

# Stoke Orchard & Tredington Newsletter



*September 2024*



# *Be mindful...*

What a lot has happened in August! The Olympics, the Paralympics starting at the end of that month, a few days of warm sunny proper holiday weather, people travelling to see family and friends or go on holiday, Deerhurst Flower Festival, and then also the riots and the latest safeguarding scandal in the Church of England.

It really is a rollercoaster, isn't it...?

Social media has opened our eyes to the big wide world and we now know about things happening far away which we would not have known about otherwise. We can put into a much larger context what is happening in our communities, as so many things are played out on both a micro and macro/global level. And social media and email and internet apps like whatsapp and telegram make it much easier to stay in touch with family and friends who live far away. But social media also has its problems. Unfounded rumours can be circulated and cause panic; there are numerous scams conning unsuspecting people wanting to help; and the social media platforms are used by both people who want and need support and those who want to cause chaos and harm.

You may have heard of the Cherokee Indian legend about two wolves fighting within each of us. One wolf is evil, one is good. A child, on hearing this legend, asked his Grandfather: "So which wolf will win?" His answer: "The one you feed." This does not mean ignoring the potentially bad influences and news, the ones that make us angry and upset and - let's face it - hungry for retribution or revenge, but it does mean that we all have the opportunity to respond with not just anger but compassion, with not just judgement but offers of help and support, with not just rage but peace-making efforts. So let's be informed and aware of what goes on around us, in our communities and in the wider world, but also let's be mindful and appreciative of what is good in this world and in this beautiful place we live in, and of our fellow humans, the vast majority of whom want to do good and support one another.

Peace and blessings to you all,

*Ilse*



# Stoke Orchard & Tredington Parish Council



## Parish Councillors from May 16th 2024 are:-

Cllr Alan Macdonald (Chairman) • Councillor Sue Shorrock (Vice chair),  
Cllr Andrew Troughton • Cllr James Gilder • Cllr Tim Jukes  
Cllr Graham Ferguson • Cllr George Fairbairn

### Contact Details - through the Clerk:

Mrs Michelle Hinde - Email: [clerk@sotpc.co.uk](mailto:clerk@sotpc.co.uk)

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

### Notice of Stoke Orchard and Tredington Parish Council Meeting

The next Parish Council Meeting will be on Wednesday September 4th, 2024 at 7pm 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,

Finally, we're getting some summer weather! I hope all have had a great August, and that some good holidays have been had. Roll on the start of a new school term I'm sure for many families!

- I'm finding an awful lot of council time is spent chasing and re-chasing many issues that have been visited and re-visited over and over again. Precious is the person that replies to any emails promptly and objectively, and I try to respond in kind. It can be soo frustrating when a simple answer can mean you can put a problem to bed. It means for so much extra work. However, our council is resolved to pursue things relentlessly until a solution is found, and so far, I think we're achieving that.

So, apologies in advance if some of the monthly info pages look repetitive. Progress can be slow but, albeit the updates are similar, work is still going on behind the scenes to drag authorities and other participants occasionally pedantically kicking and screaming towards a satisfactory conclusion for the community.

- We are still waiting on the decision for a grant from TBC to restore the K6 red telephone box. We have been asked to supply extra information - site pics, quotes, and to check no planning is required (which it isn't). Hopefully we'll have a decision by this month.
- The tennis net in the MUGA has had the wheels broken off somehow. We will try and fix them but please, please can it be handled with care.

- We have a bumper crop of honey now for sale in the Orchard Stores. The bees seem to be really happy with their new home, as they've been working overtime!
- The land by the chapel on Banady Lane is still in its' final legal throes. The last clauses are being agreed by both parties, and the ground has to be cleared properly as part of the agreement. This is taking longer than we anticipated but we are pursuing the owner on this. I'd like to reiterate that - as part of the legal agreement - it will remain as a Public Open Space area for the future. The Parish Council will maintain it regularly, and no notice boards or structures will be allowed therein.
- We had another meeting with the M5 Junction 10 team regarding their proposal for Stoke Road through Stoke Orchard. At the Community Day we have planned for Saturday 7th September, they will attend and set up a presentation of the designs. Do come along to see what they propose and provide your own input. Measures within the village and Stoke Rd include buildouts, 20mph zones, extra lighting and various speed reminders.
- Finally, by the time you read this, I would hope that there will have been some movement on the long-awaited pump track. The contractor, who is a highly respected BMX rider, is excited about the prospect of providing a great exercise asset for the youngsters in our community. We are also looking at quotes for a car park barrier at the MUGA and a safeguarding cctv system.

*Have a great month all!*

## Items Affecting the Parish

### ROAD CLOSURES

- Bozard Lane will be closed from 8th May - 7th November 2024 so Solar Farm infrastructure can be installed in the public highway.
- Gloucester Road to Stoke Road from its junction with A38 to outside the property known as 'Southend Farm' will be closed from 08:00 on 27th August until 16:00 29th August.

### BOROUGH COUNCIL

Tewkesbury Borough Council want to change their name to North Gloucestershire Borough Council. The name-change consultation is now live! The consultation explains why they want to make the change and details the benefits and concerns. Most importantly, it gives residents, businesses and local organisations the chance to share whether there are any benefits or issues they haven't thought of.



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laugh,  
live

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[info@tewkesburyu3a.org.uk](mailto:info@tewkesburyu3a.org.uk)

01684 325013

Are you over 50, retired, not in full time work? We have a variety of over 30 different groups. Members gather every second Monday morning to listen to speakers on interesting topics. Please come along and join for a small fee, coffee and tea are served from 10a.m at:-

**Baptist Church Hall, Station Road, Tewkesbury, GL20 5DR**

The Tewkesbury u3a  
Strummers Group



### Speaker news

**September 9th 2024 10:30 am - 12**

**Ashley Jones**

**Will tell us the history of the  
Dickin Medal**

**(The Animal VC)**

Join us for fun  
and friendship

# Bus Timetable

## T from Tewkesbury to Bishops Cleeve

Monday to Friday (except Bank Holidays)

Effective from 19 February 2023

Tewkesbury High St	0740	0900	1010	1120	1230	1340	1450	1610	1725	1835
Tewkesbury Morrisons	0743	x	x	1123	x	1343	1453	1613	x	x
Tewkesbury Gupshill Manor	x	0905	1015	x	1235	x	x	x	1730	1840
Wheatpieces Snowdonia Rd	0745	x	x	x	x	x	1455	1615	x	x
Walton Cardiff Monterey Rd	0747	x	x	x	x	x	1457	1617	x	x
Stoke Orchard The Orchard	0759C	0916	1026	1137	1246	1357	1509C	1629	1741	1851
Bishops Cleeve Petrol Station	x	0922	1032	1143	1252	1403	x	x	1747	1857
Bishops Cleeve Mill Parade	0820	0930	1040	1150	1300	1410	1530	1645	1755	1902
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Vicar	Revd Ilse Ferwerda	01452 780880	apperleypriest@gmail.com
Assistant Priest	Rev. Kay Mundy	01452 780634	therevkaymundy@gmail.com
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Church Warden	Tessa Mills	01684 216563	
Hon Associate Minister	Rev. Tom Curtis, Stonehills, Tewkesbury		
Reader and Young People's Church	Mrs Vivienne Troughton, Tredington	01684 293540	
Tredington Primary School	Head Mrs Emily Watton	01684 293617	Head.TPS.glatrust.org.uk
Tredington Church Hall/ Village Hall	Frank Jukes	01684 292143	tredingtonvillagehall@gmail.com
Stoke Orchard Community Centre Bookings	Helen MacDonald	07437 533132	info@stokeorchard.org

## Church services – September

Sunday 1st Sept 9.30am • Morning Worship at Tredington

Sunday 8th Sept 9.30am • Holy Communion at Stoke Orchard

Sunday 15th Sept 9.30am • Holy Communion at Tredington

Sunday 22nd Sept 9.30am • Holy Communion at Stoke Orchard

Sunday 29th Sept 10am • Benefice Communion at Apperley

No 'meet the vicar' sessions this month due to other meetings and leave.

### Recycling & Waste Collection Dates for September 2024 - Stoke Orchard & Tredington

<b>BLUE</b>	<b>Thursday 5th</b>	<b>Thursday 19th</b>
<b>GREEN</b>	<b>Thursday 12th</b>	<b>Thursday 26th</b>



#### REQUEST FOR HELP AND DONATIONS

**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

# Stoke Orchard Community Centre

## ANNUAL COMMUNITY DAY 7TH SEPTEMBER 2024 • 1PM – 5PM

This is a Celebration of our community and no better place to do this but at the Community Centre! There will be a bouncy castle, Bar, Food Van, Traditional Games, face painter and more! Come along with your friends and neighbours.

**All welcome!**

These events take a lot of work, if you would like to be a volunteer for the day please contact Helen on [info@stokeorchard.org](mailto:info@stokeorchard.org)

All help very welcome!

Any queries please contact  
[info@stokeorchard.org](mailto:info@stokeorchard.org)

Bookings - [booking@stokeorchard.org](mailto:booking@stokeorchard.org)

### *Pub Night*

September 27th from 7pm



## *New classes starting this September...*

**From  
Sept  
3rd**



**07740309750 for more details**


### Strength & Balance classes

To improve your fitness for everyday life  
living longer happier and healthier

Tuesdays 11am Stoke orchard  
community centre  
Wednesday 10am Marina court  
then 11.15 at Twynning chapel  
thursdays 2pm Newent  
community centre

Ideal for those who worry about trips and falls

**Happy & Healthy with Helen**



## CHILL CONTEMPORARY

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**JUNIORS** TUESDAYS 4-5 PM  
(STARTING FROM 10 YEARS)

**SENIORS** WEDNESDAYS 4-5 PM  
(STARTING FROM 17 YEARS TO ADULT)

**CHILL**  
DANCE ACADEMY

STOKE ORCHARD  
COMMUNITY CENTRE

FOR BOOKINGS AND ENQUIRIES PLEASE MESSAGE ON CHLOE 07972350886

**From  
Sept  
17th**



# The Orchard Stores and Amy's Coffee Shop




*Our local honey is back in store!*


This is the last batch before next year!  
Grab one before we run out!



We have a monthly raffle raising much needed funds for the Shop! Please support if you can!



## GRAND SUMMER DRAW




**Just £1 per square & you can win up to £50 !**

*Here's how it works:-*

1. Pick any number (or combination of numbers) between 1 and 100
2. You can buy as many tickets (squares) as you like at £1 cash per ticket.
3. You keep your ticket(s) and we write your contact details on the stub.
4. At the end of **each month**, we draw 3 numbers out of a hat.
5. You can win up to **50%** of the total prize fund, so if all 100 tickets sold then....

• First number	wins	£45
• Second number	wins	£4
• Third number	wins	£1



**GOOD LUCK!**

With all 3 winning numbers, then you get **£50 !**  
Yes, it's that easy - just think of how useful that would be... !

50% of the total prize fund contributes to the upkeep, support and further development of The Orchard Stores and Coffee Shop

The Store is a Community Shop and is here for you. If you wish for something to be stocked please let our staff know and we will try and source it for you.

If you would like to volunteer in the shop on the odd occasion, please let us know. It's great fun, you would be helping your community and you get to meet the loveliest of customers.

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

*As always, we thank you for your continued custom!*

# MEET YOUR NEIGHBOUR – GORDON WEBBER

I was born and raised in the City of Bristol, when it was still a City and County. For most of my years in Bristol we lived in Westbury Park, that's near the Downs and that became a bit of a stamping ground for young Webber. My father was a postman – starting work aged 14 – and my mother worked in the post office. 3 elder sisters, well what can I say, life was good though. We always had pets and we have continued that family trend – boxers are for ever!!

I quite liked school but was not the best scholar. I enjoyed most subjects. Technical subjects were for me – drawing, carpentry and sport.

I was lucky enough to be given an apprenticeship at British Aerospace in Filton, Bristol. I still believe that the apprenticeship scheme is one of the best education systems around and produces fine employees for the company involved. It was 4-5 years training then before you were let loose.

British Aerospace was at the height of Concorde development and so I spent many hours involved in the development and construction of the big white bird. I worked as a design draughtsman in the interiors and then the engine bays design groups.

I met my wife Heather, at the Rolls Royce Technical College in Filton. We married in Bristol in 1974. We have two sons, both in their 40's, now with two lovely daughters (in law) and grandchildren.

In August '74 we had an exciting opportunity to work in Dubai – a very different environment. It wasn't the Dubai that you see today. Most of the road were made of sand and salt, high rise meant 4 floors, women couldn't work – although Heather (ever the rebel) did. It's changed so much under the then Sheik Rashid and now his son Sheik Mohammed.

Back to the UK we lived in Nailsea. I had a great career with an American automotive parts manufacturer. I was based in Clevedon and designed steering assemblies for all sorts of cars – from original Minis to the big Ford Granada and Volvos. I went on to take a leading role in the introduction of CAD, CAM and CAE systems into the business. Following on from that I joined our Global IT Engineering Systems Group, developing all kinds of engineering computing systems for our engineers in all our sites worldwide. Lots of travelling – maybe too much when our boys were teenagers.

When I started everything was calculated by hand on paper – how times have changed, I've used BBC computers, punched tape drives, cassettes, big tape drives and Winchester disc packs onto mainframe computers, floppy discs into PC's and now its all done on tiny chips.

In 2006 we moved into Archers Lane, Stoke Orchard. The Clevedon office had closed, my engineering customers were in Birmingham. Heather still worked in Bristol, so we

chose to share the driving. We had a 10-year plan, but we are still here – our 18th year! We retired in 2012 and spent a late GAP year travelling around the world, finishing with a month-long trip around both north and south islands of New Zealand. We still love to travel whenever we can.

We became involved as volunteers with the Community Centre and the Orchard Store and Amy's Coffee shop. We have enjoyed the challenges and camaraderie of the small management team and volunteers, particularly enjoying the events put on for the community. We have made so many friends in the village and are proud to call Stoke Orchard home – until our next adventure.

Gordon





# Stoke Orchard Community Centre



## September 2024 Class Timetable

Please contact the class instructors for more details.

<b>Mon</b>	<b>ZUMBA</b> 9.30 – 10.30AM michele.darnell@btinternet.com	<b>SWEATYMAMA</b> 10.45AM – 12.30PM www.sweatymama.com			<b>YOGA</b> 7.00 – 7.55PM info@greentreeyoga.co.uk
<b>Tues</b>	<b>PILATES</b> 9.30 – 10.30AM pilatesbycharlotte@gmail.com	<b>STRENGTH &amp; BALANCE with Helen</b> 11AM – 12PM <b>Starts 3rd Sept</b> Contact: 07740 309750	<b>U3A ART APPRECIATION</b> 20th August 2.00 – 4.00PM	<b>CHILL DANCE</b> 4.30 – 5.25PM <b>Starts 17th Sept</b> Contact 07972 350896	<b>KETTLERCISE</b> 6.30 – 7.15PM <b>PILATES</b> 7.30 – 8PM tredtraining@outlook.com
<b>Weds</b>	<b>STOKE ORCHARD TODDLERS</b> 9.30 – 11.00AM 7th, 14th and 21st August				<b>CHILL DANCE</b> 8.00 – 8.55PM <b>Starts 18th Sept</b> Contact 07972 350896
<b>Thur</b>			<b>U3A SCIENCE</b> 5th Sept 2.00 – 4.00PM		<b>HATHA YOGA</b> 7.30 – 8.45PM sadiehawson@gmail.com
<b>Fri</b>	<b>PILATES</b> 9.30 – 10.30AM gravityfitness@live.co.uk				
<b>Sat</b>	<b>ZUMBA</b> 10 – 11AM michele.darnell@btinternet.com				
<b>Sun</b>	<b>KETTLERCISE</b> 9 – 10AM tredtraining@outlook.com				



# Tredington & Stoke Orchard News for September 2024

**TREDINGTON & STOKE ORCHARD WI** **Fundraising Garden Party with a Regency theme** at **Tredington Court** on **Friday, September 6th** from 5pm -8pm. There will be a Regency style collation of food and drinks are included. There will also be a tombola. Tickets are £20 & can be purchased from Gill on 01684 294887.

The next WI meeting will be on **Tuesday, 10th September** at 7:30pm in Tredington Village hall. The speaker will be Angela Dunsby on **"Unusual Cures & Blood Galore"**. Visitors or new members are always very welcome.

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**TREDINGTON & STOKE ORCHARD GARDENING CLUB** held a very enjoyable & successful **Fundraising Strawberry Tea** in August. Many thanks to all the helpers, cake makers ,people who supplied raffle prizes & Cotteswold Dairy for donating cream.

We next meet in **Tredington Village Hall** after our summer visits, on **Monday September 16th** at 7.30pm. Our speaker is Gail Plant on **"The Scented Garden"**. We are always delighted to welcome guests and new members.

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**THE SANDBAGGERS** next meet on **Tuesday, September 10th** in **Tredington Village Hall** at 10am. Any man in Tredington is welcome for coffee and chat.



A community that is engaged  
and working together can be  
a powerful force.

Idowu Koyenikan

# TREDINGTON & STOKE ORCHARD FILM CLUB



Tredington Village Hall provides a number of regular classes and gatherings for people in and around the village. We now want to offer a new regular offering, thanks to the addition of a large TV screen in the village hall: the Tredington Film Club!

On the first Monday of the month at 7.15pm we will show a film, one shown in the fairly recent or more distant past, to which all are welcome.

Bring your own (garden or other comfortable) chair if you want, a hot drink is included, all for a suggested donation of £3 per person.

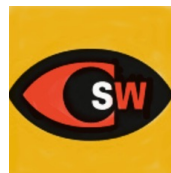
If you want to know what film is showing, please email [villagefilmclub@gmail.com](mailto:villagefilmclub@gmail.com). Or you can just turn up and be surprised!



## WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE!



## Stoke Orchard and Tredington Parish Council Community Speed Watch



# Community Speed Watch

**Helping communities  
to help themselves and  
helping drivers to respect  
communities.**

As you drive through Gloucestershire's communities, please remember a little care goes a long way. By following the speed limit and driving with care and consideration when sharing the roads with motorcyclists and cyclists you can make a real difference.



Respectful driving reduces damaging noise and vibration and harmful emissions. It also makes our communities nicer places – and safer – to live.

We all lead busy lives and sometimes stressful lives and it can be easy to forget how our behaviour is affecting others. By taking a moment to remember the impact you make and by aiming to be a caring driver you can help a great deal.

Your Community Speed Watch team is a group of dedicated volunteers concerned about speeding within our villages. Please support them by driving carefully and respectfully through our community.

**Thank You!**

**If you'd like to find out more, please email Susan via  
[speed.watch@sotpc.co.uk](mailto:speed.watch@sotpc.co.uk)**



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