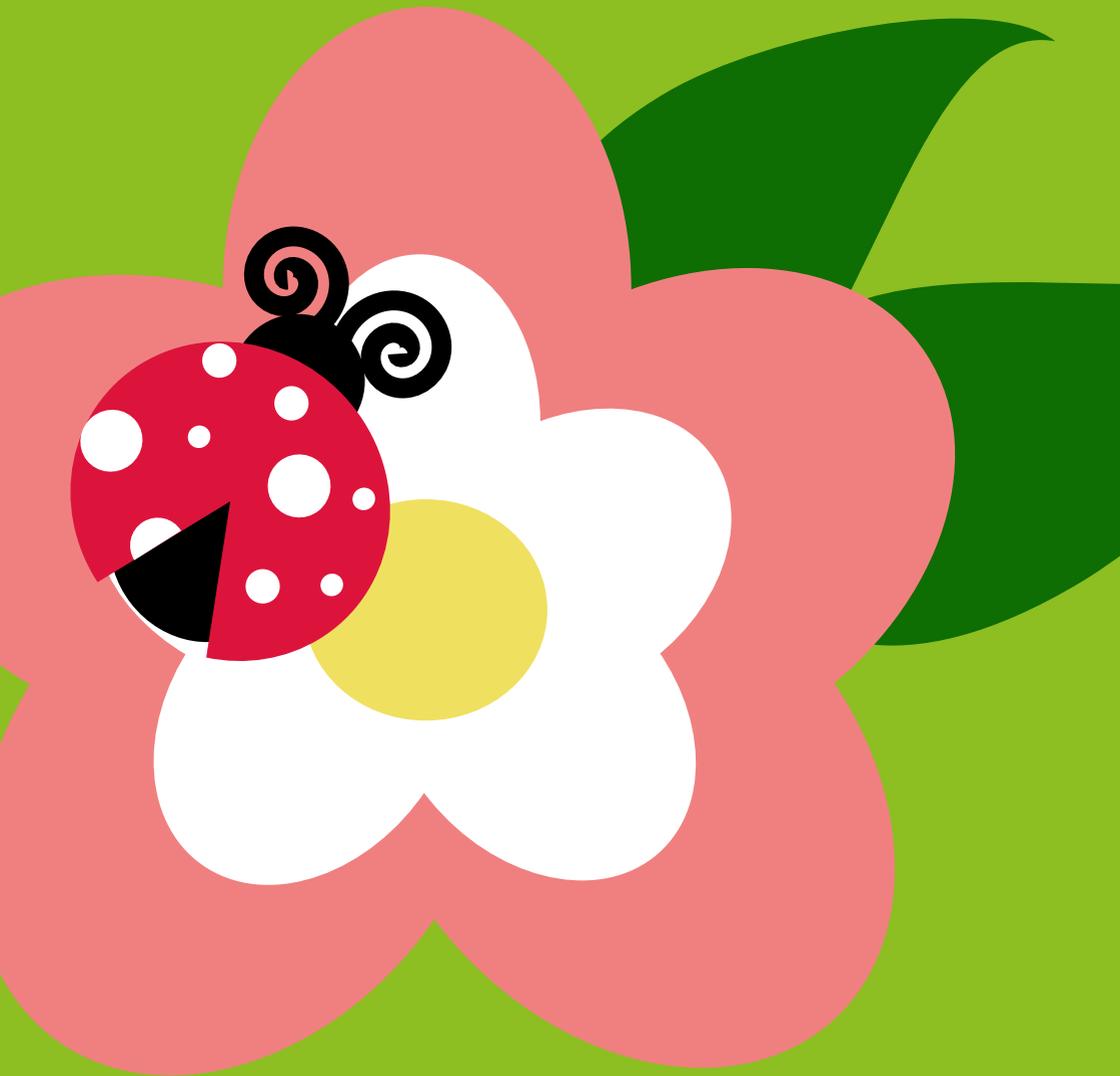


Stoke Orchard & Tredington Newsletter



March 2019

A Monthly Message



The observant among you will have noticed that it is Ash Wednesday on 6th March. Does this seem important to you, or is 'Pancake Day'

the day before, more important?

Ash Wednesday marks the start of Lent, 40 days (and nights) for fasting and reflection (although it's actually longer than this, since Sundays are not included in the count).

Fasting is something that for Christians has rather gone out of fashion (except perhaps for dietary reasons, but the body gets wise to this idea, and takes appropriate steps to make the effort less worth-while)! The Muslims still practice fasting during Ramadan, but are allowed to eat and drink after sunset (making it tough in this country if Ramadan falls in the middle of summer, but much easier in winter). This has not always been the case for Christians, the early church saw fasting as a discipline to be practiced, Jesus, Peter and Paul all fasted. Why?

Perhaps because fasting can help reflection. One of the things that normally punctuates the day has been taken away, and leaves a space to be filled. If one is fasting for one's faith, what better way to fill this extra time than with prayer and reflection?

When I lived in Northern Ireland I attended a church that did encourage limited fasting during Lent, and I can remember going without food all day, on a few occasions. It certainly gave time for reflection, although I have to admit that my main memory is of feeling very cold by about 4.00 p.m! These were normal working days (at Queen's University for me), and we were expected to carry on as usual, without telling people what we were doing.

So often I hear people saying things like "I've given up chocolate for Lent" possibly followed by something like "but I'm really looking forward to my Easter eggs", and I wonder what, if anything, is to be gained from this very limited attitude to fasting! Is chocolate their main form of food, so not eating it will cause real hunger, or is it an indulgence that they can refrain from for a limited period of time, without too much hardship, and then binge later? Perhaps they hope that it will help them lose weight, which is really missing the point of Lent, although reflecting on over indulgence in life could be a positive aim. Here is something for you to reflect on, as we go into Lent!

Wishing you a reflective Lent season

Corinna

MOTHERING SUNDAY SERVICE

March 31st. Stoke Orchard Church at 9.30a.m.

Come and celebrate with us and receive flowers or plants.

All are welcome and we hope to see children /babies who have been Christened in the last 10 years or more. It would be lovely to see many of those who came to the Christingle!

We 'hope' to deliver invitations in the weeks prior to the service.

If there is anyone who would like to take part in the service with drama or can play a musical instrument, please get in touch with Vivienne on 01684 293540

Tessa Mills and Vivienne Troughton

LENT COURSE

Lent is a time for reflection prior to Easter.

A few of us have been studying a course produced by the Bible Society. It is SO good that we think others might like to study it also.

How well do we know the Bible? Do we appreciate that the Bible tells us God's BIG STORY and its relevance for today. The course is in 8 parts, and we shall cover the Old Testament in our 5 sessions.

If you enjoy it, you might want to look at the 3 Sessions of the New Testament at a later date.

If you would like to join this group contact Vivienne Troughton (01684 293540)

The meetings will be on Wednesday mornings beginning at 10.15a.m. The dates are March 13th. 20th. 27th. April 3rd. 10th.

'MESSY CHURCH'

The next 'Messy' Church will be held on **Friday March 22nd** at Tredington School (by kind invitation of the Head, Jane Dunwell) beginning at 3.30p.m. This is a new venue for us and we are very excited.

'Messy' activities of Art and craft;
Bible Story; songs and games
will be followed by food and drink.





Tredington Primary school - Internet safety day

Tredington Primary School had an on-line safety day. Our two youngest classes gave us a presentation about responsible use of the Internet. They even made an Internet safety song to the Baby Shark backing track. Our Year 3 class taught us about declining notification pop ups; Year 4 told us what not to share when you're on-line; like your full name, address, school etc. Year 5 and 6 did four different plays teaching all the school about on-line safety.

We are Internet safety smart.



Hollie-Mae Bella Claudia.

Richard's Ramblings

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Well I really got my knuckles rapped last month!! Substituting Ramblings for Parish Council Business was apparently not popular. So where shall we go this month? A few weeks ago, I started tidying up some of the drawers in my Davenport looking for some special photos - Disaster!! - I found so much more! Going through my old letters and photos I found a letter I had written to Mum and Dad from Boarding school



when I was nine years old. I was smoothing the ground - I had seen my school report which was far from satisfactory and before I took it home at the end of term I needed to prepare them for the worst!! Happily I lived and in the end I achieved reasonable results. But the photos I uncovered were



of a bygone era. One was a classic - The Cheltenham Spa Express in the Summer of 1959, accelerating away from Stonehouse Station just yards from my Boarding House. I suppose I cannot

leave it at that so here is a photo I took last Saturday morning at Bozards lane crossing as Gresley A4 Pacific 60009, Union of South Africa powered through



on her way to Worcester. Just ten years older than me, this will probably be her last outing on the main line before she retires in 8 weeks' time.

As a child on a Sunday evening, depending what time of year it was and what was on, we would load up in the car after tea and go for a drive around the countryside. One of my favourite trips was out past Ashchurch army camp and I marvelled at the thousands of vehicles lined up, at one time there four square miles of tightly packed vehicles from the largest collection of Morris Minor Travellers anywhere in the world, to row upon row of Centurion tanks, 25 pounder field gun sets with Might Antars and Tank Transporters.



As one passed the second gate of the camp, one could feel the vibration in

Richard's Ramblings

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the road surface. Driving on towards Toddington, at the Gretton Fields turning, the road widened and for 100 yards the surface became solid concrete which went around the triangle junction. The reason for this was that at 10.00 o'clock every morning, Gate no. 2 was opened at the Camp and a steady stream of tanks and half-tracks would stream out and cause a rolling road block all the way to the Gretton turning where they turned around and drove back. Remember at that time the British army was still active around the world and we kept a major presence in the form of the British Army on the Rhine. Ashchurch was one of the main depots of the R.A.O.C. At 11.00am every morning, the Camp air raid siren would sound which would be easily heard in The Parish. I believe, even now it is sounded once a year. Much of the Army equipment left by train from their dedicated sidings inside the camp, but if they were going to Salisbury Plain, watch out as a two mile long convoy would slow you down as it trundled through Tewkesbury with out-riders and break down Diamond T's in attendance. Just remember when a farm tractor holds you up - you have seen nothing!!

Of course The Army were not the only heavy vehicles clogging up the roads around Tewkesbury, after the devastation of the war, much of the power infrastructure had to be rebuilt and expanded. English Electric at Stafford built much of the generating equipment and transformers with boilers came from much further north in shipbuilding areas such as Glasgow and Tyne/Tees side. The A38 was the main national transport artery and that

meant the middle of Tewkesbury and Gloucester. It could take a whole day for Heavy Road Train with three or even four Scammell 6 wheelers and a girder trailer with a steering cabin on the back for the driver to negotiate the Black



Bear, The Cross and the chicane by the Bell Hotel. Mythe Hill was a real hazard of a runaway hence the two tractors behind to help hold the trailer back.

Just a school boy's glimpse of life in the 1950's. Is it no wonder I still have my Hornby Dublo 3 rail train set bought at Haywards in the High Street and my full Dinky Toy Army set (fun for 3 generations) also from Haywards (No toys now). Boys and their toys! Will I ever grow up?? Not a hope!! Now before I go - Saturday March 2nd marks the 50th Anniversary of The first flight of Concorde 001 in France. April 9th marks 50 years since 002 took off from Filton to fly to Fairford. I will be giving a talk at the Roses on April 9th - More about Concorde next month.



The Tredington News Page

Tredington & Stoke Orchard WI

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Tredington & Stoke Orchard WI next meet on **Tuesday, March 12th** in Tredington Village Hall at 7:30pm. Matt Johnson will be speaking on "PTSD to Publication". Visitors are very welcome.

Tredington & Stoke Orchard Gardening Club

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Tredington & Stoke Orchard Gardening Club will be meeting next on **Monday, March 18th** at 7:30pm in Tredington Village Hall. Allan Wells will be talking on "Gardening for Bees". We are always delighted to welcome new members & visitors. The annual subscription is only £10 so do come & join us. The talks are always interesting & informative, & during the summer months we go on very enjoyable garden visits.

Village Hall Improvement Committee

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The last Whist Drive raised £ 313.00 & was very enjoyable. The next Whist Drive at the Village Hall is on Friday , March 1st at 7pm. This time we will be serving savoury eats instead of cakes. Tickets are almost sold out so do contact Val Bishop on 01684 290142 if you would like to come.

We were delighted that Edward Gillespie, the new Lord Lieutenant of Gloucestershire, came to officially open the Improved hall & that we were able to thank all those who had worked so hard to achieve its restoration. Many thanks to all who provided delicious finger food. It was a happy evening. Fund raising events will continue so that further improvements can be made, & we have some fun events planned for this summer - so watch this space.

FOR HIRE

Tredington Village Hall will seat up to 40 people. The main hall has recently been completely refurbished and offers comfortable surroundings with good lighting and heating. The kitchen has a microwave and fridge. There are two toilets, one is for disabled. There is a small meeting room, parking and easy access.

Fees are £7 an hour.

The booking agent is Frank Jukes who can be contacted by email at tredingtonvillagehall@gmail.com or **01684 294053**.

Stoke Orchard & Tredington Parish Council

Invite you to a

Community Action Evening

on

Friday 29 March 2019 - from 7.00pm to 8.00pm

at

Stoke Orchard Community Centre

Armstrong Road, Stoke Orchard. GL52 7SB

Come and speak to representatives from the Parish Council, the Community Centre Committee, local clubs and organisations in Stoke Orchard and Tredington Parish
Representatives from other organisations will also be present

This event will be held in conjunction with the regular 'Pub Night' so the bar will be open!

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Parish Council News

Your Parish Councillors are:-

Cllr Richard Chatham, Cllr Lisa Holmes, Cllr Andrew Troughton, Cllr James Gilder,

Cllr Heather Webber Cllr Alan McDonald

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.

www.stokeandtredington.co.uk

Notes from Parish Council Meeting held on February 5th 2019

Although this was designated as a Planning Meeting, due to the action of Parish Councillors and meetings held since the January Meeting a considerable amount of business was conducted and hence the Meeting was designated a full meeting.

The Council Approved the Quotation for the new Council Website which it is hoped will soon be online.

The Chairman gave a full report on a meeting he had had with Chris Riley and Craig Freeman Of GCC Highways. The meeting had covered a considerable number of Highways concerns –

1. Drainage in Mill Lane, GCC to Camera.
2. VAS Speed Camera, Parish Council to purchase and GGC to cover cost. This is already ongoing with several Quotations and specifications being considered.
3. Village Gateways to be re-designed and PC to explore a deal with an independent contractor.
4. Road hatching design for crossing outside shop to be submitted to GCC for approval so the Bloors can cover.
5. Weight limits to be checked and investigated to ensure legal compliance.
6. Better signage and other measures to prevent further accidents at the east end of Tredington. One death and 5 vehicles leaving the road in 12 months.

7. Condition of road surfaces through Parish in general – work will be ongoing in 2019

Planning. The Council considered a Planning Application for Crimmond in Mill Lane and felt they had little alternative but to follow the advice of the Urban Design Officer which was one of concern for the size of the proposed building. The Decision was to Object.

Other items considered were the need for more Dog Bins and clearance of some footpaths in Stoke Orchard area

Neighbourhood Development Plan The Parish Council has decided that with the impending development on all sides, it is essential that the Parish should adopt a Neighbourhood Development Plan. This has been on the Agenda for some times but following further pressure on the matter, The council Has employed Miss Andrea Pellegram to lead the process and an initial meeting is to be held shortly. This Plan will set out the hopes and needs for the Parish for the future covering planning, Community, Roads, sports and recreation provision and more.

Newsletter By Email

Following the article in the Newsletter last month asking about who would be happy to received their Newsletter by email. The Parish Council will be analysing the response over the next month. At the present moment the general feeling is that households enjoy receiving a hard copy as it is always available to all members of the family to pick up, read and to refer to for information dates and times etc. Therefore for the next month or two, distribution will remain the same. – watch this space!!

The next meeting will be held on 5th March 2019 at 7.00pm.

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The Orchard Store and Amy's Coffee Shop

Very exciting news! We have started the 1st phase of the shop re-fit and it already looks better! This will allow us to sell more products and provide an even better service for you! Pop in, have a look and spend money!

Upcoming dates – Pancake Day – 5th March

Mothering Sunday – 31st March

Stoke Orchard Community Centre

The hall is already getting booked up for 2019 which is brilliant. The hall is self-funding, therefore every booking counts!

We have decided to open the hall up to watch the Gold Cup on the 15th March, from 12.30pm. The Bar will be open! Watch the Race of our large screen!

Rugby will be shown on the 16th March from 2.30pm –

Wales vs Ireland

5pm England vs Scotland

On the **29th March**, we have a **Community Action Evening** from 6.30pm to 7.30pm – meet your local Parish Councillors, Community Centre Management Committee and local organisations of interest to the Community. Pub Night afterwards!

The hall is an amazing place to hold classes and corporate seminars. Please enquire using the emails below.

Don't forget we have a brilliant 13-seater Community Mini Bus that can be hired at very reasonable rates! Please contact bookings.sotcb@gmail.com to book!

Any queries please contact booking@stokeorchardcommunitycentre.co.uk or info@stokeorchardcommunitycentre.co.uk

Tredington Playreading Group

The inaugural meeting of the group took place in the village hall on 7th January. Two short plays were read: "The Spy" by John Mortimer, and "Nostalgia" by Lynn Brittney. The latter is from a fairly new publishing house specialising in plays for actors between 40 and 70, the average age span of so many societies these days.

It was agreed to continue to meet on a monthly basis and the next reading will take place on **Thursday 25th April** at 7.00 p.m. If you would like more details please ring **01684 290537**.

YOGA AT TREDINGTON

We are a small friendly group meeting each Wednesday afternoon from 2pm to 3.30pm at our newly refurbished village hall.

Our teacher is well qualified and experienced in teaching all levels, so if you want to improve your flexibility and learn to really relax, come and join us!

We would love to welcome you whether you are experienced or a beginner and help you shake off those February blues!

For details contact Val on 01684 290142



Church Services in January

March 3rd	Last Sunday before Lent	9.30 am	Morning Worship	Tredington
March 10th	1st Sunday in Lent	9.30 am	Holy Communion	Stoke Orchard
March 17th	2nd Sunday in Lent	9.30 am	Holy Communion	Tredington
March 24th	3rd Sunday in Lent	9.30 am	Holy Communion	Stoke Orchard
March 31st	Mothering Sunday	9.30 am	Morning Worship	Stoke Orchard

Recycling & Waste Collection dates

Stoke Orchard & Tredington BLUE: Thursday 14 March, Thursday 28 March.

GREEN: Thursday 7 March, Thursday 21 March.

Local Buses

(Marchants 01452 426265), GCC concessionary passes enquiries.
01242 257714 Marchants Operation details.

Local Buses can now be found under Gloucester Minibuses
www.nationaljourneyplanner.travelinesw.com/swe-ttb/TTB/EFA01__0000124e_TP.pdf

Please note there are problems with the current published timetable but we will update as soon as information is available and Timetables will be available at the shop as soon as possible.

Curate	Rev Kay Mundy	01452 780634	revkaymundy@gmail.com
Hon Associate Minister	Reverend Tom Curtis, Stonehills Tewkesbury, GL20 5FB	01684 295298	
Readers	Mrs Vivienne Troughton Tredington, Tewkesbury GL20 7BW	01684 293540	
Children & Young People	Vivienne Troughton	01684 293540	
Tredington Primary School	Mrs Jane Dunwell Head Teacher	01684 293617	admin@tredington.gloucs.sch.uk www.tredington-school.ik.org
Tredington Teddies Playgroup & Tredington Teddies Baby & Toddler Group	Tina Taylor – Playleader/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/Stoke Community Centre Bookings	Frank Jukes	01684 292143	tredingtonvillagehall@gmail.com.

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