

STANFORD IN THE VALE & DISTRICT LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY
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The torrential rain on 20 July caused both damage to property and problems to residents in several of the villages served by our Society. According to one elderly resident, the floods at Bow when the Hatford Brook overflowed and water poured off the clay bank (part of former brick pits) on the other side of Bow Road were the worst for fifty years. Also, it was a great pity that the 'Sealed Knot' Civil War Re-enactment due to take place on that weekend (21st /22nd) at Newbridge (A415) was a casualty of the Thames flooding there. Recently readers may have seen news items suggesting that because of river damage to 'Newbridge' - actually a fifteenth century construction, with later repairs, a by pass and new river crossing may be necessary, because of the strategic importance of the A415 route way.

Your Committee has already met this month, partly to make plans for the Winter and Spring programme and our first two meetings are as follows.

Tuesday 11 September

NICK HANCE, MBE will be giving the first of two talks about the History of Harwell - the Government research site, not Harwell village. The first talk will deal with the period 1900 to 1945, and will include the period during WWII when the RAF were in occupation. (Nick will give his second talk at a later date).

Tuesday 9 October

Dr SUE BURNAY, who lives in East Ilsley, will entertain us with the story of "THE PUBS AND BREWERIES OF EAST ILSLEY".

Reminder: All meetings start at 7.45 pm, but the doors of the Small Village Hall open at 7.30 pm.

I am pleased to report that sales of the special 10th edition of '**THE STANFORD HISTORIAN**' have been excellent, and very few copies are left. Copies can still be purchased from Stanford Post Office, the 'Horse and Jockey' pub, and the Museum in Wantage. Issue No. 11 is due out in early October.

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