

STANFORD IN THE VALE & DISTRICT LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

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This is the first newsletter of 2006 and the main content is the Society's programme for the next three meetings. May I remind members that all indoor meetings at the Small Village Hall, Stanford, start at 7.45 p.m. although we open the doors at 7.30 p.m.

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 14TH

This is the occasion of the Society's second A.G.M. and the agenda is as follows:

Welcome by the Chairman and apologies for non-attendance.

Minutes of the first A.G.M. (Copies will be on seats), and any matters arising.

Chairman's report of the Society's activities during 2005.

Financial report for 2005.

Election of the Committee -Present members are willing to stand, but two additional members are needed. (Officers are elected at the first Committee Meeting).

Subscription rate for 2006. Subscriptions (up to two adults at same address) become due at this meeting and the Committee has proposed they remain at £5.00 for at least 2006.

Following the A.G.M. there will be a presentation dealing with the digitalisation and cataloguing of the Stanford in the Vale Photo. Archive

TUESDAY MARCH 14th

We aim to include at least two talks with a Family History theme during the year's programme. On this occasion Phil Morris will talk about "GRAVE MATTERS- WHAT ARE M.I's ? Their importance to the Family Historian".

TUESDAY APRIL 11th

Our first Guest Speaker for 2006.

Dr John Paddock, from the CORINIUM MUSEUM, CIRENCESTER, will give an illustrated talk about: "THE ENGLISH CIVIL WAR IN THE S.E. COTSWOLDS".

If you missed Brian Stovold's fascinating talk about "The Wilts and Berks Canal", he is repeating it at Denchworth Village Hall, for members of the Denchworth Local History Group, on Monday 13th March, at 7.30 p.m. There is a charge of £2 for visitors. There will be a raffle in aid of the Canal Trust.

Copies of Issue 7 of "THE STANFORD HISTORIAN" are selling fast. They can be obtained from Stanford Paper Shop or Wantage Library. Issue 8 will appear in April 2006.

Within Oxfordshire's 'Vale of White Horse' , as well as our re-formed Society, there have been for many years active Local History Societies/Groups at Abingdon, Denchworth, Didcot, Faringdon, The Hanneys, Longworth, Marcham, Shrivenham, and Wootton with Dry Sandford. Sad to note the Shrivenham Society has announced its closure due to declining membership. During 2005, our membership has stayed fairly constant, but there is no room for complacency, and every effort must be made to recruit at least five new members during 2006, not just to swell numbers at our 'talks evenings' but to assist with ongoing projects.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY CONTINUING EDUCATION, based at *Rewley House, 1 Wellington Square, Oxford*, has announced its latest programme of *Local History day schools/weekends, for Spring and Autumn 2006*.

*Subjects covered: "Maps for Local Historians" - 25 March;
"Early English Shire Towns, Impact of County Government" - 29/30 April;
"The Architecture of the Tudor and Jacobean Age" - 12/13/14 May;
"Place-names of the Wychwood Area" - 20 May;
"Understanding Probate Records c.1541 - c.1858" - 21/22 October;
"Gardens of the Twentieth Century" - 27/29 October;
"Rural England -Twentieth Century Histories" -4 November; and
"The Art of Husbandry" - 25 November.*

Details of costs, speakers, place availability, accommodation, etc. from O.U.C.E.D. (01865) 270368.

N.B. The Society's reprint of Revd. Maine's 1860's book about Stanford in the Vale is still available from Stanford Paper Shop price £8. We need to sell 20 more copies to cover printing costs, and then further sales will generate income for the Society.

Journeys through time and space

For members with internet access www.journeyshroughtime.org.uk is a web site produced by The British Library in collaboration with members of the South East Museum, Library and Archive Council. It provides access to some interesting film and sound archives, pages from the original 'Alice' manuscript written and drawn by Lewis Carroll, and tours of Thames Riverside Pubs, plus other fascinating items. Museum of Oxford is one collaborator.

THE SOCIETY'S NEXT NEWSLETTER WILL BE PUBLISHED IN APRIL AND WILL CONTAIN DETAILS OF OUR SUMMER PROGRAMME.

Phil Morris -Hon Sec. 30 January 2006