

Stoke Orchard & Tredington Newsletter



Our new Parish Christmas Tree!

April 2024

Happy Easter

'... I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.' John 10:10

For the past few weeks, life has begun to spring up all around us. First the snowdrops, then the daffodils, and now the crocuses are adding their colours to all the different greens of the new leaves on trees and shrubs. There is an Easter hymn that very aptly includes this in its words: 'Now the green blade riseth from the buried grain, Wheat that in dark earth many days has lain; Love lives again, that with the dead has been; Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.'

If you have given something up during Lent, or taken up some kind of Lent practice, or life has been difficult for one reason or another, you may well have experienced for yourself some sort of 'dark earth' by way of need, emptiness, hunger, unfulfilled desire, grief, or lack. And yet, this Easter hymn says confidently that in that same dark earth, wheat has lain... The hymn writer may have meant it differently, but I always think the wheat is synonymous to hope and light. Hope and light may be buried within the darkness and heaviness of our circumstances and emotions, but nevertheless they are still within us, somewhere, until we are ready and able for them to reappear in our life.

When Jesus died on the cross, everyone thought it was all over. All the hope and light had gone. And then, in the depths of grief and despair, Jesus appeared - hope and light were present again. And that, I believe, is the message of Easter: death is not the end, but points to and contains new beginnings. Whether we call it wheat or hope or light or life, whether we can see and notice it or not, it is there, and is reflected every year in the cycle of church and seasonal celebrations. Every year again, we move through darkness and winter and apparent death into hope and light and new life.

This prayer, which will be used in the churches on Easter Day, says it all: *God of glory, by the raising of your Son you have broken the chains of death and hell: fill your Church with faith and hope; for a new day has dawned and the way to life stands open in our Saviour Jesus Christ.'*

May life be full of hope and light and new beginnings, and peace and blessings to you all this Eastertide,

Ilse

Dear All,

As you may have noticed, this month's newsletter is a little constricted. Sadly, no Richard's Ramblings this time, which I'm sure we will all miss.

Unfortunately, our editor for the past few years, Richard Chatham has decided to hang up his pen with immediate effect and allow others to take up the monthly literary mantle for the Parish. I'm sure you would all join me in offering our sincere thanks for the time and effort he has put in over the years, and for the historical education he has provided us all through his ramblings too. The many snapshots of the Parish in bygone years and the changes in both land, property and characters over that time too have been eloquently documented in each magazine.

Moving on, I'm sure you don't want to be subjected to monthly mutterings from me. I hope to start a monthly 'meet your neighbour' slot, where a different resident introduces themselves, what they do, how long they've lived in the Parish and perhaps what life achievements they have. There are some remarkable people out there and so many hide their light under a bushel. I do hope we can get it to take off. Is there a young resident out there who would like to try their interviewing skills?

I wondered also if there are any budding editors out there who might like to take this on as a first step on the ladder to editing The Telegraph or the Mail! It isn't an onerous task, as all the content is provided and just needs pulling together before it goes to Typecraft for printing/finishing.

We hope to have the email list for those who have signed up for electronic copies. If anyone additionally would like it sent this way, please email the clerk on clerk@sotpc.co.uk and she will ensure you are included. Otherwise, as usual, there are a number of printed copies in the Orchard Stores for you to collect.

With your help, I'm committed to keeping this valuable resource going.

Many thanks.

Alan



REQUEST FOR HELP AND DONATIONS

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



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 Shorrock

Cllr George Fairbairn

Contact Details - through the Clerk - Mrs Michelle Hinde

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.

Notice of Stoke Orchard and Tredington Parish Council Meeting

The next Parish Council Meeting will be on Wednesday May 8th, 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.

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Dear Resident,

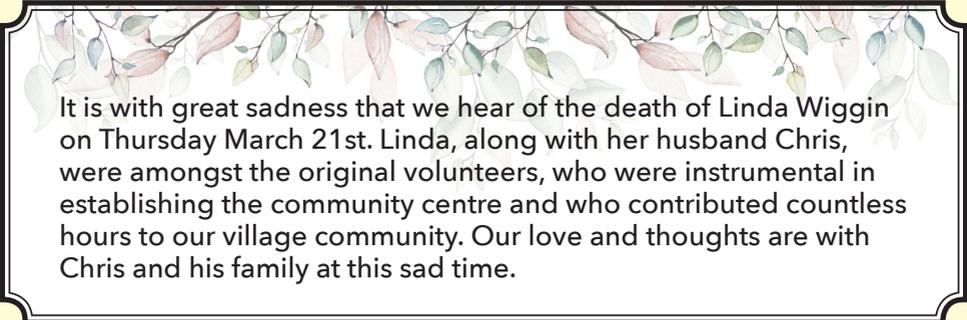
I think we're all looking forward to a bit of warmth, and for the interminable wet to abate. Roll on less mud!

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

- The Junction 10 application has now been resubmitted. On Wednesday 27th, we have a meeting with them, the police, the County councillor, Alex Hegenbarth, Highways and TBC to discuss traffic calming measures that all parties might think is appropriate for the road through our Parish. These discussions will take on an added importance, with the application adjacent to Spitfire Homes in Bishops Cleeve for an industrial estate opposite Grundons. The heavy traffic generated by this will impact on an already busy road, and no doubt some of these will attempt to come through our village. This is not to mention the displacement of yet more flood water downstream towards us. A written submission by us objecting to this estate will be sent to the planning department before the 28th deadline.

- Cotswold Oak Ltd have apologised to residents for the mud outside their site.
- The Land by the Chapel: the letter of transfer has now been signed and in the hands of TBC. The lawyers are now finalising the transfer conditions and arranging the agreed payment to the PC for it's future maintenance & upkeep.
- The TBC planning department have now come back with another load of requests and conditions relating to the ecology of the pump track site. The ecologist now has to come back and another survey performed. This means I suspect that early April was a bit ambitious, but we will keep plugging away until we get there!
- Regarding the littering around the Parish, I wanted to thank our residents, John Cooper & his son, and Roy & Maggie Dakin for their much-appreciated help in keeping the village tidy. We would still like to do a volunteer Sunday at some point, when a day becomes free. Meantime, there are Hi-Viz vests and litter grabbers at the community centre if anyone would like to help also.
- On Wednesday last, a number of volunteers helped transform The Orchard Stores with a complete change around. There is now a dedicated coffee area, where we hope eventually to do hot soup & crusty bread, hot pasties and delicious cake. Do come and give it a try.
- Kompan, the company who installed the playpark attended this month also, to check the equipment and to retighten the zipwire. It is so well used and a great asset to our village.
- Some of the parish hedges are a little untidy at the mo. Sadly we now cannot trim them until end of August due to nesting birds. However, we will tackle all these then.
- Finally, we are pursuing all the relevant authorities regarding the bridge in Tredington, which has had unsightly barriers in place for a long time now. The bridge itself is not fit for purpose and we are determined to try to remedy this.

Have a great month all!



It is with great sadness that we hear of the death of Linda Wiggin on Thursday March 21st. Linda, along with her husband Chris, were amongst the original volunteers, who were instrumental in establishing the community centre and who contributed countless hours to our village community. Our love and thoughts are with Chris and his family at this sad time.



Stoke Orchard Community Centre



The hall is getting busier which is great, but we could do with more! Would you like to start your own class, hold a meeting, book the main hall for a children's party, hold a celebration, look no further!

Email us on booking@stokeorchard.org.

Have you a bit of spare time?

Would you like to help with a bit of maintenance, helping with events like volunteering to work the Pub Nights, covering the phone or locking up, we need you! Please let us know by emailing info@stokeorchard.org

Pub Night - 26th April

The Orchard Store and Amy's Coffee Shop!

We have all been busy giving the shop a makeover and we hope you all like what we have done. There is now a dedicated area for Amy's Coffee Shop.

Still work in progress but I'm sure you will agree is a lovely space.

We are currently looking into new suppliers which we will hopefully be able to stock in the near future.

Thank you for your continued custom!





Stoke Orchard Community Centre



April 2024 Class Timetable

Please contact the class instructors for more details.

Monday	ZUMBA 9.30 – 10.30AM michele.darnell@btinternet.com	SWEATYMAMA 10.45AM – 12.30PM www.sweatymama.com	YOGA 7.00 – 7.55PM info@greentreeyoga.co.uk
Tuesday	PILATES 9.30 – 10.30AM pilatesbycharlotte@gmail.com		KETTLERCISE 6.30 – 7.15PM PILATES 7.30 – 8PM tredtraining@outlook.com
Wednesday	STOKE ORCHARD TODDLERS 9.30 – 11.00AM		
Thursday		CHI CHI 6.00 – 7.00PM jess.thesugarshack@gmail.com	HATHA YOGA 7.30 – 8.45PM sadiehawson@gmail.com
Friday	PILATES 9.30 – 10.30AM gravityfitness@live.co.uk DIDIRUGBY 10.30 – 11.30AM keith.smith@didirugby.com		
Saturday	ZUMBA 9.30 – 10.30AM michele.darnell@btinternet.com		
Sunday	KETTLERCISE 9.00 – 10.00AM tredtraining@outlook.com		



Tredington News for April 2024

TREDINGTON & STOKE ORCHARD WI next meet on Tuesday, April 9th at 7.30pm in Tredington Village Hall. This will be an Open Evening when husbands, friends & visitors are invited to attend. Our speaker will be Sheila Pugh talking on "Mercy Ships".



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TREDINGTON & STOKE ORCHARD GARDENING CLUB will be meeting on Monday, April 15th in Tredington Village Hall at 7.30pm for a talk on "Hardy Fuchsias" by Robert Champion. Visitors are very welcome.

This will be our last talk in the hall till September. We start our visits in May, but please note these are not on Mondays! On Saturday, May 18th we are going to "Leaf Creative" at Huntley, meeting at the venue at 11am. We will be car sharing, so do think ahead so that we can arrange at the March meeting if possible.

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TREDINGTON VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE held a very enjoyable & successful Whist Drive on Friday, March 1st, when 32 people attended. Thanks to all the committee who supplied the delicious food and to all who gave raffle prizes, or helped in other ways. Look out for our next event in May or early June!

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TREDINGTON SANDBAGGERS enjoyed coffee, biscuits & chat at their monthly meeting in the Village Hall. Another Breakfast meeting at Weatherspoons in Tewkesbury will be arranged soon!



Stoke Orchard and Tredington Parish Council Community Speed Watch



'CLICK' campaign is running for 6 weeks from March to April 2024

Car occupants not wearing a seat belt are over twice as likely to be killed or seriously injured in a collision, emphasising the life-saving impact of this simple act.

Seat belt non wearing is more common amongst those that live in the UK's most deprived areas and those that travel in passenger seats.

The proportion of passenger car occupant fatalities recorded as not wearing a seat belt rose from 16% in 2013 to 22% in 2022 (highest at 37% in 2021).

Non wearing is also associated with drink and drug driving, aggressive driving and driving at night.

Why focus on 17-24-year-old men?

In 2022, 30% of car occupant fatalities among 17 to 29-year-olds occurred without seat belts (vs 21% among all car occupants).

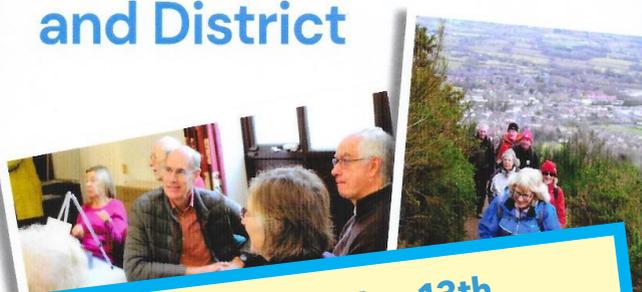
Young men, who are more likely to be inconsistent wearers of seatbelts, report that they are much less likely to wear one on familiar journeys or at low speeds. Around 40% think it is less risky to travel without a seat belt on shorter and familiar journeys (vs 12% of the general population).



For more information and video links:
<https://www.think.gov.uk/campaign/seatbelts-2024/>

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MEETING - May 13th
10:30am - 12:00pm

Mike Jackson, whose career includes producing the Antiques Roadshow and Bargain Hunt, will enlighten us with stories from those times and what goes on behind the scenes.

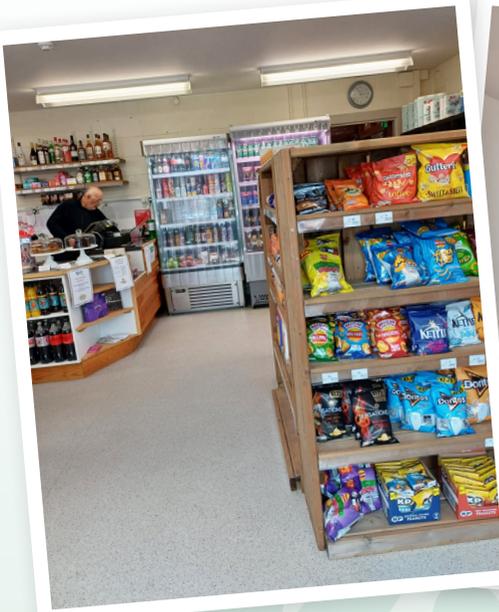


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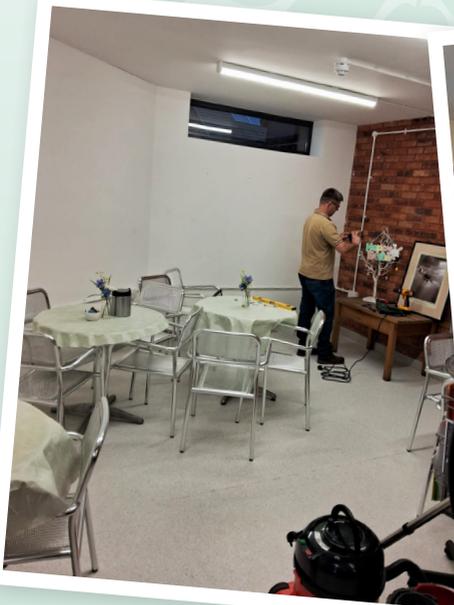
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- Skittles
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- Spanish
- Strumming for Fun
- Table Tennis
- Walking Groups

**Join us
for fun and
friendship**



Our volunteer team had a blast the other week, altering our community shop. It is now an even better place to shop or have delicious coffee & cake. If you fancy being part of our fun team, please contact Helen at the community centre. All help so appreciated!



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