

Stoke Orchard and Tredington Newsletter



Storm Eunice hangs over Cleeve Hill.

March 2022

The Monthly Message

March sees the start of Lent, the 40 days leading up to Easter. There will be a special Ash Wednesday service at Tredington on Wednesday 2nd March at 7.30 p.m. which everyone is welcome. At this service, there will be the opportunity to receive the sign of the cross on our forehead as a sign of our preparing for Easter.

It is tradition to give up something – or more recently, to take up something. Whatever it is we choose to give or take up, the aim is that we become more aware of our need for Christ, and that we wish to spend more time with Christ as we follow the story of the weeks leading up to his death on the cross. The churches are unadorned during Lent to signify this solemn time of preparation.

During Lent, there will be opportunities to join in with one of the Lent courses on offer. Keep an eye out for notices in the pew sheet and on the facebook page. These courses offer a chance to come together with other people to think about faith or prayer or spirituality in general or whatever subject the Lent course is about. Everyone is welcome - you don't need to be a churchgoer or even have a particular faith, just curiosity and a willingness to learn with and from each other.

There are many other opportunities to come together as a community for company and a chat, both in person and online. And all these different ways of coming together are making me think about 'what makes a community.' Because there are different kinds of communities: geographical ones based on where we live; faith or spiritual ones based on the faith or spiritual tradition we follow; families are communities in their own right; we are part of communities based on our hobbies or ways we spend our free time; and more recently internet communities have developed based on the technology we use. Many of us are part of many different communities, and each reflect some part of us. I

I wonder how many of us have (re)discovered our geographical community during lockdown, or communities they were not aware of before the pandemic? I for one am very happy to have discovered online learning communities, which mean I can join with learners from all over the world without having to travel anywhere! What communities have you discovered?

Whatever community you would like to join, whether it's for company and coffee and chat or for a Lent or other course or for a church service, please know that you are very welcome at any or all of them!

Peace and blessings to you all,

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Here are the services and events for March 2022

- Ash Wednesday 2nd March 7.30pm service at Tredington
- **Sunday 6th March 10.00am** Benefice service at Apperley (please note time!). The Revd Cate Williams will preach
- 13th March 9.30am Holy Communion at Stoke Orchard
- 20th March 9.30am Holy Communion at Tredington
- 27th March 9.30am Mothering Sunday service at Stoke Orchard

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 woud 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 & STOKE ORCHARD WI next meet on Tuesday March 8th at 7.30pm in Tredington Village Hall. Cathy Law, our secretary will give us her talk called “Travels in a Snow Globe”. The coffee hostesses are Sue Osborne & Julie Stagg.

TREDINGTON & STOKE ORCHARD GARDENING CLUB will be meeting in Tredington Village Hall for the first time since lockdown, on Monday, 21st March at 7.30pm. The speaker will be Richard Harvey talking on Castle Gardens. As we have a very full membership at present, I am afraid we cannot ask visitors.

TREDINGTON VILLAGE HALL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE met recently and are planning our postponed **BINGO EVENING**. This will still have a Christmas theme which we hope you will enjoy! The date is **Friday April 1st at 7pm & tickets are available from Paddy on 01684 294053**. Tickets are £7 to include tea /coffee & light festive refreshments. Tickets are limited & people who booked for the previous date will have first option, so please reserve your place early.

TREDINGTON PLAY READING GROUP

We have our last meeting on 24th March, 7.30 in Tredington Parish Hall. We will be back on Thursday 22nd September and we are hoping for a lot of sun, and a bit of rain, for the farmers, before then.

Since we began, we have read through 30 plays – far fewer than if the lockdowns had not happened. They range from play-wrights such as Agatha Christie, who has kept our brains alive working out ‘who dunxit’, to Derek Benfield, who is so clever with plots often built around a family and all between, including John Mortimer and Willy Russell.

We can now boast three men in our group, which makes play selection a little easier but there is always room for more, so do think about it over the summer.

Best wishes , Coral Pepper

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 Juckles

Contact Details – through the Clerk - Mrs Michelle Hinde

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

email- stokeorchardpcc@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 February 2nd. 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 December Parish Council Meeting will be available on the website www.stokeorchardandtredington.org.uk

Chairman's Notes.

I am writing this as storm Eunice is raging outside my office window. This week we have had torrential rain over Monday night and Tuesday. The Swilgate rose to 2 metres at 6.00pm rising at a rate of 15 inches an hour earlier but gradually slowed down to 6 inches an hour at 5.00pm to 6.pm and started to fall at 6.15pm. All this information is of great value in our fight to get a new bridge which would then—hopefully- almost eradicate any road closures and the flooding of properties. We will continue trying.

I reported three Severn Trent water bursts on Sat 12th Feb and by Monday evening, all had been repaired—success. But a fourth one by the M5 Bridge on the Old Spot Road at stoke is taking a bit longer. We reported that 3 years ago when we had a footpath clearing day. After yet another call last week, I met an engineer on site who admitted . There was a leak. They continue to investigate. So to the lady who asked me last year about it—"We are working on that job" (Severn Trent Comment")

Once again we have faced another burst of the Severn Trent Rising main which pumps sewage from the Pump Station by the Swilgate back to the stoke Orchard system. This time six days after the leak was noted, the road is still under a Severn Trent Road Closure but no one is taking any notice. The whole situation has been a disaster with Pollution in the village and down the Swilgate and it is time that Severn Trent paid the price. We will be reporting them to the Ombudsman, The time has come to pay.

Editor—my sincere apologies—this article was submitted before Christmas and I mislaid the email.



It gives me great pleasure to introduce myself as Helen Pearce, the new Head of School at **Tredington Primary School**. I am very proud to work within this small village school where the children are



at the heart of all learning. We are a strong, friendly and caring community; all the adults in the school work closely together to create a warm and secure feeling as soon as you walk through the door.



At Tredington Primary School, each child is treated as an individual, allowing room for their particular talents and skills to flourish. We aim to prepare our children for future opportunities and challenges in order for them to achieve

their personal potential. This is underpinned by our school vision of '**Aspire, Create, Excel.**' This vision encourages children to learn resilience, determination, kindness, empathy and responsibility; we strongly believe that with this skill set, children will leave as well rounded individuals. Successes are celebrated weekly as we learn new skills and meet new ideas of thinking.



Our new school website is now live (www.tredingtonprimary.org.uk). Please do take a moment to look around our site and see what our school has to offer. We also have a social media account which provides further information on school life: www.facebook.com/TredingtonPrimarySchool

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- ☎ 01684 293 617
- ✉ admin@tredingtonprimary.org.uk
- 🌐 www.tredingtonprimary.org.uk



Gloucestershire Learning Alliance

Richard Ramblings - the End of the Tour.

Last month we ended at the Sabrina Cinema and Bishops Alley. Tewkesbury is renowned for its alleyways. While we have the usual street frontages, there is a second town, or village down the alleyways. There are several websites dedicated to the Alleys, but <https://www.alleycat.org.uk/history> is well worth a visit. There is also a little booklet all about them.

We move on up the High Street to the Riverside Hotel. Once quite a salubrious establishment but did acquire a bit of a reputation during the 60's and 70's. We turn left at The Black Bear, the Oldest Pub In Gloucestershire having been opened in 1308. but now

undergoing a massive renovation.



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This brings us to King Johns Bridge over the River Avon. The position of Tewkesbury on the Rivers Severn and Avon has always brought trade and industry to Tewkesbury and up until 1638, the Town Quay served the whole of the Avon Valley up to and past Evesham. It was that year that William Sandys of Fladbury succeeded in making the Avon navigable up to Evesham. In the 1950's the time our trip takes place, there were 4 boat yards on the Avon at Tewkesbury. Durrant and Vickeridge were at the end of St Mary's lane and had a hire fleet of motor boats and cruisers. Shakespeare's was a much bigger yard and during the war was employed repairing mine-sweepers and fast MTB's and the like. However, in the 1960's Bill Shakespeare started to build speed boats and became the fastest man in the world in his class. Sadly Bill was killed May 3rd 1971 practising on Windermere for the Grand Prix Powerboat Race. Bill was a good friend and helped me when I was building my first boat, a copy of his 12ft Mini Clubman. My Mercury 300 engine was one of his first racing engines!!



So now we pass Bathurst's Boat yards built either side of King Johns

Bridge. Many years ago they ran two steam Pleasure craft known as the King and Queen. However, in the 1960's they hired out a range of Broads Cruisers. Many of us youngster used to work there on Saturdays, refuelling , pumping



bilges and getting them ready for the next week. This picture shows one of their 8 berth cruisers negotiating the lock down to the Severn Level by Healings Mill. Bathurst's yard had a large slipway down to the Severn Level and were also employed repairing naval craft during the war and had their own timber yard and saw mill. Bert and Vince used to work out of their with an old 25 pounder Field gun Tractor and

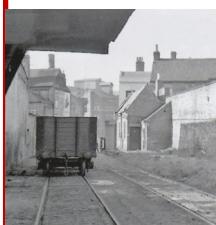


log trailer and in the early 50's felled some very big trees in Tredington Church yard!! (and sang Chuck Chuck Chicken to my sister sat on a tree trunk!!

The Last boat yard was Beechams by the Marina and they built magnificent cross diagonal planked timber hulled Cruisers.

These highly desirable craft command high prices second hand even now.

Beechams yard was alongside the old Tewkesbury to Upton Railway line which brings us to the Tewkesbury railways. The line went from Ashchurch to Malvern with a shunting yard and engine shed where the Spring



Gardens car park is. Access from the main line was alongside station road and past the Maltings. So named after the great malting sheds preparing malted barley for Tewkesbury Brewery and other local beer producers.



The picture on the right shows a truck at Martin and Bennetts Corn and seed merchants where Halfords used to be, and the back of the Town Station mentioned last month. The last passenger train ran from the station on 14th August 1961. A video from Mr Butwell can be see at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TUeIGSypzhs>. Well that ends our little nostalgic trip out. I hope you enjoyed it.





Stoke Orchard and Tredington Parish Council Community Speed Watch

What's been happening so far in 2022?

1. On Tuesday 25th January, CSW held its first formal meeting. Susan Shorrock was elected Chair and Graham Wright as Vice Chair. The group was then joined by PS El Hammond and PCSO Theresa Hyoms to discuss a range of initiatives we're planning to take forward together, including joint letters to local businesses to ask them to support our drive to reduce speeding in the villages.
2. El has since contacted us to set up a joint Police and CSW speed watch session on Saturday 26th February. Many thanks to our members who have agreed to record the rugby so they can join the session!
3. We have also been contacted by the Camera Enforcement Unit (CEU) who want to set up another site in Stoke Orchard. Currently, they only locate near Manor Farm and so want to evaluate our suggestions - another watch this space.
4. As you know, CSW has responsibility for taking forward the installation of Village Gates. Surveys have been undertaken with the PC and proposals put together. These have been shared with Highways and so on-site meetings will take place in March to formally agree sitings in both villages. Three quotes are now in and these will be reviewed by the PC. All in all, great progress is being made!

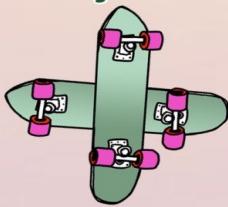
**Please remember, if we all drive within the speed limit,
the other vehicles will be forced to slow down.
Spread the word!**



**STOP PRESS—PLEASE KEEP SUNDAY MARCH 27th FREE for
a mass tree planting on the Public Open Space.**

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STOKE ORCHARD MARKET / CAR BOOT



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Stoke Orchard Community Centre

Lots of exciting events coming up in March along with the regular classes held at the hall.

On the 4th March we are hoping to have a wine tasting evening and on the 25th March, a Pub Night from 7pm. More details to follow!

If you would like to book a class or a private hire, please contact

booking@stokeorchard.org or go to the website



*Jubilee Weekend - 2nd June
to the 5th June'*

We are in the process of planning events here at the Hall for the Jubilee. As this will involve the whole community, we would very much like you to get involved!

To hold any event, it takes a lot of organising and time and we would really appreciate any help you could provide over the Jubilee celebrations.

Shortly a schedule of events will be produced. If you could let the committee know on events@stokeorchard.org if you can help at all, it would be greatly appreciated.

The Orchard Store and Amy's Coffee Shop

Don't forget it's Mother's Day on the 27th March, we will have a lovely selection of goodies for you to purchase. As always we have a variety of cakes, pastries, sweets and every day items. If there is anything you wish to have ordered in please ask the member of staff.

Stoke Orchard Community Centre Keep Fit and other Class Bookings.

	Zumba	Pilates		Yoga
Monday	09:30-10:30am	10:30-11:30am		7:30pm – 8:30pm
	michele.darnell@btinternet.com	GravityFitness@live.co.uk		info@greentreeyoga.co.uk
Tuesday	Pilates	<u>U3A Art Appreciation</u>	Kettlercise	Pilates
	09:30-10:30am	<u>2pm-4pm 15th March</u>	6:30pm-7.15pm	tredtraining@outlook.com
Wednesday	Bumps & Babies Toddler Group			Zumba
	09:30 – 11:00am			7.00pm-8.00pm
				michele.darnell@btinternet.com
Friday	<u>Yoga</u>		U3A Science	Hatha Yoga
	10.30am-11.30am		<u>2-4pm 3rd March</u>	7.30-8.45pm
	info@greentreeyoga.co.uk			sadiehawson@gmail.com
Saturday	Pilates	Didirugby		
	09:30-10:30am	10.30-11.30am		
	GravityFitness@live.co.uk	keith.smith@didirugby.com		
Sunday	Kettlercise	Zumba		
	09:00-10:00am	10:30-11:30am		
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Please see the list of Church Services on Tredington News Pages.

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Priest in Charge	Revd Ilse Ferwerda	01452 780880	upperleypriest@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	Head Teacher Mrs Helen Pearce	01684 293617	Head@tredingtonprimary.org.uk www.tredington.glos.sch.uk				
Village Hall	Frank Juckes	01684 292143	tredingtonvillagehall@gmail.com				
Stoke Orchard Community Centre Bookings	Helen	07437 533 132	info@stokeorchard.org				
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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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