South Stoke Parish Newsletter

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Thanks Phil

Here we go again!

It has been quite a while since I was editor. I think I finished my first stint in 2015 or 2016 after producing over 100 editions. Things have changed thanks to Phil, considerably with different software, more graphics and far better style. However, it still comes down to content. We are totally reliant on your submissions. We can carry updates from clubs, village organisations as well as articles on whatever topic interests you.

I am an editor rather than a reporter, so if your particular event or activity is not covered it will be because no-one has submitted any copy. I'm happy to help write articles, if you like, as long as I get the basic information.

I hope to produce ten editions a year missing January and August. That might mean that some months are rather lean, just a couple of pages.

The newsletter is a team effort. You write the articles, I pull it together. Jenny Kelly has offered to help. We are yet to work out how best to work together. Printing is done by our friends at Goring Press, now based in Cornwall. Distribution is managed by Paul Massey-Thompson aided by his wife Sandy and Tracey and Ivo Lasan in the village and Maurice and Trudy Scarratt for the premises outside the village. Neil Proctor is working to get more advertising revenue.

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Copy dates for each edition will be about the 25th of the month for distribution early in the following month. Dates will be on the back page of the newsletter. However, let me encourage you to get your submissions in as soon as you can. It helps me if we don't have a last minute rush.

Geoff Ward
Editor

Letter

I'd like to start by expressing my gratitude to Phil Wortley for his work on the South Stoke Newsletter over the past several years and my good wishes to him as he moves on. I enjoy the newsletter and find it very useful for keeping up to date with what's going on in and around the village. For people like me who are not much online and not at all on facebook, it's an indispensable resource!

Unfortunately my enjoyment of the Spring 2026 issue was rather marred by the computer-generated images included. Running my eyes over the front page, my spirits sank as I noticed the various unidentifiable objects, the steam rising out of a hand, the garbled text reading "South Stews News", etc... It's hard to express how I feel about this. The great director and animator Hayao Miyazaki, speaking about computer-generated animation, put it this way: "I feel very strongly that this is an insult to life itself."

I can understand how generative 'AI' might appeal as a quick and convenient way to pad out the pages or add some colour, but for me at least it's a purely off-putting element and I really think the newsletter is the worse for it. So, I'm making this sincere request to editors present and future: please, keep contributors to the newsletter strictly human.

Thanks again to the outgoing editor, and all best wishes to Geoff for a successful return to the role.

Benjamin Sermon

Thanks for the note, Benjamin. AI is becoming so ubiquitous that I can't agree to your request. I can't check every submission for AI content and I may well use AI to help me edit large articles. However, I will guarantee that it will always be checked by a human! Ed

Dog Owners

Dear editor,

Would it be possible to put a reminder in the newsletter about people picking up after their dogs, especially outside the school as I am noticing more and more dog mess around the village. Also a note about people not letting their dogs off leads especially if they can't control them.

Thank you

Rebecca Stevens

Good News from The Shop

After years of false starts, alternative plans and different directions we are, at last, in sight of the starting post. As chairman of the community shop board I am pleased to be able to announce that we have finally managed to secure the funds required to commence the building project.

We are eternally grateful to all of the many villagers who have donated generously and to our Parish Council and South Oxfordshire District Council for significant grant awards. There is still a heap of administrative work to be undertaken before we can get a spade in the ground but we anticipate the building work starting by early May. From then the whole process will take about three months – so sometime in August we should be open for business.

The new premises will be about twice as large as our present shop and will have enough space to incorporate a small tea room. Still facing out onto the recreation ground, the shop will be sporting more generous windows so mums and dads will be able to enjoy a cappuccino and a croissant while keeping an eye on the kids. We plan to have seating for 20 people indoors.

It will also mean that the shop retail area is a good deal larger than at present so we will be able to carry a much wider range of products and even get the EVRI service back again. In recent months we have been really constrained with our product range and have been hanging on for our new and exciting future. So please come and visit.

Our plan is to run a smaller temporary shop at the other end of the car park during the building project and apologies in advance for the limited fare on offer. We hope to be able to provide all the staples and a bit more and, with the promise of a long hot summer, ice creams and cold drinks for people on the rec.

However, our fundraising is not over. While we believe we have sufficient funds now available to open the doors and get underway, there are already a number of embellishments and improvements that we know we would like to undertake. For instance, we have the opportunity to build a standalone covered area/pergola constructed from solid oak for cost of materials alone. Not in our budget but really nice to have. A really top notch coffee machine has just become available – again not budgeted for but really nice to have.

So, if you haven't yet made a donation its not too late! Thanks again, everybody, for all of your help – the real work starts now! If you have questions or ideas please call by at any time.

Mick Woodall

South Stoke Community Shop

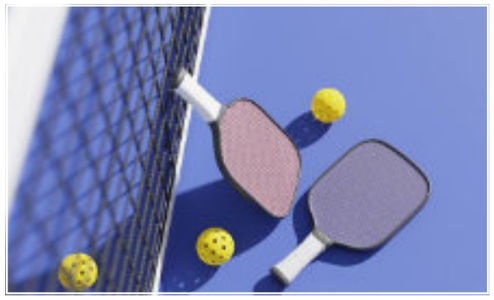


Artists impression of the new shop

Pickleball on the Rec!

The more eagle-eyed amongst you may have spotted that the basketball court on the recreation ground has new line markings.

This is for a pickleball court!



Pickleball is a fast growing paddle sport that combines elements of tennis, badminton and table tennis.
Played on a small court with a lowered net, a soft paddle and a perforated plastic ball making it both accessible and sociable for all ages.

We will be working with the shop on a system to facilitate the hire of pickleball paddles, balls and a folding net. We will also have a pickleball introductory session in the near future, as the weather improves.
Watch this space and look out for further information online!

South Stoke Amenities Charity

In Memoriam

Liliane Smart

Lili was born in France on 13 July 1964 and had a long career as Cabin Crew, working at first for British Caledonian, then First Class Cabin Service Leader with British Airways, and she was extremely proud of her 30-year career with the Airlines.

She moved to South Stoke in 2011 and in recent years was the partner of Mick Walsh, after they first met in the Perch & Pike eight years ago.

When Lili entered a room, it lit up; she was always the centre of attention, holding court with her British Airways stories, or hilarious tales about her legendary online dating escapades or just being her beautiful, funny, kind self.

The most important thing in Lili's life were her friends and family, and she would speak daily to them and arrange visits, and she never ever let a week go by without some sort of arrangement to stay or have friends stay with her. She spoke to her lovely mother Jelena and sister Natacha every day and visited them in Drancy in France with Mick whenever she could.

Despite her cancer diagnosis, Lili, through her strength and determination, had more time than anyone expected and she made the most of every minute of it. It is fair to say that Lili lived life to the full and she has left a lot of love and warm memories behind for us all to cherish. Lili passed away peacefully on 11th November 2025 with Mick by her side.

David Kennedy

David was born, and grew up, in wartime London in August 1943. David was an inquisitive and mischievous child and, when he was bought a chemistry set, he experimented with making weedkiller fireworks and burnt a large patch of the table and filled the house with smoke! Later, David studied chemical engineering at Battersea Technical College and, whilst in Battersea, met Nicky, who was a trainee nurse. They married in 1966.

Family was very important and he and Nicky had four children – Alex, Simon, Annie and Natasha. David's work took them to many places, including Brazil. With the birth of their grandchildren, Mia, Harriet, George, Mary, Scarlett and Susanna, David had a whole new audience to share his love of mischief!

David was very active - playing water polo, squash, sea fishing, DIY and, of course, gardening. They enjoyed trips away in the campervan and did a lot of walking. David and Nicky moved to South Stoke in 2000 and David also found time to contribute to village life - volunteering to be a School Governor, a Parish Councillor (twice!), Treasurer of the Community Shop, and was the driving force behind the Community Gardens project. David supported Open Gardens and numerous fundraising events and social events in the village.

David passed away on 13th December 2025 with his family by his side.

Marshall Davies

Marshall was born in Swansea in 1938. He attended Swansea Grammar School and then read Pharmacy at Cardiff University. He met Jean in Swansea and they married in 1967.



He was registered as a Pharmacist in 1961 and employed by Boots the Chemists, having been an apprentice with the company as a student. He held various pharmacy positions in England, Scotland and Wales and in Head Office, Nottingham. He was elected to the Board of Boots the Chemists and became Boots' Pharmacy Superintendent. He retired in 1998 and became a Magistrate, and he was appointed President of the Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain in 2001. In 2015 he was awarded the Freedom of the City of London in recognition of his services to Pharmacy.

After moving to South Stoke to be near his family he was appointed as Business Advisor to the Science and Technology Facilities Council and also as a member of the Board of Directors of Diamond Light Source.

Marshall died on 18 January 2026 with family at his side.

Sue Sarjent

In Memoriam Continued

Thank You



A heartfelt thank you to everyone who has supported me and my family since losing David just before Christmas.

Your kindness has been a constant source of comfort during such a difficult time. It truly reinforces how much David was valued and reminds us how lucky we are to be part of such a special community.

Nicky Kennedy

And Not Forgetting

Thanks to Sue Serjent for the In Memoriam article. However, there were a few more losses in the village recently.

Eileen Lee, my girls fondly remember her as dinner lady at South Stoke School.

Ian Millar, I remember having fun with Ian in the village pantomime. He was also a bell ringer.

And, of course, Robert and Suzanne Small. They are mentioned elsewhere in this edition.





South Stoke Bell Ringing News

We were all devastated when Robert died unexpectedly in January and wanted to pay tribute to him in this Newsletter.

Robert worked tirelessly as our Tower Captain – a coach, a mentor, maintenance expert, event organiser, administrator – he did so much over the years to ensure that the bells in South Stoke rang to mark important local and national events. Above all, Robert was a friend to everyone who had the privilege of ringing alongside him. His generosity and gentle courtesy in the bell tower (and in the Perch and Pike afterwards!), will always be remembered.



South Stoke Tower ringing to celebrate Robert and Suzanne's 50th Wedding Anniversary, May 2025

The South Stoke band will continue to ring. We're confident it's what Robert would have wanted us to do.

Practice night will continue between 8 and 9pm most Thursday's and we'll ring for church services and village events.

If you need to contact us, please email southstokebellringers@gmail.com

New Church Openers

We are so fortunate to be able to keep the church open each day. For many years the job of unlocking and locking up has been done by George and Kevin Druce. They have been allowed to retire.

Fantastically Amanda Smithdale has recruited a new team of 10 volunteers to take on this task. It will be open at least from 10am to 4pm.

Please do feel free to call into St Andrew's. You may wish to pray, to do a little dance, soak up the history or simply to stop, draw breath and reflect on all that is good, lovely and builds us up. Reflect too on the heritage from which we have come and what we hope to pass forward in our one precious, wild and wonderful gift of life.

Rev Ben Phillips

South Stoke W.I.

We were very sad to hear the sad news of Suzanne Small. Suzanne has been a member of South Stoke WI since 1983, and her 'Pam Ayers' performance was as good as the real thing. Both her and Robert will be sadly missed by us all.

The March WI meeting is always our Annual Meeting, and this year was no exception. As there were no forthcoming offers for committee members, the existing committee has agreed to continue for another year. Our treasurer Sue Gill informed us that subscriptions were now due. She then read the financial statement. Pam Seymour read the Committee's report and Rita Mann thanked the Committee for their continued help in running S.S.W.I. She also thanked the members for making our WI a very friendly group. She was delighted to say we have had 5 new members join this year. We are always pleased to welcome visitors and potential new members.

We followed this with a clever quiz devised by Sue. The answers were one of each of our members Christian name, quite ingenious. We finish the afternoon with a raffle and tea.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 14th April at 2 p.m. when our speaker will be Alastair Lack talking about his Life with the BBC World Service.

Rita Mann
President South Stoke W.I.
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Spring Ragwort Clearance on the Rec

Villagers might remember that an issue arose last Summer, regarding the clearance of Ragwort on the Rec before the School Sports Day. Without revisiting the communications issues of last year, the Amenities Charity is keen to avoid a repetition of the situation this year. To this end, we will be organising a Ragwort Pulling session in May. We're hoping that those who raised concerns last year, and any other villagers who would like to help, will volunteer to assist. The Amenities Charity will provide "Ragwort Forks", but it would be appreciated if volunteers could bring their own gloves and hand forks. Please note - whilst it is safe to touch Ragwort leaves, the sap contains chemicals that can cause some people to develop a rash, so it is important to handle with gloves.

If you're interested in helping out, please contact johnclindley57@gmail.com or david.lucas7@btinternet.com - once we have an idea of numbers we will arrange a date and time. Hopefully we'll get a good turn out and be finished after a 1/2 day session.

John Lindley



Extra garden waste collections

If you are a garden waste permit holder, you will be able to have extra garden waste collected for free, on your normal collection day only between 20 April and 1 May 2026. To be eligible for a collection, please follow the guidance found on the SODC garden waste page.



Lost, Found… & Reinvented



Antonio Canova 1819 -22

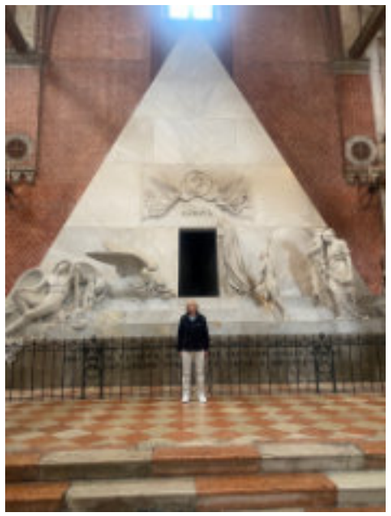


Nikki Cheetham 2026

A masterpiece in marble, with an extraordinary story to tell.

Nikki Cheetham, an artist living in South Stoke, Oxon is opening her art studio for the first time for Oxfordshire Arts Week (May 4th - 10th.) She works in oils on canvas and board and experiments with the myriad effects of gold leaf and a limited palette. Recently she was inspired by a remarkable story of a lost masterpiece and has reinvented the original work in her own contemporary style.

'Maddelena Giacente" (Recumbent Magdalen) was one of the last marble sculptures completed by the great Italian artist, Antonio Canova, before his death in 1822. It shows Mary Magdalene in a state of grief. The 2nd Earl of Liverpool, (then the British prime minister) commissioned it and it arrived in the UK in all its white marble glory. But the statue disappeared, she became an art world "sleeping beauty," her authorship gradually forgotten. But in 2002 a couple from the UK bought something in a garden auction for a mere £5,200. It was covered in mould, its beauty concealed after many decades of neglect in the wind and weather. However it was then positively identified as the great Canova's work and valued for sale by Christie's for an astonishing £5m-£8m - a markup of at least 1,000 on its last sale price.



Canova's tomb, Basilica di Santa Maria Gloriosa dei Frari, Venice

Artist Nikki Cheetham read this story after visiting Canova's tomb in VenicCanova's tomb, Basilica di Santa Maria Gloriosa dei Frari, Venice e "I was captivated by the romance of an incredible piece of art lying forgotten amongst the muddy leaves and lichen of an english country garden." She has reinterpreted Canova's work in oils on canvas and on a large scale (150cm x 100cm). The anguished figure lies in a bed of rampaging undergrowth, the impasto oils creating a murky creeping background. However in this reinvented form the statue also rests against a stunning gold leaf background - a surround that implies the underlying worth of a true masterpiece in timeless marble.



Do pop in to see "Lost Canova" and Nikki's other dramatic paintings in her garden studio at Ferry Lane Barn, Ferry Road, South Stoke. May 4th 10th 11 - 18.00.

400 Club

Flashback – Fun - Figures

This month's 400 Club results report starts with a trip down memory lane. The reason why will become apparent as you read on.

Regular readers might recall an 'incident' at the January 2018 draw. Back then the Club had just broken the 200 number barrier and had four prizes. That month's Newsletter reported:

Threats of violence overshadow 200 Club draw!

The January draw took place on Monday 8th in the Perch & Pike amid unusual circumstances. Long time 200 Club member and South Stoke resident Simon Courtney was enjoying the hospitality of the Perch and Pike when the draw was about to take place. The fact that he had not won a prize as often as some other members in the draw finally got the better of him and he was heard to threaten dire and fatal consequences to those in charge of the draw were his number not to 'come up this time'. Faced with the prospect of physical violence guest Drawmaster Phil 'Don't-Hit-Me' Wortley drew himself up to his full height and immediately pulled Simon's number out as first prize winner. A cheque for £81 was handed over in an instant and, strangely, the atmosphere suddenly became much more relaxed!

What has that got to do with the draw in March 2026 you might ask. Well, long time club member and South Stoke resident Nigel Bond, on leaving the Perch and Pike just before the draw (we think Selina had phoned him saying his dinner was in the dog – confirmation awaited) complained long and loud that he had never won a prize despite being a member for years. Unlike January 2018 absolutely no violence was threatened but the result was identical. One of Nigel's numbers was drawn as the first prize winner.



Thanks to Hugo Wych, the Perch & Pike Restaurant Manager, for drawing the numbers and earning Nigel's undying thanks. The draw contained 466 numbers (another record) and the lucky winners were:

First Prize	£140	Nigel Bond
Second Prize	£116	Maurice Scarratt
Third Prize	£ 93	Nick Hutton
Fourth Prize	£ 70	Shivani Dabasia
Fifth Prize	£ 47	Mick Connors

In other 400 Club news the Amenities Charity financial year ended on 31st March, so Gift Aid has recently been claimed from HMRC for the 25/26 year. The amount was £1,248-50, so thanks to everyone who has completed a Gift Aid declaration and allowed the charity to claim, at absolutely no cost to members, such a significant sum. Over the same 12-month period the 400 Club has contributed just over £5,250 to Amenities Charity coffers.

Finally, the funds raised in 25/26 from the Give As You Live scheme (via the link below) total almost £100. The Charity has a handful of regular contributors via that portal who, by virtue of their online purchases, generate a small percentage of their spend for the Amenities Charity, so thanks to that happy band. You know who you are!

www.giveasyoulive.com/join/southstokehallandrec

Remember, just £2 per number per month is terrific value, given the size and distribution of the prizes now on offer. Information is available from South Stoke Community Shop, from the Perch & Pike, from the trustees at the email address below, or online using the QR code.

The money raised supports the activities of the village Amenities Charity in maintaining and enhancing the Village Hall and the Recreation Ground. Your £2 per number is split 50/50 between the prize pot and charity funds. If you haven't joined yet (or would like to add to the numbers you already hold), please do get in touch.

Further Fun fact: At the time of writing the April draw will have 473 numbers which are held by exactly 200 different members.

Special request to those supporters with one number. How about investing £4 per month instead of £2 and, for a very modest outlay, almost doubling your chances of winning one of the generous prizes now available?

Are you new to the village? Would you like to support the Amenities Charity's activities? Doing so is easy. Simply email the address below to register your interest and start the ball rolling.

Date for your diary: The April draw will be on Friday 17th at 8-00pm in the Perch and Pike. Hope to see you there!

Mark Taylor - 400 Club Trustee
400Club@southstoke.org.uk

South Stoke School Spring Term

Our theme for the Spring Term this year has been Lights Camera Action! We have been focusing on all things relating to film, photography and television. Now that Spring is here and the sun has made a very welcome appearance, we have been making the most of the warmer weather by getting out and about on school trips, workshops and other outdoor activities.

Butterflies class treated parents and pupils to a French Cinema experience, providing popcorn, madeleines and other cinema snacks, as well a screening of the 1956 classic Le Ballon Rouge. All accompanied by some excellent spoken and written French.

World Book Day is always a highlight, as the whole school celebrates its love of reading. This year, in keeping with the theme for this term, children came dressed as characters from books that have been made into films. Lots of activities throughout the day were focused on reading, discussing books and exploring their imagination.

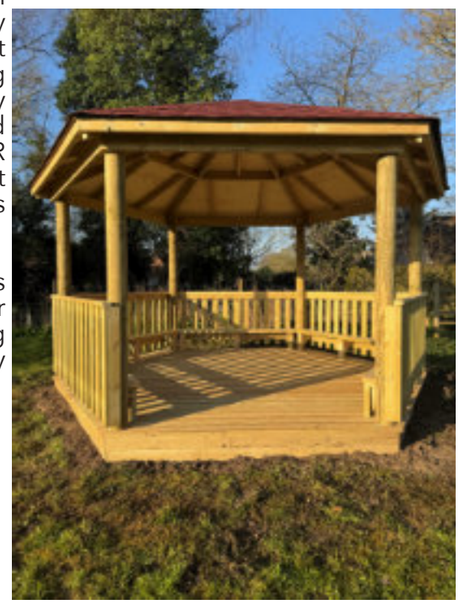
Each year the Butterflies class attends the annual trip to Young Voices, where schools from around the country form a choir to sing together and enjoy the spectacular show. Going to the O2 in London was a new experience for them, but they enjoyed being very high up in the choir in the enormous arena. The children sang their hearts out and had a good boogie and were swept along by the energetic atmosphere of 8000 children all singing together!



In March the whole school enjoyed a trip to Windsor Castle. On a rather windswept day the children took the train to Windsor and explored the Castle and grounds. Some of the highlights included: seeing Queen Ann's Dolls House, walking through all the state rooms, watching the Changing of the Guard and looking at the tombs of many Kings and Queens in St George's Chapel. The children were very well behaved, as usual, and this was commented on by members of the public.



The children had great fun celebrating Science Week. We started the week with a workshop hosted by Bright Sparks where we got to explore chemical reactions, acids and alkalis and even made slime! Science and curiosity filled the week with lots of different investigations going on from making space buggies to protecting humpty dumpty from a great fall. We finished our science celebration with a VR workshop where caterpillars learnt more about the ocean and butterflies were diving into climate change.



We are very pleased that our new outdoor learning area is starting to take shape. The gazebo has been built and over the next few weeks we will be putting in paths and working on getting the rest of the area ready for the children to enjoy in the summer term.

Naomi Broadfoot

South Stoke Primary School
01491 872948

Parents Association

As usual, the Parents Association will be collecting for the bottle tombola for the May Day. We were hoping that donations can be collected on Sunday 26th April 2026. We can collect from doorsteps if you are not going to be in that day or donations can be dropped off at the school before the event.

We are also holding a fundraising recycling collection for unwanted clothes and shoes. Bags of clothes and shoes can be dropped at the school on Tuesday April 14th before 9.30am. If you are unable to drop off donations we are happy to collect any bags. Please call 07305546410 or email southstokeschoolpa@gmail.com.

Thank you for all the support you offer the school and the Parents Association. We have funded many school trips this school year and workshops. These have given the children lots of wonderful memories.

Amy Snell
Chair, South Stoke School PA



Withymead Nature Reserve has launched its 'Buy a Board' appeal to fund Phase 2 of its accessibility project. Following successful grant support from Mend the Gap and DEFRA's Access for All programme, Phase 1 replaced part of the boardwalk to the popular Kingfisher Hide, opening the reserve to many visitors who previously couldn't access it.

However, a remaining narrow and deteriorating section of boardwalk and bridge now limits access for wheelchair users, pushchairs, and those with reduced mobility. Exposed to regular flooding, these structures must be replaced soon to avoid safety risks and potential closure of a large part of the reserve.

The new phase aims to raise £115,104 to install a 60-metre accessible boardwalk and a 13-metre step-free "Bison bridge," built from durable recycled plastic. Around 340 boards are needed, and supporters can donate any amount. Contributors may be recognised on-site and online, helping create an inclusive pathway for all.

GAP Festival tickets on sale

This year between the 12th and 21st June Goring and Streatley will host their biennial GAP Festival, featuring over 65 cultural events, hosted across local venues.

The programme, put together by local volunteers, invites audiences to embark on a Journey of Discovery with events designed to spark imagination and open doors to new experiences for all ages.

The full extensive ten-day programme includes a wide variety of music performances, special interest talks, art workshops, free children's activities and early morning wellbeing sessions.

Tickets are selling fast, get yours now at www.thegapfestival.org/events.

The Festival is also calling for **volunteers** to join the team for a few hours and help at events. From checking tickets and marshalling to helping out behind the bars. Email help@gapfestival.org to find out more.

St Andrews Church Services

All are welcome to St Andrew's. The church is open every day, 10am till 4pm. We welcome everyone to our services. Coffee and biscuits are served afterwards.

3rd April, Good Friday, 6pm Compline (Evening prayer)

4th April Saturday, Easter Trail and Egg hunt for children

5th April, Easter Day, 11.00am All age Easter Communion service

12th April, Sunday, no service at St Andrew's but instead a Benefice service at St Mary's, Streatley at 10.30am - if you would like a lift please contact below.

19th April, Sunday, 11.15am Good News service

22nd April, Wednesday, 10.30am Coffee Morning in St Andrew's

26th April, Sunday, 11.15am Holy Communion service

Mid-week Holy Communion is on Wednesdays at 10.30am in St Thomas'.

The Benefice Office or the Vicar can be contacted, Monday to Thursday mornings, until noon, on (01491) 875651. The website is: www.ThomAndMary.org.uk Emails can be sent to: vicarofgsandss@yahoo.com

Diary Dates

4th April	Wallingford Castle guided walk
11th April	Saxons at Wallingford Museum
14th April	WI Meeting – BBC World Service
14th April	Drop unwanted clothes etc at school
17th April	400 Club draw, Perch & Pike
26th April	Bottle Stall collections, School PA
4th May	South Stoke May Fayre

Post Office

The opening times for the Mobile Post Office outside Jack's are changing with effect from Tuesday 17 March to:

Tuesdays: 13.30-16.00

Thursdays: 08.00-11.30

Help the Kings Tomb

The decoratively carved tomb known as the Kings Tomb, sited in St Andrew's churchyard has partly collapsed and whilst it does not pose a risk to casual users of the churchyard, it does need to be made safe and resetting in situ, with the ground underneath made good. If anyone has access to and or can loan the use of a block and tackle to help lift the tomb whilst works can be undertaken to secure the tomb, please contact Amanda Smithdale on 07979 647455 or email a.smithdale@ gmail.com.

Amanda Smithdale

The Next Issue

All contributions welcome. Email **editor@southstoke.org.uk.** Please include a telephone number and an email address if possible. Photos are welcome and encouraged.

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