

STANFORD IN THE VALE AND DISTRICT LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

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Meetings

12th May **JEAN DEBNEY**, a member of the Berkshire Family History Society who talked to us about Dating Old Photographs in November 2008, will be talking on **THE PARISH CHEST**.

9th June **SUE BURNAY**, who lives in East Ilsley and entertained us with a talk on pubs and breweries in her village about 18 months ago, will be talking on the subject of **'USING MAPS AND TERRIERS TO RESEARCH LAND OWNERSHIP'**

July & August There are no meetings.

Our meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of the month and start at 7:45 p.m., but the doors of the small Village Hall are open by 7:30 p.m. Meetings are shown in the Community website's Events page <http://www.stanford-in-the-vale.co.uk/events.php>

B.L.H.A. Annual General Meeting

The Berkshire Local History Association is an organisation for Local History Societies (LHSs) and Groups, interested in the history of the 'old' County of Berkshire. Some of the LHSs, like our own Society, are now in Oxfordshire. Nevertheless, this year we were asked if we would host the B.L.H.A.'s Annual General Meeting, which we did on Saturday 28th March in Stanford's large village hall.

At the meeting there were also representatives from the Goring and Streatley; Hanneys; Theale; East Ilsley; Maidenhead; and Wargrave Societies, as well as several BLHA. Committee members. Several of the Societies, including our own, had display and sales tables.

After coffee and biscuits, everyone was welcomed by our Chairman, Dr. David Axford, followed by the AGM. At the end of the formal meeting a raffle was held for two pairs of tickets for the British Association for Local History's special day in London. One pair went to Betty Morris, who was helping with refreshments. She and Phil will be off to the Euston Road Friends Meeting House on 6th June. After a buffet lunch, Lawrence Ward and Phil Morris (assisted by Margaret Grant) gave the delegates a quick tour of St Denys Church and churchyard and the 'conservation area' of the village close to Church Green. When the walk was over and everyone had received a hot drink, David Axford entertained everyone with a selection of images from the Howse Photo Archive.

The day was judged to be a great success.

Membership Reminder

If you have not paid for this year's membership, Steve Williams will be happy to have this your family subscription of £7.00. If you drop it in to his house [6 Glebe Road] please make sure that you include your contact details.