



January 2007

**Tadley and District History Society
(TADS) - www.tadshistory.com**

Next meeting - Wednesday 17th January

St. Paul's Church Hall 8.00 to 9.30 pm

**“A Victorian Magic Lantern
Show”**

by Bill Arnott of the Magic Lantern Society

“Come and enjoy the magic of yesteryear.”

(Everybody welcome - visitors £2.00)

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TADS Meeting 21st February 2007

“ Lands End to John o’Groats by bicycle”

Bryan & Christine Watson - Fund raisers.

Membership subscriptions - Subscriptions of £10 per person are now due. If paying at the next meeting, will you please put your money, (cheque or cash) in a sealed envelope with your name and address, and the amount written on the outside, and hand it to the Treasurer.
(A secondhand envelope will save writing the address).

News from the AGM

Bob Brown reported that, despite a few hiccups, a programme of events had been held which had been enjoyed by all. This had included an outing to The Weald and Downland and Tangmere Military Aviation Museums in Sussex .

TADS have made input to a new list of noteworthy buildings in the district being prepared by Basingstoke and Deane Council.

Bob also reviewed the programme of talks for the coming year. This is the very last time he is organising it!

Carol Stevens reported on the work of the Project Group. They have now decided that producing 2 editions of Project News a year is a realistic workload, along with the many other things they get involved with. The sales of the 2007 calendar have been disappointing, but there will be a little money for charity. Carol requested nominations of a suitable charity.

Jim Coles, Treasurer, reported that the accounts have been accepted by the scrutineer. A small profit was made over the year.

The Committee were re-elected, but there is a vacancy for a Programme Organiser. The Committee members are: Bob Brown, Derek Ward, Jim Coles, Carol Stevens, Ian Burn, David Day, Peter McNulty, Richard Brown.

Honorary Membership was conferred on George and Iris Stanley for the work they have done for TADS over many years.

A presentation of a painting of 'The Fighting Cocks' was made to Alan Cooke and Lorna Brocks in thanks for the work they did as Archivist and Treasurer before their recent move to France.

John Hart made the interesting proposal that Tadley should be renamed 'Tadley, God help us' as a way of making the town more distinctive!

A series of display boards showed the results of Heather Lawn's investigations into the probable location of the medieval village of Tadley.

Newsletter Distribution

The printed copies of the newsletter are distributed by a team of volunteers headed by Ron Needham. Mrs Lisney who did Area 1 has stepped down and we need a replacement for her. Area 1 covers Baughurst and there are only 4 copies to be delivered. Any volunteers? Offers to Richard on 0118 9700100.

If you would like your copy by email, it comes with colour photos and saves the Society money and effort. Please email: richard@ilexind.plus.com to change over.

The TADS Website - www.tadshistory.com

The website is a constantly growing resource for members and the general public. Its success is very much dependent on the efforts of the society. A team of members is constantly adding new items and updating the site. There is always a need for checking - making sure the information is accurate and the spelling spot on. Any members who have comments or would like to help, please contact me (i.j.burn@reading.ac.uk)

Ian Burn

TADS 2007 Calendar showing Local Houses is still on sale for £4.00. Buy yours at the January meeting or from:
Poulters, Profile Print, Tadley Instruments, Tadley Town Council, Baughurst Post Office, or Brambles Florists.

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

Gypsy Heritage - An exhibition looking at Gypsy and Traveller homes, fairs, work and lifestyles from the 17th century to the present day. See it at **Milestones Museum**, 8 January - 9 February 2007 or Hampshire Record Office, Winchester, 12 February- 12 March 2007

Hampshire Record Office (*'Last Thursday' Lectures 1.15-1.45pm*)

25 January - The Forlorn Hope: sources for military history in local record offices (part 1) by Heather Needham

B'stoke Archaeological & Historical Society (*7.30pm in Church Cottage*)

8th February - Human Evolution by Prof. Chris Stringer

Milestones Museum - *'2 for 1' admission on daytime entry is available to Basingstoke & Deane residents throughout January. Proof of address is required e.g. utility bill or driving licence.*

The Basingstoke Canal (Until 25 February) - An exhibition by Surrey and Hampshire Canal Society exploring the history and restoration of the Basingstoke Canal. With special activities on Saturday 10 February.

Willis Museum - The Southern Co-operative: Food Packaging and Rationing, 13 Jan - 3 Feb. The story of Southern Co-operative's packaging, transport and rationing during the 20th century.

Friends of the Willis Museum (*7.30 pm in the Museum*)

18 Jan - Lord William Sandys: Builder of the Vyne by John Jenkins

15 Feb - The story of the AA by Miss Jane Harris

History in the making

Evelyn Woodhall - We were sad to learn that Evelyn, an honorary member of TADS, died on the 2nd January at the age of 94. She was an early member of TADS, and will be very much missed by her world-wide circle of friends.

*TADS annual membership is £10 per person.
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