

Stoke Orchard & Tredington Newsletter



June 2025

This is the day the Lord has made

Once a week, I lead worship in the local primary school, and every time we start with the words: "This is the day the Lord has made," to which the children reply: "Let us rejoice and be glad in it!"

Well, easy enough to rejoice and be glad when life feels somewhere between joyful and ok; not so easy when life feels tough and difficult and full of obstacles... Then again, these words could be said not as an acknowledgement of or factual statement about our day, but as a statement of hope, a wish.

We all have different hopes and wishes, our own views on what makes us rejoice and be glad. I always rejoice in sunshine and warmth, in feeling the wind on my face, in hearing birdsong, seeing beautiful sunrises or sunsets, and in finding my cats on the bed when I wake up in the morning.

What makes you rejoice and be glad?

June heralds the start of summer, a season which in this part of the world shows God's creation at its best. From all the different shades of green to all the different colours of flowers, nature displays growth, development, strength, and abundance. It's the perfect time to go outdoors to feel and be inspired by that! How can this display of growth and strength help you to rejoice and be glad?

I hope and wish there will be plenty of warm, sunny, summery, joyful, hopeful days!

Peace and blessings of joy to you all,

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Stoke Orchard & Tredington Parish Council



Parish Councillors from May 7th 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,

We've been spoilt with the rather lovely Spring weather. Sadly, the threat of a hosepipe ban is already being mooted by the powers that be, so in a Carlsberg world, we could do with rain at night and sunny days otherwise. We can but dream....

- On the subject of the dry weather, you may have noticed the cracking and fissures on the berms of the pump track. The installer, Joe Baddely has been made aware and will be attending to fill these asap. In the meantime, I would ask that youngsters avoid riding on the berms if possible. Hopefully, with some more rain, this will reduce this occurring.
- The defibrillator has now been installed in the telephone box and the emergency services and the Heartbeat Foundation informed. We hope to offer some free tuition courses on its use soon so watch this space. In the meantime, if required, the code to open it is both at the hall and with the emergency services. It is one thing we hope never needs used. Our thanks too go to Rachel Chandler for her regular checks on the defib!
- Stoke Orchard Football Club had their end of season presentation at the hall. They are going from strength to strength and will field seven teams this coming season! The prizes were presented by the mayor of Cheltenham and it was great to see the youngsters being recognised and praised for their performances.
- I know I sound like a broken record but the impending lease signing for our community shop is so close now. It may even be signed by the time we go to print. Can't wait to tell you all about the new tenant's plans, although I gather the jungle drums have been banging madly! I do wish I could tell you more than rumour but we'll get there.

- 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 now got that on their jobs list and the bin will be replaced in due course.
- Tredington Bridge repair work has been delayed for a short while until 2nd June. This was due to a delay in the receipt of materials I gather. I know the road disruption has been a nuisance, but the eyesore barriers will be gone and the safety of the bridge assured after they finish. Another long-term issue gone!
- Roseleigh is moving rapidly along and we have a meeting with the site manager on June 11th.
- The glider in the playpark at the hall is looking a little tired now and could do with a lick of paint. Could we beg for some volunteers to tackle this if at all possible, please? Paint and brushes all supplied.
- On the same note, the telephone box in Tredington is now looking rather sad. We have the correct paint at the hall here to give it a coat, so again please, would any kind person help with this? As you can imagine there is a myriad of small tasks to do to keep our Parish looking good. Please do help if you can.

Have a good month all!

Church services - June

Sunday 1st June 10am • Morning Worship at Tredington
 Sunday 8th June 9.30am • Holy Communion at Stoke Orchard
 Sunday 15th June 9.30am • Holy Communion at Tredington
 Sunday 22nd June 9.30am • Holy Communion at Stoke Orchard
 Sunday 29th June 10am • Benefice Communion at Deerhurst

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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	Nikki Clegg	01242 680941	info@stokeorchard.org

Can you help?

Volunteer Day

June 15th 2025

The Parish Council are holding a volunteer day on Sunday 15th June 2025 from 9am to help keep our Parish looking neat and tidy. Any assistance you could provide would be greatly appreciated.

Odd jobs around the hall and Parish could include - litter picking, painting, tidying and general maintenance.

We will supply coffee and cake for all involved.

Lets keep our parish an area we can be proud of!



Stoke Orchard Football Club

Season 2024/25: Our Debut Journey

As the final whistle blows on our very first season, Stoke Orchard Football Club can look back with pride at what has been a truly memorable, inaugural campaign.

The season was marked by hard-fought matches, strong individual progress and, above all, a visible spirit of sportsmanship and determination from every player.

Presentation Day: A celebration of a milestone season

To cap off a fantastic debut season, Stoke Orchard FC held its inaugural Presentation Day, a truly special event that brought together players, families and supporters to celebrate our achievements.

We were honoured to welcome Paul Baker, Mayor of Cheltenham and former Chairman of Cheltenham Town F.C., who joined us as a special guest to present awards and inspire our young players. Local councillors also attended in support of the club's work in the community, and their presence helped underline just how far we've come in such a short time.

The day was a huge success – a mix of celebration, fun and pride. Trophies and medals were handed out, laughter filled the air, and children enjoyed games, food and entertainment.

Looking Ahead: Club expansion

While the Under 10s and Under 12s have laid a strong foundation, we are thrilled to announce Stoke Orchard FC's ambitious next step. For the 2025/26 season, the club will be expanding significantly, launching 5 new teams across a range of age groups.

This expansion reflects our ambitions to provide more local children with the opportunity to enjoy grassroots football in a supportive, community-based environment. Recruitment for coaches and volunteers is already underway, and we are always looking for willing helpers and team sponsors, especially from local companies.

Securing Home Ground: Building the heart of Stoke Orchard FC

As Stoke Orchard Football Club continues to grow, one of our top priorities for the coming year is to establish a permanent home venue – a dedicated space where our players can train, compete and build lasting memories together.



With the expansion to multiple age groups and the addition of 5 new teams, the need for our own facility has become essential. We are actively exploring local fields and open spaces in and around the Stoke Orchard area with the potential to host multiple pitches, ideally accommodating various age groups simultaneously.

Our vision is to create more than just a set of football pitches - we aim to build a community hub where players, families and supporters can come together to enjoy grassroots football in a safe, welcoming and well-equipped environment.

We are currently in discussion with local landowners and the parish council, and welcome any leads or suggestions from residents who may know of suitable land or partnerships. This is a chance for the wider community to help shape the future of the club.

If successful, this home venue will become a key part of Stoke Orchard FC's identity - a place our teams can truly call their own.

Here's to a fantastic first season - and an even brighter future ahead!

Up the Orchard!



Tredington & Stoke Orchard News for June 2025

TREDINGTON & STOKE ORCHARD WI next meet on **Tuesday, June 10th at 7.30pm** win Tredington Village Hall. Elfred Pugh will be telling us about "30 years in Gloucester Prison". This will be an open meeting so husbands & friends are warmly invited. £3 charge for visitors.

At the monthly WI meeting we had the usual business to discuss. We had a vote on the Annual Resolution, which was voted for and passed by members with one abstention. Then coffee and an array of gorgeous biscuits. We then had a fun evening playing board games and doing puzzles. Not too competitive but I will say my table finished our puzzle in record time !!! (100) pieces Ha Ha. Beautiful shop scene from the past. Tables and chairs away and off we all went home.

So you can see it's not all jam and Jerusalem, we have some fun evenings so why not pop along next time and join us as a visitor to see if you would like to become a regular member. Next meeting 10th June 7-30 in Tredington village hall.

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TREDINGTON & STOKE ORCHARD GARDENING CLUB will be visiting **Birtsmorton Court** on **Thursday, June 19th**, meeting at the venue at 11am for a tour of the grounds. If members need help with transport please ring Bob.



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

BLUE	Thursday 12th	Thursday 26th	Thursday 10th July
GREEN	Thursday 5th	Thursday 19th	Thursday 3rd July



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



Dates for the diary this month:

Tuesday 17th June • 2pm-4pm • **U3A Art Group**

Thursday 19th June • 2pm – 4pm • **U3A Science Goup**

Sunday 22nd June • 1pm – 3pm • **Mum2Mum Markets**

www.mum2mum.co.uk to book selling table.

Friday 27th June • 7pm-10pm • **Charity Family Prize Bingo Evening**

Come and support our local neighbours Emma and her husband as they are raising money to buy a specially adaptive trike for their son Jacob who has severe learning difficulties.

Please check out the noticeboard for more details.

Pop Up Pizza Company will be in the carpark from 6pm • Bar open.

Mondays • We are pleased to have **The Great Coffee Company** visit every Monday Afternoon from 2.30pm in the carpark.

Sam will visit us more often if the demand is here, so let's support this local business for more pop-up coffee times



Family Fun Fridays • 3pm – 5pm

The hall will be open for drinks and refreshments, ice creams.
Table tennis and activities will be on offer too.



Stoke Orchard Community Centre



June 2025 Class Timetable

Please contact the class instructors for more details.

Mon	ZUMBA 9.30 – 10.30AM michelle.darnell@ btinternet.com	SWEATY MAMA 10.45AM – 12.30PM www.sweatymama.com		TAI CHI 6 – 7PM www.msdaichi. co.uk	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 APPRECI- ATION 20/5/25 2 – 4PM	CHILL DANCE 8PM Contact Chloe 07972 350896	TRED TRAINING KETTLE RCISE 6.30PM PILATES 7.20PM tredtraining@ outlook.com
Weds	STOKE ORCHARD BABY & TODDLER GROUP 9.30 – 11.00AM				PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 7/5/25 7PM
Thur			U3A SCIENCE 15/5/25 2 – 4PM	CHILL DANCE 5.45PM Contact Chloe 07972 350896	
Fri	GRAVITY FITNESS - PILATES 9.30 – 10.30AM gravityfitness@ live.co.uk				
Sat	ALTER FIT THERAPY PILATES 9 – 10AM margotalterfit@gmail.com				
Sun	TRED TRAINING KETTLE BELL HIIT 9AM BODY WEIGHT HIIT 9.30AM tredtraining@outlook.com				

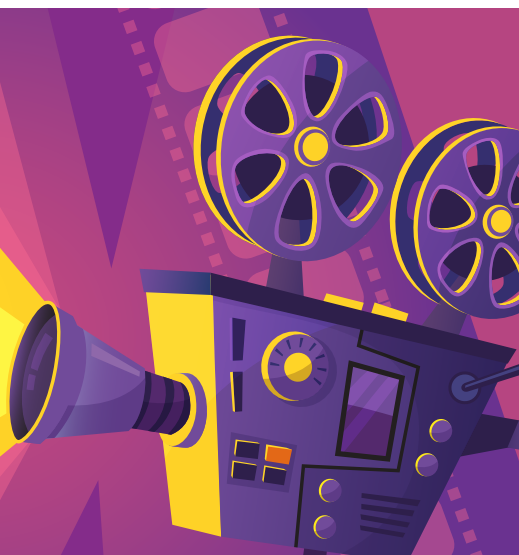


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ERIKA HELSTROM

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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