

Stoke Orchard & Tredington Newsletter



January 2019

A Monthly Message

February will be a busy month! Lots of festivals to celebrate and remember, and the preparation for the great celebration of Easter begins, too.

Depending on our traditions, we celebrate Candlemas or St Brigid's Day or Imbolc at the start of the month. Candlemas celebrates the story in Luke chapter 2 verses 22-38. Jesus is brought to the temple by his parents, and there Simeon says: "You are a light for revelation to the Gentiles." Candlemas reminds us of Jesus, the light of the world come into our midst. Traditionally, candles are brought to church and blessed so we can see that light and bring it home with us.

Not long after that we celebrate St Valentine's Day, which celebrates romantic love, and traditionally anonymous cards are exchanged between people to declare their love for each other.

And less than two weeks later, we begin the season that leads up to Easter: Lent.

Lent has traditionally been associated with fasting, with denying ourselves, in order to experience a sense of 'hunger' which we then try to replace by other means, for example prayer. We often give up eating something we enjoy i.e. chocolate, so that we will feel tempted and hopefully find the discipline to withstand that temptation.

However, over the last few years a new tradition seems to have emerged: that of taking up something i.e. making time to read the Bible, to pray, or to do something else spiritual. This, too, requires a disciplined approach.

Whether we give up or take up something, the idea is that we are made stronger spiritually. The special service on Ash Wednesday (26th February) in Apperley Church at 7.30pm is an opportunity to come and receive support in our giving up and taking up, with prayer and receiving the sign of the cross on our foreheads. Come along if you can!

But before that, we have the chance to enjoy one more treat: Shrove Tuesday or Pancake Day (25th February)! We would like to host a **pancake party** to which everyone is welcome on **Sunday 23rd February between 3-4.30pm in Apperley Village Hall**. Free entry, but donations are always very much welcome, and you can turn up on the day or, to help us calculate the amount of pancakes we need to make in advance, please ring or leave a message on 780880, or e-mail apperleypriest@gmail.com, or let one of the members of the ministry team know.

We look forward to seeing you at one of our services or special events!

Peace and blessings to you all,

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The Orchard Stores and Amy's Cafe

Your community shop has been trading for more than 4 years in the Community Centre. When the plan to develop land in the village and build houses landed on their desks, our Parish Councillors were determined that any development would bring benefits to the village and so negotiated for Bloor Homes to build and support our Community Centre and shop. The aim was to provide milk, bread and newspapers. Well - we didn't stop at that!

We are so proud of The Orchard Store and Amy's Coffee Shop. It's owned by the community (through the Parish Council) and run as a "not for profit" business. It brings employment to a few local people as well as a much-needed service to the community. For those of us volunteers who do the backroom work of running this small business it's been a very steep learning curve and we are very grateful for the support of all our customers and for the financial support of Bloor Homes and the Parish Council. The shop still runs at a loss, but we have seen that loss decrease year on year as we better understand the business and - most importantly - as you all use the shop more.

It is YOUR shop - it is there to provide you with the goods and services that make your life easier. We try our best to provide good quality items at a reasonable price, using local suppliers whenever possible. We can never compete with the supermarkets - our buying power is minute in comparison - but we always listen to our customers and try to improve and bring in new lines. Sometimes they sell and we continue to stock them, sometimes they don't and we don't buy them again.

Our Sunday opening hours will change from 26th January 2020. For two months we will be closed on Sunday afternoons ... come and get your weekend essentials and goodies before 12pm. This is because Sunil, who works the weekends, is going on holiday. Volunteers will be covering many of his shifts so please be patient with us - we will all do our best!!

We have a Facebook page for the Shop and Café so please be sure to follow us to hear all about our new products and offers in the shop. We will also be launching an 'Offer of the Month' – look out for February's Romantic Offers!

As always our doors and ears are open for new ideas and products that you want YOUR local shop and café to supply – please just get in touch.

Orchard Stores and Amy's cafe



2020 Events

We are busy planning lots of events for the new year and will keep you updated with information through this newsletter and the Stoke Orchard Community Centre Facebook page! We are going to be planning quizzes, bingo nights, movie nights, wine and cheese nights and much more – if you have any other ideas please get in touch!

Here are some dates for your diary for early 2020

(we will announce what the theme of the pub nights will be soon) ...

Friday 28th February

Friday 13th March

Friday 27th March

Friday 17th April

Community Day

We will be hosting our annual Community day and we are pleased to have confirmed the date as:

Saturday 27th June

Please join us to enjoy another day of fun at the hall with lots of great music, events, food and drink.

Event volunteers

If you would like to support the hall with organising and running events please get in touch. We have great fun organising events and there is always plenty to do so the more the merrier.



Class timetable and events – February 2020

Monday	Zumba 09:30-10:30 stokezumba@gmail.com	Pilates 10:30-11:30 GravityFitness@live.com	Rika Shake 18:00-19:00 Rikacaroline tash@hotmail.com	Strong 19:00-20:00 Holistic Core Restore 20:00-21:00 joanpalmerbefit@gmail.com
Tuesday	Pilates 09:30-10:30 pilatesbycharlotte@gmail.com	Bibble Bubble Baby massage 11:00-12:00 jobibblebubble@outlook.com	Kettlercise 18:30-19:15 tredtraining@outlook.com	Hedgehog Pilates 19:15-20:00 tredtraining@outlook.com
Wednesday	Teddies Parent & Toddler 09:30-11:30 (Term time only)		Zumba 19:00-20:00 stokezumba@gmail.com	
Thursday				Hatha Yoga 19:30-21:00 sadiehawson@gmail.com
Friday	Pilates 09:30-10:30 GravityFitness@live.com	Buggyfit 10:30-11:30 GravityFitness@live.com	Didi Rugby Under 4's: 11:30-12:15 Keith.smith@didirugby.com	Jo Jingles Age 2+: 10:30-11:30 Walking to 2: 11:30-12:30 3m to walking 12:30-13:30 Kimsjojingles@gmail.com
Saturday	Zumba 10:30-12:30 stokezumba@gmail.com			
Sunday	Kettlercise 09:00-10:00 tredtraining@outlook.com	Didi Rugby Mini: 10:00-10:40 Junior: 10:40-11:20 Senior: 11:20-12:00 Keith.smith@didirugby.com		

Additional Events in February

Hall events in February

Pub Night

28th February 2020

From 7pm

U3A

Science

6th Feb 14:00-16:00

Art

18th Feb 14:00-16:00

www.cleeve-u3a.org.uk

Inspire Development

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6th February 2020

09:30-11:30

Inspirelearninganddevelopment@outlook.com

For bookings contact 07437533132 or info@stokeorchardcommunitycentre.co.uk

Richard's Ramblings

February 2020

Isn't Nature fascinating? I went to put the Bin out on Wednesday evening and suddenly realised Spring was on its way. I had already noticed a change in the colour and look of the willows and hazel bushes but on Wednesday, the grass started to grow again after lying dormant since November. New bright green shoots had appeared and with the sun giving a little warmth and encouragement, the lawn had changed. No need to rush out too soon but on a reasonable day, just taking the top shoots off will encourage the plants to thicken up in the bottom and make a rich, thicker sward.

This year is we are being encouraged to plant a tree. Everyone knows the benefit - it is in every newspaper, on the web and on the television - Trees store carbon and clean the air we breathe. In fact, at the recent Parish Council meeting we were discussing planting more trees on the Public Open Space at Stoke Orchard. All the advertising and talk took my mind back 50 years; so much happened then in our part of the world - some will say beneficial - some perhaps not so. Certainly our skyline changed. The M5 was opened in 1971, the new 132.000 volt electricity pylon line was erected a few years later bringing the power for all the industrial and commercial expansion and our landscape was hit by Dutch Elm disease.

The disease was identified in the Netherlands in 1921 hence the name



but it is not confined to just the Dutch variety of elm. The disease was imported in to the UK on a load of logs from Canada. The disease is a fungus carried by a small beetle which - when the tree is mature - creeps under the bark and the spore separates the bark from the tree and the tree subsequently dies. Elm hedges, a distinct feature of our local countryside, are safe as long as they are cut to keep them small but as soon as trees reach semi maturity at about 15 feet high, the beetles move in.

In just a few years our local vista changed significantly as millions of elm trees were felled as they died. We cut down 300 small trees in one field hedge alone but 55 full timber trees as we called them, were felled by Franks of Bristol who were licensed to fell and remove the diseased timber. The first photo taken by me with a box brownie out of the window of an Auster light plane with good friend Bob Randall at

Richard's Ramblings

February 2020

the controls - shows the trees around the village and the second and third



photos show the difference between 1968 and 2020 on the south side of Tredington. I took the first one from The Croft in 1968 and the second one last week from the road outside. It is hard to believe these photos show the same area and the willow tree in the second picture is also in the first one in 1968

When we built Sherdons Golf Centre in the 90's, we planted nearly 7000 trees. The majority were English hardwoods, ash, oak, hornbeam, field maple, silver



birch with a smattering of scots pine, hazel, horse chestnut and others. The

trees went in as whips - just a straight twig 3ft high. This is one of my favourite scenes and these trees are just 25 years old. What a difference we can make by planting at least one tree in our life. I hope we can do our bit this year and find areas we can plant a tree for every person in the Parish in our effort to be a Carbon Conscious Parish.

However, back to the elm tree and its wonderful wood; we had some of our trees sawn into planks by Bob Randall - same chap who flew the plane and



used to collect the milk churns with his Ford Comet lorry. He had a band saw at a yard in Natton. Almost 50 years later, those planks still form our garden fence. Some are a bit brittle now but it shows why elm was just as good as oak and many of the old houses in our parish will have an elm staircase and elm frames. I have worked in elm and oak and both are magnificent.

Go on - Plant a tree and make a difference!

The Tredington News Pages

Tredington & Stoke Orchard WI

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Tredington & Stoke Orchard WI next meet on **Tuesday, February 11th** at Tredington Village Hall at 7.30pm. There will be a demonstration of Kusudana Flowers. Visitors & new members are very warmly welcome.

Tredington Village Hall Improvement Committee

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Tredington Village Hall Improvement Committee are holding the first **Whist Drive** of 2020 on **Friday, February 7th** at 7pm. Tickets are £7 & are still available from Val Bishop on 01684 290142. Your ticket includes tea/

coffee & light savoury refreshments. There will also be a raffle. (If anyone has any unwanted Christmas presents, we would be very happy to accept them for our raffle!)

Tredington & Stoke Orchard Gardening Club

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Tredington & Stoke Orchard Gardening Club will be meeting on **Monday, February 17th** at 7:30pm in Tredington Village Hall. Vanessa Berridge, the County Organizer, will be telling us about the National Gardens Scheme.

Whilst we are a very small Parish, we do have a wide and varied list of Volunteer Opportunities. Could you spare a few minutes?

Please email stokeorchardpc@gmail.com

Weekly Checks on the Defibrillators - check the batteries and see the lights are on. This easy but very important - you may need it yourself one day. Just a few minutes each week but vitally important!



Fancy being a bus driver!! We are just arranging the next Midas Course for driving the Community Bus. It is good fun and an opportunity to get out and about and help other at the same time. The ability to sing the wheels on the bus go round and round is important!

Community Speed Watch If you are interested in forming a group please contact PCSO Roberts (Tewkesbury Police Station). We already have volunteers - just waiting for two more to make the group official. Please contact Philippa.RobertsPCSO@gloucestershire.pnn.police.uk



Parish Council News

STOKE ORCHARD & TREDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Your new Parish Councillors from 14th May 2019 are:-

Cllr Richard Chatham, Cllr Andrew Troughton, Cllr James Gilder,
Cllr Heather Webber Cllr Alan McDonald Cllr Phil Ternouth Cllr John Newton

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.stokeorchardandtredington.org.uk

Extracts from the Parish Council Meeting held on 07/01/2020

The chairman passed on his thanks to Cllr Gilder for carrying out the hedge cutting in the parish and for planting 300 bulbs to help beautify the area. It was confirmed that the dog bins have been moved as promised with the one from Banady Lane moved to Dean Lane and the one from the end of the garden of the manor has been moved to the junction of Banady Lane and Stoke Road.

Following the resignation of Cllr Holmes an election was held Vice Chairman. Cllr Troughton was proposed by the Chairman was unanimously elected..

The Police Report provided by PC Roberts unfortunately confirmed that a burglary had taken place on the 13th November at a local business and there was an unsuccessful attempt to enter a residential property on 2nd January. The mobile police station will be in the parish on 2nd February.

The Borough Councillor report confirmed that Tewkesbury Borough Council have been awarded £750k in order to carry out analysis of the development of Ashchurch. Members of Tewkesbury Borough Council will also be attending a corporate peer challenge in March in order to improve the Council and give learning opportunities.

The Neighborhood Development plan update confirmed they are currently recruiting members of the community to help out in topic groups. If you feel you are able to help out on this please contact the Parish Clerk Jules Owen.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will held on 4th February 2020

STOKE ORCHARD AND TREDINGTON NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN – UPDATE FEBRUARY 2020

Now that we have started the New Year, work has started in earnest on the first phases of our Neighbourhood Plan development. This plan is specifically designed to sit under the Tewkesbury Borough plan and, whilst it may not conflict with that plan it will bring a level of detail to policies to support our Parish which the Borough plan does not. So, whilst the Borough Plan in general looks to improve assets like footpaths and green spaces it does not identify those which are a priority in this Parish. The N.D.P gives us the opportunity to do this and define policies and potentially obtain the resources as a condition on developments going ahead which enable us to deliver on those priorities. It also enables us to promote plans where we believe that the Borough plan pays insufficient attention to issues of key importance such as Drainage and Flood prevention.

This work being undertaken now is in preparation for and the actual undertaking of “Gap Analysis” – this is the Planners’ jargon for identifying the bits of policy that might affect us that are missing in the Borough Plan – and the first phase of that work is now in progress. This will be followed by a process of policy development (putting our aspirations into a form of words which Planners can use as policies to guide decisions) and collecting evidence to justify those policies.

The Vision Statement which is the background to the NDP and which sets out our initial aspirations for the plan identified 4 key topic areas as a result of consultations in the Parish to which as a result of reviewing flood events over recent years the Steering Committee has asked the Parish Council to add a 5th – Drainage and Flood Prevention.

Detailed work, under the guidance of the Steering Committee will be taken forward within topic groups made up of people with a particular interest in specific topics or who have skills which are key to getting public support for proposals – such as getting out and talking to people or collecting evidence. The plan, to be adopted must be supported in a referendum so getting support for the policies and having the evidence to back them up is critical. We are still very interested in recruiting people to join the topic groups so if you are interested in helping in any of the areas set out below, please get in touch with the Parish Clerk on stokeorchardpc@gmail.com.

The priority topic areas are set out below with a brief summary of what they cover.

Sustainable Transport – Improving the local infrastructure for getting about and making trips without getting into a car, such as cycle routes and footpaths whilst at the same time reducing the impact on environment and amenity of Parish Residents of vehicle movements through the Parish.

Green Infrastructure – Protecting and enhancing the local environment and the amenity of Parish residents by a combination of the protection and natural development of existing open spaces and use of natural means of accommodating the impact of new development, such as tree-planting and sustainable drainage such as the absorption of local rainwater run-off from the development.

Housing mix we must try to consider the provision of affordable housing for younger people and suitable housing for older people – in each case to avoid people being forced to move out of the Parish as communities mature. However, any developments need to maintain a rural aspect in keeping with our villages.

Historic Environment - the identification, protection and enhancement of the enjoyment of Heritage assets such as Listed Buildings and other assets of notable agricultural heritage value (such as any ridge and furrow, permanent pasture) or other sites of archaeological interest.

Community Facilities – the identification and pursuit of any opportunities to provide or support facilities for the enjoyment of the whole Parish Community. The current community centre at Stoke Orchard and the Tredington Village Hall being notable examples. We should also be including adequate schooling and medical facilities in these Policies.

Drainage and Flood Prevention - The Parish stands on four named watercourses, the Swilgate, Dean Brook, Hyde Brook and the Moor. All of which drain large residential and commercial areas outside the Parish. We are seeking policies that protect us to reduce the flooding within our Parish and also maintain and improve the drainage of roads and land within the infrastructure of our own villages.

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FLOWERS

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 Playreading Group

Variety is the spice of life - or so we are led to believe.

The play we began last month and will return to in February is called *Angels in Love*. It is a mock Victorian romp in which Little Lord Fauntleroy, now twenty and married, causes his mother great concern by his apparent ignorance of the reasons for marriage. Ludicrous and farcical situations develop. We are

given everything in this comedy, from a pathetic Victorian recitation, poison in the wrong teacup, to the parlourmaid's taste in naughty novels.

If this has whetted your appetite to find out what else happens, please do come along at 7.00 p.m. on Thursday 27th February.

Coral Pepper
01684 290537
cpepper@globalnet.co.uk

Church Services

Sunday 2nd	9.30am	Family Worship	Tredington
Sunday 9th	9.30am	Holy Communion	Stoke Orchard
Sunday 16th	9.30am	Holy Communion	Tredington
Sunday 23rd	9.30pm	Holy Communion	Stoke Orchard
Sunday 23rd	3-4.30pm	Pancake Party	Apperley Village Hall

Recycling & Waste Collection dates

Stoke Orchard & Tredington BLUE: Thursday 13 & Thursday 27 February.
 GREEN: Thursday 6 & Thursday 20 February.

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

Curate	Rev. Kay Mundy	01452 780634	revkaymundy@gmail.com
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Children & Young People	Vivienne Troughton	01684 293540	
Tredington Primary School	Cath Pollard Head Teacher	01684 293617	admin@tredington.gloucs.sch.uk www.tredington.gloucs.sch.uk
Tredington Teddies Playgroup & Tredington Teddies Baby & Toddler Group	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 Juckes	01684 294053	tredingtonvillagehall@gmail.com
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