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Dear Villagers

Before John and I came to Teme Valley South, I spent a few days on retreat in a rather lovely spot in Devon called Lee Abbey. There I thought and prayed about what our time here in TVS might be all about. Yes, I was to be a priest in this place, but what does that mean in the 21st century. The words that came to me as being significant were from the Old Testament prophet, Jeremiah.

*Stand at the crossroads and look, and ask for the ancient path,
where the good way lies: and walk in it, and find rest for your souls.*

Jeremiah 6:16

This verse has been particularly important again through these times of coronavirus in a number of ways – ancient ways, but with a 21st century lens.

How? Well I have literally walked the TVS footpaths, and photographed them and shared via social media. Our online services have focused on our landscapes, our rural communities and our people – we have found delight in the ordinary, just as our forebears did. We have met daily for prayer, and much to my delight this has flourished, but we meet via the technology of Zoom. Pastoral care has been important as we shop and look out for each other, but rather than this being entirely focused on the priest, we have shared in this together. Finally, it has been a very busy and at times stressful few months, but I think one where there has been a deepening of connection with things spiritual in this place for me and maybe others.

Unlike Jeremiah, I am no great prophet, but I do know that these words that were signifi-

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Word of the month

This month's word is **gubbins**, meaning fish parings or refuse. It has several possible meanings, all of which are most often found used in British English. In addition to the aforementioned fish refuse it may refer to "scraps, or bits and pieces," "a gadget," or "a simpleton." The word comes from the language of cooking. Its ancestry includes words meaning paring, portion, and gobbet (meaning morsel).

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Parish news

From the Registers

Our prayers and sympathy are with the family and friends of Mrs Emilia Vobe, latterly of Bromyard who previously lived in Stoke Bliss. Following her funeral in Pencombe Church she was buried in St Peter's Churchyard, Stoke Bliss on 29th June.

We also note with sadness the passing of Theresa Mary 'Terry' Johnson whose ashes were buried in St Mary's Churchyard, Stanford on 9th July.

May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

Covid-19 response continues

For those who need us, our contacts remain:

- For Eastham: Celia Adams, 01584 781258
- For the Hanleys: Peter Thorneycroft, 01885 410484 or Rev'd Julia (see below).
- For Rochford: Carole Powell, Jane Bull or Ann Prosser, 01584 781317.
- For Stanford: Robin Dean, 01886 853295.
- For Stoke Bliss and Kyre: Maggie Kingston, 01885 410431

Our priests:

- Our priest-in-charge, Rev'd Julia Curtis by email (revjuliacurtis@gmail.com) or phone her on 01886 853286.
 - One of our retired priests:
 - Rev Robert Barlow – on 07947 600627
 - Rev Sally Jones – on 01584 781526
- If you would like a regular phone call to say hello and have a chat please do ask.

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cant to me two years ago have come to have added meaning and depth during the last few months. The ancient path, with a 21st century lens, has proved a fruitful one.

So this August I thank God for that and pray that we all find rest for our souls this month.

Rev'd Julia

Front cover picture: A snap of a visiting bee by John Griffiths (see page 19)

Regular services and opening for private prayer

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.

St Peter & St Paul, Eastham

Tuesday 9am to 6pm

St Mary, Stanford on Teme

Thursday 9am to 6pm

St Mary, Kyre Wyard

Friday 2.30pm to 5pm

Church to be attended

St Michael, Rochford

Wednesday and Sunday 9am to 6pm

St Peter, Stoke Bliss

Friday 10am to 4pm

All Saints, Hanley William

Saturday 9am to 4pm

Michael & All Angels, Hanley Childe remains closed for the time being.

Thanks to all of you who are willing to air the churches and give them a spruce up before opening and have offered to lock and unlock. Without you we could not re-open.

During the virus outbreak we have maintained a pattern of regular prayer in our communities, gathering via Zoom, and this will continue for the time being. See the service schedule on page 28 for times of daily prayers and do get in touch if you would like to join us. Weekly Sunday offerings will be available via our Teme Valley Churches Facebook page and on YouTube or see the Teme Valley South website on www.temevalleysouth.org.uk/

If you have a prayer request to be included please ring or email me or your local pastoral team member – see Teme Valley South Contacts on page 2.

Rev'd Julia Curtis

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Rochford 49 Club

Congratulations

to this month's £25 winners:

Wednesday winners

June 24th No 41 not sold
July 1st No 4 Alison Champion
July 8th No 30 Not sold
July 15th No 49 Jean Harrison

Saturday winners

June 20th No 13 Robin Dean
June 27th No 12 Jennifer Gledhill
July 4th No13 Robin Dean
July 11th No 22 Gill Smith
July 18th No 30 Hugh Nicholson

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

July's prize draw of the Tote was decided when Rev'd Julia Curtis rolled the dice on 3rd June to select the set of random numbers. Prizewinners are:

£50 – **John Moreton** of Knighton (No 613)
£30 – **Vicky Bowdler** of Stoke Bliss (No 815)
£20 – **Ann Hadfield** of Eastham (No 291)

A number of people in Knighton have not been entered because their subscriptions were not collected. If you wish to take part from 1st October to 31st March, the subscription will be £5. Please contact Duane or Robin if you wish to join.

If you would like to join please contact the organiser, Robin Dean, on 01886 853295 or by email at robin.c.dean@gmail.com, or contact your local co-ordinator.

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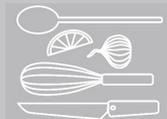
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Neighbourhood Lunches

Take-away neighbourhood lunches (delivered or collected) started in July and thanks to Ann these will be available on Friday 14th August. They can be collected or delivered to your home for just £5. Please contact Ann on 01584 781317 by Monday 10th August if you would like one.

Pizza Night at Rochford

Friday 7th August is Pizza Takeaway Night at Rochford Village Hall.

From 4 to 8pm Mother Earth Pizza, namely Sara and Angela, will be in Rochford village hall car park serving delicious pizzas and loaded fries prepared and cooked fresh in front of you in their mobile wood fired pizza oven. All orders must be pre-ordered by 6pm the previous evening on 07498 941699 when a time slot will be arranged for collection. Payment can be made cash only on collection or by bank transfer in advance. If the weather's good bring a bottle and picnic in the car park. See page 13 for details. Open to all!

Over the last couple of months Sara and Angela, pictured below, have taken their mobile wood fired oven to various local village hall car parks proving to be a great success, even selling out a number of times. Check out their Facebook page for more info and get those orders in early to avoid disappointment.



Open Gardens and Afternoon Tea

So far we have had offers of two gardens. You don't need a perfect garden, gardens large and small are always interesting to visit, so if you would be prepared for people to look around your garden please let us know. It would be great to have a variety of gardens to visit in the village, ending up with afternoon tea.

Rochford churchyard

We would like to thank Ian Chell for maintaining our lovely churchyard. If you are a dog walker, **please pick up after your dog!** It is horrible for Ian to come across dog poo when he is strimming so please respect this request.

Rochford church

Rochford church is open for private prayer on Sundays and Wednesdays from 9am to 6pm, so please feel free to visit and enjoy the lovely peaceful location and the welcome that Rochford church will give you. Please follow the laminated instructions for visitors in the porch and use the hand sanitiser gel and disposable gloves during your visit.

Church services (with risk assessment safeguards in place) are planned for August so please come along to holy communion at Rochford on 23rd August.

Rochford ACC needs a treasurer

Rochford Area Church Committee (ACC) would like to thank Norma Goodall for continuing to carry out treasurer duties for the church and village hall. However, having provided many years of service Norma would like to relinquish this role. We normally meet four times a year so if you would be interested in helping out please contact Ann on 01584 781317 initially. We would love to hear from you.

Coronavirus Care Group

The Rochford Tenbury Coronavirus Care Group will continue helping out with collecting prescriptions, shopping and sharing online deliveries and local information. This is benefiting many people in the village so many thanks to everyone involved.

Andrew Barbé

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Stoke Bliss and Kyre

Maggie Kingston shares her thoughts on having the churches open again for personal prayer time.

Welcoming people to Kyre church

Sitting, waiting to welcome whoever comes. Comes with memories of being here before, Weddings, funerals, christenings and other times, Seeking quiet and acceptance of what is rather than yearning for what was.

Our churches stand here, witness of enduring faith, strength and hope for the future. Yet marked by change, Civil War, World War, even here the scars remain. Memories of lost lives, gaps in families never to be replaced.

Standing here in times of plague and medieval lost villages, Standing here at anniversaries of joy and harvest. Silent witness to the changing years and recurring challenges.

Until we learn new ways of belonging with Creation and with all of humanity. How to reach out beyond the walls that enclose. Open our hearts to each other, Journey into the future with hope, faith and love into oneness with creation.

So may we learn from what has been and is. Nurture community made visible and Commitment with the land, with faith spoken out to who knows who With services streamed through internet, personal compassion and deeds for our neighbours.

So may we be given grace to recommit to the Millenium Prayer:

Let there be respect for the earth, peace for its people,
Love in our lives, delight in the good,
Forgiveness for past wrongs and from now on a new start.

Maggie Kingston

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Eastham Jottings

Coronavirus update

August dawns and life is slowly getting back to the new socially distanced norm. Eastham Hall porch has been a gathering place for all sorts of produce and swaps – another £80 in the jar so we are well over £300 for the Memorial Hall. Thanks to everyone.

Candle@7

A candle will be lit in Eastham Church until services start again so August 9th will be the last week. The candle will have been lit for 21 weeks as a sign of both support for all front-line staff and carers and a sign of our hope and prayer.

Eastham Memorial Hall

Traders – take a FREE posting on our website until the end of 2020 (with an option to renew for £25 in January). Contact Mike Palfrey on 01584 781254 or email admin@easthammemorialhall.org.uk.

Eastham Coffee Morning

We have had three coffee mornings on Zoom in May, June and July. The August coffee morning will be on Wednesday 5th August at 10.30am and will again be on Zoom. Regulars will receive an email invitation at about 10.25am. The theme is Memories of Eastham Fête. If you would like to join and/or need help with Zoom please call Celia Adams on 01584 781258 or email eastham-court@icloud.com.

Eastham Fête Produce Show

The “coronavirus compliant” Produce Show will be on 16th August in Eastham church, with live streaming of the prize giving in the afternoon. All entries will be donated to Tenbury Food Bank and others. Read all about it on pages 14 and 15.

Eastham Fête Tote

The Eastham Fête Tote is open to all and will raise money for Eastham Memorial Hall and Eastham church. See page 15 for full details.

Church services online

If you haven't yet viewed the services online then go to the Teme Valley South website at www.temevalleysouth.org.uk/services where you can find all the services. Eastham features on 19th April, 9th and 12th May, 28th June and a special appearance about Eastham soil on 12th July. Special thanks to Julia, Robert and others for all their hours of work on these.

Eastham church weekly opening

Eastham church is open on Tuesdays from 9am to 6 pm.

Open Air Service

There will be an open-air service at 4pm on 16th August following the Produce Show, which will have been arranged and judged during the day in the church. This will be arranged in line with the coronavirus instructions from the diocese. All are welcome (please bring face masks).

Flowers and cleaning

St Peter's and St Paul's church is open for cleaning and flower arranging, in line with instructions from the diocese. The rota is:

August – Diana Clarke
September – Alison Brookes

Eastham Allotment Scheme

Subscriptions are available now for 2020/21. Deliveries are made throughout Eastham and the neighbouring villages. All funds go to the local community.

Vegetables include potatoes, onions, runner beans, broad beans, green beans, parsnips, marrows, pumpkins, squash ... the list is endless. There are also tomatoes, peppers, cucumbers and lettuce, and many varieties of herbs. Payment is based on a full or half year's subscription paid electronically with weekly deliveries to your doorstep. The scheme is open to everyone.

For further information please contact Celia Adams on 01584 781258 or email eastham-court@icloud.com.

Celia Adams

Hanley Happenings

Local talent – this month, Shelly Perkins

Sometimes we don't recognise the hidden talents of so many people living amongst us, so I'll be trying to draw your attention in my monthly musings to some of them, which might encourage us to support them in the coming months.

The first is Shelly Perkins who will be known to many of you. She lives on the Broadheath with her husband Stuart and is a nationally and internationally respected artist known for her unique creations of vibrant wildlife artwork through a mixture of traditional and digital techniques creating multi layered works which she sells as limited edition prints.

Her work has appeared in many nature books for the BBC and the RSPB. She was selected as artist in residence in 2017 on the Royal Navy's icebreaker HMS Protector touring the Antarctic peninsular for six weeks and has produced some stunning work from this experience.

Shelly shows her work in The Spotty Dog in

Tenbury and also in The Artist's Gallery, a co-operative group at the Ludlow Farmshop which she founded, persuading seven other creatives to join her in running their own gallery.

The pandemic has been a tough time for many small businesses and Shelly has not been able to attend her normal events, but she has used the time to work on a new collection of prints and on her online store sending pictures, books and cards all around the world.

She would love to hear from you and can be contacted on www.shellyperkins.co.uk, on instagram @shellyperkinswildlifeart or on www.facebook.com/pages/Shelly-Perkins-Illustration/1156338484844237.

Next month will feature a local designer trying to establish her first business. So do try and make contact with this local talent, especially with Christmas not far away!

Peter Thorneycroft

Getting back to normal?

Into August and that wonderful spell of fine weather seems a long time ago, but let's hope the weather will pick up again for the delayed holiday season. I think the current phase of the pandemic is going to be as challenging as ever with mixed messages and the reluctance of people to venture out once again. So it's even more important that we continue to support local businesses as they supported us earlier in the summer.

Hanley Village Hall

The village hall remains closed and is likely to stay out of bounds until at least the autumn but hopefully next month there might be another update. I know from elsewhere that the protocol is very comprehensive, giving detailed instructions of what needs to be done not only initially but going forward.

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Something in the air – fecundity in Hanley Childe

Life has been pretty busy down here, especially at Court Farm where in the last two months they have welcomed no less than twelve puppies, eight Hereford calves including twins – which I believe is pretty unusual – and the best news, the arrival of Sydney Thomas Charles Johnson to Kathy and Tom on 8th July weighing in at 8lbs 6oz, a brother for William. So many congratulations to everyone, it's really positive news and a sign of hope for the future.

Peter Thorneycroft

New sign for Hanley William

When Storm Dennis blew the sign at Hanley William over, Tony Jacobs kindly offered to make a replacement as a gift to Hanley William church. The sign has now been finished and put in place by Roger Delahay and Paul Blake-way. It is looking splendid, fresh and new, just in time for the reopening of our churches.

Many thanks to Tony and Elaine for their very generous gift which will stand for many years.

Stanford • Stanford • Stanford

Where to begin?

At the time of writing (17th July) lockdown will soon be an unpleasant memory – unless it flares up again! We have heard about the 70 confirmed cases with pickers at Mathon. Some of the older members of the parish will remember large numbers of hop pickers coming to Stanford from the Black Country and living in camps with fights every weekend at the Bridge! What would have happened in those days with Covid19?

When the crisis is over, Amber Spilsbury (07966 294032) would like to host a fête – she is looking for people to assist in preparation and making it happen. We don't have a date but September is a possibility? Eastham is having a virtual fête produce show on Sunday 16th August – please try to support them!

The new normal

In Teme Valley South we have decided to have public services every Sunday and the first one will be Holy Communion at St Mary's at 10am on 2nd August – there will be social distancing measures in place during the services. As this is the first public service since March, we are unsure how many TVS parishioners will attend – we have put a limit of 16 bubbles (family groups) in the church. If more people turn up then we will all need to wear masks – please bring a mask with you just in case the whole parish arrives! It is likely that the service will be live streamed and the recording will appear on the parish website and the parish Facebook page shortly afterwards.

Private prayer

The PCC has decided to open most of our churches for private prayer one day a week. In Stanford we will open St Mary's from 9am to 6pm every Thursday during August. There will be a continued need for social distancing when in the church and you will be asked to use the provided hand sanitiser both on entering the church and on leaving.

Parish Giving Scheme

Each church in the parish has signed up to this scheme – see page 22.

Stanford with Orleton Civil Parish Meeting – Annual General Meeting

For some very strange reason, because we are a parish meeting (as opposed to a parish council with a bigger electorate) we are required to hold our Annual General Meeting 'face to face' before the end of August. There appear to be no exceptions to this rule, even in these difficult times! Parish councils are allowed to meet via Zoom (other conferencing software is available). So – we will have an outdoor meeting at the village hall during August with social distancing in place! Lesley will be sending notices and the agenda by email and on the parish noticeboards (at the Village Hall and at JW Lanes). If you would like to know when it is and you are not on the parish email list, please let Lesley know on 01886 853295.

Lockdown locks challenge

Last month, I challenged you to send me pictures of your locks before you had them cut – I have received no challenges to my own locks, so I have won. However rather than see a picture of me, here's a



picture of a fledgling robin (bird) who, while not a challenger, needs some attention on the front feather front!

Volunteers please – again

People have recently joined both the Church Committee and the Village Hall Committee but we would welcome some more, especially when the crisis is over. What should we do to celebrate the end of the crisis? Robin (01886 853295) is happy to explain what is involved and you are welcome to one of our meetings when they restart so that you can see what it is like. We need people to organise events and assist.

Grow the tallest sunflower

See page 16 for details of the tallest sunflower competition. I have seen one as tall as a grown man already but he is not telling us how he managed it.

Robin Dean

More parish news

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Public worship

We are delighted to be able to resume some public worship from 2nd and August – times and places are detailed on page 28.

We have been planning this alongside the guidance issued by the Church of England, and have had to make a number of changes to the usual service format. The numbers we can accommodate take into account social distancing and vary between churches, but people will be asked to sit in their 'social bubble', and we will not have congregational singing for the time being. Our service will last for 40 minutes and you are invited to bring and wear a facemask or face covering if you would feel more comfortable wearing one in an indoor space.

I know this all feels a bit strange, but we live in most unusual times and as we gather together once more as Christians our priority has to be to do this in a way that is safe even for our most vulnerable brothers and sisters.

If you have any queries about any of this do get in touch with me.

A new face

We are looking forward to welcoming a curate on a short placement with us in Teme Valley South for a few Sundays and the odd day during the autumn. Rev'd Peter Myres, having grown up in Devon, is interested in rural ministry; so I have offered a taster with us here in the Teme Valley as he discerns whether a rural reverend is the path God is leading him on.

We will hear more in next month's TemeTalk.

Rowlands Pharmacy Prescription Service

A pharmacy delivery service exists from Rowlands in Tenbury for those who live within a 10 mile radius and are still shielded, or the housebound with no family or friends locally. Do give them a ring and see what is possible on 01584 810480 if this is you.

Rev'd Julia Curtis

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The free phone number is: 0800 804 8044

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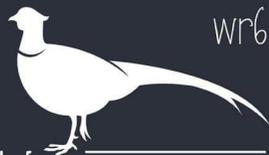


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The robots are coming

St Michaels Caravan Park is a very small park but we think we're in the vanguard of going green with lawn mowing – with three Husqvarna robots cutting the grass.

The robots are called Henry, Annabel and Megan, after our three American grandchildren. The real Annabel is delighted to know that the robot Annabel is the naughtiest of the three!

When it was time to replace our old John Deere 455 we looked at buying a new ride-on which is quite expensive when you add in the cost of six or seven hours' work a week with diesel and a driver plus the annual service plus ...

So we consulted our local Husqvarna agent, Ray from Teme Valley Tractors. Ray came and scratched his head. He thought a robot would probably work but he needed a second opinion, so Nick from Husqvarna came. Nick scratched his head. He thought a robot would probably work so he offered to lay the underground guide cables and leave a demonstrator for us to see how it went. We're lucky that our caravans are well spaced out with plenty of open space in between. Robots like open spaces!

That was in October last year. We were so pleased with the robot that we placed an order for three, to cover the whole park in three sections. Because of the lockdown the project was delayed until May, but now they're all here and going well.



Apart from one caravan owner's dog being upset, there seem to be no problems. With all three costing about half as much as a new

ride-on mower, we have found that, unlike their real American counterparts, they work round the clock in all weathers and they are very quiet. They cut such small lengths of grass that there are no clippings to be seen, and they provide hours of entertainment for our customers.

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In May over 80 sunflower kits were delivered to each of the churches in the benefice and then collected by individuals throughout Teme Valley South and beyond. Many are growing well, although some have made a veritable feast for slugs and leatherjackets!

To enter the sunflower competition, all you need to do is provide the height of your sunflower (please provide photographic evidence using a tape measure) from the bottom of the stem to the topmost point of the flower head, then send the picture and details to Jo Strickland at jo.strickland@hotmail.co.uk along with your name, address and telephone number. Entries must be received by 31st August.

The judges (members of the TVS Blessings

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Eastham Fête Produce Show 2020

There's no traditional fête this year but the produce show continues in a new format

A final reminder for The Produce Show on Sunday 16th August

Don't forget to join in the only local produce show this year. Please look at the schedule and find a class you can enter. Entries must be in by 12th August to allow us time to draw up a timetable and give time slots to exhibitors.

Eastham is carrying the torch for village produce shows this year and we need you all to join in to make it a success and worth doing.

The show is once again to be held in the church – **not** in the Memorial Hall as advertised last month.

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- ➊ All entries must be completed by 12th August.
- ➋ A timed slot will be given to all competitors to deliver and stage their exhibit on the day of the show – no more than two competitors will be allowed in the hall at any time.
- ➌ Hand sanitiser will be provided.
- ➍ The handicraft section may be submitted online.
- ➎ There will be no viewing of the full show but it will be streamed online via social media once set up.
- ➏ Prize certificates will be sent by email
- ➐ All produce and flowers will be considered a donation and will be given to a suitable charity – they may not be taken back.
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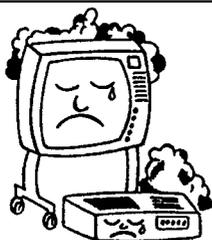
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Who is this little girl photographed in her fancy dress costume at Eastham Fête in 1988? Answer next month.



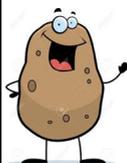
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A bit rough ...

I enjoyed reading 'My First Love' in July's TemeTalk, and it brought back many memories.

I am one of the girls who would have been classed as 'a bit rough' (and that is despite – or maybe because of being a Convent girl). My choice was most definitely The Rolling Stones. That is not to say I didn't like The Beatles, I did, but the wildness, rebelliousness

and unpredictability of The Stones themselves and their music swung it for me. 'Keef', that is Keith Richards, was and still is my very favourite, his husky voice and cheeky grin shining through all the ravages and wrinkles.

I lived in Tenbury in 1963 when The Fab Four came to perform at The Bridge but unfortunately I was only nine years old. I do remember my mother telling us she had seen them walking through Tenbury and was not impressed with their rather long hair. She recognised them from pictures on my sister's bedroom wall. I should say that those soon came down as my sister too became a Stones devotee.

I have seen a few live acts over the years including Supertramp, Bob Dylan (twice) and Elton John. I was even lucky enough to be at Live 8 in Hyde Park in July 2005 (where inci-



The Rolling Stones – with a combined age of 284

dentally we saw Paul McCartney perform Sgt Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band with U2, a song The Beatles never played live together) along with many other top acts but not The Rolling Stones. (Our attendance at Live 8 is a whole different story, quite an hilarious adventure).

I never seemed able to secure tickets for the Stones. The Counterfeit Stones yes, who I might add are pretty good, but again not the real thing. Then in 2005 The Rolling Stones Bigger Bang Tour was announced. I was determined this time.

My determination paid off and on Sunday 27th August 2006 at Don Stadium, Sheffield, my sister and I and our husbands at last got to see the Stones performing live. We were in our element. Their performance, despite their ages – the combined total of the four of them being 248 – was amazing. They way exceeded our expectations; we had an absolute blast.

Luckily for me the title of their song "You Can't Always Get What You Want" proved to be incorrect because quite clearly, I did, and who knows with a bit of luck and determination may do so again in the future.

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Telephone Box

We are looking for volunteers to paint and clean the telephone box. We are also looking for ideas for its use. Suggestions received so far are an information hub and a place where individuals can sell their goods. If you wish to put forward a suggestion for use, please let me know.

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We are currently looking at electronic speeding equipment and perhaps the chance of a grant to get it. If you see anyone speeding through Rochford, please phone 101 to report it.

Smart Water campaign

We are waiting for a time when it will be safe to continue with this.

Reporting

If you have anything you wish to report, and it's possible for you to take a photo (ie, blocked drain/pothole etc) please let us know so we can pass it on to the right department.

Meetings

Our next meeting is Monday 28th September via Zoom. All meetings are open to the public, and if you wish to attend, please let me know.

Minutes, agenda etc can be found on the notice board by the telephone box, and online at www.worcestershire.gov.uk/MyParish.

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They came to stay one summer's day ...



Our first summer visitors to Wigley Orchard arrived on a sunny day in late June. We hadn't been given official permission to open the caravan park to holidaymakers, but they came anyway. A whole gang of them, pushing and jostling and buzzing around just like a busload of teenagers on a school trip. They didn't seem to be on holiday though – they were looking for a new home and they soon found one, in the

chimney.

They were a friendly bunch, much less trouble than our usual holidaymakers. They didn't want to know how to use the wifi or how to change channels on the television or where the bins were, they weren't interested in local walks or whether they could arrange a Tesco's delivery. They just cruised around, taking in the sights, seeing what flowers were in the garden and how much nectar they could get.

But it seemed that our chimney wasn't the right place for them after all. They stayed for about three days while the scout bees looked for a permanent home for them and then, as quickly as they had come, they disappeared.

A swarm happens when a hive becomes overcrowded, a new queen appears and the old queen and a gang of around 20,000 go on the run. They head for temporary lodgings while scout bees look for somewhere safe to settle. So they weren't so different from our usual holidaymakers after all – just needing a short break, a time away to recharge their batteries before settling back to work and home.

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This month's front cover picture of one of our visitors is by John Griffiths



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Recycling – all you need to know

Some parish councillors from Edwyn Ralph recently visited the EnviroSort Recycling Plant at Norton, just outside Worcester. They learnt a lot of things they didn't know, and also unlearned things they thought they did know! Particularly well-illustrated when the whole plant came to a halt and an old mattress was removed from the system and placed in disgrace in the naughty corner.

"Fancy thinking we could recycle a mattress!" said their guide. Some of them would have thought exactly that. But no.

Recycling is not an abstract concept. The contents of all our green bins and recycling bags are taken directly to the Norton plant where they are guided along a series of conveyor belts at up to 30 tonnes per hour, six days a week. Different plants around the country have different sorting machines which is why there are so many different, sometimes confusing, lists of what can and can't be recycled.

Our rubbish is dumped onto the concrete floor of the huge barn-like shed which enclosed the plant and then lifted into a hopper by a man with a telehandler. And off we go along the road to separation and sorting. Big mattresses don't fit into through the hole into the first sorter.

The process is clean and dry. Rubbish which is decomposing (dead lambs), unhygienic (used

nappies) or wet (half-filled Coke cans) contaminate everything else and present health hazards, so first a row of human operators pick out all the insalubrious things and reject them.

Any stuffed bag has to be cut open and emptied for inspection, and the bags themselves can clog the machinery and bring the whole system to a halt.

Then a series of non-interlocking rotating steel cogs crunch glass into tiny fragments and drop it into a skip below. Everything else bounces along on top. Unfortunately this and the next piece of machinery also lets small things through, such as metal bottle tops or shredded paper, and textiles and flimsy bags can wrap themselves around the moving parts.

Next the rubbish passes onto a slope of ridged metal planks which catch the flat things on the ridges and move them upwards while three dimensional things don't catch and roll downwards. This is meant to separate paper and card from bottles, cartons and cans. If the latter have been flattened they may go up with the paper.

A magnetic sweep now removes all the steel cans, and optical detectors identify different types of plastic from how they reflect light. They can work with different colours but don't detect black – so no black bags. Objects of different materials are blasted off the conveyor belt into storage bins by air jets. As the rubbish topples off the end of one conveyor belt, an induced eddy current across the belt ejects non-ferrous cans into another storage bin.

Composite materials such as cartons or crisp packets with foil linings cannot be detected and have to be removed by hand. However most mixed plastics – the caps on bottles or spouts on drinks cartons, can now be left on.

Eventually everything gets squashed into huge cubes of pure material: paper, card and different metals and plastics, which are taken off around the country for immediate re-use or further sorting. Rejected material goes to the Energy from Waste site at Hartlebury to be burned to generate electricity. Less and less of our rubbish is tipped into landfill sites.

At every stage there are human operators helping the mechanical sorters. The better we understand the process and the more careful we are with what we put into our own bins, the more efficient the process, the less that ends up in landfill and the better for mankind and the environment.

Thanks to Cllr Hugh Farey and @Roundabout, Edwyn Ralph's parish magazine




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It is possible to enrol using a PGS gift form or there is a PGS telephone enrolment service, we will give you more details of how to do this in next month's TemeTalk.

In order to benefit your own church you will need its own PGS code – your local treasurer should have this, but we will publish them next month and they will appear on the parish website when they are available.

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Teme Valley Wildlife

Having had the rare combination of plentiful fine weather and plentiful hours at home, those of us lucky enough to have a garden have been able to spend more time there than usual. I enjoy monitoring and recording the number of damselfly and dragonfly visitors to my garden pond but this year I have been able to look more closely at their behaviour too.



chief, broad-bodied chaser on the pond. He saw off all potential usurpers, engaging in lengthy aerial dog-fights numerous times a day, whilst impressing any females who happened along in the meantime. Using binoculars it was possible to distinguish him from his challengers until, after three and a half weeks as champion, he was finally obliged to

retire in favour of another male.

The emergence of the first male broad-bodied chaser, a fast-flying powder-blue dragonfly, seen for the first time this year leaving the water as a nymph and then on the wing a few days later, took place earlier than in any of the past twenty years. He then demonstrated the huge degree of sheer hard work necessary to maintain his position as first, and therefore

Our pond has been restored slowly over the last few years, after becoming severely overgrown. Toads, who we'd liked to look for in March, had reduced in number and although we were hopeful of seeing them return after the work was done, so far they haven't been tempted. We've seen other amphibians, various types of newt and the odd frog sitting on a lily-pad, so we hope the toads will come back in time. Other visitors, such as bats, herons and grass snakes, have been less shy.

Both within the pond and along its edge we've tried to grow lots of native plants. Yellow flag irises, despite a capacity for invasiveness, are very attractive to bumblebees. Purple loosestrife, a plant with striking tall purple-pink spires, is a magnet to all manner of insects. Three buttercup-family members, kingcup,

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lesser and greater spearwort, brighten the scene with vivid yellow flowers, lesser water-plantain bears delicate pale flowers of three petals whilst water avens sports nodding bells. The native water lily adds a hint of elegance but perhaps prettiest of them all is the flowering rush, a plant with star-rays of pale pink rising from slender stems in June.

We've planted the common soft rush for evergreen interest, its pith was once used to soak up wax for use as cottage candles. For late-season nectar we have water-mint, whose fluffy mauve flowers provide sustenance for insects well into the autumn.

Some plants, large and small, have arrived unexpectedly. Marsh bedstraw is growing and hemlock water dropwort, a large cow-parsley look-alike important for moths, had appeared. How their seeds came we do not know.

In the water itself water soldiers are growing. These native plants have spiky rosettes of leaves which are the ideal hiding place for developing dragonfly nymphs. The nymphs live in water for up to five years before enjoying a few brief, energetic and hopefully successful, weeks in the air.

Teme Valley Wildlife Group meetings are currently suspended because our venue is not

open. Our meetings are usually held at Stoke Bliss and Kyre village hall at 7.30pm. Visit our website or Facebook page for information or look out for a poster kindly displayed by Tenbury News.

Stephanie Mocroft

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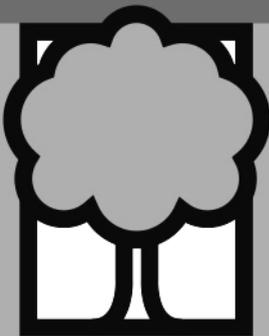
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You can't go wrong with a Mary Berry recipe, and this one for salmon wrapped in pastry is delicious and so easy to do. It's very quick and stylish enough for a dinner party.

Serves 4

Ingredients

1 x 375g packed ready-rolled puff pastry
4 x 150g centre-cut salmon fillets, skinned
salt and freshly ground black pepper
1 x 200ml carton full-fat crème fraîche
50g Parmesan, grated
12 cucumber, peeled, seeded and finely chopped
2-3 spring onions, finely chopped
2 tbs chopped fresh parsley
1 egg, beaten

Preheat the oven to 200°C, fan 180°, gas 6

Method

Roll out half the pastry very thinly and cut into four oblongs, each about 7.5cm x 15cm (3 x 6in).

Season the salmon fillets with salt and pepper.

Mix the crème fraîche with half the Parmesan and some salt and pepper. Spread a teaspoon of crème fraîche on to the centre of each fillet and sprinkle with a tiny amount of the cucumber, spring onion and chopped parsley.

Wrap a strip of puff pastry around each fillet, over the crème fraîche mixture with the join underneath. Arrange on a baking sheet. Lightly score the pastry in a lattice pattern and brush with a little beaten egg. Sprinkle with the remaining Parmesan.

Bake in the preheated oven for about 12 to 15 minutes until the pastry is crisp and the salmon is cooked.

To make the sauce, heat the remaining crème fraîche in a small pan until just hot and bubble until a good sauce consistency. Just before serving add the remaining cucumber, spring onion and parsley and season with salt and pepper. Serve hot with the hot salmon.

The fish can be all prepared, covered in clingfilm and kept in the fridge for up to 24 hours ahead.

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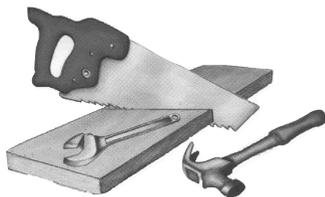
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August

- 5th Wednesday Eastham Coffee Morning via Zoom, 10.30am
7th Friday Takeaway Pizza Night, Rochford Memorial Hall carpark, 4 to 8pm
14th Friday Rochford Neighbourhood Lunch – takeaway, phone 01584 781317
16th Sunday Eastham Fête Produce Show, Eastham Church
Open air service, Eastham Church, 4pm

September

- 16th Sunday Online sunflower service including results of the Grow the Tallest Sunflower competition

Send items for inclusion to Sandra Griffiths by 18th of the month
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August 2020

Sunday 2nd August

10.00am	Online	Lammas, celebrating the start of the harvest
	Stanford	Holy Communion
6.30pm	Stoke Bliss	Celtic Evening Service

Sunday 9th August

10.00am	Hanley William	Holy Communion Walking Church
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Sunday 16th August

4.00pm	Online	Live streamed Holy Communion
	Eastham	Eastham Fête service

Sunday 23rd August

10.00am	Rochford	Holy Communion Walking Church
6.30pm	Kyre	Celtic Evening Service

Sunday 30th August

10.00am	Online	Café Church via Zoom – bring your pets!
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Sunday 6th September

	Online	Sunflowers service including the results of the tallest sunflower competition
10.00am	Stanford	Holy Communion
6.30pm	Stoke Bliss	Celtic Evening Service

We are praying online daily via Zoom so do email Rev Julia if you would like to join us:

Monday			7pm	Night Prayer
Tuesday	9am	Eastham	7pm	Night Prayer
Wednesday	10am	Rochford	7pm	Night Prayer
Thursday	9am	Stanford	7pm	Night Prayer
Friday	9am	Stoke Bliss and Kyre	7pm	Night Prayer
Saturday	9am	Hanley William and Hanley Childe	7pm	Night Prayer

If you have a prayer request to be included please ring or email Rev'd Julia or your local pastoral team member – see Teme Valley South Contacts on page2..

The Blessings Group continues to meet weekly and is coordinated by Richard Skerrett who can be contacted on 01886 853099 for details.

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