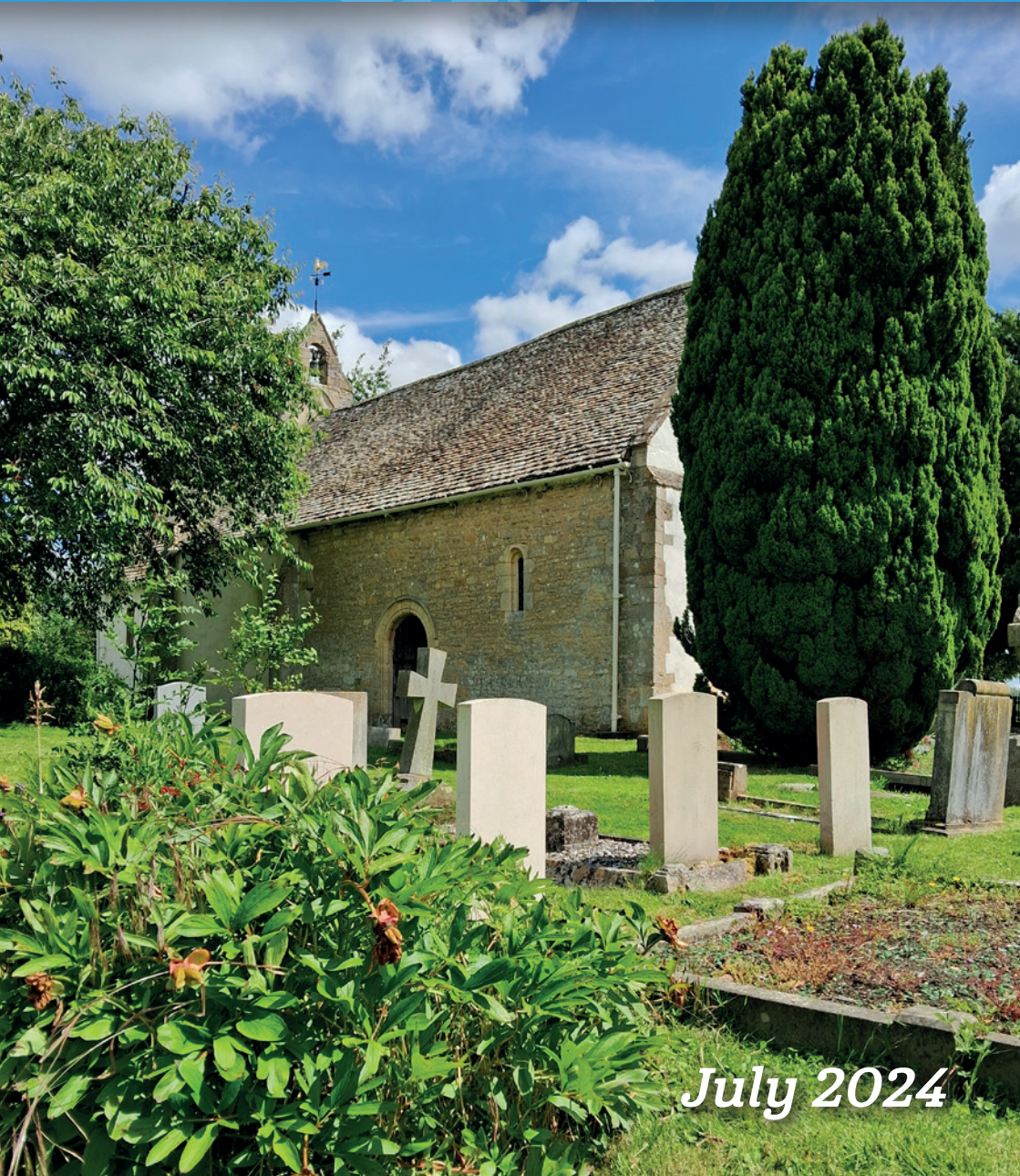


Stoke Orchard & Tredington Newsletter



July 2024

What gives you hope?



At the end of June, a reading from the Book of Job appears on the list of reading for services. That doesn't happen very often, but I am always glad when it does! Because for me, the Book of Job is one of hope, and of the comparison between our world view and that of God. Sure, the world has opened up through internet and social media, and technology and all sorts of innovations have made it possible for us to understand and know more about this world we live in than ever before.

But what we still do not know and can not explain or predict is exactly how the world and humankind and all that lives in and on this world interact with and respond to one another. The Book of Job, for me, explains why that is. The reading is from chapter 38: 'Where were you when I laid the earth's foundation? ... On what were its footings set, or who laid its cornerstone while the morning stars sang together and all the angels shouted for joy?'

We know that machinery and technology can be used for good or for bad. It is up to us what we choose. We may know more than ever about all that happens in this world, but we do not know everything. Our choices, though, will affect not just us but also the generations after us.

And just like Job finds himself in despair at the start of the book, so we may lament about all that gives us cause for concern, anger, and sadness - and lamenting and anger and sadness are all necessary in order to jolt us into action - but just like Job finds hope in knowing that he cannot see the bigger picture, only the life he knows here and now, so we too can find hope in knowing the same, and make choices that help us and those who come after us live in a place of hope. We cannot change the whole world, but we can contribute to change in our own homes and families and communities and villages for the better.

Green Week in the middle of June was a great success and raised awareness of how to take care of the beautiful part of the world in which we live. Knowing that so many people care gives me hope. What gives you hope?

Peace and summer blessings to you all,

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Lt Col Charles Ronald Fryer

In the spirit of the recent D-Day celebrations, it seems fitting to celebrate and remember one of the men in the four war graves in Stoke Orchard churchyard. Lt Col Charles Ronald Fryer was an exceptional man by the sound of it, having won the Military Cross in the Great War and then rising to a farther challenge in World War Two. He was supposedly 'mad as a box of frogs' and brave as a lion. What a character. RIP.



Lieutenant-Colonel Fryer was born in 1888, the son of and Mrs. C. Fryer. On leaving Nottingham High School he went to South Africa, where he was farming when the 1914-18 War broke out. He was soon home, and enlisted in the Regiment and joined the 6th Battalion. He was soon granted a commission, and found himself in France with the 2nd Battalion in 1915. He was wounded in the Battle of Loos. Convalescing at home, he joined the Royal Flying Corps, but in course of training was crashed by another pilot and injured. He rejoined the 2nd Battalion in France and by 1918 was a highly efficient Company Commander. He carried out a very successful raid with his Company in front of Noeux les Mines and received the M.C. for his gallantry on that occasion. After this he became Adjutant of the Battalion, and in that capacity was with the Battalion in all the fighting which led to the Armistice. He particularly distinguished himself on 4th November 1918, when doing a personal reconnaissance for his commanding officer. He and his orderly, Rifleman Procter, a fine member of the Rhodesian platoon, completely eliminated an enemy post which tried to hold them up. For this and his other services he received a Bar to his M.C.

After the Armistice he volunteered for service in India, where he became Adjutant of an Indian battalion. He went to Mesopotamia, where he was on the H.Q. Staff during the Arab rebellion. He then volunteered as an instructor to the Persian army, and for his services there received a Persian decoration.

After the Armistice Captain Fryer returned to civil life and lived at East Fulham, where he became a Borough Councillor and Private Secretary to Sir K. Vaughan-Morgan, M.P., and took an active part in local affairs. Early in 1939 he became Adjutant of the 2nd Battalion, Queen Victoria's Rifles when that Battalion was raised, and when war started he became Adjutant to the Training Battalion. In January 1941 he was appointed Staff Captain at Southampton. The following June he was A.D.C. to Lieutenant-General Easwood at Northern Command. After two other Staff appointments he joined the Paratroops in May 1942 and became an instructor in glider pilot training, and was promoted Lieutenant-Colonel. In 1943 he was Second in Command of the Parachute Battalion Depot for nine months, but in November that year he returned to command his former Glider Pilot Section in Stoke Orchard. He then applied for a Pilot Flying Course to completely fit himself for his job. At the age of 56 this was a considerable achievement, and he was on the point of attaining his desire when a crash landing ended his life.



Bus Timetable

T from Tewkesbury to Bishops Cleeve

Monday to Friday (except Bank Holidays)

Effective from 19 February 2023

Tewkesbury High St	0740	0900	1010	1120	1230	1340	1450	1610	1725	1835
Tewkesbury Morrisons	0743	x	x	1123	x	1343	1453	1613	x	x
Tewkesbury Gupshill Manor	x	0905	1015	x	1235	x	x	x	1730	1840
Wheatpieces Snowdonia Rd	0745	x	x	x	x	x	1455	1615	x	x
Walton Cardiff Monterey Rd	0747	x	x	x	x	x	1457	1617	x	x
Stoke Orchard The Orchard	0759C	0916	1026	1137	1246	1357	1509C	1629	1741	1851
Bishops Cleeve Petrol Station	x	0922	1032	1143	1252	1403	x	x	1747	1857
Bishops Cleeve Mill Parade	0820	0930	1040	1150	1300	1410	1530	1645	1755	1902
Bishops Cleeve Homelands Pk	0824	0934	1044	1154	1304	1414	1534	1649	1759	
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Tewkesbury and District



MEETING - Monday 8th July
10:30am - 12:00pm

Professor Gerald Seaman will speak of his

Musical Life in Russia

and how he nearly became James Bond



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- Mahjong
- Needlecraft
- Opera Appreciation
- Petanque
- Photography
- Science & Technology
- Scrabble
- Short Mat Bowls
- Skittles
- Solos Groups
- Spanish
- Strumming for Fun
- Table Tennis
- Walking Groups

Join us for fun and friendship



Stoke Orchard & Tredington Parish Council



Parish Councillors from May 16th 2024 are:-

Cllr Alan Macdonald (Chairman) • Councillor Sue Shorrock (Vice chair),
Cllr Andrew Troughton • Cllr James Gilder • Cllr Tim Juckes
Cllr Graham Ferguson • 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 July 3rd, 2024 at 7pm 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,

Finally, some nice weather!

- Wonders will never cease! Planning was finally granted for the pump track on the Orchard Estate. We still must produce a 'CEMP' – Construction Ecological Management Plan – so this is being organised before anything can begin. All being well, we can get started around the end of July. I'd like to thank both Richard Chatham for his tireless work in getting the application off the ground, and to John Newton for his liaising with the constructor throughout the process. This will be such a valuable and healthy addition to the amenities for youngsters in the village, and thanks go to Bloor Homes for allowing the funds to do this to be carried forward for so long.
- The new Roseleigh development application has been submitted and is being considered by TBC planners sometime in July. It is now for 126 houses and several small changes have been made to satisfy urban planners recommendations. We continue to discuss 106 and CIL options with both parties to get as many benefits as possible for the community, and we will maintain a monitor on progress. As always, dialogue is essential.
- We continue to negotiate with the M5 J10 team and other officers involved – Highways, the police, County Council and TBC. The measures they propose will be designed to slow traffic through the village, or to persuade drivers somehow that there are better routes to take rather than through Stoke Orchard. One example is a 20mph zone throughout. A residents public meeting is being proposed to put forward their ideas, so watch this space.

- Cotswold Oak Ltd have now donated some lovely village noticeboards. These need installed so if anyone has a spare hour or two, that would be so welcome. There is a constant stream of little jobs to do if we are to live in a nice area. If we paid for all of them to be done the precept would have to increase stupidly. Volunteers are so needed, so please do give us even an hour of your spare time.
- The honey has been selling really well. I don't think there's too much left until August now, so do get in and snap up one of the last few jars till then.
- A few people have been pressing for the tennis net to go up in the MUGA. We purchased a new 'self-supporting' net recently and it just needs unwrapped and figuring out how to erect it. Hopefully by the time you read this, we will have found the time to do this. I'm aware that this curtails the space somewhat for our footballers, but we persist in chasing funds to add a smaller games area at the back of the existing MUGA.
- The kerbs around the village have been weed killed and swept so hopefully this looks a bit tidier. We had a meeting with the POS contractor and a more specific maintenance plan agreed. This will include the area in front of the church in SO and around the bus stop.
- Finally, a new dog bin has been installed at the end of Dean Lane. Please could I ask all dog owners to use these bins that are dotted all around the Parish for your convenience.

Have a great month all!

Items Affecting the Parish

ROAD CLOSURES

Bozard Lane will be closed from 8th May - 7th November 2024 so Solar Farm infrastructure can be installed in the public highway

BOROUGH COUNCIL

Tewkesbury Borough Council want to change their name to North Gloucestershire Borough Council. The name-change consultation is now live! The consultation explains why they want to make the change and details the benefits and concerns. Most importantly, it gives residents, businesses and local organisations the chance to share whether there are any benefits or issues they haven't thought of

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		
Reader and Young People's Church	Mrs Vivienne Troughton, Tredington	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 533132	info@stokeorchard.org

Church services – July

Sunday 7th July 9.30am • Tredington Morning Worship

Sunday 14th July 9.30am • Stoke Orchard Holy Communion

Sunday 21st July 9.30am • Tredington Holy Communion

Sunday 28th July 9.30am • Stoke Orchard Holy Communion

Recycling & Waste Collection Dates for July 2024 - Stoke Orchard & Tredington

BLUE	Thursday 11th	Thursday 25th
GREEN	Thursday 4th	Thursday 18th



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



HAVING A COMMUNITY IS HAVING A SUPPORT NETWORK

ERIKA HELSTROM



Stoke Orchard Community Centre



Following on from last month's newsletter, here are another three more classes held at the hall we would like to highlight.

Tuesday & Wednesday

Pilates With Charlie Revell • 9.30am Tuesday

Please contact Charlotte on
pilatesbycharlotte@gmail.com



Tred Training - Toni Steel tredtraining@outlook.com

Tuesday:
6.30pm Kettles
7.20pm Pilates

Sunday:
9am Double Kettles
9.30am Body Weight Hiit

Stoke Orchard Toddlers every Wednesday morning during school term. Summer dates have been released.

Miranda runs a lovely, fun Toddler session. Please contact Miranda on
mirandapeace@hotmail.com

Every Wednesday (term time only). Summer holiday dates posted below.

We offer..

- ✳️ Homemade cake and a good choice of hot drinks for adults
- ✳️ Snacks & drink for children
- ✳️ Crafts, playdough lots of choice of toys
- ✳️ Baby area with lots of baby toys
- ✳️ Singing 🎵 at the end

Plenty of free parking. No need to prebook.. Just come along on the day! £6 per family. Cash & card accepted!

Stoke Orchard Community Centre, Armstrong Road, Stoke Orchard,
Cheltenham. GL52 7SB

Please support the hall as much as you can as it is self funding and all income goes towards running this brilliant building and providing a lovely place for everyone to enjoy.

Our next Pub Night will be the 19th July and our lovely volunteers will be there serving you with a smile! Without our merry band of volunteers these evenings wouldn't happen so please pop along and have a catch up with your friends and neighbours!

Any queries please contact info@stokeorchrd.org
Bookings - booking@stokeorchard.org

The Orchard Store and Amy's Coffee Shop



We are now entering the BBQ season and we have a selection of chilled beverages and Ice creams to keep you cool. Order all your bread requirements for your barbeque by Thursday evening for the weekend. All our bread comes from Norths Bakery and we have daily deliveries except Sundays.

The Store is a Community Shop and is here for you. If you wish for something to be stocked please let our staff know and we will try and source it for you. If you would like to volunteer in the shop on the odd occasion, please let us know. It's great fun, you would be helping your community and you get to meet the loveliest of customers.

info@stokeorchard.org

Thank you for your continued custom!



Stoke Orchard Community Centre



June 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	STRENGTH & BALANCE with Helen 11.00AM – 12PM Contact: 07740 309750	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		
Saturday	ZUMBA 10.00 – 11.00AM michele.darnell@btinternet.com		
Sunday	KETTLERCISE 9.00 – 10.00AM tredtraining@outlook.com		

Meet your neighbour

Alan Macdonald...

I was born in 1963, in a suburb of Glasgow called Cambuslang. I was minutes away from brain damage (some may say it had already happened), as my throat was blocked. The quick-thinking midwife grabbed a straw and managed to clear a passage just in time. However, it left my left leg almost black with blood bruising, which caused a lot of consternation with PE teachers at school, as they thought I was being regularly beaten about the left leg! I have two brothers and two sisters, one of whom has Downs Syndrome.

My parents belonged to a religion called the Plymouth Brethren, also known as the Exclusive Brethren, and my younger years up until adolescence were dominated by its teachings and inculcation of the cult.

I was a bit of a rebel and with my love of motorbikes, I got caught up with an unsavoury bunch of friends, much to the consternation of my parents and the repugnance of the wider religious community. I was banished and for a time I stayed wherever I could. My dad died at the young age of 45 and, I guess, looking around for any kind of anchor, I joined 15 Para, the territorial battalion based in Glasgow.

After a couple of years there, where I found my other religion - fitness - I moved on to the military in France, where I became a corporal training recruits in various areas around the South. Later in the Eighties, I came home and took up the only trade I knew, as my father had taught me 'cobbling' before he died. I joined a company called Mr Minit, and progressed until I was given an Area Manager's post. This involved running thirty or so shops over the South of England. This I did for some ten years.

I continued my love of fitness and played squash most nights and ran half marathons most weekends. I bought another motorbike and raced it at numerous tracks around the country.

My father's business in Glasgow had folded when he died, and I had always hankered after recreating another in his name. Casting about, I decided on Bishops Cleeve, and in 1995, I opened my cobbler's business there. Twenty-nine years later - eek - I'm still there.

I am lucky to be married to my beautiful wife Helen and we have a much-loved son called William. I have five fantastic step-kids, who are all phenomenal human beings. Sadly, my stepdaughter Emily, was paralysed in 2000 at the age of 21 in a car accident but she has since created a vastly fulfilling life beyond most able-bodied people in the intervening years. I'm so proud of all of them.

We moved to Stoke Orchard in 2013 and became involved in setting up the new community centre, which was just an empty shell back then. It was particularly rewarding to see the building coming together as a cohesive community hub, and it is such a pleasure to see it full of residents at any of the many social events we do.

Helen has been instrumental in every development of the community centre and now manages both shop & hall extremely efficiently along with our small volunteer team.

Somehow, I was enticed into the Parish Council a few years ago, but I'm passionate about our lovely community and its' wellbeing and long may that continue!

Thanks for reading,

Alan



TREDINGTON & STOKE ORCHARD WI next meet on **Tuesday, July 9th** in **Tredington Village Hall at 7.30pm**. Our speaker will be David Shannon telling us about "Humour in Court". Visitors & new members are always very welcome.

On **Tuesday, August 13th** we are having an outing to **Bourton House Gardens (pictured above)** Near Moreton in Marsh, GL56 9AE. Leaving Tredington Village Hall at 9.30am for 10.30am at venue. Car sharing is available. If you need a lift please ring Gill on 01684 294887

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WI FUNDRAISER On **Friday, September 6th** we are holding a **Regency Evening at Tredington Court** (by kind permission of Roy & Viv Troughton). This will take place from 5pm until 8pm. There will be a Regency style Collation of food, including delicious puddings, & drink is included. There will be a tombola. Tickets are £20 and are available from Gill on 01684 294887

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TREDINGTON & STOKE ORCHARD GARDENING CLUB On **Thursday, July 18th** we are visiting **Sezincote House & Gardens** near Morton in Marsh, GL56 9AW. There will be a car share if needed. Please ring Bob on 07967701454 if you would like a lift. Please meet at the venue at 10.50am for a tour at 11am.

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GARDENING CLUB FUND RAISING STRAWBERRY TEA is on **Saturday, August 17th** at **York Barn, Home Farm, Tredington** from 3-5pm. Tickets are £8 to include: scone with jam & cream, Piece of cake & bowl of strawberries & cream plus tea, coffee or squash. There will be a raffle. Tickets available from Paddy on 01684 294053.

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THE SANDBAGGERS next meet on **Tuesday, July 2nd** at 10am in **Tredington Village Hall**. Any man living in Tredington is invited. Just coffee, biscuits & chat!



Stoke Orchard and Tredington Parish Council Community Speed Watch



Community Speed Watch

**Helping communities
to help themselves and
helping drivers to respect
communities.**

As you drive through Gloucestershire's communities, please remember a little care goes a long way. By following the speed limit and driving with care and consideration when sharing the roads with motorcyclists and cyclists you can make a real difference.



Respectful driving reduces damaging noise and vibration and harmful emissions. It also makes our communities nicer places – and safer – to live.

We all lead busy lives and sometimes stressful lives and it can be easy to forget how our behaviour is affecting others. By taking a moment to remember the impact you make and by aiming to be a caring driver you can help a great deal.

Your Community Speed Watch team is a group of dedicated volunteers concerned about speeding within our villages. Please support them by driving carefully and respectfully through our community.

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