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## Dear Readers

As we approach the coronation of King Charles III it is worth reflecting on the significance of this event in terms of both the monarchy and our faith today.

The coronation is a solemn ceremony that dates back over a thousand years and it has been an important part of our British history and culture. It is a time when the monarch is officially crowned and anointed with holy oil – a powerful symbol of the monarch's authority and duty to serve the people of the realm.

But the coronation is not just a secular ceremony – it is also a deeply religious one. The anointing of the monarch with holy oil is a reminder of the monarch's role as head of the church and a representative of God on earth. Taking the oath to uphold the laws of God is a powerful statement of the monarch's commitment to justice and righteousness.

As Christians we believe that God has a plan and purpose for our lives, and that He has established rulers and authorities to govern over us. We are called to pray for our leaders and to submit to their authority, recognising that ultimately all authority comes from God Himself.

In the context of the coronation, this means that we are called to pray for King Charles III and to support him in his role as monarch. We are called to honour his authority and to recognise that he has been called by God to serve as our king. But the coronation also reminds us of our own role as Christians in the world. We are called to be salt and light in our communities, to stand up for justice and righteousness, and to serve others with love and compassion.

As we witness the coronation of King Charles III, we should be inspired to live out these values in our own lives. We should be motivated to pray for our leaders and to work for the good of our communities, recognising that ultimately we are called to serve God in all that we do.

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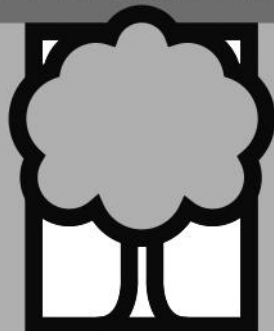
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# Parish news

## From the Registers

### Baptisms

We welcome in to the church family **Harry Alexander Purchase** whose christening was held on 26th March at Hanley Childe church.

### Funerals

Our sympathy and prayers are with the family and friends of **Roger Morland Chedgzoy** from Eastham, whose funeral service was at Worcester Crematorium on Tuesday 4th April.

Reunited with relatives and held in God's love. May he rest in peace.

## Annual Parochial Church Meeting

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will take place at Rochford Village Hall at 7pm on 3rd May. All are welcome to attend the annual meeting of parishioners at which we elect churchwardens serving our churches for the coming year. Following that there will be the Annual Church Meeting for anyone on the combined electoral roll of all the churches of Teme Valley South to elect the PCC for the year and receive reports and accounts.

Our mission accompanier Susan Blagden will be attending and speaking as part of the meeting about the characteristics of healthy and sustainable rural churches.



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## Combined Coronation Service for TVS

We will celebrate the Coronation with a special service at Stanford church for the whole parish at 10am on Sunday 7th May. Do come along and join us as we mark this momentous occasion and pray for our new King.

This service will be less than an hour and will not involve Holy Communion, but for those who would like to receive communion on 7th May there is an additional 8.30am said service at Stanford church.

## Thanks from the Rectory

Just a short note to say a big thank you for all the offers of help and kind messages when John and I caught covid during April. We were ill just in time to disrupt my Holy Week and Easter schedule and three years clear meant we thought we had escaped infection completely! We were however very well supplied during our confinement and the ministry team and wardens pulled together brilliantly to ensure plans went ahead. What a blessing to live here amongst you all!

## Events during May

Look out for the marking of Rogation during May and also for the annual time of prayer called 'Thy Kingdom Come' which is kept from Ascension Day on 18th May until Pentecost on 28th May. This year we will focus on prayers for our new local rural mission area and for Rev'd David Morris (as he prepares to move to the area), Rev'd Sallie Butcher and me as we start to work more closely together. Sallie is the priest-in-charge of the Wyre Forest West Benefice and David will be priest-in-charge of Teme Valley North, Abberley, Shrawley and the Witleys.

## 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.

## Service times and openings

You are very welcome to come and spend some time in any of our beautiful churches to reflect, to pray and just to 'be' for a quiet moment. All continue to be open during the day and now Kyre church will also be open daily from 10am to 4pm. It 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*

# Rochford 49 Club

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

## Wednesday winners

March 22	No 10	Carolyn Nicholes
March 29th	No 37	not sold
April 5th	No 46	Carolyn O'Hagan
April 12th	No 5	not sold

## Saturday winners

March 25th	Nov28	Bernard Reece
April 1st	No 49	Norma Goodall
April 8th	No 17	Rita Slater
April 15th	No 29	Rosemary Ayres

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  
**07815 030050**

# Teme Valley Tote

April's and May's prize draws of the Tote will both be decided at the beginning of May and published in next month's TemeTalk.

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).

# The Filling Station

Our next meeting is on Thursday 18th May at Eastham Memorial Hall at 7.15 for a 7.30pm start when Mark Ingles will be speaking to us. Mark, as many of you know, is a regular attendee at the Filling Station and is team vicar at St Mary's Church, Tenbury Wells.

We look forward to your joining us for this evening of fellowship, worship, teaching and refreshments. If you are not on our mailing list and would like further information or details about our meetings please contact me on [kate.harley6@gmail.com](mailto:kate.harley6@gmail.com)

## TemeTalk deadline 18th May

Remember, this is the *last* day for contributions – the sooner you submit your items, the more chance there is that they will be included

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# Rochford News

## The Coronation Big Lunch

To celebrate the Coronation of King Charles we are planning to join in with the national Coronation Big Lunch on Sunday 7th May at 12.30 for 1pm. It will be a big bring and share lunch at the village hall, or maybe outside if the weather is good. Please let us know if you would like to join in and also if you can bring along some food to share and we will coordinate it.

We will also have entertainment as Taresh and Emma, two professional actors who live in the village, have offered to present a play to accompany the lunch. This award winning play is set around the 1948 Olympics, in the year of the King's birth. The play is inspired by one of Charles Dickens' most famous stories and is fun for all the family, so come along and join in with the actors for egg and spoon races, tugs of war, the Olympic torch relay and more! This will be a really unique afternoon, so please come along and celebrate the Coronation in style.

## Charles Scarecrow Competition

Following the very successful scarecrow competition for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, we have decided to have a Charles themed scarecrow competition. Please join in and be imaginative and make a scarecrow of any Charles or Charlie.

Please have your scarecrow on display from the 1st May. Prizes for the best scarecrows will be presented at the Big Lunch on 7th May. If you need stuffing material for your scarecrow please contact Andrew.

## Rochford Open Gardens

On Sunday 4th June from 12 noon to 5pm Rochford will again be opening some of its lovely gardens. There will be refreshments and plants for sale, beautiful views and different styles and designs. Come and spend a relaxing afternoon in our early summer gardens. Maps and tickets will be available from the village hall. Jan Winter is organising this year's Open Gardens so please contact her if you can help with this event.

## Neighbourhood lunch

Dates for sit down and takeaway neighbourhood lunches are 30th May, 27th June, 25th July and 29th August. Everyone is welcome and booking for lunches is essential. Takeaways should be collected between 12.30 and 1pm. Please book with Ann on 01584 781317 at least the previous week.

## Craft morning

The Good Friday craft morning was a great success, and an inspiring range of craft activities was enjoyed by around 20 children of all ages together with parents and grandparents. Many thanks to everyone involved and particularly to Helen Barlow who arranged the activities. Teme Tots on Fridays is going from strength to strength and it was great to see so many tots at the craft morning too.

## Dates for your diary

Sunday 16th July – **Rochford Fête** – the venue is yet to be agreed. Offers of help or ideas for the fête would be greatly appreciated

Saturday 30th September – **The Big Breakfast**

Saturday 21st October – back by popular demand

**Fix! Live music** in Rochford village hall. A talented local three-piece electro/acoustic covers and with a repertoire of wellknown songs from across the decades.

Friday 10th November – **Rochford Quiz**

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*Andrew Barbé*

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# Stoke Bliss and Kyre

## Plant Sale

We had a very successful plant sale with cream teas on Saturday 15th April. £770 was raised for the village hall and Stoke Bliss and Kyre churches. Thank you to everyone who supported it.

## Summer Barbecue

**Saturday 3rd June at 4pm  
at Stoke Bliss & Kyre  
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**The next Social & Pub Night is on Friday 30th June**

## Neighbourhood Lunch



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If you can help, please contact Alison Tompsett on 01885 410640.

Many thanks to Gary and Aileen Strawford at the Old Blacksmith's Shop who have been delivering the magazine for over 20 years and have decided to call it a day!

## Open Day at Hollow Meadow

Hollow Meadow will be open on Sunday 4th June from 2 to 5pm. The orchids, meadowsweet and all their companions will be pleased to welcome you to their home in the meadow and hope the weather is fine – but bring wellies and water-proofs just in case!

There will also be a display on the long term plans for the meadow.

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# Eastham Jottings

## Church flowers and cleaning

May – Tammy Starling  
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## Eastham Coffee Morning

This month's coffee morning is on Wednesday 3rd May at 10.30am at Eastham Memorial Hall. The rota for May and June:

Wednesday 3rd May – Alison Neary  
Wednesday 7th June – Nicky Webb

Please come along to catch up over coffee and a raffle – everyone is welcome.

## Coronation Big Lunch

For our Coronation celebration in Eastham on Sunday 7th May we have Blue Moon booked to serve up with pork baps, tea, coffee and a cash bar. It's open to all – join us for a right royal party from 12 noon onwards.

Just a reminder that we would greatly appreciate donations of cakes – please bring them along with you on the day.

Any offers of help with setting up the tents, tables and chairs etc on the Millenium Green as well as help on the day would also be much appreciated. We hope to do most of the setting up on Friday 5th and Saturday 6th May, depending on the weather.

## Eastham Riverside Fête 2023

These are just a few of the things on the "to do" list for the fête on 20th August:

- Find someone to organise the recycling collections on the day
- Encourage people to grow plants
- Ask everyone to donate prizes for the tombola and items for the bric-a-brac stall
- Book helpers to put up and take down tents
- Find helpers for the tea tent
- Ask people to be greeters and raffle ticket sellers on the day
- Find a helper to count how many people attend on the day

It takes lots of people to put the fête together. If you think you could help in any of the above ways or would like to help in any other way either on the day or in the build up to the fête, please get in touch with the organisers at easthamfete@gmail.com or 01584 781505.

## Murder on the Catwalk

This has been postponed until the autumn.

## Eastham Pub Night

This month's pub night is on Friday 19th May at 7pm at Eastham Memorial Hall. Watch out for the usual banner.

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

- Pilates, Sue on 07974 343609, sue579@icloud.com. Tuesdays at 1pm and 2.15pm.
- Yoga on Wednesday mornings, suitable for adults of all ages. Call Zoe on 07962 981456, info@zedyoga.co.uk.
- Zumba Gold, Lucia on 07709 301030, lu.500@live.co.uk, Wednesdays at 1pm.
- Kung Fu, Adam on 07720 643524, for youngsters on Saturdays at 9.30am.

## Eastham Memorial Hall AGM

The public meeting on Tuesday 16th May at 7pm at the Memorial Hall is open to all Eastham residents and there will be a Zoom/Teams link if you can't to attend in person – please contact Celia Adams in advance for the link details. The accounts are posted on the website following the independent examination by Barbara Selkirk ACCA. Bar opens immediately after the AGM.

*Celia Adams*



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# Hanley Happenings

## Table tennis

On an impromptu visit to the village hall one Monday evening I was impressed by the enthusiasm of the table tennis gang. Much laughter and lots of exercise, all three tables in use by people demonstrating a range of abilities. No-one was left feeling they weren't at the standard needed to join in. If you're interested in keeping fit in pleasant company, pay a visit on Monday evenings.

## Books, books, books

The mobile library stops at Hanley village hall on Fridays for half an hour each month between 11.10 and 12.20. The next visit will be on 19th May and then every four weeks. This is a great service for readers. There are also books to exchange inside the hall which is open on Mondays and Wednesdays from 7.30 for table tennis and art classes. Please feel free to help yourselves or donate.

## Beacon, Barbecue and Booze

On a Saturday evening in June, at Top Horse Pasture on Ed Yarnold's farm (where the last beacon was for the Platinum Jubilee). The evening will start at 6pm and there will be children's games and entertainment for adults and children. If the weather isn't kind the venue may be changed to the village hall without lighting the beacon.

## Village Hall Committee AGM

The AGM of the village hall committee will be held on Tuesday 16th May at 7.30pm at The Fox Inn. The AGM of the parish council will be held at the village hall on the same evening, hence the change of venue.

All parishioners are welcome to attend. The meeting is open to the public and new enthusiastic people are very much encouraged to join us. Make a difference, volunteer and feel part of the Hanleys.

## Films at Hanley Village Hall

The last film of the season, *The World's Fastest Indian*, will be shown on Saturday 13th May. Feel free to arrive on your motorbike.

A selection of curries will be served at 6pm. Tickets for the meal and film are £15 each – please bring your own drinks – or come for the film only at 7.30pm, tickets £5.

Booking is essential for dinner, places are selling fast. To book text Trace on 07972 183174.

## Hanley House

At Hanley House the doors opened for the first event on Saturday 23rd March. Hosts Anna and Tom were celebrating the christening of Harry at Hanley Childe church the next day.

The dark bar area has been converted to a bright open space, the large window at the rear allowing light to reflect from the lovingly exposed old brickwork. With lots of space and a cosy fire-side the venue will be an ideal choice for all sorts of events.

The events space will be open at the beginning of June and a monthly pop up restaurant begins in July. Contact Anna and Tom on 07950 682572 or @hanleyhouse\_bnb for more details.

## Art in Hanley

Art classes are on Wednesdays at 7.30pm at Hanley village hall. Jim (the local postman and talented artist) is there to inspire the group to develop their talents and experiment with different media and styles. Whilst producing their own masterpieces the budding artists have time to chat and take advice from one another. Newcomers are always welcome and no one should believe they are not good enough!

## Hanley Open Gardens

A number of Hanley gardens will be open on Saturday 10th June from 1pm to support the Cure Leukaemia (Lymphoma) charity. A map showing the gardens will be available from Margie Thornycroft at Town Farm, Hanley William, parking will be available for intrepid walkers and cream teas will be served from 3.30pm by Margie and her helpers at the farm. Tickets for the event are £5 for the gardens and £5 for the cream tea. The event is in memory of our dear friend Peter who worked tirelessly in our community to bring us closer to one another.

Please let Margie know on 01885 410484 if you would like your garden to be included, so she can put you on the map!

The gardens have all been lovingly designed and cared for by hardworking amateurs. Walled gardens, water features, veg plots, flower beds and mini orchards will inspire visitors to give it a go especially now that we have better weather. I'm working hard on my little plot, sadly so is my puppy (named after Percy Thrower) so there may be some newly dug holes to refill!

*Carole Gardner*

# Stanford • Stanford • Stanford

## Services in Stanford

### Sunday 7th May

Said Holy Communion at 8.30am

TVS Parish Coronation Celebration Service at 10am – please try to come to what we hope will be a very popular service

Praise Service at 4pm

### Thursday 18th May

TVS Parish Ascension Day Service with communion at 7.30pm

### Sunday 4th June – Trinity Sunday

Holy Communion with hymns at 10.30am

Praise Service at 4pm

## TVS Annual Parochial Church Meeting

The Teme Valley South APCM is on Wednesday 3rd May at 7pm at Rochford Village Hall. All inhabitants of Stanford with Orleton are invited – if you need a lift please contact Robin on 01886 853295.

## Stanford Coronation Orchard

To celebrate the Coronation we are planting an orchard below the village hall from 2pm on Sunday 7th May, the day after the Coronation. The trees will be apple, cherry, plum and pear.

For £25 you get a tree to plant and wine and cheese after the planting for all members of your family. If you would like to take part, please call David Lane on 01886 853677. Please reserve your tree with a cash payment of £25 as soon as possible.

## Supporting Tenbury Food Bank

The box in the lobby of St Mary's church continues to be used. Thank you to all who have contributed, please keep your donations coming.

## Teme Valley Tote

We now have received most of the money – we will make two draws for April and May at the beginning of May. You can still join by contacting Alexandra or 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! We are getting visitors from all over the world and locally, who are delighted to have the church open and comment on its beauty.

## Stanford Area Church Committee AGM

We were very disappointed to get only one person who was not a member of the Area Church Committee at this meeting on 5th April (we did get four apologies).

At the meeting it was decided that Robin Dean should continue as chairman and because Cate Mawston has resigned as secretary, Cecilia Dean will take over with assistance from Ange Jordan. Tracey Dewis remains as treasurer and electoral roll officer. Committee members are Lesley Dean, Sue Softly, Andy Nicol and Julia Curtis (ex-officio). Robin was elected as churchwarden but requested that the committee find someone to take over. Lesley and Andy will be our representative on the parochial church council. Robin is also on the PCC as churchwarden and Sue because she is the parish's safeguarding lead.

Thanks to Cate for hosting this meeting and for all the work she has done as secretary over the last three years – we are sorry to see her go and send her every good wish.

## Volunteers please – again

We still need volunteers for the area church committee and/or the village hall committee. Robin (01886 853295) is happy to explain what is involved and you are welcome to attend one of our meetings, 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? While it would be great to have a volunteer from Stanford, you can come from anywhere in Teme Valley South. You should be confirmed!

*Robin Dean*

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## Dear Readers

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The coronation of King Charles III is also a time to reflect on the role of the monarchy in modern society. Some may question the relevance of the monarchy in a world that is increasingly secular and diverse. But the truth is that the monarchy has an important role to play in promoting unity and stability in our society.

As Christians, we believe that unity and stability are important values that reflect the heart of God. We are called to be peacemakers and to work for the good of all people, regardless of their background or beliefs. The monarchy can help to promote these values by serving as a unifying symbol of our national identity and by promoting the common good.

The coronation of King Charles III is a significant event in the life of our nation, and it is an opportunity for us to reflect on our faith and our values. As we witness this historic ceremony, let us be inspired to pray for our leaders, to work for the good of our communities, and to serve God with all of our hearts.

Whatever you are doing over these celebrations, we in this group of Teme Valley Churches pray you have a wonderful time.

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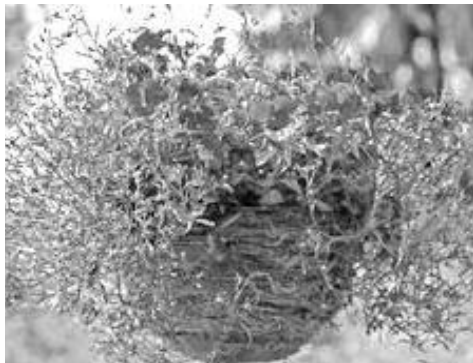
There's lots to see at the garden centre now including garden features – wooden arbours and rose arches as well as stylish metal garden sets which have been very popular. There's also a good selection of terracotta and fibre clay pots in various sizes and all are frost proof, which is important during the colder months.

Bird seed has been selling well throughout the winter with some lucky wild birds getting through bags of sunflower hearts, peanuts and no-mess wheat free bird seed along with fat balls and other wild bird treats.

Louise is mindful in selecting plants too: all her stock is now British grown and as locally sourced as possible, which means plants will be in flower at the right time of year, will be hardy and will suit our mostly heavy clay soil. Look for some excellent offers on one-litre perennials. There is also a variety of pond plants, marginals, oxygenators and deep-water plants.

And Angel Gardens stocks the entire range of exclusive David Austin roses including a limited edition of the William and Catherine rose as well as last year's new releases Elizabeth and Bring Me Sunshine.

Now is the time to be thinking about summer bedding which is in stock and looking stunning. Louise is taking orders for hanging baskets too, just pop your old baskets down to the shop or order new ones and she will get them planted up for you.



Vegetable plants are coming on well and will be ready to go this month.

In the shop you'll find plant feed and general garden essentials, and compost which can be delivered if you can't get it into your car.

Angel Gardens is open seven days a week from 10 am so do come down and take a look. If you need plant advice Louise and her team are always ready to help and they look forward to seeing you!

For more information please contact Louise on 07967 642270, email [louise@angelgardens.co.uk](mailto:louise@angelgardens.co.uk) or visit the website, [www.angelgardens.co.uk](http://www.angelgardens.co.uk). You can also find Angel Gardens on Facebook and Instagram with regular updates.

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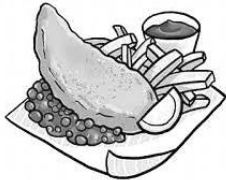
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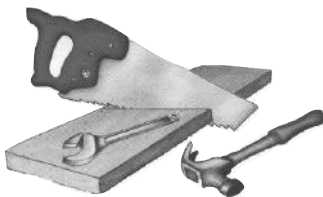
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Seventy years after coronation chicken was created to celebrate the Queen's ascension, coronation quiche will honour her heir.

From "poulet reine Elizabeth" in 1953 to the lemon and amaretti "platinum pudding" last year, royal occasions have always demanded a signature dish. King Charles and Queen Camilla have continued this tradition, sharing a "personally chosen" recipe for the popular oven-baked savoury tart.

## Ingredients

### For the pastry:

125g plain flour  
Pinch of salt  
25g cold butter, diced  
25g lard  
2 tbsp milk  
(Or 1 x 250g block of ready-made shortcrust pastry)

### For the filling:

125ml milk  
175ml double cream  
2 medium eggs  
1 tbsp chopped fresh tarragon  
Salt and pepper  
100g grated cheddar  
180g cooked spinach, lightly chopped  
60g cooked broad beans or soya beans

## Method

To make the pastry, sieve the flour and salt into a bowl. Add the fats and rub the mixture together using your fingertips until you get a sandy texture.

Add the milk a little at a time and bring the in-

redients together into a dough. Cover and allow to rest in the fridge for 30-45 minutes.

Lightly flour the work surface and roll out the pastry to a circle approximately 5mm thick and a little larger than the top of the 20cm flan tin.

Line the tin with the pastry. Cover and rest for 30 minutes in the fridge.

Preheat the oven to 190°C.

Line the pastry case with greaseproof paper, add baking beans and bake blind for 15 minutes. Remove the greaseproof paper and baking beans and reduce the oven temperature to 160°C.

Beat together the milk, cream, eggs, herbs and seasoning.

Scatter ½ of the grated cheese in the blind-baked base, top with the chopped spinach and beans and herbs, then pour over the liquid mixture. If required gently give the mixture a delicate stir to ensure the filling is evenly dispersed but be careful not to damage the pastry case.

Sprinkle over the remaining cheese. Bake for 20-25 minutes until set and lightly golden.



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It could only happen in a dream of course. In reality it's usually a complete shambles. The freezer is empty, there isn't enough bread for sandwiches and you can't find the thermos flask. You have to stop on the way for supplies. You lose the map and argue about the best place to stop. You choose a spot miles from the road, over fields full of cow pats, thistles and rabbit holes. You forget the corkscrew. Just as the first drops of rain begin to fall, someone asks for the mustard.

But well planned picnics can be fun. Think of Twickenham, Henley, Glyndebourne. Sumptuous hampers in the boots of Range Rovers, the popping of champagne corks, a warming mug of soup.

For a special picnic take special food, but remember to make sure that it travels well and is easy to eat. Cold chicken pie, rice salad, lots of crunchy things like celery, spring onions, fresh lettuce, a tortilla cut into thick wedges, crusty French bread, cheese, fruit and cake. There are lots of alternatives to soggy sandwiches, sausage rolls and hard boiled eggs!

And everything will taste much nicer and be easier to eat if you take china plates and real cutlery. There's nothing worse than trying to cut a tomato with a plastic knife on a paper plate!

Wine is essential for a romantic summer picnic. Take white wine or champagne in a coolbag to keep it nicely chilled. Cans of beer keep well in a cool box half filled with ice. And it all tastes much better if you drink it from real glasses – get some cheap ones if you don't want to risk your Waterford crystal!

There's an art to organising a good picnic. Make this the summer you finally get it right and you'll have a wonderful time. Whether cheering on your horse, listening to beautiful music or floating high above the clouds in a hot air balloon, there's something very special about eating out of doors. Just remember to take your umbrella – and the corkscrew!

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To help with this, I have set up the GrandNature website. I am a member of u3a, an educational and leisure organization for retired people with over 450,000 members across the UK. The site is therefore aimed at grandparents, but the nature-related activities it contains are equally relevant to parents or to anyone who spends time with youngsters. These activities and projects aim to be fun, to feed children's natural curiosity and to bring them closer to you. They can be adapted to children of all ages, from toddlers to teens.

To find the site go to [grandnature.github.io](http://grandnature.github.io) or Google GrandNature (all one word). There are currently twenty-one activity areas spread across the eight categories shown in the pictures here: plants, creatures, the earth etc. Just click on these headings to see a list of the activities under each. A few examples: things to do when visiting a wood, birds in the garden, making art with leaves, the seasons, beachcombing, understanding the stars. The collection is still expanding and feedback or new ideas from readers would be very welcome.

Trevor Ponman



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Film

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### Allelujah (12A)

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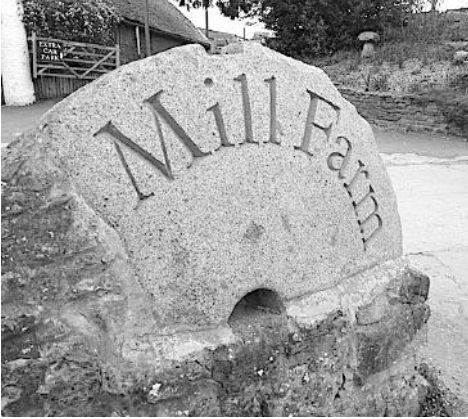
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Many people don't know that they can pay late voluntary national insurance (NI) contributions to fill gaps in their NI record and boost their state pension entitlement. Under normal rules it is only normally possible to plug gaps in your NI record up to six years after the year in question.

However, for a limited period, people are able to go much further back and fill gaps for any year from 2006-07 onwards and the deadline for doing this has been extended to the end of July 2023. This only applies to those who come under the new state pension system: those who reach state pension age after 5th April 2016.

You usually need to pay voluntary class 3 NI contributions to top up your state pension. The current cost of doing this is £15.85 a week, or £824.20 a year. However this one-off payment can add up to 1/35th of the full rate to your eventual

state pension. As the full new state pension is currently in the 2022-23 tax year £185.15 a week, this boost is worth £5.29 a week, or £275 a year.

If you haven't yet reached state pension age, find out more about your situation by checking your state pension forecast online at [gov.uk/check-state-pension](http://gov.uk/check-state-pension). This will help you to identify if you have any gaps and what you can do about them. There are some situations where paying historic contributions would not boost your state pension.


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# Teme Valley Wildlife

My cousin gave me an excellent new book about trees for Christmas. It isn't a field guide or a celebration of veteran specimens but selects trees from across the world and explains the significance they play in our everyday lives. It is full of fascinating information, much of which I haven't come across before. I must confess to being poor at identifying trees. I can cope with wildflowers but often get stumped by bigger plants. So many non-native trees grow in our landscape and there are so many hybrids and cultivated varieties that I soon find myself in a muddle. Field guides carefully describe the appearance of buds, leaves, flowers and fruits, but as they are never all on the tree at the same time I forget to go back and look at them in subsequent seasons. So I often fail to identify a tree I'm interested in.

Even the English oak ties me in knots. There are two common oaks growing in Britain, *Quercus robur* and *Quercus petraea*. The former is known as English oak, common oak, European oak or pedunculate oak. The latter goes by the names of ses-



sile and durmast oak. *Quercus robur* has stalked acorns and unstalked leaves, *petraea* has stalked leaves and unstalked acorns. Confused? You will be, because the two types hybridise. English oak is the nation's quintessential tree. Its short trunk, tall, broad crown and spreading outline make it familiar to us all. It was used to build Henry VIII's warship, the Mary Rose, and Nelson's HMS Victory. It is also famous for hiding King Charles II on his retreat from the Battle of Worcester in 1651, an event still commemorated today by more than 500 pubs named The Royal Oak.

Well, what about a tree that I can identify? Field maple, *Acer campestre*, is one that I reliably get right. Also called the hedge maple because it is commonly found in hedges, this slow-growing tree gives soft yellow colour in autumn and bears red, winged, twinned seeds which helicopter down in the wind. It can live for 300 years, as opposed to the mighty oak's astonishing 900, but where the humble field maple exceeds the oak is

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longevity of their instruments, never imagining the unique quality of their field maples' "tonewood".

The next meeting of the Teme Valley Wildlife Group will take place at Stoke Bliss and Kyre village hall on Thursday 12th May at 7.30pm. We welcome Russell and Audrey Price, whose presentation is entitled "A Passion for Wildlife". Everyone is most welcome and it is just £2 on the door.

*Stephanie Mcroft*

*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 email at [twvg@outlook.com](mailto:twvg@outlook.com)*

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# What's on in Teme Valley South

## May

- 3rd Wednesday Eastham Coffee Morning, Eastham Memorial Hall, 10.30am  
Annual Parochial Church Meeting, Rochford Village Hall, 7pm
- 7th Sunday Coronation Big Lunch, Rochford Village Hall, 12.30pm  
Coronation Celebration, Eastham Memorial Hall, 12 noon  
Rochford Coronation Big Lunch, Rochford Village Hall, 12 noon  
Coronation Tea Party, Stoke Bliss & Kyre Village Hall, 3pm  
Coronation Celebration Orchard planting, Stanford Village Hall, 2pm
- 8th Monday Coronation Ramble, Eastham Memorial Hall, 10am
- 11th Thursday Neighbourhood Lunch, Stoke Bliss & Kyre Village Hall, 12.30pm
- 13th Saturday Film Night at Hanley Village Hall, *The World's Fastest Indian*, 7.30pm
- 16th Tuesday Eastham Memorial Hall AGM, Eastham Memorial Hall, 7pm  
Hanley Village Hall Committee AGM, The Fox Inn, 7.30pm
- 18th Thursday The Filling Station, Eastham Memorial Hall, 7.15pm
- 20th Saturday Fish and chips and pottery painting, Eastham Memorial Hall, 6pm
- 21st Sunday Togetherness Afternoon Tea, Lindridge Parish Hall, 2pm
- 30th Tuesday Rochford Neighbourhood Lunch, Rochford Village Hall, 12.30pm

## June

- 3rd Saturday Summer Barbecue, Stoke Bliss & Kyre Village Hall, 4pm
- 7th Wednesday Eastham Coffee Morning, Eastham Memorial Hall, 10.30am
- 4th Sunday Rochford Open Gardens, 12 noon  
Open Day at Hollow Meadow, Stoke Bliss, 2pm
- 8th Thursday Neighbourhood Lunch, Stoke Bliss & Kyre Village Hall, 12.30pm
- 9th Friday Volante Strings, St Mary's Church Stanford
- 10th Saturday Hanley Open Gardens, 1pm
- 12th Sunday Rochford Open Gardens, 12 noon
- 27th Tuesday Rochford Neighbourhood Lunch, Rochford Village Hall, 12.30pm

## July

- 5th Wednesday Eastham Coffee Morning, Eastham Memorial Hall, 10.30am
- 13th Thursday Neighbourhood Lunch, Stoke Bliss & Kyre Village Hall, 12.30pm
- 16th Sunday Rochford Fête
- 25th 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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**Deadline for the June issue of TemeTalk is 18th May**

**Don't forget – the sooner you send in your copy,  
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# Services

## May/June 2023

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

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

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

### Services Schedule

#### Saturday 6th May

#### Coronation of King Charles III

#### Sunday 7th May

8.30am	Stanford	Holy Communion
10.00am	Stanford	Coronation Service with Hymns for Teme Valley South
4.00pm	Stanford	Praise Service

#### Sunday 14th May

10.00am	Hanley William	Holy Communion
4.00pm	Hanley VH	Café Church – Rogation

#### Thursday 18th May

#### Ascension Day

7.30pm	Stanford	Holy Communion
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#### Sunday 21st May

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

#### Sunday 28th May

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

#### Sunday 4th June

10.00am	Stanford	Holy Communion with hymns
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