

# **Stoke Orchard and Tredington Newsletter**



**Tewkesbury Abbey.**

**Saturday 18th February 2024**

**March 2024**



## Monthly Message

### March 2024



Facebook sometimes has its uses... I spotted someone who had written about her visit to Odda's Chapel and the church in Deerhurst, and she was waxing lyrical about these places and the surroundings, especially the architecture and art in the church, the snowdrops in the churchyard, and the oak tree close to the river Severn.



It made me think about how I sometimes fail to spot these things myself, simply because I know and expect these things to be there. I have become familiar with the church and the churchyard, and probably only spot things that are out of the ordinary. It was very refreshing to read about this woman's impressions and I wondered whether I could look at familiar places with fresh eyes.

And that might be a wonderful Lenten practice! What would it be like to walk up the path to the churches that we know so well as if it was our first time there? What do we see and notice about the building and the churchyard? What treasures are inside the church? Is there anything we have not noticed before? What does the church 'feel' like? Is it welcoming, prayerful, quiet, peaceful; or do you find it cold, bare, empty? Can you sense the presence of God, inside the church or outside?



Lent is all about finding our way to or with God more closely. Perhaps all we need to do is appreciate where we are, more than we usually do, and immerse ourselves in the places we know well with new eyes and use all our senses to seek the presence of God anew...



Peace and blessings to you all this Lent,

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- Sunday 3rd March 9.30am Morning Worship at Tredington
- Sunday 10th March 9.30am Mothering Sunday service at Stoke Orchard
- Sunday 17th March 9.30am Holy Communion at Tredington - start of Paschiontide
- Sunday 24th March 9.30am Palm Sunday Communion at Stoke Orchard
- Maundy Thursday 28th March 7.30pm service at Deerhurst
- Good Friday 29th March 10am activities at Tredington, with 12noon short service
- Easter Sunday 31st March 9.30am Easter Communion at Tredington and 11am Easter Communion at Stoke Orchard.

*Request for help and Donations. Please.-*

***TRUSSELL TRUST TEWKESBURY shopping list for food bank:***

***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 MARCH 2024

Tredington & Stoke Orchard WI next meet on **Tuesday, March 12<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm in Tredington Village Hall.** This will be a social evening . Several members will speak about their nursing careers - Carry on Nursing! Visitors 7 new members are always welcome.

Prior Notice. Our April meeting will be an **Open Meeting** when friends & husbands are invited. This will be on April 9<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm and the speaker will be Sheila Pugh talking on "Mercy Ships".

Tredington Village Hall. As you can see above we have a new TV in the Hall. This is available to use in the hall for illustrated talks etc ,for a small extra charge of £5 per use, payable to Frank Jukes with the rent. We shall shortly be contacting the usual users if they need any instruction as to its use. Please notify Frank if you want to use the TV.

Tredington & Stoke Orchard Gardening Club are holding their next meeting on **Monday, March 18<sup>th</sup> in Tredington Village Hall.** James Cooper will be speaking on " Cesar Manrique Architecture and Gardens of Lanzarote." Do join us for this very interesting talk when we will be using our new Smart TV ,only for the second time!

Programme.

April 15th—Hardy Fuschias ..Talk by Robert Champion

May 18th—Leaf Creative. -Visit - to A Plant Lovers Paradise.

June 9th.— Visit (by Coach) to the Open Gardens of East Hendred near Wantage

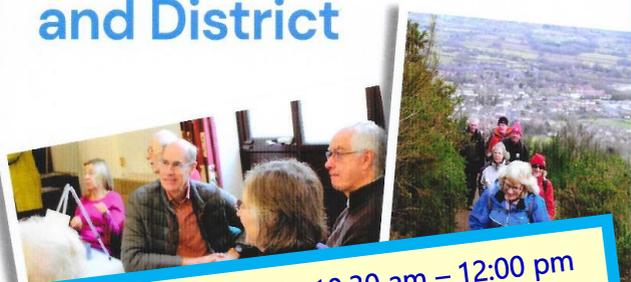
July 18th—Visit to Sezincote House and Gardens (Car Share)

August 17th—Strawberry Tea at York Barn 3.00pm to 5.00pm

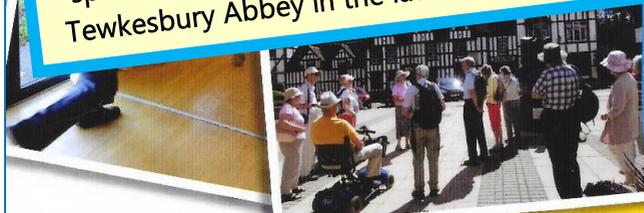
September 16th—The Scented Garden - talk by Gail Plant.

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## Tewkesbury and District



Meeting March 11th 10:30 am – 12:00 pm  
Coffee Morning, come along all are welcome  
Tim Bridges will talk about the question 'Sir  
George Gilbert Scott – hero or villain ' re-  
sponsible for significant changes made to  
Tewkesbury Abbey in the late 19th century.



No longer in full time work?  
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(speaker every second  
Monday of the month).

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- Garden Visits
- History of Art & Design
- Kurling
- Latin for Pleasure
- Mahjong
- Needlecraft
- Opera Appreciation
- Petanque
- Photography
- Science & Technology
- Scrabble
- Short Mat Bowls
- Skittles
- Solos Groups
- Spanish
- Strumming for Fun
- Table Tennis
- Walking Groups

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friendship



# Tredington Primary School



## The Head's Message.

How on Earth we have managed to whizz through and find ourselves at half term already?! It has been a jam-packed term with trips, visits, events and all the curriculum learning that has taken place! As always, our children continue to do us proud and in recent visits from external professionals and GLA Senior Leaders their behaviour, enthusiasm for learning and kindness towards one another have all been recognised.

We're also incredibly proud of our Y5 pupils who are undertaking the 'Mini Police' programme. It's wonderful to see them helping pupils from across the school and looking out for others on the playground; as well as supporting younger pupils when boarding the school bus.

Our children have done us proud representing the school in lots of different sports and competitions this term including the GLA Netball tournament, cricket, multi-skills and tag rugby. Our children always show the very best of TPS with their teamwork, sportsmanship and their determination to do the very best they can.

Our **“Move More”** wrap around care provision continues to develop; and a timetable of sporting sessions is now in place for children who may wish to take part in alternative activities:

**Mondays:** Tennis (this is a free session delivered by Jordan from Move More 15:00-16:00)

**Tuesdays:** Archery & Speed Stacking

**Wednesdays:** Ultimate Frisbee & Kurling

**Thursdays:** Dodgeball

This term we have welcomed Mrs Clack to our support staff team, working mostly in Woodpeckers. She has thrown herself into life here at TPS and we can't imagine the team without her! We will also be welcoming Miss Windsor to the support team after half term. Miss Windsor will be working within Owls Class. Our other exciting arrival this term was Miss Coffey's gorgeous baby girl - Ivy. Congratulations to Miss Coffey and her family.

It is my pleasure to announce that the GLA has won the No Child Left Behind award, **#ourtown**. This has been achieved through the work we have been doing in supporting families with our community hubs in our school foyers.

Next term, although short and sweet again, is jam-packed again including the Year 4 residential trip to London! (***Oh My Goodness—Is London ready for this , I ask ? Editor!***) Our second round of parents evening meetings are also being held in the final week - more information on how appointments can be booked will be sent out at the start of next term. A full list of known calendar dates for your diary can also be found at the bottom of this newsletter.

As always, thank you for your continued support.

Best Wishes, Mrs Watton.

March Dates.

- Tuesday 12th March - Crafternoon Tea (13:30-15:00)
- Friday 15th / Saturday 16th March- Year 4 Residential
- Monday 18th March - Year 5 Taster Day @ Tewkesbury Secondary
- Wednesday 20th March - Parents Evening (15:00 -18:00)
- Thursday 21st March - Children's Choice Afternoon (14:00-15:00)
- Thursday 21st March - Parents Evening(15:00-18:00)
- Friday 22nd March - INSET DAY

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## STOKE ORCHARD & TREDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Councillors from May 16th 2023 are:-

Cllr Alan Macdonald (Chairman) Cllr Andrew Troughton, Cllr James Gilder,  
Cllr Tim Jukes, Cllr Graham Ferguson, Cllr. Sue Shorrocks, Cllr George Fairbairn

Contact Details – through the Clerk - Mrs Jules Owen

S.O and T P.C. phone:-07763 250303 email – [clerk@sotpc.co.uk](mailto:clerk@sotpc.co.uk)

Minutes of Past Meetings are to be found on the Parish Council Website.

*The next* Parish Council Meeting will be on Wednesday April 3rd 2024 at 7.00pm. 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 for the foreseeable future.

[www.stokeorchardandtredington.org.uk](http://www.stokeorchardandtredington.org.uk)

Dear Resident,

Welcome to the start of Spring....thank goodness! It feels like we're coming out of a sort of mental hibernation. However, the blooming bursts of snowdrops, crocus and daffs hint at warmer, lighter days to come. And I for one am relieved to see it!

So, what has been going on this month...

- The Roseleigh development is still with Tewkesbury Borough Council's planning department. Consultee comments and surveys are still being submitted, the latest from urban design specialists. TBC are still considering their response.
- Cotswold Oak Ltd have agreed to supply and plant a 15–20-foot Christmas tree. This should be done imminently and will be placed in front of the community centre. Hopefully, it will negate the need for us to spend £150 plus every year, and for volunteers to erect it and take it down too. They are also supplying a new village notice-board, which will also be situated on the main road next to the bus stop, again in front of the community centre.
- Stoke Orchard Hub Ltd – the volunteer company that runs the hall & shop – held a 'crisis' meeting for residents, mainly to make you aware of the challenging times we face. Staff costs have rocketed ...

- .....due to the government changes to the basic living wage, and we suddenly have to find close on another £10000 per year. Not easy for a small shop, just breaking even as it was. Some 20 residents turned up and some helpful suggestions were made, and some offers of very welcome help too. Please do contact Helen at the hall if there is anything you can do to help, however great or small.
- The Land by the Chapel is still being monitored by our solicitor. We are currently waiting for the owner to sign the side letter, which allows TBC to transfer ownership straight to our PC.
- The pump track ecologist report has been received and submitted to the planning department. We now await what will hopefully be a positive decision from them. The tender contract process has now concluded, and a company chosen to perform the work. All being well, this should commence early April.
- You may notice the state of litter on the verges around the parish. I'm hoping to do another volunteer litter pick over the next few weeks. I'll post a date on Facebook in plenty of time. Do hope you can help.
- The bee hives have now been put in situ, and the residents have been making themselves at home. All seems to be good there and I'll let you know when they start producing.
- The precept was discussed (and agonised over). We managed to keep it to a 6% increase, which was challenging to say the least.
- Finally, we have a number of FREE trees, should anyone wish them. They are only two or three feet at the moment and are all British native species. Please contact me if you'd like any.

Have a great Month all!

## Stoke Orchard and Tredington Flood Warden's Report.

Last month I gave a report on the Flood Gauges and how to use the equipment we have available both in the Parish and also in our local area to allow us to monitor potential flood problems. Little did I think that we would need to follow that equipment so soon. At 7.30am, on the 18th February, my mobile phone rang to give me a message that the Environment Agency gauge at the Swilgate Bridge had reached the prescribed flood alert level of 1.75 mtr. above datum. I was well pleased with the system as at the Parish Council meeting two weeks ago it had been decided to terminate our agreement for the Time View Telemetry unit at Tredington to save some £600 annually towards the Rates.—quite acceptable as having proven the flow rates and rattled a few local cages on run off from Bishops Cleeve and Cheltenham, the Environment Agency realised the need for their own gauge.

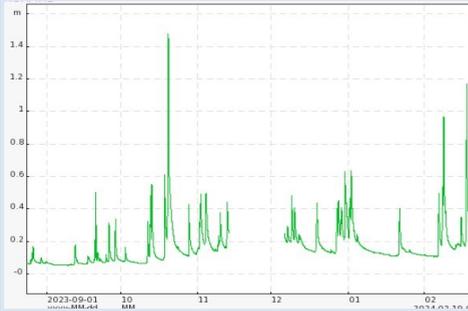
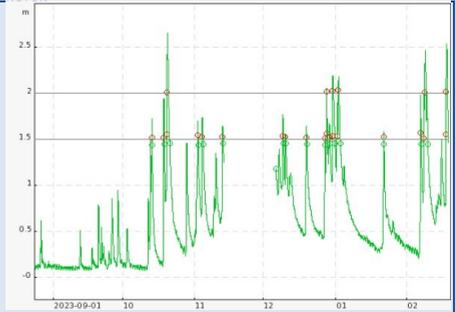


This is the reading for the 5 days to Feb 19th on the EA website. What I found amusing was that the Environment Agency could not believe the speed of rise and issued a Warning that their gauge might be faulty! As I have said for so long nobody believes the quantity of water coming from upstream of our Parish.!

The Parish Council is once more going to try to get the bridge replaced and I will give them all the assistance I can. I have video of the pressure flow against the bridge that is already condemned. Lets hope they have more success than I had, having been promised a new Bridge back in 2008.



This Graph is from our original gauge at Tredington and shows how many times in the past 6 months we have been in the Flood Alert Zone marked by the red rings on the 1.5 and 2.00 mtr. Levels I have re-marked several times , ever since I



started keeping records, I have never seen levels maintained at such a consistently high level on the Swilgate and this has come from both Pluvial—rainfall in our local catchment area— and Fluvial—the levels of the Severn and Avon so high that they reduce

the flow down the Swilgate. Above is the relevant graph for Stoke Orchard.

Comment from the local Environment Agency Inspector— “I didn’t realise so much water came down the Dean Brook. It might take a long time but I think we are winning!!

However, last week end was an extremely wet time with the new Flood plain on the Tirlle working well by Dobbies and the area of the “Bridge to Nowhere” at Hardwick Bank on the Carrant brook also showing signs of flooding. Great place to build a garden town. No need to water the plants!!





## STOKE ORCHARD COMMUNITY CENTRE

March is a busy month with Mother's Day and Easter,  
Double Celebrations!

We have a Pub Night at the end of the month – 29<sup>th</sup> March, please  
come along and kick start the Easter Holidays!

Please contact [booking@stokeorchard.org](mailto:booking@stokeorchard.org) to book a hire or set up a  
new class, we would love to hear from you! You can also look on  
the website [www.stokeorchard.org](http://www.stokeorchard.org) for classes. The hall benefits  
from a large airy, light main hall which is perfect for parties, chris-  
tenings and family gatherings. We also benefit from a fantastic chil-  
dren's park with picnic benches on the patio area.



### The Orchard Store and Amy's Coffee Shop!



Mother's Day is on the 10<sup>th</sup> March and we will  
have some lovely treats for you to spoil your Mum with.  
We really appreciate all your custom, please tell everyone we are  
here! A small friendly Community Shop serving Hot Drinks, cakes,  
daily fresh bread, newspapers and many more products.

Watch out for the delivery of Easter Eggs!

WE NEED YOU!



Let the staff know if you would like us to stock a product we don't  
sell and we will look into it. The Shop is run on a very tight budget  
but we will try and accommodate your requests.

If you ever fancy working in the shop as a volunteer, please contact

[info@stokeorchard.org](mailto:info@stokeorchard.org)  
or speak to a staff member.



# Stoke Orchard Community Centre

## March 24 Class timetable

Please see below our class timetable. Please contact the classes directly on the email provided.

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Zumba</b> 09:30-10:30am <a href="mailto:michele.darnell@btinternet.com">michele.darnell@btinternet.com</a>		<b>SWEATYMAMA</b> 1.00pm - 3.00pm <a href="http://www.sweatymam.com">www.sweatymam.com</a>	<b>Yoga</b> 7pm – 8:00pm <a href="mailto:info@greentreeyoga.co.uk">info@greentreeyoga.co.uk</a>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Pilates</b> 09:30-10:30am <a href="mailto:pilatesbycharlotte@gmail.com">pilatesbycharlotte@gmail.com</a>			<b>Kettlercise</b> 6:30pm-7.15pm <b>Pilates 7.30-8.00pm</b> <a href="mailto:tredtraining@outlook.com">tredtraining@outlook.com</a>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Stoke Orchard Toddlers</b> 9.30am - 11-00am			
<b>Thursday</b>			<b>Chi Chi</b> <b>6.00pm to 7.00pm</b> <a href="mailto:jess.thesugarshack@gmail.com">jess.thesugarshack@gmail.com</a>	<b>Hatha Yoga</b> 7.30-8.45pm <a href="mailto:sadiehawson@gmail.com">sadiehawson@gmail.com</a>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Pilates</b> 09:30-10:30am <a href="mailto:GravityFitness@live.co.uk">GravityFitness@live.co.uk</a>		<b>DIDIRUGBY</b> 10.30am to 11.30am <a href="mailto:keith.smith@didirugby.com">keith.smith@didirugby.com</a>	
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Zumba</b> 10-11am <a href="mailto:michele.darnell@btinternet.com">michele.darnell@btinternet.com</a>			
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Kettlercise</b> 09:00-10:00am <a href="mailto:tredtraining@outlook.com">tredtraining@outlook.com</a>			



## Stoke Orchard and Tredington Parish Council Community Speed Watch



**Beep Beep! Day 2024 will take place on  
Wednesday 24 April 2024**

### **Why are Beep Beep! Days important?**

Road safety is a subject that even the youngest children know something about because road danger affects everyone. Danger from traffic is a big factor in whether families are able to walk and cycle safely in their community. It affects their ability to be healthy and socially active.

Even though very young children shouldn't walk or cycle independently, they are still at risk of being hurt or killed when walking or cycling. It's not a nice fact to hear but **every day six children** are killed or seriously injured on UK roads – that's equivalent to a whole class of children every single week.

Beep Beep! Days are a perfect way to do Road Safety activities that can really engage, protect and benefit young children. With support from Timmy and friends, we can help you to focus everyone's attention on making travel safer and healthier for all.

**Sign up to take part in a Beep Beep! Day on 24th April, 2024 and teach road safety basics to children aged 2-7. BRAKE will send updates by email and a free action pack\* to everyone who has registered (\*while stocks last - hurry to register!)**

**<https://www.brake.org.uk/forms/36>**



## Please see the list of Church Services on Tredington News Pages.

Vicar	Revd Ilse Ferwerda	01452 780880	<a href="mailto:apperleypriest@gmail.com">apperleypriest@gmail.com</a>
Assistant Priest	Rev. Kay Mundy	01452 780634	<a href="mailto:therevkaymundy@gmail.com">therevkaymundy@gmail.com</a>
Priest in Charge	Revd Ilse Ferwerda	01452 780880	<a href="mailto:apperleypriest@gmail.com">apperleypriest@gmail.com</a>
Church Warden	Tessa Mills	01684 216563	
Hon Associate Minister	Rev. Tom Curtis, Stonehills Tewkesbury,	01684 295298	
Reader - and Young People's Church	Mrs Vivienne Troughton Tredington, Tewkesbury	01684 293540	
Tredington Primary School	Head Mrs Emily Watton	01684 293617	<a href="mailto:Head.TPS.glatrust.org.uk">Head.TPS.glatrust.org.uk</a>
Tredington Church Hall/ Village Hall	Frank Jukes	01684 292143	<a href="mailto:tredingtonvillagehall@gmail.com">tredingtonvillagehall@gmail.com</a>
Stoke Orchard Community Centre Bookings	Helen MacDonald	07437 533 132	<a href="mailto:info@stokeorchard.org">info@stokeorchard.org</a>

Recycling and Waste Collection Dates for **March 2024** Stoke Orchard and Tredington. **Blue - Thursday 7th      Thursday 21nd**  
**Green    Thursday 14th      Thursday 28th**

**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.**

**No Flowers until Easter.**

### T.Bus Timetable—

**Please note times shown are at Stoke Orchard. - Times at Tredington will differ by approx 3 minutes**

**Tewkesbury to Bishops Cleeve**

<u>Stoke Orchard, nr The Orchard</u>	07:59	09:16	10:26	11:37	12:46	13:57	15:09	16:29	17:41	18:51
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**Bishops Cleeve to Tewkesbury**

<u>Stoke Orchard, by St James's Church</u>	07:14	08:39	09:49	10:59	12:09	13:19	14:29	15:44	17:04	18:14
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