



Public School Lodges' Council Festival
Hosted by Stowe Lodge No. 9002
Saturday 3rd June 2023



Welcome to Stowe Lodge's programme for the Public School Lodges' Council Festival. We are extremely honoured to host the Festival at Stowe in 2023, the Centenary Year of the School. Our aim is for the Festival to be a fun, family day out and on the following pages you will find our programme for the day together with the ticket prices, which we hope will encourage you, and your friends and families to attend.

Programme

- 10.00am On arrival have teas, coffees and soft drinks whilst taking in the wonderful views from the South Front Portico, wander around the classic cars and motorbikes, for the adventurous take a ride in the tethered hot air balloon or have a go on one of the traditional fun fair rides, check out the charity auction items, or register for one of the guided tours of the house and gardens.
- 11.00am Robing for the formal part of the day - the Festival Forum.
- 11.30am Festival Forum - Procession of the guests of honour; the Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master, Jonathan Spence, and the Headmaster, Dr. Anthony Wallersteiner. Welcome from the Worshipful Master of Stowe Lodge, brief speeches from the Pro Grand Master and the Chairman of the Public School Lodges' Council and the Headmaster will give a short talk on Stowe and its relationship to Freemasonry.
- Please note: Masons are expected to attend this part of the day and it is also open to non-Masons as well. The Headmaster, Dr. Anthony Wallersteiner, is a highly engaging and witty public speaker so this might be a highlight of the day.*
- For those not attending this part of the day, all of the other activities will be available so they can take part in these if they prefer.*
- 12.15pm Disrobe and, if desired, change into smart casual / garden party attire for the remainder of the day's activities.
- 12.45pm A 'Big Picture' of all the attendees will be taken on the South Front steps.
- 1.00pm The Headmaster's drinks reception, accompanied by Stoic and Old Stoic musicians. We will also have a parade of Stowe's huntsmen and their beagle pack.
- 1.30pm A rolling three-course buffet lunch will be served in the State dining rooms, accompanied by wines and soft drinks.
- To encourage a more family friendly day, we will not have speeches over lunch and seating arrangements will be informal with no seating plans being provided.*
- 3.00pm In the afternoon, we will hold cricket and tennis matches between Stowe Lodge and PSLC teams, there will be a recital by the PSLC Festival Choir in the beautiful and intimate Stowe Church, and the Headmaster will conduct a personal tour of the house and gardens, which is one not to be missed!
- Pimm's and afternoon teas will be served around the boundary of the cricket pitch and at the tennis courts. In addition, an ice cream van will be available throughout the day to help satisfy a sweet tooth!
- 6.30pm Departure.

Activities

Available all day

- Take in the beauty and grandeur of the house and the world-famous Capability Brown gardens on one of our guided tours.
- Wander around the classic cars and motorbikes, very generously provided by the Buckinghamshire Classic Car and Motorbike Lodges.
- See Stowe from above on a ride in a tethered hot air balloon, very generously provided by Bro. Bill Rossiter.
- Have a go on the traditional fun fair rides and stalls.
- Browse the arts and craft stalls so you can stock up on the locally made products and produce.
- Listen to Stoic and Old Stoic musicians showcasing their talents in the South Front Portico.
- Play tennis on the courts next to the School shop and just remember to bring your tennis kit with you.
- Go on a children's treasure hunt in the morning.
- Get your face decorated by our face painter, normally one for the children...
- Bid on an item in our charity auction, knowing that the proceeds will go to our chosen charity, the Masonic Fishing Charity.
- Wander over to Dadford lake, down past the stable block, to see the Masonic Fishing Charity in action and see how the act of organising a day's fishing for a young person can help them 'catch a smile'.
- Browse the information stands in the State music room outlining the activities of the Masonic Grand Charity and the charitable and benevolent activities of Freemasons in Buckinghamshire and London.
- Walk around the Stowe visitor center and see what life was like when Stowe was the ancestral seat of the Dukes of Buckingham and when the School was founded in 1923.
- Browse the stunning pictures of Stowe's 'Studio 100', which have captured the essence of being a modern Stoic through the lens of renowned photographer, Jonathan Glynn-Smith; who has kindly allowed us to use some of his pictures in this programme.
- Relax in the Plug Street café whilst your children play in the children's area on the South Front lawns.

From 3.00pm

- Watch or take part in the cricket and tennis matches between Stowe Lodge and PSLC teams.
- Listen to a recital by the PSLC Festival Choir in the beautiful and intimate Stowe Church.
- Go on a tour of the house and gardens led by the Headmaster who will share with you his personal highlights of the estate.

Tickets

The number of tickets for the Festival is limited and we have set their prices to encourage you and your friends and families to attend. Given this, and to avoid disappointment, we suggest that you buy your tickets as soon as possible:

Adult ticket £75

Under 16s ticket £35

Under 12s ticket Free

Your ticket includes all of your food, drink and activities throughout the day. Please note some of the activities may be subject to weather / availability and purchases from the arts and crafts stalls and from the ice cream van are not covered by your ticket.

To buy your tickets please go to the following website:

<https://stowelodge9002.co.uk/pslc-tickets/>



Travel

By car

Stowe is located a couple of miles outside of the historic market town of Buckingham and for those arriving by car the postcode is MK18 5EH.

There will be plenty of on-site parking and for those less able to walk parking next to the main house will be available. Please indicate when buying your tickets if you need parking next to the main house.

By National Rail

The nearest railway station is Milton Keynes.

Key Locations

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1. Entrance to Stowe from Dadford road.
2. Masonic Fishing Charity event.
3. Roxburgh Hall / Festival Forum.
4. Security.
5. School shop tennis courts.
6. Arts and crafts stalls.
7. Children's play area.
8. State dining rooms.

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9. Stowe visitor centre and Plug Street café.
10. North Front cricket pitch.
11. Classic cars and motorbikes.
12. Registration.
13. Start/finish of the house and garden tours.
14. South Front steps for the 'Big Picture'.
15. Stowe's 'Studio 100' exhibition.
16. Parking for those less able to walk.
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18. Headmaster's gardens for pre-lunch drinks.
19. Tethered hot air balloon.
20. Traditional funfair rides and stalls.
21. PSLC Festival Choir recital in Stowe church.

NB: The walk from the main house to the Roxburgh Hall for the Festival Forum is usually a 5 minutes stroll or 10 minutes, if taken at a slightly slower pace.

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We very much hope you like our programme for the Public School Lodges' Council Festival and from everyone in the Lodge we very much look forward to welcoming you and your friends and families to Stowe...



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