

STANFORD IN THE VALE AND DISTRICT LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

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Meetings

9th SEPTEMBER Dr Andrew Hutt from the Berks Archaeological Trust will give a talk on BERKSHIRE IRON AGE HILL FORTS: THEIR CONSTRUCTION AND USE.

14th OCTOBER Debbie Hayter, a Landscape Historian, will talk about 17TH CENTURY VILLAGE LIFE.

11th NOVEMBER Jean Debney, a member of the Berkshire Family History Society who talked to us about Dating Old Photographs last winter, will be talking on the VILLAGE CHEST.

9th DECEMBER WINTER SOCIAL EVENING. Details to be advised

Note that our meetings are listed in the Community website's Events page <http://www.stanford-in-the-vale.co.uk/events.php>

Reminder: Meetings start at 7:45 p.m., but the doors of the small Village Hall are open by 7:30 p.m.

Irene Astins

Irene, who was one of the Society's first members died at the end of June. A skilled artist and needlewoman, she took a keen interest in many aspects of local history, and with her husband Norman sponsored a couple of the Society's meetings when our funds were low. A large number of friends and many neighbours from 'Penstones' attended her funeral on 4th July in Swindon at which the Society was represented. Our condolences were expressed to Norman and their only son John.

Missing Book

The Society had a successful day at the Stanford Festival and raised a useful sum for the funds with a quiz/raffle linked to the early Lords of the Manor, and book sales. Unfortunately a copy of the reprint of Violet Howse's Stanford Churchwarden accounts 1552 – 1725 (£15) went missing from the bookstall. If someone picked it up in error, Lawrence Ward (710255) would be glad to receive either the book or £15.

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