

Stoke Orchard and Tredington Newsletter



Tredington Manor— Dismantled and
exported to America early last century.

February 2023.

The Monthly Message—February 2023

Even if you know nothing about Saints, you will have heard of this one: Saint Valentine. He is remembered in Anglican and Roman Catholic churches on the 14th of this month, which is the day he was martyred in Rome around 269. It is believed he was a priest or bishop, ministering to persecuted Christians. There are several stories or legends that mention Valentine, and it may be that he is the Valentine who during the reign of Claudius refused to denounce his Christian faith. On the evening before he was put to death, he supposedly wrote a note and signed off with the words 'From your Valentine'.

Valentine's Day has become rather commercialised, but the principle of sending a message to those we love and care about still stands today. Nowadays, the focus of Valentine's Day is on romantic love between partners, but there are many different kinds of love, and words or tokens of appreciation for and recognition of the love in friendship or kinship never go amiss, not just on Valentine's Day but any day of the year.

When we first fall in love, we only see the other person's good sides: their humour, their beauty, the way their eyes light up, the thoughtful and loving things they do and say. Then, over time, we find out that they can also be moody, inconsiderate, argumentative, just like us, as we too let go of our 'best behaviour at all times'. The 'honeymoon phase' is over... and love doesn't seem so easy now... But if we manage to keep loving each other through all the ups and downs in life, then love becomes stronger and somehow more dense and present. It may be less visible, we may not bring each other flowers or little cards or other tokens as often as we did in the beginning of the relationship, but it's 'there' and hopefully 'there to stay'.

The Bible has a lot to say about love. We may know this passage from the first letter to the Corinthians, which is often read at weddings: 'Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not

proud. It does not dishonour others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.'

Or this one from the letter to the Romans: 'I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.'

Does love feel like that to you? How would you describe it?

May love be present in your life, and may you find peace and blessings this month,

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February Church Services

- Sunday 5th February 9.30am Morning Worship at Tredington
- Sunday 12th February 9.30am Holy Communion at Stoke Orchard
- Sunday 19th February 9.30am Holy Communion at Tredington
- Wednesday 22nd February 7.30pm Holy Communion and Ashing for Ash Wednesday at Forthampton
- Sunday 26th February 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 News for February

Tredington & Stoke Orchard WI next meet on **Tuesday, February 14th** in Tredington Village Hall at 7.30pm for a talk by John McCartney on "From Iron Cross to the Cross of Nails" – A love Story. This will be an open evening when friends & partners & anyone else is invited to attend.

Tredington & Stoke Orchard Gardening Club will be meeting on **Monday, February 20th** in Tredington Village Hall at 7.30pm. Our speaker will be Pam Turner who will be telling us about "Alpines Round Your Garden".

The Village Hall Improvement Committee will be meeting soon & hope to hold another Whist Drive in late February or early March. LOOK OUT FOR POSTERS!

Scam and Fraud News.

It has been another month of heightened activity both on the phone, email and Internet. I have received up to three telephone calls each day of one form or another asking for me to press 1 to return the call. NEVER-NEVER-NEVER do that. And NEVER reveal any PASSWORDS— scam scam scam,!!

PLEASE remember that if you are sending out a message using a group or club data base—always send the email to yourself and send to the others using the BCC system on your email. BCC means Blind Carbon Copy. That way you do not circulate everyone's email address. I have had several examples of this and it can mean serious scam problems if your computer is hacked. **I have had 3 of these this week! If the email does not look right—Delete it!. UNDER GDPR it is illegal to circulate other people's email addresses. Stay Safe.**





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, Councillor Graham Ferguson,
Councillor George Fairbairn

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 February 7th 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 December meeting will be available on the website when approved by Council.

www.stokeorchardandtredington.org.uk

Parish News Update.

On Wednesday evening I took part in an online DEFRA seminar which included control and responsibilities of everything from ditches to muck heaps and everything in between. On Thursday evening, I attended Flood Wardens meeting at the Borough Council offices where we received a presentation by an officer from the new Severn Trent River Watch Initiative. Driven by the recent Media coverage of Sewage and pollution infiltration, there is now a real drive to clean up our water-courses. Severn Trent are attempting to provide a “Blue Flag” system for local rivers. It will—no doubt—be an uphill struggle—I mentioned the dreadful pollution from the Motorway drainage. Oil, tyre rubber and spillage pours down our local streams when it rains and this needs sorting as well. Those who note things will see that the pumping station at Tredington has been attended by a tanker during the last week. Apparently there has been a blockage in the Rising Main adjacent to the entrance to the Solar Farm which is preventing the pumps working. **PLEASE REMEMBER— DO NOT PUT WET WIPES—NAPPIES— or SIMILAR PADs down the LOO! IT BLOCKS the SYSTEM!!!!**



Stoke Orchard and Tredington Parish Council Community Speed Watch



AN OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUNG FUTURE DRIVERS AGED 15/16 YEARS!

The Pathfinder Project*, which aims to reduce the road casualty rate amongst novice drivers and is supported by the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Gloucestershire (OPCC), is offering to help pay for the cost of lessons in safe driving for new or would-be motorists.

Upcoming #SafeAt17 Driving Event - **19th -23rd February 2023** at Malvern Three Counties Showground

<https://under17driver.co.uk/events/>

Pathfinder is a four or five-day course - prices are as follows: Sponsored County Price Payable: £240 (£360 less £120 Bursary) £60 deposit on booking plus £180 final payment (NB Gloucestershire is a sponsored county!)

As on 17.1.2023, there are 9 places available for new applicants and 8 for young people who have already completed the course but would like a refresher

Please ensure you have read [the FAQs](#) and our [Terms & Conditions](#) before booking.

*Research carried-out by the club and validated by Loughborough University, shows that graduates of the Pathfinder initiative are significantly less likely to be involved in accidents or to be injured than the general population of young drivers.

You can find out more here: www.u17ccctrust.org/research/

Emergency and Useful Numbers.

Two years ago I published a four page pull out of useful telephone numbers and websites in case of emergency. This week we have had the Gas Board—Wales and West - exploring a gas main problem in Tredington— notified to them on Christmas Eve. With the explosion and devastation in Evesham from a gas explosion, I felt it was a good idea to publish the most relevant numbers again.

999—Fire—Police—Ambulance—Mountain Rescue

Gas Emergency - 0800 111 999 - 24 hours a day.

Electricity— 0800 6783 105 or on the mobile no. 105

Water— sewage— Severn Trent 0800 783 4444

**Floods close to your Property - Tewkesbury Boro' Council
Emergency 01684 293445**

Non-emergency number for the Police only — 101

Non Emergency Helpline - NHS for medical problem—111

(This is for non emergency medical advice and assistance.)

**Highways / Pothole / Flooded road / Traffic lights / Fallen
Tree/etc. Emergency line— 08000 514 514**

Samaritans - **Samaritans****— 116 123**

IF YOU CALL IN AN EMERGENCY—TELL THE CALL HANDLER—

- 1. which emergency service you need.**
- 2. your address/or the location of the incident and phone number.**
- 3. Stay calm and stay on the line as the Operator might have some questions. LISTEN carefully—they will lead you through the information they need so they can send help quickly.**

Richard's Ramblings.

Last week, I was updating my Short History of Stoke Orchard and went online to find when Cleeve Station - by the Tip entrance—closed. I was quite surprised to read that passenger services were still in place up to 1950 but the goods sidings were still in use for freight right up to 1960. In railways terms that is still quite recent. The main line from Birmingham to Gloucester opened in stages from 1840 and as reported, the Bishops Cleeve freight sidings were used in early days for the export of farm cider to Birmingham, Bristol and all points between.



However, This part of Gloucestershire was served by so many branch lines we enjoyed fantastic service. Cheltenham and Ashchurch were real railway hubs sadly now lost. As you can see by this old map of Ashchurch, two main branch lines ran off the main line. The one to the right went to Birmingham— Barnt Green, via Beckford, Evesham, and Stratford on Avon. The one to the left was for Tewkesbury, (two stations—High Street opposite Quay Street and the main line up station road.) That line crossed the Avon, through the tunnel under the Mythe crossed the Severn just south of Upton and on to Malvern. On the Ashchurch map you will see a red circle on the freight sidings.



These sidings service the Custard Factory which later became a Dowty unit. At the end of the sidings was a Dowty test facility for Hydraulic Buffers. For many years Princess Elizabeth—6201—



seen here approaching Bozards Crossing in 24th March 2012—Dowty's Apprentices overhauled the running gear. The old Water tower still remains—an echo of the halcyon days of steam locos.



Cheltenham of course was another hub close to Cleeve Station. As can be seen by this 1910 map, the main line passes through Lansdown Road station—as it did from the start in 1842. However, one can see at the right of the mainline was the Honeybourne line which also went to Birmingham and was often used as a relief line for goods trains. In 1968 when the mainline was blocked at Ashchurch by the de-railment of a

coal train—all services used that line. Now as a relief the only way is via Newport, Hereford and Shrewsbury. The Honeybourne line is now the GWRs Heritage Railway. Here, Dinmore Manor and King Edward II double head an excursion leaving The Racecourse station bound for Broadway, via Winchcombe and Toddington. I have driven Dinmore Manor!! - thought I would get that in!! (Signed photos available!!)



Starting at St James Station (where Waitrose is now—see the big red circle) this was the Terminus for the Cheltenham Spa Express— Cheltenham to London Paddington—in its day the fastest regular passenger service in Britain. This photo taken by me in around 1957 when I was at school in Stonehouse.



Also leaving St James Station were trains bound for Southampton. The original plan for a direct

line from Manchester to Southampton, was proposed in 1846 but due to financial pressure was voted out in Parliament. The line from Cheltenham curled around through Leckhampton, Charlton Kings (Pilly Bridge) and up to Andoversford. Here it turned south to Cirencester and Swindon. On then to Marlborough and Andover where it joined the line through Stockbridge, Romsey and Southampton Central. Thence in to the docks and ended at the Ocean Terminal. In a future “Rambling” I will come back to this line—nicknamed the Spratt and Winkle— , it was the direct Boat Train from Cheltenham!



Tredington Primary School



The Heads January Message

Happy New Year! It's great to be back. We hope you had a magical Christmas break, including some quality family time together.

January is a very exciting (and in our case...wet and soggy!) time of year in school. The Autumn term provides an opportunity to focus on rules, boundaries, relationships and behaviours. When we get these things right, children are better placed to make academic progress. As we start the Spring term, the staff are primed to support your child in achieving their academic potential. Thinking about it in terms of our ACE, the primary focus for the Spring term is setting goals and aspirations to enable us to excel. In assembly on Monday, we read the story 'How to be a Lion' by Ed Were. We spoke about how it is important to all be different and not to feel pressured by others. The children all thought about and shared their New Years Resolutions. Over the next couple of weeks, we will be reinforcing our behaviour charts with the children and reminding them that a good attitude to learning could earn them the chance to put their name on our door and earn a sticker and 'pink' certificate.

We would like to take this opportunity to remind our families of the **school pantry and pre-loved uniform**. Access to this is free to all: you can either pop in and take what is needed; or complete the form and we will discretely put a package together for you: <https://forms.office.com/r/qKSgpcurLW>

As you may be aware, the government has set a minimum expectation of 32.5 hours for the school week. Tredington Primary currently has a school week of 31.7 hours. As we look to extend the school day from September in line with these expectations, we would welcome your feedback. We are also beginning to explore how we may be able to run a before/after school provision for those families in need of

September in line with these expectations, we would welcome your feedback. We are also beginning to explore how we may be able to run a before/after school provision for those families in need of wraparound care. Further information on both of these is available on the following form, <https://forms.office.com/e/f8jYjERZRB>

Next Wednesday, 18th January, is Welcome Wednesday. The school will be open to our families from 2:30pm and you are invited to come and work with your child(ren) within the classroom(s). The focus for this session will be the Foundation Curriculum. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible for this session.

Staffing Updates

We would like to take this opportunity to give a warm, TPS welcome to Mrs Groome and Mrs Ing who have joined our team this term.

In addition, we now have a new supply caretaker working onsite - Roger Darbyshire. Roger will be onsite from 7am to 10am each school day completing updates to the school site as well as carrying out compliance activities. Please see below for the attached caretaking advert:

<https://www.eteach.com/job/school-caretaker-1298791>

Spring Term Calendar Dates!!!

- January 5th: Return to School
- January 17th: Yoga Taster Session (EYFS/KS1)
- January 18th: Welcome Wednesday (2.30-2.50pm)
- January 30th: Chartwell's Food Session (Year 5/6)
- February 8th: Welcome Wednesday (2.30-2.50pm)
- February 15th: Valentines' Disco
- February 15th: PAG
- February 17th: End of Term
- February 27th: INSET
- February 28th: Return to School
- March 2nd: World Book Day
- March 8th: Welcome

Wednesday (2.30-2.50pm)

- March 30th: End of Term-

Warm wishes, Mrs. Helen

Pearce & Mrs. Emily Watton

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Gloucestershire Learning Alliance
c/o Bishop's Cleeve Primary Academy
Tobyfield Road
Cheltenham
GL52 8NN

 **01242 358017**





Stoke Orchard Community Centre

February is here and it's the time to get back into booking classes, hiring the hall and using this wonderful facility we have.

Like everyone, the increase in energy costs have reached us and we are all working hard to keep the costs down but if you know of anyone wanting to start a class up, hire the hall and or the meeting room please tell them about us! We have availability during the day and sessions in the evenings. The main hall is perfect for holding exercise classes and birthday parties, christenings and many more events. We allow bouncy castles and we also benefit from having a brilliant playpark just in front of the hall. Plenty of parking is available. The meeting room is perfect for the smaller class, business meetings, craft sessions and many more activities.

For more information please email:

booking@stokeorchard.org

Our social calendar will be posted shortly and any help running these events would be great! We have a small band of volunteers that help with anything from maintenance to assisting with events.

Anyone wanting to get involved in the local community, make friends, have a laugh whilst helping is very welcome! Email info@stokeorchard.org

We have a good selection of classes currently but there is room for more! Please see the schedule for further details.

The Orchard Store and Amy's Coffee Shop

Firstly, thank you for your continued support and custom.

The shop has also been affected by the rising costs of everything so it shouldn't be any surprise we are faced with challenging times indeed. We are here for you, please keep using us, pop in for a hot drink and cake, have a chat with our staff but please support us buy purchasing.

Every penny counts!

We have a lovely selection of Valentines Cards for that special person in your life – come and have a look!



Any queries please contact info@stokeorchard.org

**Please remember this shop belongs to our Community,
Is run for the benefit of our Community
and is managed by Volunteers from the our Community**

January Class timetable

Please see below our class timetable. Please contact the classes directly on the email provided.

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 7.30-8.00pm redtraining@outlook.com	
Wednesday	Stoke Orchard Toddler 9.30am - 11:00am School term time only			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 redtraining@outlook.com			

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 **December** Stoke Orchard and
Tredington.

Blue - Thursday 9th Thursday 23rd

Green. Thursday 2nd Thursday 16th

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.

January—March Rota Suspended

T.Bus Timetable—

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

<u>Stoke Orchard, nr The Orchard</u>	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

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