

# Stoke Orchard and Tredington Newsletter



May 2021

Spring is the first Acer in Leaf.

## The Monthly Message—The Rev. Kay Mundy

Dear Friends

Ilse, our Vicar, recently underwent surgery and I am pleased to report that all went well and she is now recovering; please remember Ilse in your prayers. She anticipates returning to her usual duties on Monday 10th May, although will be leading worship on Sunday 2nd May 2021.

Although we continue with our Zoom services, it is really good to be back in church to worship together in person. We are currently travelling through the season of Easter, with the celebration and hope of Jesus' resurrection and considering his journey towards Ascension Day and Pentecost when he returns to his Father and we receive the Holy Spirit.

One text I have been preaching on recently is John 10:11-18 in which Jesus said "I am the Good Shepherd". I suggested that the characteristics of the Good Shepherd could help us to think about how we care, know and love other people. Throughout the pandemic it has been inspiring to see the many ways in which our communities have pulled together and cared for one another. As the Good Shepherd, Jesus:

- 1. Cares for you.** Everyone matters to Him.
- 2. Knows you.** Jesus knows each one of us by name and everyone is important.
- 3. Died for you.** Jesus sacrificed his life for us, in order that we might be saved. He willingly gave his life for our lives. He became the sacrificial shepherd for us.

As we continue in the current pandemic and we move forward with the Government Roadmap, please be assured of my prayers for all parishioners in Tredington and Stoke Orchard parish, that you stay safe and well and we give thanks for all the work of the NHS and the vaccination programme.

Every blessing  
Kay

The Revd Kay Mundy, Associate Priest

# The Tredington News Pages

**Tredington & Stoke Orchard WI** met on zoom on April 13<sup>th</sup>, when Kate Smith, a local well-known artist & teacher gave us a fascinating talk & slides on “Secret Meanings, Hidden Facts” on various famous paintings, including the Mona Lisa & the Last Supper. Our next meeting, also on Zoom will be on **Tuesday, May 11<sup>th</sup>, which will be when we discuss the WI Resolution, “A Call to increase the Awareness of the subtle signs of Ovarian Cancer”**. This will be followed by a Quiz. Do join us. Visitors & new members are always welcome.

**Tredington & Stoke Orchard Gardening Club** met on Zoom for an excellent talk by Chris Evans of Dundry Nurseries on “The Joy of Gardening”. This will be our last Zoom talk as we hope to be able to start real visits to Gardens by the end of May or in June. At the time of writing, we have not been able to arrange the visit to Little Malvern Priory on 17h May as they are not yet providing tea or Loos! We hope to get a new date from them soon & will let all members know by email or phone call.

**Tredington Telephone Kiosk Library**. A lot of new books have been brought so please come & choose your next book! At the moment there as no room for any more books!

## CHURCH SERVICES FOR MAY

2nd May—	9.30am	Morning Prayer—	Tredington
9th May—	9.30am	Holy Communion—	Stoke Orchard.
16th May	9.30am	Holy Communion	Tredington
23rd May	9.30am	Holy Communion	<b>Forthampton</b>
<b>30th May</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>	<b>Deerhurst</b>

**(Editors note—These are the dates times and placed given to me)**

For services in church, please book in advance with either Vicky on [vicky.fowkes@live.uk](mailto:vicky.fowkes@live.uk) or Ilse on [apperleypriest@gmail.com](mailto:apperleypriest@gmail.com) or phone 01452 780880. For the zoom links, please email Vicky or Ilse.

## 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](mailto: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 which will be the A.G.M. will be held “Live” at the Stoke Orchard Community Centre at 7.00pm on Tuesday May 4th. To comply with the new restrictions Members of the public are invited book a place in the Hall to attend the meeting from the Parish Clerk.

– please email: [clerk@stokeorchardandtredington.org.uk](mailto:clerk@stokeorchardandtredington.org.uk)

The Full Minutes of the April Parish Council Meeting are available on the website [www.stokeorchardandtredington.org.uk](http://www.stokeorchardandtredington.org.uk) .

### **Speed and Road Traffic Accidents.**

In the April Issue I included a piece about the increase in general traffic speed through the Parish and that we had requested support from the Borough, County Highways and the Police. The Police were quick to respond and we have seen a real increase in the presence of the speed camera, van, Police Speed Awareness and team and our Parish team have a program for the coming months. I was happy to be able to send some of the recorded speeds to our Highways Manager who was so appalled by the figures that he has arranged a £8500 grant for Village Gateways. The Parish Council will now be able to put into action the planned gateways to help with our problems. DO not forget, If you want to join the Speed Watch team, please email Pippa Roberts

[Philippa.RobertsPCSO@gloucestershire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:Philippa.RobertsPCSO@gloucestershire.pnn.police.uk)

## **Flooding and Road Drainage Report.**

Following last months report in which I mentioned several objectives, problems and the promise of a meeting with several of the local authorities/Stakeholders, I am afraid I have to say that the meeting has yet to take place. So—This week in the Flood Warden's Calendar.

**Friday 23rd April.** Camera inspection of Tredington 225 mm Storm Water Drain—Severn Trent failed to show.

**Monday 26th April**—RHC emailed and phoned S.T. no reply. GCC **County Highways** arrived to do a comprehensive Gully and pipe inspection of Parish as promised by Craig Feeman

**Tuesday 27th April.** GCC **Highways team** continues and find blockage by roots in Archers Lane—root cut to be carried out later.



**Severn Trent team arrive 2.30pm.** In Tredington.

4.00pm S.T. abort inspection as pipe too blocked with roots and silt.

**Wednesday 28th April RHC.** Spend time writing critical email to S.T. about continuing state of drain and lack of action.

**Thursday 19th April.** Geronimo—**Severn Trent return with jetter** and root cut equipment. Start on pipe from Vicarage to Village Hall. Pipe badly silted with gravel??tarmac and cement? 11.30am Jetter lorry breaks down when gravel in pipe hits valve system. 1.15pm alternative lorry arrives. Pipe one cleansed. Move to pipe from Grange to Court. Cleanse and remove root Blockage . Note this is just one blockage. Note size of my shoe



compared with solid root ball. Unfortunately I had to leave at 1.30pm for an earlier appointment so I await discussion with team as the final cut and camera of pipe from the Court to The Swilgate outfall which I know from experience



is where the main problems lie.

AT LAST we are making progress again. Furthermore. I am negotiating with James Blockley of the GCC Flood team on flood level indicators on the Dean and Swilgate so we can monitor and predict during high rainfall.



## Open Community Invitation— June 6th.

We are pleased to invite you all to the Grand Opening of our new, amazing playpark on Sunday 6th June at 3pm.

On this, the 77th anniversary of D Day, it will be fitting that the honour of opening the park will be given to Roy Maddock, village resident who flew Halifax Bombers during the war. It was Halifax aircraft that towed the 6 Horsa Gliders that landed at Pegasus Bridge on June 6th 1944.

There will be snacks and a bar operated under Covid rules.

So, under covid regulations, we will need to operate a booking system. However, there will be plenty of space.

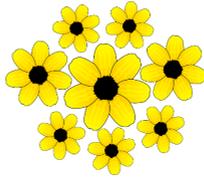
So to book your table please email:

[events@stokeorchard.org](mailto:events@stokeorchard.org)

Please come and make it an event to remember.

# The Orchard Store and Amy's Coffee Shop

## Spring has Sprung!



We are very much looking forward to seeing you all on these lovely days we are having. We have a great selection of ice creams, take away hot drinks and snacks! Also, the usual suspects and of course wine and lager! We sell BBQ coals! We are hoping that our coffee shop will be returning soon after a facelift!

We are still ordering meat from Andy Hill & Sons and you have the option of ordering meat for the weekends using the email [info@stokeorchard.org](mailto:info@stokeorchard.org) or coming into the shop and using the order form. All orders need to be in by 7pm on a Thursday night. The butchers do a great range in BBQ meat so why not order in for the weekend?

We are also looking for volunteers to work in the shop alongside our staff, particularly when the coffee shop opens for core times during the day. Thank you to those that have already offered. If you are interested and would like to offer a couple of hours, please contact [info@stokeorchard.org](mailto:info@stokeorchard.org) The new play park will be opening soon and that will hopefully bring more families to our wonderful community and in turn the shop will benefit.

As always, anything you would like us to stock please pop in and let us know. Thank you for the continued support you have shown our special Community Shop.

## Richard's Ramblings—The Horsa Glider—in our Playground.

As you will all be aware, we are in the process of renovating the Playground at the Community Centre. Six years ago we were approached by Trevor Davies of the JetAge Museum at Staverton asking if we would be willing to raise a memorial of some sort to those young men and women, who worked, trained or were involved in some way with RAF Stoke Orchard or with the two Gloster Aircraft Factories which have become such a part of the Village. That event planned for May 8th last year to unveil a plaque as a memorial did not take place as sadly Covid took over. However, rather than just a Plaque we are now able to dedicate our new playground to those memories.

As has become a real new tradition, the Community wants to help and



on May 10th we had a Volunteer day to remove the old equipment and prepare the ground for the new. 4 trees were moved—and are still flourishing where we planted them alongside the Car Park. You can see the trees we moved as they are the ones that have special bracing.

The massive model of a

Horsa Glider is now taking pride of place as the centrepiece of the playground. While it will be a fabulous play place, some may ask why we should have chosen that. One of the groups that trained at RAF Stoke Orchard were the No.3 Glider pilot Training School. We have received an enormous amount of help and support from the Army Flying Museum at Middle Wallop in Hampshire about the history of the school and its time



at S.O. Subsequently the Glider Pilots Regiment have also filled in gaps and have kindly offered to support us by sponsoring some information Boards about the Regiment itself and the Gliders they flew. The training at



Stoke Orchard was on Hotspurs originally designed to carry 8 soldiers 2 crew, The hotspur became primarily a Training aircraft. Other Gliders used by the Allie Forces were the American Waco, the



and the general aircraft Hamilcar 2 big enough to carry a reasonable Light Tank.

However, there is more evidence that the Horsa Glider has some of its roots around here—or should we say branches. The Germans were the first to use gliders in the second world war and when Allied invasions on or behind the enemy front line were planned, our own forces realised the benefit of silent landings and one aircraft carrying extra troops. Without having to use parachutes it meant all troops could land in a more confined area and carry with them light artillery and even vehicles and small tanks.

The Airspeed Horsa was built solely of wood and plywood to save metal for other parts of the war effort. It had a separate Cockpit which could hinge away and allow troops and wheeled armament to leave from the front. Later marques had a hinged tail as well. Being made of wood, many of the



3655 gliders were built in furniture factories. This photo shows cockpits being made at HH Martyn, Sunningend Works, Cheltenham. The second photo I took this week and is the outside of that building which still exists.



The parts of the gliders were often made elsewhere and assembled at the airfield. Here we see a Kit being assembled at the airfield at Northleach, and the completed aircraft ready to be towed aloft. Ours was built near Romsey in Hampshire and in like form has been assembled here on site



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We are holding an official opening to which you are all invited. Please see page 6 for all the details. That day will be June 6th—the Commemoration of D.Day. 77 years to the day before was when 6 Horsa Gliders carrying troops of the Oxford and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry were the first to land in the Allied Invasion of Occupied Europe.



# Tredington Primary School

## Aspire – Create – Excel



### New to Reception

Welcome back to the Summer Term– it is always one of my favourite times at school as we spend more time outside with the children in all areas of the curriculum from sports to arts, science experiments and music. The summer term is always busy but is a great time to be in a school.

If your child is due to start school in September 2021 you will also have had your reception place allocation over the Easter holidays and hopefully have accepted your place. I hope that you got the places you were hoping for and, if not, remember there is an appeals process and do take time to find out more about the school you have been allocated – you might decide it is the right choice for you! It may seem like a big step that is a good few months away but September will soon be upon us (hopefully with many less restrictions) – be reassured children do settle into school remarkably well and quickly. Whilst schools will be in contact with you to discuss the transition process and your child's welcome into primary school, there are some ways you can support your child to be ready for September.

### **Support your child's independence**

The most useful thing you can do to get your child ready for school is to make sure they are comfortable doing simple tasks by themselves. This includes tasks such as going to the toilet, getting dressed and eating. It is also important that they know they can ask an adult for help if they need it, but encourage them to have a go first.



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#### **Build up your child's social skills**

Learning in a classroom is a social activity. Children learn and develop by playing alongside their peers, and they will make better progress if they are happy mixing with other children and adults. You can encourage this by meeting up with other children and parents (whilst abiding by current restrictions), practicing greetings and conversations and playing games where sharing and turn taking can be practiced.

#### **Talk to your child about school**

Talking about the exciting things your child is going to do at school helps them get over any nerves. You could visit the school by traveling the same route you will do for the school run so your child gets used to it, practice daily routines such as breakfast and getting dressed at the right time and talk about school and the fun experiences they will have.

You will notice none of these suggestions are about the academic subjects and skills. Schools are there to teach your children and the more ready to learn and happy they are to be there the easier this will be. If you want to do some work with your child on basic numbers and learning their name it starts them off on the right foot but the social and emotional skills are the ones where we, you and they will really feel the benefit.

Mrs E. White (Head teacher)

If you'd like to find out more and connect with us, follow Tredington Primary School on Facebook or visit our website.

<http://www.tredington.gloucs.sch.uk/website>

Please note The new website will be available soon!!

# Stoke Orchard Community Centre

Well, what a busy month we have had getting the hall ready for classes to come back and having the long-awaited Pub Nights again!

As of the 17<sup>th</sup> May the hall will be welcoming back exercise classes. If you are interested in attending, 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.**

Private hires are still not permitted until after the 21<sup>st</sup> June pending the Government roadmap goes to plan but if you wish to book the hall after this date please email [booking@stokeorchard.org](mailto:booking@stokeorchard.org)

Class	TIME & DAY	DATE STARTING BACK	EMAIL
Zumba	Mon 9.30am	17 <sup>TH</sup> MAY	michele.darnell@btinternet.com
Pilates	Mon 10.45am	17 <sup>th</sup> May	suzanne.gravityfitness@live.co.uk
Yoga	Mon 7.30pm	17 <sup>th</sup> May	Katy Hand info@greentreeyoga.co.uk
Pilates by Charlotte	Tues 9.30am	8 <sup>th</sup> June	Charlotte Revell pilatesbycharlotte@gmail.com
Kettles	Tues 6.30pm	8 <sup>th</sup> June	Toni Steel tredtraining@outlook.com
Pilates	Tues 7.30pm	8 <sup>th</sup> June	Toni Steel tredtraining@outlook.com
Pre-school Football	Wed 12.30pm	19 <sup>th</sup> May	Nick Housden nick.housden@bridgefootballacademy.co.uk
Zumba	Wed 7pm	19 <sup>th</sup> May	michele.darnell@btinternet.com
Seated Yoga	Thurs 10am	20 <sup>th</sup> May	Elin Stafford ellie@elliestaffordyoga.co.uk
Clubbercise	Thurs 5.30pm	20 <sup>th</sup> May	Emily Wood emily.wood@live.com
Hatha Yoga	Thurs 7.30pm	20 <sup>th</sup> May	Sadie Hawson sadiehawson@gmail.com
Pilates	Fri 9.30am	21 <sup>st</sup> May	suzanne.gravityfitness@live.co.uk
Didirugby	Sat 8.30am	17 <sup>th</sup> April	Keith Smith keith.smith@didirugby.com
Zumba	Sat 10.30am	22 <sup>nd</sup> May	michele.darnell@btinternet.com
Kettles	Sun 9am	13 <sup>th</sup> June	Toni Steel tredtraining@outlook.com

**Thank you so much for continually supporting the hall, the last year has been particularly challenging as it has been for many businesses, but we are here and ready for welcoming you back!**

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## 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 294053	tredingtonvil-
Stoke Orchard Community Centre Bookings	Helen	07437 533 132	info@stokeorchard.org
<p>Recycling and Waste Collection Dates for <b>May</b> Stoke Orchard and Tredington.</p> <p style="color: blue; font-weight: bold;">Blue - Friday May 7th , Thursday 20th ,</p> <p style="color: green; font-weight: bold;">Green. Thursday 13th , Thursday 27th</p>			

**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. N/A at present.**



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