South Stoke Parish Newsletter

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This wonderful picture of the South Stoke firework display is courtesy of Simon Booker. If you would like to have one of your pictures as the December masthead it will need to be related to South Stoke and be high resolution. Please send them to editor@southstoke.org.uk for consideration.









Historical Society

You can buy this book on Amazon. It's only £10 and is packed with photos and interesting facts about the village - the pubs, the school, the railway and much more.

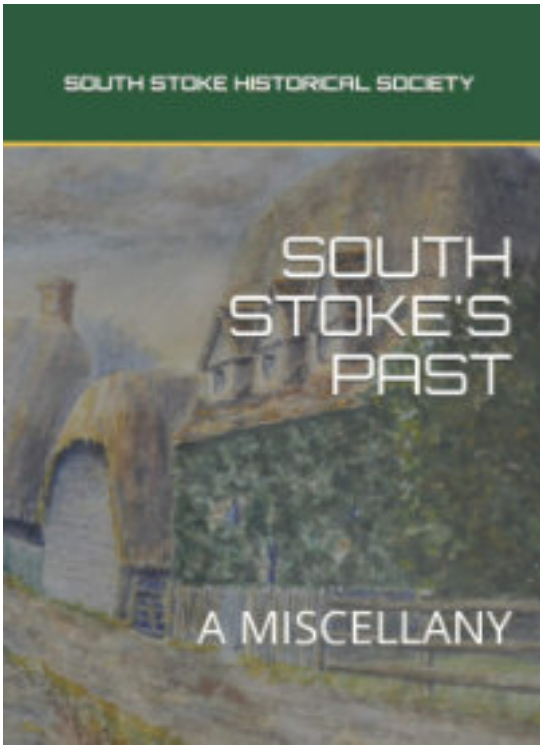
If you don't use computers yet I'm happy to organise a delivery for you. Just contact me at Ditton Cottage.

Reminder
Peter Adamson is giving a talk in the village hall at 7.30 on Monday 2nd November. The details were in October's Newsletter and can be seen online."Landmark in Time - the World of the Wittenham Clumps" and "a Town Called Wallingford."

Peter has published books on these topics.

All are welcome. Guests £5.

Linda Gatto



Historical Society October Meeting Report

"Lord Nuffield's Great Generosity to the Oxford Colleges" was the title of the talk by Liz Woolley, who has spoken to us on a number of Oxford History-related subjects previously. She also does themed walks around the city, one of which I have been on. Surprisingly(?) it was about Breweries!

The slightly wordy title didn't inspire me greatly beforehand but, in fact, the story of the various donations that he made, and the machinations of those seeking them, exposed a great deal about William Morris the man, his views and prejudices, his personal frugality, and his life-long entrepreneurial flair.

I warmed to him on discovering that he had been born in Worcester! Moved to Oxford as a child, left school at 14 to work in a bike shop, opened his own bike business a year later, designing and building his own-brand machines, using bought-in parts, and raced his own bikes competitively.

By 1912 he had moved on to start building motor cars, again from bought-in components, the initial Bullnose Morris Oxford. After WW1 the product line was developed with Morris going to the USA to look at Ford's production line methods, which he subsequently implemented in his new factory at Cowley.

Despite a strained relationship between Morris and members of the University he gave substantial amounts of money - probably half a billion in today's money, to St Peter's, Pembroke, and Worcester colleges, as well as to, eventually, the foundation of Nuffield College itself. He regarded most of the academics as "Lefties" without any business sense or understanding.

Interestingly, when he first got involved with helping St. Peter's in the 1920's they were looking to acquire some redundant canal wharfage to build on. Morris did not bank-roll their plans at that time but he did buy the property himself and it was this property, plus £900,000, which was then donated to create Nuffield College. He himself envisaged it providing courses in Engineering, Accountancy, and Business which the academics resisted, leading to much wrangling throughout the WW2 years. Morris's greatest disappointment was that Cambridge opened Churchill College, which did offer those subject areas.

Rod Payne

Halloween Waste

Save the insides of your pumpkin to make delicious pumpkin soup or bake the seeds with salt and pepper for a healthy snack. You can find wickedly tasty recipes on the SODC waste page.

If you can't eat your pumpkin, don't fear. Just slice it up and pop it in your food bin or leave it whole beside the bin on **5th November**. We will collect it, just make sure to remove any candles, melted wax, or other decorations first!



South Stoke WI

South Stoke Wi met in the Village Hall on Tuesday 13th October. We celebrated two members birthdays, our newest member Norma Lawson and our president Rita Mann.

Due to ill health our original speaker had to cancel but we were very pleased to welcome Colin Wade, a published crime writer who stepped in and gave a very interesting talk about our local legend Agatha Christie.

As usual we finished the afternoon with a raffle and a delicious tea provided by Linda Gatto and Frances Ayers.

For our November meeting on the 9th our speaker will be Simon Booker and his talk "Wild Connections & Magical Moments". Visitors alway welcome.

Rita Mann
President
01491 872208

Christmas Fair

The South Oxfordshire Christmas Fair is back again this year and will take place on **Tuesday, 17th November** at The Oxfordshire Golf Club, Rycote Lane, Nr Thame. It would be wonderful if you might find space in your newsletter to help publicise this local charity event raising funds for two local charities Sobell House Hospice and Oxfordshire Animal Sanctuary.

Extra Garden Waste Collection

If you are a garden waste permit holder, you will be able to have extra garden waste collected for free, on **12th November 2026**. To check if you are eligible for a collection and for details on how to leave the extra waste out, please follow the guidance found on the garden waste page of the SODC web site.



Gully Cleaning

I wanted to let you know that the next programmed round of gully cleaning in the Goring and Woodcote division is currently scheduled for **February and March 2027**. If a blocked drain or gully is causing, or is likely to cause, flooding before then, please report it through Fix my street rather than waiting for the scheduled clean. If a safety-critical or persistent problem is not being resolved, please send me the report reference so I can escalate it.

Councillor Maggie Filipova-Rivers

Cross Keys Road Closure

Cross Keys Road, South Stoke,, will be closed from 19/01/2027 22:00 to 21/01/2027 06:00 for signage and paintwork. Emergency vehicles and access to properties will be maintained.

Inspiring confidence, compassion and curiosity

As the first half of the Autumn term draws to a close we still have an exciting and varied programme of learning ahead! We have said a very warm welcome to our new starters in Reception, who are settling in brilliantly and all the children are adjusting to their new year groups very well.

During their Geography lessons this term both classes have been focusing on the local area. The Butterflies have been investigating how land is used and how farming has changed over the years in and around South Stoke and carrying out their own fieldwork. The Caterpillars have been looking at the local area and how it changes throughout the seasons. The changing seasons are also being studied in art lessons, exploring how colour can be used to represent the different times of the year. Across all their learning, the children are encouraged to be curious, creative and independent, and to grow in confidence when explaining and sharing their ideas.

The children thoroughly enjoyed taking part in the Harvest Festival in the church at the beginning of October and were proud to offer their donations to the collection. The children also contributed brilliantly with their readings and beautiful singing.

The school's new outdoor learning area is taking shape and we are very grateful to our school and local community for donations of equipment, such as bird boxes, bird feeders, composting bins and gardening tools. The area also now has a weather station and wildlife camera set up, to encourage the children to learn about local wildlife and the effects of the seasonal weather.

As ever, the school is very excited about Fireworks Night on 23rd October and we are very grateful to our Parents Association for organising this. Fireworks Night is the school's biggest fundraising event of the year and funds from it will go towards enhancing and decorating our new school library, paying for the whole school to go to the Oxford Playhouse to watch Snow White in December and organising a Christmas lunch party for the whole school at the end of term.

Our Parents Association is busy organising events throughout the school year, including taking part in a number of local Christmas fairs. With this in mind, we would be grateful of any donations of clean glass jars with lids (no pickle jars please).

Parents Association

Raising money for South Stoke Primary School is easier than you think through Easyfundraising.

Whenever you buy online from over 8,000 retailers (including eBay, Argos, John Lewis & Partners, ASOS, Booking.com and M&S) you could be raising free donations for South Stoke Primary School without costing you a penny.

All you need to do is:

1. Go to https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/southstokeprimary/ and join for free.

2. Every time you shop online, go to easyfundraising first to find the site you want and start shopping.

3. After you've checked out, the retailer will make a donation to South Stoke Primary School at no extra cost to you whatsoever! There are no catches or hidden charges and South Stoke Primary School will be really grateful for your donations. Thank you for your support.

South Oxfordshire School Lottery

A winning ticket is potentially a week away with South Oxfordshire Charitably Lottery! If you haven't signed up yet visit - https://www.socharitable.co.uk/support/south-stoke-primary-school-pa

Naomi Broadfoot
Administrator, South Stoke Primary School

400 Club

The October draw was held on Friday 16th in the Perch and Pike and this month thanks go to Duncan from Goring (see pic) who was quite happy to have his Friday pint interrupted to pull the 5 prize winning balls from the 482 in the bucket for us.



October's lucky winners were:

First Prize	£145	Anne Smith
Second Prize	£121	Alex Reid
Third Prize	£ 96	Nicky Kennedy
Fourth Prize	£ 72	Tracey Lasan
Fifth Prize	£ 48	Veronica Aldridge

Just £2 per number per month is terrific value, given the size and distribution of the five prizes on offer. Information is available from the Perch & Pike, from the trustees at the email address below, or online via the Parish Council website.

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 get in touch via the email address below.

If you've already got one number, how about investing £4 per month instead of £2 and, for a very modest outlay, doubling your chances (almost) of winning one of five really generous prizes?

Are you new to the village? Would you like to support the Amenities Charity's activities in maintaining and enhancing the Village Hall, the Recreation Ground and the Playground? Doing so is easy. Simply email the address below to register your interest and start the ball rolling.

Date for your diary: The November draw will be on **Friday 20th at 8.00pm** in the Perch & Pike.

Hope to see you there!

Mark Taylor & Nicola Astles-Jones: 400 Club Trustees

email : 400club@southstoke.org.uk

Cholsey Repair Cafe

The last Cholsey Repair Café of 2026 will take place at the Cholsey Pavilion on **Saturday 21st November,** between 10.00 and 12.45. Skilled volunteers will be there to help with repairs to a wide range of portable domestic items, bicycles, gardening tools and textiles. No charge is made but donations towards running costs are always appreciated. The scheme runs regularly on the third Saturday of odd-numbered months, or you can refer to www.cholseyrepaircafe.com for latest information.

Santa Dash, Wallingford

Sunday 6 Dec,, 11.30am

Get ready to Jog/walk/run/wheel 3km in our annual Santa Dash, starting and finishing in Market Place, as part of the Wallingford Christmas Market & shopping Day from 10am-5pm.



Perch and Pike

Make your festive celebrations extra special with our delicious group ordering menu! Whether you're planning a cosy get together or a big festive feast, we've got something for everyone to enjoy. Let us take care of the food while you focus on making memories and celebrating the most wonderful time of the year!

We would love to highlight the use of traditional seasonal ingredients and produce while adding our touch of high quality preparation in the kitchen. As well as the time period in which they can choose this menu.



Festive Party Menu

20 November – 24 December 2026 (accept Sundays)

FIRST COURSE

Warm Heritage Beetroot (V) (GF)
goat's cheese, candied walnut, crisp kale, beetroot & balsamic purée, seedcracker

Roasted Spiced Parsnip Soup (V)
parsnip crisps, curry oil, toasted brioche

Duck Liver Parfait
pear & ginger compote, toasted brioche

Crab Croquette
brown crab croquette, saffron oil, white crab bisque

SECOND COURSE

Hampshire Roasted Turkey
apricot, pistachio sausagestuffing, cider & chestnutgravy

Braised Venison Hunter's Pie (GF)
celeriac purée, blackberry jus

Monkfish Risotto (GF)
pancetta, pea & lemongrass

Wild Mushroom & Truffle Pithivier (V)
pomme purée, charred baby leeks, madeira jus

DESSERT COURSE

Classic Christmas Pudding
brandy butter anglaise

Mulled Wine & Cinnamon Poached Pear (GF)
almond praline, vanilla ice cream

Apple & Blackberry Crumble
oat & almond crumb, warm vanilla custard

Chocolate Délice
salted caramel, vanilla bean ice cream

British Cheeseboard
baron bigod, oxford blue, oat biscuits, apple & cider chutney

3 courses ~ £39.95 per person

Minimum 6 guests. Advance booking required. Final numbers and pre-orders are due seven days before your visit. A discretionary 12.5% service fee will be applied to the final bill. Please advise us about any allergies when ordering.

Perch & Pike ~ T: 0118 304 8404 ~ www.perchandpike.co.uk

The Perch and Pike in Days of Old!

Thanks to Maurice and Trudy Scarratt for looking out this old photo of the Perch and Pike. Behind the bar are Suzie and Roy Mason Apps and sitting at the bar is Jimmo Turner, his local accent was so strong you often had to just nod and smile.

Behind Roy you can see the connection through to the other bar. It took them behind the bar in the snug which was then a small room with a bar billiards table and banquettes along the walls.



The main bar shown here only went to the pillars before the current bar. There was a fruit machine at the far end of the bar.

The current toilets were the Ladies. The Gents was outside!

Food was good regular pub food of the time - plain, cheese & onion, and salt & vinegar crisps!

Ed

If you have photos and stories of South Stoke from years ago we would love to hear from you. Send them to editor@southstoke.org.uk.

Planning Rules Are Changing: What It Could Mean for South Stoke

Over the past year the rules that decide what gets built, and where, have been rewritten at national level. A new government framework came into force in August, and South Oxfordshire District Council's own Joint Local Plan is still being examined. Both have implications that make future development in the village harder to stop.

The new national rulebook

The August 2026 updates to the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) are now law. Fundamentally, the changes mean there will be more approvals. Some of the key changes:

A stronger presumption in favour of development. The old "tilted balance" has been replaced by a permanent presumption in favour of sustainable development.

Local policies carry less weight. Any local policy that is "materially inconsistent" with the new national decision-making policies should be given "very limited weight". Older local policies, including those we rely on to resist unwanted schemes, may count for less.

A new "medium development" category. This covers housing schemes of roughly 10 to 49 homes on sites up to 2.5 hectares. That is the scale that could matter for a village like ours.

Less scope for local add-ons. The framework sets national information requirements for applications and restricts additional local demands. Local plans are told not to require biodiversity gains beyond the statutory level.

In addition, a national scheme of delegation has been put in place which means more applications are decided by officers rather than councillors, fewer reaching a public committee.

One protection that has been kept

One bright spot is that the new framework also says development in protected landscapes should be limited in scale and extent, with careful regard to the harm it could do. We are part of the Chilterns National Landscape, and that gives us the same planning protections as a National Park. That doesn't stop development, but it is a strong point to raise when a proposal is out of scale.

The Joint Local Plan 2041

SODC is also writing a new plan with the Vale of White Horse. It was submitted for independent examination on 9 December 2024 and covers 2021 to 2041. The draft requirement for South Oxfordshire is for 17,050 additional homes over that period. There is pressure from Oxford City Council for that number to be higher. Central Government will decide what the final figure is. The draft also proposes raising the affordable housing share on medium and large sites from 40% to 50% in South Oxfordshire.

Five-year supply

Councils must show a five-year supply of land for housing. If they can't, applications are harder to refuse. In January 2025 South Oxfordshire reported 4.5 years' supply under its current plan. One way that local communities are preparing for the increase in demand for housing is by creating a Neighbourhood Plan.

Neighbourhood Plan?

There would be a lot of work needed in creating a South Stoke Parish Neighbourhood Plan but several local communities are creating one or having theirs renewed. The main benefit of a Neighbourhood Plan is that it gives the community a formal, legally recognised way to influence where development in South Stoke takes place, what it looks like, and what local needs it should meet. There is a financial benefit as well - giving the Parish 25% of the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) from any development, as opposed to the figure capped under 15% received currently. Please note a Neighbourhood Plan doesn't stop development, nothing seems likely to do that.

Creating a Neighbourhood Plan is a big undertaking for which the Parish Council has very limited available resources. We would seek the help of several volunteers, with skills needed across the board.

If you want any further clarification about these changes, or you have a point of view about the idea of a Neighbourhood Plan for South Stoke, then please get in touch:

clerk@southstoke.org.uk

Nick Mullen, Clerk to SSPC



Winter Container Workshop

3rd November 2026

10am-1pm £75

The Garden Design Studio Goring RG8 9AT



Click the link in our Bio to book tickets

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Or head to our events page on our website

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Wreath Making Workshop

24th November 2026

10am-1pm £85

The Garden Design Studio Goring RG8 9AT

Hosted by Yuki Clarke Flowers



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Update from the School Parents Association

WOW! What an epic firework display Illusion Fireworks gave us on Friday night! It was a spectacular display and this year's event was a fantastic evening. The fireworks display and DJ set were truly exceptional - our best yet! We are incredibly grateful to everyone who attended and helped make the night so special by coming to support the school. We hope you enjoyed the night as much as we did! I was also incredibly lucky to have some great volunteers join me this year which allowed the event to go ahead, as it is a real team effort so thank you to the other members of the school community – including Ms T and Ms Wadsworth who were scanning tickets on the gate.

The School Parents Association works hard to provide experiences and resources that school funding does not cover. Our annual Fireworks Night is our biggest fundraiser of the year, helping us support every child at this unique school.

Unfortunately, Storm Austen and the day's severe weather had a major impact on attendance and at one point I was doubtful that the fireworks experts weather app was true to its word (especially as I was stood there at one point clinging on to a marque). Although as if by magic the skies cleared in time for the event, but sadly weather forecasts continued to say the village had high winds and rain in South Stoke. As a result, only around a third of our expected visitors attended. Even some ticket holders understandably decided to stay at home, and we also lost vital income from sales of cakes, doughnuts, glow sticks, and other treats.

This shortfall will significantly affect our finances for the coming year and may force us to reconsider what we can provide for the children who attend the school. We have created a GoFundMe in the hope of preventing that from happening.

https://gofund.me/c67da8a97

Please donate whatever you can spare - perhaps the amount you would have spent at Fireworks Night if you decided not to come due to the abysmal weather we had during the day. Every contribution, no matter how small, will make a meaningful difference.

If you are unable to donate, sharing this page would also be a huge help.

From a financial perspective it did not achieve the goal we wanted, but the night was a positive one and the chaotic scenes in the lead up to the event was made worthwhile when seeing all the happy faces. A child who attends the school, was allowed to push the big red button to set off the fireworks and seeing his smile was a highlight of the night, so his smile alongside others is the reason I am declaring the night a success. The wonderful photographer that is Simon Booker has kindly allowed Geoff to share images he captured of the great display. (*see opposite*)

Thank you to Houseman Construction, Southern Plant Hire and Illusion fireworks who made the event possible! Thank you also to Goring Fire Station for sending a crew and a fire engine and it was amazing to have them at this community event. I would like to apologise to some of the people who kindly donated to the May Day raffle like Fit with Nic and the Perch & Pike, as we were going to advertise them on the night as gratitude for their support. However, due to the wind speed we were unable to use the electronic advertising board.

I do completely understand how divisive fireworks are, so I also recognise that the music and noise from the fireworks would have been disruptive to residents of the village who do not like fireworks – especially our four-legged friends. I just want to apologise for the inconvenience the event would have caused you on Friday and if you have any specific concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me on southstokeschoolpa@gmail.com. Fireworks can bring great joy, but can also cause great upset so very much like marmite, however I am always happy to discus anything and value constructive feedback to improve things where necessary.

Amy Snell

Winter Wildlife - How to Spot, Help, and Record Insects over Winter

When the weather turns cold, it might seem as though most wildlife has disappeared until spring. But if you take a closer look, you'll find that plenty of insects and other creepy crawlies are still around.

Ladybirds often spend the winter sheltering together in places such as conifers, old seed heads, and hollow plant stems, clustering together to stay warm. Various species can also be found on ivy, such as the 7-spot, 22-spot, and harlequin ladybird.

Bees have different ways of getting through the colder season. On milder days, you might spot buff-tailed bumblebees out and about, as this species is being seen flying more often during the winter months, and bumblebee queens may emerge from hibernation during these mild spells. Honeybee queens usually stay inside their hives for the winter, only venturing out on particularly sunny days, while solitary bees leave their nests when they are ready to mate. For any bee active in winter, finding nectar is vital, as there is a real risk of starvation if food is scarce.

One of the simplest ways to help winter pollinators and other insects is by growing plants that flower during the colder months. Single-flowered hellebores are particularly useful because their open blooms make pollen and nectar easy to reach. Crocuses are another good choice, especially when planted in a sunny position where the flowers can fully open. Snowdrops and aconites also provide valuable food, while ivy offers both shelter and a late nectar source.

You don't need to be a keen gardener to make a difference. Leaving fallen leaves where they land or creating small piles of twigs and leaves can provide important habitats for insects. And if you come across a queen bee that appears to be struggling, you can gently move her to nearby flowers or offer a 1:1 sugar and water solution.

To find out more, visit Wild Oxfordshire's website at https://www.wildoxfordshire.org.uk/guidance/helping-nature-on-your-patch for guidance on helping pollinators on your patch.

Go a step further and record what you see!

Everyone can play a part in submitting wildlife observations to local Environmental Records Centres. They then appear on the "official record" that is consulted by planning authorities and used by other parties to track changes in distribution and abundance. Thames Valley Environmental Records Centre (TVERC) are always looking for people to submit the wildlife they see to add to their database.

Sharing single sightings

To submit details about a single or one-off sighting: use TVERC's reporting form found on their website, or their recording app, iRecord.
You can also report one-off sightings via email: tverc@oxfordshire.gov.uk.

Multiple sightings

For multiple sightings, either use iRecord, another recording app and then email TVERC your results, or fill in their Excel template, found on their website.



7 spot ladybird in black knapweed seed head - Imogen Parker

Goring Community Jazz Review

Sarah-Jane Eveleigh

The vocalist Sarah-Jane Eveleigh, well known to Goring regulars, was the guest artiste on Friday 9th October, backed by Martin Pickett (keyboard), Howard King (bass) and her husband Andrew on drums. Slim and elegant in a black trouser-suit, Sarah-Jane sang American standards, interspersed with compositions of her own.



The first set included *You and the Night and the Music,* a minor-to-major melody, and *Day In, Day Out* with lyrics by Johnny Mercer and an unusual 56-bar theme. Sarah-Jane took it at a very fast tempo, but with great swing and crisp articulation. This was followed by an Eveleigh original, a gentle bossa-nova evoking the melancholy of autumn. It featured Martin Pickett on his patent melodica, a small wind instrument with a keyboard, which he played with one hand, accompanying himself on the piano with the other.

The Surry with the Fringe on Top, from *Oklahoma*, was sung to a cha-cha rhythm, à la Peggy Lee. Then, at the end of the set, a previously unannounced guest was introduced: a young alto sax player from Germany, named Luc Riedllinger..He seemed rather nervous, but gained confidence in the second set, which included Richard Rogers' jaunty *This Can't be Love*, and Hoagy Carmichael's beautiful *Skylark*, sung as a slow samba, Good solos from piano and alto sax combined with an infectious beat made this one of the highlights of the evening. Sara-Jane's voice is strong and can range from brassy to softly caressing, as in Duke Ellington's *Sophisticated Lady*, where she gave full value to the sinuous melody. with its complex modulations in the middle eight. As the composer Alec Wilder wrote: it is "a piece of linear wizardry and is enormously difficult to sing.."

The fast-paced *It's All Right With Me* proved too much of a challenge for Luc Riedlinger, but Sara-Jane managed it with ease, holding the final note for a full eight bars. The session ended with another Eveleigh composition: *I've Got a Life to Lead* - a brisk, uplifting send-off.

Gus McGill

Next event is Music of John Scofield & Joe Lovano on Friday 13th November 2026 7:30PM

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St Andrew's Church Services

All are welcome to St Andrew's. The church is open every day, 9am till 5pm. A place to draw breath and touch base with all that is bigger than us and all that has gone before us and all that will come after… and to find generous love and hope in it all.

We welcome everyone to our services. Coffee and biscuits are served afterwards.

1st Nov, Sunday, 11.15am Family service

8th Nov, Sunday, 10.50am Remembrance service *

15th Nov, Sunday, 11.15am BCP Holy Communion service

22nd Nov, Sunday, 11.15am Good News service

25th Nov, Wednesday, 10.30am Coffee morning in St Andrew's

29th Nov, Sunday, 11.15am Holy Communion service

6th Dec Sunday, 11.15am Christingle 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

E-mails can be sent to: vicarofgsandss@yahoo.com

Season of Remembrance: * We look forward to being able to come together to honour those who have given so much to us – those who served so generously in the armed, and other services.

Diary

Monday 2nd **Historical Society** 19:30 Village Hall

Thursday 5th **Halloween waste collection**

Monday 9th **WI Meeting** Village Hall

Thursday 12th **Extra Garden Waste collection**

Friday 13th **Goring Jazz** 19:30 Goring Village Hall

Tuesday 17th **South Oxfordshire Christmas Fair** 09:30 The Oxfordshire Golf Club, Thame

Friday 20th **400 Club draw,** 20:00 Perch & Pike

Saturday 21st **Cholsey Repair Café** 10-12:45 Cholsey Pavilion

Sunday 6th December **Christmas Fair** Wallingford Market Place 10 - 17:00

Sunday 6th December **Santa Dash** 11:30 Market Place Wallingford



The Next Issue

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

Deadline for the December issue is Friday 20th November.

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