

STANFORD IN THE VALE AND DISTRICT LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

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*The first two meetings of the current season were very well attended. In October Steve Capel-Davies again entertained us with a fascinating well-illustrated talk about milling on the Thames - mainly in the middle section, and earlier this month Margaret Grant gave us a fascinating insight into the history of Stanford's 'St Denys Churchyard' outlining additions to its area to meet on going demands; repairs to walls and the shapes and sizes of some of the old tombstones. She also briefly told us about the wildlife that inhabits 'God's Acre'.*

*'History on Your Doorstep' at Southmoor in September attracted several visitors from the Society, and a group of members ran a stand to publicise our activities. More details in the current (No.9) issue of 'The Stanford Historian' now on sale at Stanford Paper Shop, The Horse and Jockey, and Wantage (Vale & Downland) Museum. The next issue, Spring 2007, being No.10 will be a bumper 40 page issue.*

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**THE NEXT FEW MONTHS ...**

Tuesday 12 December 7.30 p.m. This is our annual Social Evening (no speaker) for members and their guests. There will be a charge of £1 per head for all attending, towards refreshments. Wine and cheese, mince pies; picture competition; Quiz and raffle.

**TUESDAY 9 January 2007. (7.30 for 7.45 p.m. start) Sharon Bishop, from English Heritage, will give an illustrated presentation dealing with aerial survey techniques used in the local area, to support archaeological searches and recording.**

TUESDAY 13 February. This is the date of our A.G.M. The business part of the meeting will start at 7.45 p.m. and will be kept to a minimum. After the Chairman's and Treasurer's reports, and election of the committee for 2007 -08, David Axford will show us another selection of the many interesting old pictures from the Violet Howse Photographic Archive.

Don't forget that Lawrence has the Society Library -numbers of books that may be borrowed is increasing -at each meeting. Please support this service.

Phil Morris Hon. Sec.

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