

# Stoke Orchard and Tredington Newsletter



**Cotswold Lavendar - at Snowhill**

**July 21st 2022**

## **August 2022.**

## The Monthly Message

We are about to hit the hottest days of the year so far, perhaps the hottest days in history, and I wonder what the weather will be like in August... as this month, children and young people will be home from school, college, and university. Some children and many teenagers may love to spend their free hours and days having lie-ins and playing games (board or computer) all day long, but many children I know will be repeating that familiar refrain I used as a child too: "I'm bored. What can I do?" If your parents were like mine, the answer would be something that wasn't appealing at all: "You could tidy up your room (nah. Boring) or read a book (Nah. Did that earlier) or play outside (Nah. Too hot / cold / windy / wet / whatever) or help with some housework (WHAT? It's a holiday!) or play a game (Nah. I've played them all. Boring)..." Sound familiar?

I am not sure there are any good answers to the 'I'm bored what can I do' question, but fortunately there are quite a number of things to do around here and one of those is the Deerhurst Flower Festival which will take place at the end of this month! I am really looking forward to it, after hearing such great things about the works of art created by our many talented flower arrangers. The Gospel of Matthew chapter 4 verses 28-29 say it all: "Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these." Come and see the beauty of the flowers! More information further on in the magazine.

Staying on the subject of art then, I'd like to make a special mention of Deerhurst & Apperley School who created their own frieze telling the Christian story. The school has a frieze already in their school hall, which is used in worship to put the Bible stories they hear in context and illustrate some of the themes of worship. But then the children and staff creatively re-told that story in their own images and colours, and this resulted in a fantastic work of art consisting of several pieces. Pictures are further on in the magazine. Well done to everyone! If you create something artistic this month, or you want to share what

If you create something artistic this month, or you want to share what you are doing during the holidays, please let us know and we can put your art or experiences in the magazine.

Have a wonderful summer everyone!

Peace and blessings to you all,

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**Church Services for Tredington and Stoke Orchard.  
August 22.**

- Sunday 7th Aug 9.30am Morning Worship at Tredington
- Sunday 14th Aug 9.30am Holy Communion at Stoke Orchard
- Sunday 21st Aug 9.30am Holy Communion at Tredington
- Sunday 28th Aug 9.30am Holy Communion at Tredington.

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# The Tredington News Pages

August 2022.

**TREDINGTON & STOKE ORCHARD WI** enjoyed a wonderful visit to The Royal Mint in Llantrisant in early July & were joined on the coach by several friends. We then met on July 12<sup>th</sup> in the Village Hall for a lovely evening of poetry & song performed by members & led by Viv Troughton. The evening was enhanced by glasses of Pimms & snacks provided by our President & secretary. Our next meeting will be on **Tuesday, September 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm in Tredington Village Hall. We are having a talk by a speaker from The John Moore Museum on Food in Tudor Times.** The coffee hostesses are Julie Stagg & Helen Lewis. Please note that there is no meeting in August. We are always delighted to welcome visitors or new members.

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## **TREDINGTON AND STOKE ORCHARD GARDENING CLUB**



### **ANNUAL STRAWBERRY TEA**

**On**

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 13<sup>TH</sup> 3PM – 5PM**

**AT**

**YORK BARN, TREDINGTON**

**All are welcome for this Traditional Gardening Club Event**

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**Tredington Village Hall Improvement Committee** are hoping to re start our **Whist Drives** in the Autumn, so watch this space.

The planting of four native trees to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, will take place in the Village Hall grounds in October.

## 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 Tim Juckes

Contact Details – through the Clerk - Mrs Michelle Hind

S.O and T P.C. phone:-07763 250303 email -[stokeorchardpc@gmail.com](mailto: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***

The next Parish Council Meeting will be on Tuesday August 2nd 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 for the foreseeable future. The Full Minutes of the July meeting of the Parish Council will be available on—  
**[www.stokeorchardandtredington.org.uk](http://www.stokeorchardandtredington.org.uk)** when approved by Council.

**Please note that there is a Road Closure Notice for Stoke Road from Bishops Cleeve to the Odessa from August 1 to September 9th. This is for Resurfacing and road repairs. This closure will not be for the whole time—but be aware of delays while the work takes place.**

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# GUY'S RAMBLES.

## **Guy explains the story behind the Walk.**

I thought that I had the copyright on this but your editor has now staked a claim!. The Pilgrimage Walk all started with my great friendship with Roger Grimshaw, which goes back nearly fifty years. Walking Wise, I became more involved with Roger, when he was chairman of a charity for handicapped young adults – Salters Hill-which is over in Herefordshire. Over quite a few years I organized charity walks for them and this led to my first walking book , The Ross Round, which also describes a circular walk around that town.

There was therefore a certain amount of 'deja vous' when Roger recently approached me with a view to ascertaining how the Pilgrims , who left their marks on St James Church, (Votive cross inscriptions) had arrived at the church, and for which destination they were then travelling. There is actually quite a concentration of known Pilgrim route passing through north Gloucestershire, with even more history around Winchcombe, and that is before you look at Worcester and Gloucester.

There are also authenticated records of Pilgrims embarking on ships in Bristol, which in medieval days was the second most important port in southern England. It is probable that those pilgrims would have then been making their way from southern France or northern Spain to Compestella where the relics of St James are buried. Such is the modern interest in Pilgrimages, that the number of walkers and would- be pilgrims arriving at Compestella is far greater than those in medieval days. However, it must be said that ease of modern travel and facilities on the 'caminos' is certainly better.

We have tried to make our modest little Pilgrimage walk as user friendly as possible with a variety of shorter stages. The route is predominately through flat agricultural countryside on established footpaths. However, as local people will know well, there can be serious flooding in the winter months and growth of crops and vegetation

However, the more walkers use the route, then hopefully the paths will become more obvious and easier to walk.

The overriding object of the walk is obviously to promote the great beauty and interest of the churches on route and whilst Tewkesbury Abbey and Deerhurst Church are well known, there are still a great number of people who have never been to Stoke Orchard, and are yet to visit St James Church, with it's unique wall paintings now visible after so many centuries.



We have received much support from a number of people, with our free colour leaflets on display in all the churches, as well as the Tewkesbury TIC centre, where the ever efficient staff have now downloaded the leaflet onto their website, so that walkers using digital aids can further see the walk details on their phones and appliances.

Guy Vowles. ([guyvowles@talktalk.net](mailto:guyvowles@talktalk.net)) and also [www.guysrambles.co.uk](http://www.guysrambles.co.uk)

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## Richard's Ramblings.

On the 20th July, it was the 15th anniversary of the 2007 floods, not a very happy date to celebrate. I know that by talking to some residents, it was a date that changed their lives for ever as their houses and property suffered from the water inside and around their homes. A fear that still haunts them. This Ramble reflects the time taken since in trying to solve the problems of that day.

However, looking at my 1835 map of Tredington, there are at least 12 ancient ponds on the South side of the main road that have been filled in the last two hundred years. Some properties, like the Village Hall (Church Room) were even built on the site of ponds. These ponds served very important roles. One naturally was drainage and a vital collection point for surface water. Another



to provide drinking water for animals—when we built the Golf Course, we re-opened a dew pond, a place where the morning dew and mist was collected - again for animals to drink or for watering of crops. The third use was to keep wagon and cart wheels wet. Every farm had a drive through pond where in hot dry weather, carts were drawn through (like Constable's painting *The Hay Wain*) to expand the wood and keep the steel “tyres” firmly in place.

The map also shows all the ditches in the Parish and which side of the hedge they were—that denotes ancient ownership and rights— and how ponds overflow were drained to watercourses.

One of the main reasons that properties were compromised in 2007 was the lack of maintenance to drains. Over time, as ponds and ditches were filled, alternative piped drainage was laid but all these need to be kept free of breakage and tree roots.

So after 15 years of continual pressure on the authorities, it was heartening to see some action in the past couple of months. Following the 2007 flooding, we were fortunate to be the first village to have many of the County Highways drains repaired and upgraded.



However other work has taken a little longer—up to 15 years!!



This was the scene in 2007 at the top of the village opposite the Croft. Ponding has been happening here on a regular basis. Well two weeks ago—



County Highways installed this gully which connects to the existing pit which carries the water by pipe across the field and thence down to the Swilgate.

This was the scene in the middle of the village in 2007 caused by the failure of the main 225 mmm Severn Trent Drain. County



Highways have recently added a new gully at the end of St. John's Court.

In the Annual Flood and Drainage report of 2009 I reported that Severn Trent had agreed to relay the whole length of their failed storm water pipe. After continuous pressure on Severn Trent



and missed deadlines, on 7th July the last remaining section of pipe was lined. All things are possible—but some take longer than others. Now back to the new bridge over the Swilgate. Those discussions and a firm promise of a new bridge date back to 2007 as well. Better get started—again!!

# VINTAGE FAIR

SATURDAY 13TH AND SUNDAY 14TH AUGUST

STOKE ORCHARD VILLAGE- FOLLOW THE SIGNS

10AM- 5 PM £5 PER ADULT UNDER 16's FREE

-ARENA EVENTS -FOOD AND DRINK

LICENSED BAR. TEA ROOM. ICE CREAM. LOCALLY SOURCED HOT  
FOOD.

-WORKING FIELD -VINTAGE VEHICLES

- DOG SHOW - TRADE STANDS -RAFFLE

- COMPETITIONS - DISCO SATURDAY 6PM

CHILDRENS ACTIVITIES





# Stoke Orchard Community Centre



*The sun is shining and its holiday time! Don't forget there are still regular classes running through August, if you wish to attend please contact the class instructor direct. The schedule is attached.*

*We are a Community Building for the benefit of the Community, if you would like to see other events, classes etc being held at the hall, please let us know. Maybe you could drive it, volunteers are very welcome!*

*Contact – [info@stokeorchard.org](mailto:info@stokeorchard.org)*

If you would like to book a party, exercise class or business meeting please contact [booking@stokeorchard.org](mailto:booking@stokeorchard.org) or visit the website [www.stokeorchard.org](http://www.stokeorchard.org)

## The Orchard Store and Amy's Coffee Shop

We have all the summer essentials you may need – sun cream, water, mosquito repellent, ice creams, ice, picnic food, Snacks, BBQ Coals, soft and alcoholic drinks!

As always, if you would like us to stock anything else, please let the staff know.

**Thank you for your continued support**

# ***STOKE ORCHARD COMMUNITY CENTRE***

***Armstrong Road***

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# Stoke Orchard Community Centre

## Community Centre Class Schedule for August

If you would like to book a class or a private hire, please contact [booking@stokeorchard.org](mailto:booking@stokeorchard.org) or the website [www.stokeorchard.org](http://www.stokeorchard.org)

Monday	Zumba 09:30-10:30am <a href="mailto:michele.darnell@btinternet.com">michele.darnell@btinternet.com</a>		Mindful Yoga 6.30pm - 7.30pm <a href="mailto:hello@ayamaliving.co.uk">hello@ayamaliving.co.uk</a>	Yoga - FROM 5/9/2022 7:30pm – 8:30pm <a href="mailto:info@greentreeyoga.co.uk">info@greentreeyoga.co.uk</a>
Tuesday	Pilates 09:30-10:30am <a href="mailto:pilatesbycharlotte@gmail.com">pilatesbycharlotte@gmail.com</a>	U3A Art Appreciation 2pm-4pm 16th August	Kettlercise 6:30pm-7.15pm <a href="mailto:tredtraining@outlook.com">tredtraining@outlook.com</a>	
Wednesday	Bumps & Babies Toddler Group 09:30 – 11:00am			Zumba 7.00pm-8.00pm <a href="mailto:michele.darnell@btinternet.com">michele.darnell@btinternet.com</a>
Thursday				Hatha Yoga 7.30-8.45pm <a href="mailto:sadiehawson@gmail.com">sadiehawson@gmail.com</a>
Friday	Pilates 09:30-10:30am <a href="mailto:GravityFitness@live.co.uk">GravityFitness@live.co.uk</a>			
Saturday		Zumba 10:30–11:30am <a href="mailto:michele.darnell@btinternet.com">michele.darnell@btinternet.com</a>		
Sunday	Kettlercise 09:00-10:00am <a href="mailto:tredtraining@outlook.com">tredtraining@outlook.com</a>			

For all enquiries around Local Community Events please contact [events@stokeorchard.org](mailto:events@stokeorchard.org)

The Events Committee are always eager to welcome new Volunteers to Assist with the events and also bring New ideas—please be in touch.





## Stoke Orchard and Tredington Parish Council Community Speed Watch



**August 2022—Monthly Update.**

**Our focus this month is more CSW volunteer recruitment!**

Once again, the team has been very active during the last month conducting Speed Surveys in both villages at different times of the day, both week days and weekends. During each survey, the registration numbers of those vehicles travelling 35mph or above are recorded and forwarded to the Police. This information is logged onto a data base and advisory letters sent to drivers. ***A recent survey showed that over 33% of drivers exceeded 35mph! On Saturday morning 16.7, one driver was recorded travelling at 55mph through Tredington village at a time when many residents are walking their dogs, going for runs or cycle rides; sometimes with children. Please help us to make our villages safer places for everyone!***

Most people have noticed that Stoke Road is now a favoured “Rat Run” for motorists to get across Cheltenham town and it’s set to get busier. The proposed changes to M5 junction 10 and new housing developments will mean yet more traffic heading our way.

**We now need to recruit more volunteers to our vibrant team!**

Please leave your contact details at the Stoke Orchard Community Shop or email [speed.watch@sotpc.co.uk](mailto:speed.watch@sotpc.co.uk) and we will arrange to have a chat with you about becoming a CSW volunteer.

**Please drive within the 30mph speed limit, and help to slow down other vehicles.  
Spread the word!**



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

Priest in Charge	Revd Ilse Ferwerda	01452 780880	<a href="mailto:apperleypriest@gmail.com">apperleypriest@gmail.com</a>
Assistant Priest	Rev. Kay Mundy	01452 780634	<a href="mailto:therevkaymundy@gmail.com">therevkaymundy@gmail.com</a>
Priest in Charge	Revd Ilse Ferwerda	01452 780880	<a href="mailto:apperleypriest@gmail.com">apperleypriest@gmail.com</a>
Church Warden	Tessa Mills	01684 216563	
Hon Associate Minister	Rev. Tom Curtis, Stonehills Tewkesbury,	01684 295298	
Reader - and Young People's Church	Mrs Vivienne Troughton Tredington, Tewkesbury	01684 293540	
Tredington Primary School	Head Teacher -Mrs Helen Pearce.	01684 293617	<a href="mailto:hpearce@glatrust.org.uk">hpearce@glatrust.org.uk</a>
Tredington Church Hall/ Village Hall	Frank Jukes	01684 292143	<a href="mailto:tredingtonvillagehall@gmail.com">tredingtonvillagehall@gmail.com</a>
Stoke Orchard Community Centre Bookings	Helen MacDonald	07437 533 132	<a href="mailto:info@stokeorchard.org">info@stokeorchard.org</a>

Recycling and Waste Collection Dates for **August** Stoke Orchard and Tredington. **Blue - Thursday 11th and Thursday 25th**  
**Green. Thursday 4th Thursday 18th**

**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.**

**August 7th Lesley Wilkes. Aug 14th Vicky Ward.**

**Aug 21st and 28th Sue Midgley**

### T.Bus Timetable—

**Please note times shown are at Stoke Orchard. - Times at Tredington will differ by approx 3 minutes**  
**Tewkesbury to Bishops Cleeve**

<a href="#">Stoke Orchard, nr The Orchard</a>	07:59	09:16	10:26	11:37	12:46	13:57	15:09	16:29	17:41	18:51
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**Bishops Cleeve to Tewkesbury**

<a href="#">Stoke Orchard, by St James's Church</a>	07:14	08:39	09:49	10:59	12:09	13:19	14:29	15:44	17:04	18:14
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