

# Stoke Poges News





# From the Editor

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## In this edition:

The weather didn't feel very spring-like when I put this edition of the magazine together in late January! By the time you read this there should be snowdrops and daffodils on the way. This edition of *Stoke Poges News* has eight more pages than the last one – evidence that village clubs and societies are getting back into gear after the disruption caused by Covid-19.

This edition will be my last as editor. I have been editor since the summer edition of 2010, producing 52 editions and a lot has changed in that time. Each edition keeps me busy for a couple of weeks and I don't have eight weeks free in the year, with all the other demands on my time, so I advised the Parish Council that this will be my last edition. I will still write my Parish Chairman's letter (if I'm re-elected for next year) and my regular updates on Buckinghamshire Council. I would like to thank all of our contributors and advertisers for their contribution to the success of the magazine.

*Ralph Bagge*

*Editor*

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## Social Club

Stoke Poges Social Club is located in the Village Centre and has been open for 25 years. It has a fully licensed bar and is a members club offering a safe, relaxed environment to meet with fellow villagers for a friendly catch up and a drink. We welcome villagers from all walks of life, including families, children, well-behaved dogs, clubs and societies.

Membership is £10 per year for over-18s and free for under-18s. Membership is payable every January. Charging a membership fee is how we can keep our drink prices lower than anywhere else in the village and a condition of our licence.

We have an active volunteer committee organising many events that appeal to a broad audience, and suggestions are always welcomed.

We have social events organised for the first half of this year.

On 28 February, Annual General Meeting at 7.30 pm; come and meet the committee and have a drink.

On 4 March at 7.30 pm, The Big Quiz Fundraiser for Bucks Vision.

Please check the notice board and social media for more information.

All events receive very generous raffle prizes and amazing community support; please come along and support the club and its causes. For quizzers, we have a regular Wednesday

evening quiz at 8 pm. We have two darts teams that play on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and the local football team enjoy a pint after their weekend games. We have a cosy corner with a sofa and coffee table. Some of our clubs and organisations use this area for informal meetings. We also have a book swap and a selection of board games.

Apart from a well-stocked bar, beer, lager and Guinness on tap, we also have a pool table and darts board. Whether you are looking for a quiet drink, a game of pool or darts or somewhere to bring the kids or grandkids on a rainy Sunday, we're always happy to welcome you. If you would like to find out more or use the club for your clubs or committees to meet, please contact: [spvcmembership@gmail.com](mailto:spvcmembership@gmail.com) or pop in for a chat.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank our members and supporters for their loyalty during this past year. The club is a not-for-profit organisation; any profits go back to the Village Centre (which is a charity), towards the running and upkeep of the building. Opening times: Monday - Friday 7 pm to 11 pm, Saturday 2.30 pm to 11 pm and Sunday 12 pm to 10.30 pm. Stoke Poges Village Hall  
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# News from The Stoke Poges School

As we start a new year, we are delighted to share our news and some of the exciting activities the children have been enjoying.

In December, for the first time in three years, we welcomed KS1 parents into school to enjoy their Christmas production, *Bethlehem Bake-Off*. The children wowed us with their singing,



dancing, and acting, as they performed for their families and children from local nurseries. In Reception, the children enacted a special

edition of the poem *The Night Before Christmas*, before inviting their parents to join them at the Reception Christmas market. And, during their annual Carol Concert, UKS2 told the story of Christmas and delighted the congregation with their singing and instrument playing. We would like to thank Reverend Natasha for, once again, allowing us



to host the evening in the beautiful and historic St Giles' Church.

As in previous years, we were overwhelmed by the response to our Christmas hamper appeal. Using the very generous donations made by our school families, our Year 6 students prepared and delivered festive hampers to twenty very grateful local senior citizens. The children were very proud to represent our school and meet members of the Stoke Poges community.

Our school dog, Fred, has settled in well and has been getting to know the pupils and staff. Extensive research has shown that pet therapy is widely accepted as benefitting children's well-being and communication skills. Fred has



already become a much-loved and valued member of the school team.

We are excited to tell you that our new STEAM Cabin (Science, Tech, English, Art, Maths) was officially opened during a ceremony on Wednesday 1 February. Through successful



fundraising, grants and generous donations from local businesses, we have created a facility that will improve STEAM learning and inspire pupils to succeed in these important subjects.

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to Urenco Limited, Stoke Park, Garfield Weston Foundation, Stoke Poges Parish Council, Tesco Community Grant, Buckinghamshire Lottery, Mobbs

Memorial Trust Limited, our Parent Teacher Association, staff, pupils and families for their generous donations towards the completion of this facility.

The final stage of the project is to secure funding for landscaping around the cabin, which will link the site to the main school building and extend our all-weather surface to provide a play area for use all year round.

## Vicar's letter #15

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For light in dark times  
Loving God, when times are hard  
and it feels like everything around us  
is falling into darkness and chaos,  
gently lift our faces back towards the light of  
Jesus Christ.

Let your Holy Spirit shine  
into every part of us that needs healing.  
Guide our hearts that we may see your  
dazzling beauty and  
love overflowing into every forgotten corner  
of the world.

Remind us that when we are in the shadows,  
you are with us,  
holding our hands and promising to never let  
us go.

Assure us that even when we feel forgotten,  
unheard or overlooked, that we are never  
too hidden away  
for your light to find us and lead us home.

Help us to know that whenever we feel  
overwhelmed,  
or struggle to emerge from the depths of  
grief and pain,  
you are the light of the world, who reaches  
us always.

Loving God, may your presence among us  
be an eternal flame,  
a flame that dwells deep within us and warms  
our souls,  
that strengthens us with your love, and lights  
our path  
with the assurance of the everlasting hope  
and comfort  
we are given in our Saviour, Jesus Christ.  
Amen

Prayer written by Revd Cara Smart, curate at  
St Paul's, Wokingham; featured in *Pathways  
Magazine*, Oxford Diocese, Winter 2022.

You might be thinking that beginning a letter  
with a prayer is an unusual thing, but really it  
isn't. Quite a few of Paul's letters in the *New  
Testament* begin with a prayer of hope or  
thanksgiving. They set the tone for what is to  
come, preparing the reader to approach  
what is written from a spiritual perspective  
which connects the head and the heart so  
that what is then written below speaks more  
deeply to the readers own experiences and  
reality. And so, I share with you this prayer,  
written for us by Cara, a priest from  
Wokingham, which captures the hope and  
comfort many desire in dark times.

Between rising energy prices, a fall in real-  
term income, continued concern over health  
issues and the impact of global crises which  
seems to filter down to us, it is easy to see  
darkness growing and hope receding. Yet, as  
a Christian, I know that it only takes the  
smallest amount of light to make darkness  
flee. Hope and comfort come in many  
different ways, and it has been a privilege to  
witness the many selfless ways you all come  
together and support each other in times of  
need. But it is also good to celebrate and  
shout out our praises to the many  
organisations that go above and beyond to  
make our lives better.

So I am dedicating this letter to hope, rays of  
hope, that can make a huge difference in the  
lives of many in our village.

Here are just three of them; I'm sure you can  
think of many more:

Like 'The Friday Club' - a monthly club run by  
many amazing volunteers from across the  
village, done in conjunction with St  
Andrew's, which sees over 50 senior villagers  
each time. Bringing laughter, joy, good food  
and activities to those who find getting out  
and about as they used to harder these days.



The Good Neighbour Scheme - who are a constant source of practical help to those who need a lift, help picking up a prescription or filling out a form. The many volunteers who make this scheme happen are a lifeline to those stuck in their homes. They make a dull day just that little bit brighter.

And finally, the Stoke Poges Hastings Charity and the Stoke Poges United Charity\*. There is nothing more draining both mentally and financially than when we need a little bit of help in tough times. These two charities give out grants for villagers, for example, who have found this winter's energy bills too much or need help buying clothes for their children or much-needed furniture, but can't because money is tight. Their compassion and discretion are assured so that those who seek help know it won't be gossiped about or broadcast.

So, when times are hard and your life grows dim, pray and know that you are not alone. There are so many wonderful people all around you, wanting to bring you hope, are inspired by it, in fact and long to share their time, talent and enthusiasm to bring this community comfort and hope.

God bless

Revd Natasha

\* if you would like to see if the Hastings or SPUC can help look for their advert on p.29.



# Horticultural Society

The society held its annual general meeting (AGM) on 12 November at St Andrew's Centre. In addition to the business meeting Tom Webb presented a fascinating talk, 'Bird song in the Garden', with a series of photographs of birds we might see in our gardens, together with a recording of their songs.

A delicious afternoon tea was also enjoyed.

During the AGM, members approved proposed amendments to the society's constitution, thus bringing the 1981 version up to date. Two long-standing committee members, John Cox and Chris Southam retired. In addition, Naomi Arnold retired as secretary and Ruth Rooley as chairman.

Maureen Barton was unanimously elected chairman. Everyone wished her every success and welcomed the newly elected committee members. Ruth Rooley was honoured to be elected as president. Jon Homan continues as president emeritus.



## Sunflowers

The society is continuing with sharing sunflower seeds to be sown in the three villages, Stoke Poges, Wexham and Fulmer. These vibrant flowers bring a flash of colour that brighten our neighbourhoods and lift our spirits.

If you would like some free sunflower seeds, please email [maureen.barto@live.co.uk](mailto:maureen.barto@live.co.uk)



## Future Events

Wednesday 8 March at 8 pm at The Stoke Poges School

Members' spring social evening with table show and finger buffet. Hannah Hall, the first recipient of the society's bursary, who is studying for her PhD at Reading University, will be talking about her studies and the research she is undertaking. Please come and support her. Why not come along and find out a bit more about the society? Non-members will be sure of a warm welcome but will be asked to make a donation towards the cost of the buffet.

Saturday 22 April - annual plant sale 10 am to noon at the Village Centre

Each year this sale provides a wonderful opportunity to buy reasonably priced good quality plants, including bedding plants,

vegetable plants such as tomatoes, herbs and many more. Home-made cakes and biscuits will be on sale, and you can have tea or coffee with friends.

We will have a membership stand offering gardening advice and free packs of seeds to all.

Wednesday 10 May at 8 pm at The Stoke Poges School – lecture evening.

Annual show - Saturday 29 July 12.30 – 5.30 pm

in the grounds of The Stoke Poges School. Please put the date in your diary; this is an event not to be missed!

Further details website [www.hortsoc.org](http://www.hortsoc.org) or Facebook

## International food festival returns

Last year saw a new event in the village, and one that filled the hearts, and stomachs of the whole community! Volunteers from the Stoke Poges School Parent Teacher Association (PTA) organised an International Food Festival to bring together the community through a love of food, and it didn't disappoint. More than 2,500 visitors



turned up on the day to sample delicacies from Argentina to Italy, Spain to India, and everywhere in between! Organised with the intention of welcoming villagers onto school grounds again after Covid-19, the day was such a resounding success that plans are already underway for another this summer.

The second International Food Festival will take place on Saturday 8 July, from 12 – 4pm at The Stoke Poges School. All are welcome, and again there will be entertainment throughout

the day, from local singers and musicians, to the fabulous Stoke Poges School choir.

Please do keep an eye on the PTA's Facebook page for updates nearer the time <https://www.facebook.com/friendsfstokepogesschool>), and if you are interested in taking part in the event you can email [spfoodfest@outlook.com](mailto:spfoodfest@outlook.com). Stalls confirmed already include wood-fired pizzas, artisan burgers, vegan and vegetarian delights, curry, tapas, and much more. Designed as fun for all the family, we hope this year's event will prove even more of a success. The event is a not-for-profit project, but any funds raised will be donated towards providing vital resources for local students that government funding simply doesn't cover - from books to information technology equipment, money will be channeled where local children will benefit most.



# Stoke Poges Players



2023 marks the 60th anniversary of Stoke Poges Players amateur dramatic group, formed in 1963. The group started with Meet the Players evenings of one-act plays and short sketches, which over the years progressed to full play performances, pantomimes, Music Hall evenings, and even competing in the local Chalfont Drama Festival.

If you're interested in joining the Stoke Poges Players, please reach out via email [stoke.poges.players@gmail.com](mailto:stoke.poges.players@gmail.com) or find us on social media (Facebook and Instagram). Follow us for updates on future performances.

After a successful return to the stage this year with Tom Whalley's *Beauty and the Beast*, the Pantomime, the players look forward to continuing to entertain our local community with our May play. January starts with us back in the village hall on Mondays, reading potential scripts. We are always open to new members, whether this is on stage or backstage. Roles vary from leading characters, chorus, stage management, costume and prop design, construction, musical support and many more.

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## Fly-tipper floored after being caught in the act by passer-by



A man who dumped a roll of carpet in a quiet country lane in Taplow has been prosecuted in court thanks to the eagle eyes of a member of the public who witnessed the incident and reported it to Buckinghamshire Council.

On Wednesday 18 January, Tajinder Shama of Summer Lea in Slough, pleaded guilty to illegally dumping a carpet in Huntswood Lane in Taplow on Sunday 3 July 2022.

The court heard that a member of the public who was on an afternoon walk saw a van reversing into a driveway in Huntswood Lane. The witness saw a number of men struggling at the back of the van and so took note of the registration number. On returning to the spot a short while later the witness saw that a large roll of carpet had been dumped there.

The member of the public reported the fly-tipping to the council, and the fly-tipping

enforcement team started an investigation. The van was registered to Mr Shama who was interviewed. He admitted that he had taken some friends to the location, and they had dumped the carpet from the van, although he denied actually dumping the waste himself.

Magistrates fined Mr Shama £461 with a £184 victim surcharge. He was also ordered to pay costs of £1,126.74, making a total to pay of £1,771.74.

Gareth Williams, Buckinghamshire Council's Cabinet Member for Climate Change and Environment said: 'This case shows that Buckinghamshire Council takes all reports of fly-tipping seriously and with the help of eagle-eyed members of the public, like the gentleman in this case, we will seek to prosecute offenders. You can't pull the rug from under us when it comes to fly-tipping in Bucks!'

## School traffic update

In the last few editions, we have reported on a collaborative project with The Stoke Poges School, Thames Valley Police and the Parish Council, looking for ways to help ease school parking issues. Wherever we live, if we have a school in our locality, we know this causes problems with traffic, congestion and bad behaviour. The project had some positive outcomes: child safety improved, education of parents and children improved, traffic flow improved, drivers seemed to behave when marshals attended, drivers slowed down.

Some negative outcomes were: threatening behaviour, rudeness, bad language, racial abuse and marshals being followed. This has, in turn, lead to fear and sleepless nights for our volunteers. With this in mind, the

volunteers no longer want to put themselves in this position therefore, the project has come to an end. The Parish Council would like to thank the volunteers for giving this project a chance and for their time and commitment.

It was necessary for some instances to be dealt with by the police, mainly because offenders are repeatedly behaving unlawfully. We would like to encourage those of you who can, to walk to school or park safely on surrounding roads enabling children to cross the road outside school safely. The Parish Council is also working with Transport for Bucks to look at what other calming measures can be considered. A map has also been produced showing parents where they can park within a one to four-minute walk of school. We would ask that villagers support us by avoiding Rogers Lane at hot spot times.

## Online safety tips – romance fraud

Romance fraud is when you think you've met the perfect partner online, through a dating website or app, but the person is using a fake profile to gain your trust and form a relationship with you. Their only goal is to get your money, and/or personal information.

To protect yourself from becoming a victim of romance fraud, Crimestoppers have put together several signs to look out for:

- You've struck up a relationship with someone online and they declare their love for you quickly. Many fraudsters claim to be overseas because they work in the military or medical profession.
- They make up excuses as to why they can't video chat or meet in person and will try to move your conversations off the platform you met on.

- When they ask for financial help, it'll be for a time-critical emergency, and the reason will be something that pulls at the heartstrings. They may get defensive if you decline to help.

- Their pictures are too perfect – they may have been stolen from an actor or model. Reverse image search can find photos that have been taken from somewhere else.

- They tell you to keep your relationship private and not to discuss anything with your friends and family.

Further information can be found in a very helpful booklet downloaded by searching for 'staying safe from romance fraud guide.'

## Stoke Poges Good Neighbour Scheme and Big Help Out

The Stoke Poges Good Neighbour Scheme continues to help people in our community in a number of ways. We are used mainly to give lifts for medical and dental appointments and for people to get to the monthly Friday Club at St Andrew's. We can also do small jobs around the house, such as changing light bulbs, checking a smoke alarm and changing batteries. We may be able to help with minor computer problems. We can help with the completion of forms. We can help with shopping in an emergency and may be able to help with emergency pet care. We can organise regular visits to clients for a chat and cup of tea. Our clients find our service very helpful. We occasionally organise a group coffee morning or afternoon tea.

We have over 80 clients and we can take on more. We have 30 volunteers, but some are not able to do much volunteering. As I write this in January, I have just heard that the bank holiday after the weekend of the Coronation of King Charles II is to be the Big Help Out. Please consider whether you might like to join us as a volunteer. We particularly need people who can drive clients to GP and hospital appointments on weekdays. We would also like more people to hold the mobile phone for two weeks in every four months. All volunteers need a DBS check which we can organise.

To register as a client or a volunteer, please email [spgns@outlook.com](mailto:spgns@outlook.com) or phone the SPGNS on 07591 350159

## Stoke Poges Parish Council

### Annual Parish Meeting

Monday 3 April 2023

Main hall, The Village Centre, Rogers Lane

Stoke Poges

Following the Parish Council meeting, 8.30 pm

## Parish Chairman's letter

I saw in the New Year in Singapore this year. Waking up on New Year's day, I checked the news on my phone and to my surprise and delight I found out that Saera Carter had been awarded the British Empire Medal for services to the community in Stoke Poges. I'm sure you will join me in giving Saera our congratulations on her honour.

It's saddening to have to report (p.14) that the volunteers who helped out marshalling school traffic on Rogers Lane at the start and end of the school day have had enough. It was a positive initiative intended to make the road safer and to reduce the risk to children.

Unfortunately, a small minority of people were robustly combative in undermining the good work of our volunteers by ignoring advice and being rude and aggressive. Some of the stories I have heard are shameful. One family actually employs a driver to chauffeur their

children to the school from a road that's so close to the school that parents park on it! If you live withing walking distance of the school please leave your car at home and walk your children to and from school.

The Parish Council took a long hard look at its budgets and finances in November and whilst allowing for inflation (particularly on grass cutting contracts) and agreeing to invest in additional Christmas lights and adding to the play apparatus at Plough Lane recreation ground, it decided to reduce its allocation of funds to Green Belt protection. What does it mean for your Council Tax? The Parish Council precept will be reduced by five per cent from April which will offset the increases made by the other precepting bodies (police, fire service and Buckinghamshire Council).

*Ralph Bagge*



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# Men's Group

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With winter almost over and spring arriving soon, we have a variety of events planned for the coming months, which are open for everyone to come and enjoy. These commence with a curry night on Tuesday, 21 March, at the Memories of India restaurant in Farnham Common. Even if you are a little wary of eating curry, you can be assured that the menu will have been carefully chosen so that there is something for everyone. We will commence at 7.30 pm with drinks from the bar and start our two-course buffet at 8 pm. Our speaker is Graham 'Swanny' Swann, a guy who has an amazing story to share with us. When he was growing up, he experienced systematic abuse, which set the stage for a man controlled by alcohol and violence. He found himself in an unbreakable emotional prison until hope broke in, and he began an incredible journey of restoration. Graham is based at the Beacon Christian Centre in Loughborough, where he is involved in local community projects and contributes to a long-term mission project in Uganda. In 2013, he published his life story *Prison without Bars*, a journey from brokenness to wholeness, from hopelessness to hope. The book is not a mild pastiche of cuddly platitudes but is real, gusty, and hard-hitting. Please join us to hear Swanny's fascinating story, and after his talk, there will be a question and answer session; the evening should finish at approximately 10.15 pm. Our following event is a men's breakfast on Saturday, 20 May. There is no better way to start your weekend than with a hearty cooked breakfast, and if that appeals to you, then why not plan to join us for some good food, good company and to hear a really interesting talk? The venue will be the Oak Room at the South Buckinghamshire Golf Club, Park Road. Coffee/tea will be available from 8.15 am, and our food served from

8.30 am. Our speaker is David Campanale, a multi-award-winning television journalist who worked for BBC News both as a broadcaster and producer for 30 years, beginning when communism ended in Eastern Europe. As an international journalist, he was responsible for a series of "firsts", from secret filming behind the Iron Curtain under Communism; to showing that Russia had illicitly sent its tanks into eastern Ukraine; the first English language television interview with Pakistani death-row Catholic, Asia Bibi; and a multiple award-winning investigation into the rape and torture of Muslim Uyghur women in Xinjiang. Volunteering has always been an important part of his life, and this has included serving as a director of the Christian international disaster relief and development charity, Tearfund. He's also been a director of the London Youth Games, which has mobilised one-third of a million schoolchildren into competitive sport in the capital. David is the founding president of the Christian Peoples Alliance, which is linked to other Christian Democrats across Europe. He and his wife raised their two sons in Kingston-upon-Thames, and he has been closely involved in the community there, serving eight years as a local councillor. He is half-Italian and loves being in the kitchen and spending time with his family celebrating the good things in life. Following his talk, David will take questions, and we plan to finish by 10.15 am.

Everyone is welcome to all our events. If you use Facebook, please check us out at Stoke Poges Men's Group. For further information about the men's group or our future events, please contact Tony Shortman. We are not an exclusive group but very inclusive, and guys from a wide area (not just from Stoke Poges) come along.

Tony Shortman 01844 350014 or email [shortmantm@gmail.com](mailto:shortmantm@gmail.com)

# Stoke Poges Singers

## From The Beatles To A UK Premier In Five Seasons!

It is early January, cold and wet, as this is being written. Perhaps it's the long, dark dog-end days of winter that induce a time of reflection and introspection. Of looking forward with hope and anticipation to the promise of the new year and reviewing and reminiscing on what has gone before. And so it is with me, dear reader, as I briefly reflect on five seasons of performances with SPS and look forward to a blockbuster of a start to 2023!

Purely by chance, my time with SPS coincides with Andy Langley starting in the role of Musical Director. I have been a fellow passenger on the journey Andy has taken us since the winter of 2016 (sharp-eyed mathematicians will say that's seven years, not five, but the pandemic and near two-year prohibition on choirs intervened). Over these five seasons, Stoke Poges Singers has developed and grown, if not necessarily in numbers, then certainly in musical ambition and scope. It started modestly enough with what has since become a regular feature of our repertoire – an eclectic mix of popular and classical songs curated under a common theme. The first Northern Lights concert featuring northern hemisphere composers included a very singable Lennon and McCartney medley. Since then, we have performed Choral Colours, Seasons, On a Wing and a Prayer, Carnival of the Animals, Make our Garden Grow to name but a few, and our final concert of 2022, Songs of the Cities. These have proved great fun to sing and listen to – choir and audiences never quite know what to expect!

And not neglecting the more traditional classical works Andy has interspersed performances of a Stravinsky Mass, Vivaldi's *Gloria*, Mozart and Fauré *Requiems*, Handel's *Messiah* and Jenkins' *The Armed Man*. The accompanying ensemble has also grown from

keyboard and organ, adding in string quartet and percussion, and brass and woodwind, all played by a wonderful, talented pool of professional and amateur instrumentalists. The Stoke Poges Chamber Orchestra is now a regular feature and significant musical enhancement of our concerts.

Which brings us up to date with news of our first concert of 2023. Cyrillus Kreek (1889 – 1962) is probably not a familiar name. He was an Estonian composer who collected and arranged religious and folk music of his native lands. His magnum opus is the *Requiem in C minor* composed in 1927. It is written for mixed choir, organ, and symphony orchestra with Latin text taken from Mozart's *Requiem*. In what will be a UK Premier, Stoke Poges Singers will perform the Kreek *Requiem* with full orchestra on Saturday 25 March, 7 pm at St James' Church, Gerrards Cross. This is a change from our usual venues as a much larger space is needed for the choir and orchestra. The concert will also include another UK Premier for orchestra alone by contemporary Estonian composer Erkki-Sven Tüür (his *Symphony No. 1* of 1984) and will start with Arvo Pärt's haunting *Da pacem Domine* for choir and orchestra from 2004. A wonderful Estonian triptych!!

We are grateful to have received funding from the Heart of Bucks, Stoke Park Community Fund towards the cost of the concert. This means we are able to encourage and give an opportunity to younger (16 – 30 years) singers and musicians to take part in this unique event at no cost to them.

It's been quite a musical journey!  
Tickets for the concert are available at [www.ticketsource.co.uk/stokepogessingers](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/stokepogessingers)

# Rotary Club

In the run-up to Christmas, our club worked hard to exemplify the Rotary tenet of 'Service before Self', and we offered help in both goods and time to the Chilterns food bank, which is experiencing ever-increasing demands on its services.

We helped with their energy costs and also contributed food items for re-distribution to those in need. The club continued to raise funds - notably at the very successful Christmas dinner - which raised more than £500 in the raffle held that evening.

The club continued with the tradition of a Father Christmas tour of the village of Seer Green on three nights before Christmas, and many children and their families came out to welcome him. £887 was raised, which is going to local charities.

A further amount - just short of £400 - was raised at our Seer Green Santa Dash on the first weekend in December; the rain held off nicely for us and a good time was had by all. The Scouts troop, with the help of all the delicious donated cakes and cookies, also raised a fantastic £210 towards the purchase of new tents to replace the ones that Jordans Rotary Club helped them buy way back in 2009.

In January, we welcomed local glass artist Alison Vincent, who came to speak to us just days before she was featured on the new BBC 1



TV programme – *Make it at Market* – which showed a wide range of her artistic creations.

In March, we will be welcoming Zinzan Brooks, the renowned rugby player, as our guest speaker for the month.

The club welcomes both men and women; you are always welcome to visit and sample the camaraderie enjoyed by one and all.

The club meets on the second and fourth Mondays of the month at Beaconsfield Golf Club, and copies of the future programme are available on request.

We would be delighted to welcome you.

Naomi C Arnold, Club Secretary, Rotary Club of Jordans and District

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# Community speedwatch

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The Community Speedwatch team spent 22 hours and 30 minutes monitoring the speeding traffic through our village in 2022. In this time, we recorded 482 drivers speeding in our 30 mph sites. All have received a warning from Thames Vally Police, and some repeat offenders will have had a home visit too. Our fastest dangerous driver was doing 57mph near the Plough, but in our sessions, 8% of all

cars passing were breaking the speed limit. The average speeder was doing 38 mph. We also filmed eight cars with no MOT and thirteen with no tax.

We'd like to think that our presence on the roadside reminds motorists to keep their speed down, which is the primary aim of the scheme.

At the moment, we are a team of eight. We've recently welcomed two new members, one of whom has also trained to do the admin. With two people working on the admin side, we could have the camera out more often if we had more volunteers.

Maybe you could spare the occasional hour to come and help? You can get in touch with me via Julie, the clerk to the parish council.

*Anne Frank*

*theclerk@stokepogesparishcouncil.gov.uk*

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## Time to get walking again!

With spring on its way, we start to think about getting out to walk in the beautiful English Countryside again, but where to find new and interesting walks?

Walking in Bucks

<https://www.walkinginengland.co.uk/bucks> has loads of walks to download and print, free; it also has books of walks, details of all the walking groups in the county and much more. Whether you want to walk on your own or with a group, all the information is there in one place.

John Harris (who maintains the website) said, 'There is so much walking information on the web, but it is difficult to find. Walking in Bucks

(part of the Walking in England website) has brought it together in one place, so whether you are walking from home, or away on holiday, you will be able to find a walk suitable for you'.

With walks from half a mile to twelve miles-plus long and a note of suitability for pushchairs and wheelchairs, everyone can find a walk to enjoy.

So home or away, check out the websites and get walking!

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# Photographic Club



## Perspectives: Chair of Stoke Poges Photographic Club

Behind the scenes of any club, there is a lot happening to make it a great experience. As a member of Stoke Poges Photographic Club (SPPC), you experience a breadth of talks, workshops and competitions which keep members engaged and excited; on all fronts, it is a well-oiled machine. What you don't see is what it takes to make that happen. Today we explore our current chair, Linda Miles' experience of being a member and her journey with SPCC.

I became a member of the Stoke Poges Photographic Club in 2001 when I worked at the same company as the chairman's husband. One of the first things I was asked when I attended was, 'How would you like to be secretary?' 'Yes', I said and accepted the position.

I served five years as secretary, five years as internal competition secretary, one year as social secretary and a few years assisting my husband when he was social secretary, so I am well aware of how the club runs. You don't have to take on roles as a committee member, but as you can see, I enjoy it, and therefore I was happy to accept the role of chairman last year. The chairman can only stay in that role for three years; the other positions are for five years.

It can be a bit daunting standing up in front of everyone and bringing them all to order. This is usually after our tea break midway through an evening because everyone is so friendly they enjoy catching up with each other. I used to use a hooter to call them back to their seats for the second half of the evening, but I have trouble working it, so I now intend to take a handbell, bringing back memories of school days.





American Pie Don Mclean' (lower left) by Paul Mothersill. This was for our Inspired by Music subject. There can be so much creativity with titles, from a play on words to a different perspective on what is seen in an image. Another favourite this season has been 'Hoverfly' by Ken Grant (left), which was for an open competition.

If you have any interest in photography, whether you use a camera or mobile phone, and would like to talk to fellow enthusiasts and maybe learn something new, and like to share your images, come along one

The main thing about being the chair is to be organised.

When we meet in the hall, I introduce visiting judges or speakers to the members, outline what we will be doing at the start of an evening and remind the members of any deadlines for competitions or events.

I also step in and help any member of the committee if they need assistance with their role to ensure the smooth running of the club.

The only thing I was worried about before I accepted the nomination was organising the annual flower show and our stand. I was not sure I could manage this, especially the first one for our club since Covid in 2022, when some of the regular helpers could not assist because they were going to be away.

I should not have worried because I had more than enough willing volunteers from the members. We put on a really good display of our prints and enjoyed talking to the many visitors to our stall.

Some of the images I have enjoyed seeing this season include: 'Burford Peril' by Andy Smith from our set subject (top left), 'Still Life and

Tuesday night to the Village Centre. We meet at 7.45 for an 8 pm start, and you can see what I have been talking about. I promise not to ask you if you want to be a secretary on your first night, but maybe after a few years, you too could be chair.

For more information, please visit our website [www.stokepogeshphotoclub.co.uk](http://www.stokepogeshphotoclub.co.uk) or you can email me: [chair@stokepogeshphotoclub.co.uk](mailto:chair@stokepogeshphotoclub.co.uk).

*Linda Miles - Chair*

# Hedgerley Historical Society

Programme: March 2023 – May 2023

Wednesday, 15 March, 8 pm Hedgerley Memorial Hall

Beacons of the Past – investigating a prehistoric Chilterns landscape

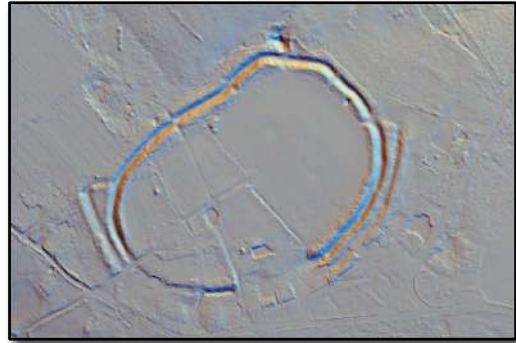
– Dr Wendy Morrison



Beacons of the Past was a four-and-a-half-year project part-funded by National Lottery Heritage Fund, the Chiltern Society, and the National Trust, amongst others. Its

purpose was to engage and inspire communities to discover, conserve, and enjoy the Chilterns' Iron Age hillforts and their prehistoric chalk landscapes. Now at the project's conclusion, Dr Wendy Morrison will offer a look at how it all turned out, what worked and what didn't, with UK's largest bespoke archaeological LiDAR survey, the

project's outreach programmes, and what comes next.



Dr Wendy Morrison works for the Chilterns Conservation Board as Heritage7 Archaeology Manager. She also is Senior Associate Tutor for Archaeology at the Oxford University Department for Continuing Education, Chair of the Hillfort Study Group, President of the Marlow Archaeological Group and a Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries. Wendy's research areas are Prehistoric European Archaeology and Landscape Archaeology. She has nearly two decades of excavation experience in Southern Britain, the Channel Islands, and India.

Wednesday, 19 April 8 pm Hedgerley Memorial Hall

Harefield Light Railway – Keith Piercy

If you visit the Grand Union Canal in Harefield, you will see a number of industrial buildings that have, in recent years, been converted to housing. This was part of the premises of the Bells United Asbestos Company (BUAC), formed by a merger of Bell's Asbestos and United Asbestos in 1910.

The company manufactured asbestos-cement building products and was by far the largest employer in Harefield, with several hundred employees at this time, not just from Harefield but the surrounding area too. The company also had factories in Erith, Kent and Widnes, Lancashire. Hurcon Slabs manufactured in







the history of this semi-rural Middlesex village, including *The Harefield Enclosure 1811-1813*, published in 2013.

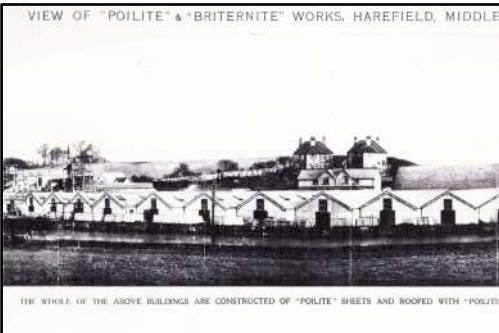
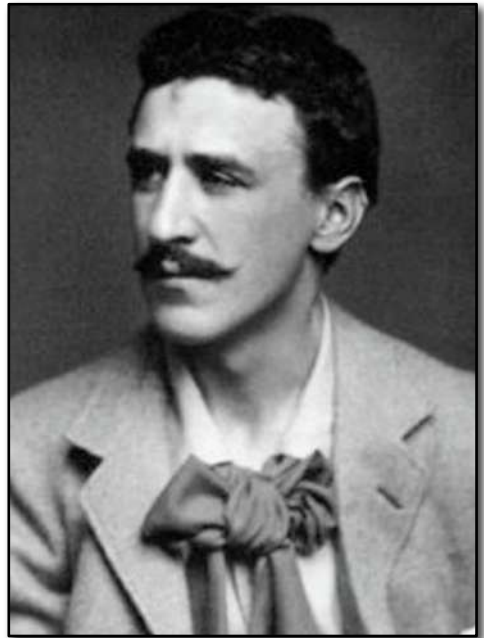
Wednesday, 17 May, 8 pm Hedgerley Memorial Hall

Charles Rennie Mackintosh – Rena Hume

Charles Rennie Mackintosh (1868-1928) was a Scottish architect, designer, watercolourist and artist. His work, alongside that of his wife Margaret Macdonald, was influential on

Harefield were used to build Hedgerley Memorial Hall in 1920/21.

After WW1, the majority of freight transport from the Bell Works at Harefield was along the canal to Rickmansworth, where there was a wharf allowing movement of goods to and from the Metropolitan Railway. However, the wharf was regarded as inadequate, and BUAC wanted an alternative. Their first consideration was for canal transport to and from Uxbridge, with the freight being brought in and out to the canal wharf from the existing branch



railway line (which was not a light railway) to Uxbridge from the Great Western Railway at Denham. This would have been a slow and thence more expensive means of transportation (and the canal frequently froze in winter), so BUAC then turned to investigation of the light railway project.

Keith Piercy is Chairman of Harefield History Society and has published several books on

European design movements such as Art Nouveau.

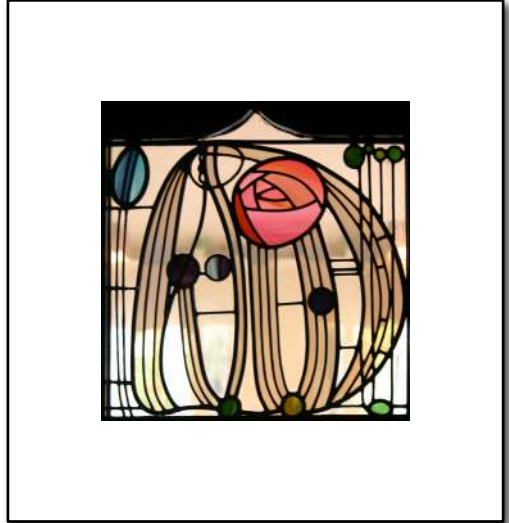
Rena Hume is a graduate of the Glasgow School of Art and, as such, lived and breathed in that building for years. After Art School, Rena trained as a teacher and taught in Glasgow and Birmingham before moving to Chalfont St Giles in the 1960s with her late husband and their two small daughters. She soon became involved in village activities, initially as Chairman of WI, through which she



started a Cancer Prevention Group, lecturing, mainly to women, on the importance of screening.

After her son was born, Rena returned to teaching and joined the art department at Chesham High School, teaching Art and the History of Art to A level, where she stayed for many happy years.

For more details, please contact John Lovelock – Secretary Hedgerley Historical Society [jdlovelock@btinternet.com](mailto:jdlovelock@btinternet.com)  
[www.hedgerleyhistoricalsociety.org](http://www.hedgerleyhistoricalsociety.org)



## Women's Institute

At our meeting on 8 March, Mike Grundy will be talking about the dramatic art of the London Underground. There are some amazing artworks in the tunnels and stations on the underground system, which many people are unaware of in their haste to catch the trains.

Last year we thoroughly enjoyed a coach trip to the Test Valley in Hampshire, so this year we decided to continue exploring this very picturesque county with another visit.

On 12 April, Gill Opie is going to deliver a further talk with slides exploring the area,

following up with a coach trip the following month.

On 31 May, we shall be going to Whitchurch Silk Mill in Hampshire, an industrial heritage museum. After having lunch there, we will have an afternoon tour of the Bombay Gin factory.

10 May is the date of our spring luncheon, the venue yet to be decided.



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# Stoke Poges Society

One of the aims of the society is the preservation and study of all matters relating to the history and development of Stoke Poges. Therefore, in addition to current news, we continue with some topical heritage stories. Now winter turns into spring with the leaves growing back on the trees, you may wish to see old trees which have some 'royal' heritage. The pair of oak trees in Bells Hill recreation ground, between the seating pods, were planted by the Parish Council to commemorate 40 years of Queen Elizabeth II's reign. Yet, there is a 'Queen Victoria's oak' in Church Lane. In 1887 the children of Stoke Poges planted an oak to commemorate the Golden Jubilee of Queen Victoria at the crossroads of Church Lane and Park Road. However, in the 1990s, to make way for a road safety scheme, the tree was removed, and another one planted nearby in Church Lane.



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## Halidon House school at Framewood Manor

Framewood Manor is set well back from Framewood Road. It was built in 1903 for the Lord Mayor of London, Sir John Bell, and is now a multiple-residential dwelling. From 1948 to 1983 it was the site of Halidon House private girls' school. The 1951 prospectus for the school advises that day pupils are accepted from 5 to 17; boarders accepted at the age of 7 and there are spaces for 45 boarders. The school was founded by three sisters, the Misses Goddards, in 1865 in Church St, Slough. 1915 saw Miss Elizabeth Webb, the principal, become the owner and significantly expand the school with buildings along Mackenzie Street, close to Slough railway station. It became recognised as the top school in Slough. When the announcement was made to close the school due to a falling roll and economic conditions, it was reported there were 50 teaching and house staff for only 199 pupils. There are still residents in and around Stoke Poges who remember



attending the school. Therefore, it may be particularly interesting for them to know that the society acquired a large quantity of paperwork about the school. All has been digitised and donated to the Buckinghamshire Archives. Photos from the 1920s and 30s were also deposited, which show sports days, swimming,

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tennis and cricket taking place in Salt Hill Park (once in the Parish of Stoke Poges).

### The Gold Stick-in-waiting at coronations

Two people who have lived in Stoke Poges have been the Gold Stick-in-waiting to the monarch. The Gold Stick is nowadays a ceremonial position but is steeped in history as a position appointed by the monarch for their personal protection. The job was created in 1678 and takes its name from the gold-capped ebony staff the holder carries. Walter Scott, the 5th Duke of Buccleuch, who inherited Ditton Park in 1845, was the Gold Stick for both William IV and Victoria. In 1867

he gave Ditton Park (back then in the Parish of Stoke Poges) to his son as a present. He is better known in Scotland, and to this day the family own substantial properties there. His statue is in a prominent position outside St Giles' cathedral in Edinburgh.

At Elizabeth II's coronation, Major General Sir Richard Howard-Vyse of Stoke Place in Stoke Green was the Gold Stick. He had retired from active service and became the Hon. Colonel of the Royal Horse Guards. He can be seen in footage of the coronation, identified by his uniform and prominent ears. His nickname was 'wombat' apparently because of the association with his ears and work with Australians.

### Upcoming events:-

Tuesday, 21 February from 11 am at the Fox and Pheasant pub, there will be a 'Trip down memory lane' where members and the public can share stories, photos and objects, etc., about the history and heritage of Stoke Poges.

Thursday, 27 April, at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall, there will be a talk about the history of the Slough Trading Estate and the founder of the Estate, Sir Noel Mobbs (who lived at Stoke Park)

Thursday, 4 May, at 2 pm, will be a two-hour river cruise from Windsor, just in time to soak up the atmosphere as preparations get underway in the Royal town for the coronation on the Saturday.

You can find further details of all the society's events this year on our Facebook site and on our website: [www.e-voice.org.uk/stoke-poges-society](http://www.e-voice.org.uk/stoke-poges-society)

Harvey Whittam  
Chairman 642873



# Lent & Easter Events

**Ash Wednesday 22nd February**

7.30pm at St Andrew's

**#LiveLent on Facebook**

1.00pm every Wednesday in March

**Mothering Sunday 19th March**

10.30am at St Giles'

**Easter Sticky Walk Tuesday 4th April**

10.00am at Stoke Poges Memorial Gardens

**Maundy Thursday 6th April**

7.30pm Agape Meal at St Andrew's

**Good Friday 7th April**

10.00am at Bells Hill Flagpole

10.30am at St Andrew's

**Easter Sunday 9th April**

Son-rise Service 8.00am at St Giles'

Family Service 10.30am at St Giles'

**Easter Trail in St Andrew's Ecogarden**

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For more details please visit

[www.stokepogeschurch.org/easter](http://www.stokepogeschurch.org/easter)

# Buckinghamshire Council update

The incredibly rainy weather we have had has done serious damage to our roads over the winter. Prolonged showers allow water to lie on road surfaces and soak deep into the sub-layers. When the temperature falls, the water freezes and expands opening up cracks in the road's structure. These cracks fill up with surface water which freezes, opening up bigger cracks. As a consequence, our roads become pock-marked with potholes. The maintenance teams really need dry weather to make repairs, for the tar to adhere to the surrounding road surface, so 'make safe' repairs are done to prevent damage to vehicles and to keep the roads open. Large areas of damage are scheduled for 'plane and patch' repairs between March and September. With additional heavy goods vehicles on our roads we have seen significant damage which will be repaired when the volume of trucks delivering to the construction projects comes to an end. I regularly have residents tell me that they don't see roads in such bad condition in various countries abroad. In Buckinghamshire, many of our roads were originally farm tracks which have been surfaced and built up over the years. The ground in our part of the country has a high water table, which makes drainage challenging, and unlike Cornwall where their roads are built on solid rock, the ground here is made up of layers of gravel and clay which is not the ideal foundation for roads. The cost of remaking our roads is unaffordable.



The local Buckinghamshire councillors are being briefed by Stoke Park on their plans. It looks like there will be a Boodles tennis tournament at Stoke Park before Wimbledon this year. The new owners have an ambition to improve the golf course so that it is one of the best in the UK and to bring tournaments to it. They are working with architects to propose acceptable ways of separating the golf club house from the mansion building and they are talking about providing 'seven star' accommodation – suites of rooms that can be occupied by top sportspeople or actors, together with their families and entourage. There will be a further public consultation in the spring.

The engineering work to improve safety at the end of the footpath near the Dog and Pot is working its way through the Council's sausage machine for implementation this year. Also, some changes to parking restrictions on Rogers Lane – affected residents have been consulted.

Buckinghamshire Council is changing its highways maintenance providers in April. There will be two framework contractors – one responsible for ongoing highway maintenance and the second will do design and engineering work and specialist works. The cabinet member responsible is staying very close to the changeover, taking the learning from the Council's experience when it changed its waste and recycling contractor last year.

I chaired the Council's budget scrutiny enquiry in January. The committee tested out the assumptions and modelling for next year's budget and did not find any omissions. There were concerns about inflation, increasing costs of children in care and the amount spent on temporary accommodation for homeless residents.

*Ralph Bagge*



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# Royal British Legion

This year's appeal by the local Royal British Legion got off to an excellent start, and we are very pleased and proud to announce that we raised a little over £27,000.

The Local RBL committee coordinated the volunteers, some as young as 8, to help in collecting donations, with the majority of the donations coming via the use of card machines which we will hopefully utilise more next year. Several people took on the task of counting the money, not a small task. In addition to collecting the money, we were also thankful for the volunteers who collected all the money boxes from various locations, those who counted all the donations and those who then took these donations over to bank them. Thank you all!

Last year the total sales reached nearly £39 million nationwide. We are hopeful that this year will be a big improvement, and it certainly looks that way. More of a total national figure

in the next magazine.

Did you know that:

The Royal British Legion spends on average £1.5 million a week helping ex-servicemen and their families?

We collected in Farnham Common and Stoke Poges villages on the Saturday mornings as well as on the Black Park run. But our biggest fundraising was at Beaconsfield motorway service area, where we had volunteers and committee members from 7 am until about 5 pm every day apart from one. Additionally, we had some willing volunteers doing house-to-house collections and supplying the local businesses and schools.

We have a shed that continues to be our stockroom, and we plan to reorganise the stock in early 2023, so we are ready for the 2023 poppy appeal. We do have a need though; the shed is rotting away after many



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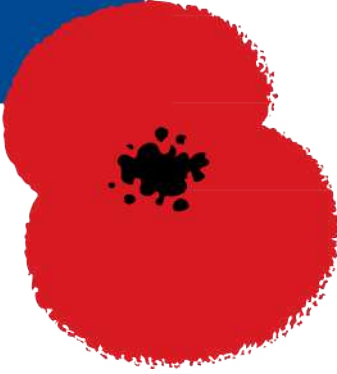
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years' of service and we wondered if anyone is aware of a shed that is no longer required. Please do contact us!

Again, a big thank you to all on the committee and volunteers – your time, effort and donations are making a difference to ex-servicemen and their families who really need the help.

If you would like to do a house-to-house collection on your road next year or would be happy to help take round boxes in the local area, let us know, and we can contact you next autumn.

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# Recreation report

**Saera Carter, who chairs the Recreation and Environment Committee of the Parish Council, gives an update.**

After an extremely wet winter, we welcome the start of spring. The constant rain has meant that Bells Hill rec. has suffered some flooding. This is a historic problem, going back many years as the rec. is situated at the bottom of Bells Hill, where water will naturally drain. There is a series of drains and soakaways installed; however, the sheer volume of water can take time to drain away. There has also been flooding into Bells Hill rec. from the pond. The Parish Council is having ongoing talks with the pond co-owners to reach a solution and has taken legal advice on a way forward. Please take care during inclement weather when using the recs.

Just a quick reminder that if you need to dispose of litter, there are plenty of bins; please use them. Leaving your litter and dog mess is not only anti-social but dangerous if it's stepped in or accidentally touched.

We would also respectfully ask that residents don't use the bins to dispose of their own household or dog waste but use their own bins.

## Multi Use Games Area (MUGA)

As part of ongoing maintenance, this area will be cleaned and re-painted in the spring. We will notify residents when this is scheduled to happen. This area can experience some noise and anti-social behaviour. You may have noticed that we have needed to lock it at night so that residents are not disturbed; it's a shame that this is necessary.

## Pavilion

The football club and uniformed groups use the pavilion, which gives them a modern and safe space. We have a caretaker to look after the building inside and out. Please let our parish clerk know if you see something that needs attention. In an emergency, please call 07821 704625 or, if appropriate, the emergency services.

## Carols on the Green

Carols on the Green was a successful event and was very well attended. Thank you for coming and enjoying seeing your friends and neighbours to kick off the festive season. The event requires a team of volunteers that works hard behind the scenes. A huge thank you to all of you; without you, village events would not be possible. The profits from Santa's Grotto and mulled wine were donated to the Friday Club. A very respectable £471.19 was raised.

We must also thank Graham and Kevin Donnet from Terra Firma Sounds for supplying the sound and lighting, the Co-Op for supplying the mince pies, the Social Club for their support and help on the day and Gerrards Cross Rock Choir for leading the carol singing.

Please note that this year's Carols will be on Saturday, 25 November from 6 - 8 pm at the Village Centre.

## Grass Verges and Pavements

Are you blocking the pavement? Is it entirely necessary to park on the pavement? Sometimes parking on the road forces cars to slow down, which is something many would welcome. Blocking the pavement has led to accidents happening. Remember, if you block the pavement, our local PCSOs have agreed to issue penalty notices and might have the vehicle towed away.

The rule of thumb is if a wheelchair or double buggy cannot pass, then you are blocking the highway. Just thinking about the impact and damage done to our village may help us all work together to keep the village safe.

## Litter

Many of us have noticed that littering is on the increase. Much like cutting grass verges, this may be something we as villagers could make part of our community responsibility. The Parish Council has organised several litter-picking events; dates are shown on our four notice boards.

Please join us - children are welcome. We quite often pop for coffee or a drink afterwards.

### Planning

The Parish Council Planning Committee continues to work hard to defend the character, space and semi-rural nature of our village. We are invited to comment on all applications for Stoke Poges. We do not make the final decision; that is the role of the planning authority at Buckinghamshire Council. We endeavour to listen to residents who have concerns and, when appropriate, we will make a comment based on planning policy. We are, however, up against applicants who do not necessarily submit designs in keeping with the road in which they live. We will continue to do our best, and we are highlighting these issues within the Neighbourhood Plan. If you feel there are planning breaches taking place, please report these to:

[planning.enforcement.csb@buckinghamshire.gov.uk](mailto:planning.enforcement.csb@buckinghamshire.gov.uk)

We are also seeing an increase in the removal of trees, especially in conservation areas. It is an offence to remove trees from a conservation area without gaining permission from the council. Please consider the harm you may be doing to your locality.

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## Appointed representatives

Stoke Poges News Editor – Vacancy  
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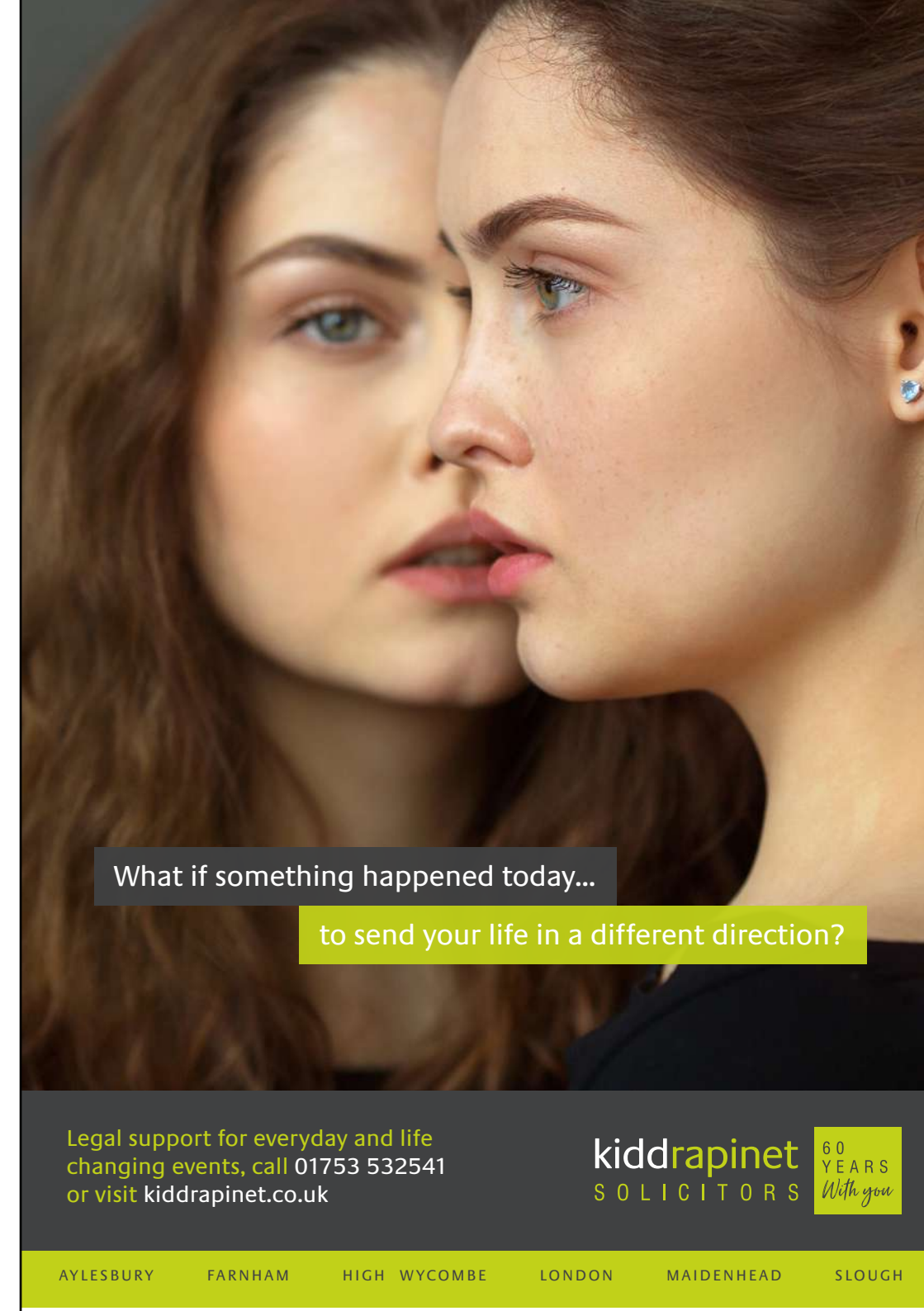
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