

Stoke Orchard & Tredington Newsletter



October 2026

After all these months of sunshine and warm weather, it's almost strange to see the rain and experience the fresh wind. But both humans and nature need the rain and cooler temperatures, and much to my surprise, the grass in my garden has not only greened up nicely but also grown a lot in a short space of time!

The grass may have survived, but I know that a lot of produce has suffered as a result of the hot and dry weather. And this season of Harvest may feel different than before, with less reason to celebrate. But celebrate we will, if not the abundance of produce, then the abundance of care and goodwill within each of our church and village communities.

The Gospel of Matthew says 'And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these... Therefore do not worry, saying, "What will we eat?" or "What will we drink?"... do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own...'

In the aftermath of another successful and well attended Deerhurst Flower Festival, I think there is plenty to celebrate. The efforts of all of the community and many many volunteers combined into a magnificent three days, and people who came to the festival enjoyed all there was to see and do, listen to, and eat and drink.

This year again we will do the same at the Harvest services: a time to come together to give thanks for all that is good, and share some drinks, nibbles, and community time afterwards. Come along and see, and share what you are thankful for!

Peace and blessings to you all,

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Church Services - October

- Sunday 4th October • 9.30am Morning Worship at Tredington
- Sunday 11th October • 10am Benefice Communion at Stoke Orchard
- Sunday 18th October • 9.30am Holy Communion at Tredington
- Sunday 25th October • Holy Communion at Stoke Orchard





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 November 4th, 2026, 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.

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Dear Resident,

Hope all is well in your world! Finally, some blessed rain! It's amazing how quickly the grass comes back and greens up. Here's the usual summary of what we have been up to this month. 😊

- We have one or two ideas for the playpark in front of the hall, not least adding a couple more play equipment items to the area. We are looking for ideas from both parents and children so please let Nikki know of these if you think of any. The hedge along the side of the hall car park that is blooming too much will be given a haircut and any dead trees removed shortly. The hedge along Stoke Road will also be tidied up.
- The gully at the end of Mill Lane has been cleared out. Hopefully this will ease any flooding that occurs along the lane from time to time.
- The M5 Junction 10 mitigation scheme is due to be implemented on Stoke Road. We have had some mention by a few residents regarding not being consulted about the detail of what was going to be put in. The J10 team first engaged with the Parish Council back in August 2022, and we've had regular meetings and correspondence with them over the past four years. Throughout this time, we've raised every concern we believed the scheme might create. Residents have always been welcome to comment at Parish meetings, and the J10 team held a public presentation at the community centre on 7 September 2024, where maps, diagrams and feedback were gathered. We've also included updates in most newsletters since the scheme was first proposed, all of which are available on the Parish Council website. The implemented scheme we have been assured will be monitored closely over the next twelve months and hopefully will be effective in both reducing speed and deterring 'rat run' drivers from choosing to come through our village.

- On Sunday 13th September we had a litter pick, and several bags of rubbish and other detritus was gathered around the Parish. A huge thank you to those who gave up a couple of hours on a Sunday morning to help.
- Finally, a huge thank you to Tim Jukes and his team who have cut, tidied and cleared the trees and hedging along Watery Lane bordering the Orchard Estate. This has transformed the lane, and it looks so much more cared for.



Have a good month all !! 😊

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

BLUE	Thursday 1st	Thursday 15th	Thursday 29th
GREEN	Thursday 8th	Thursday 22nd	Thursday 5th Nov

Vicar	Revd Ilse Ferwerda	01452 780880	apperleypriest@gmail.com
Assistant Priest	Rev. Kay Mundy	01452 780634	therevkaymundy@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

STOKE ORCHARD
COMMUNITY CENTRE

PUB

NIGHT

LIVE MUSIC FROM

GLOUCESTERSHIRE
BIG BAND

Good
Music
Great
Company

Everyone
Welcome! 😊



FRIDAY 30TH
OCTOBER



7-10PM



HALLOWEEN



FAMILY DISCO

Saturday 31st October 2026
6 – 8pm

At Stoke Orchard Community Centre
Spooky disco, fancy dress, bar open!

TICKETS £5 PER PERSON (Booking fee applies)

BABIES & UNDER 1YR FREE please purchase a baby ticket

ENTRY BY TICKET ONLY

SCAN THE QR CODE



Or buy tickets at

<https://buytickets.at/stokeorchardcommunitycentre/2429410>



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GHOULISH FANCY DRESS ENCOURAGED!

RUSTIC HARVEST APPLE & PEAR CAKE

This is inspired by traditional autumn fruit cakes: apples, pears, cinnamon, brown sugar and a little crunch from nuts. Apple-and-pear cakes are especially lovely for using up a seasonal harvest.

You'll need

- 2 apples
- 2 pears
- 175g butter, softened
- 150g soft brown sugar
- 3 eggs
- 200g self-raising flour
- 1½ tsp cinnamon
- ½ tsp mixed spice
- 50g chopped walnuts or pecans
- 1 tsp vanilla
- 2 tbsp milk
- 1 tbsp demerara sugar

For the cosy topping

- 1 sliced apple
- 1 sliced pear
- 1 tbsp brown sugar
- ½ tsp cinnamon
- A small handful of chopped nuts

METHOD

1. Heat the oven to 180°C / 160°C fan / Gas 4. Grease and line a 20cm round cake tin.
2. Peel and chop the apples and pears into small pieces.
3. Beat the butter and brown sugar together until soft and fluffy.
4. Beat in the eggs one at a time, then add the vanilla.
5. Fold in the flour, cinnamon and mixed spice. Add the milk if the mixture feels too thick.
6. Gently fold through the chopped fruit and nuts.
7. Spoon into the tin and smooth the top.
8. Arrange the thin apple and pear slices in a little fan or circle across the top. Sprinkle with brown sugar, cinnamon and nuts.
9. Bake for 45–55 minutes, until golden and a skewer comes out clean.
10. Leave it to cool for about 15 minutes before serving.



POETS CORNER – WHEN THE CLOCKS GO BACK

When clocks go back, the nights grow long,
The summer fades away,
The leaves fall down, the winds blow strong,
And skies turn dark by day.

The mornings bring a colder breeze,
The evenings come too soon,
The golden leaves fall from the trees
Beneath the silver moon.

Tick-tock, tick-tock, the clocks turn round,
An hour slips away,
The sun goes down without a sound,
Much earlier each day.

The pavements shine with drops of rain,
The chimney smoke drifts high,
The autumn winds begin their reign,
And swallows leave the sky.

But cosy fires begin to glow,
And blankets fill the chair,
While outside, chilly breezes blow,
And leaves dance everywhere.

So let the clocks go back tonight,
Let autumn have its way;
For every dark and chilly night
Will bring a brighter day.

Tredington & Stoke Orchard News for October 2026

TREDINGTON & STOKE ORCHARD WI next meet on, **October 13th at 7.30pm** in Tredington Village Hall. Our speaker will be Angela Rendell whose talk is "Dessing the Regency Lady". Do come! We are a fun WI & always are very pleased to welcome visitors or new members.

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TREDINGTON & STOKE ORCHARD GARDENING CLUB will be meeting on **Monday, October 19th in Tredington Village Hall at 7.30pm** to hear Adrian James tell us about "Through the Garden Gate". We are always delighted to welcome anyone interested in gardening to our meetings. You don't have to be a great gardener ,or even have a garden!



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TREDINGTON VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE The next Afternoon Cake, Tea & Whist will be on **Thursday, October 8th starting at 2pm**. In September 16 people attended. Please ring Paddy on 01684 294053 or email paddygrimshaw@hotmail.com to book your place. £5 & pay on the door.

Fun • Friends • Food • Prizes

QUIZ NIGHT

Friday 6th November
from 7pm

Teams of
up to 6



Stoke Orchard
Community Centre

£10
per person

to include
chilli main course
and dessert



Bar
available



All proceeds in aid of

Tewkesbury
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Reserve your table early
as space is limited

Email helencmacdonald@yahoo.co.uk



QUIZ NIGHT

NOVEMBER 13TH 2026
7.00 – 10.00pm

STOKE ORCHARD
COMMUNITY CENTRE

TICKETS £5pp

MAXIMUM OF 6 PEOPLE IN A TEAM

For tickets please contact:

Tracey Radford 07769 312977

NO TICKET SALES AT DOOR -
PLEASE BUY IN ADVANCE



Pay Bar but feel free to bring your own nibbles!
All proceeds in aid of a new roof for Stoke
Orchard Church.



Deerhurst Flower Festival

CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF TELEVISION

The Deerhurst Flower Festival returned to the beautiful setting of St Mary's Priory Church over the August Bank Holiday weekend, celebrating 100 years of television.

The festival had been part of village life for longer than most of us could remember. Its present format, held every other year over the August Bank Holiday weekend, dated back to the 1980s, when a parishioner celebrated her silver wedding anniversary with a special floral event in the church.

The occasion proved such a success that the tradition continued, and the Deerhurst Flower Festival became a much-loved event in the village calendar.

It was a wonderful opportunity to admire the beautiful floral displays, reflect on a century of television and enjoy the unique atmosphere of St Mary's Priory Church.





Stoke Orchard Community Centre



A Wonderful Community Day

Looking back, we're delighted to reflect on the success of our **Community Day**. It was such a lovely afternoon, with a fantastic atmosphere and a great turnout. It was wonderful to see so many people coming along, enjoying themselves, catching up with friends and neighbours, and making the most of everything the afternoon had to offer.

A huge **thank you to our amazing volunteers**, who gave their time, energy and enthusiasm to help make the afternoon such a success. We simply couldn't have run the event without their help, and we're incredibly grateful to everyone who helped in any way, both behind the scenes and on the day.

It was a real reminder of what can be achieved when our community comes together, and we hope everyone who attended enjoyed it as much as we did!



Looking Ahead to Autumn

Autumn is already shaping up to be an exciting time at the Community Centre, with lots of planning underway behind the scenes.

The end of October is going to be a busy and exciting time, with both our Halloween Party and Pub Night taking place.

We're particularly looking forward to our Halloween Party, which promises to be a fun evening for families, with plenty of spooky fun for everyone to enjoy. Get your costumes ready and come along for what we hope will be a fantastic community evening!

We're also getting ready for our Pub Night on Friday 30th October from 7pm, featuring live music from the Gloucestershire Big Band. It will be a great opportunity to enjoy some fantastic live music, have a drink, and catch up with friends and neighbours. We hope to see lots of familiar faces – and plenty of new ones too!

Looking ahead to November, we have **two Quiz Nights** planned. One of these will also be a **fundraiser for the new church roof**, so start getting your teams together and brushing up on those general knowledge questions. It's a great way to enjoy an evening together while supporting a very worthwhile local cause. Please see the noticeboard and adverts in the newsletter for more details.

And, of course, Christmas will soon be upon us. One of the highlights of the village calendar will be the **Christmas Light Switch-On**, with a **special guest** joining us for the big moment. More details will be announced soon, but we're already looking forward to making it a lovely festive occasion for everyone.

Volunteers Always Welcome



Our plea for volunteers is always active!

The Community Centre relies so much on the kindness and support of people in our community, and every little bit of help really does make a difference.

Could you spare a little time to help **decorate the hall for the Halloween Party**, lend a hand with preparations, or help us get everything ready for the **Christmas lights**?

You don't need to commit to lots of time – any moment you can spare is genuinely valued. Whether you can help for an hour, an afternoon, or simply lend a hand when you can, we would love to hear from you.

MONDAY

ZUMBA 9.30-10.30am

Michele.darnell@btinternet.com

**LCTKD TAEKWONDO JUNIORS
CLASS (FROM AGES 5+)**

5.30-6.30pm

rebecca@LCTKD.com

TUESDAY

PILATES BY CHARLOTTE

9.30-10.30am

Pilatesbycharlotte@gmail.com

TRED TRAINING KETTLES

6.30pm • *tredtraining@outlook.com*

TRED TRAINING - HOG PILATES

7.20pm • *tredtraining@outlook.com*

U3A ART APPRECIATION

20th October • 2pm-4pm

WEDNESDAY

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

LINE DANCING CLASS 7pm

£6pp, No need to book, just turn up!

5 Star Liners

Joanneroche84@gmail.com

THURSDAY

U3A SCIENCE GROUP

1st October • 2pm-4pm

FRIDAY

GRAVITY FITNESS - PILATES

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

GRAVITY FITNESS - BOOTCAMP

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

**PUB NIGHT WITH LIVE MUSIC FROM
GLOUCESTERSHIRE BIG BAND**

30th October

SATURDAY

**RIDE ON TIME/TRAIN MASTER
PLAY SESSION**

10th October • 1pm-4pm

cotswolds@rideontimehire.com

FAMILY HALLOWEEN PARTY

31st October • 2pm-4pm

SUNDAY

TRED TRAINING

Kettle Bell HIIT 9am

Body Weight HIIT 9.30am

tredtraining@outlook.com



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