

Stoke Orchard and Tredington Newsletter

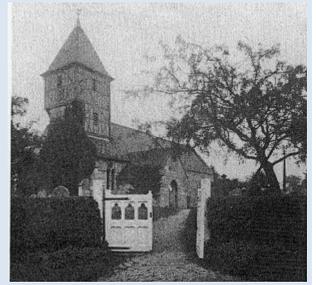


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June 2023.



Monthly Message — June 23



It is June and we are well and truly into what is called ‘Ordinary Time.’ For a while, there are no great festivals or celebrations like Christmas or Easter or Pentecost, there are no seasons of preparation like Advent or Lent, and church life is more-or-less uneventful, things are more on the usual and routine side. And yet, these weeks of Ordinary Time have the potential to be anything but ordinary. In her book *The Liturgical Year*, Joan Chittister, reminds us that the weeks of ordinary time are all about “... *the continuous, faithful, weekly attention to what it means to live out daily what we say we believe when we’re at those mountaintop moments of the spiritual life.*” It is very easy to get swept up in the anticipation and excitement of the mountaintop moments of Christmas and Easter and to feel the exuberant joy of these times. It is not so easy to get excited about ordinary time.

But what an opportunity to take a breath, relax into a calmer phase of church life, and take time to reflect on the impact of the Christmas and Easter events on our daily life! It is also the time of year to experience most vividly the exuberance of God’s great Creation: the wild and garden flowers are in full bloom, insects are buzzing around, the trees are in full strength, and it is the time of year when the days are longest and nights shortest.

If you follow the Anglican daily prayer cycle, on Sunday mornings the Benedicite, also called a Song of Creation, is recited, which starts: “*Bless the Lord all you works of the Lord: sing his praise and exalt him for ever. Bless the Lord you heavens: sing his praise and exalt him for ever. Bless the Lord you angels of the Lord: sing his praise and exalt him*

for ever..."

I don't think I give thanks and praise enough for the ordinary times, and for the ordinary things in life: the flowers and trees and all that grows and lives on earth. And yet I know that giving thanks and praise for these ordinary things can turn them into extra-ordinary things as I realise that each of these are little miracles, perfect and beautiful, in their own right.

What little miracles can you give thanks and praise for?

Peace and blessings to you all,

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Church Services June 2023

- Sunday 4th June 10am Benefice Communion at Apperley
- Sunday 11th June 9.30am Holy Communion at Stoke Orchard
- Sunday 18th June 9.30am Holy Communion at Tredington
- Sunday 25th June 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, June 13th at 7.30pm in Tredington Village Hall. Marguerite Collins will be giving a talk entitled “ Madresfield - the real Brideshead”. We are always pleased to welcome visitors or new members.

Tredington & Stoke Orchard Gardening Club are going on their day visit to Oxford Botanic Garden & Arboretum on Saturday, June 24th. We will be leaving Tredington Village Hall by coach at 9.30am. **Cost is Entry at £5 each plus the cost of the coach**

Date for your Diary! Saturday, August 12th 3 – 5pm **STRAW-BERRY TEA at Home Farm/York Barn.** Tickets: £7 adults & £4 children 10 years & under available from Paddy on 01684 294053.

Tredington & Stoke Orchard PCC held an enjoyable & successful concert in York Barn on Friday, May 5th, prior to the Coronation, & raised £642 towards our Organ & Music Appeal.

HELP! is needed in Stoke Orchard churchyard with mowing. Is there anyone in Stoke Orchard willing to lend a sit on mower or better still, able to mow the grass on a regular basis? If you can help, please ring Roger on 01684 294053

The Tredington News Pages

TREDINGTON TELEPHONE LIBRARY has a good selection of books. All free. Please recycle your read books for others to enjoy. Periodically the books that have sat on the shelves for a while are taken to The Tewkesbury Abbey book stall or the Bookworm Shop in Tewkesbury. This frees up room for more “new” books!

BARN DANCE IN AID OF THE TWO PARISH CHURCHES.

The friends of Tredington and Stoke Orchard Churches are organising a Barn Dance on Saturday 17th June. Tickets are on sale at -

The Orchard Stores and Amy's Coffee Shop

Barn Dance

June 17th 2023

6.30 - 10.00pm. Ploughman's Supper



**Stoke Orchard
Community Centre**

in aid of our 2 Village Churches

Adults £15 Under 12 £10 PAY BAR



STOKE ORCHARD & TREDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Councillors from June 16th 2023 are:-

Cllr Alan McDonald (Chairman) Cllr Andrew Troughton, Cllr James Gilder,
Cllr Tim Jukes, Councillor Graham Ferguson, Councillor Sue Shorrock
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 MeetingThe next Parish Council Meeting will be on Tuesday July 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 AGM on May 16th will be available on the website when approved by Council. www.stokeorchardandtredington.org.uk

An Introduction from the New Parish Council Chairman

With the advent of the retirement of our long-term chairman, Richard Chatham, I am pleased (concerned, aghast), that I have agreed to attempt the job, and to do it justice as he has. The Council would like to officially record our grateful thanks to Richard for his tireless and unstinting work over the four decades he has been elected to the role of Parish Councillor. Much of what he achieved has gone unsung and he has presided over the growth of our villages and our community with great success. I'm sure we all wish him a very happy retirement.

Those who know me will be aware already that my main focus has always been the good of our community, and it is this that will always drive me, not just our lovely Community Centre, but the Parish as a whole. We are a very pro-active council, and our impetus will remain so. I do hope that I can call on you occasionally when community improvement tasks arise, as our small council and band of volunteers who run the hall can get overwhelmed sometimes. It all helps in further forging the fact that Stoke Orchard & Tredington villages are wonderful places to live. Thank you so much for your support, both in the past and in times to come. Alan—Chairman S.O. and T.P.C.



Tredington Primary School



The Annual Report presented at the Annual Parish Meeting 2023.

Number on roll: 72 pupils

Number of classes 4 (EYFS, ½, ¾ and 5/6)

Staff levels:

- ☑ EYFS: - Class teacher - Full time TA (teaching assistant)
- ☑ Year ½: - Class teacher (4 days per week) - Full time TA
- ☑ Year ¾: - Class teacher + 2 x EHCP (Education Health, Care Plan) full time TA
- ☑ Year 5/6: - Class teacher + 1 x EHCP full time TA- Full time TA
- ☑ Leadership and admin: 3 x MDSA (Mid-day supervisor)
 - 1x class PPA (planning, preparation and assessment) cover (3 days per week)
 - School administrator (5 days per week)
 - Behaviour and pastoral lead (1.5 days per week)
 - Pastoral support (0.5 days per week)
 - Head of School (3 days per week)
 - Executive Head (2 days per week)
 - SENDO (1 day per week)

School profile and current context:

We aim for our children to Aspire, Create and Excel in every aspect of education and life. We aim for our children to be happy, successful and able to communicate freely with others. Our children will enjoy a challenge, develop a love of learning and a passion for reading. We encourage our children to explore, create and share their ideas; for them to aspire to make a positive difference to the world around them. We aim to develop in our children a passion for learning; strong moral, social and cultural values; a hard working 'Can do' attitude; a desire to explore and understand the world around them. Every child will have the best possible start.

Memories of 40 Years.

Over the next few Months I want to cover some of the memories of the time I have been elected to the Parish Council. I do NOT want to cover the mundane potholes, blocked drains and dog fouling but the individual episodes that only we - your Parish Council—has been involved in. I certainly will not uncover those matters that did not go well but more those that raised a smile.



Last week, I was up at Bozards Crossing to take yet more photos of steam trains passing by. As a child, the postman, Cyril Fellows would collect me from the farm while on his post round, and take me to the crossing to watch trains while he had his obligatory morning cup of tea with Mrs Bourne, the

Crossing Keeper. Her house was just like this still standing at Brockhampton. Her husband worked on the permanent way - as the track was called, her daughter married our Vicar—Vicar Hughes who was blind in her son Reggie following National Service, joined the railway and the last time I saw him he was in administration at Temple Meads in Bristol after a time in the signal box!

While waiting for the train— Mayflower - late leaving Worcester on the way back to Norwich via London — - LONG day!! - I was talking to some of the other anoraks - about the crossing. Apparently we are well known for the Level Crossing throughout the “Ian Allan Spotters world”



At my third meeting as a Parish Councillor on the 22nd of September 1983, Item 8 on the agenda was a letter from British Rail sent to the Council from the County Surveyor. Asking the Council’s opinion on converting the Level Crossing to an “Automatic half Barrier”? In fact the suggestion was that it might be made a Pedestrian only crossing! Well talk about opening a can of worms!!

Right from the start of the discussions, every possible problem was highlighted. The steep climb over the tracks, the speed of the trains—there would only be 26 seconds from when the lights started to flash until a train travelling at 90 mph would reach the crossing. Suggestions of cattle grids (with Hedgehog ramps) Livestock pens etc. etc. etc.) were added to the response the clerk sent in reply.

On the March 22nd 1984, British Rail submitted plans to which the Council found as many objections as they could but agreed to attend a meeting with BR. At the Watson Hall on 20th June. On the 19th July, Cllr John Harvey who had attended the meeting gave a comprehensive report on the meeting which took a whole page of the Minutes very close typed. One of the interesting items was that, due to the position of the sidings at Ashchurch, any shunting would activate the gates and the crossing closed for up to an hour at a time. The Council still maintained objection and agreed to write the MP. Nicholas Ridley which actually provided little or no support!

In September 1985. Cllrs Chatham and Harvey attended a site meeting with BR and managed to achieve agreement on concessions from BR for the provision of Cattle grids, stock proof fences, Live stock gates, - Hedgehog Ramps and anti livestock racking between the tracks. Following this meeting , in November 1985 the County Council made the decision that it would be cheaper to keep the gates and all local farmers would have keys for their own personal use. The Borough Council had also agreed that would not give the required Planning Permission any way in view of the safety reasons..

By May 1986—the Half Barriers still had not been agreed. However, they were finally fitted as BR agreed to cover the costs of all the safety items requested by the Parish Council. It still remains the most expensive rural Half Barrier crossing. However, some 15 years ago I received a phone call to say that two young rider-less horses had jumped the cattle grid and were on the main line. I rang the Emergency services and within minutes all trains between Gloucester and Birmingham were halted whilst three of us managed to round them up and escort them from the tracks .

Nearly 40 years later, Network Rail, whilst realigning and levelling the tracks for an increased 125 mph track speed, finally regraded the crossing to make it safer for vehicles to cross. It tells a salutary tale—do NOT mess with the



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Orchard and Tredington Parish Council. Though we still have problems getting Network Rail or whatever, to repair the fencing on the Stoke Road Railway Bridge!!

In March 1983, the last meeting my father was a Councillor and just before

I took his place, the Headmistress at Tredington School wrote to the Council asking if it was possible to construct a layby so that children could walk to their parent's cars without risking life and limb walking along the road. The Head also reported that the Parents Teachers association had suggested a footpath be constructed from Tredington. At the meeting the Councillors did discuss both ideas but said that it might be better if Parents parked their cars between School corner and the Motorway Bridge. It is beyond belief that the Council might suggest that, as even with a speed limit the idea of children walking around School corner gives one nightmares but does give an idea how much the traffic has increased in 40 years.

In reality, the footpath was considered several times with a footpath on the inside of the hedge. However we finally started work on the footpath from Tredington to the School in 1997, finally getting approval in 1998 and with the support of Captain Berrill –Daly, the land owner who supported the idea, £30,000 from the Landfill Tax combined with the support of GCC Highways who built "the Millenium Footpath" was finally opened in 2000.

The School Car Park, another Parish Council Project followed and was completed in 2005. It might take a time—but we do get things done!!



Stoke Orchard and Tredington Parish Council Community Speed Watch



May Update:

- On Thursday 18th May, 4 members of the CSW and 2 police PCSOs joined year 3 and 4 children at Tredington Primary to conduct traffic surveys and speed monitoring. This was agreed following a meeting at the school to discuss ongoing concerns about speeding.



- The children learned about the role of CSW and the police, asking lots of thoughtful questions.



- The police enforcement sites in Tredington and Stoke Orchard

have recently been updated in light of the concerns about speeding outside the school. These are:

- **Tredington—the stretch of straight road—most of the main village**
- **Tredington Primary School (40mph)**
- **Stoke Orchard - Manor Farm**
- **Stoke Orchard - Stoke Road/Armstrong Road junction**
- **Stoke Orchard - Waterloo Farm**



**Please help to reduce
speeding with our villages -
don't exceed 30 MPH and
please drive thoughtfully
past our school !!**



The Orchard Store and Amy's Coffee Shop

June is a time for BBQ's, drinks outside, icecreams and outdoor entertaining with friends and family. We have all the basics you need to start your entertaing!



Buy a hot drink, icecream, snacks and sit at the picnic benches. Don't forget to shop here and use us! As a community shop our margins are very tight and the more you shop and support us the more we can provide for the Community.

If you would like to be a volunteer here please let the staff know. We welcome any help!

If you have any questions regarding the shop or there is something you want that we don't stock or you need to contact someone please email

info@stokeorchard.org

STOKE ORCHARD COMMUNITY CENTRE

What a month May was! We had a wonderful day celebrating the King's Coronation despite the inclement weather!



And we had some very special guests including the Lord Lieutenant of Gloucestershire – Edward Gillespie and Star Wars characters!

The Coronation raffle was a great success and we will release the amount raised shortly. Thank you to everyone that donated a prize and all the volunteers that worked the event.



June brings the promise of better weather and the play park is an ideal place to sit at the picnic tables and watch the children play. The hall has a good selection of classes, but more would be great! If you know of anyone wanting to start a new class and is looking for space please ask them to contact booking@stokeorchard.org.

Thank you for your support as ever.

June '23 Class timetable

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

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| Monday | Zumba 09:30-10:30am michele.darnell@btinternet.com | | | Yoga 7pm – 8:00pm info@greentreevoga.co.uk |
| Tuesday | Pilates 09:30-10:30am pilatesbycharlotte@gmail.com | U3A Art Appreciation 20th June. | Kettlecise 6:30pm-7.15pm Pilates 7.30-8.00pm tredtraining@outlook.com | |
| Wednesday | Stoke Orchard Toddler 9.30am - 11:00am | | | Zumba 7.00pm-8.00pm michele.darnell@btinternet.com |
| Thursday | | | U3a Science 8th June 2.00pm to 4.00pm | Hatha Yoga 7.30-8.45pm sadiehawson@gmail.com |
| Friday | Pilates 09:30-10:30am GravityFitness@live.co.uk | | | Pub Night - Bingo May 30th. |
| Saturday | | Zumba 10–11am michele.darnell@btinternet.com | | |
| Sunday | Kettlecise 09:00-10:00am tredtraining@outlook.com | | | |

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

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| Priest in Charge | Revd Ilse Ferwerda | 01452 780880 | apperleypriest@gmail.com |
| Assistant Priest | Rev. Kay Mundy | 01452 780634 | therevkaymundy@gmail.com |
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| 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 **June** Stoke Orchard and

Tredington.

Blue - Friday 2nd Thursday 15th

Green. Thursday 8th Thursday 22nd

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.

June— 4th and 11th Ann Reeves

June –18th and 25th Val Palmer

T.Bus Timetable—

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

Tewkesbury to Bishops Cleeve

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| 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

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