

# Stoke Orchard & Tredington Newsletter



*Happy New Year  
to our community!*

*January 2025*



# Just do it!

*Hello all and welcome to the start of 2025!*

A couple of years ago, I ditched the idea of New Year's Resolutions, so I don't have any for now – however I did make some resolutions during 2024 which I put into practice almost as soon as the ideas came into my head.

I started running more regularly in the second half of 2024. This meant I was able to complete the Apperley Quarter Marathon in September. What really helps me is running with others, and although I am nowhere near fast enough to join a running club, I have two colleagues who run at similar pace as mine and we meet up every week or other week to run anything between 3 and 6 miles. That commitment to run together also makes it easier to run in between on my own, as I want to stay fit enough to run those distances.

And I started cold water swimming. I did an open water swimming course in 2024 and since then have gone swimming in lakes nearby once or twice a week. Great and easy when the water temperature was around 20 degrees, but the current temperatures of 5 degrees or less make it difficult to stay in for more than about 10 minutes! But I feel so elated and full of energy afterwards that it's worth it.

If you have an idea, don't wait for the new year, just do it! (Yes, I know, that's a slogan from a well-known sports brand!) What ideas have you got? What would you like to start doing, or try out?

There will be something new at this start to 2025, though. Or rather: someone new, because we will have an ordinand on placement (someone who is training to be ordained). Her name is Melissa, and she will be with us throughout January and February to experience life in rural parish ministry. You will meet her at services and meetings and coffee mornings and other events – please do go and say hello, and share with her your views on what it's like to be part of rural community and church life.

And finally, a huge THANK YOU to all of you who contributed to all that happened during Advent and Christmas and throughout the year, both in the churches and the communities we are part of. It is a blessing and a privilege to be alongside, and life here would not be the same without all that you do and all of who you are. Thank you. May your 2025 be full of joy and blessings, and who knows, a few resolutions that are put into practice...

Peace and blessings to you all,

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# 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 January 8th, 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,

Happy New Year to one and all. Best wishes and hopes for the coming year. Thank you also for the support the community have shown the PC over the last year. I thought it might be a good idea to recap the main occurrences over the year as a reminder of where we stand presently...

- Multiple discussions were held with Adam Bunce of the M5 Junction 10 consulting team. The PC managed to prove that traffic through the village would increase exponentially as a result of the works. Accordingly, after much debate, Atkins Realis, the contractor will put in place in late Spring their remedial plan to try to both reduce traffic through the village, and to reduce its speed also. Measures include increased and clearer signage, a 20mph zone through Stoke Orchard, build outs at strategic points, and improved road markings. We hope also to get better, more effective speed reminder signs. The Speedwatch group so active here in the villages, have been dynamic & instrumental in their input in this matter. I would urge anyone who feels strongly about this subject to contact Cllr Sue Shorrock if you feel you can help.
- The Roseleigh development, which will increase the size of Stoke Orchard by some 30%, was granted planning permission by TBC. This reflects greatly National Government's house-building edict to build one and a half million new homes in the country. Bearing this in mind, the council strove to achieve the best possible result for the Parish in terms of ways to improve the amenities for the villages through 106 and CIL awards. We are currently waiting for the results of TBC's decision on this.
- The Land by the Chapel issue at Banady Lane rumbled on throughout the year. However, with the persistent hard work of the PC solicitor, we have now signed the documents. It should mean that in early 2025 this saga will end after some 12 years and the PC can maintain this public open space.



- In August, we had a lovely pump track built on the Orchard estate, using 106 money provided by Bloor when they built the estate. It proved an immediate success and a further sum of 106 money was approved in December to add another loop to it, making it even better. A gate will be installed at the entrance to the MUGA car park, to allow us to install an outdoor table tennis table. Other plans for this area include a half pipe skateboard area and perhaps some outdoor exercise equipment.
- Flooding also played a part in the Parish. The PC have been proactive in many areas, trying to get attention and results from both TBC and Severn Trent. We will continue to pursue this with vigour. A further volunteer flood warden also offered his services so that we have both villages covered.
- There is so much to list; it's impossible to do it all. Grants were searched for and awarded for the telephone box, heritage boards & solar batteries. Council funds safeguarded in high interest accounts, our newsletter improving (hope you think so)! Tredington bridge repair (to be continued), numerous planning applications considered.....never a dull moment! We are resolved to work tirelessly for the greater good of our community. Thank you everyone!

*Have a good month all!*

### *Church services - January*

Sun 5th January 9.30am • Morning Worship at Tredington.  
Also 6pm Epiphany Carol Service at Tewkesbury Abbey  
Sun 12th January 9.30am • Holy Communion at Stoke Orchard  
Sun 19th January 9.30am • Holy Communion at Tredington  
Sun 26th January 9.30am • Holy Communion at Stoke Orchard

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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

# Tredington & Stoke Orchard News for January 2025

**TREDINGTON & STOKE ORCHARD WI** next meet on **Tuesday, January 14th at 7.30pm** in Tredington Village Hall. Jo Teague will be giving us a talk entitled: The Needlework of Cheltenham "Female Orphan Asylum". We are always very pleased to welcome visitors or new members.

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**TREDINGTON & STOKE ORCHARD GARDENING CLUB** will be holding their first meeting of 2025 on Monday, January 20th in Tredington Village Hall at 7.30pm. Duncan Coombs will be talking on "The Shaded Garden".

At our AGM in November Roger Grimshaw has taken over as Chairman. Helen Healy continues as Treasurer, Bob Stockwell as Speaker Secretary, & Sian Day has joined the committee. Myrtle, Janet & Di have resigned from the committee after many years & were warmly thanked & presented with flowers.

In January Helen will present the accounts. Subs are also due then: £12. Visitors & new members are always welcome.

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**TREDINGTON SANDBAGGERS** will be meeting again in January on a date to be advised.

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

BLUE	Friday 10th	Thursday 23rd	Thursday 6th Feb
GREEN	Saturday 5th	Thursday 19th	Thursday 30th



### 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



## January 2025 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>SWEATY MAMA</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 Contact: 07740 309750	<b>U3A ART APPRECIATION</b> 22nd Oct 2.00 – 4.00PM	<b>CHILL DANCE</b> 4.30 – 5.25PM 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				<b>CHILL DANCE</b> 8.00 – 8.55PM Contact 07972 350896
<b>Thur</b>			<b>U3A SCIENCE</b> 3rd Oct 2.00 – 4.00PM	<b>HEART GROUP</b> 5.30 – 6.45PM Contact Helen 07740 309750	<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				

**SAVE  
THE DATE!**

**FUNDRAISING QUIZ NIGHT  
AT STOKE ORCHARD  
COMMUNITY CENTRE**

**SATURDAY 1ST FEBRUARY FROM 7PM**

Food van and bar. Teams of 4-6. Prize money for the clever folks! More info on Facebook and around the Parish.

# The Orchard Stores and Amy's Coffee Shop

The shop will be open for shorter hours for the next few months. We would rather stay open but sadly aren't taking enough money to pay staff. We very much hope that you will all support and use the shop and that sales will pick up enough to return to normal hours soon.

## *Winter Opening Hours*

**Monday to Thursday** - 9.00am to 1.30pm and 3.30 to 6.00 pm

Please note - CLOSED from 1.30 to 3.30pm

**Friday** - 9.00am to 1.30pm and 3.30 to 6.30pm

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**Saturday** - 9.00am to 4.30pm

**Sunday** - 9.00am to 1.00pm



### **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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