

Stoke Orchard and Tredington Newsletter



Fireworks November 2021—over the Abbey.

November 2022.

The Monthly Message

In one of the last pew sheets I wrote about walking and especially about people walking the Pilgrimage route which connects Tewkesbury Abbey and the churches in Stoke Orchard and Deerhurst, and the lovely comments these walkers leave in the visitors book.

You may know that I also work at the welcome desk in Gloucester Cathedral one day a week, and just like the churches in this benefice, the cathedral too is visited by lots of people for lots of reasons: walkers and pilgrims and tourists and children on educational visits and people coming for services or weddings or funerals, people who are visiting because of their interest in history or architecture, and of course people in need of spiritual or other support.

Churches and cathedrals and other places of worship continue to play an important role in the life of many people, whether they have a faith or not. And there is no denying that places of worship somehow feel 'different' – a difference that I would say is because of the offering of worship and prayers on a regular basis, and because it is a place where people come together to celebrate and commemorate, to share in their joy and sorrow.

November and December have plenty of opportunities to come together in the special atmosphere of the churches: from Remembrance and All Souls and All Saints to Advent and of course all the events leading up to Christmas. Or if you need some quiet space in the busyness of life, then all churches are open during the daytime. It does not matter whether you visit for a specific reason or just because you are curious to see what the church looks like on the inside; it does not matter whether you have a faith or not; it does not matter whether you feel joyous and happy or sad and tearful. Churches are special places and

everyone is welcome just as they are. I believe God is present in and alongside the joy and the sorrow, the laughter and the tears, the darkness of the night and the brightest sunshine, the falling of the leaves and the new growth we will see in spring. What church or cathedral or place of worship would you like to (re)visit? What did you (re) discover? And if you want to share, please let us know your experiences!

Peace and blessings to you all,

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Church Services for Tredington and Stoke Orchard. November 2022

- Sunday 6th November 9.30am Morning Worship at Tredington
- Sunday 13th November Remembrance Sunday 10.30am service at Stoke Orchard (please note different time from usual!)
- Sunday 20th November 9.30am Holy Communion at Tredington
- Sunday 27th November 9.30am Holy Communion at Stoke Orchard.

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, October 11th at 7.30pm in Tredington Village Hall for our AGM. This will be followed by a Fish & Chip supper.

Tredington & Stoke Orchard Gardening Club are holding their AGM on Monday, November 21st at 7.30pm in Tredington Village Hall. Rod Wells from the Gloucestershire Federation of Gardening Clubs will give a talk afterwards & we will share light refreshments, as this is our last meeting of the year.

Tredington Village Hall Improvement Committee. We still have a few places available for our Whist Drive on Friday, November 11th at 7pm in the hall. Tickets are £8 to include light savoury refreshments & tea & coffee. Please bring your own drinks if you wish. There will be a raffle. Tickets available from Paddy on 01684 294053

TREDINGTON PLAY READING GROUP RETURNS

"The last two meetings of the group will take place in Tredington Village Hall at 7.30 p.m. on Monday 7th November and Monday 5th December."

Tredington Village Hall Improvement Committee

WHIST DRIVE

Friday, 11th November at 7.00pm

Tredington Village Hall. GL20 7 BP

Tickets @ £8 to include teas/coffee and savouries—Raffle.

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 Tim Jukes

Contact Details – through the Clerk - Mrs Michelle Hinde

S.O and T P.C. phone:-07763 250303 email – clerk@sotpc.co.uk

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 November 1st at 7.00pm. 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 September meeting will be available when approved by Council.

www.stokeorchardandtredington.org.uk

Applications for New Parish Councillors

The recent requests for Applications for New Parish Councillors due to the two vacancies, has been overwhelming and the Council will discuss the way forward at the next meeting, There will be—of course, a designated route to follow laid down within the Code Of Conduct from Central Government. However, what ever the outcome and the route we have to take , I know that others, like myself are very heartened to know that there are members of the Community willing to give time and effort for the maintenance of the quality of life and things that matter within our Community.

Whilst we are governed to the number of Councillors that may sit on the Parish Council, We will do our best to accommodate ALL those interested. Our recent Policy of creating Sub Committees to work within the Parish Council framework allows for the work to be shared and volunteers to give their time and energy into a range of different responsibilities within the Parish. We will be creating a new Neighbourhood Development Plan Working Group so opportunities will abound. We will be making arrangements at our next Meeting.

Recent Behaviour Problems in Stoke Orchard.

Whilst we do not wish to draw attention to problems within the Community, it is right and proper that all should be made aware. Over a period of 6 weeks or so, a spate of actions by a number of young people—and we do not believe that they are all from the Parish - resulted in damage to and theft of Parish and County Council Property and damage to a car from hitting debris thrown in the road. Several people suffered verbal abuse, and a spate of Anti-Social Behaviour, upset the happiness and feeling of security within the Community.

Speed Camera poles were pulled over - one with the camera attached. The Parish Notice Board, recently restored was vandalised and destroyed. The Community Bus was entered and items removed and the contents of the bus “disturbed” and other similar matters including an upsetting situation within the Community Centre when several people were verbally abused by the youths, all was recorded on CCTV which was of great help to the Police and secured some swift action.

Each activity was duly recorded and reported to the Police and during the week of the 11th to the 16th, The Parish Council and the Community Centre Committee met the Police to discuss the way forward. On Sunday 16th October, the Police made an arrest and the person was questioned and released on bail subject to conditions.

Following that arrest, members of the Parish Council and the Centre Committee have met with the Anti-Social Behaviour Officers of the Borough Council and have had several meetings and discussions with the Police. It is fair to say that our busy and happy Community just want safety, peace and quiet in our lives and that mindless damage and behaviour such as this, results in nothing positive for anyone.

We trust that by the Parish Council, the Centre Committee and the whole Community working with the Police and the Borough ASB Office, we will overcome this sad episode quickly. We all owe PCSOs Karl and Ben and Sergeant Ash Gardner in particular with other officers at Tewkesbury, a debt of gratitude for their swift support.

Flood Management and Storm Water. Sun 23rd Oct '22

Since the floods in 2007, I have been somewhat preoccupied with my role as Flood warden. Over the past 5 years of writing Ramblings and reports here in this newsletter, I have reported on many different items around the Parish. This morning, at 8.00am, I was watching the rain levels on the National Weather Radar checking the level and duration of the storms as they crossed Gloucestershire.

Having driven around this morning and checked levels and taken photos of the Public Open Space, it was evident that the work we commissioned



at the exit of the Dean Brook had worked well. The stream had overflowed a little and our new pond area will be enlarged in the spring to fill its natural size but we have lost



the total flood thank goodness. There are several small improvements for next year and of course we have some wetland shrubs to plant to create the right habitat.

Following the death of Jason Westmoreland, the T.B.C. Drainage Officer, we have been without a local man. A new Officer will be in post soon and I believe we may get help and possibly a grant from the TBC to cover the excavation work we have already done at the Tredington Bridge. It was interesting this afternoon when I had an auto-alarm on my phone and another email advising me that the Swilgate levels had triggered our Flood Gauge alarm at the Tredington Bridge. However, while driving

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to see it, I received a further auto message to say the level had begun to drop. Now that is something new after all the years we have been out at all hours of the night checking to see if we closed the road.

As well as clearing the Dean Brook exit and all the way down to the road bridge, we have cleared the inlet and outlet of the Swilgate Bridge at Tredington.



So this is downstream and below



we have upstream - before on the left, after on the right!!



The difference in the flow is amazing and our Contractor also removed three trees that were growing in the middle of the brook.

Many thanks to Tim Jukes who took the debris away.

Looking for an email yesterday, I found a message from 2008 about debris being left in the Dean Brook after the Bridge rebuild at the time of the floods in 2007. GCC Bridge department will get an email from me this week. 15 years later that debris is still in the Dean Brook!! More work to do I fear!

2022 has been quite a year for Flood and Storm Drain improvement. In the September newsletter, I published the piece about the final missing link on the 225mm Storm Drain in Tredington when Severn Trent finally completed the renovation of that pipe which failed in 2007 and have been repairing piecemeal for the last fifteen years. Then during the road resurfacing in September, the



Planer uncovered the missing inspection chamber just downstream from the Village Hall—success. Then GCC County Highways improved the inlet on the drain that runs across the field to the Swilgat from opposite The Croft bungalow at the East end of Tredington which yesterday

in the torrential rain was taking all the water. One is always taught to be cautious and all these various areas must be checked and cleansed on a regular basis, but definitely a positive year.

As Flood Warden I work with our Co-ordinator, Helen Richards of the Gloucestershire Rural Community Council. This week she circulated a list of seminars available for Councils and Emergency groups and it would be worthwhile for us to form a group to manage maintenance of all these facilities on an ongoing basis within our Parish.

As a Council, we are bound to have an Emergency Policy and Lisa Holmes drew it up for us some years ago and we review it on a regular basis. Just the foundation for an Emergency Committee.



Tredington Primary School



Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another busy fortnight at TPS and it has been wonderful to watch the children continue to love and enjoy their learning. A reminder that parents evening will take place next Tuesday and Wednesday evening; booking is currently live on Arbor and we are looking forward to seeing many of you there. This meeting will be an opportunity to talk about how your child/ren have settled into their new year group/s and to look through and discuss their work and progress so far this year. We will be inviting families to enter through the main hall doors where you will be asked to take a seat in the waiting area. Appointments are 10 minutes long, therefore, if you wish to discuss something in more detail you will be invited to book a follow up meeting and a mutually convenient time with your child's class teacher.

It was wonderful to see members of the TPS community attend our first 'Welcome Wednesday' event last Wednesday; we hope this gave you a small insight into how we teach and deliver reading sessions across the school. These sessions are designed to share a sample of school life and to model our teaching strategies. This is also an opportunity for you to look through your child's books and to feel immersed within the classroom environment. Our next 'Welcome Wednesday' session will take place on Wednesday 2nd November and will focus on the teaching of Humanities (History & Geography). This Tuesday saw our first TPS open day and it was fantastic to meet so many new families; it has also been wonderful to show around prospective parents through our 1:1 tour offer. We have our next open day on Thursday 3rd November from 1.30-3pm and it would be

great if you were able to share this date with any relevant friends of family members.

As the first half of the autumn term comes shortly to a close, we are starting to think about harvest in school. Each class has been preparing a short song, poem or reading to share in our whole school assembly next Thursday. We look forward to sharing photos of this event on our social media and on our school website. After half term, we will begin to think about the lead up to Christmas. The children will be preparing a Nativity in EYFS/KS1 and a carol concert in KS2. More details will follow shortly, however, we hope that Covid won't spoil our plans this year and we look forward to performing to the Tredington community.

A reminder that Friday 21st of October is a pupil INSET day; the children will break up for half term at 3pm on Thursday 20th October. Children will then return to school on Tuesday 1st November.

Thank you for your continued support. As always our door is open should you wish to discuss anything further.

Warm wishes,

Mrs Pearce & Mrs Watton

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Mrs. Helen Pearce & Mrs. Emily Watton

TPS Co-Headteachers

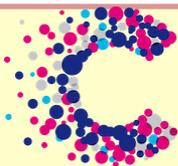
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<https://sway.office.com/EthGmQmVuFON0Im7?ref=Link>

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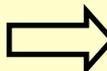
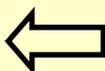


CANCER
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Last Month, Sue Coleman invited us to join her at The Community Centre when she was taking part in a Fund Raising effort for Cancer Research UK.

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After



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sum of £500.
Many thanks to
all who helped.



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Stoke Orchard Community Centre



We have a Neighbourhood Watch drop in on the 23rd November from 11am to 1pm, please pop into the hall and have a chat with the County Coordinator – Lucy.

We have a good selection of classes throughout the week but if you fancy holding a class here please contact – booking@stokeorchard.org

The main hall is perfect for birthday parties, get togethers, christenings or business meetings. The Meeting Room is great for the small class or a business meeting.

booking@stokeorchard.org or visit www.stokeorchard.org

The Orchard Store and Amy's Coffee Shop

We are ramping up our stock ready for Christmas and we will have goodies such as Advent calendars, Christmas sweets, wrap, cards and Handmade Christmas Cakes. Watch out for more information on social media.

We have a drop box in the shop for Food Bank donations which will be delivered to Tredington School, please be generous if you can.

As always if you need to contact the shop, please email manager@stokeorchard.org

Stoke Orchard Community Centre Calendar for November

Monday	Zumba 09:30-10:30am michele.darnell@btinternet.com			Yoga 7pm – 8:15pm info@greentreeyoga.co.uk
Tuesday	Pilates 09:30-10:30am pilatesbycharlotte@gmail.com		Kettlercise 6:30pm-7.15pm Pilates 7.30-8pm tredtraining@outlook.com	
Wednesday		Neighborhood Watch Drop In 23 rd November 11.00am - 1.00pm		Zumba 7.00pm-8.00pm michele.darnell@btinternet.com
Thursday				Hatha Yoga 7.30-8.45pm sadiehawson@gmail.com
Friday	Pilates 09:30-10:30am GravityFitness@live.co.uk	Didirugby 10.30am- 11.30am keith.smith@didirugby.com		
Saturday		Zumba 10–11am michele.darnell@btinternet.com		
Sunday	Kettlercise 09:00-10:00am tredtraining@outlook.com			



Stoke Orchard and Tredington Parish Council Community Speed Watch



The Parish Council and CSW are again supporting the annual Brake (Road Safety charity) campaign.

The theme of Road Safety Week 2022 is SAFE ROADS FOR ALL

bringing together communities and professionals to shout out for everyone's right to make

Safe and healthy journeys on Safe roads

We will raise awareness of key areas of road safety the Government supports, including safe roads, safe vehicles and speeds, the new hierarchy of road users, and the importance of inclusivity to keep us all safe on the roads, no matter who we are, or how we travel.

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

Priest in Charge	Revd Ilse Ferwerda	01452 780880	apperleypriest@gmail.com
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,	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	hpearce@glatrust.org.uk
Tredington Church Hall/ Village Hall	Frank Jukes	01684 292143	tredingtonvillagehall@gmail.com
Stoke Orchard Community Centre Bookings	Helen MacDonald	07437 533 132	info@stokeorchard.org

Recycling and Waste Collection Dates for **November** Stoke Orchard and
Tredington. **Blue - Thursday 3rd and Thursday 17th**
Green. Thursday 10th Thursday 24th

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.

November 6th and 13th Lesley Chatham
November 20th and 27th Charlotte Goldsby

T.Bus Timetable—

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

Stoke Orchard, nr The Orchard	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

Stoke Orchard, by St James's Church	07:14	08:39	09:49	10:59	12:09	13:19	14:29	15:44	17:04	18:14
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