

Stoke Orchard and Tredington Newsletter



July 2021

Dreams of Holidays

The Monthly Message

The Book of Job in some ways mirrors the whole of the Bible: starting from an idyllic beginning (Genesis), catastrophe occurs, is followed by all sorts of ups and downs and responses which make history, and it takes until the Book of Revelation for there to be a transformation.

If you have been following the readings for morning prayer, you will now be immersed in the Book of Job. It happens to be one of my favourite books in the Bible, and attempts to answer the age-old and still more or less unanswerable question: why do bad things happen to good people?

Plenty of bad things have happened in the past year-and-a-half as the covid pandemic began, and we are not out of the woods yet.

Like Job's friends, we all have our different opinions on the how and why and how to respond to crises like these. And like Job, we may find ourselves just wanting to howl and rage at what is happening around us and to us.

It is going to take time to get to grips with all that has happened and is still happening, even as we attempt a return to whatever the new normal is. Perhaps we are nearing the end of this particular catastrophe, and our responses are beginning to look towards a transformation, to a 'new normal'. No-one knows what that will look like yet, but I hope that the 'new normal' will include a careful guarding of the caring friendships and relationships we have built with each other on zoom - and now in person!

We look forward to seeing you at one our services in church or on zoom.

Peace and blessings to you all,

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The Tredington News Pages

TREDINGTON NEWS FOR JULY 2021

TREDINGTON & STOKE ORCHARD WI enjoyed a very interesting talk on zoom given by Fraser Gunn on “The Great Fire at Windsor” in June. We were all hoping that our next meeting would be able to take place in Tredington Village Hall but sadly we are not allowed to open the hall until after the date when we should meet. As our President Joy Lycett is giving us a Power point Presentation on Coco Chanel, we have decided to postpone our next meeting to **Tuesday August 10th at 7.30pm**, when the village hall should be open again. Usually, WI does not meet in August, so this will be a first! Do join us.

TREDINGTON & STOKE ORCHARD GARDENING CLUB will hopefully have been able to hold their Coffee Morning & a visit to Hop Pocket & Stocktonbury Gardens, by the time you read this! We will discuss our July visit at the Coffee Morning. Many places are still only opening to individuals & not organized groups, & the hoped-for general release in July is still very uncertain, which makes planning visits very difficult. However, any decisions will be relayed to members by email or phone. We are planning for our Annual Strawberry tea on either Saturday, August 14th or 21st. Details in due course.

TREDINGTON VILLAGE HALL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE. It is hoped that the Village Hall will be able to open in line with Government Guidelines, at the end of July..

CHURCH SERVICES FOR JULY

Benefice Services For 2021.

4th July: 11 a.m. at Apperley

8th Aug. 11 a.m. at Deerhurst

29th Aug. 11 a.m. at Chaceley

July services are not available at present please refer to the weekly pew sheets or email Vicky on Vicky Fowkes <vicky.fowkes@live.co.uk>

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 Jules Owen

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 in July will be cancelled due to the extension of Covid Restrictions., and the standard Parish Council Meeting regulations. The Council will continue to maintain its work through the Clerks continued special Power Facility invoked for Covid Regulations.

– please email: clerk@stokeorchardandtredington.org.uk

The Full Minutes of the May Parish Council Meeting are available on the website www.stokeorchardandtredington.org.uk .

Public Open Space - Inspection — of Orchard Estate Wednesday June 9th 2021.

Members of the Parish Council, Tewkesbury Borough Council and Bloor Homes met to consider the level of works carried out in preparation of the Handover to the Parish Council. Agreements were reached that allowed the handover subject to Bloor Homes agreeing to carry out the Reinstatement of the Dean Brook Banks according to the agreed planting and also covering the cost of the Parish Council managing such works as had not been completed by Bloor homes . This will allow such works to be carried out to the requirements of the Parish Council in discussion with the local drainage officer.

A proposal that the PC should adopt the section of POS on the old Office Site is to be prepared by Bloor Homes, approved in principle by the Borough Council and The PC will adopt accordingly. The Parish Council is now actively looking for volunteers to join the POS Committee.

Stoke Orchard and Tredington Neighbourhood Watch.

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



Since our local Neighbourhood Watch was started in 1986, 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. The last 18 months, we have seen a serious escalation in scams and threats, both on the doorstep but more often on the Internet and telephone with crime being delivered inside our homes.



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/> If you go on this site and complete the enrolment you will receive information about local Neighbourhood watch actions including local promotions and warnings about all the latest SCAMS which we have been publicising on this page since the Pandemic started which has brought such a sharp increase in online fraud. If you get stung tell others— I have fallen foul twice so far of fraudsters — Two products bought on Ebay never arrived.

**So Stay Safe - Be Aware - join—
"Your Community Alerts"**

**You can choose the level
of alerts you received**



Stoke Orchard Community Centre

FINGERS CROSSED FOR JULY THE 19TH



CLASSES ARE BACK ALREADY AND IF YOU WANT TO BOOK A PLACE AT A CLASS, PLEASE CONTACT THE INSTRUCTOR DIRECT – DETAILS ARE ON THE CLASS TIMETABLE.

If you would like to run a regular fitness class in our wonderful, airy, very clean hall, please contact booking@stokeorchard.org

Due to the delay of the lifting of stage 4, private hires are not permitted until after the 19th July at the earliest but should you wish to hire the hall after that date please contact booking@stokeorchard.org

Unfortunately, we had to take the decision to cancel our much loved Community Day but we are looking forward to organising another date – watch this space! Please Check for details of our next date.

We are a self-funding organisation and Covid has hit the hall hard as it has with so many businesses so if you would like to hire the hall please get in touch. All regulations will be followed at the time of the hire.

Monday	Zumba 09:30-10:30am michele.darnell@btinternet.com	Pilates 10:40-11:40am GravityFitness@live.com		Yoga 7:30pm – 8:30pm info@greentreeyoga.co.uk
Tuesday	Pilates 09:30-10:30am pilatesbycharlotte@gmail.com		Kettlercise 6:30pm-7.15pm Pilates 7.30-8.15pm tredtraining@outlook.com	
Wednesday	Teddies parent & toddler 09:30 – 11:00am Toddlers@tredingtonteddies.org/uk/bookings/ FROM 9 TH JUNE	Football Pre-school admin@bridgefootballacademy.co.uk 12:30pm – 13:30pm		Zumba 7.00pm-8.00pm michele.darnell@btinternet.com
Thursday				Hatha Yoga 7.30-9pm sadiehawson@gmail.com FROM 20 TH MAY
Friday	Pilates 09:30-10:30am GravityFitness@live.com			
Saturday	Didi-Rugby Keith Smith keith.smith@didirugby.com 09.00 – 10.00am	Zumba 10:30-11:30am michele.darnell@btinternet.com		
Sunday	Kettlercise 09:00-10:00am tredtraining@outlook.com			

Richard Ramblings 72. -The River Running By!!

Some of you will know that despite being the wrong shape and not very fit (I am working on it) I have been back in a boat training for a Private Veterans Regatta in Worcester and I am one of the younger members of the crew. I think the average age is around 80 so we will not be doing any marathons as we did 50 years ago. 10 years ago a group of us ex Gloucester oarsmen and friends rowed from Stourport to Gloucester. I hadn't rowed since 1969 before that but it all came back!!

I won my Novices at Stourport Regatta on the 12th August 1967, exactly 100 years less one day from when my Great Grandfather, Samuel



Bishop won his at Tewkesbury Regatta on the 13th August 1867 – same river!! We seem to concentrate on flooding around here rather than the fabulous centre of interest. This picture of



the straight where the Tewkesbury Regatta used to be held shows the Landing stage at the AB Severn Boat Club by the Mythe Bridge where Tewkesbury School now row from. Since the Olympics in 2012, rowing or



at least sculling, is very much a school sport and the new Gloucester Boat house where we row from is a hub of activity with youngsters every evening training hard. It was especially good to watch rowers from Gloucester club of both sexes competing in

the 2012 Olympics.

The River Sever gives us so much history as well as enjoyment. Naturally it was a trade route and even up to the 1960's, barges were regularly plying up and down with grain to Healings Mill and oil and petrol up to the Diglis Basin at Worcester and the fuel depot at Stourport. There is now an oil pipeline for that running alongside the A 38 – check the white painted stiles by the Odessa – that marks the line! Here is Tirley – one of the grain barges running empty past Wainlodes back in the 60's.



However, Tewkesbury had a very special history with the river which is sadly almost gone now. In the 1950's there were 4 boatyards in Tewkesbury, Durrant and Vickeridge in St. Mary's Lane, had a small motor boat fleet and hire fleet of medium river cruisers with names like Gay Grebe, Gay Teal. Shakespeare's at the back of Avon, were originally a



traditional boat builder and were used, like Bathurst's for repairing MTB@s and minesweepers in WWII as they had the knowledge of diagonal planking so necessary for these type of strong wooden hull. Bill Shakespeare was to become the fastest man on water in the World in his class. I built my first

boat to his 12 ft. design (after asking his permission). He ended up offering me sheets of the birch plywood he used for his racing boats. Then by chance I bought his first racing engine and he ended up giving me phosphor bronze props for the engine, two of which still remain here in the office. Sadly, he was killed in October 1971 practising for the Windermere Grand Prix.

Situated on King Johns Island either side of the A38 was Bathurst's Boat Builders. Here one of their massive hire fleet negotiates the Lock from the Severn level by Healings up to the Avon level. The Boatyard buildings had a carriage slipway down to the Severn side of King John's Island.



Beecham's just the other side of the bridge which used to carry the Tewkesbury to Upton railway, were a highly renowned builder of classic timber framed and double planked boats of beautiful design. Sailing with a group of Round Table friends in 1986, we dropped

anchor in a little Greek island harbour. The boat alongside was registered in Gloucester but I recognised her. The last two boats off the slipway at Beecham's were glass fibre hulls that the team fitted out. The boats were deeper than the Malvon Class and would not fit under the King Johns Bridge. Sparrows Cranes were called in to lift the boats on to trailers to be

wheeled across the A38 and dropped into the Severn level on the other side. This boat was one of them.

The Rivers of course are also a mecca for a different line of sport, in fact a rod and line. For many years much of the fishing on the Severn and the Avon was owned by the Midland Angling clubs bringing a steady flow of Birmingham Anglers in to town every week-end. However, the Tewkesbury Popular Angling Club owns the rights the river banks on the Ham. The rivers provide a wide range of coarse fish including the regulars of chub, pike, roach, perch and even zander.

Two fish I haven't mentioned are Salmon and Elvers. Both local delicacies but sadly now strictly licensed. For many years, the River Bailiff at Haw Bridge was Phil Gaskins. Phil understood the river and seldom were any fish seen swimming up-stream to spawn that Phil was not aware of. In my younger days, he would sell elvers by the pint around the villages from a tin bath in the back of his Trojan van, and every year he would offer us a real local Severn Salmon of 14 – 16 lbs weight. However, for local sportsmen even the Swilgate provides sport of roach, tench, eel, and other small fry.



Earlier in the 1960's there were two major accidents on the Severn which sadly involved the Harkers oil barges and the demise of two of the main bridges. Haw Bridge was struck by a tanker in December 1958 destroying the original bridge built by the people of Cheltenham in 1824 to encourage trade with South Wales. The other was when two oil barges - one with 350 tons of petrol and the other 300 tons of heavy black oil



collided in thick fog on with the Severn Railway Bridge at Lydney. Some years ago, Melville Watts of Watts Tyres, showed his Forest films at Sherdons for a Charity evening. The one film showed this event and recalled how a local policeman had jumped into the oil covered water to rescue some of the survivors. A Sister at Lydney Hospital had been seriously admonished for using all the washing up liquid to get the oil off the young man. That sister was a member at Sherdons and there, was asked if she had ever seen the policeman again she said sadly not. From the back of the audience a voice said you have now. Some coincidence – a friend of mine, he had come along purely out of interest.

THE ORCHARD STORE AND AMY'S COFFEE SHOP

**THANK YOU TO ALL OUR CUSTOMERS FOR YOUR CONTINUED
SUPPORT AND PATIENCE WHILST WE HAVE BUILDING WORKS CARRIED
OUT!**

You can't help but notice the scaffolding around the building at the back of the shop. We are having an extension to the shop which will allow room for the Coffee Shop part of the Store but also more room for produce. We are all very excited about the new chapter in the Store's life and we know it will benefit all that shop here. With the new play park open, we hope to provide more choice of snacks, drinks and other delicious produce for adults and children alike.

We still have a few weeks of disruption, but we will do our best to provide the best service we can, so if things are little upside down please bear with us!

With the new extension we are also looking for volunteers to help our staff for a few hours a day. If you are interested in working in our shop, talking to our wonderful customers, getting to know new people whilst helping, please contact info@stokeorchard.org

We still have Andy Hill and Sons Butchers meat every week and we are very happy to order in more should you wish a particular type of meat. We also still take orders for the weekend. If you wish to order, please pick up an order form from the Shop and as long as we receive it by 7pm Thursday evening, your order will be delivered to the shop by midday on Saturday. If you wish to order via email this can also be arranged – please contact info@stokeorchard.org

Thank you and we look forward to seeing you!

**The Orchard Store and Amy's Coffee Shop Management Committee
and Staff**

The Orchard Stores and Amy's Coffee Shop Extension.

As if the Playground rebuild wasn't enough, we are extending the shop now. Work started the middle of last month digging out the foundations and preparing all the internal alterations. The lockdown restrictions and covid problems just proved how useful our little Community Shop is. Now that we can start opening up the Coffee shop again we wanted to make certain that we could still extend the range of goods that we stock and yet still maintain a meeting point for the Community by having extra space for the



Coffee shop. The Playground extension has already increased the number of visitors so we know people will want a coffee and a chat while the children play. Added to that the number of classes and courses already waiting to return to the Centre as soon as regulations are relaxed is already climbing.

Added to the extra space which will be nearly 40% more sales area, we are putting in a direct connection to our store room which will make things so much easier for the staff.

Some of the freezers and coolers are already in use but there is still a lot more to do, Apologies for any inconvenience. The result will be well worth it. More excitement!!! More food, more goods, more facilities and more room!



Stoke Orchard Community Centre

Thank you for supporting our Hall

If you are interested in attending any of the classes below, please contact the instructors directly as numbers are still limited, Covid regulations are still very much in place.

Please book a place, no walk ins.

Class	TIME & DAY	DATE STARTING BACK	EMAIL
Zumba	Mon 9.30am	17 TH MAY	michele.darnell@btinternet.com
Pilates	Mon 10.40am	17 th May	suzanne.gravityfitness@live.co.uk
Yoga	Mon 7.30pm	17 th May	Katy Hand info@greentreeyoga.co.uk
Pilates by Charlotte	Tues 9.30am	8 th June	Charlotte Revell pilatesbycharlotte@gmail.com
Kettles	Tues 6.30pm	8 th June	Toni Steel tredtraining@outlook.com
Pilates	Tues 7.30pm	8 th June	Toni Steel tredtraining@outlook.com
Pre-school Football	Wed 12.30pm	19 th May	Nick Housden nick.housden@bridgefootballacademy.co.uk
Zumba	Wed 7pm	19 th May	michele.darnell@btinternet.com
Hatha Yoga	Thurs 7.30pm	20 th May	Sadie Hawson sadiehawson@gmail.com
Pilates	Fri 9.30am	21 st May	suzanne.gravityfitness@live.co.uk
Didirugby	Sat 8.30am	17 th April	Keith Smith keith.smith@didirugby.com
Zumba	Sat 10.30am	22 nd May	michele.darnell@btinternet.com
Kettles	Sun 9am	13 th June	Toni Steel tredtraining@outlook.com

The Playpark is now open!

Private hires are still not permitted until after the 21st June pending the Government roadmap goes to plan but if you wish to book the hall after this date— please email booking@stokeorchard.org

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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	
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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 294053	tredingtonvil-
Stoke Orchard Community Centre Bookings	Helen	07437 533 132	info@stokeorchard.org
Recycling and Waste Collection Dates for July Stoke Orchard and Tredington. Blue - Friday July 1st , Thursday 15th Thursday 29th, Green. Thursday July 8th , Thursday 22nd			

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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