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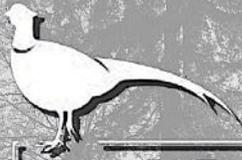
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## Dear Villagers

Anyone who looks at the Teme Valley South Churches Facebook page will know that we try and add seasonal photos when we can. Photographs can speak in ways that printed words don't always manage, which is why I enjoy our bright and colourful images used for the cover of TemeTalk. They convey a wonderful sense of life here in the Teme Valley. It's the same when I flick back through the photos on my phone and moments and seasons which have all but slipped my mind come vividly back into view.

When I look back to March 2021 and 2020 there are lots of pictures of walks, wild flowers, such as violets, wood anemones, daffodils, and of lambs. Images too of Mothering Sunday bags and Easter bags given out as we could not meet in the usual way.

This March we look forward to a Covid restriction free month for most of us. We will mark the 23rd March with our daily prayers, thankful we are able to offer events once more. Lambing café church at Parsonage Farm in Rochford promises to be a highlight as we are kindly invited to the lambing shed there to get close to the events of lambing. An exhausting time for many farmers, but a chance for us to think about the story of the lost sheep. How God cares for each of us enough to seek us out and bring us back home, to enjoy fun and be with each other.

I'm sure many of us have felt a bit lost at times over the last two years, but I am amazed at how adaptable we have been and just like the lost sheep, God has stayed close through the most difficult of times. Let's approach this March with hope and be sure to capture some pictures to look back on!

*Rev'd Julia*

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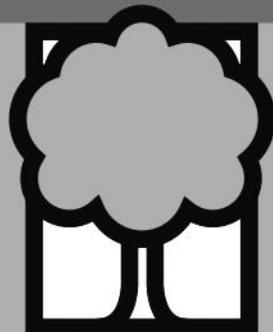
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# Parish news

## From the registers

On 6th January we gathered at Wyre Forest Crematorium for the funeral of Michael Cook of Rochford. Our prayers continue to be with Michael's family and friends at this time, may he rest in peace.

On 6th February we were delighted to be able to baptise Elliott Pegram at St Michael's, Rochford.

## Teme Valley Tots

Thanks to our helpers for providing cake and a cuppa and for being on hand for play and stories. We will be meeting at Rochford village hall on Fridays from 1 to 2.30pm during March.

## Lent

Lent starts on 2nd March and following well supported and much appreciated Lent and Advent groups on Zoom, we will offer a choice of two groups this year. One will be online with daily emails of images and reflections and a weekly Zoom. The other will be led by Pete Thorp and meet in person for discussion about a Lent book, *Celtic Lent* by David Cole. Please contact Eve at [assistanttvspcc@gmail.com](mailto:assistanttvspcc@gmail.com) or Rev Julia on 01886 853286 for further details.

## Living in love and faith

All around us we see changing understandings of human identity and changing patterns in relationships and families. It can be confusing and difficult to know where to start in thinking these issues through. So you are most welcome to join us on Thursday 7th April at 7pm at Rochford Village Hall as we spend the evening exploring what it means to walk in love and Christian faith today. Drinks and snacks will be provided too.

If you would like to come along please let Eve know at [assistanttvspcc@gmail.com](mailto:assistanttvspcc@gmail.com).

This month's front cover picture is "Spring" by figurative painter Mel Williams. See page 13 for details of Mel's forthcoming exhibition of flower paintings.

## Café Church for lambing

On 13th March at 3pm we will be at Parsonage Farm in Rochford for a café church focusing on lambing and sheep. At the barn we will think about the story of Cecil the lost sheep, hear about what it takes to look after sheep today and the have the opportunity to quietly peek into the lambing shed. Many thanks to Jenny and Andrew Barbé for allowing us to join them at this special time of year.

If possible please park in the layby at the top of the Parsonage farm track in Rochford and walk down. As it is a working farm do come dressed for the outdoors and wellies are essential. Please leave dogs at home. We also would ask any pregnant mums not come along for this café church due to the small but real risk it causes to their and their baby's health.

## 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. During the winter months Kyre Church will be open on Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 11am to 4pm.

Kyre will still be attended on Friday afternoons, with 'Take Breath' our silent prayer time open to all from 4 to 4.30pm.

*Rev'd Julia*

## Warwick Gledhill

Jennifer would like to thank everyone who attended the funeral and sent messages of sympathy and support. She would also thank everyone for their love and support for her and Warwick during his long illness.

Donations in memory of Warwick were gratefully received for Alzheimer's Society.

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Deadline 18th March

# Rochford 49 Club

*Congratulations to this month's  
£25 winners!*

## Wednesday winners

Jan 19th	No 58	not sold
Jan 26th	No 2	not sold
Feb 2nd	No 3	Rob Perrin
Feb 9th	No 29	Angela Keysall
Feb 16th	No 24	Norma Goodall

## Saturday winners

Jan 22nd	No 28	Bernard Reece
Jan 29th	No 46	not sold
Feb 5th	No 48	not sold
Feb 12th	No 49	Norma Goodall

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!

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# Teme Valley Tote

February's prize draw of the Tote (the eleventh draw in this series) was decided when Rev'd Sally Jones rolled the dice on 2nd February to select the set of random numbers. Prizewinners are:

£50 – **Mrs J Behan** of Knighton (No 617)  
£30 – **Mr M Atherton** of Stanford (No 543)  
£20 – **Anthea Spears** of Eastham (No 225)

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). There is one more draw in this series (March). A new series starts in April so save your subscription (£10 per ticket) until then.

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# Rochford Rochford Rochford

It's spring at last, always a lovely time in the Teme Valley as we enjoy spring bulbs, blossom and lambs playing in the fields – a time to make the most of everything that living in this great community of ours has to offer.

## **The village hall**

The village hall is back in use although the ceiling still has to be painted and we are still investigating possible grant funding to improve the insulation. Teme Valley Tots has now moved to Rochford village hall on Fridays, when Mums can enjoy tea, cake and chat while the tots enjoy fun time together.

We have had a loan from the church to renew the roof and ceiling, so please support our village activities. We are always looking for new fund raising ideas for the village hall, so if you have any ideas please let us know. The hall is also available to hire for parties or other events, please contact Anne if you would like to hire it.

## **Pancake day!**

On 1st March at 7pm there will be a wonderful selection of sweet and savoury pancakes in the village hall. This popular event is open to all, so please book early with Ann (01584 781317).

## **Neighbourhood lunch**

The lunch on 29th March will be in the village hall at 12.30 for 1pm. Takeaways will still be available – please collect them between 12.30 and 1pm. As ever booking for lunches is essential so please contact Ann on 01584 781317 the previous week.

## **Congratulations**

Two couples in Rochford are celebrating their diamond wedding anniversaries this spring, Martin and Kath Hatton in March and David and Pam Powell in April. Many congratulations and very best wishes to both couples.

## **Rochford Open Gardens**

Rochford Open Gardens is planned for Sunday 29th May as part of our village fund raising activities. We had wonderful gardens last year which were very well supported and appreciated and we will try and build on that success this year. Several people commented last year that there was not enough time to visit all the gardens, so this year we will extend opening times. It would be great to have a wide selection and some different gardens this year so please get in touch if you are willing to open your garden.

This will begin our Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations which will be on 2nd to 5th June. Plans are at an early stage so all ideas for the Jubilee celebrations are welcome. Many of you will remember the Silver Jubilee, which was filmed by the BBC, so let's see if we can come up with some ideas to match. Rochford fête will be on 24th July at a venue yet to be agreed.

## **Rochford church services**

The all-age service at Rochford is at 10am on the fourth Sunday of the month. Café Church on 13th March at 3pm will be held in Rochford at Parsonage Farm where the sheep will be lambing, so come along and join in with lambing based activities.

Easter Sunday communion service at Rochford church will be on 17th April at 10am, everyone welcome.

## **Michael Cook**

Sincere condolences to Gay, Richard and Katrina on the death of Michael Cook before Christmas. They would like to thank everyone for all the cards, messages, love and support they received at this difficult time. Thanks to everyone who attended the service at Wyre Forest Crematorium.

Mike had lived in Rochford for over 50 years. He met Gay at Rochford youth club ... and the rest is history. Everyone will know Mike, who spent most of his working life as a butcher in Tenbury, at Dewhurst's, Baxter's and the Clockhouse until his retirement.

Mike was often seen taking his daily walk through the village. He will be sadly missed.

*Andrew Barbé*

# Stoke Bliss and Kyre

## Kyre Church Window

Work has started on repairing the Kyre church window. Many thanks to the National Churches Trust and generous donations from local people, visitors and past inhabitants of the parish – without your help we could not have got there.

Thanks too to Lawrence Masonry, our architect Christian Montez and Ben the glass specialist. They will be coming and going over the next month as some work can be completed off site in their workshops.

The main body of Kyre church will continue to be open from Thursday to Sunday, 11am to 4pm. Entry will be via the main door. Take Breath, Quiet Time continues on Friday afternoons from 4 to 4.30pm and Maggie will be there on Fridays from 2 to 4pm to welcome you (and perhaps sell you a Kyre history book!).

*Maggie Kingston*

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Thursday 14th April

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## Pub Night

Friday 25th March

Friday 29th April

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# Eastham Jottings

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## Coffee Mornings

Join us on Wednesday 2nd March at 10.30am at Eastham Memorial Hall. The rota is:

2nd March – Diana Clarke

6th April – Ann Hadfield

Remember to call in for a quick coffee, chat and raffle ticket on the first Wednesday of each month. In April we hope to welcome back David and Jean Harrison who are moving back to Tenbury shortly.

## Zumba Gold, Pilates and Yoga at Eastham Memorial Hall

**Zumba Gold** is on Wednesday at 1pm. Call Lucia Becci on 07709 or email lu.500@live.com.

**Pilates** is on Tuesday at 1pm and 2.15pm during termtime. For a taster session call Sue on 07974 343609 or email sue579@icloud.com.

**Yoga** is on Wednesday at 7.30pm and Friday at 10am during termtime. For details and taster call Zoe on 07962 981456 or see [www.zedyoga.co.uk](http://www.zedyoga.co.uk).

**Kung Fu** on Saturdays at 9.30am. Please contact Adam on 07720 643524.

## Save the date!

Eastham celebrates the Queen's Platinum Jubilee on Sunday 5th June. See page 17.

## Basic First Aid and CPR courses

The first class is on Friday 25th March, 1 to 2.30pm at Eastham Memorial Hall. Our local paramedic Ashleigh Broadman will cover basic training on use of the defibrillator (AED) and CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation), the life-saving technique that is useful in many emergencies. Ashleigh believes these skills are vital in our remote area where it can take time for an ambulance to arrive. To book a place contact Celia Adams on 01584 781258 or email [eastham-court@icloud.com](mailto:eastham-court@icloud.com)

## Eastham Pub Night

Make a date for this informal get together on Friday 18th March from 7.30pm. Look out for the usual banner. Pub night next month will be on Friday 22nd April.

## Church and churchyard spring clean

Come along to help spring clean the churchyard on Saturday 9th April from 10am to 12.30pm followed by hot dogs. In the afternoon dusters and mops are needed for tidying up the church for the summer months from 2 to 4pm with tea and cakes at 4pm. Crèche available!

## Teme Valley Tote

Please get your tenners in for the Teme Valley Tote – you can buy multiples of £10 or just one. Contact Celia Adams on 01584 781258 or email [easthamcourt@icloud.com](mailto:easthamcourt@icloud.com). Details on page 24.

## Eastham Allotment Scheme

Subscriptions are available now for 2022/23. Deliveries are made throughout Eastham and the neighbouring villages. All funds go to the local community.

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More Eastham Jottings on page 19



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# Hanley Happenings

## Your community needs you!

Have you recently moved to the Hanleys? Would you like to meet new people, become involved with local projects and give something back to society?

The parish council and village hall committee are desperate for new and exciting people with great ideas to join them. Both groups are dwindling in size as people leave the area. Meetings are held once every three months to discuss relevant issues, such as how to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee or the planning of the village hall extension.

Take a moment to see if you could commit to making your parish a better place to live in.

Tracy Stuart-Allen, 07972 183164

## Let's try again

The ladies of the Friday market are once again ready to hold coffee mornings on the last Friday of each month. Until we are sure of the local interest we will hold them in our homes. Paddy Harding was the hostess on 25th February but we had to spread the word vocally as our decision was made too late for the Teme Talk deadline.

The next gathering will be at Tally Ho Cottage on 25th March at 11 am. If there is enough interest we will then move to the village hall for our April event. We will have our book and jigsaw exchange as previously planned. All profits will go to the Air Ambulance.

We look forward to seeing you.

*Carole Gardner*

## Art Classes

Art classes are on Wednesday evenings from 7 to 8.30 pm at Hanley Village Hall. Please contact Ange Jordan on 07830 914430 if you would like to join..

## 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.

## Jubilee celebrations in Hanley

Plans are now well advanced for our Hanley Happening, delayed from 2020, but the programme has been tweaked to accommodate the Jubilee celebrations. The Happening is on Thursday 2nd June and begins in the rectory garden. We are aiming to have competitions for both children and adults with the Jubilee in mind and we have booked pony rides, live music with a twist and a sheep scurry at the end of the Happening.

There will be a traditional grand raffle with big cash prizes. This will be the main fund raiser so please support it as all net proceeds will be divided between community events in the village hall (coffee mornings etc), the work of the stroke unit at Evesham, which has looked after several people in our parishes so well over the last three years, and church work being carried out in the village. As always please get in touch if you would like to contribute to the Hanley Happening as we are still looking forward to working with those who have recently moved here.

It is often said that the Church has plenty of money, which is true, but it should be noted that the bulk of legacies that it has received have been specifically given for the upkeep of the churches themselves and not for running or funding church events. Whilst a lot of us probably value having two beautiful church buildings in our parish, the real work of the Church led by Julia and her team is supporting the whole community irrespective of whether people attend church spasmodically or even at all.

As part of the Jubilee celebrations it has been suggested that every parish council should plant one tree for each decade of the Queen's reign, and Ed Yarnold will be planting our allocation of oak trees in a circle close to one of our footpaths near to the Wyche's Bridge which many of you will know.

There will be a Jubilee meeting on 10th March at 7.30pm in the village hall to discuss arrangements so if you are interested in getting involved please come or contact Ed or Tracy.

*Peter Thorneycroft*  
07836 733072

# Stanford • Stanford • Stanford

## Services and dates for your diary

6th March – Communion service with hymns at 10am

6th March – Praise Service at 4pm

2nd April – Wedding at 12 noon

3rd April – Communion service with hymns at 10am and Praise Service at 4pm

14th April – Maundy Thursday. Stripping of altars at 6.30pm

17th April – Easter Day. Dawn service at 5.45am followed by breakfast in the village hall at about 6.45am. Please book with Robin – £10 per person.

17th April – Christening at 2pm

## Fun Wine Tasting

This will be on 23rd April, full details on page 16. We already have over 20 reservations, so book now to avoid disappointment!

## Music for a Summer's Evening

A concert by Volante Strings on 6th May at 7.30pm. The cost will be £13.50 per person including interval wine and nibbles. More details next month.

## The Queen's Platinum Jubilee

Recently a small group met to organise events over the weekend of 2nd to 5th June. We hope to have a beacon below the church on Thursday 2nd June. I have agreed to organise an exhibition of items (photos, films, documents and memories) at the village hall over the weekend – I need anything which shows Stanford over the last 70 years or even before, please let me have your contributions.

There will be an event at Mill Farm yet to be decided on Saturday (further details next month). This will be followed by an afternoon tea with races/events at the village hall followed by a cash bar with a subsidised barbecue, again at the village hall, in the evening. Would you like to be involved? We are still looking for volunteers to assist and contribute ideas – please contact Sue on 07929 479865 or David on 01886 853677 if you can help.

All profits and donations from the weekend will go to The Queen's Green Canopy.

## Teme Valley Tote

The new series starts in April. For £10 you have one number which is entered in 12 monthly draws with the possibility of winning £50, £30 or £20 in each month's draw. You can have as many numbers as you wish to increase your chances of winning – some people have one or several for each of their family members. In Stanford, Alexandra is the local co-ordinator. You should contact her if you wish to join. Full details for Teme Valley South are on page 24.

## Coming events

We recently had an Area Church Committee meeting and are looking for other events over the next few months. We hope to have a dance of some sort and a fête. However 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.  
tact Robin.

## Volunteers please – again

People have joined both the area church committee and the village hall committee but we would welcome some more especially when the crisis is over. What are we going to do to celebrate the end of this crisis? Robin (01886 853295) is happy to explain what is involved and you are welcome to attend one of our meetings when they return so that you can see what it is like. We still need people to organise and assist.

*Robin Dean*

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The next meeting of the Filling Station will be on Thursday 17th March when Rev Mark Inglis will be our speaker. Mark is the team vicar for Tenbury and the surrounding areas and is well known by those who live in the town.

The decision was made to begin meeting again in person from our February meeting and our venue is now Eastham Memorial Hall at 7.15pm for a 7.30pm start. We look forward to your joining us for an evening of fellowship, worship, teaching and refreshments. For further information please contact me at [kate.harley6@gmail.com](mailto:kate.harley6@gmail.com).

## Meet the police

Surgeries where residents can meet the police and discuss matters with them have been arranged at the following times and places.

### 21st March

Great Witley	Outside village hall	8.30 to 10am
Tenbury	Tesco	2 to 4pm

### 11th April

Hallow	Ladygo Stores	10am to 2pm
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### 25th April

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### Ingredients

oil, for the tin  
250g butter, softened  
250g golden caster sugar, plus 50g for the topping  
2 large lemons, zested and juiced  
3 large eggs  
200g plain flour  
100g ground almonds  
2½ tsp baking powder  
50ml milk  
100g mixed dried fruit  
300g marzipan, chilled  
50g icing sugar

### Method

Heat oven to 180C/160C fan/gas 4. Oil and line a 20cm x 30cm baking tin with baking parchment.

Beat the butter and sugar with most of the lemon zest until pale and fluffy. Add the eggs one at a time, mixing constantly, then add the flour, almonds and baking powder, and keep

mixing until you have a smooth cake batter. Stir in the milk and dried fruit.

Scrape half the cake batter into the tin and level the surface.

Coarsely grate half the marzipan onto the batter to create an

even layer, then cover with the rest of the batter, trying not to disturb the marzipan too much. Level the top and bake for 35 to 40 mins or until a skewer inserted into the centre comes out clean. If any wet cake mixture clings to the skewer, return the cake to the oven for five minutes, then check again. Mix the remaining caster sugar with a quarter of the lemon juice, then drizzle over the cake while still warm. Leave the cake to cool in the tin.

Mix the icing sugar with enough lemon juice to make a drizzly icing – 2-3 teaspoons should be enough. Divide the rest of the marzipan into 11 even lumps and roll into balls. Drizzle the icing over the cake, top with the marzipan balls and sprinkle with the remaining lemon zest. Will keep in an airtight container for up to five days.



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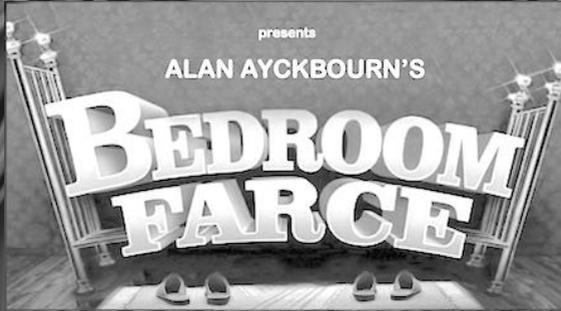
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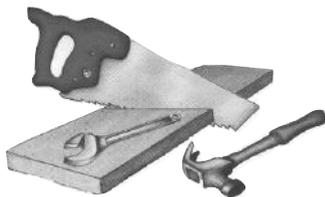
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Thanks to Robert Barlow for arranging the recent litter pick and for all who attended and helped. If you would like to volunteer for an area within the village for regular litter picking, please let the clerk know, and you will be given equipment to assist you.

Remember that members of the public are welcome at all of our parish council meetings. Our meetings all start at 8pm and are held at Rochford Village Hall. Future dates are:

Monday 9th May – Annual Meeting  
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Monday 19th September

Monday 28th November

If you have anything to report, please contact the clerk on 07813 567207 or email [rochfordpc@gmail.com](mailto:rochfordpc@gmail.com).

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# More Eastham Jottings

## Flower display workshop

Following the Christmas wreath workshop, another chance to join in a workshop to make an Easter flower arrangement or wreath on Thursday 7th April at 6.30pm at Eastham Memorial Hall. £17 to cover all the basics plus £3 towards St Richard's Hospice. Finishes at about 8.45pm. Places are limited so book as soon as possible with Celia Adams (01584 781258).

## Eastham Memorial Hall

Drop in and see the newly installed projector (in the ceiling), screen and speakers, all suitable for small conferences, training, zoom connections to other parts of the country/world and all now working! Many thanks to Mike Palfrey and Paul Arnold for two long days of hard graft getting it all to work.

To donate a laptop (with HDMI connection, about £300 new) or to see other items on our revised wish list please go to [easthammemorialhall.org.uk/news.html](http://easthammemorialhall.org.uk/news.html) or ring Mike Palfrey on 07976 854267 (email [mike.palfrey@easthammemorialhall.org.uk](mailto:mike.palfrey@easthammemorialhall.org.uk)).

**Deadline 18th March**  
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## Eastham's 54th Riverside Fête

Make a note of the date so there is no chance of missing this year's fête on Sunday 21st August starting at 12 noon. The 54th fete will be held again on the fields behind the telephone box opposite the Memorial Hall. There will be plenty to do and see, as always entry and parking are free. We will be putting in regular reminders to let you know what is happening on the day

The Produce Show schedule should be delivered to all households in Eastham with April's TemeTalk but if you live in any of the other parishes and would like a copy please get in touch ([easthamfete@gmail.com](mailto:easthamfete@gmail.com) or 01584 781505) and we will get it to you.

If you would like to help on the day in any way, please get in touch, we would be very grateful. Hope to see you there!

## Litter pick

Join the merry band of pickers on a Saturday in March, 9.30am to 12 noon – bring gloves, high vis kit supplied. Meet and reassemble for coffee or tea and cake at Eastham Memorial Hall.

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With the rising cost of household commodities such as food and the increase in the energy price cap in the spring which will increase by £693 at the start of April, it is clear that many households will find their budgets squeezed further.

Although the government has announced some measures to help ease the situation including support for some council tax payers and help with fuel bills in the autumn in the form of a £200 loan to households which would be paid off through higher future energy bills, many will be left wondering how they will manage their finances.

However there are some very real ways households can ease this situation and here are our top ones to consider:

- Is your home well insulated? Are your appliances energy efficient? Improving energy efficiency is one of the best ways to reduce energy costs and even some measures like putting in low energy light bulbs can make a difference. Grants are available for householders to do this. See the energy saving trust website for more information on this visit <https://energysavingtrust.org.uk/energy-at-home/>
- Are you getting the best deal with your energy supplier? Could you save by changing suppliers or changing to a cheaper fixed term one with your current provider?
- Are you claiming all the benefits you might be entitled to? Our evidence shows that many wel-

fare benefits go unclaimed despite a legal entitlement to them. Many people do not realise they could be entitled to pension credit when they are retired or carers allowance when they are caring for someone.

- **Get help:** If you are having trouble managing your finances get help from agencies like Citizens Advice who provide a money advice service to help manage problem debt. They can help you to prioritise bills, access court based processes for dealing with unmanageable debt and identify other sources of local welfare support that local authorities may be offering.
- **Draw up a budget:** If you haven't already done so, try and draw up a budget or get help to do so, even a simple one will help you to see where your money is going.

To find out more about any of these issues call us on the Worcestershire Adviceline on 0808 2787 891 or email enquiries.malvern@citizensadvicesw.org.uk

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Over the last seven years Ludlow Rotary has been able to invest over £30,000 in 60 local community projects in this way. After a gap of two years when fund raising has been difficult due to Covid restrictions, the Club is delighted to be able to invest again in our community.

Local charities and other community organisations are therefore invited to apply for a grant.

The Club intends to be very open minded about the types of activities it will support so

long as the project or programme responds to a community need in or within 15 miles of Ludlow and meets its criteria on the giving of grants. What the Club will need to understand is exactly what the money will be used for, who will benefit from it, and how much difference a grant will make.

Further information can be found on the website [www.ludlowrotaryclub.org.uk](http://www.ludlowrotaryclub.org.uk) which includes details of the criteria that will be applied and a simple application form. Organisations which meet the criteria will need to apply by 10th April 2022.

Those shortlisted will be invited to an evening event at Ashford Carbonell Village Hall on 24th May at which they will be asked to explain their project for a few minutes to a small panel. There will also be an opportunity to meet other applicants as well as members of the Rotary Club. Cheques will be handed out very soon afterwards!

The Club is keen to hear from a wide range of organisations so if you are involved in or are aware of one which might benefit, do take a look at the website and follow the link to download an application form. For further information please email [lrc@ludlowrotaryclub.org.uk](mailto:lrc@ludlowrotaryclub.org.uk).

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# Teme Valley Wildlife

"I've heard that Tommy Tittle-mouse lived in a little house" began Beatrix Potter in a nursery rhyme about one of our most loved garden birds. The old word titmouse once applied to the tit family in general, but here she was referring to the long-tailed tit, which does indeed have a splendid little house, woven from feathers, moss, fur and soft grass, all covered with cobwebs and lichen.

Of all the tits the long-tailed is my favourite, a little ball of pinkish feathers and a long stiff black and white tail. In winter they flock together and sometimes visit my fat-bar feeder, crowding in with their tails pointing out at all angles. With high-pitched peeps they are barely there long enough to down a morsel before rushing away, on to their next feeding station. At night they are known to crowd together in a long line, sitting tight along a tree-



branch, huddling in to conserve their body-heat. In spring and summer they join with other tits in loose flocks, but in winter they seek out their own to try and beat the weather.

The ubiquity of tits explains a long list of local alternative names. Here in Worcestershire the long-tailed tit is nicknamed a mumruffin but in other parts of the country it is known as a bottle jug, bum barrel, feather poke, prinpriddle or huckmuck and there are many more besides.

Britain has six types of tit. Three of them, the blue, great and coal tits, are common garden visitors. The other three are the marsh, willow and crested tits. The long-tailed tit and the bearded tit are not actually classified in the tit family but are usually considered alongside them. We are all familiar with the acrobatic antics of these small birds, and we love to see them rearing their young in our garden bird-boxes. They are omnivorous feeders and opportunistic feeders too. Blue tits are not averse to helping themselves to the top of the milk should a milk bottle be left unattended. That's a rarer occurrence now, thanks to the use of plastic cartons.

Willow and marsh tits look very similar to each other and have only been considered as separate species since 1897. A marsh tit sometimes visits my garden feeders. The willow tit is not recorded in Worcestershire and is distinguished from the marsh tit by having a duller black crown. The bearded tit and the crested tit are also absent from the county. The first inhabits East Anglia, being partial to marshes, and the latter lives in the forests of Scotland's Speyside.

As I started with a rhyme, I'll finish with another and one that I certainly heard chanted in my Derbyshire childhood, "Tell-tail tit, your

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tongue will split, and all the little dicky-birds will have a little bit"! I don't think I can follow that, so I'll just ask instead that you join us at our next meeting, which I know will be accompanied by superb wildlife photography.

The next meeting of the Teme Valley Wildlife Group will take place at Stoke Bliss and Kyre village hall on Thursday 10th March at 7.30pm. We welcome back Andrew Fusek Peters whose talk is called "Shropshire Hill and Dale - a Wildlife Year". Everyone is most welcome, it is just £2 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, 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 hold meetings on the second Thursday of the month. All are welcome. Contact us by telephone on 01568 750413 or by email at [trvwg@outlook.com](mailto:trvwg@outlook.com).*

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# Teme Valley Tote

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Your Teme Valley South co-ordinators are:

Celia Adams – Eastham

Alexandra Winnington – Stanford

Margaret Yarnold – Stoke Bliss & Kyre

They will try to contact you during March.

If you have online banking you can subscribe by bank giro credit – the account name is North Teme Group of Churches Tote Account, sort code 20-39-64, account number 30947539. Please give your name and district as a reference and email [robin.c.dean@gmail.com](mailto:robin.c.dean@gmail.com)

If you currently pay by standing order you will automatically be entered. If there is any problem, I will contact you when these come in on 1st April. If you wish to pay by standing order I can send you the form. Or you can send a cheque made payable to Teme Valley Tote to me (Robin Dean) at Rectory Cottage, Stanford Bridge, Worcester, WR6 6ST.

If you have any queries about the tote, please contact me on 01886 853295 or email [robin.c.dean@gmail.com](mailto:robin.c.dean@gmail.com)

*Robin Dean, Teme Valley Tote Organiser*

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# What's on in Teme Valley South

## March

1st	Tuesday	Pancake Evening, Rochford Village Hall, 7pm
2nd	Wednesday	Eastham Coffee Morning, Eastham Memorial Hall, 10.30am
10th	Thursday	Neighbourhood Lunch, Stoke Bliss & Kyre Village Hall, 12.30pm Jubilee meeting, Hanley Village Hall, 7.30pm
13th	Sunday	Café Church for lambing, Parsonage Farm, Rochford, 3pm
17th	Thursday	The Filling Station, Eastham Memorial Hall, 7.15pm
18th	Friday	Pub Night, Eastham Memorial Hall, 7.30pm
19th	Saturday	Film Night at Hanley Village Hall, <i>The Guard</i> , 7.30pm
24th-26th		<i>Bedroom Farce</i> , The Regal Theatre Studio
25th	Friday	Hanley Friday Market, Tally Ho Cottage, 11am Pub Night, Stoke Bliss & Kyre Village Hall, 7.30pm First Aid and CPR course, Eastham Memorial Hall, 1pm
26th	Saturday	Plant & Produce Sale, Stoke Bliss & Kyre Village Hall, 10.30am
29th	Tuesday	Neighbourhood Lunch, Rochford Village Hall, 12.30 for 1pm

## April

6th	Wednesday	Eastham Coffee Morning, Eastham Memorial Hall, 10.30am
7th	Thursday	Flower display workshop, Eastham Memorial Hall, 6.30pm Living in love and faith, Rochford Village Hall, 7.00pm
8th	Friday	Quiz Night, Stoke Bliss & Kyre Village Hall, 7pm
9th	Saturday	Eastham church and churchyard spring clean, 10am
14th	Thursday	Neighbourhood Lunch, Stoke Bliss & Kyre Village Hall, 12.30pm
16th	Saturday	Film Night at Hanley Village Hall, <i>JoJo Rabbit</i> , 7.30pm
22nd	Friday	Pub Night, Eastham Memorial Hall, 7.30pm
23rd	Saturday	Fun Wine Tasting, Stanford Village Hall, 6.00pm
29th	Friday	Pub Night, Stoke Bliss & Kyre Village Hall, 7.30pm

## May

4th	Wednesday	Eastham Coffee Morning, Eastham Memorial Hall, 10.30am
6th	Friday	Music for a Summer's Evening, St Mary's Stanford, 7.30pm
29th	Sunday	Rochford Open Gardens

## June

1st	Wednesday	Eastham Coffee Morning, Eastham Memorial Hall, 10.30am
2nd	Thursday	Hanley Happening, Rectory Garden, 4.30pm
5th	Sunday	Eastham Celebrates the Queen's Platinum Jubilee
2nd	Thursday	Hanley Happening and Beacon Party, Rectory Garden, 4.30pm
5th	Sunday	Eastham Platinum Jubilee Party, Eastham Memorial Hall

**Send items for inclusion to Sandra Griffiths by 18th of the month  
telephone 01568 750665 or email [ronsmum@btconnect.com](mailto:ronsmum@btconnect.com)**

# Services

## March/April 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

**Facemasks for services inside a church are a legal requirement at the time of writing**

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.

#### Wednesday 2nd March

9.00am Rochford Church

#### Ash Wednesday

Holy Communion and Ashing Service

#### Saturday 5th March

10.00am Stoke Bliss Church

Forest Church

#### Sunday 6th March

10.00am Stanford

Holy Communion and hymns

4.00pm Stanford

Praise Service

#### Sunday 13th March

10.00am Kyre

Celtic Holy Communion

3.00pm Parsonage Farm, Rochford

Lambing Café Church

#### Sunday 20th March

10.00am Eastham

All Age Worship and Holy Communion

2.00pm

Walking Church

#### Sunday 27th March

10.00am Rochford

#### Mothering Sunday

All Age Worship and Holy Communion

4.00pm Hanley William

Evening Prayer

#### Saturday 2nd April

10.00am Stoke Bliss

Forest Church

12 noon Stanford

Wedding

#### Sunday 3rd April

10.00am Stanford

Holy Communion and hymns

4.00pm Stanford

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