

# Stoke Orchard and Tredington Newsletter



**Fireworks by the Abbey—2017**

**November 2023**



## Monthly Message November 2023



Remember, remember...

Not just the 5<sup>th</sup> of November (Guy Fawkes night, and All Saints & All Souls services around the Benefice, but also the 10<sup>th</sup> (Deerhurst & Apperley School hold their annual Remembrance service on The Green), the 11<sup>th</sup> (Remembrance Day, with services around the county – please check the Abbey and Cathedral websites for further details), and the 12<sup>th</sup> (Remembrance services around the Benefice)!

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November is a day of highs and lows. In the morning, we will celebrate All Saints (the official day for this is 31<sup>st</sup> October) i.e. remember those who died for their (Christian) faith, often as martyrs, throughout the ages and are now saints in heaven. Then at 4pm in the afternoon we will hold a special service in Apperley Village Hall to commemorate All Souls (the official day for this is 1<sup>st</sup> November) i.e. all whom have died, more specifically those we have known personally.

At this service we will read out names of people we wish to remember, and if you have names you wish to be read out please let us know on [apperleypriest@gmail.com](mailto:apperleypriest@gmail.com) or [vicky.fowkes@live.co.uk](mailto:vicky.fowkes@live.co.uk). After the service, we will share hot or cold drinks, cake and biscuits, and of course memories of those whose names were read out.

With all of this going on, we might be forgiven for thinking that the long period of what the church calls 'ordinary time' has come to an end. It has not! Ordinary time lasts till the first Sunday of Advent, which this year falls on the 3<sup>rd</sup> December. So we have the whole of the month of November to remember remember... that ordinary time is the time of year in which there are no great celebrations but instead is 'simply the continuous, faithful, weekly attention to what it means to live out daily what we say we believe when we're at those mountain-

top moments of the spiritual life' (Joan Chittister: The Liturgical Year, p.183). It is easy to remember the highs and lows of life; less easy to remember the day to day ordinary events. And yet, that is exactly what Joan Chittister reminds us to do: to take the moments of great memories into our ordinary life.

How do your religious or spiritual beliefs support you throughout the day to day routines?

You are very welcome to come along to any of the services or events, and thereby turn an ordinary day into an extraordinary one!

Peace and blessings to you all,

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- Sunday 5th November 9.30am Holy Communion at Tredington, and 4pm All Souls service at Apperley Village Hall

- Sunday 12th November 10.30am Remembrance Day service at Stoke Orchard

- Sunday 19th November 9.30am Holy Communion at Tredington

- Sunday 26th November 9.30am Holy Communion at Stoke Orchard.

- and early heads-up: Sunday 3rd December 6pm Advent carol service at Tewkesbury Abbey.

*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

## TREDINGTON NEWS FOR NOVEMBER 2023

**TREDINGTON & STOKE ORCHARD WI** next meet on Tuesday, November 14<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm in Tredington Village Hall when we will hold our AGM. This will be followed by a fish & chip supper. This has to be pre ordered so if any member has not done so, please contact Gill.

## **TREDINGTON & STOKE ORCHARD GARDENING**

**CLUB** are next meeting on Monday, November 20<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm in Tredington Village Hall when we will be holding our AGM. This will be followed by a social evening with finger food & drink. Please bring a small plate of finger food to share. This will be our last meeting of the year as we don't meet in December.

**THE TREDINGTON VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE** held a very enjoyable Whist Drive at the end of September and hope to arrange a further event soon.

**GRANNY STAGG'S MINCE PIE DAY** raising money for Cancer Research UK will take place on **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2<sup>ND</sup> FROM 10:30AM – 3PM**

There will be a tombola, A children's tombola, books & puzzles & a raffle. Teas & Coffees, cakes & Mince pies. This will take place at Tim & Lyn Staggs house – The Walnuts, Southend Farm, Tredington.



# Stoke Orchard and Tredington Parish Council Community Speed Watch



**A reminder it's Road Safety week in November. Please support the campaign and help us to reduce speeding in our villages!!!**

We all drive too fast sometimes...

"I didn't notice I was going so fast!"

"Everyone else is doing it so why can't I?"

"A few miles an hour won't make much difference will it?"



But every time we driver faster than the speed limit, or too fast for the road conditions, we increase the risk of a crash – and we increase the chance that someone we love will be killed or hurt on a road. Whoever you are, however you travel, We need to talk about SPEED

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)





## STOKE ORCHARD & TREDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Councillors from May 16th 2023 are:-

Clr Alan Macdonald (Chairman) Clr Andrew Troughton,  
Clr James Gilder, Clr Tim Juckes, Councillor Graham Ferguson,  
Councillor Sue Shorrock 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](mailto:clerk@sotpc.co.uk)

Minutes of Past Meetings are to be found on the P.C. Website.

### **IMPORTANT**

***Due to the outcome of the Harper Crewe Meeting on October 18th, (see below,) they propose holding a further meeting on November 8th. With this in mind .The Parish Council have cancelled the Extraordinary Meeting on October 24th and are considering postponing the meeting on Nov. 7th. This will allow the Parish Council to consider any further changes proposed by the developers , having consideration to Tewkesbury Borough Council agreeing to a delay in the consideration of the Application.***

Dear Resident,

I do hope everyone is having a good month & enjoyed the final blast of summer earlier in the month. It seemed weird sitting in the garden in October. It does seem more and more apparent though that climate change is very real, especially when you look at other events around the world. I guess we're lucky to live where we do.

Just when I thought I might have a calmer month, we're busier than ever. I'm learning on the hoof with a lot of what goes on and realising that our Parish Council is rather like running a fairly large business! Whoever says men can't multitask wants to try this job! ☐

So, what has been going on this month...

- On the back of the public meeting in September, the developer Harper Crewe Ltd, is making a presentation at the community centre on Wednesday 18 October. I will do a report on this in the next newsletter. The answers from this and warrantable residents comments will form the basis of the official PC response to the application to TBC.

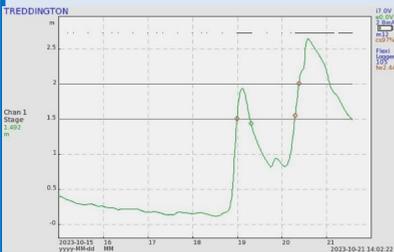
- An extra Parish Council meeting has been called to minute the PC's formal response to the development to TBC. This will be at the community centre **on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm.**
- Negotiations have been full-on with TBC regarding the contributions the developer will have to make, should the development go ahead. These must be done in advance of any decision by TBC regardless of any outcome. We are resolute in attempting to get the best we can for the community I assure you. I want to personally thank Cllr Susan Shorrock for the vast amount of work over many hours she has done on this.
- I'm sure you will be pleased to know that negotiations on the Land by the Chapel are finally nearing a conclusion after some 12 years of trying. Solicitors are now instructed and provided there are no hiccups with the process, this should be finalised in the next month or two. (Said he ambitiously)!
- Cotswold Oak Ltd, who are building the development next to Manor Farm, wish to perform remedial sewage work across the village green at the end of Swan Lane. This has to be carefully managed legally to ensure that the work is done properly, and that the area is returned to its previous condition.
- On **Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> October**, we hope to have several volunteers to help tackle the overgrown areas on the Orchard Estate POS. Starting at 10am, we want to try and trim, cut, prune and burn our way to a tidier open space. I loved Cllr Graham Ferguson's description of the weed burner as 'our flame thrower'!
- In between all that, a dog bin , recycle bins for the playpark, and benches for the Pennycress pear tree land have been purchased and will be installed.
- Finally, our clerk, Ms Jules Owen, sadly lost her mum in late September. I'm sure you would all join me in sending our deepest condolences at this sad time.
- Have a great Month all!

## Richard's Ramblings

### My Flood Wardens Report—October 21st 2023.

It is Saturday 21st and I am sitting at my desk in my office, completing the Newsletter, making updates for the P.C. Chairman and entering the Community Speed Watch page when in the bottom right hand corner of the screen, a message has flashed up. It is an email from the level gauge at the Swilgate Bridge at the bottom of Tredington.

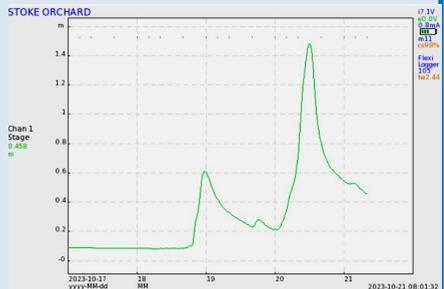
The message from "TVA\_Admin@timeview2.net" reads **"GLOUCESTERSHIRE TREDDINGTON Chan1: 1.448m Return to Normal Alarm Setpoint: 1, 1.45 Current Value: 1.44773 m Alarm Time: 2023-10-21 15:30:00"** The graph below shows that the brook level had finally gone down below flood alarm level. It went UP past 1.5mtr level on Wednesday. 5 days is a long time for it to be in flood alarm level 1 .



Each time the level rises above or falls below the 1.5 and 2.00 metre levels, those of us with access get a message and an email. We have had four in the last three days which is a record!! And we don't want any more, but it is a sign of the times and those peaks are mainly

due to run off from Cheltenham and Bishops Cleeve combined. However, the last 36 hours have been different. The slope down after the second peak is not a steep as after the first. The Swilgate actually flooded the road in Tredington around 4.00pm as seen by the level on the graph. The Dean Brook gauge in Stoke Orchard peaked an hour earlier at 3.00pm and was a much higher than usual in the 2nd peak on Friday and shows that rain in Bishops Cleeve contributed to the higher Swilgate flow yesterday .

Wymans Brook gauge shows similar levels on Wednesday and Friday.



Travelling to Cheltenham around 11.30am on Friday 20th, it was evident that the systems in Bishops Cleeve were overwhelmed with manhole covers lifted and water running down the road from the Cheltenham North Rugby Club to the Railway bridge and then from the railway bridge all the way to the Airfield Gate-way with the usual flooding by Ashleigh Lodge. The main roadside ditch from the Juliana Group entrance all the way to Old Forge Cottages was full to overflowing and water running across and down the road.



As a Parish Council, we have tried since Pennycress was developed, to get that roadside ditch maintained alongside. We did get

a definitive answer as to whose responsibility it is, they all still refuse to do the job!! The increase in the Culvert under the Railway Line, which I reported two years ago, has exacerbated the problems. With steady increase of periods of high rainfall, Stoke Road drainage from Bishops Cleeve to the Dean Brook by Old Forge Cottages needs re-viewing and upgrading.

**PLEASE REMEMBER slow down when driving through floods. You may push water into nearby properties and there may be a manhole missing! The Police have written off two cars hitting potholes in Tredington floods**



**u3a** learn,  
laugh,  
live

## Tewkesbury and District

Come and talk to the  
group leaders about all  
the groups that we offer...

These include walking,  
scrabble, bridge, photography,  
book club, computers, craft club,  
kurling, garden visits, short mat bowls, skittles...



No longer in full time work?  
Looking for interesting things to do?

**THERE ARE OVER 30 INTERESTING  
GROUPS TO CHOOSE FROM!**

There will be something  
to interest you!

in the Baptist Hall, Station Road  
10.30–12 on 13th November 2023

**TEWKESBURY &  
DISTRICT u3a**  
invite you to their

## **OPEN DAY and RENEWAL OF SUBSCRIPTIONS MORNING**

in the Baptist Hall,  
Station Road, on  
13th November 2023

10.30–12pm

**Join us  
for fun and  
friendship**



# Tredington Primary School



## Message from the Head, Emily Watton.

I can't believe how quickly September has passed us by! Forest school is looking very autumnal with the changing leaves and conkers and that means Mr Holdaway has cracked open the hot chocolate and marshmallows to keep chilly fingers warm. The first trip of the year has taken place, with Y2 walking into Tredington as part of their local history focus; and the team are busy planning further trips and enrichment opportunities for children across the school.

We have held our first Open Event in preparation for children starting school in September 2024; and this week we launched the dates for our new 'Crafternoon Tea' stay and play sessions for children aged 0-5 years old. More details of this can be found on the flyer below, and sessions can be booked via the following link: <https://forms.office.com/e/HS0ZPM1XXm>

Our first open event for current parents - formally 'Welcome Wednesday' - will be held on Thursday 26th October, 14:00-15:00. School Council have been busily planning the activities which will take place; and have planned workshops to support the improvement of our school grounds, including gardening and pebble-painting.

School Council have also been talking to children throughout the school to decide upon names for our classes : "Year 2/3/4" is a bit of a tongue twister!. With our pastoral room being 'the Nest', they have decided to continue the theme with breeds of bird!

**EYFS / Year 1 - Robins**

**Year 2 / 3 / 4 - Woodpeckers**

**Year 5 / 6 - Owls**

**The Full Head's letter for October is available here**

**<https://sway.office.com/g1CCu0Xj7PsJTEyX?ref=Link>**

# STOKE ORCHARD COMMUNITY CENTRE



Winter is approaching and we are constantly thinking how we can improve on what we offer in the Hall with respect to classes but also events. If you have any ideas of an event that we could hold at the hall, please let us know!

Organising events takes a lot of organising and volunteers so if you feel you would like to offer some time and support the hall we would love to hear from you!

Please email [info@stokeorchard.org](mailto:info@stokeorchard.org)

## Upcoming Events

**17<sup>th</sup> November – Pub Night**

**26<sup>th</sup> November 10.30am to 12.30pm –**

**Christmas Table Top Sale**

**2<sup>nd</sup> December – late afternoon –**

**Christmas Tree Light Switch on**

If you wish to book the hall please email –  
**booking @stokeorchard.org**



# Stoke Orchard Community Centre

## November 23 Class timetable

Please see below our class timetable. Please contact the classes

|                  |   |  |   |
|------------------|---|--|---|
| <b>Monday</b>    | <b>Zumba</b><br>09:30-10:30am<br><a href="mailto:michele.darnell@btinternet.com">michele.darnell@btinternet.com</a> | <b>SweatyMamas</b><br>1.00-3.00pm<br><u>Starts November 13th</u>   | <b>Yoga</b><br><u>7pm – 8:00pm</u><br><a href="mailto:info@greentreeyoga.co.uk">info@greentreeyoga.co.uk</a>                                |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | <b>Pilates</b><br>09:30-10:30am<br><a href="mailto:pilatesbycharlotte@gmail.com">pilatesbycharlotte@gmail.com</a>   | <b>U3A</b><br><b>Art Appreciation</b><br>2.00- 4.00pm<br>November 21st   | <b>Kettlercise</b><br>6:30pm-7.15pm<br><b>Pilates 7.30-8.00pm</b><br><a href="mailto:tredtraining@outlook.com">tredtraining@outlook.com</a> |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | <b>Stoke Orchard Toddlers</b><br>9.30am - 11-00am   |  |   |
| <b>Thursday</b>  |   | <b>U3A Science</b><br><b>2.00pm to 4.00pm</b><br><u>November 2nd</u>   | <b>Hatha Yoga</b><br>7.30-8.45pm<br><a href="mailto:sadiehawson@gmail.com">sadiehawson@gmail.com</a>  |
| <b>Friday</b>    | <b>Pilates</b><br>09:30-10:30am<br><a href="mailto:GravityFitness@live.co.uk">GravityFitness@live.co.uk</a>         | <b>DIDIRUGBY</b><br>10.30am to 11.30am<br><a href="mailto:keith.smith@didirugby.com">keith.smith@didirugby.com</a> | <b>Pub Night</b><br><b>November 17th.</b>   |
| <b>Saturday</b>  |   | <b>Zumba</b><br>10–11am<br><a href="mailto:michele.darnell@btinternet.com">michele.darnell@btinternet.com</a>      |   |
| <b>Sunday</b>    | <b>Kettlercise</b><br>09:00-10:00am<br><a href="mailto:tredtraining@outlook.com">tredtraining@outlook.com</a>       |  | <b>Christmas Table</b><br><b>Top Sale</b><br>10.30am-12.30pm<br>November 26th   |

# The Orchard Store and Amy's Coffee Shop

We are ramping up towards Christmas and we will have our Christmas goodies out very soon!

We are bringing in new lines in the fresh section whilst still having the old favourites. If you would like us to stock something specific please let our staff know and we will see if we can source it for you.

There is always volunteer opportunities here, so if you would like to help even just for an hour every now and again please let us know! Email [info@stokeorchard.org](mailto:info@stokeorchard.org)

## Stoke Orchard and Tredington Neighbourhood Watch.



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

**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>



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

|  |  |                  |  |
|--|--|------------------|--|
| Priest in Charge                           | Revd Ilse Ferwerda                               | 01452<br>780880  | <a href="mailto:apperleypriest@gmail.com">apperleypriest@gmail.com</a>               |
| Assistant Priest                           | Rev. Kay Mundy                                   | 01452<br>780634  | <a href="mailto:therevkaymundy@gmail.com">therevkaymundy@gmail.com</a>               |
| Priest in Charge                           | Revd Ilse Ferwerda                               | 01452<br>780880  | <a href="mailto:apperleypriest@gmail.com">apperleypriest@gmail.com</a>               |
| Church Warden                              | Tessa Mills                                      | 01684<br>216563  |  |
| Hon Associate Minister                     | Rev. Tom Curtis, Stonehills<br>Tewkesbury,       | 01684<br>295298  |  |
| Reader - and Young<br>People's Church      | Mrs Vivienne Troughton<br>Tredington, Tewkesbury | 01684<br>293540  |  |
| Tredington Primary School                  | Head Teacher -Mrs Helen<br>Pearce.               | 01684<br>293617  | <a href="mailto:hpearce@glatrust.org.uk">hpearce@glatrust.org.uk</a>                 |
| Tredington Church Hall/<br>Village Hall    | Frank Jukes                                      | 01684<br>292143  | <a href="mailto:tredingtonvillagehall@gmail.com">tredingtonvillagehall@gmail.com</a> |
| Stoke Orchard Community<br>Centre Bookings | Helen MacDonald                                  | 07437 533<br>132 | <a href="mailto:info@stokeorchard.org">info@stokeorchard.org</a>                     |

Recycling and Waste Collection Dates for **November** Stoke Orchard and  
Tredington. **Blue - Thursday 2nd Thursday 16th Thursday 30th**  
**Green Thursday 19h Thursday 23rd**

**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.**

**November 5th and the 12th Charlotte Goldby**

**November 19th and 26th Lesley Wilkes.**

### 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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