

# **Stoke Orchard and Tredington Newsletter**



**November 2021**

## The Monthly Message

November is always a bit of a rollercoaster month. At the start of it, we dive deep into grief with All Souls and then Remembrance; then near the end of the month we arrive at Advent and begin to look forward with renewed hope. We can see glimpses of that hope at All Hallow's Eve on the last day of October, commonly known as Halloween, when there are lights in the darkness to remind us of the summer sunshine as we are nearing the darkest time of the year. The clocks will be going back and we will be more aware of the darkness.

This is the time to contemplate the Danish concept of 'hygge' again: making the house a cosy, warm, comfortable place, with candles, pillows, blankets, and hot drinks. It is equally important to go outdoors to get a dose of fresh air and daylight if at all possible, and many people of all ages enjoy making the most of a crisp sunny day by breathing in deeply the autumn smells of pine and leaves on the ground.

We are hoping that all our services can go ahead as planned, including the Remembrance services on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> November. Please check the service times as they may be different from normal.

On Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> November there will be an Advent benefice service at Forthampton at 11 a.m. Come along for your chance to sing Advent hymns!

For now, I hope we can all find the space and time to enjoy glimpses of light by way of sunshine during the daytime or candles or other sources of light when the darkness falls.

Peace and blessings to you all,

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## Stoke Orchard and Tredington Church Services

Services for November are as follows:

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> November: 9.30am Morning Prayer at Tredington

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> November: 10.30am Remembrance Holy Communion at Stoke Orchard (please note time is different from usual!)

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> November: 9.30am Holy Communion at Tredington

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> November: 11.00am Benefice Holy Communion at Forthampton

### **Benefice services for 2021:**

**31<sup>st</sup> October: 9.30 a.m. at Stoke Orchard**

**28<sup>th</sup> November: 9.30 a.m. at Forthampton**

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

Deerhurst Church Apperley Church, Forthampton Church, and Chaceley Church will return to their normal opening times.

### ***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 NOVEMBER 2021

**TREDINGTON & STOKE ORCHARD WI** The next meeting will be our AGM & Fish & Chip Supper which will be held on Tuesday, November 9<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm in Tredington Village Hall. Visitors are very welcome. Secretary - Gill Stockwell  
[gillstockwell@btinternet.com](mailto:gillstockwell@btinternet.com) Tel: 01684 294887

**TREDINGTON & STOKE ORCHARD GARDENING CLUB** had a very happy visit to Batsford Arboretum in October when 16 members attended. Our next meeting is our AGM on Monday, November 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm in Tredington Village Hall. Jackie Dean, from Bluebell Florists in Tewkesbury will be demonstrating "a Centre Piece arrangement for a Christmas table" after the AGM. As this will be our last meeting before Christmas (no meeting in December) will all members please bring a small plate of finger food so that we can enjoy a social time after the meeting. Chairmen are Paddy Grimshaw & Val Vedmore Tel: 01684 294080

**VILLAGE HALL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE** met recently and decided to run a Christmas Bingo with Finger food refreshments on Friday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> ay 7pm in Tredington Village Hall. We will limit the numbers to 24 so that the hall won't be overcrowded so do book your place early to avoid disappointment! **Tickets are £7 available from Paddy on 01684 294053**. There will be a raffle & any contributions will be gratefully received!



# Community Action Evening

Friday 15th of October , we held another of our annual Community Action evenings. There were many organisations represented which ranged from Tredington School, local Clubs and organisations and the Parish Councillors were there to answer questions of interest within the Community. A good number of people attended from both villages.

However, The evening concentrated on the Community Speed Watch team and the ever increasing level of traffic and average speeds through the two villages. This is recognised as a nationwide problem but we are seriously concerned about our own Parish. The CSW was formed nearly two years ago but their work has been hampered Covid



and the loss of our PCSO Pippa Roberts who has moved away. Our new PCSO is being trained and will take up the post in the next few weeks. Please find below a report from



## **The Community Speed Action Team under the leadership of Sue Shorrocks.**

On 15th October, we attended the Community Action meeting where we spoke to lots of other concerned residents and distributed a simple questionnaire. On the night we received 33 responses . We have also put the questionnaire in the Stoke Orchard community shop.

**Please, please complete one when you next pop in!**

### **Some headlines so far from the questionnaire (33 responses):**

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? **88% of respondents answered YES**

Would you support community action/initiatives to reduce speeding within the villages? **100% of respondents answered YES**

Have you witnessed particular incidents involving speeding vehicles?

We received lots of comments under this heading (thank you for respecting data protection legislation by not identifying individuals/number plates etc). These will be further analysed in due course but here are some examples:

- *I always pick up a line of cars behind me as I drive through the 2 villages or I am overtaken by cars that exceed the speed limit*
- *Vehicles overtaking cyclists causing traffic to break hard*
- *Pedestrians unable to cross the road near the church due to speeding traffic*
- *I have regularly been overtaken by speeding cars and have also been passed while indicating to turn right onto my driveway .*
- *Pulling out of Banady Lane is taking our lives into our own hands.*
- *Not an incident but walking on the pavement cars/lorries literally blow me sideways as they pass*
- *Speeding tractors and trailers.*
- *Dangerous overtaking on blind bends.*

### **5. What improvements would make our villages safer places?**

Again, we had lots of ideas and suggestions which will be collated and discussed with the Police and Gloucestershire Highways. Here are just some examples:

- ***Double white lines on the bends***
- ***A foot and cycle path***
- ***Traffic islands***
- ***The speed limit should be reduced to 20mph***

- ***Enforceable traffic control to be installed at both entry points to the village on the main road***
- ***Speed reduction measures should be put in place i.e. speed bumps or chicanes.***
- ***Village Gates/flower box***
- ***Pedestrian Crossing near new build and Mill Lane***
- ***Local people driving at the correct speed***

As you can see from our results so far, residents feel very strongly about speeding within our villages and we look forward to receiving more responses to the questionnaire (in the Stoke Orchard community shop **until 31.10.21**).

### **TOGETHER WE CAN CREATE A POWERFUL FORCE FOR ACTION!**

Fourteen people so far have provided their names and contact details as they are interested in joining the CSW group and/or would like to meet to discuss ideas further. Once we have collected in all the questionnaires (after 31.10), we will be in touch.

In the meantime, **EVERYONE** can do their bit to help our campaign to reduce speeding within our villages! If we all commit to driving within the speed limit, we can significantly slow down other vehicles. **The more residents do this, the fewer opportunities there are for others to overtake!** We'll keep you updated with findings/ideas and meetings via the Parish Magazine, the community notice board and social media and will be in contact with those of you who provided their contact details. Thank you.



Richard's Ramblings.— 900th Anniversary of the Consecration of Tewkesbury Abbey.

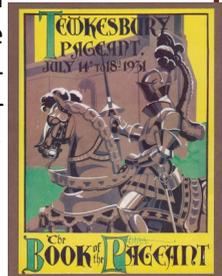


In 1971, we celebrated the 850th Anniversary with a number of differing events. It was an amazing time with the Maundy Thursday service attended by Her Majesty The Queen at which Father and I were Stewards and were presented afterwards with a set of the first Decimal Maundy Money. Other events were a grand Formal Dinner on the Abbey House Lawn, The first Tewkesbury Carnival with the Carnival Queen., Discos, The Pram Race, wrestling events - all sorts of high jinks . Added to this were an array of Commemorative items such as the two handed Battle sword and the lighter Tewkesbury sword engraved with pictures of local historic buildings



A similar array of events was planned for 2021 but sadly Covid yet again took the fun out of the party, and having attended the launch at Abbey House two years ago I can only feel the sadness of those committed to that celebration. A trimmed down version of the Son et Lumiere will take place the first week of November and there are still tickets available

However, if you go back 90 years to 1931, Tewkesbury had another Festival type event, The Tewkesbury Pageant. This was one of several Festivals and Pageants during that time to try to encourage Business and Communities during the period of the depression. The producer was the then well known Pageant Master Gwen Lally, her real name being Gwendolin Rosalie Lally Tollandal Speck. Members of many local families took part and the event was held on "Pageant Meadow" between the



Abbey and the Swilgate. Grandpa Chat-ham, farming at Bredon at the time, was Master of the Horse with father assisting, Grandfather pictured here talking with Mr Pickwick.. It was an actual early outside broadcast by the BBC whose Commentator, Percy Edgar introduce the event and described the scene in typical BBC prose of the time in, as was stated, immaculate English!. The Patrons of the Tewkesbury Pageant were

headed by H.R.H. the Duke of Gloucester and contained the names of Dukes, Duchesses, Earls and Lords, Members of Parliament and local Mayors..



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# 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](mailto: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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## 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 will be live on Tuesday November 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 October Parish Council Meeting will be available on the website [www.stokeorchardandtredington.org.uk](http://www.stokeorchardandtredington.org.uk) .

### **The Stoke Orchard Hub CLG takes over Management of the Centre**

Following extensive discussions and negotiated agreements, the Parish Council and the Community Committee now working under the protection of a Company Limited by Guarantee, by the name of the Stoke Orchard Hub are very happy to announce that the Parish Council has passed over the day to day management of the Community Centre and associated Facilities to the Stoke Orchard Hub. Those of you here at the beginning will remember that when the Community Centre was opened it was agreed that the Community should run the Centre to encourage a sense of Ownership. This worked well until it was noted how vulnerable individuals would be without the security of a proper company to cover them That meant that the Parish Council had to take over the running and the Local Authority regulations both financial and regulatory were somewhat stifling. This management agreement will be honed and finalized over the next two years but both parties are extremely happy to announce that from the 1st October, daily management now lies with the Stoke Orchard Hub C.L.G.

## Parish Council Distribution of Management Responsibilities.

Over the years, the work of the Parish Council has changed considerably, and since 2012 when work on the Orchard Estate commenced, the seven Councillors have been under continual pressure to maintain a level of Commitment far beyond what should or can be expected of unpaid elected “volunteers” who give their time free of all cost. Therefore, the Council has been keen to involve more people from the Community in both villages to start to share some of the responsibilities. To achieve this, the Councillors have agreed to support the creation of a number of sub committees. To allow this to happen, the Parish Council now has a **Finance and General Purposes Committee** at which the Clerk must attend by regulation. This committee has been created to manage the annual budget and selective outgoings and income. However, we can now create a number of Sub Committees. The first is of course the **NDP Committee**, The second of these is the **Public Open Space Committee** . The members will be able to carry out a management role on behalf of the PC. The third sub committee, which will be discussed is to bring the **Community Speed Watch Committee** into the fold as another sub committee giving all these important roles credibility and the opportunity to have security under the Parish Council Insurance banner. Planning will remain as full Parish Council role for elected members.

Other possibilities will be a **Footpath Committee with a designated Footpath Officer**. We have had several F.O.s in the past.

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The Community Speed Watch report in this copy of the newsletter serves to highlight the speed blight to which so many rural villages are subject to. The problem is that the vast majority of those travelling through villages are using our roads as a short cut and have no concern for the residents. The present consultation process for the Junction 10 and proposed Junction 9 improvements make absolutely no mention of the traffic and speed problems through our parish and offer no help or alleviation. I for one hope that we can make such an nuisance of ourselves they have to listen. I hope we can make a difference.



# Stoke Orchard Community Centre

Monday	<b>Zumba</b> 09:30-10:30am michele.darnell@btinternet.com	<b>Pilates</b> 10:30-11:30am <a href="mailto:GravityFitness@live.com">GravityFitness@live.com</a> (no classes in August)		<b>Yoga</b> 7:30pm – 8:30pm <a href="mailto:info@greentreeyoga.co.uk">info@greentreeyoga.co.uk</a>
Tuesday	<b>Pilates</b> 09:30-10:30am pilatesbycharlotte@gmail.com		<b>Kettlecise</b> 6:30pm-7.15pm <b>Pilates</b> 7.30-8.15pm tredtraining@outlook.com	
Wednesday	<b>Teddies parent &amp; toddler</b> 09:30 – 11:00am <a href="https://outlook.office365.com/owa/calendar/TredingtonTeddiesBabyandToddlers@tredingtonteddies.org/uk/bookings/">https://outlook.office365.com/owa/calendar/TredingtonTeddiesBabyandToddlers@tredingtonteddies.org/uk/bookings/</a> (No classes in August)			<b>Zumba</b> 7.00pm-8.00pm michele.darnell@btinternet.com
Thursday	<b>Yoga</b> 10.30-11.30am <a href="mailto:info@greentreeyoga.co.uk">info@greentreeyoga.co.uk</a>			<b>Hatha Yoga</b> 7.30-9pm sadiehawson@gmail.com FROM 20 <sup>TH</sup> MAY
Friday	<b>Pilates</b> 09:30-10:30am GravityFitness@live.com	<b>Didirugby</b> 10.45 -11.30am <a href="mailto:keith.smith@didirugby.com">keith.smith@didirugby.com</a>		
Saturday	<b>Didi-Rugby</b> Keith Smith keith.smith@didirugby.com 09.00 – 10.00am	<b>Zumba</b> 10:30–11:30am michele.darnell@btinternet.com		
Sunday	<b>Kettlecise</b> 09:00-10:00am <a href="mailto:tredtraining@outlook.com">tredtraining@outlook.com</a>			

## Tredington Playreading Group

It was really good to be back in the Village Hall, scripts at the ready, last month. *Touch of Spring* was just right to get us going again. So much so that we broke our rule and went over our booking time by half an hour to finish the script (we will pay the extra, Frank!). We were pleased to learn that Dame Beatrice and her lodgers did not end up in 'clink' at the end of the play.

Our chosen script for **Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> October** is *Tomb with a View* by Norman Robins. This comedy-thriller has a more complicated plot and will probably run over into our 25<sup>th</sup> November meeting, after which we break for Christmas. I will try and choose the play for 27<sup>th</sup> January before publication of the December newsletters. See how I have cleverly reminded you of our up-coming dates! See you there – 7.00 p.m. sharp?

Coral Pepper    01684 290537

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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 292143	tredingtonvil-
Stoke Orchard Community Cen-	Helen	07437 533 132	info@stokeorchard.org

Recycling and Waste Collection Dates for **November** Stoke Orchard and Tredington.  
Blue - Thursday 4th Thursday 18th  
Green. Thursday July 11th , Thursday 25th

**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. Nov 7th Vivienne Troughton**

**Nov 14th Charlotte Goldsby Nov 21st Anne Reeves Nov 28th Karen Stewart**



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