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## Dear Villagers

As the leaves, turned multicoloured by the changing season, gently drift to the ground (or are helped off by wind and rain!) we start to remember. We remember in a mixture of ways this month.

At the beginning of November we remember the saints who have gone before us, some of whom will be well known and celebrated, others known only to ourselves.

We remember those we love and who are no longer with us by reading their names both in an online service and at a church service.

We remember 5th November for 'gunpowder, treason and plot' and light bonfires, but without the usual crowds.

We remember those who fought and died in war and the need for peace by wearing poppies. This year we will gather in four of our churches at the same time rather than in one group on Remembrance Sunday. This will allow us to accommodate more people in a safe manner and is itself a reminder of the Covid times in which we live.

Whether online, in person at a church service or by visiting the Field of Remembrance in Hanley William churchyard and leaving a poppy cross – 'We will remember them!'

As the year draws to a close we remember that 2020 has not been an easy one for many. Yet at the end of the month we keep the festival of Christ the King where we remember that above all, we have a message of hope in the midst of many 'rememberings'. So, even though this year November's remembering may be tinged with sadness, I encourage you to holdfast to that hope of something beyond the promise of the immediate here and now ... something rather wonderful. Be blessed as you remember this November.

*Rev'd Julia*

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# Parish news

## From the registers

Our prayers and sympathy are with the family and friends of John Leftwich of Rochford House, whose ashes were buried in St Mary's churchyard, Stanford on 17th October. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

## Curate placement

Rev'd Peter Myers has now finished his placement with us and enjoyed a 'different' harvest experience in this strange year by participating in a number of our services. He was welcomed for coffee or food and a chat by a number of our community and so hopefully gained some useful insights into life here. We wish him well for the end of his curacy in Malvern and his future path in ministry.

## All Souls

If you wish to have the names of loved ones who are no longer with us read out as part of our All Souls services on 1st November, please contact us – see Rochford News for more details.

## TemeTalk deadlines

The deadline for our December issue is **18th November** as normal.

The first TemeTalk of the new year will be a joint January/February issue and the deadline will be **Monday 4th January**. Please remember to let me have your early January events for inclusion in the December issue.

The deadline for the March issue will be **18th February** as normal.

Our front cover this month is Mathew Hall's photograph of the weather vane on the old Eastham Memorial Hall

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## Service times and openings

As the clocks change this month and the evenings shorten, we will move to our winter timing pattern for services and so the evening services will be at 3.30pm until the spring arrives!

Our church buildings remain open as below, but if you would like to visit outside these times, please contact the churchwardens, who will do their best to accommodate you. 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. Now the evenings are darker we may close at dusk.

### St Peter & St Paul, Eastham

Tuesday 9am to dusk

### St Mary, Stanford on Teme

Thursday 9am to dusk

### St Mary, Kyre Wyard

Friday 2.30pm to 5pm  
s - see Church to be attended

### St Michael, Rochford

Wednesday and Sunday 9am to dusk

### St Peter, Stoke Bliss

Friday 10am to 4pm

### All Saints, Hanley William

Saturday 9am to 4pm

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.

## December highlights

Please note events which need to be booked because of limited capacity:

**6th December**, 3.30pm, drive-in Carol Service at Stoke Bliss Village Hall

**12th December**, 3.30pm, Rochford outdoor music and readings

**20th December**, online TVS Carol Service

**24th December**, Zoom Stanford Crib Service

**24th December**, 11.30pm, Rochford Midnight Service at St Michael's Church (*to book please contact Ann Prosser*)

**25th December**, 10am, Eastham Christmas Family Service (*to book please contact Celia Adams*)

Rev'd Julia Curtis

# Rochford 49 Club Congratulations

to this month's £25 winners:

## Wednesday winners

Sept 23rd	No 52	not sold
Sept 30th	No 36	not sold
Oct 7th	No 53	not sold
Oct 14th	No 10	Caroline Nicolls

## Saturday winners

Sept 19th	No 56	not sold
Sept 26th	No 45	not sold
Oct 3rd	No 2	Sue Bridge
Oct 10th	No 2	Sue Bridge
Oct 17th	No 46	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!

It would be great to see fewer unsold tickets next month!

Remember, you must be in it to win it!  
Ring Gill Smith on

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# Teme Valley Tote

September's prize draw of the Tote (the seventh in this series) was decided when Rev'd Robert Barlow rolled the dice on 2nd October to select the set of random numbers. Prizewinners are:

£50 – **Burgoyne family** of Stanford (No 517)

£30 – **Meg Baker** of Pensax (No 343)

£20 – **Ron Wylde** of Eastham (No 286)

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

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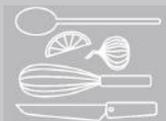
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# Rochford Rochford Rochford

## Coronavirus update

With the recent spike in Covid cases the need for social distancing in village and church activities continues. We therefore continue to look at outdoor and online ways of providing community activities.

## Harvest Festival

Rochford had an enjoyable and well supported outdoor Harvest celebration. The sun shone and we sat under the plum trees and reflected on the national food strategy, and how fortunate we are to have a great diversity of locally produced food and drink. Thanks to everyone who brought donations for the Tenbury food bank and for the generous collection for the Farmers Overseas Action Group.

## Neighbourhood Lunches

Thanks to Ann, takeaway neighbourhood lunches (delivered or collected) will be available on Friday 20th November for just £5 (please bring your own plates). Please contact Ann on 01584 781317 by Monday 16th November if you would like one.

## All Souls service

2020 has been difficult year and it seems more important than ever to remember those who are no longer with us at our annual All Souls service of memorial and thanksgiving on Sunday 1st November. This year we are having both online and physical services. If you would like the name of your loved one read out at either service please contact Ann (01584 781317) or Jenny (01584 781298) as we will need names in advance. The physical service will be held at Rochford Church on 1st November at 6pm. If you would like to attend please let Ann or Jenny know so we can make the necessary arrangements.

## Remembrance service

The annual service of Remembrance will be held at Rochford church on 8th November at 10.45am. Please let Ann know if you would like to attend.

## Carol service

An outdoor carol service is being planned for Sunday 13th December at 3.30pm at the Old Forge (by kind permission of Rod and Di Ricketts) by a large decorated outdoor tree of remembrance. Christmas themed refreshments to eat onsite or take away. Put the date in your diary, details to follow next month.

## Christmas Eve communion service

This will be on 24th December at 11.30pm. Due to Covid restrictions numbers are limited, but if oversubscribed an additional service at 9pm will be arranged. Please let Ann know if you would like to attend.

## Rochford parish WhatsApp group

The parish WhatsApp group (set up by Polly Ward) enables people in the parish to highlight any issues relating to the parish – lost pets, prescription/shopping collections (for those in isolation), road closures, suspicious activities, parish events etc. If you have WhatsApp and would like to be part of this group, please send your name and mobile number to 07809 658484.

## Open gardens

We are planning an open garden event next June. Thanks to everyone who offered their gardens this year – if you would be prepared to open your garden, big or small, next spring please give it some thought.

## Jean Wilding

Jean's family said farewell to her at a funeral service on 22nd September at Rochford church. The family would like to thank everyone for their cards, messages of sympathy and practical help over this difficult time. They would also like to thank people who came to pay their respects in the adjoining field and also those who sent generous donations in memory of Jean, of over £770, which will be divided between Rochford Church and Tenbury Hospital League of Friends.

*Andrew Barbé*

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# Stoke Bliss and Kyre

## A village life

There are many villages within this county where I could choose to live

But how many of them would give me as much pleasure as the one in which I currently live?

I relish the tranquillity and serenity of my place, within the village of Kyre it is my own little personal space.

All around me the views and sounds of this little bit of countryside fill me with both audio and visual delights, from the early morning to late evening there is always something to listen to and always something in sight.

The woodpecker has his place high up in the tree and I can often hear him, it's as if he's talking to me.

The blackbird busy making her nest to nurture her young ones in, she comes and goes all day long bringing little bits of food in.

The hedgehog hiding under the shed, it's his own little sanctuary, the place where he can be himself and no-one else can see.

I watch from the kitchen window as the squirrel runs up the bank, no nuts for him to collect at this time of year but I know that he will be back.

I can hear the birds singing outside in the month of May, their melodic birdsong fills the

air as I go about my day

Within this village are a community of people who I am fortunate to have as friends.

People who look out for and support me, their kindness has no end.

Whether it's a neighbourhood lunch at the village hall or a chat on the step, a get-together over a coffee, to me these are all times well spent.

We have a number of characters in the village who we wouldn't be without because without them it would not be the village it is, of that I have no doubt.

Suffice to say there is no place that I would rather be, for the little village of Kyre is the only home for me.

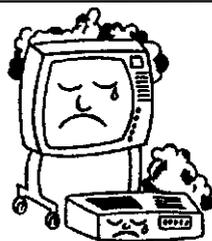
*Lesley Jones*

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### Kyre Harvest Festival

Thanks to the people of Stoke Bliss and Kyre who donated to FOAG and the Tenbury Food Bank. FOAG benefited by £55 and the Food Bank received two large boxes of food.

### Kyre Lady chapel window

We are in the process of deciding what is needed to repair the stonework around the window in the Lady Chapel and then applying for grants towards the cost. If you have any ideas for fundraising it would be great to hear from you, especially if you are also able to organise the idea! Please contact Jen Jones, [jones-jengem@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:jones-jengem@yahoo.co.uk) or Maggie Kingston, [mdk46@phnecoop.coop](mailto:mdk46@phnecoop.coop).

# Eastham Jottings

## Coronavirus update

November is the eighth month of our new socially distanced norm. The swaps of produce and other sales has yielded another £100 into the honesty jar – well over £500 now for the Memorial Hall. Thanks to everyone.

## Macmillan coffee morning

Our Macmillan coffee morning was run from the Den at Stanford, socially distanced and with an outreach via Zoom for those who were at home in Eastham. Thanks to everyone for taking part and for raising a wonderful £500 for Macmillan. Tea for Two at the Spotty Dog was won by Pauline Reid. We enjoyed the Macmillan quiz led by quizmaster Nicky Webb.

The next coffee morning will be on Wednesday 4th November at 10.30am at the Den with Zoom available. There are two tables of six – please call Steve on 01886 853800 to book your place. If you would like to join via Zoom and/or need help with Zoom, please call Celia Adams on 01584 781258 or email eastham-court@icloud.com.

## Flowers and cleaning

November – Diana Potter

December – team effort

## Autumn clean

Thanks to everyone who came to clean the churchyard and the church and to decorate the church ready for the Harvest Festival.

## Pumpkinfest

Winners are as follows:

Three squash – Ann Hadfield and Tony Simpson

Display of home-grown vegetables – Jen Jones

Heaviest pumpkin – Betsy Savery

Largest pumpkin by circumference – Betsy Savery

Children: an animal made from fruit or vegetable – Louisa Webb

Thanks to Jen Jones and Nicky Webb

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## Eastham Memorial Hall

The steel frame is now in place along with the brickwork up to DPC level. Iris Projects are still aiming to have the building complete by Christmas. Updates and construction plan can be found by visiting the website [eastham-memorialhall.org.uk/news/new-hall-build-project.html](http://eastham-memorialhall.org.uk/news/new-hall-build-project.html) and Facebook page Teme Eastham.

We would like to thank Iris Construction Projects Ltd for minimising disruption to the village during this time as well as keeping a nice tidy site.

## Wish list for donations

More items have been ticked off this month but there are still outstanding items like the sinks for the kitchen and the first aid kit (£20). Please call Mike on 07976 854267 or email [mike.palfrey@easthammemorialhall.org.uk](mailto:mike.palfrey@easthammemorialhall.org.uk).

We are hoping to sell off items surplus to requirements that were removed from the old hall. Look out for the list.

## Eastham Community Garden

As well as building the hall, we are looking to enhance the outside area. This will be the perfect spot for people to stop and sit for five minutes whilst on a walk or to meet neighbours and will provide a lovely ambience for gatherings such as pub nights, barbecues and get-togethers. We are also confident that this will make it more desirable to potential hirers looking at venues for their special occasions. It's always a benefit to have an outdoor area for people get some fresh air during an event or simply take photos at their special occasions.

If we can achieve some financial support from our community Worcestershire County Council will potentially match our funding. Every pledge counts so if you could spare a £5 or more please pledge now by visiting [www.spacehive.com/eastham-community-garden](http://www.spacehive.com/eastham-community-garden) If you have any queries please call Mike Palfrey on 07976 854267.

*Celia Adams*

*See more from Eastham on page 17 and a photograph of the hall on page 14*

# Hanley Happenings

## The Hanley churches

When house purchasers are asked what they look for in a village it is usually a pub, a shop, a school, a village hall and a church. Whilst we lost our shop and school quite some time ago we do have not one but two fine pubs and not one church but two unique buildings. Hanley William boasts one of the smallest chancel arches in England and there can't be many churches in the country enjoying such a beautiful view as Hanley Childe. In fact due to our location in the middle of the benefice most of us live within two miles of four churches!

Last month I made a plea on behalf of the village hall for new blood and this time I make a similar request on behalf of the churches. During lockdown, Julia and her team have made a huge effort to offer streamed online services which have been well received, so thanks to them for grappling with the technology to provide them. I think Julia was perhaps a little surprised by the positive response that she and Robert received and it would be wonderful if that could be replicated in our buildings.

If you liked what you heard, why not try the real thing when the churches are fully open again! All our resources – pubs, halls and churches – are there for everyone whenever they want to use them. In the case of the churches for baptisms, weddings, funerals or just a quiet place for reflection in a haven of peace. But they do not run on their own.

The local church committee is grateful to all those people who do such a great job keeping the buildings clean and churchyards mown and tidy but they need additional support as there are only four members currently on the committee. So if you are interested in helping out please get in touch with Ed Yarnold (07930 882728) or Jane Delahay (07854 441634).

## Local talent

In our series on local talent we have featured an artist, a jeweller and a poet. This month we feature potter Patrick Geenty from Hanley William – read all about him and his beautiful pots on page 11.

## Remembrance service at Hanley William

There are several services this year in Teme Valley South and our service here will be at 10.45am on Sunday 8th November.

The British Legion is not doing street sales this year although poppies can be ordered online. However if you are attending and would like to make a contribution, crosses are available now and on the day for placing in the churchyard next to our new sign board. Please contact Jane Delahay (07854 441634) for further details.

## Looking forward for the village hall

The village hall will not now be reopening in December – the position will be reassessed in the new year.

The committee has been working on plans to extend the kitchen and improve the porch area. Some funding has been secured but the committee will post the proposals on the hall noticeboard and invite comments from interested parishioners before going further. If you use the hall and want to see it continue to provide a venue for lots of activities, please engage in the process by contacting the chairman, Ed Yarnold on 07930 882728.

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## Where to begin?

At the time of writing (17th October), we continue to have groups of six and regional local lockdowns – I heard on the news this morning that about half the population of UK are at the highest level of lockdown and Worcestershire might move from medium (the lowest level) to the next level up because of increased infections in some of our urban areas!

## Communications

In these uncertain times it is not always possible to communicate immediately via TemeTalk so if you wish to be kept in the village loop, please let me have your email address. If you don't have one, let me know and we will try to phone you. Alexandra and Cecilia maintain a Stanford page on Facebook which has the latest information. There is a Teme Valley South website and a Teme Valley South Facebook page.

## The new normal

Holy Communion at St Mary's at 10am on 1st November. In Teme Valley South we are entering the fourth month of having public services every Sunday – there will be social distancing measures in place during the services. Masks should be worn at all times, except if you are doing a reading or prayers. We also need to collect your names and details for contact tracing – these lists will be destroyed after 21 days. We will continue to try to stream services or record them and we will continue to record special services and publish them on Facebook and the TVS Parish Website.

## Remembrance Sunday

In line with national and local services, Stanford will be one of the churches in Teme Valley South holding a Remembrance Service, at 10.45am on Sunday 8th November. You are welcome to attend but must wear a mask and socially distance.

## Private prayer

St Mary's will be open for private prayer from 9am to dusk every Thursday during November. There will be a continued need for social distancing when in the church and you will be asked to use the provided hand sanitiser on entering and leaving the church. Thanks to Anthony for opening up each week.

## Harvest Festival in Stanford

While we did not have a real Harvest Festival, we had a virtual one. This was organised by Robert – a very big thanks to him. Also thanks to our farmers David and Tom, and to Pete and Sally for assisting with the service, not forgetting our readers Cate, Sue and Anthony and Jason for playing the hymns – thank you all. You can still see it on the parish website and Facebook.

## Christmas – comfort and joy

In Stanford we will not be having our usual Christmas Eve Crib Service – instead Cecilia is writing a Zoom Nativity service which we hope will go out on Christmas Eve. We will record it so that you can enjoy it if you are not able to see it live. So we are looking for children to act the different parts. They can come from anywhere in Teme Valley South – with the wonders of Zoom I suppose that they could be from anywhere in the world!

Subject to appropriate permissions we hope to have a Drive-in Carol Service in the Mill Farm car park – this will involve a high powered address system with people sitting in their car and singing along to the carols and listening to the readings! This will depend on whatever restrictions are in place at that time.

Alexandra suggested that we might read stories related to Christmas – Lesley has volunteered to write and read Christmas in Brazil and Christmas in Bahrain. We are not yet clear how these might be delivered, possibly via the parish website or Facebook. If you have an appropriate Christmas story (it does not have to be real – it could be a poem you like or a story you like or part of the Christmas story) – please let me know.

We are still going ahead with the Christmas Tree Festival but it will be virtual. Further details on page 10.

## 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.

*Robin Dean*

## Stanford with Orleton Village Hall update

Our village hall has been open for business since mid August and is available for meetings of up to twelve people. Bookings are through Robin Dean, the hall secretary, on 01886 853295. There is a risk assessment in place in order to meet government and insurance company guidelines which will be shared with all hirers.

I would like to thank all the committee members who agreed to stand for another year and to assure you all that the accounts have been scrutinised and agreed by the trustees for the year ending April 2020.

Thanks to Chris Wall and David Smith who have taken on the role of overseeing the building, as required by our insurers, and bringing to my attention any ongoing maintenance issues that need to be addressed. Also a special thanks to Chris who has liaised and met with prospective hirers, opened the hall for meetings and ensured that the risk assessment and its recommendations are available and understood by those using the hall.

*David Lane  
Chairman*

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## Breaking News!

### Stanford Church Christmas Tree Festival 2020

Following the great success of the inaugural Stanford Church Christmas Tree Festival last year, we regret to say that due to current restrictions this year's festival won't be in the same format. But the **good news** is that the festival will still go ahead on a virtual basis.

To enter the competition you'll need to post a picture of your Christmas tree online (further details on how to do this will appear in December's TemeTalk and on the Teme Valley South Churches website) for everyone to enjoy and admire.

There will be a small cost for entry and 100% of the profits will be donated to a local charity. See next month's TemeTalk for how to enter, the local charity involved and, more importantly, how to cast your votes.

We hope the event will provide Teme Valley South with a real sense of community spirit. In a year when we have had so much turmoil and uncertainty, along with the ever changing lockdown measures being introduced, the Christmas spirit is needed now as never before.

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Patrick Geenty concentrates on one-off unique vases, lamp bases and large chargers.

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Patrick finds that this type of glazing complements classical forms beautifully, producing unique pieces of work as every firing produces different formations.

He is a member of the Herefordshire Guild of Craftsmen and in normal years sells his work at shows around the country. During the pandemic he has used the time to experiment with new glazes and forms. He is happy to take commissions.

Visit his website, [herriespottery.com](http://herriespottery.com), to see the stunning work he produces, or give him a call on 01584 781245. He will be very happy to talk to you.

*Peter Thorneycroft*



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We run a non-profit making car service in which trained (DBS checked) volunteers use their own vehicles. Between 1st April 2019 and 31st March 2020, we provided 2,360 car journeys to those living in and around Tenbury.

Clients must be registered and ideally need to book car trips at least two days in advance of the expected travel date. Should this not be possible, we still try our best to provide transport, even in last minute situations. If you wish to know more or register, please contact the office.

Our drivers accompany people into hospitals, doctors' surgeries, opticians, health clinics, etc, as and when required. Journeys also includes other trips, for example shopping, hairdressers, job interviews, etc.

The demand on our services is growing all the time and TTT is always seeking volunteer

drivers for both the minibus and cars. We pride ourselves on almost never having to say "no" to a request for transport and increasing our band of volunteer drivers will help enormously in making sure we can continue to say "yes" to our local community.

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# Country living

Those of us who have lived most of our lives in this beautiful part of England realise how lucky we are. We know how difficult it has been for those living in towns during the pandemic and would like to welcome them here. But sadly a few spoil things for the many. Some local farmers have found random walkers with uncontrolled dogs amongst farm animals. It is really appreciated by our farmers if, when new to the area, you take the trouble to introduce yourself to them. You may be walking on a footpath but it is their land which they are farming, trying to produce food for us all.

I find it quite amusing to be told that “we have come to the countryside for peace and quiet”. Yes, away from the noise of traffic and neighbours, but is the countryside quiet?

Only this week I heard the most blood curdling screams that went on for some minutes. Three fox cubs, a vixen and a superb dog fox were involved in a skirmish. It got me think-

ing about other noises. The constant call of the hungry buzzard young, the panic of a cock pheasant, the lovely calling of our many owls in the night, not to mention the background sounds of working tractors. I have been asked, “Are your neighbouring farmers quiet?” All I can say is that they have dogs that bark, cattle that low, sheep that bleat, tractors that growl and cockerels that crow. Not to mention

church clocks and church bells, both on Sundays and practising. And nobody has thought of smells – muck-spreading being top of the list! If any of this will upset you, then please stay away!

Another practice I cannot understand. One of the first thing folks do when they move here is to erect double electric gates. Why? Are we so dangerous? Do we thieve? In this community we go out of our way to help people and make them welcome. Don't shut us out.

*Jessica Middleton*

*... dogs that bark, cattle  
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# Memories of Jean Wilding (née Thornhill)

Jean Thornhill was born in Great Longstone in Derbyshire on 31st July 1932. She went to boarding school at Abbots Bromley in Staffordshire and then trained as a children's nanny at Princess Christian College in Manchester. When she finished her nanny training, she packed her bags and took up the position of nanny for Mr and Mrs Gascoyne at The Snead, Pensax. She went to Abberley Young Farmers and soon became secretary, and here she got to know Eileen Adams (née Goodwin). She went to Young Farmers dances and at one of these, two young farmers from Rochford turned up, John Wilding and John Adams. The two Johns met Jean and Eileen and as they say, the rest is history.

Jean and John were married on 22nd September 1956 in Rochford church; they had two children, Michael and Jenny. Jean was buried and reunited with John on their 64th wedding anniversary. Despite not having been brought up on a farm, she quickly adapted and settled into being a farmer's wife, helping with milking, looking after calves, lambs, pigs, hens, ducks and horses. Jean loved village life and being part of a community. She liked to be involved – if there was a committee, then yes, she was committed. She was WI secretary, president and group secretary, and was involved with Rochford PCC, village fêtes, keep fit, NFU, Tenbury Agricultural Society, Ludlow Hunt Supporters and Tenbury Carnival together with fundraising for the British Legion Poppy appeal and children's charities such as Barnardo's and the NSPCC. She was invited onto the BBC Advisory Council to provide a rural point of view for BBC programming. She even invited newsreader Kay Alexander over for lunch and got her to open Rochford church fête one year.

Her village fêtes were legendary, with a range of competitions and activities for young and old, male and female – everyone could get involved. The BBC asked what Rochford was doing for the Queen's Silver Jubilee. Well, Jean thought: a wheelbarrow race through the village, decorated wheelbarrows and children's bicycles and races for young and old. There was maypole dancing and mini Morris men, all the children in the village were included. The BBC

camera crew came for the day and filmed it all, and it was shown on TV.

Jean had many hobbies. She went to woodwork classes at Tenbury school and made a set of kitchen units for Parsonage Farm. She did wood carving, pewter work, corn dolly making and wrote poetry for people's special birthdays and other events. She was artistic and loved painting and drawing.

She liked knitting, tapestry and sewing and made ball gowns for parties and hunt balls and dresses for herself and Jenny.

Jean was diagnosed with vascular dementia at the age of 67 and whilst she remained fit and active, was not able to concentrate and pursue her hobbies. Her dementia progressed rapidly following a fall when she broke her leg. The operation to repair it went wrong and she nearly died and spent some five months in hospital and eventually went to Churchill House nursing home in Ludlow where she has been for the last 13 years. I am sure many of you will have your own memories of Jean, she was a very caring person and would help anyone if she could.

*Andrew Barbé*



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# Tenbury Swimming Pool and Gym reopens



The trustees of Tenbury Community Pool are pleased to announce that Tenbury swimming pool, gym and studio has reopened under “new normal” covid secure operating procedures. This means that the necessary social distancing and hygiene measures are in place for a safe, clean and comfortable environment. The centre now has a modern gym with equipment positioned to give users confidence to return to the centre during the pandemic. The pool will be available for booked swim sessions. The modern, energy efficient air handling and heating control system makes it fully compliant with all Covid-19 leisure centre guidance.

The total estimated cost of the completed ex-

tension and refurbishment is £385,000 plus VAT. The trustees have worked hard to obtain grants from many funding providers and charities and generous donations from members of the local community. As with all projects more costs are incurred than those envisaged at the outset. Any donations, small or large funding ideas, help or any useful give-aways are most welcome as Tenbury Community Pool continues to seek more funds.

Follow us on Facebook @friendsoftenburyswimmingpool or check the websites [www.tenburypool.co.uk](http://www.tenburypool.co.uk) for the most up to date information or click on [www.freedomleisure.co.uk/centres/tenbury-swimming-pool/](http://www.freedomleisure.co.uk/centres/tenbury-swimming-pool/) for the latest Freedom Leisure news.

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## Eastham remembers

The Eastham Memorial Board is in safe keeping while the hall is rebuilt, but who were the young men who lost their lives?

Private George Herbert Ward was one. George was born in 1897 at Tipton Hall, Whitbourne, followed by three brothers born in 1899, 1900 and 1905. George and later Michael were the two siblings who went to war, George in 1916/17 and Michael in 1918.

George was injured and in hospital in Boulogne when Mrs Louisa Ward received letters telling her that he had been wounded. She had news that he was progressing well, only to be followed a short while later by a letter from the matron to say he had passed away. This must have been a terrible shock.

In 1994 I had a chance to travel to Boulogne. I saw a sign to Boulogne Eastern Cemetery. On returning home I immediately arranged to return with Stuart to find George's grave, which we did. We have returned a few times since, and our son David has also visited. Stuart's father, Michael, had always regretted not making that journey. It was a very moving experience.

*Josie Ward*

*The next lads to be remembered will be Jim Wylde and Bill Kennett.*

## Coventry bombs heard in Teme Valley

It is 80 years this month since the bombing of Coventry during the Second World War. We asked for memories in Eastham.

Sonny Adams (Mike's dad) always talked of his trip during that treacherous time to the Court at Shelsley to see his new niece Sheila – he was glad to get home again.

David Spilsbury remembers the evening well; he was nine and he and his dad were travelling from Cheveridge to Eastham Park. He recalls coming down the hill to see the amazing red sky towards Coventry, a blaze of unforgettable red. He remembers that he, too, was very relieved to get home.

Ron (Wylde) remembers those nights in November 1940. He was at school in Stourbridge and the windows in the dormitory were very high so the boys could not actually see the blaze but they could certainly hear the thundering bombing resonating throughout the nights. Ron says he was very scared.

A special happy birthday this year to those born at that time.

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# Upbeat at Broadwas



Broadwas Croquet Club is tucked away in the Teme Valley on the border of Worcestershire and Herefordshire. It's a lively and competitive club with five full-sized lawns and 55 active members.

Our article in the June issue of TemeTalk and in other local parish magazines generated plenty of interest from people who were interested in joining the club. We welcomed 38 visitors from whom 28 prospective members emerged. They all attended taster sessions and in the end 18 of them joined as full club members.

Following a rigorous application process we received a generous grant from Sport England to create and kit out a new fifth lawn. This has provided very welcome extra playing space that has helped us to accommodate both new and existing members within the playing limits imposed by Covid-19 safety requirements.

With all competitions cancelled, one of our coaches has instigated and run a very well organised and successful internal league golf croquet competition which has brought out the best competitive instincts in everyone.

So what next for Broadwas Croquet Club? Well, we intend to remain upbeat but watchful for the future. If we can we aim to play right through the autumn, elements and pandemic permitting. We also plan to keep in touch over the winter by enjoying our monthly Croquet Club breakfasts (with all requisite precautions of course).

If you'd like some preliminary information, please contact Club Secretary John Guy on 01905 748192 and he'll be happy to explain what the current position is regarding membership and playing facilities.

Broadwas Croquet Club is at Stoney Ley, Broadwas-on-Teme, which is on the A44 about six miles from Worcester. Full details of how to find the Club are on the website.

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# Citizens Advice South Worcestershire

## Citizens Advice South Worcestershire's seven things to check if you're at risk of redundancy

1. **Check if your redundancy is fair.** There are rules to protect you from being discriminated against, and for being picked for redundancy due to an unfair reason. For example: you cannot be made redundant because you're pregnant or on maternity leave. If you are, this counts as "automatic unfair dismissal" and discrimination.

2. **Check how much redundancy pay you get.** You're entitled to statutory redundancy pay, which is the minimum the law says you're entitled to, if you've been an employee for two years. The amount you will get depends on your age and how long you have worked for the company. You won't get statutory redundancy pay if you've worked for the company for less than two years, are self-employed or are in certain professions.

Your employer may also pay extra money on top of the statutory amount you're entitled to - this is called contractual redundancy pay. Some employees may be entitled to contractual redundancy pay even though they are not entitled to statutory redundancy pay.

3. **Furloughed? Make sure you get 100% redundancy pay.** If you were furloughed and

then made redundant, your redundancy pay should be based on your normal wage.

If you were paid 80% of your wages while on furlough, your redundancy pay should be based on your full wage.

4. **Check your notice period.** If you've worked for your employer for at least a month you're entitled to a paid statutory notice period. If you've worked there for more than a month but less than two years, you have to be given a week's notice. For two years or more, it's a week for each full year you have worked, up to a maximum of 12 weeks. You may be entitled to a longer notice period as part of your employment contract.

5. **Check your holiday pay.** You'll be paid for any holiday you have left over when you leave. This should be at your normal rate's pay, even if you're currently furloughed on 80% of your pay. You can ask to take holiday during your notice period, but it's up to your employer to decide if you can take it then. Your employer can also tell you to use up any holiday you have left over, but they must give you the appropriate notice.

6. **You might be entitled to paid time off to look for work.** If you've worked for your employer for two years at the end of your notice period, you're likely to be entitled to 'reason-

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able' time off to apply for jobs or go on training. You can take the time off at any time in normal working hours and your employer can't ask you to rearrange your work hours to make up the time off. When taking time off to look for work, you'll be paid at your normal hourly rate, but only for up to 40% of a week's work - for instance for up to two days if you work a five-day week.

**7. Check if you've got legal help via your home insurance.** Often people get 'legal expenses cover' as part of their home insurance package, but many don't realise they can get free legal help to challenge their redundancy if they think it's discriminatory or unfair. It's worth checking the terms and conditions and speaking to your insurer if unsure.

If you have a trade union at work, you could

also contact them. Your union can help you work out if you've got a claim, and support you through the process, for example by going to meetings with you or negotiating on your behalf.

You can visit Citizens Advice's internet pages on **leaving a job** for further information and advice. [www.citizensadvice.org.uk](http://www.citizensadvice.org.uk) For further information and advice, contact your local Citizens Advice Bureau or see [www.adviceguide.org.uk](http://www.adviceguide.org.uk).

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# Pumpkin pie



After Eastham's Pumpkinfest, you may be wondering what to do with all those pumpkins!

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Thanksgiving is the time when the Boss and I usually visit our American family to share this lovely holiday which is based on home, family and sharing food, with no presents and no shops open! As we won't be going to America this year, we may have to make do with a pumpkin pie to remind us of happier times.

## Ingredients

750g/11lb 10oz pumpkin or butternut squash, peeled, deseeded and cut into chunks  
350g sweet shortcrust pastry  
plain flour, for dusting  
140g caster sugar  
½ tsp salt  
½ tsp fresh nutmeg, grated  
1 tsp cinnamon  
2 eggs, beaten  
25g butter, melted  
175ml milk  
1 tbsp icing sugar

## Method

Place the pumpkin in a large saucepan, cover with water and bring to the boil. Cover with a

lid and simmer for 15 mins or until tender. Drain pumpkin; let cool.

Heat oven to 180C/160C fan/gas 4. Roll out the pastry on a lightly floured surface and use it to line a 22cm loose-bottomed tart tin. Chill for 15 mins. Line the pastry with baking parchment and baking beans, then bake for 15 mins. Remove the beans and paper, and cook for a further 10 mins until the base is pale golden and biscuity. Remove from the oven and allow to cool slightly.

Increase oven to 220C/200C fan/gas 7. Push the cooled pumpkin through a sieve into a large bowl. In a separate bowl, combine the sugar, salt, nutmeg and half the cinnamon. Mix in the beaten eggs, melted butter and milk, then add to the pumpkin purée and stir to combine. Pour into the tart shell and cook for 10 mins, then reduce the temperature to 180C/160C fan/gas 4. Continue to bake for 35-40 mins until the filling has just set.

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# Teme Valley Wildlife

Last summer concern for the environment and worries over plastic pollution dominated the news, this summer the all-engrossing topic has been the coronavirus pandemic. At first sight they don't seem to be connected, but on closer inspection subtle links can be drawn between them.

Some coronaviruses affect bats, of which a particular type has recently made the jump across species and is now infecting humans. Its capacity to move swiftly from person to person has caused the global pandemic that we are currently experiencing.

Diseases which infect both animals and humans are called zoonoses. They're not new and are often sporadic and don't spread through the human population. Farmers may be famil-



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iar with orf, a skin-blistering virus sometimes caught from sheep. Another is leptospirosis, a disease of rats, very occasionally contracted by sewerage workers. Bovine tuber-culosis, currently the source of much trouble to badgers, was in the past quite commonly a cause of disease in humans too, until the introduction of milk pasteurisation put a stop to it.

Bubonic plague, probably our most famous epidemic, killed an estimated third of all Britons back in the Middle Ages. It was a bacterial disease of rodents infecting humans (via fleas) which spread widely and rapidly to devastating effect. Perhaps surprisingly it con-

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tinues to this day in wild rodent populations, in America it still exists in racoons.

Before coronavirus, other diseases new to humans have arisen over the last four decades. In the 1980s human immunodeficiency virus moved to humans from primates, possibly due to the consumption of "bush-meat" and since then West Nile virus (from birds) and Zika (from monkeys) have jumped the species barrier too.

So what makes animal disease transfer to humans? Scientists believe that habitat destruction, encroachment of human habitation into wild places, trade in wild animals and use of wild animals for food all play a part in the process. Habitat destruction, particularly deforestation, and habitat degradation, such as by pollution, bring animals into closer contact with people, disrupting their ecology and straining the equilibrium of animals and their natural population-checking diseases.

Once the diseases make the move to people, man's propensity for travel spreads them further. Again this isn't new. The ancient caravan routes bringing silk from China to the west were just as effective at disseminating disease as the aeroplane flightpaths that brought coronavirus to Britain in 2020 – just a bit more slowly.

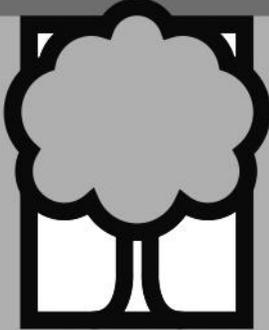
We should reflect that we are animals living alongside other animals, heir to the same dangers that they are and we would be wise to treat them with more respect. We may want to carry on behaving as we currently do, putting mankind's interest above all else, but nature will have a way of containing us. After a pandemic like this no-one can say we haven't had a warning.

The next meeting of the Teme Valley Wildlife Group is on hold whilst we await the re-opening of our venue. Our meetings are usually held at Stoke Bliss and Kyre village hall at 7.30pm. It is just £2 on the door and everybody is most welcome.

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 holds meetings on the second Thursday of the month. All are welcome. Contact us by telephone on 01568 750413 or by email at [twvg@outlook.com](mailto:twvg@outlook.com)*

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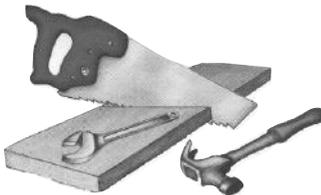
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# What's on in Teme Valley South

## November

1st	Sunday	All Souls Service, Rochford
4th	Wednesday	Eastham Coffee Morning, the Den, Stanford or via Zoom, 10.30am
8th	Sunday	Remembrance Services - see page 28
20th	Friday	Rochford Neighbourhood lunch, delivered or collected

## December

2nd	Wednesday	Eastham Coffee Morning, the Den, Stanford or via Zoom, 10.30am
6th	Sunday	Drive-in Carol Service, Stoke Bliss & Kyre Village Hall, 3.30pm
12th	Saturday	Outdoor music and readings, Rochford, 3.30pm
13th	Sunday	Outdoor carol service, the Old Forge, Rochford, 3.30pm
20th	Sunday	Online TVS Carol Service
24th	Thursday	Stanford Crib Service via Zoom
24th	Thursday	Rochford Midnight Service, St Michael's Church, 11.30pm
25th	Friday	Eastham Christmas Family Service, 10am

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

## November 2020

We are praying online daily via Zoom so do email Rev'd Julia if you would like to join us. 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 page 2.

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

Online Sunday services continue. For details see:

- Teme Valley South Churches Facebook page
- Our website, [www.temevalleysouth.org](http://www.temevalleysouth.org)
- Google 'A Church Near You' and put in your postcode to find us
- The Church of England has a pre-recorded weekly online service: search Church of England weekly services or go to [www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/church-online/weekly-online-services](http://www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/church-online/weekly-online-services)

### Sunday Services – please bring a face mask for indoor services

#### Sunday 1st November

10.00am	Online	All Souls
	Stanford	Holy Communion
3.30pm	Stoke Bliss	Celtic Evening Service
6.00pm	Rochford	All Souls

#### Sunday 8th November

10.45 for 10.50am	Hanley William	Act of Remembrance
10.45 for 10.50am	Stanford	Act of Remembrance
10.45 for 10.50am	Rochford	Act of Remembrance
10.45 for 10.50am	Stoke Bliss	Act of Remembrance

**The Field of Remembrance in Hanley William Churchyard will be open from 8th to 11th November with a short Act of Remembrance at 11am on 11th November**

#### Sunday 15th November

10.00 am	Eastham	All-Age Communion
2.00pm		Walking Church (contact Robert Barlow for details and to book your place)
3.30pm	Hanley Childe	Evening Service

#### Sunday 22nd November

10.00am	Rochford	<b>Christ the King</b> All-Age and Communion
3.30pm	Kyre	Celtic Evening Service

#### Sunday 29th November

Zoom	<b>Advent Sunday</b> Café Church
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