

# STANFORD IN THE VALE & DISTRICT LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

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We started our 2008 programme with a very interesting illustrated talk by Liz Woolley from Oxford, about the parish of St Thomas the Martyr - once outside the medieval city walls - now an area facing redevelopment. For those members who were unable to be present at January's meeting her subject area lies between Oxford castle/old gaol and the railway and contains much of historic interest. Hopefully we will be able to arrange for Liz to lead a walkabout sometime in the summer.

Our next meeting - Tuesday February 12 is the occasion of our AGM. The agenda for the business session, which should last about half an hour at most, is:

1. Welcome by Chairman and any apologies for non-attendance
2. Minutes of the AGM held 13 February 2007 (Copies available on the night)
3. Chairman's report dealing with Society's activities in 2007
4. Treasurer's report
5. Subscription rate for ensuing year. The Committee will propose a figure, based on treasurer's budget for 2008, which you will be asked to vote on
6. Nominations and election of the management committee (Officers are decided at the first meeting of the new committee)
7. Any other business at the Chairman's discretion

Refreshments will follow, and then David Axford will show us more digitised local photos from the Violet Howse Archives. The selection is entitled 'ST ANFORD GREENS'.

***On Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> March our speaker will be Dr. Elizabeth Gemmill, who is the Director of the English Local History Diploma Course, at Oxford University's Dept. for Continuing Education. Her subject will be 'THE MEDIEVAL HOUSEHOLD'.***

In April, we welcome A vis Lloyd who is going talk about the work she has done researching Chantry Chapels, mostly in southern England. Her talk is entitled 'Chantries and Change in the 14<sup>th</sup> Century'. The date will be Tuesday April 8<sup>th</sup>. [Definition from 'The Oxford Companion to Local and Family History' - Chantry Chapel: A private chapel, normally attached to a parish church or a chapel-of-ease, with an altar for the celebration of mass for the founder and his or her nominees, or for the souls of the members of guilds or fraternities].

*Some members will recall that along with some other Societies we offered to host the AGM of the Berkshire Local History Association - our Society is affiliated to BLHA. However, this year BLHA decided to accept Goring and Streatley Local History Society's bid, and the meeting, which starts with refreshments at 11.15 am (Saturday 15 March) will be at the Morrel IRoom, Streatley. A light lunch (pre-ordered for £3.50) will be served at 1pm. Depending on the weather, there will be either a guided walk, or a talk by BLHA President, Pro! Ted Collins, after lunch. Our Society may send up to 4 members. Anyone interested should contact Phi! Morris by our February meeting. It would good to make our existence known!*

*Phi! Morris (Hon. Sec) . 23 January 2008*