

Stoke Orchard and Tredington Newsletter



Spring Daffodils—Oxenhall 19/3/2023

April 2023.

The Monthly Message—April 2023

This month starts with what is for me the most important event of the Church's year: Easter!

In our church services we re-tell the story of Jesus' last days, his death, and then the miraculous event of his resurrection. Having walked through Lent and perhaps (re)made our commitment to following Christ, we follow him into death – and with that, we also follow him in new life.

Although spring starts on the 21st of March, it is in April that nature seems to burst into life: the trees and hedges are greening, blossoms and flowers are out in full, flocks of lambs jump around, the days are getting longer and hopefully sunnier and warmer too. These are signs of new life that are easy to see. But it seems that the new life Jesus portrayed was less easy to see. When Mary Magdalen went to the tomb where Jesus' body was laid and found only the linen wrappings but not his body, she wept in the garden and failed to recognise Jesus, instead presuming him to be the gardener. That is, until he spoke to her: "Mary..."

I think there is something extraordinarily beautiful, significant, and symbolic about the use of the voice, the breath, for Jesus to be recognised. Isn't it the breath that gives us and sustains us through life, the breath that inspires us, the breath that in Jesus' voice speaks of new life after death? Isn't it that same voice that calls all that lives into life? The prophet Isaiah hears the voice of God: "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine" (chapter 43 verse 1b).

I believe we are all called, called into life first of all, then called into becoming the best version of who we are, called into new life where endings are beginnings and beginnings are endings. I wonder whether we can hear that call on our life, or a call on the communities of which we are part, or a call on the benefice. What little or loud voice do you hear? What is it calling you or us to be or become?

As we celebrate the Easter feast at the start of this month, may we walk through life in faith and joy and hope into the new life laid out for us.

Peace and blessings to you all this Eastertide,

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April Church Services

- Sun. 2nd April 9.30am Palm Sunday service at Tredington
- Thurs 6th April 7.00pm Maundy Thursday service at Deerhurs
- Fri. 7th April 10.00am Good Friday Family activities at Tredington Court,
- Fri. 7th April 11am Good Friday walk at Apperley,
- Fri. 7th April 2pm Good Friday Service of Nails at Forthampton
- Sun. 9th April Easter Sunday : - - -
9.30am Easter Communion at Tredington an
11.00am Easter service at Stoke Orchard
- Sun. 16th April 9.30am Holy Communion at Tredington
- Sun. 23rd April 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 APRIL 2023

Tredington and Stoke Orchard W.I. Next meet in Tredington Village Hall at 7.30pm on Tuesday, April 11th for a social evening. Joy & Gill are going to demonstrate beading. Visitors & new members are very welcome. (Congratulations on Celebrating their 75 Anniversary on February 19th 2023—Editor—I should know!!)

Tredington & Stoke Orchard Gardening Club will be meeting in Tredington Village Hall on Monday, April 17th. At 7.30pm for a talk by Mary Fenton on “Summertime in Western Scotland”.

In May we start our visits so please let Bob know if you are able to go on the first visit on **Saturday, May 20th** to Perycroft House & Garden. The visit starts at 11am.

On **June 24th** we are going by coach for a whole day visit to the Oxford Botanic Garden & Arboretum, leaving Tredington at 9.30am. The entrance is £5 plus the cost of the coach. This will depend on how many people go. We would love anyone who would like to join us to contact Bob Stockwell on 01684 294887.

The Village Hall Improvement Committee held a successful Whist Drive on Friday, February 24th And made a profit of £272. We hope to hold another event soon.

Parish and Borough Council Elections—Please note that if you wish to vote on May 4th—you will need to be registered and have Photo Identification. Details available on the Borough Council Website.

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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 canapes.

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 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 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

Local Elections May 4th

The Local Parish Council and Borough Council Elections will be held on May 4th 2023. The Polling Station for the Parish will be in the Community Centre at Stoke Orchard.

If you want to be involved with the Community now is the chance to register yourself as a prospective Councillor for the Parish Council or the Borough Council. Details are available from the Clerk, on the Parish Council Website and on the Borough Council Website.

<https://www.tewkesbury.gov.uk/elections-2023>

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

Details available on the Borough Council Website

LITTER PICK DAY

The Stoke Orchard and Tredington Parish Council and Stoke Orchard Community Centre organised a village litter pick on Sunday 5th March. Twelve residents took part and, in the space of 90 minutes, covered areas including Armstrong Road, the MUGA, the bridle path, Pennycress and Stoke Road from the community Centre to

the motorway bridge. Hot drinks and treats were enjoyed after a great morning's work.

We have limited equipment available at the centre. However, Tewkesbury Borough Council now runs a **litter picking scheme** and residents (over the age of 18 years) who sign up will receive their own equipment. Additionally, you would be covered by the council's indemnity insurance scheme. If a number of residents from both villages sign up, litter picking sessions could be set up more flexibly across our community. Importantly, you are not required to commit to any set time or dates. **Please sign up today!** <https://www.tewkesbury.gov.uk/forms/volunteer-litter-picking-scheme-registration>



New Paved area and Entrance to Playground.



Two new paved areas have been completed this month giving better facilities for the outside tables at the Community Centre while still maintaining a little grassed area. This work has been planned for two years and we have at last managed to secure the \$106

money for the project. The second area is a new entrance for the Playground. The gateway on to the road side has been closed for child safety for over a year now and the new entrance now complies with regulations that all play enclosed play areas have two available exits. The gate will be hung in the next few days and a Safety zone created in the car park.



Richard's Ramblings.

Many of you will know by now that I have decided to retire from the Parish Council. It has been a very difficult choice after serving the community for many years. A time I admit I have found fulfilling but times and circumstances change and we all must move on and let others take responsibility. I have always been interested in our local history and I hope in the next couple of Ramblings to pick a few interesting things I have seen and some I have picked from the Minute Books of the Parish Council since the 1935 when the Council as we know it was formed.



Manor Farm, our family home for 61 years, was bought by Harry Bishop from the Wedgewood Estate in 1909. He was my Great Grandfather and Tewkesbury Mayor in 1917. The Bishop side of the family being traced back to the 1500's in Tewkesbury. That family connection is one of the reasons I am so interested in local history, enjoy the research and am fascinated by the findings.

I was checking some old minutes of the Parish Council this week and an entry in 1846 for Stoke Orchard Parish contains resolutions regarding highways including a request for permission to sell parish property to pay for repairs to roads rendered almost impassable **"from the great quantity of materials which have been drawn along them for the formation of the Rail Road"**; there was also a call for funds for **"repair and alterations to chapel, 1842-1844."** One presumes that is the chapel at the end of Banady Lane—or had that been built by then—it was on the map in 1888? However, the Church of St James the Great was referred to as a chapel in early maps and it could easily have been that building

It was not until 1929 that Tredington became allied to Stoke Orchard instead of Tewkesbury and 1935 when the new Parish Council including both Civil Parishes was formed. That was under the Cheltenham Rural District Council that covered us up until 1974. The joining of the two civil parishes previously under different District Councils appears to have caused some rearranging as rates and responsibilities had to be apportioned elsewhere.

The first Annual Meeting of the new Council on the 20th September 1935, was held at Tredington School with Mr W. Clegg in the Chair and Messrs. E Savery, W. Glover and F.J. Harris attending. After preliminaries were covered, the main business was to arrange with the Cheltenham RDC that the whole Parish should be covered by the Cheltenham Fire Brigade, provided that the costs would not be too high! Following that, Mr Harris (Uncle Frank as we called him as children) complained that the kerb stones in Tredington were very unsafe and it was agreed that the Clerk should write a letter to the Borough Surveyor to draw his attention to "dangerous stones projecting into the road and liable to cause serious accidents."

The final item on that first meeting was a report that a footpath known in Stoke Orchard as "The Alley" on Dean Lane had been obstructed and passage was difficult. It was agreed to write to the errant landowners that it was essential the all obstructions were to be removed. That is quite amusing as some 50/60 years later we spent several meetings discussing the same problem as to whose responsibility it was to keep that right of way open! And to whom it belonged. In the minutes of the Annual meeting in 1936, the Chairman, Mr. W. Clegg, reported that the roads in Tredington were not receiving the attention they had in the past from the road cleaners, the ditches needed attention and the ditch from the Church gate to the Swilgate should be re-opened, The Village septic tank by the brook needed attention and finally, the footbridge over the Swilgate from Rudge-way needed attention. There are two Rudgeways, and one presumes this is the bridge on the footpath from Tredington Village Hall. The Clerk promised to inform the Borough Surveyor of such matters! Oh Yes, the footpath at Stoke Orchard was now satisfactory as reported by Mr Glover.

Somethings Never Change

90 years on and the same matters still keep coming up!!



Tredington Primary School



Taken from the School Newsletter

We have had lots of exciting developments in school over the last few weeks; these have included the set up of the new EYFS classroom and the arrival of our new gymnastics equipment. Last year, we were fortunate enough to be successful in securing £5000 worth of funding from the Sedbury Trust. As a result, we have been able to purchase new portable wall bars, mats and benches. Over the next few weeks, the staff will be receiving further training in how to use the equipment ready for the children to use within their gymnastics lessons throughout the summer term.

It was wonderful to see so many parents, carers and family members at our Welcome Wednesday session last week. We are continually looking for ways to involve the community within school life and to showcase the amazing work the children have been doing.

It's so nice to be beyond Covid restrictions and out and about again! We've had 2 trips which have taken place over the past fortnight: all of KS2 visited GE Aviation; and Reception and Year 1 joined with Bishops Cleeve Primary to take part in a LEGO workshop last week! The children had a fantastic time on both trips; and behaviour and attitude were absolutely exemplary. We're very proud of how they have represented the school.

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<https://sway.office.com/QVy0EwDUklzeUt7U?ref=email>

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 and Tredington Parish Council Community Speed Watch



Information from Gloucestershire Police Community Speedwatch team:

Stoke Orchard and Tredington CSW monitoring has led to regular visits by the police to conduct enforcement sessions.

Enforcement in 2022:

The speed van visited Stoke Rd on 26 occasions in 2022 resulting in 274 speeders captured, 3 mobile phone use and 14 no seat belts. Tredington at the village hall was visited with hand held cameras on 13 occasions with 106 speeders captured. Stoke Rd by Armstrong Road was also visited on 8 occasions with hand held kit and 23 speeders captured.

Stoke Orchard and Tredington CSW - Summary Information

During 2022, the CSW group operated on 22 occasions from May to December between Stoke Orchard and Tredington identifying 396 speeding vehicles for letters from the police. Note, we are limited now in sending in registrations numbers for 15 vehicles per sessions only. Hence we have reduced monitoring sessions to 30 minutes especially during winter.

So far in 2023, the CSW group operated on 6 occasions recording 75 speeding vehicles forwarded to the police for action.

During a random selection of CSW Camera operations between July 2022 and March 23, the percentage of vehicles speeding varied between 82% and 34% of all vehicles checked. A fuller report will be included in the **Annual Report to Council at the Annual Parish Meeting.**

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



Stoke Orchard Community Centre



The Community Centre is a wonderful place to hire for events and exercise classes. We are an excellent venue for corporate meetings, classes, get-togethers and many more.... To book please email booking@stokeorchard.org

On April 21st April we have a Pub Night, all welcome and you never know it might be warm enough to sit outside on our newly extended pathed area.

The Orchard Store and Amy's Coffee Shop

Easter is early April this year, we have many Easter treats for you and a good selection of Easter Eggs and cards.

Please support the shop as much as you can, we are a not for profit organisation and the recent price increases have made an impact on us so please don't forget to pop in.



Use the newly extended pathed area in front of the hall and purchase hot & cold beverages, hot & cold snacks, ice creams, sweets from us.

Thank you for your continued help.

Any queries please contact info@stokeorchard.org



Stoke Orchard
Community Centre



You're Invited

Coronation Day May 6th

Calling all Residents and members of the Parish, you are all invited to celebrate the Historical event of King Charles III Coronation on the May 6th 2023

WE WILL BE MARKING THIS EVENT BY OPENING UP THE HALL AND CELEBRATING WITH YOU.

IT WILL BE A DAY OF FUN INCLUDING LIVE MUSIC, A CORONATION RAFFLE, THE BAR WILL BE OPEN, BOUNCY CASTLE AND MUCH MORE.

FURTHER DETAILS WILL BE POSTED ON SOCIAL MEDIA AND AT THE HALL IN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS



If you would like to help out as a volunteer please contact

info@stokeorchard.org



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 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		Pub Night Fri 21st
Saturday		Zumba 10-11am michele.darnell@btinternet.com		
Sunday	Kettlercise 09:00-10:00am redtraining@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 6th Thursday 20th

Green. Friday 14th Thursday 27th

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. 9th and 16th—Jane Chatham

April 23rd and 30th - Karen Stewart

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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