

Stoke Orchard and Tredington Newsletter



An Early Helibor—January 5th 2022.

January 2022

The Monthly Message

Hello and welcome to 2022! May it bring many blessings to each and every one of us!

However as I write this it's still December and we are in the midst of daily updates about the latest coronavirus variant, and no-one knows what Christmas will bring let alone 2022..... But I am writing in the hope that plans can go ahead, and please keep an eye on the pew sheet and facebook page to check for the latest updates.

Never mind New Year's Resolutions, I think this year it would be good to be able to restore some balance in life and to have a sense of stability, which has been sorely missing since March 2019. We seem to be going from a wave of optimism and a sense of returning to some sort of normality to a wave of fear and restrictions, and these waves just keep coming.

But no matter whether we find ourselves on an 'up' or 'down' wave, whether we are feeling optimistic or upset because we have to change all our plans (again!), we can be certain that God is alongside. Perhaps our 2022 motto should be this part of psalm 139: 'If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there. If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea, even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast' (verses 8-10). God is in everything, and God will accompany us throughout all the ups and downs this year may bring. We are all hoping there will be many more ups than downs!

So let's assume all plans can go ahead and there are some new things happening in the benefice. Starting on Tuesday 18th January at 11am, I will lead a weekly 'Julian office' at Deerhurst. We will use the Church of England's service of midday prayer, and we will read the appointed psalms for the day, but instead of the Bible readings we will read part of Julian of Norwich's 'Revelations of Divine Love'. You may know that I am an Oblate in the Order of Julian of Norwich, which is a contemplative Benedictine Order – as Julian herself was a contemplative anchorite i.e. she was living in a small room attached or anchored

Instead of said prayers, we will sit in silent prayer or contemplation for up to 10 minutes. Come along and try, and learn more about Julian of Norwich!

On the same day, Tuesday 18th January, between 5-6pm, I will start a monthly 'Meet 'n Eat' group in Tredington Village Hall. I bring the soup and bread and butter, you bring your delightful company and questions or just your presence! A chance to meet for company and chat.

May these initiatives and all the plans and hope we all have come to fruition!

A happy 2022, and peace and blessings to you all,

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Here are the services and events for January 2022

- Sun 2nd Jan 9.30am Morning Worship at Tredington
- Sun 9th Jan 9.30am Holy Communion at Stoke Orchard
- Sun 16th Jan 9.30am Holy Communion at Tredington
- Tues 18th Jan 11am Julian prayer at Deerhurst (weekly - new initiative - come and try!)
- Tues 18th Jan 5pm Tredington Meet 'n Eat (monthly - another new initiative!)
- Sun 23rd Jan 9.30am Holy Communion at Stoke Orchard
- Tue 25th Jan 11am Julian prayer at Deerhurst
- Sun 30th Jan 10am Benefice Holy Communion at Chaceley.

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

The Tredington News Pages

TREDINGTON NEWS FOR JANUARY 2022

Tredington & Stoke Orchard WI Wish all their members a very Happy New Year. Our next meeting is in Tredington Village Hall on **Tuesday, January 11th at 7.30pm**. The speaker will be Caroline Pover who will tell us about her “Adventures in Japan”. If there is a change due to Covid members will be notified.

Tredington & Stoke Orchard Gardening Club wish everyone A Happy & Healthy New Year. Our next meeting will be on **Monday, January 17th at 7.30pm** in Tredington Village Hall. The Speaker is Anne Webb talking on “Bee Keeping”.

At our AGM in November members indicated if they hoped to come to the January meeting. Now we feel 25 is the maximum number we should allow in the hall. If you were not at the AGM, & would like to come on the 17th, or your circumstances have changed, please contact Paddy on 01684 294053. If the numbers are more than 25, we will transfer to York Barn. Members will be contacted nearer the time for the venue to be confirmed!

Tredington Village Hall Improvement Committee had to postpone their Christmas Bingo event in December due to Covid but hope to be able to hold it early in the New Year when we feel it is safe to do so.
Watch this space!

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.

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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 .

Planning Committee Monitoring Procedure.

45+ years ago, the Parish Council held 6 meetings a year. Then about 10 years ago, our then Clerk, Cathy Reid advised us that we should be holding a meeting every month to ensure that our Planning Comments were agreed under an Open Meeting. So we started having extra meetings to be able to comply and when there were no Planning Applications we skipped the meeting. Lately, our six “Planning” meeting Agendas have taken on the appearance of a full meeting. With the Covid restrictions and the enormous amount of extra work the Councillors undertake with the Community Centre, Public Open Space, Highways and Water Courses, Playgrounds and Traffic, not to mention Junction 9, 10, the JCS, and Wingmoor Farm Liaison, the Council, under the supervision of our new Clerk, are looking to reduce the active meetings each year. One of the local Parishes meets only 4 times each year and even the busiest that the Clerk covers has 10. Obviously all Planning applications have to be and will be discussed as is our responsibility but the systems have changed and sometimes we only have 3 weeks to respond so negating the opportunity to discuss them in an open meeting. Naturally all planning comments and decisions will be confirmed and recorded in open

Meeting and the Council will hold extra meetings to ensure any specific planning or other matter of importance is discussed in a timely fashion. All necessary regulation will be strictly adhered to and it is the Council's suggested procedure to appoint a number of councillors to sit on a Planning sub committee to meet those regulations.

Tredington Bridge over the Swilgate.

As part of the continuing work to clear the Storm Water drains and the entrance and exit to the bridge over the Swilgate in Tredington and protect properties, visits by the Tewkesbury Borough Council flood Officers and the Environment Agency were received over the last fortnight.

Following the enormous amount of exploratory work done in 2008 by EA and County Highways, the Environment Agency issued an order that the Bridge at Tredington was no longer fit for purpose and a new bridge should be built. Following the subsequent decision that GCC Highways would take the allotted cash for the Bridge at Tredington to pay for a new bridge in the Forest of Dean, the Environment Agency Asset Manager is now pursuing

the GCC as to why the bridge was altered without their permission and



why a new bridge had not been forthcoming. These two photos show how the massive concrete buttressing installed by County Highways back before 2007 had dramatically—45% less capacity—reduced the flow and increased the occurrence of Flooding. We have been banging this drum since 2007—are we finally going to get a new bridge? Oh yes, removal of the silt build up. EA are very sorry, they don't have any cash at the moment but they will apply for some and try do it next year.

However, It must be Christmas, I have never had so much support in ages. NOW we need Severn Trent and County Highways to update their storm Water Drains and we can sleep safer in our beds.—I hope.

Richard's Ramblings—January 2022—Memory Lane

A few weeks ago I gave a talk to a local history group. It is the second of a series I have written, This was about the shops and pubs along a journey which any of us might have made around 1950. Based upon the Tewkesbury Guide book of 1952, it certainly was trip down Memory lane. We started in Norton. The parish is similar size to us but is split into three sections—quite a similarity, Priors Norton has the famous disappearing Church on the bank by the A38. Looks amazing at the moment floodlit blue with a bright star.

The A38, the longest lane in the UK was once almost stationery every week-end as holiday traffic wound it's long way from Manchester and the Midlands to Devon and Cornwall. Sometimes the 12 mile trip from Tewkesbury to Gloucester would take nearly two hours. Going to rowing training on a Sunday morning one went via Boddington and Staverton, then cut through to Down Hatherley, across the A38 at Twigworth, then via Sandhurst to come out at Agriculture House and then by back streets to the docks and Bristol Road. Since then there have been many improvements as the old road by the Mill at Norton which often flooded has been straightened and the new dual carriageway from Coombe Hill to The Southwick Roundabout just before the Gupshill.

The A38 went through Norton at that time and the bus service was Midland Red. Bristol Blue buses (which were green) were the main bus service for Cheltenham, Gloucester and Tewkesbury, The 62a serving Tredington and Stoke Orchard—



Daily services from Tewkesbury to Worcester and Birmingham, Gloucester and Cheltenham, etc.



We pass through Coombe Hill with its local Police Station on the junction—it is still there the imposing red brick buisling standing sentry over the junction. Inspector Herbert was the Officer in charge, used to come and do a bit of casual shooting around the farm with Dad. His daughter played the organ at Church. . On we go towards the Odessa. Here we can stop for tea and snacks, use the swings in the garden , and enjoy the best Cheltenham and Hereford Ales. We can even park our Caravan at the Caravan Club site. On we go into Tewkesbury. Past the Gupshil Manor. We might even see the cows being milked – the Function room is the

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old cow shed when there was farm there. Along Gloucester Road and past Holm Hospital, now Shepherds Mead. Holm Hospital was the old Workhouse and later became, like Tredington, the Old Peoples Hospital. Down to the Gloucester Road Car Park with the Municipal Tennis Courts. We pass the entrance to the Victoria Gardens down by the Mill Avon. We might hear the local band playing, sadly not now, the Bandstand has been taken down and sold to some other park but the Gardens are still there by the Abbey Mill and worth a visit.



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The Gloucester Road Car Park was the Coach park for many years up to 1971 when the M5 opened and traffic passed us by. Dozens of coaches a day would deposit their holiday makers en route to Torquay or Bournemouth somewhere in town to eat lunch or for a comfort break before the three or four hour journey onwards to their destination. One week later, they would stop again on the way back. Tewkesbury was always a Coach stop whether for the Mail Coach drawn by four horses or in more modern times a petrol or diesel coach. Warners Coaches with Warners Fairfax, their Holiday Tour

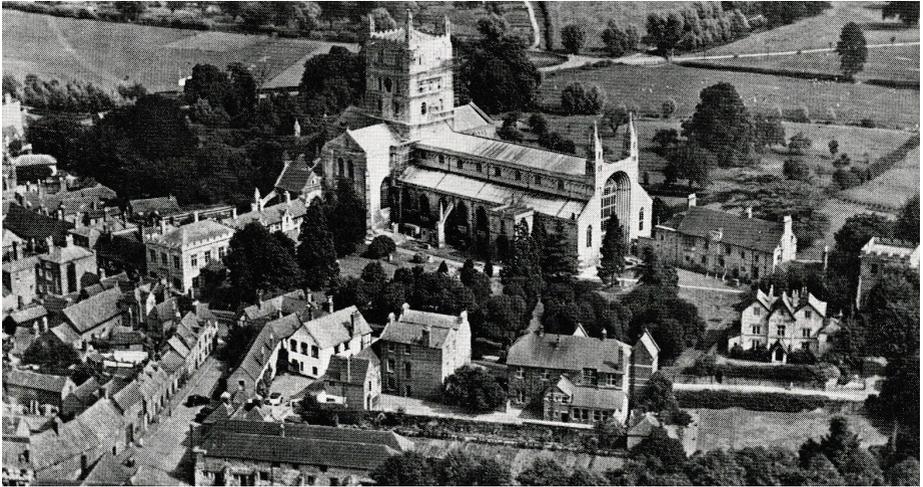
section, were the local company.

Hang on there is a traffic jam. The Local Hunt have met at the Bell Hotel and are just moving off. It was recorded that four Hunts used meet in the area, The Ledbury, The Croome, The Cotswold and North Cotswold but in fact it was five as the Cotswold Vale Farmers Hunt founded after the WWII met in the area more



often than any other. As we pass the Bell Hotel we pass what was one of the oldest Bowling Greens in the Country.

The last time that was used was around 1982 when some friends and I mowed it down and held a ceremonial last match. It is in the bottom right hand corner



of this photo. Houses were built on it here later in the 1980's.

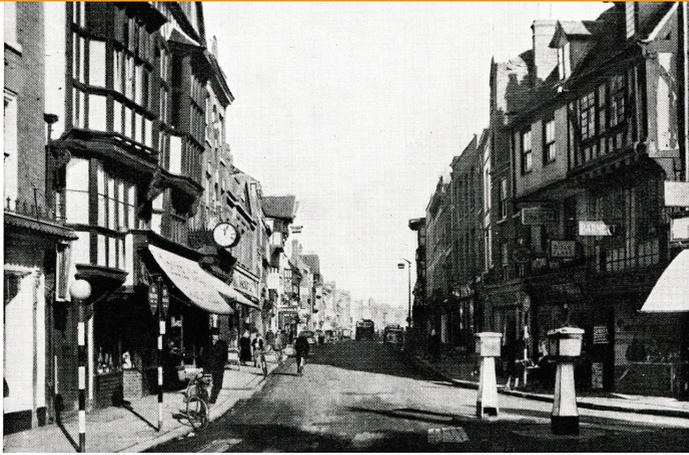
On we go arriving at the Crescent. If we venture down Gander Lane, we find the Tewkesbury Cricket Club Pitch, the Tewkesbury Bowling Club Green and the Tewkesbury Rugby Club Pitch, all Clubs having their own Pavilion/Clubhouse. Also down there is the Vineyards playing fields , the Tewkesbury Touring Caravan site and the Pageant Meadow just between the Abbey and the Swilgate, so called from that it was the site for the 1931 Pageant and where Rotary hold their Bonfire Night.



Now we heading for the war Memorial down Church Street. This photo was taken by Keith Durn, the reporter and Photographer for The Tewkesbury Register. Keith was the photographer for our wedding. His office was on the left of



the picture opposite the Royal Hop Pole which was mentioned by Charles Dickens in Chapter 50 of Pickwick Papers . One should remember that the Bell Hotel was mentioned in John Halifax Gentleman. The museum devoted to our own local writer, John Moore Museum is also in Church street in the Medieval Buildings.



Tewkesbury High Street in 1952. We complain about the bollards now but they had them then as well. It was chaos when an army convoy came through with tanks. The bollards had to be moved and the convoys always

went the wrong side of the cross to avoid the sharp bend with the transporters.

On the Cross, was “Fishy Martins”, next to Frisbys, the shoe shop. Martins was a traditional Game and fishmongers. Open fronted, the Pheasants



would be hung in braces (Cock and hen on each hook) across the front. Walking on down the left is Woolworths. Wonderful shop for young boys building things, anything from bells, lights, wire, batteries, all on the counter at the back right, I made our first Christmas Lights from kit I bought there at 9 years old! Then we get to Mills and Carters, I bought much of the wood from there when I built my first boat. It is now the Halifax Building Society. Next door was the Swan Hotel, one of several traditional Coaching Inns in the town.

However, think we shall have to come back later as there is still so much to see. Bishops and Chathams the Butchers, Haywards the Hardware store and we haven't touched on the Boat Builders and the Railways stations—yes there were two stations and of course Healings Mill.

I hope you will join me again for a ramble down the Alleyways and Streets of Tewkesbury. Don't forget the Sabrina—Mecca of entertainment just next to Bishops Alley!! Join me next time.



Stoke Orchard and Tredington Parish Council Community Speed Watch



What's been happening this month?!

Ten residents from both villages attended a really productive meeting with Road Safety and Traffic Management (RSTM) officer, Dave Holland, on Tuesday 7th December. We shared our concerns about speeding etc and Dave explained the revised operation of CSW (see 2. below). All present agreed to become members of CSW (thank you team!☐☐) and Dave explained equipment, legal information and delivered roadside training.

VERY IMPORTANT - The revisions mean that when we conduct monitoring roadside sessions, CSW can now record vehicle registration numbers which are then forwarded to the police. As a result, drivers can receive an advisory letter from the police. Monitoring sessions may reveal that certain drivers **persistently exceed** the speed limit. As dates, times of day etc are recorded, it is possible for the police to focus their mobile speed camera sessions based on this information.

On 14th and 15th December, the team conducted roadside monitoring sessions in Tredington and Stoke Orchard. The information gathered has been forward to the police. Further monitoring will take place in the new year.

Wishing you all a happy, safe and healthy 2022

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



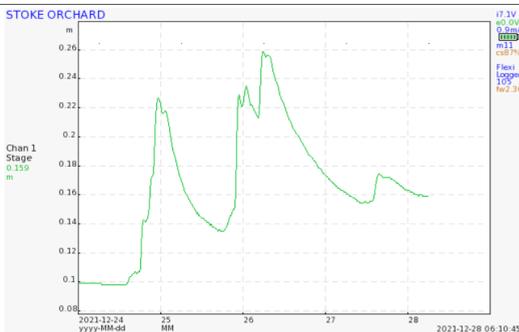
Flood Gauges

As reported in the Parish Council Section, with the help of James Blockley Principal Flood Risk Management Officer for the County Council, we now have river level gauges installed in Tredington and Stoke Orchard. These gauges monitor the level of the Dean Brook and the Swilgate 24 hours a day and report to a central station each day. When they have finalised them they will also send an alarm to designated officers of impending floods which will provide us with important information to build up a graph of rainfall against river level.



We have already established by the graphs produced that the Attenuation Ponds and Suds that were supposed to slow the storm water from Bishops Cleeve appear to be ineffective as the Dean Brook levels rose steeply as soon as the rain started and dropped immediately the rain stopped. It is something the Parish Council have claimed for since the massive development in the Dean Brook Catchment area started. But successive planning officers and Inspectors have denied. We now have the proof and hopefully we can demand some alleviation from the uncontrolled surges which

threaten not only the Public Open Space at Stoke but also residential Properties in Tredington. We really must be grateful that after many years of asking, we are finally getting some support on our unique flooding problems from rainfall upstream.



Stoke Orchard and Tredington Neighbourhood Watch.



Co-ordinators

John Newton - S.O. Richard Chatham -Tred.

Today—4th January we celebrate the 40th Birthday of the Neighbourhood Watch Logo and the NHW Team have released this commemorative Logo especially for the day..

We started our local Neighbourhood Watch in 1986. In that time we have brought several criminals to book and alerted the two villages to potential threats and crimes by an email and telephone network in the first place and now by this page in the Newsletter.

Sadly however hard we try, criminals are still around us with two burglaries in Stoke Orchard in the last month. These criminals work in many ways and as I write this—I have received one scam text and two scam emails. One says I have a delivery that failed so please contact I have no delivery to come. And the other two say I have been chosen to receive a free £100 voucher. **PLEASE REPORT ANY SCAMS**

Reporting suspicious emails:

If you have received an email which you're not quite sure about, you can report it by forwarding the email to the Suspicious Email Reporting Service at: report@phishing.gov.uk

Reporting suspicious text messages:

You can report suspicious text messages to your mobile network provider, for free, by forwarding the text to 7726.

Those of you online can now get up to date information both Nationally and Locally by enrolling in the Your Community Alerts programme. This website is

<https://www.yourcommunityalerts.co.uk/>

Please do it now—help protect yourself and others



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 Group	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	tredingtonvillagehall@gmail.com
Stoke Orchard Community Centre Bookings	Helen	07437 533 132	info@stokeorchard.org
Recycling and Waste Collection Dates for January Stoke Orchard and Tredington. Blue - Thursday 13th Thursday 27th Green. Thursday 6th , Thursday 20th			

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

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