

51ST SOUTH STOKE & MIDFORD SHOW



South Stoke Village Hall
Saturday 13th September 2025

Show president: Robert Hellard
Represented this year by Juliet Davis

2:30pm: Show opens

3:45pm: Award of cups

4:00pm: Auction of produce

Admission - £2.00 (including tea and cake)
children 12 and under - free

This year sees the 51st annual South Stoke and Midford Produce Show. This early-autumn highlight, where villagers and their families can get together, has taken place each year since it was founded in the seventies by Joan Carey-Jones. There is plenty to enjoy about this traditional show, whether you choose to compete or just come along to enjoy viewing the many exhibits. If you haven't been before this is a prime opportunity for you to take part - there are 56 different ways to show off your skills.

There are classes for flowers, fruit, vegetables, cookery, photography and handicrafts with special classes just for the under twelves. There are fourteen cups to be won, including the Silver Jubilee Cup for the family with the highest points, so there is something for everyone to share and enjoy!

As ever the photography competition has themes, which are the same for both the adult and children's categories. They are as follows:

- Portrait
- Landscape
- Nature

This is the second year of the Creative Writing category for adults. We are all looking forward to seeing plenty of your ideas!

There is a class for everyone! Adults may enter classes 1 to 46. **Over previous years so many of the adult winners have kindly donated their prize money to the village hall, this year we will no longer be offering cash prizes for adults, instead the focus is on the glory of winning and the hope of going home with a silver cup!**

Entries cost £1 each per class, and all proceeds will go to South Stoke Village Hall.

The Junior section is for children aged 12 or under, classes 47 to 56. Entries in any of these classes is 50p, so why not just have a go? The prizes for children are £1.00 for first place and 50p for second place, which can be collected at the show.

To exhibit at the show, please fill out the included entry form for each individual entrant and return, with the appropriate entry fee enclosed, to The Packhorse Inn, where there will be a post-box, no later than 9pm on Thursday 11th September.

In a change from previous years, the village hall will be open on Friday evening between 5pm and 7pm to stage your exhibits, as well the usual morning of the show between 9:00am and 11:00am. A member of the Produce Show team will be there to assist you at both of these times.

If you would simply like to browse the exhibition and meet your neighbours over tea and cake, the doors will re-open to visitors at 2:30pm (entry £2 for adults, free for 12 and under, refreshments included).

Cups will be presented at 3:45pm, swiftly followed by an auction of selected exhibits. All are welcome!

Need more forms? Available from the bar of The Packhorse.

Cups

Cup	Category
Cobb Cup	best entry in Rose classes
Pencroft Cup	best entry in Flower classes
Jones Cup	best entry in Flower Arrangement classes
Ford Cup	best entry in Fruit classes
Newman Cup	best entry in Vegetable classes
Shepherd Cup	best entry in Photographic classes
Edwards Cup	best entry in 2D art classes
Hannan Cup	best entry in Handicraft classes (3D art/craft, papercraft and needlecraft)
Noel Newman Plate	best entry in Victoria sandwich class
Monica Mann Cup	awarded for children's creative writing
Cowley Cup	highest total points in Junior classes
Hignett Cup	highest total points in Domestic classes
Fred Daw Shield	highest total points in Flower, Fruit and Vegetable classes
Silver Jubilee Cup	the family gaining the highest total points in all classes

Last year's cups must be returned cleaned and polished, by 6pm on Sunday 31st August 2025 to Sue and Phill at The Old School House (located at the end of Ivy Cottages, on Old School Hill).

Show Rules

1. The entry fee is £1 per class, junior classes (12 or under) are 50p.
2. Entry forms must be delivered to The Packhorse Inn not later than 9pm on the Thursday before the show (11th September 2025).
3. Late entries may be refused for space reasons (although refusals are rare).
4. Everyone with a strong connection to South Stoke and Midford may enter the Show, specifically: residents (or ex-residents) of South Stoke and Midford villages and their close relatives who either live locally or who are visiting on the day of the Show; Bath residents who worship at the Church of St James, South Stoke; those who work in the village; those who take part in South Stoke social activities; regulars of the Packhorse Inn.
5. All exhibits must have been the property of the exhibitor for at least two months prior to the Show except for flower arrangements, cakes, jams and pickles.
6. **No exhibitor may make more than one entry in any class.**
7. Exhibits must be staged between either 5pm and 7pm on the Friday evening before the show or 9.00am and 11.00am on the day of the Show.
8. All exhibitors must leave the hall by 11.00am on the day of the show to allow judging to commence.
9. Exhibitors and the general public will be admitted after judging at 2.30pm. Cups will be presented at 3.45pm. Auction of produce at 4.00pm.
10. Exhibitors should not remove their exhibits until after the presentation of cups.

11. The organisers will be grateful for exhibits to be left to be auctioned. Stickers indicating exhibits not for sale will be available at the hall.
12. Children's Prize money can be collected at any time after 2.30pm.
13. All exhibitors must provide their own vases, bowls, plates or other receptacles.
14. The organisers will not be responsible for any loss or damage that may occur to exhibits, but every reasonable care will be taken.
15. Exhibitors must not move other exhibits. The Stewards must be informed if there is insufficient space for staging. The Stewards reserve the right to make space adjustments to resolve overcrowding.
16. For classes with six or more entries, the judge may allocate an additional Highly Commended award if quality justifies.
17. Where there are three or less entries in any class, the judge may withhold either or both prize awards if the quality of exhibits is inadequate.
18. In respect of the cups for best entries, the judges will be asked to nominate the best entries in each of the relevant sections.
19. In calculating the award of the Fred Daw Shield and Silver Jubilee, Hignett, and Cowley Cups: a First Prize shall count 5 points, a Second Prize 3 points, and a Highly Commended award 1 point.
20. The Fred Daw Shield and the Silver Jubilee Cup cannot be awarded to the same entrant; therefore, these cups will be awarded to the entrants with the highest and second highest number of points.
21. No cheating!
22. The judges' decisions will be final.

Competition Classes

Flower section

1. Single rose, specimen, one bloom.
2. Spray of roses, one stem, any variety.
3. Bowl of roses, not more than 12 stems, own foliage, any variety or varieties.
4. Annuals or perennials, 3 stems of the same variety.
5. Vase of garden flowers (largest variety).
6. Fuchsias, 3 stems, one variety.

Flower Arrangement section

7. Arrangement of garden herbs.
8. A gentleman's buttonhole.
9. Flower arrangement, any container, less than 24" in any direction.
10. Miniature flower arrangement, any container, less than 5" in any direction.

Fruit section

11. Cooking apples, 5 in number.
12. Dessert apples, 5 in number.
13. Pears, 5 in number.
14. Dish of plums, damsons or figs.
15. Dish of edible berries.

Vegetable section

16. Tomatoes, 5 in number.
17. Cherry tomatoes, 7 in number.
18. Potatoes, 6 in number.
19. Onions or garlic, 3 in number.
20. French or runner beans, 6 in number.
21. Cucumber, 1 in number.
22. Beetroot, 3 in number, trim to 3" approx.
23. Carrots, 3 in number, trim to 3" approx.
24. Courgettes, 2 in number, less than 8" long.
25. Longest runner bean.
26. Gourds or squash.
27. Curiosity vegetable.

Domestic section

28. Decorated cake.
29. Victoria sandwich, 6oz butter or margarine, 6oz castor sugar, 3 eggs, 6oz self-raising flour, cook in two 7" sandwich cake tins, joined with raspberry jam, **undecorated.**
30. A "free-from" bake - no dairy and/or gluten (please label!)
31. Six plain scones.
32. Bread, 1lb loaf (using 1lb flour), any variety.
33. Six pieces of flapjack.
34. Fermented food (excluding bread).
35. Jam or jelly, one pot any variety.
36. Chutney or relish, one pot, any variety.
37. Marmalade, one pot, any variety.
38. Home-made beer, cider, wine or spirits, bottled.

Art and Craft section

- 39. Photograph "Portrait".
- 40. Photograph "Landscape".
- 41. Photograph "Nature".
- 42. 2D art, not bigger than A2, unframed.
- 43. 3D art and craft, table space allowed 40cm x 40cm.
- 44. Papercraft, e.g. quilling, origami, collage, decoupage.
- 45. Needlecraft, e.g. embroidery, knitting, crochet, sewing.
- 46. Creative writing, e.g. poetry, haiku, limerick, prose with a max 200 words.

Junior section (for entrants 12 years or under)

- 47. Design a bee friendly garden. (Illustration or model accepted)
- 48. Junior bake-off – decorated home-made cake or biscuits.
- 49. Painting or drawing.
- 50. Handicraft (not a kit), table space allowed 40cm x 40cm.
- 51. Flower arrangement, in a jam jar.
- 52. Vegetable creation – a model made from vegetables!
- 53. Photograph unmounted - "Portrait", "Landscape" or "Nature" not larger than A5 size, taken without help.
- 54. Standard 2" matchbox or mini raisin (14g) box with greatest number of different articles (Provide list with exhibit).
- 55. Colouring – use the picture provided in this programme.
- 56. Creative writing, e.g. poetry, haiku, limerick, prose with a maximum of 200 words. Entries may be written by hand or on a computer. They may also be illustrated.

51st South Stoke and Midford Annual Show – Entry Form

Just fill in your name, circle the classes you want to enter and calculate the entry fee

Name.....

Age (if under 12)

Address.....

Telephone.....

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Total Entry Fee

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