

# **Stoke Orchard and Tredington Newsletter**



**Freshly hatched butterfly drying its wings –Aug 22.**

## **September 2023**



## Monthly Message — September 2023



Doesn't September have a different 'flavour' to August? From summer holidays and long warm sunny days (well, that's in a good year... 2023 seems to have had rather a lot of cool, wet and grey days!) to golden sunshine, earlier sunsets, and early in the morning the smell of autumn already there. Although there is lots to harvest still, the season of peak growth in nature is over and creation in the Northern hemisphere is almost imperceptibly beginning to slow down.

With the start of a new school / academic year, many of us may feel the stress of managing different timetables loom over us again. The needs of family and friends combined with work and education means many of us may struggle to find time to fit everything in, or have to make difficult choices between what we want and what is actually possible.

This applies to me, too. And I recognise the temptation to fill each and every day in my diary with something-or-other. That in itself is not necessarily a bad thing, as some of the 'somethings' may be things I love doing, or things that restore me. But that temptation to be 'busy' all the time may also make us forget or ignore what is important to us, especially if our busyness leaves us with no free time to do with as we choose.

A few people have expressed an interest in reading together the book by American author Walter Brueggemann '*Sabbath as Resistance: saying No to the Culture of Now.*' In this book he calls out the 24/7 society and argues that a sabbath, regular time out, can help us to focus on what is truly important: God, other people, all life. My suggestion is we read this book chapter by chapter and discuss what we've read on a

Friday afternoon between 1.30-2.30pm, starting on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October.

Trying to find a rhythm of life after the summer holidays is tricky. If even God takes 1 day a week off to rest, surely we can try to take if not one day then a morning, afternoon, or evening off?

If you'd like to join, please get in touch via [apperleypriest@gmail.com](mailto:apperleypriest@gmail.com) or 01452 780880.

May your business be by choice, and may you enjoy the opportunities for restoration of body, mind, and spirit, and peace and blessings to you all,

Ilse

### **Church Services August 2023**

- Sunday 3rd Sept 9.30am Morning Worship at Tredington
- Sunday 10th Sept 9.30am Holy Communion at Stoke Orchard
- Sunday 17th Sept 10am Benefice Communion at Tredington
- Sunday 24th Sept 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

Invite you to their fund-raising  
**PIMMS, PLOUGHMAN'S & PUDDING EVENING**

On **FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup>**

At **TREDINGTON COURT** (by kind permission of Roy & Vivienne Troughton)

From **5PM – 7.30PM**

**There will be a tombola** (any unwanted gifts gratefully received)

**Tickets: £15 adults & £10 children under 12** available from Gill on 07891 437 335 or Viv on 01684 293540

Next meeting of the WI will be in Tredington Village Hall is on **Tuesday, September 12<sup>th</sup> at 7,30pm**. Michael Bottomley will be speaking on "Edith Cavell – Forgotten Heroine". We are always pleased to welcome visitors or new members.

**TREDINGTON & STOKE ORCHARD GARDENING CLUB** next meet on **Monday, September 18<sup>th</sup> in Tredington Village Hall at 7:30pm**. Our speaker will be Julie Ritchie talking on "Late Summer Colour".

## **THE VILLAGE HALL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE**

As promised our next event is **A WHIST DRIVE on Friday, September 29<sup>th</sup> in Tredington Village Hall at 7pm**.

**Tickets: £8 to include a light supper & tea/coffee**. Please bring your own drinks & glasses if you wish. Ring Paddy on 01684 294053 for tickets.



## STOKE ORCHARD & TREDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Councillors from June 16th 2023 are:-

Clr Alan McDonald (Chairman) Clr Andrew Troughton, Clr James Gilder,  
Clr 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](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 September 5th 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 meeting on July 11th will be available on the website when approved by Council. [www.stokeorchardandtredington.org.uk](http://www.stokeorchardandtredington.org.uk)**

\*\*\*\*\*

**August is Holiday time—more news next month.**



## Richard's Ramblings

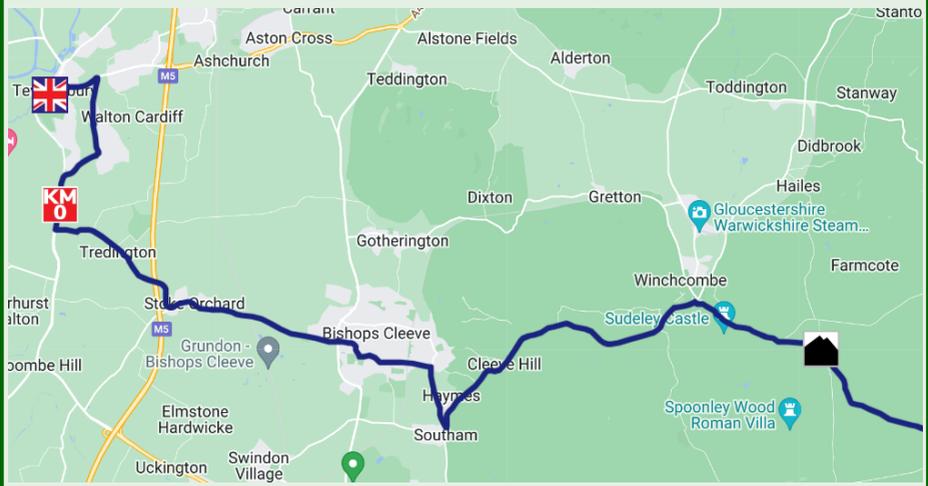
Tour of Britain. September 9th 2023

I must be getting a little cynical in my old age—yes, I have been accused of that from time to time. All this sudden flurry of road improvements, like it was, just 12 months ago, when the peace of the villages was shattered by planers and tar spreaders working through the night to repair and relay our local highways.



The reason is on Saturday September 9th, the penultimate Stage 7, of this year's Tour of Britain will dash through Parish and the road surface must be perfect.

The Stage will start from the Crescent in Tewkesbury at 11.00am and will wind its way along Barton Street, then the bypass past Wheatpieces and up on to the A38. Just past the entrance to Southwick Farm, the Chief Marshall car will pull away from the cyclists and the days racing will start in full. Expect them in the villages from 11.05 - make sure you are ready early and do NOT plan to go by road anywhere for an hour or so either side! We shall be lucky to see





the riders jostling for early places and the whole 'peleton' in one stream will be a real sight to see.



Those of us who watched the riders dash down Cleeve Hill back in 2014 will remember the excitement and the atmosphere created by the dozens of team cars with spare bikes on the roof, police motor cycles clearing the roads and television cameras speeding by then suddenly, it was gone.

The route for our stage will give the riders some serious climbs uphill and very dangerous descents down as the race follow a tortuous route through the Cotswolds on their 106 ml stage 7.

The ride will take them up to Winchcombe, then a steep climbing on up to Guiting Power, across the scarp to Cirencester, Minchinhampton Common and the long haul to Tetbury and down to Yate. Then back up to Wotton Under Edge, the very steep climb up Cotswold Edge and on to the sharp drop down to Stroud and the final dash past Painswick to finish in Gloucester Docks around 3.00pm.—3.20pm.

Enjoy your own Grandstand seats!



## Richard's Ramblings 95 (or 96 Not sure now!)

### The Port of Gloucester.

Trying to find a new topic that is locally related becomes quite difficult when you reach in excess of 90 Rambles. When our Four was out training a few weeks ago, we boated at the new Gloucester Rowing Club Boat house on the Gloucester to Sharpness canal and rowed upstream towards the docks. Upstream I hear you ask? Yes the Gloucester to Sharpness canal actually flows, but we will come back to that later.

Elizabeth 1st granted Gloucester the status of a Customs Port in 1580 and it has been one of the furthest inland ports in the British Isles since that date. Here is a modern photo of the old Customs' House on the corner of Quay Street by Castlemeads. Sadly the building needs steel reinforcing now. For many years it was an Off-licence in the days before alcohol was on sale in shops



The main imports into Gloucester were timber and corn and the predominance of timber yards down the banks of the Sharpness Canal are still ample evidence of the trade. I started with my row up-stream from the Gloucester Boathouse and after negotiating the Hempsted Bridge, now only for pedestrians but it still opens to allow barges to come through, we rowed along past Canada Wharf and the old timber yards of Price Walker, Griggs



Timber, Nicks Timber and so many others. "Canada Wharf"? Well most of the imported timber was shipped from Canada and my old school friend Chris Drury, at one time family owners of Nick's Timber, told me how they would have to raise many thousand of £'s to pay for the timber before it left Canada. Most of the

Timber yards had their own steam powered saws and the timber arrived in big baulks often stored under water in the canal to keep them moist until they were needed. Probably the most famous of those who stored their timber under the water were Morelands Matches. On the bend at the end of the Bristol road were massive beds where the timber lay until

It was brought into the factory on horse drawn drays at one time, to the factory opposite the Wagon works to be sliced into match sticks.

The massive warehouses in the Docks bear the names of millers like Priday Metford who milled the corn in to bread and biscuit flour or stored it for transport onwards to the Midlands by rail. There were over 20 Corn merchants and millers at one time and in the mid 1800's over 350,000 tons (imperial) of foreign corn was imported through Gloucester and up to 50,000 tons of Irish and British coastal imports. Our own Healings Mill in Tewkesbury was once the most modern flour mills in western Europe. It is so sad to see it empty and decaying now.



Of course, Gloucester Docks has been the back drop of many films and such television standards as the Onedin line.



So lets go back to the Sharpness canal, does it flow? Yes it

does, there are a set of massive pumps on the west side of the main Docks basin which pump water up out of the Severn into the Canal. Thence it flows down the canal to a point above Sharpness where it is pumped to Bristol for their water supply. Sadly, this has caused a serious expense in the last few years as the pumps brought a great deal of silt up into the docks which is having to be dredged up and taken down the canal by barge. The Docks and the Canal at Saul Junction are well worth a visit. Saul Junction is where the Stroud Water Canal branches off to link with the Thames and this canal is under reconstruction. I will come back to that on the next Ramble as that is also worthy of a visit and the visitor centre offers canal rides.



Photo by Ben Shade



# Stoke Orchard and Tredington Parish Council Community Speed Watch



## August Update:

*Speed is a critical issue for the safety of our roads – no one was ever killed by a stationary vehicle. Speeding traffic can also make our communities noisier and more polluted, discouraging walking and cycling. BRAKE <https://www.brake.org.uk/>*

## Why speed matters?

Speed can be the difference between life and death. The speed a vehicle is travelling dictates whether or not a driver will be able to stop in time to avoid a crash and, if they can't stop, the force of the impact when they crash.

Breaking the speed limit (or travelling too fast for conditions) is recorded by police at crash scenes as a contributory factor in around a third of all fatal crashes and a quarter of crashes resulting in serious injury



An average speed reduction of

# 1mph

reduces crash frequency by 5%

**However, it is important to remember that speed is always a contributory factor to a road crash.**

Let's talk about...

ROAD SAFETY WEEK

19-25 November 2023

# SPEED

Five people die on roads every day > Why do we still think it's OK to speed?

[www.brake.org.uk/RoadSafetyWeek](http://www.brake.org.uk/RoadSafetyWeek)

Brake

APFAL

APFAL

in a collision means it was going too fast to have stopped in time.





## Stoke Orchard and Tredington Parish Council Community Speed Watch



Whether or not a vehicle is judged to have been speeding, the fact it was involved in a collision means it was going too fast to have stopped in time.

Towns, villages and cities should be places where people are free to make safe and healthy journeys. Unfortunately, in many places in the UK, inappropriate speed limits and a lack of safe places to walk and cycle away from traffic, make movement dangerous, particularly for vulnerable road users, including children and the elderly.

For people to make safe and healthy journeys where they live, they need:

- Safe footpaths and cycle paths, separated from motorised traffic
- Safe places to cross roads
- Slow traffic
- Clean traffic

**CSW continues to work within the Parish Council in seeking improvements to the roads serving our villages, collaborating with Gloucestershire Highways and police teams**



19-25  
November  
2023

Five people die on roads every day > Why do we still think it's OK to speed?

[www.brake.org.uk/RoadSafetyWeek](http://www.brake.org.uk/RoadSafetyWeek)



About 10 years ago, a Phoenix was rising from the ashes of the Coal Research Establishment, here is a story board I made at the time.



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

## Sunny August We Hope!



The Volunteer Morning tidying up the Play Park, the shop Car park, all the block paving, pavements and surrounds was a great success and many thanks to those who gave up a couple of hours on a Sunday Morning to make the difference a Little help is worth a lot of Pity.

**All volunteers are welcome and gratefully received!**

**Some classes have had a Summer break, This is the August Schedule—please check with your provider to ensure dates and times**

We do have some availability for any last minute hires/ parties. If you would like to book please email

[booking@stokeorchard.org](mailto:booking@stokeorchard.org) a.s.a.p.

**Please SUPPORT your local Community Shop!**

The Orchard Store has many delectable delights for you including ice creams, cold beverages, snacks, locally made cakes and biscuits. We have a daily delivery of fresh bread and cakes . We take orders if you need something specific for the weekend.

To book the hall for events or classes please email

[booking@stokeorchard.org](mailto:booking@stokeorchard.org)

**Thank you for your support as ever.**



# Stoke Orchard Community Centre

## August 23 Class timetable

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

Please note that some classes are on holiday in August.

<b>Monday</b>	<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>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Pilates</b> 09:30-10:30am <a href="mailto:pilatesbycharlotte@gmail.com">pilatesbycharlotte@gmail.com</a>	<b>U3A</b> <b>Art Appreciation</b> 2.00- 4.00pm August 15th	<b>Kettlercise</b> 6:30pm-7.15pm <b>Pilates 7.30-8.00pm</b> <a href="mailto:tredtraining@outlook.com">tredtraining@outlook.com</a> NO class Aug 19th	
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Stoke Orchard Toddler</b> 9.30am - 11:00am Aug 16th and 30th			
<b>Thursday</b>			<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>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Pilates</b> 09:30-10:30am <a href="mailto:GravityFitness@live.co.uk">GravityFitness@live.co.uk</a>			
<b>Saturday</b>		<b>Zumba</b> 10-11am <a href="mailto:michele.darnell@btinternet.com">michele.darnell@btinternet.com</a>		
<b>Sunday</b>	<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 **September** Stoke Orchard and Tredington.

**Blue - Thursday 7th Thursday 21st**

**Friday 1st September Green Thursday 14th Thursday 28th**

**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.**

**September 3rd Claire Boldridge**

**Sept 10th and 17th Lynda Stagg Sept 24th Melanie Green**

### 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
---	-------	-------	-------	-------	-------	-------	-------	-------	-------	-------

**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
---	-------	-------	-------	-------	-------	-------	-------	-------	-------	-------



# typecraft

Your local one-stop shop for all print,  
design and mailing

brochures

invites

posters

flyers

order of services

banners

businesscards

and much more...

**01242 518191**

**[www.typecraft.co](http://www.typecraft.co)**

PART OF  
**Finnick  
GROUP**