

Stoke Orchard and Tredington Newsletter



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January 2024



Monthly Message

January 2024



First of all, a very happy 2024 to everyone!

At the start of a new year, many of us are tempted to write out New Year's Resolutions. And I would be tempted too, if it were not for the fact that my own resolution is to not have one! Not because I think it's a bad idea to make plans or have goals, but because I think that these plans or goals can be started on any day of the year.

January is a long month with short days, and many of us are tired after the December celebrations.

It is always difficult to make changes in life, and although in January we are surrounded by people who, like us, have made New Year's Resolutions, it may be easier to wait until the days get a bit longer and we feel more rested. After all, every day is a new day, and every day can be a new start!

You may remember the words from this hymn:

***'New every morning is the love
our waking and uprising prove;
through sleep and darkness safely brought,
restored to life and power and thought.'***

Every day again we have the opportunity to experience God's love, to seek God's guidance and presence, wherever we are, whatever we do, and however we feel. The joy of remembering God's coming among humankind by way of the birth of Jesus may well buoy us up for a while

– and this is precisely what happens in church every Sunday: remembering and reflecting on that joy, and together we try to figure out what this means for humankind today, here and now. Perhaps come along to one of the services or events and join in the joy and reflections! Everyone is welcome!

Whatever your hopes and dreams are for 2024, I hope and pray that they come true!

Peace and blessings to you all,

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Services for January 2024:

- Sunday 7th January 9.30am Morning Worship at Tredington
- Sunday 14th January 9.30am Holy Communion at Stoke Orchard
- Sunday 21st January 9.30am Holy Communion at Tredington
- Sunday 28th January 9.30am Candlemas. Holy Communion at Stoke Orchard

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

NEWS FROM TREDINGTON FOR JANUARY 2024

TREDINGTON & STOKE ORCHARD WI next meet on **Tuesday, January 9th at 7.30pm in Tredington Village Hall**. The speaker is Chris O'Grady whose talk is "Keep the Sea on the Left". The coffee hostesses are Sue Osbourne & Helen Lewis.

TREDINGTON & STOKE ORCHARD GARDENING CLUB. Our first meeting of 2024 will be on Monday, January 15th at 7.30pm in Tredington Village Hall. Our speaker will be member, Richard Chatham with "Gardens Revisited – A Photographic Snapshot". This will include previous visits our club has made.

Visitors & retired members will be very welcome to join us down this lovely trip down memory lane.

Subs of £12 are due at this meeting which can be paid by cash, BACS or cheque.



Stoke Orchard and
Tredington Parish Council
Community Speed Watch



**Gloucestershire Constabulary and
Stoke Orchard and Tredington Community
Speedwatch wish all the residents a Merry
Christmas and Happy New Year**

Travel safely as you visit loved ones over the festive period

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**Life Has No
Reset Button –
Drive Carefully!**

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Please remember: *When a car crashes, it's the amount of kinetic energy that the car has which determines the force of impact. Kinetic energy is the energy of motion. Small increases in speed lead to much higher increases in kinetic energy.*

THE FASTER YOU GO

THE GREATER THE IMPACT





STOKE ORCHARD & TREDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Councillors from May 16th 2023 are:-

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

Contact Details – through the Clerk - Mrs Jules Owen

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.

The next Parish Council Meeting will be on Tuesday February 6th 2024 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.

www.stokeorchardandtredington.org.uk

Dear Resident,

With Christmas not quite a distant memory; I do hope you all had a peaceful time and all good wishes from the PC for 2024.

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

- The Roseleigh development is now with Tewkesbury Borough Council's planning department, and any wrangling is now between the developer and them. We can draw breath but we are still keeping a watchful eye on any progress or issues.
- We have been negotiating with Cotswold Oak Ltd regarding the legalities of both the sewerage pipes under the PC land but also issues with the pavement they are going to lay, such as position and future maintenance. They also wish to put in some street lighting at the entrance to these nine houses. Highways & Glos County Council need to be involved so we are ensuring all bases are covered. A site meeting is scheduled for early January.
- They are constructing the village noticeboard also, so we need to ensure it is made using proper materials.
- The land by the chapel is still in the legal stage. Interminable, I know. However, instead of the land being returned to TBC and then

transferred to us by them, we are securing it straight from the current owner via a separate agreement. This is supposed to make the process easier but I do wonder!

- We have embarked on a programme of tidying on the POS on the Orchard estate over the winter, which should hopefully make that area much nicer. You may also have noticed the hedge/tree line from Banady Lane along past Pennycress has been getting dealt with. The persistence of Cllr Shorrocks in getting Highways to do this is greatly appreciated.
- The pump track rumbles on frustratingly. A kind parishioner from another parish pointed out that we had not put the contract for this out to public tender, so we have had to cancel the chosen contractor and write a tender doc, which has just been published. The planning dept want an ecology report, 3D impressions and signage designs, so still lots to do.
- We will soon have Stoke Orchard honey! We are looking at installing two beehives on the land behind the bungalows on the Orchard estate. An experienced beekeeper will look after these completely and the amazing product will be for sale eventually in the Orchard Stores.
- The Junction 10 team have for the moment withdrawn their application. They wish to resubmit it shortly. This is partly down to our PC questioning the results of some of their surveys, which they agreed to redo.
- We are also working hard to persuade TBC for the restitution of £68000, which was earmarked for extra MUGA space on the Orchard Estate. This appears to have been returned erroneously to the developer, so we are negotiating hard for its return.
- Finally, we are pushing Highways to include a replacement/renovation programme for all the road signs around the Parish. The Stoke Rd bus stop has been painted (needs another coat) & lovely parish maps have been positioned in the two villages.

A very happy & prosperous 2024 to everyone!

Richard's Christmas Ramblings 2023.

A few years ago I based one of my Ramblings on why most of the older properties in the Parish had fences around their front gardens and gates that actually closed. Why? Because it was common for milking cows to use the roads on their way to and from milking, as they still do in Tredington, and large flocks of sheep were often moved by road to different pastures. If you couldn't shut your front gate, then you lost your flowers, or let-tuces or whatever was growing, but you did get free manure for the roses.

This week, driving down the Fiddington Lane, a lone walker, yes we recognised you, flagged us down to drive slowly. I knew immediately what to



expect and pulled into the side. It was quite nostalgic and took me back to my childhood when sheep and cattle were driven along the roads from local farms to both Tewkesbury Market and the old Gloucester Market by the Railway Station (Where the bus station is now).

After the market, the animals were driven by drovers to the holding pens for loading at Gloucester station where the station car park is now and Tewkesbury railway loading pens where the Baptist Church is now, for transport around the country to the big cities. Some of course, stayed local in Tewkesbury and these were moved often in small groups on the road as there were very few livestock lorries about at that time.



However, lets get back to livestock on the road. Yesterday afternoon—17th December 2023—there was a major Police alert on the M5

at Junction 12 around 14.30 hrs when the North bound carriage-way was brought to a standstill while animals were that had strayed, were removed from the Motorway. When the M5 was built back in 1969, we found certain cattle would not cross the Bozards Lane bridge from our fields on the east side. Not the traffic, it was the metal expansion joint and some cows would actually jump the joint. One cow never did cross the line and we were forced to leave her at home, when moving other stock over the bridge.



That experience made me very aware of any livestock when crossing motorway bridges, and I never pass a horse and rider, however competent, on a motorway bridge or any bridge in fact for fear of the animal getting spooked. We are privileged to live in a rural setting, and we must all live by a code of respect for livestock. It is better to stop for one minute and let horses

pass, especially on a narrow lane, than bear the consequences of a fallen rider or a more serious accident.

I wrote, when I retired from the P.C. about Bozards crossing and how it became the most expensive Level crossing of its type in the UK due to the Parish Council demands to make it livestock proof. That didn't stop two ponies jumping the cattle grids and getting on the mainline some years back . Fortunately I was nearby and called the main signal box. All trains were held until we had managed to get the ponies back in the field, but it shows that these situations happen.

So please, if you use the country lanes, be wary that you might find livestock of many different kinds on the road. Drive slowly with care and be able to stop within visible distance. If you were to spook an animal and cause an accident. It just might be fatal. Please drive carefully on Country roads. Animals were here first, cars came later.

Stoke Orchard and Tredington Neighbourhood Watch.

Could you give a few hours a month to help 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, 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>



TEWKESBURY & DISTRICT u3a — SPEAKER NEWS

Meetings held on the 2nd Monday of each month in the Baptist Hall, Station Road Tewkesbury GL20 5DR Refreshments 10.00am -start time of 10.30am

Monday, January 8th, 2024

The Life and Expeditions of Sir Ernest Shackleton

Hugh Sharp will talk to us about the life and expeditions of Sir Ernest Shackleton who was on Scott's voyage of Discovery to the Antarctic 1901- 04 and led three expeditions to that continent.

Monday, February 12th, 2024

Nicola Beebee will talk to us about the history, insights and daily operations of the Air Ambulance Service

Monday, March 11th, 2024

'Sir George Gilbert Scott – Hero or Villain?' Tim Bridges will talk about Sir George Gilbert Scott who was responsible for significant changes made to Tewkesbury Abbey in the **late 19th century.**

Are you over 50, retired or not in full-time work?

A NEW START FOR A NEW YEAR - COME ALONG TO MEET FRIENDS

Why not drop in and join us at the u3a ?

We meet every second Monday of the month at the Baptist Hall, Station Road, Tewkesbury, GL20 5DR at 10am for coffee. Then listen to one of our many talented speakers on a variety of topics.

TEWKESBURY & DISTRICT u3a

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Over 30 different groups



As well as our monthly meeting we run groups on a huge variety of subjects, held in various places in and around Tewkesbury. Yearly membership is very reasonable

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STOKE ORCHARD

COMMUNITY CENTRE

A New year brings a renewed sense of excitement for the forthcoming year. We are currently working on the Events schedule and we will update you soon. We have spaces for extra classes and always welcome more private hires. The Hall is a not-for-profit self-funding business and is supported by a small team of volunteers that give up their time to help out. If you would like to join our merry band of volunteers please contact the hall and you will be welcomed with open arms! No matter what time you can give it is all appreciated. Please email info@stokeorchard.org or if you want to book please email booking@stokeorchard.org

The Orchard Store and Amy's Coffee Shop

Thank you for all your custom in 2023, lets make 2024 a Bumper year for the shop!

Over the winter months the shop opening hours are:

Monday – Thursday 9am to 6.30pm

Friday 9am – 7pm

Saturday 8.30am – 5pm

Sunday 9am – 12.30pm

Please let the staff know if you would like us to stock a product we don't sell and we will look into it. The Shop is run on a very tight budget but we will try and accommodate your requests. If you ever fancy working in the shop as a volunteer please contact

info@stokeorchard.org or speak to a staff member.



Stoke Orchard Community Centre

January 24 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	SWEATYMAMA 1.00pm - 3.00pm www.sweatymam.com	Yoga 7pm – 8:00pm info@greentreeyoga.co.uk
Tuesday	Pilates 09:30-10:30am pilatesbycharlotte@gmail.com		Kettlercise 6:30pm-7.15pm Pilates 7.30-8.00pm tredtraining@outlook.com
Wednesday	Stoke Orchard Toddlers 9.30am - 11:00am		
Thursday		U3A Science 2.00pm to 4.00pm December 7th	Hatha Yoga 7.30-8.45pm sadiehawson@gmail.com
Friday	Pilates 09:30-10:30am GravityFitness@live.co.uk	DIDIRUGBY 10.30am to 11.30am keith.smith@didirugby.com	
Saturday	Zumba 10–11am michele.darnell@btinternet.com		
Sunday	Kettlercise 09:00-10:00am tredtraining@outlook.com		

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

Vicar	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 Mrs Emily Watton	01684 293617	Head.TPS.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 **January 2024** Stoke Orchard and Tredington. **Blue - Thursday 11th** **Thursday 25th**
Green Friday 5th **Thursday 18th**

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.

No Flowers until Easter.

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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