford Village Hall, 10am  
4th Saturday Family Fun at Mill Farm, Stanford, 10am  
Jubilee afternoon tea, Stanford Village Hall, 3pm  
Platinum Party, Stanford Village Hall, 6pm  
Film of Silver Jubilee celebrations, Rochford Village Hall, 7pm  
5th Sunday Eastham Platinum Jubilee Tea Party  
Rochford Fun Wheelbarrow Race, 3pm  
Jubilee Bring and Share Tea Party, Stoke Bliss Village Hall, 3pm  
9th Thursday Neighbourhood Lunch, Stoke Bliss & Kyre Village Hall, 12.30pm  
17th Friday Pub Night, Eastham Memorial Hall, 7.30pm  
19th Sunday Stoke Bliss & Kyre Open Gardens and Teas, 2.30pm  
24th Friday Pub Night, Stoke Bliss & Kyre Village Hall, 7.30pm  
28th Tuesday Rochford Neighbourhood Lunch, Rochford Village Hall, 12.30pm

## July

- 6th Wednesday Eastham Coffee Morning, Eastham Memorial Hall, 10.30am  
14th Thursday Neighbourhood Lunch, Stoke Bliss & Kyre Village Hall, 12.30pm  
24th Sunday Rochford Fête and Fun Dog Show  
26th Tuesday Rochford Neighbourhood Lunch, Rochford Village Hall, 12.30pm  
29th Friday Pub Night, Stoke Bliss & Kyre Village Hall, 7.30pm  
30th Saturday Kyre Valley Railway Train Day, the Hyde, 2pm

## August

- 3rd Wednesday Eastham Coffee Morning, Eastham Memorial Hall, 10.30am  
21st Sunday Eastham's 54th Riverside Fête, 12 noon  
30th Tuesday Rochford Neighbourhood Lunch, Rochford Village Hall, 12.30pm

## September

- 7th Wednesday Eastham Coffee Morning, Eastham Memorial Hall, 10.30am

**Send items for inclusion to Sandra Griffiths by 18th of the month  
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# Services

June 2022

The Church of England has a pre-recorded weekly online 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

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

Blessings group meets regularly and is co-ordinated by Richard Skerrett who can be contacted on 01886 853099 for further details.

### Saturday 4th June

10.00am Stoke Bliss Churchyard Forest Church

### Sunday 5th June

10.00am Stanford Combined Jubilee Service  
11.30am Stanford Holy Communion for Pentecost

### Sunday 12th June

10.00am Hanley Childe Holy Communion  
4.00pm Hanley Village Hall Café Church

### Sunday 19th June

10.00am Eastham All Age and Holy Communion  
2.00pm Walking Church

### Sunday 26th June

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

### Saturday 2nd July

10.00am Stoke Bliss Churchyard Forest Church

### Sunday 3rd July

10.00am Stanford Holy Communion with Hymns  
4.00pm Stanford Praise Service

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