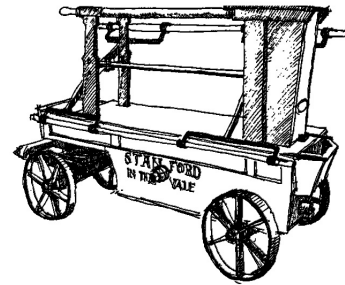


#### Committee, 2005:

Chairman	-	David Axford
Secretary	-	Phil Morris
Treasurer	-	Steve Williams
Committee Members	-	Jim Belcher
	-	Lawrence Ward
	-	Peter Wright (resigned for personal reasons)



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

### **Chairman's Annual Report for 2005**

The Society has now grown to a total of 60 members showing the continuing interest in the local history of Stanford in the Vale and its surrounding districts.

#### Meetings and Events

During 2005 we have again held 7 indoor Meetings with Speakers (January, February, March, April, September, October and November) and there was a special visit to Charney Bassett Water Mill in May. As in 2004, we held a special Christmas get together in December. The Society participated in the Stanford in the Vale Forum held in the Village Hall in October.

#### Publications and Projects

The Society produced 4 Newsletters in 2005, and, through the good efforts of Phil Morris, two issues of the Stanford Historian were produced (although one was an overrun from 2004).

The Society's reprint of Revd. Maine's 1860's book about Stanford in the Vale was published and is still available from Stanford Paper Shop price £8. We need to sell 20 more copies to cover printing costs, and then further sales will generate income for the Society.

Work is continuing on several Projects, in particular:

- The Oral History Project – June Leighfield and Betty Morris
- Local Census Transcription – Lawrence Ward has now fully transcribed the 1901 Census for SitV and the 1891 Census is over half done.
- The digital photographic archive – Jim Belcher, David Axford and Kisty Creighton
- Monumental Inscriptions – David Axford has obtained a full copy of the Graveyard photographs taken by Violet Howse in the late 1950s. It is hoped to copy the data into a relational data bank, but this will take some time.

It is hoped that we will make further progress with all of these in the coming year, and that some new projects will come on stream (e.g. brickworks).

#### Finance

The Accounts are available from the Treasurer.

#### Thanks

The Society would like to thank all those who have made a donation, and those who organised the raffles, coffee and biscuits at the meetings. Special mention goes to Peter Wright who had to retire from the Committee during the year for personal reasons, and to Jim Belcher who has decided not to stand in the coming year because the extra work that his successful company is creating is taking up too much of his time. We are therefore looking for two more Committee members.

#### Communications

The Society has continued to publicise 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.

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