

# STANFORD IN THE VALE AND DISTRICT LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

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## Meetings:

**8<sup>th</sup> September** **MANFRED BROD** gave a talk on ‘**ABINGDON IN THE 16TH AND 17TH CENTURIES**’, discussing some of the key people who organised the town, and the social, religious and political developments that affected it.

**13<sup>th</sup> October** **JOHN PARROT**, an amateur archaeologist who has lived in Wantage for ten years, will reveal how he became fascinated by **WANTAGE’S TANNING INDUSTRY**. In 1809 Wantage had the “largest tan-yard in the kingdom”, but by 1830 it was no more.

**10<sup>th</sup> November** **DAVID AXFORD** will discuss **SOME ELIZABETHAN COPYHOLDERS IN STANFORD IN THE VALE**. He will be describing some of the tenants and land holdings in the 1580s. This complements Sue Burnay’s talk at our June meeting on research into land ownership.

**8<sup>th</sup> December** This will be a **SOCIAL EVENING** in the Christmas spirit with wine and nibbles, and a historical quiz.

**Our meetings are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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>

## The Stanford Historian:

The next issue will be published during October.

## Membership Reminder

If you have not paid for this year’s membership, Steve Williams will be happy to have 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.

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