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Dear Villagers

Having written last summer about our encounters with a local doe and her fawn, which were a mixed blessing if you remember, in this month of apple blossom and flowers in abundance my thoughts turn to bees. During sunny days in May they provide a constant hum in our garden as they flit from flower to flower – legs bulging with yellow pollen and which almost seem too heavy for flight in some cases.

At a recent Forest Church I discovered quite how many species of bee exist in the UK. I assumed it was two, bumble and honey, but in fact there are 270 species. Most species of bee are solitary ones, in contrast to any Biblical references to bees (and there are only four), which relate only to swarms.

Identification of all the species of bee that live in this country is beyond me, but I am able to tell when a swarm is near. In our first May on the Broadheath we were visited by a swarm that took up residence in a disused chimney. They were noisy and frightening at first, but soon moved on once our fruit trees had stopped flowering.

However, I am always delighted to chat to anyone who keeps bees and extracts honey, which seems such a skilled and brave thing to do. Much more Biblical too, as there are 62 places in the Bible where honey is mentioned! So this May, enjoy the abundance of blossom and the bees that work it; taste the sweetness of honey, and do your best to avoid any swarms ... unless you have been trained of course!

PS The bright pink flowers of our bergenia are safely netted this year. We have now discovered tulips are just as tasty to the palates of deer! Ho hum ...

Rev'd Julia

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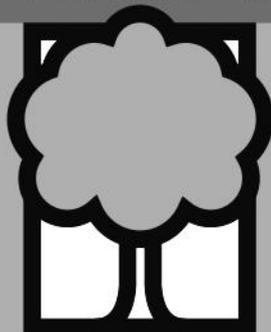
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Parish news

From the registers

Congratulations to Becky and Paul Milner, who were married on 2nd April at St Mary's, Stanford. We wish them a long and happy married life together. On 17th April, Easter day, we were delighted to be able to baptise Hattie Hedges also at St Mary's, Stanford.

On 22nd March we held the funeral of Elizabeth (Beth) Kenneally at St Michael's, Rochford followed by a committal at Wyre Forest Crematorium the next day (23rd March).

On 12th April we celebrated the life of Tony Aston with a service in St Michael's Church, and afterwards interred his ashes in the churchyard. Our prayers continue to be with their family and friends at this time, may they rest in peace.

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 May. We have space for another couple of families, if anyone else would like to come along.

All change

During the months of May, June and July our LLM Reader in training, Jen Jones, will be on placement with the churches of the Kidderminster West Team. This will give her some excellent experience of a very different setting to our rural churches.

We are looking forward to hosting Martin Price during June. Martin is training to be a priest with The Queen's Foundation in Birmingham and is keen to have experience of a rural setting for his placement. He writes:

"I am very much looking forward to spending this June with you as part of my Ordination training. It's a great opportunity to find out more about parish ministry and to reconnect with Teme Valley again after lockdown. I am one of the Franciscan Brothers at Glasshampton Monastery, so if you see me around in my brown habit, do stop and say hello.

Peace and All Good, Br Martin."

Collection for Ukraine

As well as a number of us individually supporting the people of Ukraine with offers of accommodation, donated goods and money, our church collections during March were given to the Disasters Emergency Committee Appeal. A huge thank you to all who generously gave to this, which meant we could send £397 to support those suffering from the effects of the conflict.

Living in Love and Faith – rescheduled

All around us we see changing understandings of human identity, changing patterns in relationships and family life. What does it mean to be Christians and walk in love, faith and holiness today? Anyone is most welcome to join our rescheduled discussion about this important topic on Wednesday 18th May at 7.30pm in Stanford Church.

Drinks and light refreshments will be available, but please let Rev'd Julia or TVS admin (assistanttvspcc@gmail.com) know if you would like to come.

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.

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

This month's front cover photograph of a swift is by Geoff Hall – see page 10

Village Hall Bookings

Stoke Bliss & Kyre

Janet Powell, 01885 410598

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Rochford – Ann Prosser, 01584 781317

Eastham – Helen Matravers, 01584 781510

Hanley – Judy Bayliss, 01886 853813

Stanford – Robin Dean, 01886 853295

Rochford 49 Club

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

Wednesday winners

March 23rd No 50 Not sold
March 30th No 29 Angela Keysall
April 6th No 59 Not sold
April 13th No 2 Not sold

Saturday winners

March 19th No 7 Jon Adams
March 26th No 40 Vera Bright
April 2nd No 20 Kath Hatton
April 9th No 17 Rita Slater
April 16th No 44 Dan Taylor

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

Entries are still coming in for the new series of the Teme Valley Tote which started again in April, so there will be two separate draws at the beginning of May for April and May.

If you have any queries about the Tote please contact Robin Dean on 01886 853295 or email robin.c.dean@gmail.com.

Notice of Extraordinary General Meeting of Eastham Residents Association

There will be a General Meeting of the Eastham Residents Association on Thursday 26th May at 7.30pm at Eastham Memorial Hall, open to all residents of the parish of Eastham.

The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss the future of Eastham Residents Association and to close the association down if that is the wish of the meeting.

Rev'd Sally Jones, Chair
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The village hall

We are still investigating funding sources to improve the insulation together with the internal décor of the hall. Community fund raising events are very important to provide much needed funds to maintain the village hall, so please support and promote our events to your friends. I have just won £25 on the Rochford Bonus Ball Lottery which has been run by Dan Taylor and Gill Smith for years, to raise funds which are shared between the village hall and the church. For £1 a week you buy a number and if that is the bonus ball then you win £25. To participate in the Saturday and Wednesday draws costs £2 a week. If you would like to join, please let me know. Be in it to win it and support your village! (Andrew.barbe@btinternet.com)

Neighbourhood lunch

Neighbourhood lunches are held every month in the village hall with takeaways available. The next lunch will be on Tuesday 31st May. As ever booking for lunches is essential and takeaways should be collected between 12.30 and 1pm. Please book with Ann on 01584 781317 the previous week.

Platinum Jubilee Celebrations

An open meeting will be arranged soon through the WhatsApp group so please come along and get involved in designing our celebrations! See Rochford's fourth fun wheelbarrow race on page 10.

Rochford Open Gardens

Our second Open Gardens, on 29th May from 1 to 5pm, is earlier in the year this time so anyone who attended last year will see the gardens with different seasonal flowers and plants. There will be afternoon teas plus various plants for sale. Profits go to village funds, with monies raised from The Coach House Plant sale being split between the village and Children with Cancer. Collect your map and instructions from Rochford Village Hall and enjoy some beautiful early summer gardens.

If you would like to be part of this, whether your garden is big or small, please get in touch with Jan Winter on 01584 781601 or 07789 686833 – the more the merrier. It would be great to have some new gardens this year.

Pizza Girls

The Pizza Girls are back at Rochford village hall on Friday 20th May from 5 to 8pm. Pre-order on 07198 941699 or order on the night.

Thanks

Many thanks to Rod Rickets for repairing the church sign which suffered after the storms, not once but twice.

David and Pam (Powell) would like to thank family and friends for their kind wishes, flowers, gifts and cards (including one from the Queen) received to celebrate their Diamond Wedding Anniversary on 14th April, which was a memorable occasion.

Farewell

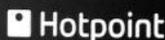
Farewell to Olly, Jess, Albert and Elsie Evans from Roselands, School Lane. We have really enjoyed their company in Rochford and wish them well in their new home at Whitbourne.

More Rochford news on pages 10 and 20

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Stoke Bliss and Kyre

Stoke Bliss and Kyre Open Gardens and Teas

on Sunday 19th June in the afternoon

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Full details next month

Funds raised will go to Stoke Bliss and Kyre churches and the village hall



Pub Night

Friday 27th May
from 6pm



Stoke Bliss & Kyre Village Hall
Summer Barbecue

Cream teas and sunshine

On 26th March Stoke Bliss and Kyre village hall hosted an afternoon tea party and plant and produce sale. The event got off to a splendid start with unseasonably warm, dry and sunny weather allowing us to set up the tea party in the garden. The bright sunshine brought in the crowds in summer hats and even shorts – yes it was that warm! By the end of the afternoon a magnificent total of £598.90 was raised to be split between the village hall and Stoke Bliss and Kyre churches.

The village hall committee would like to thank everyone whose contributions of produce, bakery and labour made the day such a great success. A huge thanks also to everyone who came along and supported us.

Anne Plint

Neighbourhood Lunch

Stoke Bliss & Kyre Village Hall

Thursday 12th May

Thursday 9th June

Welcome at 12.30pm

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if you would like to come



Pub Night

On 25th March the village hall hosted its March pub night. The catering team served 22 meals, a little fewer than on previous events due to holidays and covid cancellations. It was, once again a great success and big thanks to all those who helped and supported the event.

Helen's delicious lasagne was back on the menu in April, a dish that received rave reviews at our October event. We also piloted a bring and buy stall which will hopefully become a regular feature for those of you who have surplus plants or produce. I for one intend to evict my surplus tomato plants, vegetable and bedding plants that I have no room for. I am hoping that this will alleviate the need to drop anonymous bags full of produce on our neighbours' gates!

On Friday 27th May we will be holding a barbecue evening from 6pm. All proceeds will go to village hall funds. Please remember to reserve your meals with Margaret on gc.mcintosh@btinternet.com or 01885 410611.

Anne Plint

Platinum Jubilee Tea Party – see page 12



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Coffee Mornings

Join us on Wednesday 4th May at 10.30am at Eastham Memorial Hall. The rota is:

4th May – Alison Neary
1st June – Chris Kelland

We are hoping to get Just Jersey along with their milk – see justjerseymicrodairy.co.uk

Zumba Gold, Pilates and Yoga and Kung Fu at Eastham Memorial Hall

Pilates, Tuesdays at 1pm and 2.15pm
Yoga, Wednesdays 7.30pm, Fridays 10am
Zumba Gold, Wednesdays at 1pm
Kung Fu, Saturdays at 9.30am

Contact Celia Adams on 01584 781258 or easthamcourt@icloud.com for more details.

First Aid courses

Many thanks to paramedic Ashleigh Broadman for running this excellent first aid class. To book a place on the second workshop on Friday 20th May please contact Celia Adams on 01584 781258 or easthamcourt@icloud.com.

Eastham Pub Night

Come along to Eastham Memorial Hall on Friday 20th May from 7.30pm and meet up with neighbours old and new.

Eastham Platinum Jubilee Tea Party Sunday 5th June

Arrive at 2pm, tea at 3pm, fancy dress judging after 4pm followed by a toast to the Queen and presentation of commemorative china tankards to all Eastham children under the age of 18 on the day. For full details see page 17.

Easter flower display workshop

We had a great evening with Georgina Painter Black and a donation of £40 was sent to St Richards Hospice.

Thanks to everyone involved. Some beautiful wreaths went home with happy arrangers – all ages competed!

Eastham Riverside Fête

Only three more Jottings to go until the highlight of your year, Eastham Fête!

Planning has started and if you would like to help we can always find things for you to do. Helpers are needed for setting up and taking down the site, relief on stalls, taking refreshments to helpers, washing up, parking and all the other many tasks that go on behind the scenes to help the day go smoothly. If you can help please contact the organisers on 01584 781505 or at easthamfete@gmail.com.

We will soon be asking for china (for the china smashing stall) and bric-a-brac, so if you're spring cleaning, think of us. We'll also need tombola prizes, plants, books and cakes to sell to help swell the takings. If you can help please get in touch. Together as a community we can pull off a great day for everyone.

Pumpkin Competition

If you want to be in with a chance of winning top prize at Eastham's annual Pumpkin Competition you will need to plant the seed during May and keep plants well-watered. No time to waste!

Eastham Memorial Hall AGM

The AGM will be on Tuesday 17th May at 7pm. The public meeting is open to all Eastham residents and there will be a Zoom/Teams link for those not able to attend in person. Please contact Celia Adams in advance for the link details.

The bar opens after the AGM – come along and see all the new bar facilities masterminded by Jane Yarnold and financed by the hall's share of the fête proceeds.

Bell ringing

The Martley bellringers will be ringing the bells at Eastham church during the Platinum Jubilee weekend – date to be confirmed.

Spring clean of churchyard and church

Thanks to everyone who came along and helped on 9th April. Many hands made light work!

Celia Adams

Hanley Happenings

Friday market coffee mornings

Following the success of coffee mornings held at individuals' homes in February and March, we have decided to move all future coffee mornings to Hanley village hall. We have raised £100 for the Air Ambulance so far and hope to continue to be successful in our efforts. We will have a small raffle each week and there will be the usual book and jigsaw exchange with small contributions to our fund. At some stage we may be introducing produce from our own gardens.

Come and join us on the last Friday of each month at 11am.

Parish Council AGM

Tuesday 10th May at 7.15pm
Hanley Village Hall
All parishioners are welcome

Village Hall Committee AGM

Tuesday 17th May at 7pm
Hanley Village Hall
All parishioners are welcome

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.

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 come.

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Jubilee Weekend

Following a recent meeting in the village hall which several new residents attended, the overall programme was agreed. On 2nd June there will be an eco-fête from 4.30 to 6.30 in the rectory garden followed by beacon lighting from 7.30pm at Hanley Childe.

There will be live music and teas and cakes. Competitions will include a Jubilee quiz, adults eco hat decoration and children's Jubilee picture competition, plus a Jubilee photo exhibition.

Attractions will include Anna's amazing plant stall, a putting competition, bottle stall and lucky dip, milk the cow making a welcome return and pony rides. There will also be a treasure hunt and egg throwing, and juggling with our resident juggler. It promises to be a lot of fun!

The next meeting will be in the village hall on Tuesday 3rd May at 7.30pm.

Pat Kerby

It is with great sadness that I confirm that Pat Kerby, one of our older residents, died in a nursing home near Malvern on 7th April aged 94.

Pat was a legend of the point to point world from the early 1950s – little did I know when I saw her race in the 1950s in Shropshire and Staffordshire that twenty years later we would become neighbours. Her career took her to 62 successes culminating in winning the Ladies National Championship at Chepstow.

For much of her career her rides were confined to ladies' races only, at a time when the sport was largely supported by farmers before it became so much more professional, so this was a tremendous achievement. She was absolutely fearless, had many racing accidents but came back for more. I cannot recall her bad mouthing anyone and her generosity to us was demonstrated when she loaned one of her horses to our daughter for a season's racing in 1994. So many happy memories.

Peter Thorneycroft, 07836 733072

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Services and dates for your diary

1st May – Communion Service with hymns at 10am, Praise Service at 4pm.

26th May – Ascension Day Communion Service with hymns at 7pm.

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

Volante Strings concert

The Volante Strings concert, Music for a Summer Evening, is on 6th May at 7.30pm. Cost £12.50 including wine and nibbles at the interval. Please book with Robin on 01886 853295.

Civil Parish Meeting

Anyone on the electoral roll can attend the Civil Parish Meeting at 8pm on 19th May and elect the chairman (currently Robin Dean), the secretary (currently Lesley Dean) and treasurer (currently Clem Softly). Please try and attend.

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee

A full programme of events for the weekend of 2nd to 5th June appears on page 13. All profits and donations from the weekend will go to the Queen's Green Canopy.

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.

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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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Rochford's Jubilee Fun Wheelbarrow Race

Rochford's fourth Jubilee Fun Wheelbarrow Race is on Sunday 5th June at 3pm.

Those of you who have been around Rochford for a long time will know that the first wheelbarrow race took place for the Queen's Silver Jubilee in 1977. It was a real village celebration with maypole dancing, games, food and other activities as well as the wheelbarrow race. It was not particularly child orientated with all the wheelbarrows racing through the village at once and involving cider drinking along the way.

Since then, there have been two others for the various Jubilees so this will be our fourth, particularly family orientated and without the cider! The race will start off the fun afternoon at 3pm. Decorating your barrow is optional but all adds to the fun as does dressing up.

The race will start at Keysell's Farm Wain House and finish at the village hall, with various challenge stops along the way so no long runs. It's open to everyone of all ages, young

and older alike. Maybe the children from the last one will be pushing their parents now! There will be refreshments for all and entertainment afterwards, so 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 races from the past. We hope to show the film of the 1977 Ju-



bilee at some stage over the weekend too.

Please contact Jan Winter on 01584 781601 or 07789 686833 if you want to enter a barrow or borrow one to race, though you can of course just turn up on the day and we'll lend you one.

Finally, if you can offer help manning the stops etc on the day, please let us know, as that would be very much appreciated.

Andrew Barbé

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Angel Gardens – a growing business

The end of May sees big changes afoot and cause for celebration at Angel Gardens Garden Centre at Mill Farm Country Retail at Stanford Bridge.

Louise Mawdett opened the garden centre four years ago on 28th May and struggled through two years of lockdowns and Covid restrictions. She kept the garden centre open during the pandemic, offering a delivery service to people who had been bitten by the gardening bug during lockdown and were desperate for potting compost, plants and seeds.

Now, as life returns to normal, the garden centre is expanding behind the shop to more than double the space for plants – bedding plants, pond plants, vegetables and a fabulous display of David Austin roses. Louise also stocks alpines and hellebores as well as shrubs, climbers and fruit trees.

The Angel Gardens shop is packed with gardening essentials, seeds, gardening gloves and secateurs and a big display of indoor plants, as well as interesting local crafts. And outside the shop you'll find a good range of garden furniture.

To celebrate the fourth anniversary and the opening of the new extended garden centre,



there will be special treats for customers on **Friday, Saturday and Sunday 27, 28th and 29th May**, including prosecco and nibbles. So why not come along and join the party, and get everything you need to make your garden gorgeous this summer!

Louise would like to thank all the fabulous customers who have supported her for the last four years. Old and new customers are welcome to call in and see what the new Angel Gardens has to offer.

Angel Gardens, Mill Farm Country Retail Stanford Bridge WR6 6SP



Garden Centre and Gift Shop

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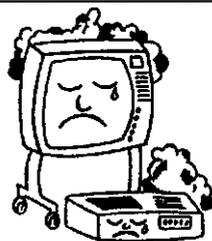
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The project has been managed and delivered by Christian Montez of Montez Architects, stonemason Chris Lawrence of Lawrence Masonry and Ben from Norgrove Studios who took care of the removal and restoration of the stained glass. Special thanks go to Maggie Kingston for her generous donation from of sales of her book 'History of Kyre Manor and Church' (copies are still available) and for managing access to the church whilst keeping visitors informed about the ongoing work. And finally thank you to Kyre Park House and Antiques Barn for the use of their car parking spaces.

Jen Jones

Swifts in Eastham

As you can see from Geoff Hall's beautiful photograph on this month's front cover, we are very lucky in Eastham to have swifts nesting regularly in our fine old church. Swifts are in sad decline, on the red list, but they continue to return to the church in good numbers. It is amazing to think how many generations have bred in the hundreds of years the church has been standing.

I would like to know whether any of the other churches in our area, or any other building, is home to nesting swifts? I am not an expert just an enthusiast. If you would like to know more about these amazing birds try www.swift-conservation.org. If you would like to share local information – and enthusiasm – please get in touch with me at cannhadfield@hotmail.com.

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More news from Rochord

Sadly we have lost three more people with Rochford connections and we send our condolences to their families and friends.

Ray Jordon

Condolences to Desmond, Cassandra and Paul and their families and also to Barbara on the untimely death of their dad and partner Ray Jordan. Ray had lived in the village for many years with his late wife Vi where they raised their family. He will be sadly missed by all who knew him.

Tony Aston

Tony was an outdoor person, born and brought up in Mamble where he met his wife Hilary. They moved to Rochford when they married and Tony took on the role of farm manager for the Nott family at Kyrewood.

Tony and Hilary had two children, Joanne and Colin, four granddaughters and one great grandchild. After Hilary passed away, Tony moved into a bungalow in Tenbury Wells where he lived for a further 15 years.

Tony's hops won national prizes, and at the end of the service at Rochford Church, Rev'd Julia blessed some hops which mourners cast across his final resting place with Hilary in the churchyard.

Beth Kenneally

Beth was married to Sergeant John Kenneally VC, 1st Bn, Irish Guards, who earned his Victoria Cross whilst fighting in North Africa in 1943. Beth and John had four children, three sons and a daughter, and had lived a very full life. When they came to Rochford, they first lived at Dean Meadow and later moved to Halls Bank which she promptly renamed the Pink House, as it is still known today.

After John's death Beth remained at the Pink House where she was at her happiest. She enjoyed pottering about in the garden and would often be seen walking her beloved Bertie. She was a great lover of animals and was an ardent supporter of the Ludlow based cats charity.

She was a very attractive lady with a wicked sense of humour, a good friend and neighbour, and will be sadly missed by all those whose lives she touched.

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The next session on the theme of Rogation is on Saturday 7th May. We invite you to come along and find out what rogation is all about.

If you have any questions, please contact Jen Jones on 07749 977821.

The Filling Station

The next meeting of the Filling Station will be at Eastham Memorial Hall at 7.15pm on Thursday 19th May when Bob Lillyman will be speaking to us. Bob and his wife Jenny are regular attendees at the Filling Station and often serve at the Garden Tomb in Jerusalem.

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Teme Valley Wildlife

I'm always on the lookout for information about the Teme valley so was interested to read a recent report about a project called "Riverscapes". It is a partnership between four different trusts – the Rivers Trust, the National Trust, the Woodland Trust and the Beaver Trust. Its aim is to promote healthy rivers through a Government incentive to fund "nature for climate" projects. Part of the planning will be to mitigate the flood risk in six river-catchment areas which, apart from the Teme, are the Wye and Usk, East Anglia's River Bure, Cumbria's Eden and Derwent and the Tawe and Torridge and Tamar and Fowey Rivers in Cornwall.

The Trusts aim to put five million trees along riverbanks where there is currently no vegetation. One initiative is to assist farmers to apply for grants to turn 10 to 20 metre strips of farmland into wood-land in places where their



land runs alongside rivers. These can benefit farms by reducing chemical run-off from fields and lessening soil erosion from fertile land. As trees slow the rate at which rain-water enters rivers, they can also lower the risk of farmland flooding.

The ecological benefits that the partners hope to see are better quality river water, new habitats for wildlife and uninterrupted landscape corridors. The Teme is naturally lined by alder, particularly in its upper reaches, and by white willow further downstream. Such trees give dappled shade which lowers water temperatures by up to 4°C. This cooling effect can be vital to the breeding success of some fish, such as salmon and trout. Tree roots act as a barrier to the build-up of silt on the riverbed, which in turn allows areas of

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gravel to settle. This provides an important substrate on which some aquatic creatures, such as lampreys, can lay their eggs. Tree branches, once fallen into water, act as shelter and a food source for underwater nymphs and larvae and on these tiny creatures myriad other species depend.

Once fish stocks are healthy other animals, such as birds and mammals, can thrive. Kingfishers and otters spring to mind, but what about the pearl mussel? Did you know that these creatures colonise new areas by cadging a lift on the gills of salmon? No, neither did I, but they are alive and well here in the Teme. Another Teme speciality is the black and green club-tailed dragonfly. It requires plenty of insects to fuel its wings and what better place than a shady riverbank full of midges and moths? It has to share them with the Daubenton's bat, though, a type of bat so well-adapted to a watery habitat that it even eats a few small fish.

Many types of bird capitalise on a river's bounties. One such is the dipper who needs not only food from the water but also the shelter and nest material provided by trees. Dippers

dart about in riffles of shallow water and dive below the surface for insects and small fish. We're lucky that these attractive birds are also resident on the Teme. Let's hope that each of these special characters gets a boost from the new "Riverscapes" scheme.

The next meeting of the Teme Valley Wildlife Group will be at Stoke Bliss and Kyre village hall on Thursday 12th May at 7.30pm. We welcome back Will Watson, whose talk will be on ponds and how they can combat climate change. Everyone is most welcome, it is just £2 on the door.

Stephanie Mocroft

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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
10th Tuesday Hanley Parish Council AGM, Hanley Village Hall, 7.15pm
12th Thursday Neighbourhood Lunch, Stoke Bliss & Kyre Village Hall, 12.30pm
14th Saturday Film Night at Hanley Village Hall, *Limbo*, 6pm
17th Tuesday Eastham Memorial Hall AGM, Eastham Memorial Hall
Hanley Village Hall Committee AGM, Hanley Village Hall, 7pm
18th Wednesday Living in Love and Faith, Stanford Church, 7.30pm
19th Thursday Stanford Civil Parish Meeting, 8pm
20th Friday First aid class, Eastham Memorial Hall
Stanford with Orleton Area Church Committee AGM, St Mary's, 7pm
Pizza Girls, Rochford Village Hall, 5 to 8pm
Eastham Pub Night, 7.30pm
26th Thursday General Meeting of ERA, Eastham Memorial Hall, 7.30pm
27th Friday Pub Night Summer Barbecue, Stoke Bliss & Kyre Village Hall, 6pm
29th Sunday Rochford Open Gardens, 1 to 5pm
31st Tuesday Rochford Neighbourhood Lunch, Rochford Village Hall, 12.30pm

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
5th Sunday Eastham Platinum Jubilee Tea Party, 2pm
Rochford Jubilee Fun Wheelbarrow Race, 3pm
Platinum Jubilee Tea Party, Stoke Bliss & Kyre Village Hall, 3pm
9th Thursday Neighbourhood Lunch, Stoke Bliss & Kyre Village Hall, 12.30pm
19th Sunday Stoke Bliss & Kyre Open Gardens and Teas
28th Tuesday Rochford Neighbourhood Lunch, Rochford Village Hall, 12.30pm

July

- 6th Wednesday Eastham Coffee Morning, Eastham Memorial Hall, 10.30am
24th Sunday Rochford Village Fête
26th Tuesday Rochford Neighbourhood Lunch, Rochford Village Hall, 12.30pm

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

May 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.

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.

Sunday 1st May

10.00am	Stanford	Holy Communion with hymns
4.00pm	Stanford	Teme Valley South Praise Service

Thursday 5th May

6.30pm		Diocese of Worcester Rogation Service <i>(if you would like to come along please contact Rev'd Julia)</i>
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Saturday 7th May

10.00am	Stoke Bliss Churchyard	Forest Church
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Sunday 8th May

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

Sunday 15th May

10.00am	Eastham	All Age and Holy Communion
2.00pm		Walking Church <i>(if you would like to come along please contact Rev'd Robert)</i>

Sunday 22nd May

10.00am	Rochford	All Age and Holy Communion
4.00pm	Kyre	Celtic Evening Prayer

Thursday 26th May

7.30pm	Stanford	Ascension Day Holy Communion
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Sunday 29th May

9.30am	Hanley Village Hall	Café Church
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