

Stoke Orchard and Tredington Newsletter



Sunset over May Hill, 2nd November 2021 (RHC)

December 2021

The Monthly Message

Are you feeling the Christmas Joy?

Are you getting excited to prepare for a festive time? Meals with family and friends, presents? Getting a Christmas tree and decorating the house? Ready to sing the Christmas carols?

Advent has started and the next four weeks are a time of preparation. Unlike Lent, which has a more sober character, this time of preparation is one of high expectations and joyful anticipation, and for many of us a time of busyness as we go about our shopping and housekeeping and planning for Christmas.

But not everyone may feel this sense of excitement and joy and anticipation. Instead, we may feel sad and lonely as we think of the loved ones who can't be with us at Christmas, or we may feel disconnected from Christmas joy for a multitude of other reasons.

If that is how you feel, know that you are not alone. And that it is completely normal to feel that way, too.

So this year, we will hold a service to acknowledge that Christmas may be difficult. And to, again, mention the names of those we have loved and lost and who can't be with us at Christmas. The service will include readings and music, and we will light candles as a source of hope and light. It is called 'Blue Christmas' and will take place in Deerhurst on Saturday 18th December at 4 p.m. Everyone is welcome, and names to be read out can be added as you arrive.

Psalms 34 states that 'the Lord is near to the broken-hearted, and saves the crushed in spirit' (verse 18) and earlier, in verse 6 'This poor soul cried, and was heard by the Lord...'

Coming together as a community to celebrate and to commemorate brings us closer to each other and to the Lord, and gives us the opportunity to be heard, to remember the good and difficult times, and to find hope and light in our gatherings. You can find details of all Christmas services below.

No need to book (unless government advice changes) and we look forward to being alongside each other as we journey through Advent, opening our eyes and alerting each other to the signs of hope around us, to the light of hope in our midst, and together celebrating the greatest gift of light and hope of all: **the birth of Jesus Christ.**

Peace and blessings to you all,

Ilse.

Stoke Orchard and Tredington Church Services

Sunday 5th December: 9.30am Morning Prayer at Tredington

Friday 10th December: 7pm carol service at Tredington

Sunday 12th December: 9.30am Holy Communion at Stoke Orchard

Saturday 18th December: 4pm Blue Christmas service at Deerhurst

Sunday 19th Dec.: 9.30am Holy Communion at Tredington

Friday 24th December: 4pm Christingle at Stoke Orchard and 11.30pm Midnight Mass at Tredington

Saturday 25th December: 10am Christmas morning service at Tredington (no service at Stoke Orchard)

Sunday 26th December: 11am Benefice Holy Communion at Apperley.

Please note with thanks to the continued support of local volunteers that both **Tredington Church and Stoke Orchard Church will be open during daylight hours—**

A Request for help and Donations. Please.-

TRUSSELL TRUST TEWKESBURY shopping list for food bank:

We urgently need: Tinned Fruit, Tinned tomatoes, Instant Mash, Shampoo, Deodorants, Small jars of instant coffee, Tomato and Brown Ketchup.

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

John Bellingham admitted to the company of St. Kyneburga.

John Bellingham from Stoke Orchard was admitted to the Company of St Kyneburga in Early October in Gloucester Cathedral, in recognition of long standing service to the church. He really enjoyed the service and I think is secretly quite chuffed! John has tirelessly tended the Churchyard at Stoke Orchard for must be 50 years and the award was so well merited. John, congratulations and many thanks for all you do!

He joins Will Morris from Deerhurst who is also a member of the Company.



Tredington Playreading Group

The reading of *Tomb with a View* by Norman Robins went really well. There were more in the cast than we had readers, but fortunately so many were being killed off that by the end of Act 2 we could almost read without needing to double up! It is not surprising that some 38 years after the play was written it is still being performed all over the world so complicated and bizarre is the plot and characters.

We kick off 2022 by reading, **at 7.30pm** on 27th January, *Day of Reckoning*. The subject of the play is close to many of us – the annual church fête – with all the likely suspects in the cast. In fact, when performed by my village group in Cornwall one could hear the whispered ‘You know who that is like, don’t you?’ as a line here and there struck a chord.

Why not come along and see if you can recognise yourself! You don’t have to read – just come and listen. If enjoy plays on the radio, they are no different from us, their cast stand around a microphone and we just sit on chairs. We are all just reading a script.

Happy Christmas, and we hope to see you in the New Year.

Coral Pepper 01684 290537 **Please Note the New Time.**

The Tredington News Pages

TREDINGTON & STOKE ORCHARD WI held their AGM in November. Joy Lycett has agreed to continue as President for the forthcoming year Telephone 07791 556997 jolycett@btinternet.com . Cathy Law has been appointed as our new secretary. Telephone 07530 467669 kathylawpoppies@gmail.com . A fish & chip supper, followed by the AGM, was enjoyed by all.

The next meeting is on **Tuesday, December 14th at 7.30pm** in Tredington Village Hall. As this is our Christmas meeting everyone is asked to bring a small plate of finger food and festive entertainment will be organised by members of the committee.

TREDINGTON & STOKE ORCHARD GARDENING CLUB held their AGM in York Barn on November 15th. Paddy Grimshaw continues as Chairman, Diana Aldred as programme Secretary & Roger Grimshaw as Treasurer. Val Vedmore (joint chairman) & Jane Chatham have retired from the committee & both were thanked for their contributions to the club. Sarah Woodbridge & Bob Stockwell have joined the committee. Jackie Dean gave a lovely demonstration of a Christmas table decoration & Gill Stockwell was the lucky winner in the raffle. Myrtle provided delicious mince pies & chocolate brownies to go with our tea & coffee as this was our last meeting of the year.

We hope to meet in **Tredington Village Hall for our first meeting of the New year, Monday, January 17th at 7.30pm** when the speaker will be Annie Webb talking on "Bees". Depending on Covid restrictions & the number of members who wish to attend we may move the meeting to York barn. Members will be notified by email or phone nearer the time. It was agreed at the AGM to raise the annual sub to £12 & this will be due at the January meeting. On payment of the sub new programmes will be given.

Paddy Grimshaw 01684 294053 paddygrimshaw@hotmail.com

TREDINGTON VILLAGE HALL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE are pleased to say that a new dado rail has been fitted in the main hall, the Vicar's room has been painted & the new Karndean floor will be fitted next week.

We are holding a **Christmas Bingo Evening in the hall on Friday December 3rd at 7pm. A few tickets are still available at £7.** There will be light refreshments, a raffle & lots of prizes! Ring Paddy on 01684 294053

STOKE ORCHARD & TREDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL



Parish Councillors from 6th March 2021 are:-

CLlr Richard Chatham, Cllr Andrew Troughton, Cllr James Gilder,
Cllr Alan McDonald, Cllr Phil Ternouth, Cllr John Newton, Cllr Tim Jukes

Contact Details – through the Clerk - Mrs Michelle Hinde

S.O and T P.C. phone:-07763 250303

email- stokeorchardpc@gmail.com

Minutes of Past Meetings are to be found on the Parish Council Website.

Notice of Stoke Orchard and Tredington Parish Council Meeting

Due to Covid-19, following Government Guidance and changes in restrictions the next Parish Council Meeting will be live on Tuesday December 7th. 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 until all restrictions are lifted. The Parish Council will continue to monitor local Covid conditions and take what action is considered necessary for the safety of Councillors and the Public. The Full Minutes of the October Parish Council Meeting will be available on the website

www.stokeorchardandtredington.org.uk .

Our Clerk Jules Owen resigns and we appoint Mrs Michelle Hinde as the New Parish Clerk.

The work of the Parish Clerk these days amounts almost to the level of a legal secretary and an accountant combined. As I have said before, the work of the Parish Council had changed so much since the day I was first elected back in the 1970's. We have considerable responsibilities but in turn our work is more highly regulated than all other levels of Local government from Borough, County, Area and National. So that we can manage this work, we need a clerk with comprehensive abilities to guide us. Your Parish Council lead the Country back in 2011 when the Localism Act came into being and we actually took control of the development agreements around the removal of the National Coal Board buildings and the redevelopment of the site. We were one of the first, if not the first under the Act to sign S106 Agreements with the developer. Those Agreements leading to the Parish Council taking ownership, control and responsibility of the Community Centre, Bus, Shop, Muga, Playground and Public Open Space all of which have financial and legal ramifications.

As I explained in the last Newsletter, we are now trying to share the load of management under several Parish Council Sub committees. All this extra work means more legal hoops to jump through and more money to control.

When Jules Owen joined us 4 years ago, one of her first tasks was to update the Policy Portfolio for the Parish Council. Now our New Clerk Michelle Hinde is having to add extra Policies to comply with statutory legislation. Jules carried out a formidable task managing the financial controls which surrounded the expansion of the duties. Michelle came to us first as a trainee Clerk in 2019 under Jules' supervision and direction. This combination has been such an advantage to us as both clerks are used to similar ways of doing the work and Michelle has experience of our own unique responsibilities

I wish here to note the thanks of the Council to Jules Owen for her commitment to the Council and her immense knowledge and expertise which have proved such benefit to us. Her qualifications will we know be of great assistance to Ashchurch Rural Parish Council who she is joining at a time when they face massive development in their patch.

We welcome Michelle Hinde who is also Clerk to Boddington and Staverton Parish Councils who are in our Rural Forum Group. These connections will surely assist us all as we tackle similar circumstances. Her other two Councils have already welcomed the combination of responsibilities.

This has been a formidable year for the Council. The new Playground, the Shop extension, the return of the Community managing the Community Centre, and of course two new Councillors bringing us up to full strength. All these have brought special feelings of achievement and excitement. From the Parish Council to all residents in both villages, **We wish you a very Happy Christmas and May the new Year bring you good Health, and Happiness.**



The Year of 2021. Richard's Ramblings .

This has been yet another year when life still seems to have been governed by Covid regulations and worries. This seems to have stopped most of the statutory bodies fulfilling their usual roles. Nobody answering phone calls, emails being returned "I am on Annual Leave" etc etc. However, that doesn't seem to have stopped life in our neck of the woods.



This year, we have seen The PCC complete the restoration work in Stoke Orchard Church. We were treated at the end of August to an opportunity to attend one of several illustrated talks by the Reverend Chris Harrison on the history of both the Church and the World renowned Paintings. Few will understand the immense importance of these paintings which are on everyday view within our Community.

On June 6th, D Day, we let the youngster loose in the now highly acclaimed Play Park with it's Memorial theme to those who trained as RAF Pilots and Glider Pilots at RAF Stoke Orchard during the years from 1941 through to the end of the war. This was a true Community Project involving volunteers clearing the old equipment and preparing the ground for the new Inclusive units. We moved 4 trees and they all lived!! That was a miracle of its own. Then came that opening with the party. Roy Maddock-Lyon from Feddon Close, WWII Halifax Pilot, cutting the ribbon. Jane Barkway Harney, President of the Glider Pilot Regiment Society was also with us. This project created real Community involvement with many people giving their time freely. However, it was also great fun and a feeling of achievement.



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Not standing back the next job for our Community volunteers was to expand the Shop. During the first Lock Down, our little Community Store



...suddenly took on a life line role and it was time to expand so that we could stock a wider range of perishable goods like fresh bread and bakery products, salad and vegetables with more chilled space for fresh meats and cooked meats. So again , off we go again and in true Parish fashion we design the extension, organise the Application, then get the extension built and here we are with double the sales area and the return of the Coffee Shop.



Added to this we have now added a window to the Parish Council and Centre Manager's office upstairs. The Parish Council at last has a proper address which with the extension of

responsibilities around the Parish is not before time. Before I close on this, Whilst the piece of ground by the Chapel is still in the hands of the developer who should have handed it over in 2007, The Land by the Perry Tree on Balladine Crescent on the Penny Cress estate is now under the ownership of the Parish Council , is being cleared and will be a further area of Public Open Space and we can guarantee the life of the last remaining Perry Pear Tree in that area of the Parish.



As this year draws to a close , work is already in hand to realign the exit of the Dean Brook from the Public Open Space and also to cleanse the Dean Brook for the next 250 yards so allowing a steady flow of storm water and alleviating the continual problem of flooding to to the POS. The other work in planning is the pump track by the MUGA and provision of defined paths and benches around the site.

Add to this ongoing battle with Severn Trent and County Highways to put the storm water drainage into a fit for purpose state and there we have it. It is perhaps a question that should be asked is how do the Volunteers and those that give their time freely manage to get things done while we wait for ever for the Councils and Utilities at all levels? **A thought to ponder. However, not a bad year for Community involvement.**



November update:

THANK YOU to everyone who completed the CSW questionnaire!



54 responses in total were received and the information has been collated. Many residents provided examples of speeding incidents they had witnessed in the villages as well as lots of ideas for traffic and speed management. These will be discussed at the meetings with the Police, the Road Safety and Traffic Management (RSTM) team and Highways.

Some headlines (updated):

In your opinion, do vehicles drive too fast through our villages?

100% of respondents answered YES

Do you ever feel unsafe when walking/cycling in the villages?

92.5% of respondents answered YES

Would you support community action/initiatives to reduce speeding within the villages?

100% of respondents answered YES

Twenty residents have provided us with contact details. We'll be in touch in due course after we've met with The RSTM team. They will provide support and CSW training for new members.

So what's been happening this month?!

It's been agreed the CSW group now forms a sub-committee of the Parish Council. This means we'll regularly submit reports to the PC along with the Police and the RSTM. We'll have a clearly identifiable email address that we can use to contact members, local businesses, the Police etc.

We met recently with **Sergeant Eli Hammond and PCSO Kam Haider** of the Gloucestershire Police Tewkesbury Neighbourhood Team. This was a really productive meeting from which several actions have already been taken.

- Sergeant Hammond has contacted and received a response from the RSTM team so we can set up our initial meeting with them shortly;

- Kam (as well as with Richard and CSW !) has contacted Highways to set up a meeting to discuss a range of matters including YOUR concerns about speed management, signage, footpaths etc. A response has been received so we hope to achieve this in the near future. We will keep badgering them!
- Sergeant Hammond has just forwarded to us legal information regarding the Lorry Watch scheme (several residents raised this in the questionnaire). We will digest this shortly and decide on a course of action.

3. Road Safety Week 2021 ran from 15th -22nd November. Posters were displayed at the Community Centre and Tredington School. This week the children have been designing their own posters and we hope some of these can be reproduced professionally for display around the villages. CSW team will then work with the school to develop a CSW 'character' and general speed awareness. Watch out for a young CSW team!!

Finally, please remember if we all drive within the speed limit, the other vehicles will be forced to slow down!



Stoke Orchard Community Centre

Monday	Zumba 09:30-10:30am michele.darnell@btinternet.com last class before Christmas-13/12/21	Pilates 10:30-11:30am GravityFitness@live.com Last class before Christmas 20/12/21	Yoga 7:30pm – 8:30pm info@greentreeyoga.co.uk last class before Christmas 13/12/21
Tuesday	Pilates 09:30-10:30am pilatesbycharlotte@gmail.com		Kettlercise 6:30pm-7.15pm Pilates 7.30-8.15pm tredtraining@outlook.com last class before Christmas 21/12/21
Wednesday	Teddies parent & toddler 09:30 – 11:00am https://outlook.office365.com/owa/calendar/TredingtonTeddiesBabyandToddlers@tredingtonteddies.org/uk/bookings/ Last session 08/12/21		Zumba 7.00pm-8.00pm michele.darnell@btinternet.com last class 08/12/21
Thursday	Yoga 10.30am-11.30am info@greentreeyoga.co.uk last class 16/12/21		Hatha Yoga 7.30-9pm sadiehawson@gmail.com last class 23/12/21
Friday	Pilates 09:30-10:30am GravityFitness@live.com last class 17/12/21		
Saturday		Zumba 10:30-11:30am michele.darnell@btinternet.com last class 11/12/21	
Sunday	Kettlercise 09:00-10:00am last class 19/12/21 tredtraining@outlook.com		



Stoke Orchard
Community Centre

Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year!

WE WANT YOU!

BOOK A PARTY, BOOK A BUSINESS MEETING, BOOK THE HALL FOR A REGULAR EXERCISE CLASS!



The Hall is a brilliant place to use. It is well ventilated, large and very clean! It's a wonderful place to set up a new exercise business, children's groups, hold events from a corporate event to a birthday party!

WE HAVE A MEETING ROOM AND MAIN HALL TO CHOOSE FROM.

Please contact booking@stokeorchard.org or go to the website www.stokeorchard.org

Dates to Remember

We have a Christmas Tree Light Switch on – 3rd December from 6.15pm. The Tewkesbury Band will be here, carols will be sang with the support of children from Tredington Primary School. We will also have a special visitor around 7pm. Pub Night will follow.

17th December is our Christmas Jumper Pub Night .

We will be opening the hall up after the Crib/Christingle service at Stoke Orchard Church on the 24th December from 4.45pm to 6pm. Please look for more details on the posters at the hall and on social media.

Don't forget our exciting New Year's Eve party. Ticket only, please contact events@stokeorchard.org



2022

NEW YEAR'S EVE BALL

From 7:30pm • Stoke Orchard Community Centre

Formal dress • FREE glass of fizz/juice on arrival
Hog roast included • FREE glass of Fizz/juice to toast NYE

Please email events@stokeorchard.org to order tickets

Price: £15 Adult • £10 Child, FREE under 3's

Tickets are non-refundable (unless we have to cancel due to COVID guidelines)

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THE ORCHARD STORE AND AMY'S COFFEE SHOP

Christmas is nearly here, from the Shop Staff and Shop Volunteers we wanted to wish you all a Very Merry Christmas and a Very happy New Year!

We have many goodies for Christmas, new lines being added weekly. Pop along, grab a hot drink and have a look at what we have!



Don't forget you can order meat from Andy Hill and Sons Butchers here and if you want anything for Christmas, be quick and order direct with the Butchers. We can also order bread for you from Norths Bakery for a normal week or Christmas! Just ask the staff for details.

What a year it has been! Thank you to all our customers that have supported us through some really challenging times. Improvements to the shop are ongoing and we hope you like them so far! Should you have any suggestions or would like us to stock anything (within reason!) - Please let the staff know or contact the management committee on manager@stokeorchard.org

Our opening times over the festive season:

Christmas Eve 24th December 8.30am – 5pm

Christmas Day 25th December Closed

Boxing Day 26th December Closed

Bank Holidays December 27th / 28th Closed

Wednesday 29th / Thursday 30th December 8.30am – 7pm

New Years Eve 31st December 8.30am – 5pm

New Years Day 1st January Closed

Sunday 2nd January 9am – 4.30pm

Bank Holiday 3rd January Closed

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

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, GL20 5FB	01684 295298	
Readers	Mrs Vivienne Troughton Tredington, Tewkesbury GL20 7BW 01684 293540	01684 293540	
Children & Young People's Church	Vivienne Troughton	01684 293540	
Tredington Primary School	Liz White. Head Teacher	01684 293617	Head@tredingtonprimary.org.uk www.tredington.gloucs.sch.uk
Tredington Teddies Playgroup & Tredington Teddies Baby & Toddler	Tina Taylor – Play leader/Manager Children aged 2 years to school age Monday to Friday 9am – 3pm Morning sessions 9am – 12.30pm	01684 293617	info@tredingtonteddies.org.uk www.tredingtonteddies.org.uk Stoke Orchard Community Centre Wednesdays, 9.30am – 11.00am £1.50 entry, no need to book
Village Hall	Frank Jukes	01684 292143	tredingtonvil-
Stoke Orchard Community Cen-	Helen	07437 533 132	info@stokeorchard.org

Recycling and Waste Collection Dates for **December** Stoke Orchard and Tredington. **Blue - Thursday 2nd Thursday 16th Thursday 30th**
Green. Thursday July 9th , 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. Dec 5th Karen Stewart

Dec 12th and 19th Julie Jukes

Dec 26th Julie Stagg



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