



January 2006

**Tadley and District History Society
(TADS)**

Next meeting -

Wednesday 18th January

at St. Paul's Church Hall 8.00 to 9.30 pm

“William Cobbett (1736 - 1835)”

By Chris Hellier, Curator of Farnham Museum.

Cobbett was author of ‘Rural Rides’, a journalist, a politician, a farmer, and a strong advocate for the poor.

(Everybody welcome - visitors £2.00)

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Tads 2006 Programme

January - (*see page 1*)

15th February - “**Occupied Jersey (1940-1945)**” by
Patricia Foster

15th March – “**Middle East Dance, History and Practice**”
by Sue Ealding

19th April – “**Eye Surgery, afloat in Bangladesh**” by
Dr Lynette Moss & Dr David Moss

17th May – “**It’s a Monk’s Life**” by Brother John of the
Hospital of St. Cross, Winchester

21st June – “**Filming Pride and Prejudice at Basildon Park**”
by John Simmons, National Trust House Manager

19th July – “**Tidgrove Warren Excavations**” by Mark Leah of
Kingsclere Heritage Association

August – No meeting. Holiday break.

20th September – “**Felons and Fingerprints**” by
Michael Carrigan, ex Metropolitan Police

18th October – “**Researching the History of Local Villages**”
by Gordon Timmins, an independent historian

15th November – “**The History of England from Pub Signs**”
by Greg Gregory, Andover Historian

20th December – **AGM and Social Evening**

Membership is now due for renewal. The revised annual subscription (by majority vote at the AGM) is £10 per person. The visitor fee is now £2 per person per meeting.

News from the AGM

At the AGM the future of TADS looked rather bleak with **vacancies** for the important posts of: Treasure, Archivist, Programme Organiser, Newsletter Producer, and Outings Organiser. There were no volunteers for any of these posts. However, since the AGM the Posts of Treasurer and Newsletter Pro-

ducer have been filled, and Alan will continue as Archivist until he leaves the country. Bob Brown had secretly been putting the 2006 programme together, but after 20 years he really does want someone else to take it on. The post of Outings Organiser remains vacant, and thanks go to Bob Bysouth for his enthusiastic work during the last two years.

If TADS is to continue as you know it, **we need volunteers** for the vacant posts. Now is the ideal time to volunteer and learn with the help and experience of those currently doing the jobs. The tasks are not particularly difficult and can provide a lot of enjoyment.

The **income** of the Society was also subject to debate, with a majority decision to raise subscriptions to £10 per person with no reduction for couples, the first increase for 3 years. Provided that there is no severe drop in membership, this increase should mean that income matches normal running costs. Since the AGM it has been queried why there was the need to increase the fees when there is a substantial amount of money in a high interest account. This money was raised from the success of the publications and is used to fund projects (including Project News) and, apart from bank interest and book sales, it will steadily decrease.

The **Committee** is now:

Chairman - Bob Brown

Vice chairman & Membership Sec. - Derek Ward

Treasurer - Jim Cole (supported by Lorna)

Archivist - Alan Cooke

Projects - Carol Stevens

Committee Secretary - Ian Burn

Programme Organiser - Vacant (covered by Bob)

Outings Organiser - Vacant

Newsletter Production - Richard Brown (supported by Derek)

What's On? Local events which may be of interest.

Basingstoke Archaeological and Historical Society

(Meetings are at 7.30 pm in Church Cottage, Church Square, Basingstoke).

9th February - Ancient Glacier Mummies: The life and death of Oetzi and Kwadya Dan Ts'inci

9th March - Life and death aboard the Mary Rose

Milestones Museum

On Your Bike - a special collection showing the development the development of the bicycle from the Hobby Horse to the modern day .

The Faces of Thornycroft (*from 1 January*) - The life and times of the company's Basingstoke workforce in a new photographic exhibition.

Riveting Stories (*from 1 January*) -An exhibition capturing memories of Vosper Thornycroft shipbuilders from Woolston, Southampton.

The Afternoon Lecture (*Tuesday 31 January, 2pm*) - Dear Mr Willis, Bob Holmes talks about the life and works of Mr Willis and his horology collections at Milestones.

Willis Museum (*Open Mon to Fri 10am to 5pm, Sat 10am to 4pm*)

The Medieval gold and sapphire finger ring, partly financed by Tads, is now on show at the museum.

Friends of the Willis Museum (*meetings at 7.30pm in the museum*)

January 19th - The Restoration of Ships' Figureheads.

February 16th - The Newbury Coat.

Hampshire Record Office (*Sussex Street, Winchester, Hampshire SO23 8TH Tel 01962 846154*)

The 'Last Thursday' Lectures (*1.15-1.45pm - Admission free, but donations welcome*).

26 January - Climbing the tree - Starting your family history at Hampshire Record Office

23 February - Who does he think he is? - The amazing story of the Tichborne Claimant

The Museum of English Rural Life has moved premises. For information Tel. 0118 378 8660 or visit www.merl.org.uk

The TADS website can be found at www.tadshistory.com

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