

# Stoke Orchard and Tredington Newsletter



**A Summer's Day in the Garden.**

**July 2023.**



**Monthly Message**  
— June23  
**Editorial July 2023**



How are you enjoying the outdoors?

Thanks to Rachel's hard work, the Vicarage garden looks great! My roses are just a riot of yellow against the fence and I've never known so many colours and different varieties of green in the trees and grasses and hedges and bushes!

Nature is at its most abundant now. And there's a fine line between allowing it to grow as it wants, and taming it enough to bring out the best in it. We've had 'no mow May' to encourage wildlife; we've had the Great Big Green Week in Apperley and Deerhurst with all sorts of fantastic nature displays and ideas to help and support wildlife; our churchyards look great because they are cared for so well by a team of enthusiastic volunteers – thank you so much!; and if you want to try a 'stroll with a difference' then Apperley churchyard has a prayer walk with poetry and prayers and prompts to help you reflect and find some peace and quiet – thank you Kay!

Caring for nature is part of our 'work' as Christians. Starting with Genesis, where humans are tasked with caring for nature and all that lives, to Psalm 104 which speaks of human's care for God's wonderful creation, to Job 12 reminding us of the wisdom of God's creation, and to the parables of Jesus, for example in the Gospel of Matthew chapters 6, 7, and especially chapter 13, there are plenty of examples of the expect-

tation that we will look to, learn from, care for, and tend to God's creation. Matthew chapter 6 verses 28-29: 'See how the lilies of the field grow. They do not labour or spin. Yet I tell you that even Solomon in all his splendour was dressed like one of these.'

Nature is glorious indeed, especially at this time of year.

How do you care for nature? And how does nature care for you, how does it feed and nourish your soul?

Enjoy the outdoors!

Peace and blessings to you all,

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### **Church Services July 2023**

- Sunday 2nd July 9.30am Morning Worship at Tredington
- Sunday 9th July 9.30am Holy Communion at Stoke Orchard
- Sunday 16th July 9.30am Holy Communion at Tredington
- Sunday 23rd July 9.30am Holy Communion at Stoke Orchard
- Sunday 30th July 10am Benefice Communion at Chaceley - everyone welcome!

### ***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 JULY 2023

**TREDINGTON & STOKE ORCHARD WI** next meet on Tuesday, July 11th at 7.30pm in Tredington Village Hall. Chris O'Grady is coming to speak to us on "Fakes & Fortune, Dealers & Forgers, Art & Design". Chris is willing to give an informal assessment of any small item we would like to bring to the meeting. He is an excellent speaker so do come if you can. Visitors & new members are always welcomed.

In August we are having an informal visit to Stanhope Manor near Worcester. The date to be confirmed.

**Date for your Diary:** Friday, September 1<sup>st</sup> We are holding **a Garden Party** at Tredington Court ( by kind invitation of Roy & Vivienne Troughton) . Tickets are £15 for adults & £10 for children under 12.

## **TREDINGTON & STOKE ORCHARD GARDENING CLUB**

are visiting Kiftsgate Court Gardens at Mickleton, Chipping Campden, GL55 6LR on Monday, July 17<sup>th</sup>. Meeting at the gardens at 2pm. Independent travel but if you require a lift please contact Bob on 01684 294887.

# The Tredington News Pages

## TREDINGTON & STOKE ORCHARD GARDENING CLUB ANNUAL STRAWBERRY TEA

SATURDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2023 3.00 – 5.00PM

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## 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 Shorrocks  
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](mailto: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 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](http://www.stokeorchardandtredington.org.uk)**

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Dear All,

Welcome to my first summary of all things community based this month. I guess I should say thank you for not hassling me too much in my first month. As you can imagine, with the departure of our long-term chair, Richard, there is an awful lot of admin change and shifting around to be done, along with me trying to remember all the small tasks I should be remembering to do. It can be quite daunting. However, I will keep doing what I have in the past and will always be focused on good change and upkeep within our two villages.

As you know, the public open space on the Orchard Estate was finally handed over prior to Richard's departure, along with a substantial sum of money to enable us to maintain it for the next fifteen years. How we manage that will ensure that it will not impact on the precept hopefully for the foreseeable future, and ways of investing it wisely are being sought.

We have managed to get a £1000 Health & Wellbeing grant from TBC,

which will be used to begin forming a community garden on the Pen-y-cress Estate pear tree land. Planting will be later in the year, as in these dry conditions any new shrubs would die pretty quickly. We hope it can become a quiet area to sit and draw breath! Any green-fingered residents close by who would like to potter there, please do so with the council's blessing.

The tennis nets are now up at the MUGA so please head down there and emulate your Wimbledon heroes. We are also looking at costs to replace the basketball hoop back-boards and any other maintenance issues.

I have heard today that we have finally secured the monies to allow us to go ahead with the pump track behind the MUGA, which we consulted on last year. This will be another big asset for our community and its children and will provide greater facilities & options for our kids and their exercise. Three quotes have been sourced and the best design will be approved at the next pc meeting.

On June 1<sup>st</sup>, we had a meeting with the M5 junction 10 team, at which our main concern was both the volume and speed of the traffic through both villages. Following on from the meeting we had had with them last year, they had come up with several mitigating ideas, such as crossing points, pavement widening, road surface marking; even average speed cameras. More information from them is being sought as to the most effective measures, which could reduce both the volume of traffic and their velocity.

Aside from that there is a constant stream of admin information, planning apps, and hall-related issues, that ensure there is never a dull moment to be had!

On a final note, the volunteers that are on the council, and that run the hall and shop, are often overwhelmed with the amount that needs done. It would be such a help if anyone who likes our lovely community and loves living here, could spare an hour from time to time, as there are so many little jobs to do especially around the hall.

Kind regards. Alan MacDonald. Chairman—S.O.& T.P.C.

## Richard's Ramblings

### Memories from 40 years on the Council.

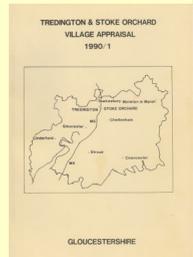
Over the past 6 years or so I have covered all sorts of developments in the Parish. For such a small Parish of just over 2450 acres, we must have one of the most comprehensive utility and transport infrastructures in any rural Parish in the UK. In 1841, the main Birmingham to Gloucester railway line was the first major construction. The M5 cut the Parish in



half in 1969/70, followed quickly by a 36inch gas main from Milford Haven to Newcastle Upon Tyne, The 132,000 overhead Pylon Line from Boddington to Tewkesbury in 1974, a 24 inch water main the next year from Tewkesbury to the Harp Hill Reservoir supplying water for Cheltenham and making Dowdeswell Reservoir re-

dundant. Then when the 36 inch gas main was completed, an 11 inch and 8 inch main were laid from Fiddington to Cheltenham and back alongside the railway line. Since then we have had another 24 inch gas main adding to the National Gas Grid and a second 24 inch water main which is part of an interconnecting system nationwide as a back up in case of Emergency. our natural position within the County will never change, however , we can do our best to maintain quality of life.

In 1990, Councils were asked to carry out Village Appraisals—to which I have made reference in the past. It was really a forerunner of the Neighbourhood Development Plan allowing residents to have their say about the future of their Parish. The Committee was formed from Councillors and local residents and for some reason I was elected as Chairman.



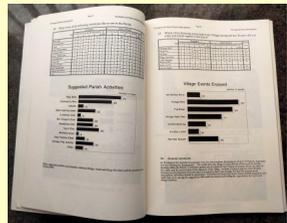
It was, and still is, an interesting insight into the feelings of local residents about what they like and what upsets them about where they live. In true Stoke Orchard and Tredington fashion, our Appraisal was probably amongst the most comprehensive of any rural one of its type. We had 110 individual questions where as many considered 50 was ample!! We were very fortunate to have been sponsored or at least supported, by the Coal Board who employed one of their apprentices to ..

analyse all the results making graphs and pie charts using the comprehensive computer equipment and skills available at the CRE.

The Committee were formed and held their first meeting on the 27th November 1989. The Committee met on 32 occasions giving a total of 650 man hours in Committee with many more at home in preparation and analysis. It was interesting to note that the census of 1871 recorded a population of 238 in the two villages, By 1991 that figure had only risen to 329.

128 questionnaires were circulated on a household basis. With 117 being returned, 108 completed and usable. For this type of exercise, it was a very high percentage and showed the commitment of the Committee, the circulation teams and the residents to the whole project. The Subjects covered were varied from Housing and Future development, Parish Council, the Environment, Public Services, The Church, Utilities, Education and general items of interest within the Community. Niggles were microlights, the Tip, Bonfires and the Gun Club. Popular items included the list of Village events enjoyed by all.

It was agreed that it would be a working reference document for the different groups within the Community to act upon when they thought fit. So what was the outcome and what were the benefits achieved.



The need for the Village Hall to be updated was noted, but also a suggestion that a totally new building was needed to act as a Community Centre with a Community Bus and Shop. A request for a footpath to the School and also a School car park. Under Parish Council, a need for wider use of the Newsletter for better communication, footpath map on display in both villages, and a bungalow development for older people. A serious call for new social clubs, keep fit and associations from which the Gardening Club, the Bridge Club, the Village choir and extension of the Neighbourhood Watch scheme came about. The need for Children's Play areas was highlighted and a Youth Club. We now have all of the above except for the Youth Club. Ron Barlow and I ran the last youth Club in Tredington 40 years ago. We have all the facilities, we have the children, we might just manage a Youth Club again one day.



# Tredington Primary School



Dear Parents and Carers,

Time is flying as we start the final 5 weeks of the summer term. The summer term always has a focus on transition and the children will begin to focus on their 'next steps' for September. This will include time for the children to meet their new teacher as well as the Year 6 cohort visiting their secondary schools.

The summer term is always filled with sporting events and it was wonderful to hear about the success of the Pentathlon event which took place on Tuesday. The group of children of Year 3 and 4 children reached the final and came fourth overall- a great achievement! **Our sports day is planned to take place on Tuesday 11th of July and we will be holding our annual summer disco on Wednesday 12th of July- more information will follow shortly.**

Our recent **Parents Advisory Group** meeting took place on Wednesday 21st of June and we had a full agenda ready for discussion. As you will already know, Tredington Primary school is part of the Gloucestershire Learning Alliance. This Multi-Academy Trust has eight schools and is led by the Chief Executive Officer and governed by the Gloucestershire Learning Alliance Trust Board. In order to create a formal interface between parents and the Trust Board, the Trust runs 'Parent Advisory Groups' in each GLA Trust school. This group takes the place of the Local Governing Body for the school. The Parent Advisory Group will meet three times a year with the Head teacher and also a representative from the Trust Board. During the meetings, we plan to share ideas, information and proposals for the school as well as invite feedback on different aspects of the school and Trust from a parent and community perspective. Meetings will take place from 6pm – 8pm and will be held at Tredington Primary School. We were lucky enough to have four representatives who attended meetings this year, all of whom have supported over a two-year cycle and



# Tredington Primary School



will be reaching the end of their term. We are now looking to appoint new members to the team in preparation for the next academic year.

**If you would like to be considered for nomination, please contact [head.TPS@glatrust.org.uk](mailto:head.TPS@glatrust.org.uk)** where we require a brief explanation about your interest in undertaking this important role. The closing date for returning your nomination is Friday 7th July. This is an exciting opportunity for you to make a positive difference for the children of Tredington! We look forward to hearing from you.

## **Year 5 and 6 Residential Breakaway!!**

The Year 5 and 6 children had a fantastic time at Braeside Residential last month and were excellent role models for the school during their two night stay. The children took part in a range of activities including zip line, climbing, canoeing, team building, mountain biking and survival skills. It was wonderful to watch the children try new activities and face their fears. The sun shone throughout the busy three days and there was great teamwork, resilience and determination throughout.



Well done to all who took part in this exciting and character building trip.

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**Warm wishes,  
Mrs. Helen Pearce &  
Mrs. Emily Watton**

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## Stoke Orchard and Tredington Parish Council Community Speed Watch



**July 2023**

Speeding offences nationally have soared by 16 percent to a new eight-year high according to figures released recently by Churchill Motor Insurance. In Gloucestershire, convictions for speeding offences in 2022 rose 100% from 1,471 to 2,941. It's well established that speeding is a major factor in road traffic accidents and deaths (<https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S2590198222001865>)

### **Royal Society for the Prevention Of Accidents - Top Ten Tips to stay within the Speed Limit**

Many car drivers unintentionally exceed the speed limit, often without realising it. Modern cars are so powerful and comfortable they give drivers little sensation of their speed. It is too easy to creep above the limit, and in particular, many drivers believe it is difficult to drive a modern car at no more than 30 mph on a road with a 30 mph limit. Drivers are responsible for the speeds at which they choose to drive, but there are some simple and practical things drivers who find it difficult to stay with speed limits can do to help themselves.

1. Check your speedometer regularly, especially when leaving high speed roads
2. Know the limits – look for signs, especially at junctions
3. Assume lamp posts mean 30 mph, until signs say otherwise, but remember it could be 20 mph
4. Remember, speed limits are a maximum, not a target
5. 20's plenty when kids are about – and may even be too fast
6. Try no higher than 3rd gear in a 30 mph limit
7. Recognise what makes you speed - keeping up with traffic, overtaking or being tailgated



**STOKE ORCHARD COMMUNITY CENTRE and  
THE ORCHARD STORE AND AMY'S COFFEE SHOP**

**Summer is here!**



Come and see us at the Hall, join a class and finish off by having a drink and a slice of cake in the shop. We have a lovely seating area at the front of the hall with a fantastic playpark!



Both the Shop and the Hall take a great deal of time to run, manage and maintain and sometimes the jobs are overwhelming. If you would like to volunteer to help in the shop or the hall please let us know.

To be part of the volunteer group is great fun but you also have a sense of accomplishment and community cohesiveness.

Contact [info@stokeorchard.org](mailto:info@stokeorchard.org) if you want to know more details.

To book the hall for events or classes please email [booking@stokeorchard.org](mailto:booking@stokeorchard.org)

**PLEASE SUPPORT OUR WONDERFUL SHOP AND HALL!**



# Stoke Orchard Community Centre

## July '23 Class timetable

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

Monday	<b>Zumba</b> 09:30-10:30am <a href="mailto:michele.darnell@btinternet.com">michele.darnell@btinternet.com</a>			<b>Yoga</b> 7pm – 8:00pm <a href="mailto:info@greentreeyoga.co.uk">info@greentreeyoga.co.uk</a>
Tuesday	<b>Pilates</b> 09:30-10:30am <a href="mailto:pilatesbycharlotte@gmail.com">pilatesbycharlotte@gmail.com</a>	<b>U3A</b> <b>Art Appreciation-2</b> <b>4.00pm July 18th</b>	<b>Kettlercise</b> 6:30pm-7.15pm <b>Pilates 7.30-8.00pm</b> <a href="mailto:tredtraining@outlook.com">tredtraining@outlook.com</a>	
Wednesday	<b>Stoke Orchard Toddler</b> 9.30am - 11:00am Last session -July 12th Back in September			<b>Zumba</b> <b>7.00pm-8.00pm</b> <a href="mailto:michele.darnell@btinternet.com">michele.darnell@btinternet.com</a>
Thursday		<b>U3a Science</b> July 6th 2.00pm to 4.00pm	<b>Chichi - fit</b> 6.00pm - 6.50pm	<b>Hatha Yoga</b> 7.30-8.45pm <a href="mailto:sadiehawson@gmail.com">sadiehawson@gmail.com</a>
Friday	<b>Pilates</b> 09:30-10:30am <a href="mailto:GravityFitness@live.co.uk">GravityFitness@live.co.uk</a>			<b>Pub Night - July</b> <b>14th.</b>
Saturday		<b>Zumba</b> 10-11am <a href="mailto:michele.darnell@btinternet.com">michele.darnell@btinternet.com</a>		
Sunday	<b>Kettlercise</b> 09:00-10:00am <a href="mailto:tredtraining@outlook.com">tredtraining@outlook.com</a>			

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

Priest in Charge	Revd Ilse Ferwerda	01452 780880	<a href="mailto:apperleypriest@gmail.com">apperleypriest@gmail.com</a>
Assistant Priest	Rev. Kay Mundy	01452 780634	<a href="mailto:therevkaymundy@gmail.com">therevkaymundy@gmail.com</a>
Priest in Charge	Revd Ilse Ferwerda	01452 780880	<a href="mailto:apperleypriest@gmail.com">apperleypriest@gmail.com</a>
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	<a href="mailto:hpearce@glatrust.org.uk">hpearce@glatrust.org.uk</a>
Tredington Church Hall/ Village Hall	Frank Jukes	01684 292143	<a href="mailto:tredingtonvillagehall@gmail.com">tredingtonvillagehall@gmail.com</a>
Stoke Orchard Community Centre Bookings	Helen MacDonald	07437 533 132	<a href="mailto:info@stokeorchard.org">info@stokeorchard.org</a>

Recycling and Waste Collection Dates for **July** Stoke Orchard and

**Tredington.**

**Blue - Thursday 13th Thursday 27th**

**Green. Thursday 6th Thursday 20th**

**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.**

**July— 2nd and 9th Julie Jukes**

**July –16th and 23rd Mary Jukes July 30th Vicky Ward.**

### T.Bus Timetable—

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

**Tewkesbury to Bishops Cleeve**

<a href="#">Stoke Orchard, nr The Orchard</a>	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**

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