



January 2011

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

**Next meeting - Wednesday 19th January 2011
at St. Paul's Church Hall, 8.00 to 9.30 pm**

The Humble Brick

By Alan Pritchard

(Everybody welcome - visitors £2.50)

Annual Subscriptions are now due. At the AGM in December it was passed that these should rise to **£12 per person**.

If you are paying at the January meeting will you please put your cheque or cash in an envelope bearing your address (a second hand one will do). This will help the Treasurer recognise who has paid and get the receipts prepared. New members please give details, including Phone No. and email address. Subs may also be sent to our PO Box. (See bottom of Page 4.)

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TADS Meeting 16th February 2011:
The Story of the Town Crier
By Brian Sylvester, Newbury's Town Crier

TADS AGM, 15th December 2010

Chairman Carol presented her report on the activities of TADS during 2010. Highlights were:

The appointment of Bob Brown as President;

The presentation of special letter openers to Bob Brown & Derek Ward as outgoing Chairman and Vice-Chairman;

The belated marking of TADS 25th anniversary by the issue of lapel pins to members;

The purchase and installation in the hall of a new projection screen;

The installation of the Hearing loop and PA system in the hall after obtaining Grassroots funding from Hampshire County Council;

The purchase of a digital projector using the same funding.

Carol noted the passing of 3 long-standing members of TADS - John Feuillade, Bert Venthom & Iris Stanley.

The year's programme of talks had been very interesting, although it was unfortunate that the January meeting had to be cancelled due to inclement weather and illness of the speaker. The most popular talk was Kate Pyne's '60 years of AWE'. This was Derek Heath's third year of organising the programme and he has now stood down from the committee. Thank you Derek. David Bowman has organised the 2011 programme.

Carol thanked all those who contribute to the running of TADS in many ways, some of which are not immediately obvious.

Ian Burn made a presentation on behalf of the Project Group. The Group have just published Project News 17 and this will be the last one for the

foreseeable future. Their next project is a fully revised book of the Tadley Walks.

Ian also showed aerial photographs of the area round old Tadley Church (St Peter's) taken by the 'camera on a pole' and by Ginny Pringle of Basingstoke Archaeological & History Society who has her own light aeroplane. Ginny was present in the hall to answer members questions. Unfortunately non of the photographs show any obvious marks indicating the position of the lost village.

There was discussion on the finances and it was accepted that to cover the basic costs of running the meetings, the membership subscription should rise to £12 with a new visitor's fee of £2.50. The other accounts are money from publications and projects. Some money from these accounts has been used to support the capital expenditure of the past year.

The current Committee, less Derek Heath, were re-elected en-bloc. They are:

Chairman	Carol Stevens
Secretary	Ian Burn
Treasurer	Peter McNulty
Newsletter Production	Richard Brown
Programme and Website	David Bowman
Assistant Secretary, etc.	Valerie Gilbert

The formal meeting was followed by a social and a chance to look at a display of the aerial photographs. A big thank you to all who helped with the buffet and clearing up.

Richard Brown

The President's Project

At the AGM it was announced that there is to be an annual President's Project in the form of a sum of money donated to a worthy cause, ideally with a local and/or historical connection. The final decision will be made by Bob Brown.

In the past TADS has made donations of this type, for example: to help someone partake in the Silchester Dig; funding for Tadley First Responders. If you have any ideas for suitable recipients please inform a member of the Committee or Bob Brown, preferably in writing.

What's On? Events which may be of interest.

Hampshire Record Office

For Information see www3.hants.gov.uk/whatson-hro or ring 01962846154.

Milestones Museum

The Museum recently opened a new watch and clock gallery. Spend some time visiting the gallery showcasing some of the finest timepieces from the Hampshire watch and clock collection.

Willis Museum

The museum is running several special exhibitions at the moment.

Friends of the Willis Museum (7.30pm at the Museum)

20th Jan. The timber-framed buildings of Basingstoke: the survivors!
by Bill Fergie.

17th Feb. Tales of the unexpected – from the Willis, by John Hollands.

Basingstoke Archeological & History Society (7.30 at Church Cottage)

10th Feb. Archaeological Surveying in Egypt and Syria. By Kris Strutt,
University of Southampton

Basingstoke Library

The library is now in the pink after its transformation into a Discovery Centre. Some of the committee made a visit before the re-opening and say it is worth having a look.

Newsletter Distributor wanted

Ron Needham has given up distributing the paper Newsletters in Area 2, which covers North Tadley. There are only 4 addresses at present. Valerie and David Gilbert are covering the job for the moment, but would like someone to take it on, or back them up at times of holiday for this and Area 3, South Tadley (3 addresses). Its an ideal job for dog walkers. Our thanks go to Ron for many years work in distributing the newsletter.

*TADS annual membership is £12 per person.
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