

Stoke Orchard and Tredington Newsletter



Hellebores—Springing up 2023

March 2023.

The Monthly Message—March 2023

The days are noticeably lengthening now, and some days have been deceptively sunny and even warm if you are out of the wind! The snowdrops are up, the first blossoms are out, the birds are tweeting lustily, and I have seen little lambs in the fields nearby too. Spring is almost here!

And with that comes a sense of new energy, of freshness, of growth, which is very welcome after months of bare trees and waiting.

In church, we are also looking forward to new life. But not before we go through the period of Lent first, the 40 days prior to Easter, which started on Ash Wednesday which fell on the 22nd February. Lent is the most solemn season of the church year. It's a season of preparation, albeit without the joyful character of Advent. This is more penitential in character: we lament and think of our own human frailty, of the things that we allow to take us in directions away from God, and to remind ourselves just how dependent we are on God, we may choose to 'give something up', to create that space and sense of need that will draw us closer to God again. What would happen if, for example, we gave up on social media, and instead spent that time finding ways to feel closer to God? We may choose to go outdoors, or to pray, or to read the Bible or a theological or poetry book, or do any of the things we do not usually make time for? What if we gave up on eating something we really like (chocolate or crisps being favourite examples) to help us realise that our joy and fulfilment of needs does not depend on chocolate or crisps but on God?

We are human beings and we are not expected to be perfect. That is not what Lent asks of us. What it does ask, is to take stock and acknowledge where we can create space and/or time to notice anew the presence of God in our life. In our individual life, but also in our church and village communities. Where do you notice God 'at work'?

Do you have a sense of the Holy Spirit guiding you, or whispering something in your ear?

Be still and know that I am God, says Psalm 46 verse 10.

Life can be so full and busy and noisy that we simply can't hear God.

How will you be still and know?

Have a good Lent everyone, and peace and blessings to you all,

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March Church Services

- Sunday 5th March 9.30am Morning Worship at Tredington
- Sunday 12th March 10am Benefice Communion at Stoke Orchard
- Sunday 19th March 9.30am Mothering Sunday service at Tredington
- Sunday 26th March 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

News from TREDINGTON for MARCH 2023

TREDINGTON & STOKE ORCHARD WI next meet at Tredington Village Hall on Tuesday, March 14th at 7.30pm for a talk on “Opera from the Beginning – My version” given by Susan Black. We are always delighted to welcome visitors & new members.

Tredington & Stoke Orchard Gardening Club will be meeting on Monday, March 20th at 7.30pm. Roger Umpelby will be telling us about “Friends & Foes in the Garden.”

The Annual Poppy Appeal for 2022 raised £31,000 in the Tewkesbury area. In spite of a box brought to Tredington only in the last few days of the appeal, £35.05 was collected. So, thank you very much to everyone who contributed.

The “Sandbaggers” men of Tredington continue to meet in Tredington Village Hall on the first Monday of every month for an informal general chat & coffee. The next meeting will be on Monday, March 6th at 10am.

Tredington & Stoke Orchard Parochial Church Council (PCC) are holding their Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM), which Parishioners are welcome to attend , in Tredington Village Hall on Tuesday, March 28th at 7.30pm. This will be followed by the ordinary PCC meeting.

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Here are Pre Event Notifications for two
Events on Coronation Weekend.

Tredington & Stoke Orchard PCC presents

An Evening of Words & Music

performed by village people

in York Barn, Tredington

Friday, May 5th at 7.30pm

Tickets £10 per person to include a glass of wine
& homemade nibbles.

Available from Paddy Grimshaw on 01684 294053

All profit will go to the PCC Organ Appeal.

KING CHARLES III CORONATION

PLEASE COME TO A 'BRING AND SHARE' PARTY

in a MARQUEE behind

TREDINGTON VILLAGE HALL

SUNDAY, MAY 7TH 2023

FROM 4.00pm – late.



BRING YOUR OWN DRINKS, GLASSES & REFRESHMENTS
ALL TYPES OF FINGER FOOD TO SHARE MOST WELCOME!

It would be helpful to know numbers attending - please email
tredingtonvillagehall@gmail.com or call 01684 292143

if you can join the party.

There will be no Charge for this Event.

BarBQs will be available from 6.30pm for 'cook your own food'
for those who would like to stay 'late'



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 Juckes, 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 April 4th 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 February meeting will be available on the website when approved by Council.

www.stokeorchardandtredington.org.uk

Parish News Update.

The Parish Council met on the 6th February with a full agenda. the Council discussed the employment of a Temporary Clerk while Mrs. Hinde is on leave. The Council have been fortunate to have received an offer from our former Clerk, Mrs. Jules Owen to cover for this period.

Agenda items included the agreement to update the Building Management system at the Community Centre. With the ever increasing cost of Electricity, it is so important that we are able to manage the heat, light and ventilation to the maximum efficiency as it was built as a zero carbon unit. The Council costing a Battery system to enhance the use of the SV array on the roof. Grants are being sought to install a system to lower the dependence on “bought in” electricity.

Following discussions with the Council Planning adviser, the decision was made to drop the idea of a Neighbourhood Development Plan, but to discuss with Ashchurch Rural the possibility of ally ourselves to them to provide the potential protection for J9 and J10 Traffic. Discussions are ongoing to assess any potential advantage.



Parish Council Elections May 4th 2023

The legislation relating to Town and Parish Councils is often very complex and misleading. It has often been said that the Parish Council has to comply with more Regulation than the House of Commons. Notwithstanding, the Parish Council offers the local resident an opportunity to have an input into the management of his or her local Community at Parish Level.

With the 4 yearly Parish Council and Borough Council elections being held on May 4th, it is now that opportunity for anyone interested in becoming a Councillor should consider election. Being an elected Councillor gives the opportunity to make a difference in your Community and take a real responsibility for what the future holds and, of course, to cover the ups and downs within the Parish on a daily basis.

The Position of Councillor is unpaid. However while one gives one time on a voluntary basis, the job is NOT as a Volunteer, it is a recognized responsibility as an elected representative of your Community at a local Government level and the regulations on each and every Councillor are very strict. A Councillor gives his or her time for the benefit of the Parish and those who live there.

However, As a Parish Councillor one does get the protection of Council Insurance whilst working on Council business and of course one is expected to act as a Council with decisions being made and acted upon on that basis. Stoke Orchard and Tredington Parish Council has a reputation of being hard working and leading the field in local representation. It took nearly 14 years commitment by Councillors to replace the CRE with the Orchard Estate under the 2011 Localism act of which the Council lead the way nationally. Will you be part of your Parish Council, take a responsibility? Now is your chance.

Details are available from the Clerk, on the Parish Council Website and on the Borough Council Website.

Please note that if you wish to vote on May 4th—you will need to be registered and provide Photo Identification.

Richard's Ramblings.

The time is 12.40pm. and I have been working on Parish Council stuff and the Newsletter since 8.30am and I am just wondering about the content of my Ramblings. Last month I mentioned the abundance of railway lines we used to have in this area. Yesterday, I had to have a filling replaced at my dentist in Evesham. It is a long story , but when I was in Round Table I had a crown drop off while acting as Father Christmas on Christmas Eve. I rang a Table friend and ended up in his Dentist chair at 9.30pm Christmas Eve while he stuck it back on!! He lived in Evesham so I have been there ever since. I digress—well I often do. Lying back in the chair I had 15 minutes while the drilling, grinding, filling and ultra violet lighting etc. was taking place. On the ceiling is an old photo of Evesham and the Ashchurch to Barnt Green railway line is clearly visible.

So on the way back, I took a right at Hinton on the Green, I was fed up with the traffic on the A46 and came back around the Bredon Hill. After Hinton, the road rises above the land either side, a sure sign of an old bridge and on the left we saw the old Hinton on the Green station area. If one travels anywhere between Tewkesbury and Stratford, the old line is clearly visible from the many



little industrial estates built on the old loading areas for fruit and veg from the Vale of Evesham going by train to Birmingham wholesale market. Station yards at Beckford, Ashton under Hill, Bidford on Avon and many more. Salford Priors was particularly interesting as Bomfords had their steam ploughing engines and Gyrotillers there in the old engine shed!! Many of the tell tale bridges which marked the line are still there—some were filled with concrete as it was cheaper than removing them!!



So lets go back to the Spratt and Winkle line that I talked about last month. Running from St James Station, where Waitrose is now in Cheltenham and eventually arriving on the Docks at Southampton,

The Gateway to the Empire, at the side of the Ocean Terminal where the great liners of the day, The Queen Mary, Queen Elizabeth, the United States and S.S. France sailed for New York. The line from Cheltenham joined the Sprat and Winkle at Andover. As I said in last month's Ramble, The line was part of a proposed Manchester to Southampton line. The Sprat and Winkle actually ran from Redbridge, at the end of Southampton Docks to Andover and was initially used for transporting sea food to Andover. It was the London and **South West Railway**



So why my interest? Each year we travel to Milford on Sea for family holidays. Every year, well yes since 1946 one or other of us have holidayed in Milford. From Andover, the road crosses both the River Test and the Railway line at Fullerton Bridge by the Mayfly, good food!

After that the road runs alongside the line and the River Test to Stockbridge. In 1954 on the way to Milford, we raced a passenger train from the Mayfly, through Leckford to Stockbridge. We were in Dad's Wolseley, DG220. The passengers were waving, the driver was waving, the fireman was furiously shovelling coal and it was just one of those silly things one remembers. That Railway line now forms part of the Test Way—a 44 mile walk from Inkpen on the Chalk Downs to where the Test flows into Southampton Water.

We do have another Parish connection as just 2.5 miles from where the River Test crosses the road outside Romsey is a barn where Andy Frost built our Glider. Well that was a real Ramble! Hope you enjoyed it!!





Stoke Orchard and Tredington Parish Council Community Speed Watch



February 2023 report:

After a period of very cold weather, CSW speed checks have resumed. Sessions have taken place on 29th January, 8th February and 15th February to date.

Community Speedwatch Fund application update. Unfortunately, the application process has been rather slow. However, we are hopeful that we will be awarded at least one speed camera as the Police have been in contact to carry out a site assessment very soon. We would like to thank Bob Passmore of Quenington PC who generously gave his time to discuss their camera installations and data management procedures and policies.

Beep Beep! Day is a fantastic opportunity to engage with younger children aged 2-7 all about important road safety issues.

Take part in schools, nurseries, playgroups or childminders as well as youth groups such as Rainbows and Beavers. Brake will provide you with a great action pack, full of ideas and fun activities that focus on three important road safety topics:

Holding hands with a grown-up when walking near roads
Crossing roads at safe places with a grown-up
Using a child seat when travelling by car.

Beep! Beep! Day - Wednesday 23rd April 2023

Packs available here https://www.brake.org.uk/get-involved/professionals/teachers-and-youth-workers/beep-beep-days?mc_cid=3232e81451&mc_eid=39ad808c95



Tredington Primary School



Taken from the School Newsletter

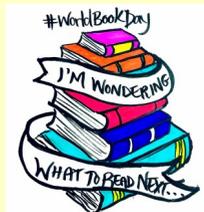
Doesn't time fly—the mornings are brighter; the evenings are longer; and this term seems to be whizzing past!

Calendar dates left this Spring Term

- March 2nd: World Book Day
- March 30th: End of Term
- March 31st INSET

This year, World Book Day is running nationally on **Thursday 2nd of March**. As a school, we recognise that this is an eagerly anticipated event that the children look forward to each year! To ensure we are able to celebrate this event effectively and continue to encourage a 'love for reading', we will be planning a number of fun activities that will take place throughout this day.

Our recent "Get Caught Reading" photo competition produced some great photos! Where did you get caught?—see the Newsletter for photos.



For Safer Internet day, the Schoolbeat Team have put together a short video for parents encouraging them to talk to their children about internet safety. Please click the link below to view the short video.

<https://youtu.be/lEfS-OK70sY>

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Warm wishes,

Mrs Pearce & Mrs Watton

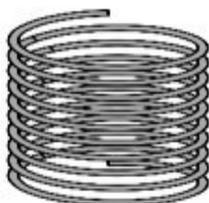
Gloucestershire Learning Alliance
c/o Bishop's Cleeve Primary Academy
Tobyfield Road
Cheltenham
GL52 8NN

 **01242 358017**





Stoke Orchard Community Centre



Spring is just around the corner and what a great time to book the hall for an event, birthday party, business meetings. We have classes for all but if you would like to run a class or book the main hall or meeting room please contact booking@stokeorchard.org

On the 18th March we are showing the last games of The Six Nations, the Bar will be open and all welcome. Look out on social media for the times.



More events will be announced shortly, please look out on social media for more information.

If you need to contact the hall that's not booking related, please email info@stokeorchard.org

The Orchard Store and Amy's Coffee Shop



Don't forget its Mother's Day on the 19th March and we will have a lovely selections of cards for you.



Easter is soon approaching and we will have a great selection of eggs and goodies for you!

As the weather is getting better don't forget to purchase hot & cold beverages, hot & cold snacks, ice creams, sweets from us. Sit outside the hall on the picnic benches and let the children play in the wonderful play park we have here.



Any queries please
contact
info@stokeorchard.org

Thank you for your
continued support and
custom.

March 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@greentreevoga.co.uk
Tuesday	Pilates 09:30-10:30am pilatesbycharlotte@gmail.com		Kettlercise 6:30pm-7.15pm Pilates 7.30-8.00pm tredtraining@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 tredtraining@outlook.com			

Parish and Borough Council Elections—May 1st 2023.

Please ensure that you are registered to Vote at Tewkesbury Borough Council. THIS Election you will need Photographic evidence—driving licence, passport, bus pass or similar when you arrive at the Polling Station.

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 **March** Stoke Orchard and

Tredington. **Blue - Thursday 9th Thursday 23rd**

Green. Thursday 2nd Thursday 16th Thursday 30th

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

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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