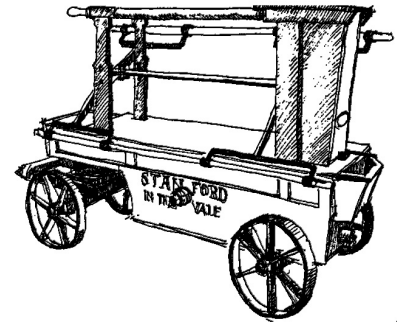


Committee, 2004:

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Secretary - Phil Morris  
Treasurer - Cheryl White  
Committee Member - Lawrence Ward



## **SitV and District Local History Society**

### **Chairman's Annual Report for 2004**

The first meeting of this new Stanford Society was held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 10 February 2004. We were very happy that 24 participants came along to hear an excellent talk by Dr John Wilson of Cogges Farm Museum, Witney on "Early Photography and Local Historians 1839 – 1875". At that time 23 new members including the Officers joined. We have now grown to a membership of 44 which shows that there is a keen interest in our local history in Stanford in the Vale.

#### Meetings and Events

During 2004 we have held 7 Meetings with Speakers (February, March, May, June, September, October and November) and we held a special Christmas get together in December. Phil Morris also organised a walk to Cherbury Camp in May and the Society participated in the Stanford in the Vale Festival on the Church Green in June and the Stanford Forum held in the Village Hall in October.

#### Publications and Projects

The Society produced 4 Newsletters in 2004, and, through the good efforts of Phil Morris, two issues of the Stanford Historian were produced (although the second issue was not ready for distribution until January 2005).

Several new Projects have been initiated, in particular:

- A digital photographic archive – Jim Belcher, Cheryl White, Joan Owen and Kisty Creighton
- A reprint of "A Berkshire Village" by the Rev. Lewin Maine, 1866 – David Axford
- An Oral History Project – June Leighfield and Betty Morris
- Local Census Transcription – Lawrence Ward

and several more are mentioned in the November Newsletter. It is hoped that we will make good progress with all of these in the coming year.

#### Finance

The Accounts are available from the Treasurer. It is sufficient to say here that the Society has got off to a good start with help from those who have made a donation, those who organised the raffles and those who organised coffee and biscuits at the meetings.

#### Communications

It is also worth mentioning that the Society has publicised its existence on the Stanford Community website ( [www.stanford-in-the-vale.co.uk](http://www.stanford-in-the-vale.co.uk) ) which also contains a wealth of items which will be of interest to members, including a reprint of the "Outline history of Stanford in the Vale" which was produced by Teddy Cuff and James Brooks as a Chapter in "The Stanford in the Vale Village Appraisal" of 1996.

David Axford  
Chairman,  
Stanford in the Vale and District Local History Society