

Stoke Orchard and Tredington Newsletter



April 2022

The Monthly Message

Life 'in church' may seem to be back to normal, but we all know that 'life' is and remains precarious and difficult and anxiety-ridden for many people. From those who have grave concerns about the lifting of all covid-related restrictions to those who are fleeing Ukraine and other war zones to stay alive, we could all stand with Jesus in one of Sunday's Gospel readings where we heard that Jesus stood on the Mount of Olives and looked across to Jerusalem and wept.

Holy Week takes us right into the heart of suffering, of anger, and confusion. Why? Why O Lord?

The Good Friday services especially are poignant and echo these cries, and this year as usual there are a variety of different services to choose from.

Palm Sunday, the 10th of April, has the usual services including an 11am service at Apperley. However, unlike previous years, this year the procession from the Methodist Chapel to the church will not take place, and the service starts on The Green.

On Maundy Thursday, it is hoped that we can all gather at the Cathedral in the morning, and the oils for baptism, healing, and Chrism (used at confirmation and ordination) will be distributed. Please check the Cathedral website or other media for further information, because at present the precise details are not known yet.

Easter Day, the 17th of April, starts with an 8am dawn service at Deerhurst, and then every church has an Easter service at either 9.30am or 11am. I daresay that most of these services will include Easter eggs, and in Apperley the Family Communion service will be followed by an Easter egg hunt!

No matter how deep our sorrow, how high our levels of anxiety are, there is always that Easter morning, the new dawn, a new beginning.

Jesus wept and had his own concerns, and if we feel overwhelmed we stand in good company. Ultimately, Jesus knew that he had come to give hope by showing a way forward, a way to follow for all who came after him. That gave him the strength to continue on that way, and I hope it may for us be a way of hope that gives us strength in times of trouble too.

Peace and blessings to you all,

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- 3rd April 9.30am Morning Worship at Tredington
- 10th April 9.30am Holy Communion at Stoke Orchard
- 14th April 7pm Maundy Thursday service at Deerhurst
- 15th April (Good Friday) 1pm Songs of Lament and Praise at Forthampton, 2pm Family activities and service at Tredington, and 2pm Service of Nails at Apperley
- 17th April Easter Day 9.30am Holy Communion at Tredington
- 24th April 10am Benefice service at Stoke Orchard (please note: different time from usual!)

A Request for help and Donations. Please.-

TRUSSELL TRUST TEWKESBURY shopping list for food bank:

We urgently need: Tinned Fruit, Tinned tomatoes, Instant Mash, Shampoo, Deodorants, Small jars of instant coffee, Tomato and Brown Ketchup.

As we are able to shop at places like Bookers, a monetary donation would be much appreciated right now. BACS details are as follows: Tewkesbury Foodbank, sort code 30-91-87, account no 52870560

The Tredington News Pages

TREDINGTON & STOKE ORCHARD WI next meet on Tuesday, April 12th at 7.30pm in Tredington Village Hall. This will be a social evening & Gill & Joy will demonstrate beading & how to make a pendant.

TREDINGTON & STOKE ORCHARD GARDENING CLUB next meet on Monday, April 12th at 7.30pm in Tredington Village Hall. (Please note **not** 18th as this is Easter Monday) The speaker is Mike Simmonds talking on "Caring for Your Lawn".

TREDINGTON VILLAGE HALL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.
Last call to invite you to join us for BINGO. There are a few tickets left for this event on FRIDAY APRIL 1ST AT 7PM. Tickets are available from Paddy on 01684 294053 & are £7 to include light refreshments & tea or coffee. There are a lot of prizes! We shall also have a raffle.



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STOKE ORCHARD & TREDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Councillors from 6th March 2021 are:-



Cllr Richard Chatham, Cllr Andrew Troughton, Cllr James Gilder,
Cllr Alan McDonald, Cllr Phil Ternouth, Cllr John Newton, Cllr Tim Jukes

Contact Details – through the Clerk - Mrs Michelle Hinde

S.O and T P.C. phone:-07763 250303

email- stokeorchardpc@gmail.com

Minutes of Past Meetings are to be found on the Parish Council Website.

Notice of Stoke Orchard and Tredington Parish Council Meeting

Due to Covid-19, following Government Guidance and changes in restrictions the next Parish Council Meeting will be live on Tuesday April 5th at the Community Centre, Stoke Orchard and will be held according to standard Parish Council Meeting regulations. The Council will continue the Clerks special Powers Facility invoked for Covid Regulations until all restrictions are lifted. The Parish Council will continue to monitor local Covid conditions and take what action is considered necessary for the safety of Councillors and the Public. The Full Minutes of the December Parish Council Meeting will be available on the website www.stokeorchardandtredington.org.uk

Over the last month we have had a bit of a going over on the Highways with the road closure for the sewer, road closure for the water pipe at Stoke Orchard, road closure at the Odessa and now 9 weekends at Bozards. However, none of the were for County Highways. Oh yes and road closure for repairing the road outside the Community Centre is imminent, **As reported in the CSW report, Craig Freeman of Highways has really come up trumps and is supporting the Parish Council in the Village Gateways Project which we have been pursuing since 2009.**

The work at **Bozard Level Crossing** started this weekend when the severe bumps in the road were re-profiled. Over the next eight weekends, the lines them selves are being renewed so **no traffic will be allowed to cross.** I will attempt to get some photos of the track laying work for next months magazine. Please do not try to cross during this period.



SEVERN

TRENT

I received an email from Severn Trent this morning confirming that the Repairs to the Damaged Storm Water Pipe are planned to start in the second week of April. Furthermore, renewal of the Rising Main

Sewer pipe through Tredington Village - which now totals 22 bursts - is in the calendar to be completed by March 2023. I have suggested that both pipes should be replaced in the same trench at the same time but perhaps that might be too easy!!

Bozards Lane Level Crossing—ROAD CLOSURE

Following the dreadful problems we had with the Severn Trent Emergency Road Closure with the recent in Tredington when the Sewer burst and the majority of motorists and cyclists ignored the closure and sprayed themselves and everyone else with raw sewage.

PLEASE NOTE CYCLISTS AND PEDESTRIANS

THIS IS A FULL CLOSURE of Bozard In. and THE LEVEL CROSSING
The work includes Track relaying and Heavy Rail Construction Kit will be in use. Cyclist and pedestrians will NOT be allowed to cross.

TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF U40352 BOZARD LANE (STOKE ORCHARD PARISH) TEWKESBURY BOROUGH

Gloucestershire County Council intend to make an order under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended) to temporarily close part of the U40352 Bozard Lane 200 metres either side of the Railway Line for a distance of approximately 400 metres. The reason for the closure is to carry out road resurfacing works adjacent to the Level Crossing and Track relaying.

The road is expected to be closed for 9 separate weekends between the 19th March 2022 and the 15th May 2022, as in the Schedule below, only or until the works have been completed. For further information, please contact Gloucestershire Highways on **08000 514 514** or visit www.gloucestershire.gov.uk.

Schedule

Closed From			Closed Until		
Saturday	19/03/22	23:00	Monday	21/03/22	04:00
Friday	25/03/22	23:00	Monday	28/03/22	04:00
Saturday	02/04/22	23:00	Sunday	03/04/22	08:00
Saturday	09/04/22	23:00	Sunday	10/04/22	08:00
Saturday	16/04/22	23:00	Sunday	17/04/22	08:00
Saturday	23/04/22	23:00	Sunday	24/04/22	08:00
Saturday	30/04/22	23:00	Sunday	01/05/22	08:00
Saturday	07/05/22	23:00	Sunday	08/05/22	08:00
Saturday	14/05/22	23:00	Sunday	15/05/22	08:00

Alternative Route – as signed on site.

Pedestrian and Cyclist access to premises on or next to the road and emergency access will not be maintained due to the nature of the works being carried out.

DATED: 3rd March 2022



for Assistant Director Legal Services EB/74471 Shire Hall, Gloucester GL1 2TG

Richard's Ramblings.

This week-end—Mothering Sunday, we hope to plant some 420 trees around the Public Open Space by the Dean Brook. When we built the Golf Centre 30 years ago we planted 7000. We need to maintain our tree stock after all the disease that has decimated our hedgerows in the past 100 years, from Dutch Elm disease(R.R'ings Feb 2020) to Ash Die Back, bronze birch borer beetle, the eight tooth spruce bark beetle, and other diseases causing acute Oak decline. However, like all of us, trees get frail as they get older and the hurricanes of the last 40 years have also taken their toll. This old tree stood in front of Manor Farm farmhouse when I was born. Totally hollow, in the end we cut it off at 4ft high, filled it with soil and used it as a planter. The massive horse chestnut standing behind succumbed to rot in the 1990's and we had to cut it down for safety. Conker trees are very susceptible to that.



The loss of old trees and the growth of others gives us an ever changing scene in the country side. Out of interest I thought I would show you a few comparisons. The two photos below are over 100 years apart, it is obvious why we get lots of potholes when you see the founda-



tion of the road was merely a stone cart track. In the 1950's the road to Stoke Orchard was widened

to take two vehicles passing and the foundations for that? Gravel as dug from Gloucestershire Sand and Gravel at Aston on Carrant. That was covered with a layer of old fashioned steaming hot tarmac rolled with an Aveling Barford single cylinder roller with a massive fly wheel on the side. The "Heavy Gang" as we knew them, repaired the roads once a year in those days. But the chap with a wheelbarrow, a

shovel and a broom used to come round making sure the gulleys were clear every three months or so.

Here are two more comparison photos. The Churchyard gates at



Tredington. The evergreens seem to have taken over the view now. I remember replacing one of the Old gateposts with Mr Jukes Snr. over 50 years ago. We cut the ornamental top off the rotten post and I

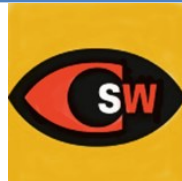
showed him a trick taught to me by my woodwork master of how to get a perfect fit between to sawn faces. Those beautiful old gates were replaced with Oak ones

This week-end we hope to change the face of the Public Open Space along the Dean by planting groups of trees from a selection of Oak, Rowan, Silver Birch, Wild Cherry, Hazel and many others. In the ten years since houses started to be occupied, gardens have added colour and surrounding land owners have assisted with new tree plantings around local fields. The photo on the right was one I took in 1993 for the Village Appraisal—our first step towards the redevelopment of the CRE Site. The one on the right is the site as it is today from Google Earth. Many thanks to all those volunteers who have offered to plant the trees and we hope everyone will help in looking after them as they grow. Give 'em a drink occasionally—please!!





Stoke Orchard and Tredington Parish Council Community Speed Watch



Gloucestershire Constabulary

9 March at 08:58 ·

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On Saturday (5 March), officers in [#Tewkesbury](#) took part in more speed checks as part of Operation Orchard.

They returned to Tredington and Stoke Orchard a week after their previous operation with a local Community Speed watch group.

The purpose of Operation Orchard is to raise awareness of the concerns that speeding and the manner of driving through these busy routes causes to the residents who live in the area.

The operation included officers from Local Policing Team, Neighbourhood Policing Team, Roads Policing Unit, Special Constabulary and colleagues from the Road Safety Partnership.

Over 250 vehicles were speed checked with 19 people stopped for driving at excess speeds and 43 drivers will receive a ticket in the post.

A further 16 drivers were given warnings and one vehicle was seized for not being insured.

Leaflets were also handed out explaining the Fatal Four causes of road deaths and injury which are the use of a mobile phone, inappropriate speed, not wearing a seat belt and drink or drug driving.

Anyone with concerns about driving in their area can contact local officers by visiting the following website: <https://www.gloucestershire.police.uk/area/your-area>





Stoke Orchard and Tredington Parish Council Community Speed Watch



: What's been happening this month?

Saturday 26th February the Police posted the following information on their Facebook page:

Today Tewkesbury Neighbourhood officers with Special Constabulary colleagues, supported 6 volunteer members of the Stoke Orchard and Tredington Community Speed watch (CSW) scheme conducting Speed checks on Stoke Road, Stoke Orchard and in Tredington, conducted as Operation Orchard. The purpose of the Operation today was to raise awareness of the concerns of speed and driving through these busy routes causing concern to the local residents who live there, leaflets were handed out explaining the 'Fatal Four' factors of traffic accidents.

Over 200 vehicles were checked over 2 hours, in 30 MPH speed limits – of these 4 vehicles were pulled over with speeds between 36 and 46 MPH recorded on Stoke road and 3 vehicles through Tredington, with speeds between 35-38MPH.

2 vehicles were issued warning notices for having registration plates which failed to conform to legal requirements.

Following the removal of the repeater sign which was deemed too close to the street lights near the Community Centre, the Camera Enforcement Unit (CEU) have set up another site within the village.

Good progress continues to be made regarding the installation of Village Gates. The Area Highways manager has now visited the villages to discuss sites and these are just awaiting formal approval.

The children of Tredington school have produced the first set of characters to support our speed awareness campaign in the villages. They will soon be making an appearance!

Finally, the Area Highways manager also agreed that outside Tredington School meets the criteria to be classed as a School Zone and so has agreed to explore the most efficient way to get this implemented. This is great news ! □

The Orchard Store and Amy's Coffee Shop



Lots of Goodies in for Easter!



Books on sale from our very own local author!



Purchase a key ring in aid of the Ukraine Crisis



Thank you for your continued support.



Stoke Orchard
Community Centre



**Lots of exciting events coming up in April
along with the regular classes held at the
hall.**

**On the 10th April we have another Hall
Sale from 11am to 1pm.**

**Also on the 10th April we have an Easter
event from 3pm – watch out for further
details!**

Jubilee Weekend 2nd June to the 4th June



We are in the process here at the Hall for the Jubilee. As this will involve the whole community, we would very much like you to get involved! To hold any event, it takes a lot of organising and time and we would really appreciate any help you could provide over the Jubilee celebrations.

Shortly a schedule of events will be produced. If you could let the committee know on events@stokeorchard.org if you can help at

Monday	Zumba 09:30-10:30am michele.darnell@btinternet.com	Pilates 10:30-11:30am GravityFitness@live.co.uk		Yoga 7:30pm – 8:30pm info@greentreeyoga.co.uk
Tuesday	Pilates 09:30-10:30am pilatesbycharlotte@gmail.com	U3A Art Appreciation 2pm	Kettlercise 6:30pm-7.15pm tredtraining@outlook.com	Pilates 7.30-8pm tredtraining@outlook.com
Wednesday	Bumps & Babies Toddler Group 09:30 – 11:00am			Zumba 7.00pm-8.00pm michele.darnell@btinternet.com
Thursday	Yoga 10.30am-11.30am info@greentreeyoga.co.uk		U3A Science 2-4pm 7th April	Hatha Yoga 7.30-8.45pm sadiehawson@gmail.com
Friday	Pilates 09:30-10:30am GravityFitness@live.co.uk	Didirugby 10.30 - 11.30am keith.smith@didirugby.com		
Saturday		Zumba 10:30-11:30am michele.darnell@btinternet.com		
Sunday	Kettlercise 09:00-10:00am tredtraining@outlook.com			

Please see the list of Church Services on Tredington News Pages.

Assistant Priest	Rev. Kay Mundy	01452 780634	therevkaymundy@gmail.com
Priest in Charge	Revd Ilse Ferwerda	01452 780880	apperleypriest@gmail.com
Church Warden	Tessa Mills	01684 216563	
Hon Associate Minister	Rev. Tom Curtis, Stonehills Tewkesbury, GL20 5FB	01684 295298	
Readers	Mrs Vivienne Troughton Tredington, Tewkesbury GL20 7BW 01684 293540	01684 293540	
Children & Young People's Church	Vivienne Troughton	01684 293540	
Tredington Primary School	Head Teacher Mrs Helen Pearce	01684 293617	Head@tredingtonprimary.org.uk www.tredington.gloucs.sch.uk
Village Hall	Frank Jukes	01684 292143	tredingtonvil- lagehall@gmail.com
Stoke Orchard Community Centre Bookings	Helen	07437 533 132	info@stokeorchard.org
Recycling and Waste Collection Dates for April Stoke Orchard and Tredington. Blue - April Thursday 7th Thursday 21st Green. April Thursday 14th Thursday 28th			

FLOWER Volunteers are needed to help with flowers and decorating Stoke Orchard Church, especially at Christmas, Easter and Harvest. No skill is required - just a love of flowers! Please contact Tessa Mills (Churchwarden) if you can help. Thanks! Tessa's contact number: 01452 780434

Tredington Flower Rota.

April 17 and April 24 Jane Chatham,

May 1st and May 8th. Karen Stewart



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