

Membership Application

Membership fee is only **£8.00** per annum. This entitles you to attendance at all Society events.

Non-members are welcome to attend an event for a fee of **£2.00** unless otherwise stated.

Please make your cheque payable to: "The Stoke Poges Society" and complete the form overleaf and return to:

Jane Wall
TSPS Membership Secretary
143 Vine Road
Stoke Poges
Slough
SL2 4DH

PTO

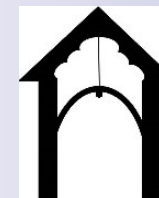
PROGRAMME OF EVENTS 2020 (CONT.)

* Saturday 18 July 16:00	Windsor & Eton Brewery Tour Self Drive	Discover how beer is made - one of Britain's oldest traditions
Saturday 25 July 12:30	Stoke Poges, Wexham & Fulmer Horticultural Society	Visit our stand at the 127th Annual Show in the grounds of the Stoke Poges School, Rogers Lane
Tuesday 18 August 14:00– 16:00	Prop House Café, Pinewood Nurseries SL3 6NB	Trip Down Memory Lane Tell your story of village memories Open to all
* Tuesday 8 September 13:30	Members Only Stoke Park Visit	Private Tour of this sumptuous Hotel followed by refreshments
* Thursday 15 October 19:00	The Annual Stoke Poges Society Dinner	Stoke Park Dinner Our Guest of Honour is The Countess Howe SSStJ DL 3 course dinner with a glass of wine followed by tea/coffee
Tuesday 24 November 19:30	St Andrews Youth Hall	Talk on Fulmer Research Institute with Mike Dewey
*Wednesday 9 December 19:30	Our Christmas Event St Andrews Youth Hall	Music & Song featuring Jennifer Harper-Jones Plus refreshments Non-Members £5

** Booking Essential!*

Contact Maggie T: 07478 309 044

Or E-mail: tspsevents@outlook.com



Valuing our past... for the future

The Stoke Poges Society

The aim of the Society is the preservation and study of all matters relating to the history and development of Stoke Poges; to collate and preserve archive material and artefacts, and to make it available for members and other interested parties.

[www.bucksinfo.net/
stoke-poges-society](http://www.bucksinfo.net/stoke-poges-society)

Chairman, Harvey Whittam

Email: harveywhittam@btinternet.com

Tel: 01753 642873

President Emeritus, Roger Askew

The Stoke Poges Society was formed in 2009 with the aim of preserving our ancient village's history and heritage and to foster interest in our locality.

See our varied programme for 2020 including talks, visits and members' evenings.

The Society is most keen to encourage members to research their own family, or road, or any other aspect of the Village that interests them, and share their findings with other members of the Society. It will make available archive material to members and people around the world searching for village family connections.

Sefton Park

In the 18th Century this was known as Stoke Farm and was purchased by the 2nd Earl of Sefton as his country seat. On his father's death, his eldest son returned to the family seat at Croxeth Hall in Liverpool, leaving the other members of the family at Sefton Park. The census of 1851 shows three of his daughters living in the house with a household of 31 servants.

In 1905 the 4th Lord Decies lived here followed by his brother the 5th Baron who completely rebuilt the South Wing. Diamond merchant Sir Bernard Oppenheimer became the estate's new owner in 1917, and after his death it was sold in 1922 to Sir Walter de Freece, husband of the former music hall star, Vesta Tilley. She lived there until 1928. During the Second World War the house was requisitioned by the War Office and occupied by officers on training courses.

In 1948 the estate was sold at public auction to Glaxo who bought the house and 28 acres of the grounds. Glaxo developed antibiotics, Vitamin B12 and enzymes here. It was also the production centre for about 80% of the vaccines used during the height of the Polio Vaccination campaign of the 1950's and 60's.

GEC occupied the property from 1982 until 1989 when there was an extensive redevelopment of the site and Hitachi Data Systems took up residence in 1992. The grade two listed building is currently occupied by InPhase, with Hitachi Vantara, Siemens Financial Services, Urenco Enrichment Company, and Servier Laboratories also occupying the site.

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS 2020

Tuesday 11 February 19:30	Members' Evening St Andrews Youth Hall	Talk on "Burnham Beeches and Stoke Common" by Dr Helen Read with wine and nibbles
* Sunday 22 March 14:30 – 17:00	Eton Self Drive	Eton College Natural History and Museum of Eton Life Free entry
Saturday 25 April 14:00 -16:00	Costa Coffee Stoke Poges	Trip down Memory Lane Tell your story of village memories Open to all
Tuesday 12 May 19:30	St Andrews Youth Hall	Talk on Baylis House by Elias Kupfermann
* Sunday 24 May 11:00	Eton Wick SL4 6QY	History on Wheels Museum A fascinating collection of vehicles. Cafe
* Thursday 4 June 14:00	Baylis House and Park Tour Self Drive	Join Elias Kupfermann for a tour of Baylis House and Park
Tuesday 23 June 19:30	Our AGM St Andrews Youth Hall	A talk featuring local historical interest followed by our AGM

** Booking Essential!*

Contact Maggie T: 07478 309 044

Or E-mail: tspsevents@outlook.com

Non-Members £2 extra unless otherwise stated.

Membership Application

I wish to join The Stoke Poges Society:

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

POST CODE _____

EMAIL _____

HOME PHONE _____

MOBILE _____

AMOUNT PAID £ _____

I consent to The Stoke Poges Society storing my personal information

SIGNED _____

DATE _____

Please note that those taking part in our events do so at their own risk.

Any information we hold will not be passed on to third parties. PTO