

Stoke Orchard and Tredington Newsletter



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October 2023



Monthly Message — October 2023



I am now writing as the 'vicar' instead of the 'priest-in-charge'! I won't bore you with the legal differences, but rest assured this means the Benefice stays as it is and I am hoping to stay around for some time! The service where Bishop Rachel handed me my new license as 'vicar' took place on 10th September at Deerhurst, and what a joyful service it was!

October tends to be a joyful month too, as we celebrate Harvest together. The churches are always beautifully decorated, but at Harvest time they become even more impressive with local harvest produce. We live in an area where we can see the harvests taking place on our doorstep; many of us may be involved in harvesting and bring some of our produce to church for display and blessing! Everyone is very welcome to come along to one of the Harvest services, sing a few of our favourite Harvest hymns, and to share refreshments and perhaps even a Harvest supper too.

Harvest is about giving thanks for the gifts we receive from God's creation. We gather and store them in order to get through the fallow period of winter. And I think this doesn't only apply to literal produce, like grain and fruits and vegetables, but also to gifts like courage, hope, encouragement, friendships, neighbourliness, and care that are present in our communities. These gifts are equally important to help us get through life, especially when it's not so easy to go out because of the cold or the dark. What other gifts can we be thankful for?

A group of people will come together to read the book '*Sabbath as Resistance: saying No to the Culture of Now*' by Walter Brueggemann. In this book he calls out the 24/7 society and argues that a sabbath, regu-

lar time out, can help us to focus on what is truly important: God, other people, all life. As the days get shorter, perhaps this is the time to get settled with a book, perhaps even this book, and join a group to discuss what we've read, one chapter at a time.

We will meet at The Vicarage on the following dates, and you are very welcome to attend just one or two or all of them: Friday afternoon 1.30 – 2.30pm on 6th Oct, 20th Oct, 27th Oct, 17th Nov, and 24th Nov. If the chapters provoke a lot of discussion, then we can use 1st Dec for an additional discussion.

If you'd like to join, please get in touch via apperleypriest@gmail.com or 01452 780880.

May the Harvest be plentiful, and may we celebrate the gift that we are to each other too!

Peace and blessings to you all,
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October 2023 Church Services.

- Sunday 1st October 9.30am Morning Worship at Tredington
- Friday 6th October 7.00pm Harvest Festival and Supper
- Sunday 8th October 9.30am Holy Communion at Stoke Orchard
- Sunday 15th October 9.30am Holy Communion at Tredington
- Sunday 22nd October 9.30am Holy Communion at Stoke Orchard
- Sunday 29th October 10am Benefice Communion at Forthampton.

Request for help and Donations. Please.-

TRUSSELL TRUST TEWKESBURY shopping list for food bank:

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

October 2023

TREDINGTON & STOKE ORCHARD WI next meet on Tuesday, October 10th at 7.30pm in Tredington Village Hall. We have Alexandra Stanbrook telling us all about her “Hilarious Hats”. Do come – Visitors are always welcome.

The Pimms, Ploughman’s & Pudding Evening was a great success & about 50 people enjoyed a warm & sunny evening in Roy & Vivienne’s lovely garden.

TREDINGTON & STOKE ORCHARD GARDENING CLUB are meeting on Monday, October 16th in Tredington Village Hall at 7.30pm when one of our own members, Robert Stockwell, will be demonstrating “Ikebana Flower Arranging”.

TREDINGTON HARVEST FESTIVAL will take place on Friday, October 6th at 7pm in Tredington Church. This will be followed by a Bring &

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Looking for interesting things to do??

Join us now for fun and friendship!

- Art
- Book Club
- Bridge
- Computers
- Craft Club
- Discovering Britain
- Discussions
- Family History
- French
- Garden Visits
- History of Art
- Kurling
- Latin



Many affordable groups to choose from in and around the Tewkesbury area

- Mahjong
- Needlecraft
- Opera Appreciation
- Petanque
- Photography
- Scrabble
- Short Mat Bowls
- Skittles
- Solos
- Spanish
- Table Tennis
- Walking



Stoke Orchard and Tredington Parish Council Community Speed Watch



October 2023.

This morning, 7th September 2023, three CSW members (wearing hi-viz jackets) conducted a speed monitoring session between 9.00am - 10am. 65 vehicles were counted. Over 50% exceeded the 30mph speed limit, with 23% exceeding 35mph. 5 vehicles exceeded 40mph with one car recording 50mph!

PLEASE help us to reduce speeding in our villages!!!

Brake, the road safety charity, reveal that this year's theme for Road Safety Week is **Let's talk about SPEED**

Five people die on UK roads every day.—Why do we still think it's ok to speed?

The aim of the 2023 campaign is to create conversations around why speeding is considered acceptable in some situations, what happens when we speed and why reducing speed saves lives.

We want people to talk about speed at work, in schools, within communities and online to raise awareness throughout Road Safety Week.

Though it is not the cause of all road crashes, speed remains a significant factor in every road crash, and everyday speeding is something we need to talk about more.

The theme was set following discussions with representatives from community groups, the police, Government, businesses, educators and other charities and road safety campaigners.

Sign up now and as always we'll provide an action pack of resources including information and facts on the subject of speed, videos and animations, activities and learning tools for everyone to take part. You'll only get these by signing up to Road Safety Week 2023. https://www.brake.org.uk/road-safety-week?mc_cid=f1bffe1933&mc_eid=39ad808c95

This year's Road Safety Week will take place between 19 and 25 November, starting with the World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims.





STOKE ORCHARD & TREDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Councillors from May 16th 2023 are:-

Cllr Alan Macdonald (Chair) Cllr Andrew Troughton (V. Chair),
Cllr James Gilder, Cllr Tim Jukes, Councillor Graham Ferguson,
Councillor Sue Shorrocks Councillor George Fairbairn

Contact Details – through the Clerk - Mrs Jules Owen

S.O and T P.C. phone:-07763 250303 email – clerk@sotpc.co.uk

www.stokeorchardandtredington.org.uk

Minutes of Past Meetings 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 November 7th 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.

Dear Resident,

Well, here we are in September already, after a bit of a strange summer indeed. The sudden early September heatwave was welcome, apart from during the slumber hours, but I don't think the gardens know what to do with themselves. However, my grapes are ripening beautifully, so I might try and make wine better than last years' milky hooch!

No newsletter last month due to the hols – and our drama in France. Our car was written off by a hit and run vehicle during the night outside our hotel. The insurance company were repatriating it too, but they seem to have misplaced it, as they can't tell us where it is!

Aside from the car logistics, it has been rewardingly busy again with hall or council tasks. As usual, a brief summary below:

A. The setting up of suitably advantageous bank accounts for the Public Open Space money is nearly concluded. We got nearly 5% in the end, which will allow the sum given by Bloor to last, hopefully beyond the

beyond the 15 years it was projected to, and maybe even allow us to maintain other areas of the parish too.

- B. Councillor Graham Ferguson has sourced, and we purchased , new back boards for the basketball hoops and chain link nets for the hoops too. A 'self-supporting' tennis net has also been bought, which will make it easier to wheel it into situ, as & when it's required. These were bought with some 106 monies that still remained for this purpose. We will also try and find a secure storage box for these items, which means they will be accessible at the MUGA in future. Any help with installing these would be welcome.
- C. We have been belatedly told by TBC that the pump track, which was due to begin construction in September, should have planning permission. This will delay its' completion somewhat, but it will be ready for next Spring hopefully.
- D. The solar batteries - very kindly funded by Enovert - have now been installed, and the results are very impressive. In the two weeks or so they have been in operation, the hall has used virtually no electricity from the grid. If this continues over the Winter, the future of it will be so much more secure. A massive thanks is due to Gordon Webber for his efforts in securing the grant for this.
- E. Finally, as we may all know now, a planning application for 136 houses in Stoke Orchard was submitted at the end of August. These would be built in the field to one side of the Juliana group buildings opposite the airfield. A resident's meeting regarding this was held on Wednesday 13th at the hall, and many very useful comments were made and recorded. These will be used to create a proper document with which to approach the developer and TBC.

A public meeting with the developer, Harper Crewe Ltd, has been arranged for Wednesday 18th October at 7pm at the hall.

Tour of Britain. September 9th 2023
The Crowds gathered by their Hundreds.



Motorcycles came by their thousands—now we know where the Police are!!



Then came the team cars—dozens of them ... and more Motorcycles....



And finally the ambulance!



Mixed up in the middle of all the cars , motorcycles, film crews , the Ambulances and the support crew camethe Peleton.



Do NOT Blink or you missed them!! You Did? Shame!!



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

Gloucester Docks and Canals.—continued.

Last month I wrote about Gloucester Docks and the Sharpness Canal. With the importance of Gloucester as an inland port, it was natural that canals connected to the Severn were built to extend the navigable waterways open to barges for coal and commerce. Our local canal was the Coombe Hill Canal, built to connect the Severn to Cheltenham and especially transporting coal from the Forest of Dean to the town. It was never very successful as the rise of Coombe hill was too high for locks and the canal was nearly six miles short of the town. It was abandoned in 1876 and is now part of a Wildlife Reserve and an S.S.I. Area.

There were two short canals from Lydney to Lydney Docks and then the Docks for transporting iron and coal to the wharves and a second short canal the Pidcocks which transported by Tub boats and connected to the Lydney canal by a horse drawn Tram way.

One of the longest was the Gloucester to Hereford Canal which ran 34 miles from Hereford via Ledbury to the Severn at Over. Some of the canal at Over has been restored and this is the wharf. Like many canal and railway projects, the costs far surpassed the initial estimates— some thing never change. And it was started in 1790 but traffic did not run until the late 1840's. Remnants of the canal can be seen all the way along the route and if one plays the Dymock Grange Golf Course, you tee off over a lock on one hole and the line of the canal is easy to see.



However, the canal I mentioned last month was the Stroud Water Canal which joins the Sharpness canal at the Saul Junction. Building commenced after 1830 but the official Act of Parliament was dated 1776. This canal was a great success and opened in 1779 for the basic use of transporting coal. Eight miles long, it had 12 locks and rose 31ft along its length. However, when the Thames to Severn Canal connected at Stroud in 1789, it became a through route from Bristol to London. Sadly, when the Kennet to Avon Canal opened in 1810 it took much of the London traffic and the Stroud Water canal was finally abandoned in 1954.

The canal ran through Stonehouse past our old school and originally the school swimming pool and boat-house were situated along its banks by the brushworks. Father swam in that pool while at Wycliffe in 1926. This photo was recently pictured on The Stonehouse FB page. The brushworks situated on the far side of the canal across a swing bridge was renowned for the bass brooms it produced. The owners of the business Messrs. W.H. Vowles and son: a name I have included in this newsletter before, in connection with the Stoke Orchard Church walk.



However, reclamation and restoration of parts of the Stroud Water canal, or Stroud Navigation to use its original name, are now under way and it is possible to see some fabulous civil engineering work where the Canal crosses the A38 by the Fromebridge Roundabout by the M5 and again at the multi road junction by the Railway station on the entry to Stroud.



There were two main obstructions to the restoration, one is the M5 but National Highways have provided £4 million to achieve that and the other was the



Main Bristol Gloucester railway line which was crossed in a mammoth exercise in December 2021. One of the largest mobile road cranes in the world was brought in for that 48 hour exercise. if you check the website, trips along the canal in certain places are now available.

We have enormous industrial heritage in Gloucestershire stretching back over many hundreds of years from canals , railways, iron and steel works, coal mines, foundries through to supersonic aircraft (!) and the most technologically advanced mechanical and electronic equipment in the world, **and some beautiful countryside.**

Stoke Orchard and Tredington Neighbourhood Watch.



Could you give a few hours a month to help maintain your Community?—we need another Co-ordinator

It is a few months since we ran our last Neighbourhood Watch page and as the shorter days and longer nights approach, it is time to maintain vigilance on home , on the phone, and on the computer.

Physical theft and burglary have always been a threat to everyday life and it was after our third burglary at home, 35 years ago, I set up our own Neighbourhood Watch in the Village. The reason I say this? - because we are all potential victims of crime and hopefully within our Community we can all be mindful of those around us and keep vigilant as to what might be going on.

Sadly the most prevalent threat today are Scams on the Computer, on the phone or even on the doorstep. If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is —or it sounds suspicious— just say NO!

We can all be victims, sadly many of us have been, so be aware and use the following websites for advice and support.

If you have any information regarding any of these crimes, please contact the police by calling 101. You can also report information online at <http://www.gloucestershire.police.uk/tua/tell-us-about>

You can also report any information anonymously to Crimestoppers by calling 0800555111 or online at <https://crimestoppers-uk.org/give-information>

For crime prevention advice please visit <https://www.gloucestershire.police.uk/cp/crime-prevention>



Thank you for your support as ever.

STOKE ORCHARD COMMUNITY CENTRE

Autumn here we come!



We are very lucky to have some great classes at the Centre. If you want to come along to a class please contact the individual instructor listed on the class schedule to book a place. This is also a great place to hold a children's birthday party, corporate function, or hold a class of your own. We benefit from having a meeting room for the smaller group and the main hall for larger bookings.

Please email booking@stokeorchard.org to enquire.



We are hopefully holding the very successful Halloween Party at the end of the month, more details will follow on social media and watch out for information in the shop!

The Orchard Store and Amy's Coffee Shop

Firstly, a huge thank you for supporting the shop. As a Community Shop it is run very differently to other small shops and everything you spend in the shop goes directly back into the shop. The cost of living has hit hard but thanks to you loyal customers and endless micromanaging from the volunteer management team and staff, the shop is still here! October brings Halloween and we will have goodies for you to purchase coming in store soon!

If you fancy volunteering for the hall and or the shop please email: info@stokeorchard.org



Stoke Orchard Community Centre

October 23 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 10.40-11.30am treehouseyogawinchcombe@gmail.com		Yoga 7pm – 8:00pm info@greentreeyoga.co.uk
Tuesday	Pilates 09:30-10:30am pilatesbycharlotte@gmail.com	U3A Art Appreciation 2.00- 4.00pm October 17th	Kettlecise 6:30pm-7.15pm Pilates 7.30-8.00pm tredtraining@outlook.com	
Wednesday	Stoke Orchard Toddlers 9.30am - 11:00am			
Thursday			Chichi - fit 6.00pm - 6.50pm jess.thesugarshack@gmail.com	Hatha Yoga 7.30-8.45pm sadiehawson@gmail.com
Friday	Pilates 09:30-10:30am GravityFitness@live.co.uk			
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.

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 **October** Stoke Orchard and
Tredington.

Blue - Thursday 5th Thursday 19th
Green Thursday 12th Thursday 26th

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.

October 1st Melanie Green.

Oct 8th and 15th Margaret Mitchell Oct.22 and Oct. 29th Janet Burdett

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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