

OXFORDSHIRE LOCAL HISTORY ASSOCIATION (OLHA)

STUDY DAY and ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

A VILLAGE IN THE VALE

The Village Hall, Hunters Field, Stanford in the Vale, SN7 8LR

Saturday 20th May 2017

Stanford in the Vale was once a village of small farms, and a market town, and there were eight inns and beer houses here in the nineteenth century. Further employment was provided by food retailers, two mills, a blacksmith, the school and churches. There was also a quarry for local stone, to be seen in many of the attractive cottages, some of which date from the seventeenth century. Stanford was the birthplace of Pam Ayres.

9.30 Registration and coffee

10.00 A failed mediaeval market town on the River Ock

Dr David Ashby is Director of the Stanford in the Vale Archaeological Research Project; he began excavations as part of his undergraduate studies in 2008. He has an MA and a doctorate from the University of Winchester and is currently employed there.

11.00 Coffee break and time to examine the display of artefacts

11.20 A brief history of Shellingford's Second World War airfield

Philip Morris initially followed a cartographic career, including eight years at the Ordnance Survey. He later went into teaching and moved to Stanford on becoming Head of Humanities at Icknield School in Wantage. Phil has tutored many WEA adult courses and edits The Stanford Historian.

11.45 Papists at the Manor: The Catholic Gentry of the Vale of White Horse

OLHA Chairman Tony Hadland has lived most of his life in Oxfordshire and Berkshire. He is a historian specialising in local, family, recusant and bicycle history, and a published author in the UK, USA and Germany. He was formerly administrator of the Vale & Downland Museum and an award-winning editor of the journal Oxfordshire Family Historian.

12.45 OLHA Annual General Meeting

1.00 Buffet lunch - included in the price

After lunch Village walk

The cost of the day includes an informative booklet, illustrated with fine line drawings, which will guide us around the historic centre of the village.

Directions: Stanford in the Vale lies off the A417 Wantage to Faringdon Road. The turning to the village hall (which is near St Denys Church) is signposted off the A417, along Joyces Road. Parking is available at the hall.

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BOOKING FORM – AGM and Stanford in the Vale study day, Saturday 20th May 2017

Please book and pay on-line at http://www.olha.org.uk/events/study-days

OR complete this form and send it with a cheque for the total amount (£14 per person, which includes the cost of lunch and the walking tour booklet) made payable to 'OLHA' to: Liz Woolley, 138 Marlborough Road, Oxford OX1 4LS (01865 242760, membership@olha.org.uk)

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Local society if applicable

Number of places at £14 per person Your e-mail address

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