

Historic Towns & Villages

Stoke Goldington

An Historic Living and Thriving Community



Villagers assembled for the Whitsun walk 1894

Two SG villagers making lace c.1910



Steam at Stoke c.1989

The first record of Stoke (from Old English 'stoc' meaning a place) is in the Domesday Book when Drogo held land from William de Peverel. William fell foul of Henry II and as a result Stoke was given by Henry to Peter de Goldington

The village sits astride the Newport Pagnell-Northampton road where it climbs to the Northamptonshire uplands. There are no less than thirty Grade II listed buildings in the village. The oldest, apart from the church, is in Dag Lane and is partially late-14th or early-15th century.

Bobbin lace-making was a major cottage industry, the 1841 census recording 247 women in the village as lace makers.

In 1906 Henry Armstrong, a native of Stoke, set up the Bucks Cottage Workers Agency to collect and market the lace.

Many of the men worked in the local brickfield. The Whiting's steam ploughs were well known in the area in the late-19th and early-20th centuries and between 1925 and 1979 the Wesley family ran a coach company from the village. The village is probably best-known today for its annual May Steam Rally. Villagers live in an historic environment but are very much part of a living and thriving community.

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