

Programme of Events 2025

Tuesday 11 February 11:00–13:00	The Fox & Pheasant pub, Gerrards Cross Road	Trip Down Memory Lane Sharing stories and pictures of years gone by
Monday 10 March 19:30	Main Hall, St Andrews Church Centre, Rogers Lane	Talk: “Frogmore House, Windsor’ by Joshua Lovell
Monday 28 April 19:30	Main Hall, St Andrews Church Centre, Rogers Lane	Talk: “This is England. Where did it come from ?” by Rev. Nicholas Henderson
Tuesday 13 May 10:30	Wycombe ‘Furniture’ Museum, Priory Avenue, High Wycombe, HP13 6PX	Tour of the museum. Discover the history of High Wycombe and furniture making in and around the surrounding area. Free admission. Self drive
Wednesday 18 June * Depart from Village Centre 9:30am Return from Museum at 3.00pm	Coach trip to Bentley Priory Museum, Mansion House Drive, Stanmore, HA7 3FB	Guided tour of house former HQ of Fighter Command in WWII. Discover how the ‘Battle of Britain’ was won & the part played by Sir Watson-Watts who had worked on radar at Ditton Park. Great views of London. On site cafe
Saturday 26 July 12:30 - 17:30	Grounds of Stoke Poges School, Rogers Lane	Visit our stand at the Annual Show of the Stoke Poges, Wexham & Fulmer Horticultural Society

Programme of Events 2025 (Cont.)

Monday 18 August 19:30	Main Hall, St Andrews Church Centre, Rogers Lane	A.G.M. followed by a talk: “The Rise & Fall of Sir John de Molyns of Stoke Poges by Harvey Whittam
Sunday 14 September 13:00 - 16:00	Stoke Poges Memorial Gardens, St Giles’ Church, Gray’s Monument, Church Lane	Heritage Open Day Supported by Bucks Council, National Trust & Stoke Poges Church
Monday 15 September 19:30	Main Hall, St Andrews Church Centre, Rogers Lane	Talk: “Historical Crimes in Berks. & Bucks” by John Oblein, Curator of Thames Valley Police museum
Saturday 18 October * 12:00 for 12:30	The Society’s Luncheon	Details to follow once confirmed
Monday 15 December 19:30	Main Hall, St Andrews Church Centre, Rogers Lane	Christmas social gathering, refreshments, plus entertainment by comedian & TV presenter, Johnny Ball

The Management Committee have an interesting list of events already being planned for 2026!

*** Booking Essential**
Contact Maggie T: 07478 309 044
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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.

Visit our website for more information

[www.e-voice.org.uk/
stoke-poges-society](http://www.e-voice.org.uk/stoke-poges-society)



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.

Membership Application

Membership fee is only £12.00 per annum. Payment may be made by cash, cheque or e- bank transfer.

Non-members are welcome to attend an event for a fee, as determined for each event. Please see publicity or contact us for further details.

Please make your cheque payable to "The Stoke Poges Society" or pay by BACS:
Sort code: 01-08-15
Account No. 53984293

Complete the application form on this leaflet and return to

Rich Huckle

Hon. Membership Secretary

Deveraux, Bells Hill,

Stoke Poges, SL2 4EG

Email: stoke_poges_society@yahoo.co.uk

Sub's payable in August or on 1st September annually

Membership Year commences on 1st September

Chairman, Harvey Whittam

Email: harveywhittam@btinternet.com

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Honorary President, Roger Askew

Founded in 2009 the aim of The Stoke Poges Society has been from the outset to preserve our ancient village's history and heritage and to foster interest in our locality.

Our varied programme for 2025 includes talks, visits and members' social events.

The Society is 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.

We make available archive material to members and people around the world. In recent years much of our archive has been digitized so is easier to share.

The 14th century Robber Baron

Husband and wife, Robert de Poges and Amecia de Stoke, made the name for the Parish of Stoke Poges.

In 1325, their granddaughter, Egidia married Sir John de Molyns. Sir John was ruthless and unscrupulous acquiring much wealth and Manors. He is considered a Robber Baron.

Suspicion surrounds the murder of Robert de Poges' son, Peter and grandson, John. The implication was that Sir John was involved. The murders enabled him to inherit the Manor of Stoke Poges, through marriage. He obtained high rank during the reign of Edward III .

Sir John obtained a Royal Licence to fortify the Manor buildings in Stoke Poges and Ditton. He gained Royal permission to enclose land to form an estate, part of which today forms the Stoke Park estate.

Then he obtained a Charter from the King to hold fairs in Stoke Poges including on St. Giles' day (1st September). He re-founded St Giles' church and rebuilt the nave.

It's recorded in 1342 that Sir John had held 138 acres of cultivated arable, 22 oxen and 150 sheep in Stoke Poges, which by then had been seized by the King, during Sir John time as an outlaw.