

STANFORD IN THE VALE & DISTRICT LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY  
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**HONORARY MEMBERSHIP**

Many members will be aware of the contribution that was made to the study of the history of Stanford in the Vale, and many of its surrounding parishes, by the late Mrs Violet Hawse, in the latter part of the twentieth century. Violet was assisted in her work by her daughter Jasmine, who also produced several works in her own right. Jasmine has been latterly instrumental in collating the large collection of photographs dating from the end of the nineteenth and the early twentieth century, which were collected by her mother. This was so the whole collection could be lodged in the Berkshire Record Office. (Copies of many of the images already exist in the Bodleian Library, the result of an earlier bequest from her mother). It is due to the generosity of Jasmine, that many of these images have been transferred to disc. This work was initially done by Jim Belcher, and later completed by David Axford. It has created a local digital archive held by the Society, for the use of members and other interested persons.

In recognition of her own contribution to Stanford's historical record, and her kindness to the Society, it was unanimously decided at our last committee meeting to grant Honorary Membership of our Society to Miss Jasmine Howse. Notice of this decision was recently conveyed to Jasmine, who lives in Wolvercote, now a suburb of Oxford, by our chairman. David reports that she was quite overwhelmed by the news, but very proud to be so honoured.

**WINTER PROGRAMME**

**NOVEMBER 13th** Jean Denney, who is member of the Berkshire Family History Society, will be talking to us about **DATING OLD PHOTOGRAPHS**. She hopes that members who do possess really old family pictures will bring a few along with them, so that she may say something about them.

**DECEMBER 11th** This meeting will be our usual Winter/Christmas Social evening, with a Quiz, wine and some eats. There will be a small charge towards the food and drink, which will be collected at the door.

**JANUARY 8th** We will be welcoming Liz Woolley from Oxford, who is going to talk to us about **THE PARISH OF SAINT THOMAS THE MARTYR**, one of the ancient parishes of the City of Oxford.

The Berkshire Local History Association, to which the Society is affiliated, will be holding their AGM on Saturday 15 March. We have offered to host the meeting here in Stanford, but as several other Societies have also offered their services, we were awaiting the outcome of the selection process when this newsletter went to press. We will keep you informed as to the outcome.

Phil Morris, Hon Secretary. 9 November 2007