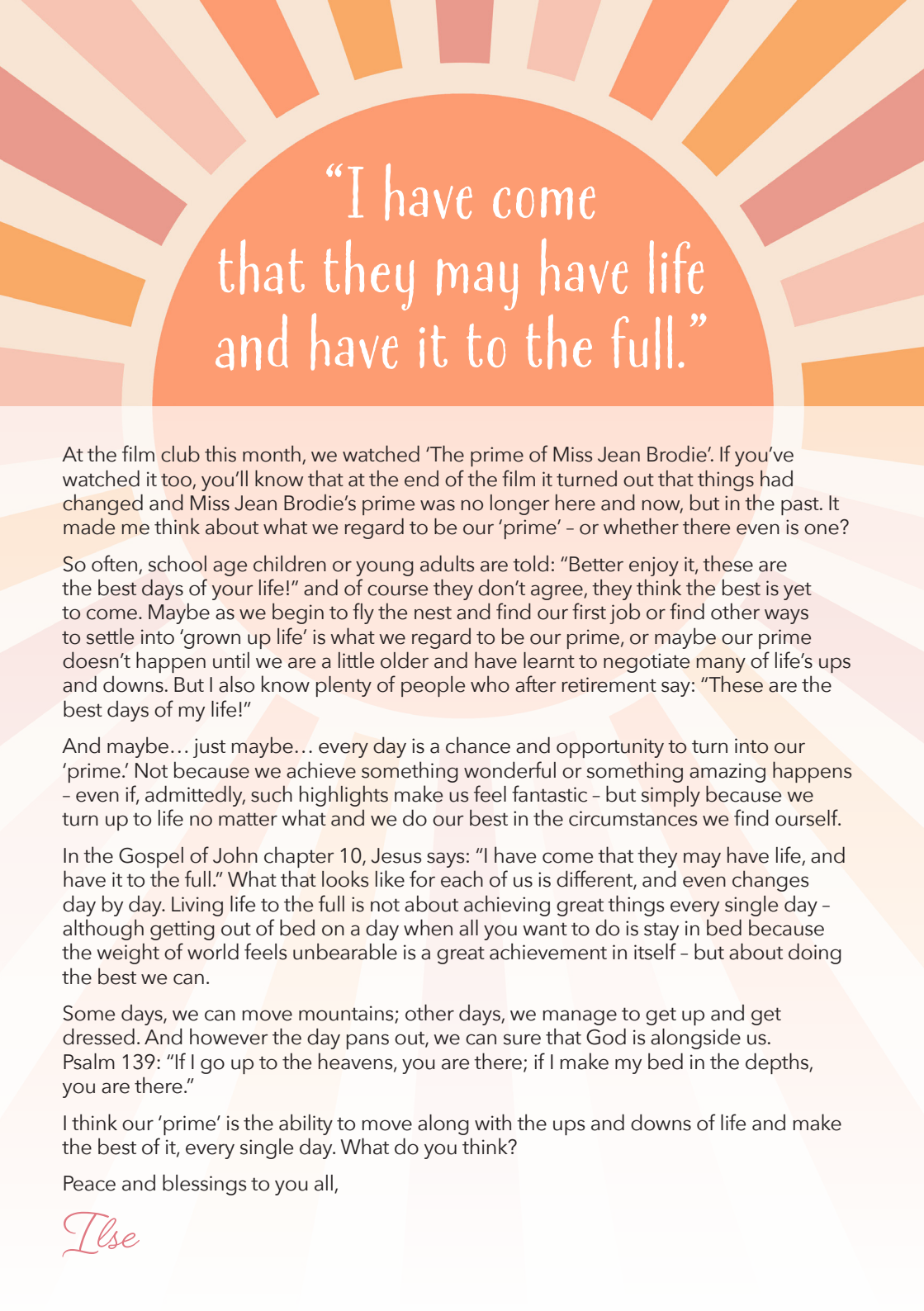


# Stoke Orchard & Tredington Newsletter



*February 2025*



“I have come  
that they may have life  
and have it to the full.”

At the film club this month, we watched ‘The prime of Miss Jean Brodie’. If you’ve watched it too, you’ll know that at the end of the film it turned out that things had changed and Miss Jean Brodie’s prime was no longer here and now, but in the past. It made me think about what we regard to be our ‘prime’ – or whether there even is one?

So often, school age children or young adults are told: “Better enjoy it, these are the best days of your life!” and of course they don’t agree, they think the best is yet to come. Maybe as we begin to fly the nest and find our first job or find other ways to settle into ‘grown up life’ is what we regard to be our prime, or maybe our prime doesn’t happen until we are a little older and have learnt to negotiate many of life’s ups and downs. But I also know plenty of people who after retirement say: “These are the best days of my life!”

And maybe... just maybe... every day is a chance and opportunity to turn into our ‘prime.’ Not because we achieve something wonderful or something amazing happens – even if, admittedly, such highlights make us feel fantastic – but simply because we turn up to life no matter what and we do our best in the circumstances we find ourselves.

In the Gospel of John chapter 10, Jesus says: “I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.” What that looks like for each of us is different, and even changes day by day. Living life to the full is not about achieving great things every single day – although getting out of bed on a day when all you want to do is stay in bed because the weight of world feels unbearable is a great achievement in itself – but about doing the best we can.

Some days, we can move mountains; other days, we manage to get up and get dressed. And however the day pans out, we can sure that God is alongside us. Psalm 139: “If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there.”

I think our ‘prime’ is the ability to move along with the ups and downs of life and make the best of it, every single day. What do you think?

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:

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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 March 5th, 2025 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.

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Dear Resident,

January and February are funny months where, after the rush of celebrations of Christmas and the New Year, we can be left feeling just a little bit empty (including our wallets)! I guess we're all a little bit impatient for the springing of Spring and the winter days drag on a bit. Allied to that, for those that have tried dry January, it can seem a bit joyless. However, this month we can see a chink in the winter armour, with snowdrops beginning to peek and crocuses later on. Valentines day too offers a light relief.... well if you're the romantic sort! As far as the PC is concerned, things didn't really slow down, and we've hit the ground running.

- We continue to try to get updates from Adam Bunce, who is the communication officer for the M5 Junction 10 scheme. As far as we understand the remedial works for Stoke Road through Stoke Orchard should be beginning in April. At the time of writing, we haven't had an answer as to confirmation of a date. Of some concern to us is the raft of works planned between us and Bishops Cleeve - Spitfire Homes, Roseleigh entrance and the J10 works - all overlapping in some way or other, and we are making our feelings known.
- The 106 monies relating to the Roseleigh development, were considered by TBC and successfully awarded to the Parish for improvements to the community centre, the shop, the playpark and the MUGA. I'd be interested to hear suggestions from anyone as to what they think would improve the area at the MUGA or in the playpark in front of the community centre. We are currently trying to find out when we can utilise these funds.

- The Land by the Chapel has now become Parish land! This is such a triumph after successive attempts by many people over the last twelve years to safeguard this plot for the community. We will clear the area, plant some small fruit trees and install a bench. Any resident/s who would like to contribute to making this area more attractive, we would love to hear from you.
- The flood wardens had a meeting with the head of flood warden coordination from GCC, which I gather was informative and educational. Areas discussed were Mill Lane, Archers Lane, the issues at Dean Lane, and the ongoing flood issues in Tredington. Cllr Sue Shorrock also attended, and she is also in active discussions with the Highways manager. She has successfully managed to get some of the issues onto Highways jobs list, so hopefully we may see some results soon.
- We may have secured a grant from the Build back better fund, to enable us to install 'heritage boards' at sites of interest around the Parish. Our application has been signed off by County Councillor Alex Hegenbarth, so we wait with bated breath to hear if we've been successful. Our two villages have such a rich and varied history, we thought it would be good to mark it somehow. Again, if any resident has suggestions as to sites that would benefit from one of these please do contact us.
- Finally, the Parish Council would like to extend our deepest condolences and sympathy to Paddy Grimshaw and her family after the recent demise of her husband Roger. May he Rest in Peace.

*Have a good month all!*

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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	Heather and Gordon Webber	01242 680941	info@stokeorchard.org

## ROGER GRIMSHAW

It is with great sadness that we note the untimely death of Roger Grimshaw on Wednesday 15th January. Roger was a pillar of the community and was heavily involved, along with his wife Paddy, in many aspects of our villages. He had recently worked tirelessly in securing and overseeing the renovation of the inside of the church at Stoke Orchard, and he was instrumental in the conception and installation of the Orchard Stores back in 2014. His many contributions to the Parish over the last 44 years are too numerous to mention, but suffice to say, our community is all the poorer for his loss.



Our deepest condolences go out to his family, not just from the Parish Council, but from the wider community too.

### *Church services - February*

Sun 2nd February 9.30am • Morning Worship at Tredington.

Sun 9th February 9.30am • Holy Communion at Stoke Orchard

Sun 16th February 10.00am • Benefice Communion at Apperley

Sun 23rd February 9.30am • Holy Communion at Stoke Orchard

### **Recycling & Waste Collection Dates for February 2025 - Stoke Orchard & Tredington**

<b>BLUE</b>	<b>Thursday 6th</b>	<b>Thursday 20th</b>	<b>Thursday 6th Mar</b>
<b>GREEN</b>	<b>Thursday 13th</b>	<b>Thursday 27th</b>	<b>Thursday 13th Mar</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

# BE TREE-MENDOUS!

WE HAVE A NUMBER OF TREES AND FORAGING PLANTS  
BEING DELIVERED INTO THE COMMUNITY TO HELP KICK START  
A COMMUNITY GARDEN AND FORAGE TRAIL.

IF YOU CAN SPARE A HELPING HAND EITHER WITH PLANTING,  
GARDENING EXPERTISE OR ORGANISATION AND ADMIN,  
PLEASE GET IN TOUCH VIA SO WILD ON FACEBOOK OR  
CONTACT DDEBBI@GMAIL.COM • MOB: 07733 268723

THANK YOU!



“A SOCIETY GROWS GREAT WHEN  
OLD MEN PLANT TREES IN WHOSE  
SHADE THEY’LL NEVER SIT.”

GREEK PROVERB





# Stoke Orchard Community Centre and The Orchard Stores and Amy's Coffee Shop



Our Community Centre continues to go from strength to strength, in no small part down to the interim management of Heather & Gordon Webber, who stepped in when our long-term manager Helen moved on. The community owes a massive vote of thanks to them.

We would like to welcome our new manager, Nikki Clayden, who many of you will know already, through her help on the social committee for the hall. Nikki has an astute grasp of the workings of the hall and arrives with many ideas and ambitions that can allow our hall to flourish even more. As ever, anybody who can offer even a few minutes of their time to help her, please please do.

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The Orchard Stores remains a challenge, especially during these dark Winter months. With Sunil on an extended break until March, and our long term employee Jo having left to enjoy grandparenting, filling the hours in which to keep the shop open has been a juggle.

As always, we could so do with any help - filling shelves, stocktaking, or even just being an extra pair of hands! Thankfully we have managed to find a lovely young gentleman to fill in for the moment. Please do go in and introduce yourself to him, and please do use us if you can. It will make such a difference!

## **Would you like to offer a couple of volunteer hours now and again in the Shop?**

Do you like talking to people, getting to know the Community? This is the place for you! Training will be given. Just call in and leave your details and a member of the committee will contact you.

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

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