

Stoke Orchard & Tredington Newsletter



July 2025



What will your pilgrimage look like?

The days are warmer and much longer now, and with the summer holidays looming, you may be thinking about what to do during the holidays. I have started doing longer walks again, and recently picked up a copy of the book 'On this holy island. A modern pilgrimage across Britain' by Oliver Smith. This book neatly complements the other book I already have, 'Pilgrim Pathways. 1-2 day walks on Britain's ancient sacred ways' by Andy Bull. You may have read the book or seen the film 'Salt Path' in which a couple set off on the Southwest Coast Path after losing their house and most of their possessions.

Pilgrimage walking is definitely in the public eye. People of all faiths and none walk either on their own or in groups, following ancient pilgrim routes, visiting churches and cathedrals and holy places as they go. Some walk for leisure and pleasure, others walk because it's a way to feel closer to God or the Divine, or to spend some much needed time in silence or prayer or contemplation. And of course we have our very own pilgrimage path from Tewkesbury to Stoke Orchard to Deerhurst and back to Tewkesbury, which is proving very popular.

But it's not all about walking and holy places. The Oliver Smith book also tells of pilgrimages by train (from Wells-next-to-Sea to Walsingham, by way of a miniature railway); to a pub in Inverie, Scotland; and to Hillsborough Stadium, a football stadium.

"Pilgrimage is about stepping out of your routine into another space... It gives you an opportunity to reflect and to get things back in order in life" (On this holy island, page 174). We all need that opportunity at times. And whether you step out on foot, by train, by boat, or bus; whether you walk along the Severn for a mile or hike from here to Santiago de Compostela; whether your end point is a cathedral, the local churchyard, a meadow down the road, a pub, or a stadium; whether you want to meet fellow pilgrims or be on your own; whether you spend time praying or deep in thought or listening to the birdsong, pilgrimage is for everyone everywhere. What will your pilgrimage look like?

Please share with us if you go on pilgrimage, we'd love to hear from you!

Peace and blessings to you all,

Ilse



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 2nd, 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,

Hope you're all enjoying the balmy summer we are so far having and have some good holidays booked. We are off to France again with a gite with a pool! We are having a competition for the most unusual inflatable (no jokes! 😊) so that will be interesting! Ideas welcome!

- It is with great sadness that we learn of the death of Tredington resident Roy Troughton. Roy has been a pillar of the community for many years and was very involved in both churches in Tredington and in Stoke Orchard. He will be sadly missed and we at both the Parish Council and at the community centre extend our deepest condolences to his family.
- Sue & I had a meeting onsite on 11th June with some of the Roseleigh managers. This was mainly to establish some rapport so that we can broach any concerns with them. During the visit we looked at their drainage mapping plan and have raised some issues, which we will continue to follow up on. We will report as and when we get results.
- With some days of rain, and with Joe Baddeley's attention, the sides of the pump track are looking a bit healthier. Over the winter months I hope it should repair itself and the cracking will be gone. The tennis net in the MUGA had been abused or neglected but thanks to John Newton, the problems with that have been rectified. Please do look after it as we can't afford another one.
- On Friday 13th June, a day that didn't live up to its reputation, the new lease for the Orchard Stores was finally signed! Hurrah! As I'm sure you might already know from the 'jungle drums' chat going around, the new owners are Arsh Sohal and his family. Arsh has done wonders with his store in Gotherington, and he has similar plans for Stoke Orchard - lottery, parcel drop-off, increased

stock range at really competitive prices, and who can't be looking forward to their takeaway meals and homemade samosas! There will be a short period of alterations being done but we hope to see him open very shortly. I'm sure we will all support them and wish them good luck too.

- Meantime, the 'pop-up' shop seems to be going well, and Nikki has arranged on certain dates, to have a coffee van in the hall car park. Please do try them, as they are a new business.
- The grit bin on Stoke Road has broken its lid. TBC have replaced the wrong bin and have been informed. The broken one should be replaced shortly.
- Tredington Bridge repair work has now been finished, thank goodness. The barriers were finally removed on the 6th June so we have a clear road at last (well this stretch anyway!).
- On 15th June we had a volunteer day to litter pick around the Parish. We were gobsmacked at the amount of rubbish that gets chucked out of car windows. Massive thank you to: Jo Dawson and her children, Steve & Michelle Darnell, Dave Richards & his daughter & Katherine Duffus & her daughter, not forgetting our hall manager Nikki Clegg! Thank you so much. 😊

Have a good month all!

Church services – July

Sunday 6th July 10am • Morning Worship at Tredington
 Sunday 13th July 9.30am • Holy Communion at Stoke Orchard
 Sunday 20th July 9.30am • Holy Communion at Tredington
 Sunday 27th July 9.30am • Holy Communion at Stoke Orchard

Vicar	Revd Ilse Ferwerda	01452 780880	apperleypriest@gmail.com
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Vicar in Charge	Revd Ilse Ferwerda	01452 780880	apperleypriest@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

LEST WE FORGET...

In these times of uncertainty and disappointment with humanity, and in the year that marks the 80th anniversary of the victory over the Nazis, we all should focus on the majority of us all that want good lives and not the minority who strive to ruin it through financial greed, ego or power grabbing. Of course, there are some unsung exceptional people whose stories should be told.

Such a person was a 98-year-old lady named Irena Sendler who died a few years ago. During World War 2, Irena, got permission to work in the Warsaw Jewish Ghetto, as a health advisor and specialist. She had an 'ulterior motive', she KNEW what the Nazi's plans were for the Jews, (being of German nationality and not Jewish.) In the course of her supposed job, Irena smuggled infants and small children out in the bottom of the toolbox she carried and in the back of her truck she kept a burlap sack to shoulder-carry larger kids. She also had a dog in the back that she trained to bark when the Nazi soldiers let her in and out of the ghetto. The soldiers of course wanted nothing to do with the dog, letting Irena in and out as the dog demanded and the barking covered the infant's noises.

During her time of doing this, she managed to smuggle out and save 2500 children or infants. The children were given false identities and placed in homes, orphanages and convents. Irena Sendler carefully noted, in coded form, the children's original names and their new identities. She kept the only record of their true identities in jars buried beneath an apple tree in a neighbour's back yard, across the street from German barracks, hoping she could someday dig up the jars, locate the children and inform them of their past.

But the Nazis became aware of Irena's activities, and on October 20, 1943, she was arrested, imprisoned and tortured by the Gestapo, who broke her feet and legs. She ended up in the notorious Pawiak Prison, but no one could break her spirit. Though she was the only one who knew the names and addresses of the families sheltering the Jewish children, she withstood the torture that crippled her for life refusing to betray either her associates or any of the Jewish children in hiding. Sentenced to death, Irena was saved at the last minute when Zegota partisan members bribed one of the Gestapo agents to halt the execution. She escaped from prison but for the rest of the war she was pursued by the Nazis.

After the war she dug up the jars and used the notes to track down the 2,500 children she placed with adoptive families and to reunite them with relatives scattered across Europe. Sadly, most had lost their families during the Holocaust in Nazi death camps. The children had known her only by her code name Jolanta. But years later, after she was honoured for her wartime work, her picture appeared in a newspaper. "A man, a painter, telephoned me," said Sendler, "I remember your face," he said. 'It was you who took me out of the ghetto.' I had many calls like that!" Irena Sendler did not think of herself as a hero. She claimed no credit for her actions. "I could have done more," she said. "This regret will follow me to my death."

Irena was nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize ... She was not selected.

Their memory should live on.



History Buff? Collector ?? Genealogy Researcher???



Dive into the Past with our Military History, Collecting and Research Group!

Join us on the 2nd Thursday of every month, for entertaining and educational talks on the men, their medals and military history from across the globe and throughout time.

Informal and friendly, our meetings are a great way to learn something new and a place to discuss your passion for collecting medals and militaria . Arrive at 7:00pm for a 7:30pm start at The Swindon Village Hall. The evening wraps up about 9:30pm. Membership is open to all adults.

For more information contact at the 'Soldiers of Gloucestershire Museum', in Gloucester Docks, on 07801 472396, or Steve Lewis, at 'Q&C Militaria Shop' in Cheltenham, on 01242 519815.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Roy Troughton

1942 – 2025

Roy came to live in Tredington in November 1971 after he married Vivienne. In 1973 they moved into Tredington Court, a house which has been in the family since 1953, but the farm land attached to the house has been farmed by the Troughton family since the early 1920s.



Roy was responsible for the arable side of the farming enterprise but diversification led to a mixed feed business for local farmers in addition to growing crops.

Besides his family, one of Roy's main passions was a love of classic cars, particularly his 1930 Rolls-Royce, which he bought in the 1960s for £150! For the next 20 years, it was stored away, awaiting restoration. The day came when he spotted in the automobile magazine a Gurney nutting body, age appropriate to his car.

Over the next 20 years, Roy could be found lovingly bringing his Rolls back to its former glory, restoring it in time for him to drive his daughter Nicky, to her wedding in 2007. To the Rolls was added a 1952 Alvis (a grey lady), a 1954 Austin 10, and a 1972 XJ6.

Roy was a faithful member of our two churches and was Church warden at Tredington for 15 years. He carried on doing the job without the title until January this year and along with Frank Jukes mowed Tredington Church yard for decades. He was a kind, quiet, gentle man and without fuss would do any job required of him at both churches and in the village, only bowing out of the mowing last July aged 82.

Tredington Court is a family home and over the years many fundraising events took place there, especially for the Friends of Tredington and Stoke Orchard churches, the WI and numerous Concerts. The quiet man was used to many people coming into his home!

He had a love of nature and the countryside, planting two woodland areas back in the 70s and 80s, and interesting trees at Tredington Court. (Wellingtonia, Gingko, Medlar, Foxglove tree, Indian bean and Handkerchief tree).

Roy was a practical man and a great problem solver. He was content with his life, rarely complained but found the speed of modern life and technology (especially the mobile phone) a little challenging!

After a diagnosis of cancer in the lining of his right kidney last August, life slowed down but he stayed at peace and accepted his limitations.

Roy died on Saturday, May 24 with his family around him and they were all blessed by being able to share Holy Communion together, with Ilse our vicar, a few hours before he 'slipped away'.

A celebration of his life will take place at Deerpark Church (a church he had always attended before moving to Tredington) on Friday the 4th of July at 2:30pm.

All who knew him would be most welcome.



Stoke Orchard Community Centre



Dates for the diary this month:

Tuesday 1st July • Every Tuesday 10.30-1.pm
• **NHS Managing Memory workshop**

Thursday 3rd July • 2pm – 4pm • **U3A Science Goup**

Tuesday 15th July • 2pm – 4pm • **U3A Art Appreciation Group**

Friday 18th July • Schools Out Pub Night

July 2025 Class Timetable

Please contact the class instructors for more details.

Mon	ZUMBA 9.30 – 10.30AM michelle.darnell@btinternet.com		GREEN TREE YOGA 7 – 8PM info@greentreeyoga.co.uk		
Tues	PILATES BY CHARLOTTE 9.30 – 10.30AM pilatesbycharlotte@gmail.com	CHILL DANCE 4.30 – 5.25PM Contact Chloe 07972 350896	U3A ART APPRECIATION 15/7/25 2 – 4PM	CHILL DANCE 8PM Contact Chloe 07972 350896	TRED TRAINING KETTLERCISE 6.30PM HOG PILATES 7.20PM tredtraining@outlook.com
Weds	STOKE ORCHARD BABY & TODDLER GROUP 9.30 – 11.00AM				
Thur	CROCHET WORKSHOP 10.45AM – 12.15PM 07951 391449		U3A SCIENCE 3/7/25 2 – 4PM	CHILL DANCE 5.45PM Contact Chloe 07972 350896	
Fri	GRAVITY FITNESS - PILATES 9.30 – 10.30AM gravityfitness@live.co.uk				
Sat	ZUMBA 10 – 11AM Michele.darnell@btinternet.com				
Sun	TRED TRAINING KETTLE BELL HIIT 9AM BODY WEIGHT HIIT 9.30AM tredtraining@outlook.com				



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SAVE THE DATE!

SATURDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER 2025

Stoke Orchard
& Tredington
Community
Day

Volunteers Needed !!

Our Annual Community
Day is great fun and to
be able to provide a
fantastic fun filled day,
we need volunteers to
help us

If you can spare a few
hours, every bit helps

Please Email
info@stokeorchard.org
if you can help, Thank
you

Volunteer Corner

This month's jobs for any kind volunteer.

All tools or equipment supplied. Please contact Nikki at the community centre on 01242 680941.



- Barrier painted in hall car park
- Barrier painted at the MUGA
- The land at the chapel at Banady Lane mowed & strimmed
- Wall in the community centre foyer painted
- Benches to be cleaned by Swan Lane
- New Gate fixings to be attached to hall gates



DRONES

Dear all,

Technology is amazing and every day we see improvements to it's abilities to help us in every aspect of life. One of the innovations we can enjoy are drones and the novel perspective we can experience in our view of where we live.

Could we respectfully however that pilots be mindful of where they go and who they observe as it can be intrusive and disquieting when privacy is invaded.

For further information:

<https://skyscansurveys.co.uk/drone-laws-uk-2025-a-comprehensive-guide/>

Many thanks.



Recycling & Waste Collection Dates for July 2025 - Stoke Orchard & Tredington

BLUE	Thursday 10th	Thursday 24th	Thursday 7th Aug
GREEN	Thursday 3rd	Thursday 17th	Thursday 31st



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

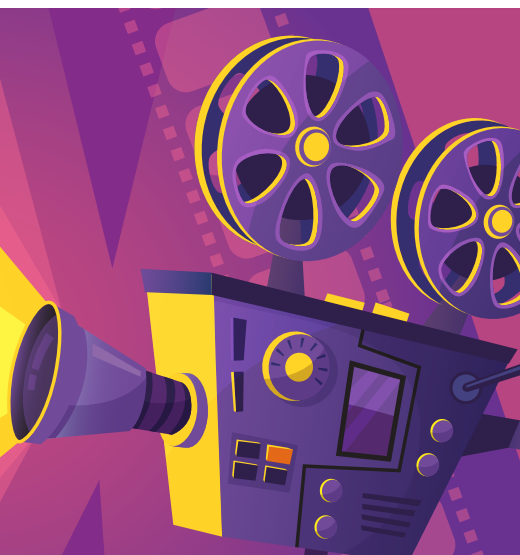


HAVING A COMMUNITY IS HAVING A SUPPORT NETWORK

ERIKA HELSTROM

TREDINGTON & STOKE ORCHARD FILM CLUB

TREDINGTON VILLAGE HALL



On the first Monday of the month at 7.15pm in Tredington Village Hall, 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. Or you can just turn up and be surprised!

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