

Stoke Orchard & Tredington Newsletter



July 2026

Can you fathom the mysteries of God? Can you probe the limits of the Almighty? *Job 11: 7*

It often surprises me how confident people are that they understand God, and that their understanding is right, therefore it follows that anyone who disagrees with them must be wrong. This is the case both within and between religions as far as I can make out. I do not believe I understand God! Nor do I believe that everyone who thinks differently from me must be wrong. It seems to me, that for God to be God, he must be way beyond our understanding. In the same way that a cat or a dog cannot (we believe) understand a human's motives and actions, no more can we understand those of God.

There are those who like to think that science has explained away everything that previous generations have ascribed to God, therefore we need not believe in God at all. All those miracles were just normal, but slightly out of the ordinary, natural occurrences. After all, if you wait long enough, water will turn into wine (with the help of some fruit, some yeast and a bit of heat). I am, however, inclined to take the same view as my father (a lifelong agnostic), who once wrote that science and religion are not in conflict. This is because they are not usually attempting to answer the same questions, science asks how and religion asks why. Probably an oversimplification, but worth considering if you think you have all the answers.

Maybe we should worry less about what we know and don't know, and leave it to faith. On Handel's memorial in Westminster Abbey is carved a single line from the Messiah, also a quote from Job 19:25.

"I know that my Redeemer liveth, and that He shall stand at the latter day upon the earth"

Sue Tickner



Church Services - July

Sunday 5th July 9.30am - 11am • Tredington MW
Sunday 12th July 9.30am - 11.30 am • Stoke Orchard HC
Sunday 19th July 10am - 11am • Tredington BC
Sunday 26th July 9.30am-11am • Stoke Orchard HC
Sunday 2nd August 9.30am - 11am • Tredington MW



Stoke Orchard & Tredington Parish Council



Parish Councillors from May 16th 2025 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@stokeorchardandtredington-pc.gov.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 July 1st, 2026 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

Dear Resident,

Hope all is well in your world Here's the usual summary of what we have been up to this month. 😊

- The meeting room refurbishment was finally finished when the new flooring went in. Thanks to Nikki and her logistical organising, this space is now suitable for a much greater variety of uses and there is a lovely ambience too.
- Two of the large trees next to the one that fell on the Orchard estate have now been pollarded to a safe height. The others will have been done by the time the newsletter goes to print. In addition, the tree surgeons Dowdeswell Forestry, have felled several other dead trees around the area. Please do help yourself to any of the wood that is left. We have asked the tree surgeon to assess trees around the Parish, and pending PC approval, we hope to remove other dead and unsafe trees too.
- As usual, planning applications kept us busy, with one for two homes in Tredington at the barn complex at the far end of the village. This has been objected to by the council. A further application for an 'equine incinerator' on Bozard Lane has been answered expressing some concerns. As of yet, no conclusion has been reached on the 102-house application in Stoke Orchard, and no further word on the Mill Lane solar farm proposal either.
- Our Norman church in Stoke Orchard is in desperate need of repairs to its roof. Some £200K requires raised. We had a meeting with the committee tasked to try to do this and several ideas to help came from this. The PC are looking at ways we may be able to help. If any resident has any ideas, or even wishes to donate, please contact the church committee.



- The MUGA painting and cleaning was completed in June and looks splendid! We will replace the basketball nets too. We have kept the gate closest to the pump track start area locked, to try to avoid the MUGA being used as a short cut by muddy bikes. We hope to try to find the money to further develop this games area in the future.
- Tis the season!...the grass everywhere is going bonkers and trying to stay on top of the area in front of the Community Centre is hard with limited time available. If anyone would like to help here, we can show you how to operate the ride-on mower. It would be such a help.

Have a good month all !! 😊

Recycling & Waste Collection Dates for July 2026 - Stoke Orchard & Tredington

BLUE	Thursday 9th	Thursday 23rd	Thursday 6th Aug
GREEN	Thursday 2nd	Thursday 16th	Thursday 30th

Vicar	Revd Ilse Ferwerda	01452 780880	apperleypriest@gmail.com
Assistant Priest	Rev. Kay Mundy	01452 780634	therev kaymundy@gmail.com
Church Warden	Tessa Mills	01684 216563	
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	Nikki Clegg	01242 680941	info@stokeorchard.org

How to Contact Your Parish Council

If you need to get in touch with the Parish Council, please use the contact details below.



Parish Council Contact Information

- Clerk: Mrs Michelle Hinde
- Email: clerk@stokeorchardandtredeington-pc.gov.uk
- Website: www.stokeorchardandtredeington-pc.gov.uk



Parish Council Documents

Agendas, minutes, policies, and other Parish Council documents can be found on our website:
www.stokeorchardandtredeington-pc.gov.uk



When to Contact the Clerk

- General enquiries about Parish Council matters,
- Meeting information and agendas,
- Reporting local issues or concerns.



HELP SHAPE OUR FUTURE - JOIN OUR

LOCAL ACADEMY BOARD

What is a Local Academy Board? (LAB)

LABs ensure that the voice of the school community is heard, valued, and reflected in trust-wide decision-making.

Through strong relationships, thoughtful dialogue and meaningful advocacy, LABs help ensure that Tredington pupils, staff, parents and communities experience our school as an inclusive, aspirational and supportive place to belong.

We are looking for:

A team of 7 - 10 local people with an interest and passion for our school, made up of our neighbours in our local community and family members or carers of Tredington pupils.

We meet for just three sessions per academic year and discuss topics such as:

-  Pupil and carer experience
-  Community engagement
-  Inclusion, SEND and safeguarding
-  Celebration and culture
-  Our school priorities



You can help Tredington by:

-  Providing local insight and lived experience
-  Supporting school leaders through informed discussion rooted in community context
-  Acting as ambassadors for the school and the Trust
-  Championing inclusion, wellbeing, belonging and positive school culture
-  Strengthening relationships between our school, our families and our wonderful community

Can you volunteer your time? We would love to hear from you!

Scan the QR code and complete a quick form to receive an information pack



POETS CORNER – THE HEART OF THE VILLAGE

In our little rural corner, where hedgerows
gently grow,

Volunteers are the beating heart of all we
come to know.

They bring people together and help new
friendships start,

Giving their time so freely, with kindness at
their heart.

They welcome friends and neighbours with a
smile and helping hand,

They keep community spirit alive throughout
the land.

They offer support when needed and lend a
listening ear,

Helping others feel connected, valued, and
held dear.

Their reward is often simple a thank you,
warm and kind,

Yet the difference that they make leaves a
lasting mark behind.

Through every season of the year, in ways
both great and small,

They strengthen bonds between us and help
support us all.

But what if one day volunteers simply faded
away?

What if no one stepped forward to help from
day to day?

The village would feel quieter, connections
would grow thin,

And fewer opportunities would bring
neighbours in.

The friendly chats and shared moments
would slowly start to fade,

The strong sense of belonging that
volunteers have made.

People might feel more isolated, with fewer
ways to meet,

And the warmth that fills our community
would no longer feel complete.

For volunteers are more than helpers; they're
the threads that bind,

The spirit of a community, generous and
kind.

So let us celebrate them, and all they freely
give,

For without their dedication, our villages
could not truly live.

This version focuses more on community
spirit, friendship, and connection rather than
specific events or roles.



@ The Fitness Attic

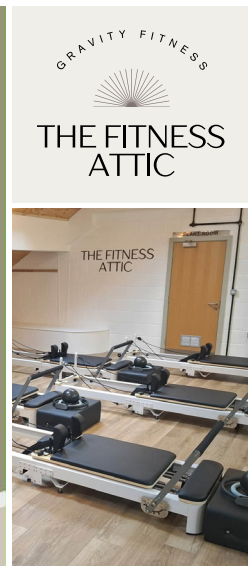
SPECIAL OFFER

For all residents of Stoke Orchard and Tredington

20% OFF

2 MONTHS

The graphic includes a circular inset showing two people using Pilates reformers in a studio with wooden floors and walls.



YOUR COMMUNITY NEEDS YOU!

EVERY HOUR YOU GIVE CAN MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE



NO MATTER HOW MANY HOURS YOU CAN SPARE, no matter what skills you think you don't have, and no matter how busy you believe you are, there's always a way to help.



EVERY COMMUNITY relies on people who are willing to give a little of their time to make a big difference. Whether it's lending a hand at an event, helping behind the scenes, sharing a skill, or simply offering an hour of your time, your contribution matters.



VOLUNTEERING isn't about having lots of free time or special talents – it's about caring enough to get involved. Even one spare hour can make a real difference to someone else and help keep our community thriving.

Our Annual **COMMUNITY CELEBRATION**

WILL BE HELD ON

SATURDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER

AT STOKE ORCHARD COMMUNITY CENTRE

This special day can only take place
with the **support of volunteers.**



HELP SET UP



MAN A STALL



SERVE BEHIND
THE BAR



ASSIST IN
ANY WAY

**If you can spare some time to help in
any of these ways (or others), we would
love to hear from you.**



Your support, no matter how big or small,
WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED AND WARMLY WELCOMED.



Together

we can make this year's
Community Celebration
another fantastic day
for everyone.



TO BE INVOLVED

CONTACT US AT

info@stokeorchard.com

OR SCAN HERE





Stoke Orchard Community Centre



July 6th Our new entrance doors are being fitted, which are long awaited. They will provide much better access for hirers and security whilst classes and hires are in session. That week the hall will have an alternative access arrangement and will not be open to the public apart from those attending classes or arranged hall hire.

Friday 31st July Pub night from 7pm, we are keen to have some live music, if you know any bands that are looking for a space to practice for an evening and would like an audience, please contact 07437533132

New Classes Wednesdays @7pm, 5 Liners weekly Line Dancing Class, £6 per lesson, just turn up no need to prebook

Community Day Tombola donations needed. The tombola is always very popular, but we are looking for donations please, any items can be drop off at the community centre in the box provided, Many thanks in Advance please mark the date in your calendars. We will also be looking for volunteers. If you're able to help in any way, big or small, we'd love to hear from you.

More details to follow!

MONDAY

ZUMBA 9.30-10.30am

Michele.darnell@btinternet.com

CHILL DANCE ACADEMY 5.30-7.30pm

Chloe 07972 350896

TUESDAY

PILATES BY CHARLOTTE 9.30-10.30am

Pilatesbycharlotte@gmail.com

CHILL DANCE 4.30-6.15pm

Chloe 07972 350896

TRED TRAINING Kettles 6.30pm

Hog Pilates 7.20pm • tredtraining@outlook.com

CHILL DANCE 8-9pm

Chloe 07972 350896

WEDNESDAY

**STOKE ORCHARD BABY AND
TODDLER GROUP** 9.30-11am

LINE DANCING CLASS 7pm

£6pp, No need to book, just turn up!

No class Wed 14th July

THURSDAY

2ND JULY

U3A SCIENCE GROUP 2-4pm

16TH JULY

RIDE ON TIME PLAY SESSION

10.45-11.45am

cotswolds@rideontimehire.com

CHILL DANCE 5.45-6.45pm

Chloe 07972 350896

FRIDAY

31ST JULY

SUMMER PUB NIGHT 7-10pm

GRAVITY FITNESS - PILATES

9.30-10.30am • gravityfitness@live.co.uk

GRAVITY FITNESS - BOOTCAMP

12.30-1.15pm • gravityfitness@live.co.uk

SUNDAY

TRED TRAINING Kettle Bell HIIT 9am

Body Weight HIIT 9.30am

tredtraining@outlook.com

1ST AUGUST - PUMP TRACK DAY @ THE MUGA 10am - 4pm • Demonstration, classes and competitions by Joe Baddeley BMX Stunt Rider

TREDINGTON & STOKE ORCHARD GARDENING CLUB



STRAWBERRY TEA

SATURDAY 11TH JULY 2026
3.00PM – 5.00PM

YORK BARN, TREDINGTON GL20 7BP

TICKETS: £8.00 ADULTS • £4.00 10 & UNDER

• RAFFLE •

TICKETS AVAILABLE – PADDY 01684 294053



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TREDINGTON & STOKE ORCHARD WI next meet on **Tuesday July 14th at 7.30pm in Tredington Village Hall**. Ian Rampton is going to tell us about "The Science of making Natural Homemade Soap". Do join us. We love to welcome visitors & new members.

Members are also meeting for a **lunch at the Hunters, Longdon on Friday July 17th at 12.30pm**. Please ring Julie Staggs on 01684 292268 if you would like to go.

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TREDINGTON & STOKE ORCHARD GARDENING CLUB are holding their annual fundraising **Strawberry tea on Saturday July 11th from 3-5pm at York Barn, Tredington, GL20 7BP**. Tickets are £8 for adults and £4 for children under 10. Please ring Paddy on 01684 294053.

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GENTLEMAN OF TREDINGTON COFFEE MORNING Every 2nd Tuesday of the month 10-11am, enjoy a coffee and chat.

Weekly at Tredington Village Hall

MONDAY MORNING & WEDNESDAY EVENING

Art Club

WEDNESDAY MORNING & THURSDAY AFTERNOON

Music club, Ukulele and Guitar



For more information please contact Tredington Village Hall for enquiries and bookings
- Frank Jukes 01684292143 • tredingtonvillagehall@gmail.com



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



SAVE THE DATE!

SATURDAY
5TH SEPTEMBER

COMMUNITY
CELEBRATION DAY



STOKE ORCHARD
COMMUNITY CENTRE

1-6PM

**LOTS OF
FUN AND
GAMES!**

**BAR
OPEN!**



Years gone by...



The Glider Pilots Regiment based in Stoke Orchard parading in Tewkesbury in 1944.

STRAWBERRY MERINGUE MESS SERVES 8

INGREDIENTS

500g fresh strawberries
2 tbsp caster sugar
500ml double cream
8-10 meringue nests, roughly crushed
Fresh mint leaves (optional)

METHOD

1. Hull and slice the strawberries.
2. Sprinkle with the caster sugar and leave for 20 minutes to become juicy.
3. Whip the double cream until it forms soft peaks.
4. Fold half of the strawberries and their juices into the cream.
5. Gently fold in most of the crushed



meringue, reserving some for the topping.

6. Spoon into individual glasses or dessert bowls.
7. Top with the remaining strawberries and meringue pieces.
8. Garnish with a mint leaf if desired.

Tip: For an extra indulgent version, add a drizzle of strawberry coulis or a splash of elderflower cordial to the strawberries before folding them into the cream.

Pub Night

Friday 31st July

Come and enjoy a summer drink with us, enjoy some music too! Bar open 7-10pm.



STOKE
ORCHARD &
TREDINGTON

PUMP
TRACK



**Pump Track Day – Saturday 1st August,
with Joe Baddeley BMX stunt rider, the creator
of the Pump track in Stoke Orchard.**

Join him for a day of tricks, masterclasses and competitions. The event is free to attend. Why not make a day of it bring games and a picnic to enjoy on the spectating area. ***Don't forget cycle helmets!***





Exciting Changes at Your Local Convenience Store! We are delighted to announce that Go Local is now fully up and running in store!

As many of you have already noticed, we've made plenty of changes to improve your shopping experience. You'll find more products, more great promotions, and even better value every time you visit.

We're also pleased to introduce our new Relay Parcel Service, making it even easier and more convenient for you to send and collect parcels locally.

We would like to thank everyone who has visited us and shared their feedback. The response has been fantastic, and we're grateful for all the positive comments and support we've received so far.

As a local business, your support means everything to us. We are committed to looking after our customers, providing great service, and continuing to improve our store for the benefit of the community.

Please keep supporting local. We will continue to support you with great offers, convenience, and friendly service.

Thank you for your continued loyalty – we look forward to welcoming you in store soon!

Your Local Convenience Store Team



OPENING HOURS

Monday – Saturday: 7:00am – 8:00pm

Sunday: 8:00am – 7:00pm



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