

STANFORD IN THE VALE AND DISTRICT LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

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Autumn Meetings

Our meetings will continue to be held on the 2nd Tuesday of the month in the Village Hall's Small Hall, starting at 7:45 p.m. (doors open by 7:30). Meeting details are shown in advance on the community website's Events page: <http://www.stanford-in-the-vaile.co.uk/events.php>.

13th September Mark Davies will be talking on "THE OXFORD CANAL" – its origins, the opening in 1790 and its history to the mid 19th century. Mark has previously talked to the Society about Daniel Harris, architect and gaoler of Oxford Prison.

11th October Dr Sue Burney will be talking on the subject of "THE OLD POOR LAW". This was poor relief when administered by parishes, prior to the Poor Law Amendment Act of 1834. Dr Burney previously talked to us about several aspects of the history of both East and West Ilsley.

8th November Lawrence Ward, one of the Society's most active members, will describe findings from local "PETTY SESSIONS RECORDS". Petty Sessions were courts of summary jurisdiction held by two or more Justices of the Peace to try lesser offences, or enquire into indictable offences.

13th December This will be our Winter Social evening.

Stanford in the Vale Archaeological Research Project

The Stanford in the Vale Archaeological Research Project continues as an ongoing project, directed by David Ashby, to undertake archaeological research in the village. David plans to do geophysical surveying and, with volunteer involvement, archaeological test pitting. The surveying is planned to take place during weekends throughout the year when land and gardens are made available. The test pitting is being planned for next spring, giving time to arrange volunteers and sites. Anyone interested can contact David by email at davidashby2@yahoo.co.uk or via Phil Morris on 01367 710285.

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