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A community going forward with God

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Dear Readers

One of my favourite songs contains the verse

*I see skies of blue
And clouds of white
The bright blessed day
The dark sacred night
And I think to myself
What a wonderful world*

It is impossible to think of the song and not hear Louis Armstrong's rasping voice bringing the lyrics alive.

Whilst we cannot deny the beauty – the wonderful world – we live in, and the creativity it inspires in the souls who live here, there is no doubting this summer has been a fierce one. It has left its mark as trees shed their leaves early and the ground is parched and cracked. We have had balmy evenings, temperatures that mak you break into a sweat with the slightest movement and the driest of dry spells. Its effects will be felt in the next few months too, as water remains scarce and winter fodder has been dipped into already. On the plus side, harvest has been early and outdoor events like the Tenbury Countryside Show have attracted large numbers.

Yet this doesn't feel quite right and I am left thinking we must acknowledge the need to rebalance and take responsibility for our changing climate. It seems appropriate therefore that during September we will once again be marking Creationtide across Teme Valley South Churches. During these four weeks our readings and prayers are intended to deepen awareness of God's gifts to us in the natural world around. To encourage us to take greater responsibility for how we live, to get real about our misuse of natural resources and to attend closely to the voice of creation. To live lightly in this wonderful world. My prayer today is we can and do take note of that call.

Rev'd Julia

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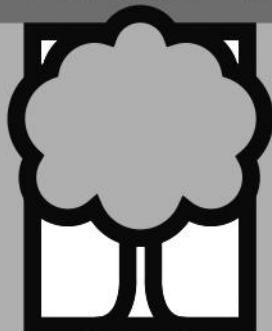
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Parish news

From the registers

The funeral of Sally Bickford was held on 19th August at St Peter's, Stoke Bliss and her burial in the churchyard followed the service. On 25th August the funeral of Jack Davies, Hanley William, was held at Wyre Forest Crematorium. Both are reunited with relatives and held in God's love. May they rest in peace.

Our prayers continue to be with all their families and friends at this time.

Teme Valley Tots

We resume on Friday 9th September at Rochford Village Hall from 1 to 2.30pm. After a summer break we are looking forward to the autumn term and meeting old friends and new. Do pop along and give it a try – dads and grandparents welcome too.

Iona pilgrimage

A group of ten are heading off on Pilgrimage 11th September to 15th September 2023, with a planned stop over for three nights on Iona. The accommodation on Iona is in a dog friendly hotel. If anyone else would like to join us, please get in touch on 01886 853286 or email assistantvspcc@gmail.com for further information.

Alexander Dyke's Trust

The Alexander Dyke's Trust was set up after the death of Mr Dykes in 1750. His legacy is a small trust fund for the benefit of those in need who live in Stoke Bliss and Kyre. The current trustees are able to make small donations to those who are facing times of hardship. We are aware that this winter may be challenging. If you would like to be considered for this please apply in writing to Rev Julia Curtis, The Rectory, Hanley Broadheath, Tenbury Wells WR15 8QW or email revjuliacurtis@gmail.com. All enquiries will be strictly confidential.

From Alexander Dykes Trustees

This month's front cover picture

Kyre Park – one of many Countryside Rides offered by Teme Wheels

Bible study group

Would you be interested in being part of a regular bible study group? It is a great way to meet people and wrestle with the text which is so central to the Christian faith. If so, get in touch and we will see what might be possible.

Email revjuliacurtis@gmail.com or assistantvspcc@gmail.com for further information.

Quiet day

After the success of our TVS Quiet Day earlier this year, another one is planned for 10th September from 10am to 2.30pm entitled 'Creation and Creating'. This fits nicely with our season of Creationtide and also h-Art week.

It is a chance to meet, to step out of the busyness of our daily schedules and focus on God for a few hours. Please bring a packed lunch, hot and cold drinks will be provided. We meet at The Retreat, Stoke Bliss, WR15 8RY, but if very wet in Stoke Bliss church followed by Hanley Rectory.

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Rev'd Julia



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July 27th	No 54	not sold
Aug 3rd	No15	not sold
July 10th	No30	not sold
Aug 17th	No33	Carol Powell

Saturday winners

July 23rd	No 26	Carol Powell
July 30th	No 12	Jennifer Gledhill
Aug 6th	No 20	Kath Hatton
Aug 13th	No 59	not sold

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

Remember, you must be in it to win it!

Ring Gill Smith on

07815 030050

Teme Valley Tote

August's prize draw of the Tote (the fifth in this series) was decided when Rev'd Julia Curtis rolled the dice on 2nd August to select the set of random numbers. Prizewinners are:

£50 – **Mr G Buckingham-Bawden** of

Knighton (No 696)

£30 – **Michaels Adams** of Eastham (No 203)

£20 – **Tom Johnson** of Eastham (No 277)

If you have any queries please contact Robin Dean on 01886 853295 or email robin.c.dean@gmail.com. If you still wish to enter the new series, please contact Robin.

The Filling Station

Join us for our next Filling Station meeting on Thursday 15th September at Eastham Memorial Hall at 7.15 for 7.30pm. Our speaker will be Rev Tim Coles, recently minister of two Methodist churches in the Dudley area and formerly pastor of Elim Church in Ludlow.

Do come along and enjoy this regular get-together with local Christians for an evening of fellowship, worship, teaching and refreshments. For more information contact kate.harley6@gmail.com

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Welcome

Welcome to new residents Lou and Wayne Akers and family. We would also like to welcome, Borys, Julia and Niko from the Ukraine. We hope you will enjoy living in Rochford and make the most of what this community offers.

Rochford Fête

Rochford Fête and Fun Dog Show was a very successful afternoon despite a wet start to the day. Thanks to everyone involved including those who donated cakes, goods and prizes and arranged the draws, and also to those who helped setting up, manning stalls and packing away. The fête raised over £1,900 towards village funds which is a great result, thank you to everyone for your generosity.

WhatsApp Group village social evening

As mentioned last month we are having an informal, relaxed get together with drinks and nibbles on 3rd September at 7.30pm at Rochford Village Hall to chat and get to know your neighbours better. Please think of a little-known fact about yourselves, and send it by private message to me, and I can compile them into a competition for people to find out "who's who" in Rochford and the surrounding area.

You don't have to be on the parish WhatsApp group, to come along to the social but it is a great way of keeping informed about everything going on in the village: events and information, lost pets, roadworks, suspicious activities, and community events. If you want to join the WhatsApp group, just send your mobile number to Andrew on 07809 658484.

Sing through the year

A special church service on 11th September at 4pm in Rochford church involving all seven churches in TVS which celebrates the variety in the church seasonal calendar and includes a reading and hymn from each season, with one hymn chosen by each church. Harvest to Christmas, Easter to Remembrance, all in an hour, followed by a cuppa and a chat.

Neighbourhood lunches

The lunch on 27th September will celebrate the ten year anniversary of the first lunch. Many thanks to Ann who works tirelessly to provide food for all our community events: she is an absolute treasure. Come along and celebrate this milestone with a complimentary glass of bubbles. Open to everyone so look forward to seeing you there. As ever booking for lunches is essential and takeaways should be collected between 12.30 and 1pm. Please book with Ann on 01584 781317 at least the previous week. Future lunch dates are 25th October, 29th November and 20th December.

The Big Breakfast at Rochford

Come along at 9.30am on 1st October and enjoy one of Ann's breakfasts, fruit juice, cereal, full English (vegetarian option), toast, tea and coffee, followed by an optional walk. Just £10, booking with Ann is essential.

Live Music at Rochford

At Rochford Village Hall on 24th September at 7.30pm. FIX is a talented local three-piece electro/acoustic covers band with a repertoire of well known songs from across the decades. Come along and enjoy a great evening of live music and refreshments. Just £10 please book your tickets with me or Ann.

Harvest Festival and Supper

Harvest Festival service in Rochford church at 5pm followed by supper at the village hall at 6.30pm. All are welcome to **either or both!** Please book supper with Ann.

Bus shelter

Many thanks to those involved in repairing the bus shelter, including the parish council and Mark Haywood.

Dates for your diary

9th October – Harvest Festival and Supper

11th November – Rochford Quiz

2nd December – Christmas musical evening

11th December – Christmas lunch and Carol Service.

Church flower rota

Tina Lord, thank you.

Andrew Barbé

Stoke Bliss and Kyre

Kyre Church

We need volunteers for the annual floor polishing and to help with setting up a display for harvest donations which will be given to the Food Bank in Tenbury.

We need the help of a couple of strong people to move the pews and a few others to polish for floor. Suggested dates are Thursday 15th and 22nd September and Saturday 24th September, when we will also be setting up the display prior to the harvest service on Sunday 25th September at 4pm.

Thanks for in advance for your support. Tea and cake will be supplied.

Please contact Maggie Kingston if you are able to help for a half day sessions. Phone 01885 410431 and leave a message or email mdk46@phonecoop.coop.

The History of Stoke Bliss, Kyre Parva Manors and Church

This companion volume to the History of Kyre Manor and Church by Maggie Kingston (published last year) will be available in the autumn. But we need your help! Advance orders are needed so that we know we have enough sales to justify the print run of 50 hardbacks and 100 paperbacks.

The cost will be approximately £24 for the hardback and £14 for the paperback. This time profits support Stoke Bliss Church.

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Copies of the Kyre Manor and Church paperback at £10 are also available.

Maggie Kingston

Pub Night

Friday 30th September

Friday 28th October

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Neighbourhood Lunch

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Thursday 8th September

Thursday 13th October

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Train Day

Although the weather threatened to be unkind, the rain stayed away and the people rolled in to the Hyde for the Teme Valley Railway Train Day on 30th July. It was lovely to see so many young faces having such fun on the marvellous steam trains followed by a cuppa and a piece of cake. The big kids appeared to be having a jolly good time as well! With numbers in attendance in excess of 150 the tea shop was stripped bare and an emergency dash to Tenbury was required to replenish supplies! A big thanks to all those who helped make the day such a great success. All funds raised will be shared between the Stoke Bliss & Kyre village hall and the village churches.

Christmas Lunch

The Stoke Bliss & Kyre Village Hall Christmas Lunch will be on 11th December at the hall – more details later.

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Deadline 18th September

Eastham Jottings

Church flowers and cleaning

September – Alison Brookes
October – Rhiannon Chapman

Eastham Coffee Morning

The August coffee morning raised £300 for Breast Cancer Now, which supports anyone affected by breast cancer today and provides hope for the future. A huge thank you to everyone who supported this.

Nicky Webb will be co-ordinating the September coffee morning on Wednesday 7th September at Eastham Memorial Hall so please come along between 10.30am and 12 noon. Hear of the plans for the special 5th October coffee morning for Macmillan Cancer Support and chill out with neighbours and friends old and new.

The rota is:

Wednesday 5th October – Josie Ward
Wednesday 2nd November – Ann Hadfield

Eastham 54th Riverside Fête

Thanks to everyone for their help with the 2022 Fête – those who provided items to sell, joined in with the produce show or supported in many other ways. We hope that you had a great time, ate too much, found a bargain and won a prize at something. Hopefully met up with old friends and had a good chat. Also massive thanks to all those who made it happen, far too many to mention. It wouldn't happen without you. Well done on another successful year, see you all again next time.

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

Pilates, Sue on 07974 343609, Tuesdays at 1pm and 2.15pm, starts again on 6th September
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Zumba Gold, Lucia on 07709 301030, Wednesdays at 1pm, just turn up and have a go!

Kung Fu, Adam on 07720 643524, for youngsters on Saturdays at 9.30am, again just turn up and have a go.

Trustees Meeting

Eastham Memorial Hall Trustees meeting will be on Tuesday 6th September at 7pm. Please come along to discuss the future programme of events in the hall for 2022/23 and new initiatives. Have your say! The bar opens immediately afterwards so come along to catch up with your neighbours.

The meeting is open to all Eastham residents with a Zoom/Teams link for those not able to attend in person. Please contact Celia Adams in advance for the link details.

Eastham Pub Night

On Friday 16th September from 7.30pm. Make a date for this informal get together – everyone welcome. Look out for the usual banner.

Autumn clean of church and churchyard

Please come along at any time between 10am and 1pm on Saturday 15th October with gardening utensils to tackle the churchyard. There's lots to be done to straighten everything up ready for the winter so everyone welcome, whatever your skills. We will be cleaning the church interior at the same time, including finishing the flower arrangements ready for the Harvest Festival.

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Celia Adams

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Cake and biscuit donations all gratefully received. There will also be a bring and buy produce stall (jams, honey, eggs, fruit and vegetables etc).

For further information please contact Emma on 07801 278890.

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Deadline 18th September

Please note this is the *last* day for contributions – the sooner you send your items to the editor, the more chance there is that they will be included

Please send items for inclusion to ronsmum@btconnect.com

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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4th September – Praise Service at 4pm

2nd October – Said Communion at 10am

2nd October – Stanford Harvest Festival Service at 11am followed by lunch

2nd October – Praise Service at 4pm

Musical Soirée

There will be a concert on Saturday 10th September at 7pm at St Mary's, with Tom Durston-Smith and friends – for details see page 14. Wine and light refreshments will be served at the interval. We will be asking for a minimum donation of £10 per person. Please book with Robin on 01886 853295.

Harvest lunch

The Harvest lunch will be at 12 noon on Sunday 2nd October in the village hall. The two-course meal with cost £10 per person. Booking is essential, please phone Robin on 01886 853295 or email robin.c.dean@gmail.com before Thursday 29th September.

Christmas Tree Festival

We are delighted to announce that the Christmas Tree Festival returns to Stanford Church early in December. The organising committee will be meeting for the first time this year at 7.30pm on 22nd September – we are always looking for volunteers to assist. If you would like to help, please contact Robin on 01886 853295 for details of the meeting.

Wine tasting

Brian has agreed to arrange another wine tasting on Saturday 15th October. If you attended previously you will be invited again. If you didn't attend before, please contact Brian to see if there are any spare spaces on st.marys1769@gmail.com.

Parish Giving Scheme (PGS)

You are able to make regular monthly payments to St Mary's via PGS. Full details are given on page 20. Any queries to Robin.

The Queen's Green Canopy

We reported on our very successful Jubilee Weekend in the last edition of TemeTalk. When planning the weekend we said that any profits would go to the Queen's Green Canopy. A magnificent sum of £150 was raised. We decided that we would give it to Worcestershire Community Foundation (organising the Queen's Green Canopy in Worcestershire) which is supported by the Lord Lieutenant of Worcestershire and Worcestershire County Council – the message accompanying our donation was "As we have so many trees in our village, we would like this to go to somewhere in Worcestershire where they need trees". Thank you everyone who helped to raise this sum.

St Mary's church

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

Volunteers please – again

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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(l to r) John Driver, Cliff Fudge, Ray Peacock and Peter Donald standing beside the new electric vehicle

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Teme Wheels raised the funds to purchase an electric vehicle (EV) which is fully wheelchair accessible and has already been in regular use around the area. Wheelchair bound passengers can travel to their destinations without having to move from their wheelchairs, making their trip much easier and more comfortable.

Teme Wheels recently introduced a weekly service to Clebury Mortimer. The route runs from Tenbury Wells, through Newnham Bridge, Mamble, Clows Top, Badgers Walk, Bayton and on up to Clebury. The EV departs Tenbury Wells at 9.30am each Wednesday morning and arrives in Clebury Mortimer around 10.20.

Not-for-profit groups can hire the EV for day trips – all details including cost can be obtained from the Teme Wheels office.

Countryside Rides is another exciting initiative. Here at Teme Wheels we know only too well how isolated many people are without public transport or the use of a car. Our service

uses a volunteer driver and vehicle to provide a personal service, taking the customer out and about for an hour or two. Destinations are varied and many customers like to incorporate a stop at a local garden centre for coffee and cake whilst they're out.

All customers need to be registered (a quick and simple process) and pay an annual membership fee of £5. This gives access to all Teme Wheels' transport services. All journeys carry a fare based on pence per mile.

The Teme Wheels office is open every day, Monday to Friday, from 9am to 1pm. Our telephone number is 01584 233131 and we are happy to help with any enquiries.

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Customer Joan Lines with her driver John Driver

Joy – and a few tears

There has been joy and a few tears in the Opperman household in Eastham over the past few months.

On 10th May Finn Scott Michael Opperman was born to Brenlay and David in London, a little brother for Millie and Bella both of whom were baptised in Eastham Church. The family has now moved to Kansas City following a job promotion for David.

Then more joy on 27th July when Guy Op-

perman's wife, Flora Coleman gave birth to a son at St Thomas's Hospital, London. Christopher, their third son, will be known as Kitto. Sadly infant twins Teddy and Rafe died two years ago.

The prosecco has flowed and a few tears have been shed for the highs and lows of life – and for absent friends.

Averil Opperman

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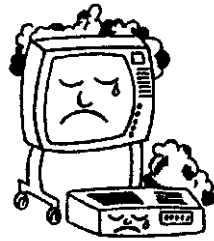


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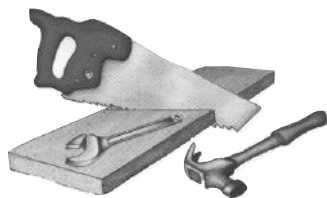
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Paula's ashes are buried. At the funeral all three of the children spoke very eloquently of their father and a work colleague spoke about his business life. He was greatly loved and respected by family, friends and colleagues. He was someone who saw potential in other people and encouraged them to develop it.

His West Midlands roots were reflected in his support for Wolves. His love of garden and countryside was reflected in the church flowers which were all from his garden. He enjoyed food, wine, travel and had a "brilliant sense of humour".

He died in Hereford ICU and donations in memory are being shared between it and Hanley William Church.

Robert Barlow

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Thanks from Br Martin

Dear friends,

Thank you so much for making me so welcome in Teme Valley South and for all of your help in gaining so much from the placement. It has been a marvellous experience of the unique joys of rural ministry and life. Each church has shown God's love and the whole experience is something that I will treasure.

I do hope that we will be able to stay in contact and meanwhile we will continue to keep you all in our prayers at Glasshampton Monastery.

Pax et bonum,

Br Martin

Name this tree ...



Can you think of a caption for this picture of the ash tree next to Stoke Bliss Church, most of which collapsed across the road in one of the storms?

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Alex, then and now



needing neonatal care.

With this in mind Alex and grandad Michael will be walking the full 84 miles of Hadrian's Wall, starting on 27th August. Michael has been determined to do one more walk in memory of our dog Digger – we sadly lost him earlier in the year.

The aim of the intrepid couple's six day walk is to raise as much money as they can for Bliss. I am so proud of them both and will accompany them to ensure bags are transported to their accommodation each day.

Please support this most worthy cause by contacting me. I can provide a link to Alex's Just Giving page.

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Previously, you could enrol either by filling in a paper form or by calling 0333 002 1271 and giving your banking details. You are now able to join via the internet. You can do this by going to

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3rd and 10th October

- What have the CIA been up to since WW2

17th and 24th October

- Brazil

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14th and 21st October

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Full details are available on our website <https://stanfordhistorygroup.com>.

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Membership costs £48 for the year and has additional benefits as well as entry to lectures. You are welcome to try a lecture as a visitor paying £8 at the door. The first lecture, "The Sahara as palimpsest: a cultural history of the world's greatest desert" starts at 2.15pm on Wednesday 21st September.

Cake and tea or coffee and chat is available after the lecture. Members and visitors of any age and all educational backgrounds are very welcome.

It's h-Art week!

This is h-Art's 20th year, with 130 artists exhibiting in Herefordshire and its borders from Saturday 3rd to Sunday 11th September.

As well as wildlife artist Shelly Perkins and jeweller Sarah Kinnersley in Hanley and artist Mel Williams in Eastham, local venues include St Michaels Church at St Michaels, Tenbury Wells, where 12 artists will be showing their work. Go to h-art.co.uk for your programme and enjoy a feast for the senses – and often cake as well!

It's h-art week,
Someone's carved a stone to see;
There are dragons flying free
And lots of paint to splosh.

It's h-art week,
It only comes round once a year,
So poke and prod and gaze and peer
To wonder how it's done.

It's h-art week,
So open up your purse and say,
I'd like that one you've made today,
And keep the artist's bank draft clear
So they can play all day.

It's h-art week,
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Teme Valley Wildlife

When the sun is shining it is a great joy to watch the garden come alive with insects. This year I have been trying to learn a little about shieldbugs and have been pleased to identify five species on my patch. Shaped like a shield, as you might have expected, they also go by the name "stink-bugs" due to their defence behaviour of squirting smelly fluid if they feel threatened. I found a sloe shieldbug, but not on a sloe bush, a red-legged shieldbug in my cherry tree, a woundwort shieldbug, but not on woundwort, a spiked shieldbug in long grass and a green shieldbug just tootling about in my front border. They all suck up plant sap, but don't seem to have damaged any of my garden plants so I'll be quite happy to come across any of the other common species.



and this year has found them more elusive than usual. Perhaps the broiling sun has been too much for them or maybe, yet again, our pond is getting a bit overgrown. My usual three damselflies, large red, azure and blue-tailed, have all been in evidence and, so far, the four-spotted and broad-

bodied chasers, southern hawkler and common darter have made up the list. Whilst on a brief visit to Wales I chalked up a golden-ringed dragonfly, emperors and scarce blue-tailed damselflies, so that made up for my low garden numbers.

I must mention butterflies, which seem to have been much in evidence this year. The very first was a beautiful early brimstone, but so pale that I had to get out the books to confirm

My favourite garden insect is the dragonfly

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that a female can indeed be so pristine white. Then came the holly blues followed by a host of colourful species. It has been interesting to see what plants attract different species. A cloud of gate-keepers has taken over my marjoram plants, whilst the larger peacocks, cabbage whites, red admirals and silver-washed fritillaries head for the buddleias. These plants really do live up to the name "butterfly-bush". My garden has twelve different forms, which may be considered a bit excessive, but as they run from dwarf to huge, come in different colours and flower at different times I certainly think they are worth having. Oh, and verbenabonariensis which drew in a humming-bird hawk-moth.

Bees are also engaging to watch. They seem to be about on duller days and are on the wing earlier in the day and later in the evening than other insects. They love lavender and it's great to see them bending the flower-stalks downwards with the weight of their dumpy furry bodies. Wasps are welcome too and they are particularly attracted to my red-hot poker. Again, I have a bit of an obsession with these and have enough different types to ensure plenty of flowers from spring to the first frosts. Hornets have also been busy this year. They

have made regular visits to drink from the pond and on a very hot day a huge specimen repeatedly visited a crevice in the trunk of my rowan tree which I assume to have been the source of some tasty sap.

If I have given the impression that all of my garden visitors this year have been welcome, I am afraid there was one whom I do not wish to meet again. If you are the badger who trashed my strawberry patch, crushing the plants and stamping the berries into the mud – please do not return.

The next meeting of the Teme Valley Wildlife Group will be at Stoke Bliss and Kyre Village Hall on Thursday 8th September at 7.30pm. We welcome back Rosemary Winnall, whose talk will be called "A fascination with insects". Everyone is most welcome, it is just £2 on the door.

Stephanie Mocroft

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



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September

- 3rd-11th h-Art (see page 21)
- 3rd Saturday Film Night at Hanley Village Hall, *Le Mans '66*, 7.30pm
Rochford WhatsApp Group social evening, Rochford VH, 7.30pm
- 6th Tuesday Eastham Memorial Hall Trustees Meeting, 7pm
- 7th Wednesday Eastham Coffee Morning, Eastham Memorial Hall, 10.30am
- 8th Thursday Neighbourhood Lunch, Stoke Bliss & Kyre Village Hall, 12.30pm
- 10th Saturday Quiet Day, The Retreat, Stoke Bliss, 10am
Musical Soirée, St Marys Church Stanford, 7pm
- 11th Sunday Sing Through the Year, Rochford Church, 4pm
- 15th Thursday The Filling Station, Eastham Memorial Hall, 7.15pm
- 16th Friday Macmillan Coffee Day, Hanley William walled garden, 10am
Eastham Pub Night, Eastham Memorial Hall, 7.30pm
- 17th Saturday 75th Stoke Bliss Ploughing Match, Sutton Park, Sutton, 10am
- 24th Saturday Live Music at Rochford Village Hall with Fix, 7.30pm
- 27th Tuesday Rochford Neighbourhood Lunch, Rochford Village Hall, 12.30pm
- 30th Friday Pub Night, Stoke Bliss & Kyre Village Hall, 7.30pm

October

- 1st Saturday Film Night at Hanley Village Hall, *No Time to Die*, 7.30pm
Rochford Big Breakfast and Walk, 9.30am
- 2nd Sunday Harvest Festival, Stanford, 11am
- 5th Wednesday Eastham Coffee Morning, Eastham Memorial Hall, 10.30am
- 8th Saturday Quiz, Stoke Bliss & Kyre Village Hall, 7pm
- 9th Sunday Rochford Harvest Festival service and supper
- 13th Thursday Neighbourhood Lunch, Stoke Bliss & Kyre Village Hall, 12.30pm
- 15th Saturday Eastham church and churchyard autumn clean, 10am
- 28th Friday Pub Night, Stoke Bliss & Kyre Village Hall, 7.30pm

November

- 2nd Wednesday Eastham Coffee Morning, Eastham Memorial Hall, 10.30am
- 11th Friday Rochford Quiz

December

- 2nd Friday Rochford Christmas Musical Evening
- 7th Wednesday Eastham Coffee Morning, Eastham Memorial Hall, 10.30am
- 11th Sunday Rochford Christmas Lunch and Carol Service
Stoke Bliss & Kyre Village Hall Christmas Lunch

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

September 2022

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

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

Saturday 3rd September

10.00am Stoke Bliss churchyard Forest Church

Sunday 4th September

10.00am Stanford Holy Communion with Hymns

4.00pm Stanford Praise Service

Saturday 10th September

10am-2pm The Retreat, Stoke Bliss TVS Quiet Day
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Sunday 11th September

10.00am Hanley William Holy Communion

2.00pm Stanford Christening

4.00p Rochford Sing Through the Year Service

Sunday 18th September

10.00am Eastham All Age and Holy Communion

2.00pm Walking Church, for details contact
Rev'd Robert on 07947 600627

Sunday 25th September

10.00am Rochford All Age and Holy Communion

4.00pm Kyre Celtic Harvest, Bring and share supper at
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