

**STANFORD IN THE VALE AND DISTRICT LOCAL HISTORY
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REMINDER:

Subscriptions for 2005 were due at the A.G.M. They are £5 per family (i.e. two adults living at the same address). If you have not yet renewed will you let our new Membership Secretary have your dues a.s.a.p.

The first A.G.M. of the Society was held in February and a committee of 6 people was elected. At the March Committee meeting, responsibilities were decided as follows:

Chairman: David Axford.

Secretary, and Editor (Newsletter and 'The Stanford Historian'): Phil Morris.

Treasurer: Steve Williams.

Membership Secretary: Peter Wright, 4 The Walls, Stanford in the Vale, SN7 8LP.

Archivist: Jim Belcher.

Librarian: Lawrence Ward.

Betty Morris, June Leighfield, Margaret Walpole, and Joan Owen will continue to assist at meetings with raffle arrangements and refreshments. Thank you ladies

Reprint of Rev. Maine's 1866 Book "A Berkshire Village". We have had 150 copies printed. Copies are £8 each. At present they are on sale at Stanford paper shop. They will be of special interest to anyone who has Stanford ancestors, as many old families are mentioned. For members living out of the village, copies can be obtained by post from Phil Morris, 71 Van Diemens, Stanford in the Vale, SN7 8HW for £8 (cheques payable to P.P .Morris).

The APRIL MEETING will be held 7.45 p.m. on Tuesday April 12th in the Small Hall, Stanford, when to coincide with this year's Council Tax demand, Phil Morris will give a talk entitled:

'TOWNSHIPS, MANORS, PERAMBULATIONS AND MEREINGS' - a whirlwind presentation outlining the history of the Local Government system in England and Wales.

N.B. Change of date for May Meeting.

Please note that there will be **NO INDOOR MEETING** on Tuesday 10th May. Instead, there will be a visit for members to Charney Bassett Water Mill, on the following Tuesday, 17th May. The visit will be hosted by Bruce Hedge, who recently spoke to the Society about the Mill.

To avoid car parking problems at the mill, will members please assemble at Stanford Village Hall car park, with cars, at 6.50 p.m. We will arrange car sharing, so as few as possible cars are taken to the mill. The visit will last about an hour. Please note that access to the upper floors is by a narrow staircase and ladder. A small donation would be appreciated by the Vale of White Horse Industrial Archaeology Group, towards the restoration costs -say £1 per head.

The normal June meeting will be Tuesday 14th June. Please see posters/parish newsletter or phone the Secretary nearer the date for details. **THERE ARE NO MEETINGS IN JULY/AUGUST.** Next season's meetings will start in September.

Next Newsletter will appear in late August 2005.

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