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Welcome to summer

This is my first edition as editor, having been handed the baton by Ralph Bagge.

On behalf of the village and our many contributors, I would like to thank Ralph for everything he has done for *Stoke Poges News* throughout his twelve year tenure.

As summer arrives, we're counting down the days to our fantastic Village Fete, the spectacular Horticultural Show and the return of the newest addition to our annual summer calendar – the International Food Festival. A huge amount of work is done by volunteers to plan and run these large events which bring our community together, so please do go along, give them your support and have a great time. I'll see you there!

In the meantime, if you have any feedback or suggestions then I'd love to hear from you. You can get in touch via the email address below.

Rich Huckle
Editor

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Parish Chairman's letter: Recognising outstanding contributions

As the Parish Council's municipal year came to an end in April, we held the annual Parish Reception.

Representatives of parish organisations are invited and it's wonderful to have most of Stoke Poges' active volunteers assembled together in the same room! The Parish Council nominates an organisation and an individual who have made an outstanding contribution to village life to receive a cup in recognition of their efforts.

This year I presented the Caldecourt Cup to Rich Huckle in recognition of his work with the Stoke Poges Society, the Village Hall, the neighbourhood plan and the Parish Council website.

The winners of the Jubilee Cup were the Community Speedwatch group. Des Merrigan, accepting the cup on behalf of the group, encouraged everyone who would like to see a reduction in traffic speeds through the parish to join the group and help with voluntary speed watch sessions (see details on p.19). In my remarks, I congratulated our village societies for their ambition and determination in the face of many challenges.

The other annual event held by the Parish Council is the Annual Parish Meeting at the start of April. My report is included in the minutes which are published in the usual places, including our website. The meeting was attended by a small number of villagers who made supportive comments in the discussion session.

I would like to welcome Rich Huckle as editor of *Stoke Poges News*. Following a handover from me, Rich is trying his hand at editing the magazine and I hope he finds it so fulfilling that he sticks with it!

It was sad to hear, on 11th April, that Naomi Arnold, a former parish councillor and my predecessor as editor of *Stoke Poges News*, had passed away. She and her round robin emails will be missed.

At the end of April, the consultant who has been guiding the working group for the neighbourhood plan presented an update on their work to parish councillors. It's clear that

Left:
Rich Huckle (left) was presented the Caldecourt Cup by Parish Chairman Ralph Bagge

Above, right:
The Community Speedwatch group, who are this year's recipients of the Jubilee Cup





we have benefitted from working with the same consultant who has advised other Buckinghamshire parish and town councils. When the policies go out to consultation in the near future, you will see for yourself how they will provide the Parish Council with

additional tools to demand higher standards to be met for new developments in the parish.

 *Ralph Bagge*
Chairman, Stoke Poges Parish Council



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Naomi Christine Arnold MBE

26th September 1937 - 11th April 2023

Naomi was born in Guy's Hospital, London, though her family were originally from Dover in Kent. She had an older sister, Anne, who died late last year. During the Second World War, Naomi and Anne were evacuated as children to Penzance in Cornwall, and in her adulthood she returned there most years, usually staying in the Falmouth area.

Naomi worked for Green Shield Stamps among other companies, before joining the hospitality industry in the late 1970s and was part of the board responsible for setting up Wimpy Group UK. She made her mark as Hospitality Director for Arena, the networking group of the UK hospitality industry, and was awarded an MBE in the New Year Honours of 2003 for services to the industry.

Naomi was devoted to her community. She was a hard-working parish councillor from 1993 to 2010, and was Chairman of the Heritage Committee organising community events including Carols on the Green and the inaugural Coke Memorial Lecture. She edited *Stoke Poges News* and was a founding member and Secretary for six years of The Stoke Poges Society.

She served as SBDC Councillor for Stoke Poges from 2003 to 2011, particularly supporting the creation of our conservation area which includes several properties owned by the District Council, such as Stoke Park, Stoke Place, the Manor House, the Memorial Gardens, Bells Hill, Wexham Park Hospital parking and Farnham Park Golf Course. She served as Chairman of the Licensing Committee and sat on various policy advisory groups.

Naomi's role in the community was vast. In

1986 she set up 'Safer Stoke Poges' Neighbourhood Watch which grew to cover 80% of the village. She was Secretary of the Thames Valley Neighbourhood Watch Association and was involved at a national level as well. She was Secretary of the Neighbourhood Action Group and a trustee of Bucks Crossroads (Caring for Carers). After joining the Committee of the Stoke Poges, Wexham and Fulmer Horticultural Society, Naomi was the Honorary Secretary until last year, but remained on the committee and was still actively recruiting and organising the stallholders for this July's Annual Show.

Since 2009, Naomi had been a trustee of The Friends of Stoke Poges Memorial Gardens and was usually seen welcoming visitors on their open days. She was a supporter of the Arts Society Beaconsfield and Pinewood Studios.

She was Chairman of the Farnhams British Legion branch until recently and organised the Poppy Appeal for our village and neighbouring areas, and was seen collecting at Beaconsfield Services most years. The ordering, filling and distributing of poppy boxes and the collecting, counting and banking of the many thousands of pounds over many years took a lot of organising and hard work, which she thoroughly enjoyed.

Naomi became a member of Jordans and District Rotary Club in 2014 and soon became their secretary too. She thoroughly enjoyed the comradeship and friendship that the Rotary offered. Naomi was often the raffle queen in all the clubs and societies she was in, collecting prizes and selling tickets and was a very generous giver of prizes and buyer of tickets.

Over 1,200 villagers are now missing her




dawn round robin emails, and many have said they would welcome someone to step forward to continue them.

In January 2013, Naomi lost her beloved Stan Best, her partner of 36 years, and missed him greatly. They were a very sociable couple and their Christmas newsletter always told of several happy holidays each year, often with friends and usually returning home having made more friends. She and Stan had a succession of black and white cats, always called Beauty, the last one dying shortly after Stan. Christmas and birthday cards from her were almost invariably of black or black and white cats! Following Stan's death, Naomi

continued her love of holidays and travelling with many cruises in Europe and the Caribbean until the pandemic hit.

Naomi stopped driving last year and had been in and out of hospital during the last couple of years. She couldn't have continued to live on her own without the kindness and support of many friends and neighbours in the village and surroundings, who she was very grateful to.

Naomi asked for a private funeral although a memorial service will be held in due course. Details will be shared when available.

 Eleanor Sibley and Gaby Batrick



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All the fun of the fete

The Village Fete is back in its usual month for 2023 and takes place on Saturday 10th June.

Our fete is one of the largest events organised in the village. It is an important part of the glue that holds our community together and is a great opportunity to keep touch with old friends and make new ones.

It is a way to find out about the groups and societies that exist within our village that entertain us and look after our interests. It provides a friendly, fun and safe environment for everyone from the youngest to the oldest.

As always, the fete will begin at 12.30pm in the grounds of The Stoke Poges School. There will be over 20 stalls, a bar and several food outlets as well as a number of funfair rides and a vehicle exhibition.

The central arena will host activities throughout the day including a dog show, fancy dress show for the little ones, plus singing, dancing and entertainment from a number of local groups.

Profits from the day are given out to support local groups.



Felicity Cawood-Spencer on the Stoke Poges Players' stand at last year's fete

■ The **Stoke Poges Village Fete** takes place on Saturday 10th June, from 12.30pm in the grounds of The Stoke Poges School.

Further information, including booking stalls, joining the committee, volunteering to help on the day and the timings of the arena events can be found on www.stokepogesvillagefete.co.uk



Stoke Poges Players' 60th birthday gets off to a great start

Celebrations to mark the 60th anniversary of the Stoke Poges Players amateur dramatic group have begun with the successful performances of two one-act plays in May.

A performance of Peter Robbie's thriller *Grimstone Halt*, about a hotel with a dark past of murder and arson, was followed by a more light hearted comedy, *Last Tango In Little Grimley* by David Tristram.

With the May plays complete, the search is on for our next pantomime. We are back in the Harding Room in Stoke Poges Village Centre on Monday evenings reading potential scripts.

We are always open for 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.

■ *If you're interested in joining or just want to keep up-to-date about future performances, you can reach out to the Stoke Poges Players by email on stoke.poges.players@gmail.com or via social media.*

If you would like to talk in person, you can visit their stall at the Village Fete on 10th June or the Horticultural Show on 29th July.

So don't be shy, go say hi!

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Stoke Poges Singers

Broadway and the West End come to Stoke Poges

We were delighted by the incredibly positive response by performers and audience to our last concert *Estonian Triptych*.

A programme featuring two UK premieres by little known composers, and a different venue to normal, did give us some initial trepidation. But we need not have worried — St James Church in Gerrards Cross was filled with 120 singers and orchestral players and a near capacity audience. It was a truly memorable day as weeks of rehearsals for the choir culminated in the terrific experience of performing with other guest singers and instrumentalists. Once again, our thanks to Heart of Bucks Community Fund which enabled so many to partake in and enjoy listening to such uplifting music.

The great support of the audience from ticket sales, and the raffle and donations on the night, meant we raised a total of £1,800 for the Slough Food Bank, our chosen local good cause for this concert. Thank you for all those who came along — we hope you felt well rewarded for your adventurousness!

After our big choral-orchestral concert in March, now for something completely

different! Stoke Poges Singers return to St Andrew's Church Centre on Saturday 8th July to present *At The Musicals Volume 1*, a journey through some of the greatest show tunes ever written.

We've tried to find something for everyone, from old standards like Irving Berlin's 'There's No Business Like Show Business' (from *Annie Get Your Gun*) to 'Seasons of Love' (from *Rent*) by Jonathan Larson. In between there's musical extracts from Andrew Lloyd-Webber (*Phantom of the Opera*), Stephen Sondheim (*A Little Night Music*), Lerner and Loewe (*My Fair Lady*), Rodgers and Hammerstein (*The Sound of Music*) — and many more! Fabulous melodies perfect for a summer's evening as the best of Broadway and the West End come to Stoke Poges!

Come along and see if your favourite has made the selection. But if it hasn't, never fear — our follow-up *At The Musicals Volume 2* concert is scheduled for spring 2024!

■ The summer **At The Musicals** concert takes place on Saturday 8th July, 7pm at St Andrew's Church Centre on Rogers Lane. Tickets are available online at www.ticketsource.co.uk/stokepogessingers price £12 for adults including interval refreshments.

Local Poppy Appeal raises nearly £30,000

Your local Royal British Legion branch is proud to announce that with your monetary generosity, the kindness of the volunteers in giving up their time and the passion of the committee members, last year's Poppy Appeal raised almost £30,000.



Tracey Keogh, Brian Dimelow, Peter Henry, Manesh Patel, David Moore, Chris Leister-Crow, Judy Tipping, Andy Crow and Bob Thorpe proudly display their certificate and the Sir John & Lady Hall Trophy, awarded to the branch without a club with the highest increase in monies raised

Whilst the exact total is yet to be confirmed, this is an amazing amount and a major recognition for all of us as a community and of course a photo opportunity for us as a committee (although we missed John Phipps who was unavailable for the photo).

Once again, a big “Thank You” from all of the RBL committee members.

Like all charities, we cannot achieve any of this without the valuable help from the community during the Poppy Appeal. So we would love to see people from all backgrounds and age groups consider contacting us to be a part of this year's appeal. We promise it doesn't have to be onerous and can be very sociable.

■ *To get involved with this year's Poppy Appeal, please contact Chris or Manesh at the Royal British Legion:*

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World War Two theme continues with de Havilland museum tour

Following last year's tour of the Battle of Britain Bunker in Uxbridge, the Men's Group are again visiting a venue with a link to World War Two — the de Havilland Aircraft Museum near St Albans.

The de Havilland Aircraft Company played a critical role during WW2 building multiple variants of the Mosquito, including fighters and bombers. After the war, it developed and built the first passenger jet aircraft in the world, the Comet 1A. We will see all these aircraft plus numerous others, spanning many years of flight.

The de Havilland Aircraft Museum was the first aviation museum in Britain when it opened to the public in 1959, just 18 years after the Mosquito Night Fighter W4052 had been flown out of adjacent fields by Geoffrey de Havilland Jnr.

We'll assemble in St Andrew's car park in Rogers Lane and will stop for lunch on our journey to the museum. Our visit will start at 2pm with a private guided tour which will be followed by afternoon refreshments. After the tour there will be time to view the exhibits again and we plan to leave by 5pm.

There is a limit on the number of places, so if you might be interested in this visit, please register your interest now with Tony or Nigel.

Everyone is welcome to all our events. If you use Facebook, please check us out at *Stoke Poges Men's Group*. We are not an exclusive group, but very inclusive and guys come along from a wide area, not just from Stoke Poges.



There's much to see at the de Havilland Aircraft Museum

■ **The de Havilland Aircraft Museum visit** takes place on Saturday 15th July, leaving Stoke Poges around 11.30am and returning by 5.40pm.

Visit the museum website at www.dehavillandmuseum.co.uk

For further information or to learn more about the Men's Group and future events, please contact:

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Horticultural Society buzzes with activity

Despite the slow arrival of spring this year, the Horticultural Society has been busy as a bee!

Elm tree planted for Queen's Green Canopy

In early March, the society made a generous donation of a new disease-resistant elm tree to the Memorial Gardens, as part of the Queen's Green Canopy Initiative. It was planted alongside two other elm trees by Countess Howe, His Majesty's Lord Lieutenant of Buckinghamshire.



Social evenings and plant sale

The society also hosted two social evenings, and held a highly successful plant sale, with the proceeds going towards funding the Annual Show.

In March, a mini spring show was held, followed by an interesting talk by Hannah Hall, the bursary award holder, on her plant-hunting travels in Greece. Hannah also served as a judge in the table show, selecting Maureen Barton's pot of snakeshead fritillaries as the overall winner. New introductions to the evening were a gardening book lending library for members and a seed swap. We are looking forward to seeing sunflowers flowering soon around the village, grown from our giveaway seeds in our Sunflower Project.



In May, the society had the pleasure of hosting Ronald Baker, who spoke about the Commonwealth war grave gardens located around the world, enlightening attendees with intriguing insights about these remarkable gardens.

Get ready for the Annual Show on 29th July

Mark your calendars for Saturday 29th July, as the highly anticipated Annual Show is just around the corner. It will be held in the grounds of The Stoke Poges School from 12.30pm till 5.30pm.

This traditional event, dating back to 1884, promises to be a delightful day for all attendees, with all exhibits housed in an enormous marquee. Visitors will be treated to an impressive display of flowers, fruit, vegetables, art, photography, crafts and baking. There is also a wide selection of children's competition classes for under 16s to enter. In addition to the exhibits, other attractions include the wonderful Reading Spring Gardens band, a petting zoo, children's rides, a barbeque, a beer and Pimms tent and delicious afternoon teas plus numerous stalls selling crafts and showcasing local groups.

Whether you are a seasoned gardener or simply a lover of all things beautiful, this is an event not to be missed. Come join the festivities and witness the culmination of months of hard work and dedication by members of the horticultural community.

If you are not already a member of the horticultural society, why not take this opportunity to join? Members receive free entry to the Annual Show, as well as to all classes, and can take advantage of the society's extensive programme of activities throughout the year. Don't miss this chance to become a part of a vibrant community of fellow plant enthusiasts while enjoying a fun-filled day out with family and friends.

Putting on such a massive show requires a big team to be successful. The Horticultural Society couldn't do it without the generous help of volunteers. If you would like to contribute to the show's set up, help during the show, or participate in the after-show clear up, please don't hesitate to get in touch with Andy MacDonald, Show Superintendent (email andyrmac65@gmail.com or phone 07484 745779) or Maureen Barton (email maureen.barton@live.co.uk or phone 07786 084813).

Your support is vital to ensure the success of this fantastic event, and any help you can provide would be greatly appreciated. Whether you have gardening expertise or simply a willingness to lend a hand, your contribution will make a meaningful impact. Join us for a day of celebration and camaraderie while helping to showcase the beauty of plants and gardens.

■ **The Stoke Poges, Wexham & Fulmer Horticultural Society's Annual Show** takes place on Saturday 29th July, 12.30pm - 5.30pm in the grounds of The Stoke Poges School.

Details of the show competition classes and entry forms are on the society's website, where you will also find information on forthcoming talks and events plus an online membership application form.

www.hortsoc.org

Gardening jobs for June

June is an exciting month for gardeners as it marks the beginning of the summer growing season. With longer days and warmer temperatures, it's the perfect time to get outside and start working in the garden. Here are some suggestions for what to grow and do in June.

General gardening

Pruning: This is a great time to do some pruning on fruit trees and shrubs. Remove any dead or damaged branches and thin out any crowded areas to improve air flow and light penetration.

Mulching: Mulch your garden beds to help retain moisture and keep weeds under control. This will also help regulate soil temperature and protect your plants' roots from the heat.

Watering: With the warmer temperatures, it's important to make sure your plants are getting enough water. Water deeply and regularly to ensure your plants stay healthy and productive.

Summer crops

Tomatoes: June is the perfect time to plant tomatoes as there is no danger of frost. They require plenty of sunshine and support, so make sure to provide stakes or cages for them to grow on.

Salads leaves and other salad greens: These are perfect for growing in the summer. They prefer cooler temperatures, so make sure to plant them in a shaded area.

Carrots: Carrots are a great crop for beginner gardeners, and they can be grown in containers or in the ground. Make sure to keep the soil moist and free of weeds.

Beans: Green beans and other legumes are wonderful summer crops that can be grown on trellises or poles. They require plenty of water and sunlight to thrive.

Summer flowers

Dahlias: These stunning flowers come in a variety of colours and shapes and are perfect for summer gardens. Plant them in well-draining soil and provide plenty of support for their tall stems.

Cosmos: Cosmos are easy to grow and come in many varieties. They attract pollinators like bees and butterflies and are perfect for adding colour to your garden all summer long.

Sweet peas: Sweet peas are fragrant and come in a variety of colours. They require plenty of sunshine and support, so make sure to provide trellises or poles for them to climb and pick them frequently.

Bedding plants: Bedding plants like petunias, marigolds and impatiens are perfect for adding colour to your garden beds, tubs and baskets.

Check out our Annual Show schedule at www.hortsoc.org to see all the competition classes to enter your veggies, fruit and flowers. There are so many classes to enter, with some just for beginners and many trophies to be won including for collections of vegetables, dahlias and sweet peas. We have lots of classes for under 16s too.

 **Maureen Barton**
*Chair, Stoke Poges, Wexham & Fulmer
Horticultural Society*

Saera Carter presented with British Empire Medal

In this year's New Year Honours, Saera Carter was awarded the British Empire Medal for services to the community in Stoke Poges.

At the investiture ceremony in April, Deputy Lieutenant of Buckinghamshire Andrew M. Smith OBE DL made the following citation:

“The village of Stoke Poges is notable for several reasons. It has a famous golf club, Stoke Park, on the site of a manor house built by William Penn, the founder of Pennsylvania and home to the most famous golf match in cinematic history, *Goldfinger*. Thomas Gray, the poet, is buried in the churchyard, reputedly the setting for his *Elegy Written in a Country Churchyard*, and our other institution is Saera Carter.

Saera's enthusiasm and energy knows no bounds. Saera is the beating heart of the village, working tirelessly for the benefit of Stoke Poges.

Through her involvement over the last 13 years with the Parish Council, Saera has spearheaded a number of initiatives to make the village an even better place to live. Examples include organising outdoor cinema screenings, the annual carols on the green, events to commemorate the end of hostilities in 1918 and, of course, the village celebrations for the 90th birthday for Her Late Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II.

From litter picking to policing parking around the local school, Saera is the face of the village.



Saera (left) was presented her medal by Countess Howe, His Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Buckinghamshire

However, there is one initiative which stands out and that is the village's *Spirit of Liberty*, a statue of a British Tommy made from metal objects donated by villagers including old spanners and parts of machinery.

As you can see, Saera is the glue which keeps the community together.

My Lord-Lieutenant, it gives me great pleasure to present Saera Carter for the award of The British Empire Medal for services to the community in Stoke Poges on behalf of His Majesty The King.”



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Community Speedwatch

Can you help to make our roads safer?

The main purpose of the Community Speedwatch group is to educate drivers who speed through our village.

One Friday morning recently we set up our equipment on Bells Hill opposite Banana Moon. It's a good site as people often pick up speed coming down the hill. In one hour we counted a total of 260 vehicles. 68 of them were speeding, including one articulated lorry and three heavy trucks. 22 of those recorded were going over 40 mph, including two of the trucks. One of the cars was doing 50mph! All these drivers will have received warning letters from the police.

More helpers needed

We try to arrange a session every week, weather permitting, but we need more helpers. If you are concerned about speeding in the village and would like to get involved, we'd love to hear from you.

The job is simple — you just switch the equipment on and stand nearby. We always go out in pairs and stay one hour. There's no obligation or timetable — you can just do a bit now and then.

■ *If you would like to join the team to help make the roads in Stoke Poges safer, please contact Anne Frank via the Parish Clerk.*

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A half term packed with activities

It's been a busy half term at The Stoke Poges School, with activities including World Book Day and Newspaper Week bringing many learning opportunities for everyone to enjoy.

Making us proud

In February, 32 lucky Year 5 and 6 children from the school choir had the opportunity to sing at Wembley Arena. The children were part of *Young Voices 23*, a 4,700-strong choir of children from all over the south east of the country. After an afternoon of rehearsals, the lights were dimmed and the show began. We sang backing vocals for a performance of 'Proud' by Heather Small from M People. Our children worked really hard to learn all the lyrics and dance moves — they were the real stars of the show! Their behaviour was impeccable, their enthusiasm boundless. We had an amazing day!

Sharing their love of reading

We loved seeing the children dressed as book characters and sharing their love of reading on World Book Day in March. KS2 enjoyed a visit from Sam Sedgman, author of *The Highland Falcon Thief*, who inspired them with his creative writing workshop. KS1 also took part in a workshop from *West End in Schools*, where they heard the tale of Roald Dahl's *The Enormous Crocodile* and re-enacted the story in dance.

We were very impressed by all of the entries to our *Great Bookish Bake-Off* and had a really difficult time deciding on the winners. Congratulations to everyone who entered the competition, particularly Lucy, Annabelle, Miss Wicks and Abbie who wowed us with their bakes. Everyone had the chance to sample a yummy treat at the after-school cake sale, which raised a fantastic £180 for new library books.



Journalists in the making

During Newspaper Week, the children became journalists and had the chance to report on some very unusual breaking news, including Ms Astley's mysterious disappearance! Other headlines included, "Spaced Out", "Mummy Mishap", "Car Calamity" and "ELSA Must Not Let This Go!". We were delighted to read the detailed newspaper articles the children produced and could see that we definitely have some journalists in the making!

We would like to thank Urenco's Communication team, who assisted with the news conferences and donated some fantastic prizes to the children.



International Food Festival returns in July

The PTA at Stoke Poges School are working hard organising the village's second International Food Festival which will take place from 12-4pm on Saturday 8th July.

Having successfully raised enough for a wonderful STEAM Cabin at the school to enhance the children's learning, we are now aiming to finance an all-weather play area around the new building, meaning the Great British weather won't stop play for our students at any time of the year! Any profit from the festival will go directly towards this fundraiser.

Please do save the date — it promises to be a fantastic day! We have amazing food from around the world and a host of free entertainment planned. There will be live music performances and sports games from AMA Soccer as well as treasure trails and a reading tent for younger visitors.

We are delighted to be welcoming back Masaani Indian Restaurant, Serdio Ibericas tapas, Baked by Natasha and Aroma artisan pizzas, among others, and have some exciting new stalls including local celebrity chef Chris Wheeler from the Crown Inn in Farnham Common, Phatbird gourmet burgers, Esmee's luxury desserts and Qabuli Kitchen. The day promises to be a feast for the soul as well as the belly!

Heritage Property Services have kindly sponsored the event meaning the costs of first aid and other essential expenses are covered, and we are very grateful for the support from them and everyone in the local community for helping us put on this event.



Our International Food Festival will be a celebration of our rich and diverse heritage and cultures at the school, and one to welcome the whole community onto school grounds to celebrate with us, so do tell your friends and bring them along too! We can't wait to see you there!

■ This year's **International Food Festival** takes place on Saturday 8th July, 12-4pm in the grounds of The Stoke Poges School.

If you are able to help out for half an hour on a stall, or would like to book a pitch for your own business, please email:

spfoodfest@outlook.com

Developing a neighbourhood plan

Parish councillors and volunteers are working on the foundations of a neighbourhood plan for Stoke Poges.

They are supported by a consultancy firm, whose fees have been covered by grants, minimising the cost to the parish.

What is a neighbourhood plan?

We are vulnerable to developers using national planning policies to force development onto our community so that they can maximise their profits.

A neighbourhood plan is a key part of the government's localism agenda for parish councils to develop a shared vision for their neighbourhood. It aims are to give communities greater power to shape development by taking a more active role in the formation of planning policies at a local level.

It gives us a chance to create a planning document that guides and shapes all types of development in our local area, helping us to protect the green belt and get the right types of development in the right places, focused on the specific needs of our village.

An adopted neighbourhood plan will help us to preserve characteristics that set us aside from urban neighbouring areas, and protect buildings of designated interest from demolition and development.

Progress

A neighbourhood plan project can take a few years to formulate and the team is working hard to deliver it as soon as possible. We are very fortunate that we have such villagers who are dedicated to working to protect our village — this project would not be possible without them.

A huge amount of work has been done so far, gathering information and submitting draft policies to our consultant so that they can make them into policies that are within legislation. These policies are now being tested to ensure that their content stands up to being legally challenged.


A strategic environmental assessment and a housing needs assessment report have been commissioned and signed off.

The team has also met with The Farnhams Parish Council to look at possibilities on how to link up footpaths between villages.

Next steps

The next steps are to meet with Buckinghamshire Council and land owners in the village.

Once the draft is completed there will be a public consultation where you will be invited to look and comment. More information will follow later this year.

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Buckinghamshire Council update: New machine will help to fix potholes faster


Buckinghamshire Council began April with a new highways maintenance framework in place, designed to be more flexible and responsive to fast-changing demands on the service.

Winter was appalling for weather that causes damage to our roads. The highways team have done twice the number of gritting runs compared to last winter — an indication of the severity of the dreaded freeze-thaw conditions that promote cracking of road surfaces, leading to potholes.

In response, under the new contract, the number of pothole repair crews has been increased from eight to twelve. They will be working seven days per week, giving a capacity of repairing 2,500 potholes per month. This higher level of activity is being funded by £5 million drawn from the Council's reserves and an additional £2.3 million provided by government, which is additional to the £25 million that the Council had already budgeted for road repair and renewal. As part of the new maintenance

contract, a JCB Pothole Pro machine is being deployed on the network. Other councils have found that a Pothole Pro can prepare a pothole for filling on average in eight minutes, compared to around one hour with traditional methods using pneumatic drills. So the prospect of higher productivity and efficiency looks promising.

HGV deliveries to the new country park on Stoke Road are tailing off as the material required for landscaping is mostly on site. There will be deliveries of topsoil still arriving and there will be construction work ongoing to convert the existing building into a cafe and to add toilet facilities and a children's playground. The intention is to have a 'soft opening' for local residents towards the end of this year, with the full opening next spring when the planting has established itself and the mountain bike course has matured. The Council is committed to mitigating the harm caused to local roads by the HGV traffic when deliveries to the site have finished.

 *Ralph Bagge*



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Photographic Club is still thriving, sixty years on

Stoke Poges Photographic Club had its first meeting in September 1963 and although numbers go up and down they are still thriving.

Surviving the effects of Covid, supporting each other photographically and socially means we can keep our friendly camera club reputation.

As I write this we are nearing the end of our 2022-23 season and will be holding our AGM, during which members will select subjects for the 2024-25 season, and look forward to our Finals competitions.

Finals are when members select their three best images that they have entered into the eight competition evenings. If members have scored well it is a very difficult decision to make as they could have entered a total of twelve images in each of the categories. The three top scoring images from this season are: 'Wave' by Adam Lane, 'Architectural Symmetry' by Judy Giles and 'The Dolomites' by Paul Mothersill.

The season will be rounded off with a social get-together at the hall on the 6th June when certificates will be presented to winners.

We will be running our free to enter competition again this year when the lucky



'Wave' by Adam Lane

winner will be given a year's subscription to the club. The competition topic is "My Favourite". This can be anything from a pet, toy, keepsake, place, food or family member etc. It is not just about what is photographed but the image itself. Last year the competition was won by Adam Lane who has really enjoyed participating in all our competitions and workshops and is a welcome addition to the club.

If you are interested in entering the competition the details are:

Your picture can be taken on a phone or camera, it doesn't matter, just your vision.

Images should be in the form of a jpeg and be emailed to chair@stokepogesphotoclub.co.uk by 20th August 2023, including your name, address and (optional) phone number.

Family of club members are not eligible to enter. There is no monetary alternative.

The results will be announced at our Welcome Evening on 5th September.

The club will again have a stall at the Stoke Poges, Wexham & Fulmer Horticultural Society Flower Show on 29th July so come along and see some of our members' images on display.

 *Linda Miles*
Chairman, Stoke Poges Photographic Club

■ *More information about Stoke Poges Photographic Club can be found on their website at www.stokepogesphotoclub.co.uk*



'Architctural Symmetry' by Judy Giles



'The Dolomites' by Paul Mothersill

A warm welcome at the Social Club

Stoke Poges Village Social Club is located in the Village Centre on Rogers Lane.

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 people from all walks of life, including families, children, well-behaved dogs, clubs and societies.

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

We have an active volunteer committee who organise many events that appeal to a broad audience and suggestions are always welcomed. Please check the notice board and social media for more information. All events receive very generous raffle prizes and amazing community support, so please come along and support the club and its causes.

For any quizzers out there we have a regular Wednesday evening quiz at 8pm — just turn up on the night.

We have two darts teams that play on Tuesdays and Thursdays and the local football team enjoy a pint after their weekend



games. We also have a cosy corner with a sofa and coffee table. Some village 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 with beer, lager, cider and Guinness on tap, we also have a pool table and dartboards. 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.

We'd like to thank our members and supporters for their loyalty during this past

year. The club is a not for profit organisation, and any profits go back to the Village Centre, which is a charity, towards the running and upkeep of the building.

■ *The Social Club is open:*

Monday - Friday 7pm - 11pm

Saturday 2.30pm - 11pm

Sunday 12pm - 10.30pm

To find out more or to meet there with your club/committee, pop into the Social Club and chat to the team or email spvcmembership@gmail.com

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Three great-grandchildren of Sir Noel Mobbs hold products manufactured on the estate, together with historian Jaye Isherwood (third from left)

The Stoke Poges Society

A talk on the history of Slough Trading Estate

Our first talk of this year in April was given by Jaye Isherwood, a respected historian and published author, about the history of Slough Trading Estate and one of its founders, Sir Noel Mobbs.

Sir Noel owned Stoke Park and a lot of land nearby. It is thanks to him that today we have the beautiful Memorial Gardens, South Buckinghamshire Golf Course and the Farnham Park playing fields which are now all owned by Buckinghamshire Council.

It was pleasing to welcome to the talk members of the Mobbs family.

Annual society lunch

Following feedback about our annual dinner over the years at Stoke Park and more recently at Stoke Place, for this year we have instead organised an annual lunch. It will be at the South Buckinghamshire Golf Course clubhouse in Park Road on Saturday 14th October. This will enable members and guests to attend who work during the day and who don't like late nights out during the week!

Finally, many were sorry to hear of the death of one of our society's founding members and a former Honorary Secretary, Naomi Arnold MBE.

■ *Further information about the society's range of events throughout the year can be found on their website at www.e-voice.org.uk/stoke-poges-society*

Alternatively, please contact:

*Maggie Knox-Scott
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The value of heritage assets in Stoke Poges

One of the aims of The Stoke Poges Society is the preservation and study of all matters relating to the history and development of Stoke Poges.

It is rare for the society to get involved in planning applications. However, when destruction of a heritage building is looking a real possibility, the Management Committee does consider making representations. The society recently contributed to saving a 'picture postcard' village thatched detached house from demolition.

A member liaised with Buckinghamshire Council's planning enforcement officers when an old building was demolished which was thought to be in the curtilage of a listed building and no permission had been granted to do such a thing.

Heritage assets take many forms, yet are most recognised in the village by old buildings, parks and gardens. The question was recently asked, 'what's the value of them to you?' It is acknowledged both nationally and locally, they provide benefits to people, for example, improving wellbeing, and create spill-overs to the wider population such as a more productive workforce. Lord Mendoza, when referring to heritage assets, said "we all experience cultural nourishment and joy, and we experience it communally." There's pride and an identity value coming from them.

In 2021, Boris Johnson in a speech quoted a Daily Telegraph article about Stoke Poges being the eighth richest village in England. The value of richness can't be solely on property value but other factors, like the



Entrance tunnel to Stoke Court ice house

quality of life and heritage assets in the neighbourhood. It's a complex and pretty much unproven area to value what local heritage assets bring in terms of monetary value. Social Cost Benefit Analysis is used to help where to spend taxpayers' money at national level. There is already guidance issued to value the impact of interventions in crime, environment, health and transport. However, work is still in progress for Culture and Heritage guidance on valuations: the benefits of economic, social and cultural, not just the gross domestic product (GDP) and employment.

You may well be familiar with some of the well-known national heritage assets in the village such as Stoke Park, the Memorial Gardens, St Giles' Church, Gray's Monument, Stoke Place, Stoke Court and



Little Chesters, Hollybush Hill

Sefton Park. They are 'listed' by Historic England, which is an executive non-departmental public body. What we have since this January in Buckinghamshire, in addition to national heritage assets, are Local Heritage Listed (LHL) assets. LHL assets are the next level down in importance of their heritage from national ones. Buckinghamshire Council produces the LHL.

In the parish, the following are on the LHL: Stoke Park ice house; Stoke Court ice house; Stoke Court Park and Gardens; the Dower House in Stoke Court Drive; Top Cottage and Little Chesters in Hollybush Hill. The added protection by having them on the LHL may help to ensure these valuable heritage assets don't get significantly damaged or destroyed for ever.

Time will tell what Buckinghamshire Council accept on to the LHL. At present, they are assessing many hundreds of

buildings as to whether or not to include them on the LHL. Also we will see how councillors deal with planning applications which impact these assets on the LHL.


Over the years, residents in Stoke Poges have exercised their democratic right to support planning applications to destroy heritage buildings. Now is the time to think twice about supporting demolishing heritage buildings, primarily because of the 'value' of the building and secondly the impact on the environment. Peter Ainsworth, The Chair of The Heritage Alliance, points out, "It is crucial that owners and developers are encouraged to recycle, maintain and repair our existing housing stock to cut carbon emissions and help us reach our net-zero target by 2050." Sympathetically upgrading and reusing existing buildings, rather than demolishing and building new, could dramatically improve a building's energy efficiency and would make substantial energy savings

because the CO₂ emissions already embodied within existing buildings would not be lost through demolition.

A hurdle to overcome in many cases appears to be the driver to make more money from new builds, than to refurbish. Ben Cowell, the Director General of Historic Houses and Chair of the Historic Environment Forum, says that “the current VAT rates, at 20% for refurbishment and 0% for new build, financially incentivise developers to completely demolish existing buildings and build new.” Historic England put it bluntly: “Buildings and the construction industry are responsible for 42% of the UK’s total greenhouse gas emissions. These emissions arise from three stages of a building’s life cycle — when it is built, its daily emissions and its demolition.”

Perhaps new legislation is required that filters down to local planning authorities, i.e. Buckinghamshire Council who approve planning applications relating to Stoke Poges. At present, we have the likes of Lord Deben saying in Parliament “Stop building crap houses that don’t give the owners a proper kind of energy efficiency.” Lord Prescott said climate change was “an emergency” requiring “fundamental changes”.

What happens at government level does affect Buckinghamshire Council and may end up shaping the historic environment and valuable heritage buildings in Stoke Poges.

 **Harvey Whittam**
Chairman, The Stoke Poges Society
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Ladies Breakfast

‘Consider the Lilies ...’ breakfast talk in July

All are welcome to come and enjoy Ladies Breakfast — a warm and friendly social group which has been running for many years.

We meet at The South Buckinghamshire Golf Centre and offer a hearty buffet breakfast.

Our last meeting in March was attended by 40 ladies from all over Buckinghamshire and our speaker Liz Harvey delighted us all with an illustrated talk about her life.

Our speaker in July will be Clare Haynes, College Chaplain with students from Christ Church College Oxford. She grew up in rural Buckinghamshire, where her childhood was more pony club than church youth group. Before her ordination she was a social worker and then ran an events company. Her talk ‘*Consider The Lilies, Unveiled Women of the Old Testament and the Choices they made*’, will draw on her fascinating book, *Unveiled*, bringing these stories to life in an engaging and lively way.

The talk will be suitable for those with no prior knowledge of the Bible/Old Testament as well as those who have been in church for years.

■ *The next meeting together of Ladies Breakfast is on Saturday 15th July. The morning costs £12.50 and will start with tea/coffee from 8.15am. This will be followed by breakfast at 8.45am. The talk will start at approximately 9am and the event should finish by 10.30am.*

*If you are interested please contact Heather Homan
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heatherhom@gmail.com*

WI's summer programme

On 14th June, the WI welcomes historian Peter Hague for a talk entitled *Cliveden — Power, Politics and Scandal*. Cliveden, near Maidenhead, has a chequered history and was the home of the Astor family and became famous for the Profumo Affair which was a major political scandal in the 1960s.

We are looking forward to hearing about the work of Thames Valley Air Ambulance on Wednesday 12th July. They are part of our local emergency teams covering Buckinghamshire, Berkshire and Oxfordshire

and are vital in rapidly responding to critically ill and injured patients when ambulances would take too long.

After a very enjoyable river cruise last year, for our summer outing we are repeating the experience with another Thames cruise on Wednesday 9th August. We are going by coach to Walton-on-Thames where we board our riverboat and set off for Hampton Court. We are having lunch on board as well and are hoping for the beautiful weather we had last year to be repeated.

Hedgerley Historical Society

Broadway — a Cotswold village

Julian Hunt's talk at Hedgerley Historical Society in June will take us to Broadway.

Broadway is situated where the London to Worcester road plunges down from the Cotswolds into the Vale of Evesham. Its farmers prospered growing crops on the rich soil of the vale and rearing sheep for their wool on Broadway Hill.

From the 17th to the 19th centuries, Broadway's many inns served travellers on the London Road and the Lygon Arms remains one of the best known hotels in England. In the 19th century, Broadway became the haunt of a group of artists and William Morris based himself at Broadway Tower.



Lygon Arms, Broadway
(Image provided by speaker Julian Hunt)

After the opening of the bypass in 1999, visitors can peer at the superb Cotswold-stone houses in relative safety.

Julian Hunt was a local history librarian for 30 years and has written numerous histories of towns and villages in the north, the Midlands and Buckinghamshire. He has been a regular speaker at Hedgerley.

■ **Broadway — A Cotswold Village** takes place on Wednesday 21st June, 8pm at Hedgerley Memorial Hall.



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Vicar's letter:

How to be united

Every time we take Communion, we affirm that we are “one body”. We celebrate our unity and emphasise how important it is. But it isn't always easy to love your neighbour ...

In *The Lord of Rings*, Tolkien has Elrond say: “This is the purpose for which you are called hither. Called, I say, though I have not called you to me, strangers from distant lands.” So, who has done the calling? It is a crucial moment in the book. Elrond is reflecting that there is a bigger power at work, and this is what the fellowship needs to hear.

We are not part of the church by accident: we are called, we are invited. “I will build my church” says Jesus — this is his church. He prayed that the church would be united, and, as the New Testament unfolds, we can see how this was lived.

They looked out for each other, ensuring that resources were shared and people were not in need. They encouraged one another, and learnt together. They sometimes disagreed. They were taught that they needed each other, as different parts of a body need each other. They were taught that each person had God-given gifts which were to be valued and used. They were warned against getting involved in unnecessary quarrels. They were to have the mind of Christ towards each other and to remember the centrality of love. They were not to be tribal, nor set individual leaders on pedestals. There was a sense of purpose, of partnership, in sharing the gospel. They ate together when they could, including sharing in the Lord's Supper. The commitment to unity could not be taken for

granted, and occasionally people followed their own agendas. There was thus an emphasis on faithfulness in prayer so it was Christ's agenda that was followed. Think of it this way, it would be strange if I were picked for a cricket team and then began to play football in the middle of the game; the captain may wish to have words ...

To the Ephesians, Paul explicitly links unity to calling and the character of God: “There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.” In Christ's church we are one. So, we learn to keep unity whilst disagreeing, to do what we can to include, to honour, to live with irritations (while remembering we might actually be slightly annoying ourselves...). It all seems to be rather important.

As for Elrond, he continued: “You have come and are here met, in this very nick of time, by chance as it may seem. Yet it is not so.” Yet it is not so. It is not by chance. A humbling, challenging and rather exciting thought as we travel together.

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An update from the Recreation and Environment Committee

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

Recreational areas

We welcome the start of summer, after what has been an extremely wet winter and a wet start to spring. The constant rain has meant that Bells Hill Recreation Ground has suffered with some flooding which is historic, going back many years, as it is situated at the bottom of a hill where water will naturally drain. There is a series of drains and soakaways installed, some added in recent years, but the sheer volume of water means it can take time for surface water to drain away.

The Parish Council has also received complaints about the overflow of water from the pond into the rec. The pond is co-owned by the Parish Council and four residents, and any responsibilities are therefore shared. We have all been reminded about our riparian responsibilities by Buckinghamshire Council and the Parish Council has taken legal advice from its solicitors, which has been shared with all owners. Moving forward, the pond does require maintenance so we are in talks with the owners to reach a solution, but this is proving complicated.

Just a quick reminder that if you have a dog or need to dispose of litter there are plenty of bins, so please use them. Leaving your litter and dog mess is not only antisocial 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 needs to be spruced up, cleaned and the lines repainted. This was supposed to have happened in early spring, but because of the ongoing wet weather this has been delayed. Once the drier weather is with us the work will commence, and we will notify residents when it is scheduled to happen.

This area can occasionally experience some noise and antisocial behaviour. You may have noticed that we have needed to lock it at night so that neighbouring residents are not disturbed — it's a shame that this is necessary. Now that the lighter nights are here the MUGA will be locked at night.

Pavilion

The pavilion is well used by the football club and uniformed groups giving them a modern and safe space. We have a caretaker to look after the building inside and out. We are very conscious that this facility should be looked after. Please let our Parish Clerk know if you see something that you think needs attention. In the event of an emergency, please call the caretaker on 07881 388778.

Allotments

Stoke Poges allotments are situated in the north of the village, surrounded by wonderful oak trees and historical hedgerows. The site is managed by the Parish Council and plots are rented on an annual basis.

If you are interested in renting a plot, please contact the Parish Clerk to be added to the waiting list.

Parking on pavements and grass verges

With the increase in cars per household there is a lack of space on our roads. With this in mind, thought and consideration is required. 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 that many would welcome. Blocking the pavement has led to accidents happening. Remember, if you block the pavement our local PCSOs have agreed that they will issue penalty notices and in some cases will have the vehicle towed away. 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 and even though clearing it falls under the remit of Buckinghamshire Council, budgets have been cut resulting in a reduction of services. Much like cutting grass verges, this may be something that we as villagers could make part of our community responsibility. The Parish Council have organised several litter picking events, and dates are shown on our four notice boards. Please join us! Children are welcome.

We had our first community litter pick of the year in March, and a second in May. Thank you to those of you that attended — we are very grateful to you for giving your time.

Future litter picks are as follows:

Wednesday 12th July, 6pm - 8pm
Saturday 9th September, 10am - 12 noon

If you or your organisation would like to do your own litter picks please contact the Parish Clerk and she can arrange for you to borrow any equipment.

Planning

The Parish Council Planning Committee continues to work hard to defend the character, space and semi-rural nature of our village.

The role of the committee is that we are a statutory consultee which is the same as when a resident is notified by the local authority that their neighbour has submitted an application. 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 department at Buckinghamshire Council.

We endeavour where possible to listen to residents that have concerns and when appropriate we will make a comment based on planning policy. We are however up against applicants that do not necessarily submit designs in keeping with the road that they live in. 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 Buckinghamshire Council. Please consider the harm you may be doing to your locality.

Carols On The Green – save the date

The date for this year's event is Saturday 25th November.

If you would like a stall please get in touch with the Parish Clerk.

Local charity installs sixth defibrillator in our village

A new public access defibrillator has been installed on the outside wall of St Andrew's Church Centre, bringing the total in Stoke Poges to six.

It was bought by local charity Thames Valley Heartbeat with help from a villager who generously paid the VAT.

The lockable cabinet was kindly donated by Stoke Park and was installed free of charge by a local electrician.

Along with all the other defibrillators in the village it is registered on 'The Circuit', a national database operated by the British Heart Foundation. It provides the NHS ambulance services with vital information about defibrillators across the UK so they can be accessed quickly to help save lives in those crucial moments after a cardiac arrest.

It is hoped the defibrillator will never be used but in the event of a cardiac arrest call 999, and the emergency operator will tell you where your nearest public access defibrillator is and they will give you the code to unlock the cabinet. To achieve the best outcome,



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Thames Valley Heartbeat's Bob Crocker (left) shakes hands with Nick Downie of Stoke Park

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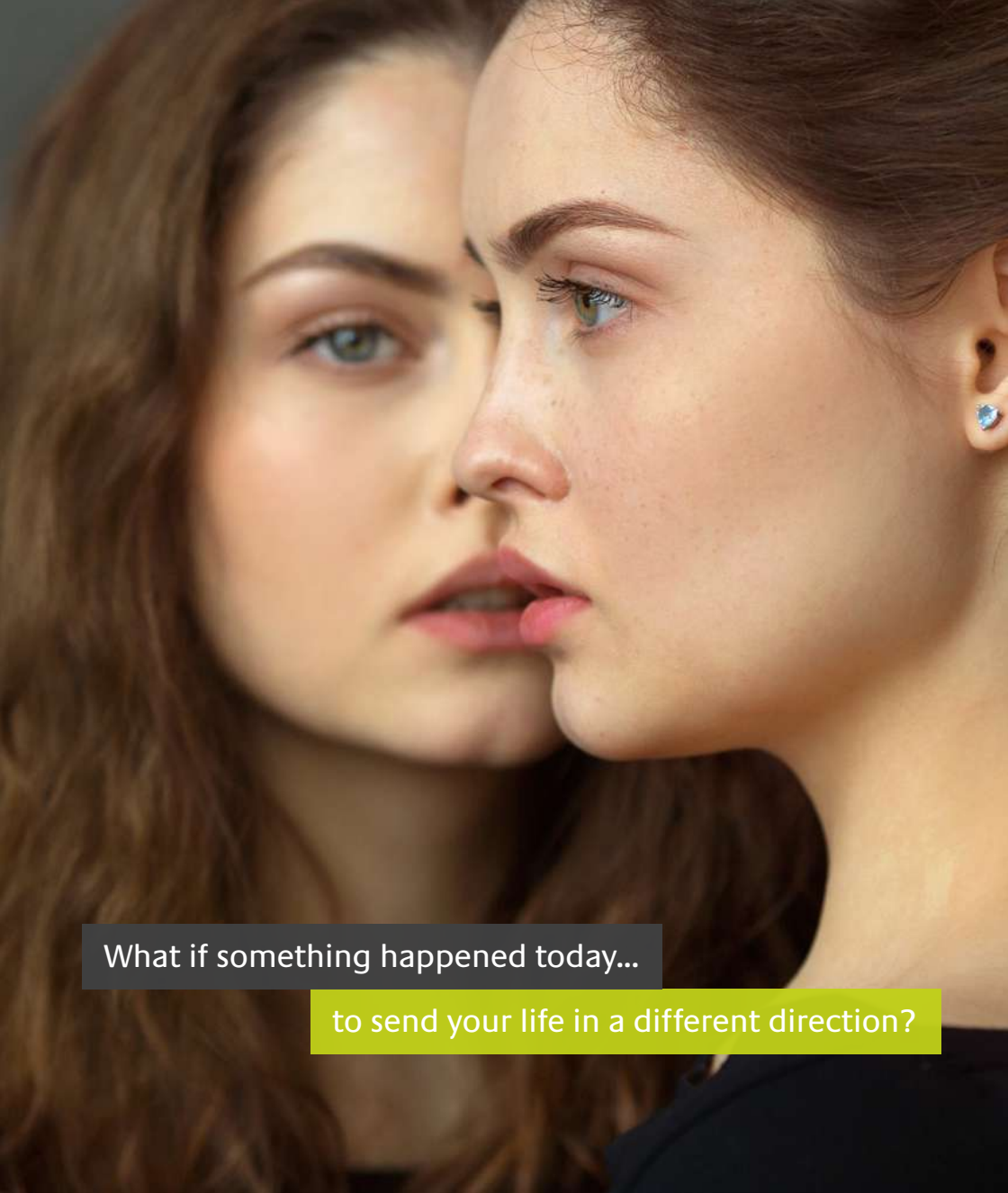
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