



January 2010

**Tadley and District History Society  
(TADS) - [www.tadshistory.com](http://www.tadshistory.com)**

**Next meeting - Wednesday 20th January  
at St. Paul's Church Hall, 8.00 to 9.30 pm**

## ***WATERMILLS ON THE THAMES***

***BY BRIAN EIGHTEEN***

***(Everybody welcome - visitors £2.00)***

### **Inclement weather.**

In the event that the weather deteriorates again and the above meeting has to be cancelled, the Committee will endeavour to let everybody know as soon as possible, either by email or telephone.

**Subscriptions for 2010 are now due. Still £10 per person.**

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**TADS Meeting 17th February 2010:**  
**‘The story of Fleet Street’**  
By Val Pretlove, a London Blue Badge Guide

**Annual General Meeting (16/12/10)**

About 30 members attended the AGM.

Chairman Bob Brown reviewed the past year and thanked everybody for their work and help which had made it a success with a very good programme of talks and a visit to the Museum of English Rural life at Reading University. The membership number has held up, with most talks very well attended and there had been a very good number of visitors at several of them.

Richard Brown reported on the finances, having taken over from Jim Coles in emergency when Jim had to stand down for medical reasons. The Society's financial position is sound and the membership subscription of £10 remains unchanged for the coming year.

Carol Stevens reported on the work of the Project Group. They had taken a while to get back on track with the production of their excellent Project News leaflets after the work that went into the excellent reprint of Florence Davidson's 'A History of Tadley' the previous year. All the Society's publications sell steadily through a variety of outlets, but primarily Profile Print and Copy of Bishopswood Parade, Tadley. The Project Team also deal with a surprising number of enquiries from members of the public trying to find out more about the history of their families. The Project Team has a core membership, but is open to any one to join especially if you have a project which you want to investigate with their advice and get published in Project News.

The meeting voted and unanimously accepted three changes to the Society's Constitution which were publicised before the AGM..

There was a major change to the Committee as Bob Brown, Derek Ward, and Jim Coles all stood down. Derek Heath is also standing down, but will continue to administer the 2010 programme of talks. Bob has been involved with the running of TADS from its start, and has been Chairman for about the last 15 years. As he recently turned 80, I think he has earned a rest, but he will still be involved as key holder for the Hall, if nothing else. The Society owes a big vote of thanks to all of them.

The new Committee is:

Chairman -	Carol Stevens
Secretary & website -	Ian Burn
Treasurer & Archivist -	Peter McNulty
Newsletter production -	Richard Brown
Committee Member -	David Bowman
Committee Member -	Valerie Gilbert

There is still a need for someone to replace Derek Heath as Programme Organiser and we are still without a visit organiser.

The evening concluded with a buffet with mulled wine and the opportunity to see a prize-winning display on Tadley history that Peggy Anscombe and a friend had done for a Berkshire Women's Institute competition.

We were very pleased that Matthew Banks of the Hurst school, who was awarded the TADS Prize for 2009, was able to join us for the buffet.

A big thanks to everyone who helped run the buffet and wash/clear up afterwards.

Richard Brown

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**Note:** If you are intending to visit/attend any of the events listed overleaf, it may be prudent to check that the event is taking place, just while the weather is so disruptive. This website has information on HCC closures/restrictions: [www3.hants.gov.uk/rh/closed.htm](http://www3.hants.gov.uk/rh/closed.htm)

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

### **Hampshire Record Office**

*For Information see [www3.hants.gov.uk/whatson-hro](http://www3.hants.gov.uk/whatson-hro) or ring 01962846154.*

**Milestones Museum** - *Nothing listed.*

**Willis Museum** - *The Museum is using the new gallery to stage a series of special exhibitions during the coming months. Two of the scheduled exhibitions will be delayed.*

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

January 21st 'The development of the British sword from the Civil War to the Great War' - Ian Williams.

February 18th 'From cream teas to clapperboards - a local's view of Lacock' - by Sue Tapliss, curator of the Willis Museum, who was born and grew up in the unspoilt village of Lacock, a picturesque National Trust village in North Wiltshire, used as the set for many popular period films and TV dramas.

### **B'stoke Arch. & History Soc.** (19:30 at Church Cottage, Church Square,)

11th Feb. Treasures in Late Roman Britain. Richard Hobbs - British Museum or it may be Anglo-Saxon Northumberland by Prof. Barbara Yorke. *I was told the talks have been swapped but their website does not show the change.*

**West Berkshire Museum**, Newbury. The Museum is closed until March 31st.

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## **History in the Making**

The Tadley WI Market closed last month after 27 years.

Basingstoke and district hit the national and international news with the chaos resulting from the heavy snow on 21st December, which very much affected Tadley.

A further 10-11 inches of snow on 6th January caused additional disruption, coupled with temperatures of down to - 8C.

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