

Hanney History Group Walks and Visits 2015-17



Three of our 2015 activities are shown here;

1. Chris Ball and Ann Fewins described the past of 'Threatened Hanney' and are seen near the garden of the newly listed Orchard Cottage.

2. David Ashby has rewritten the history of Stanford in the Vale as the basis of his Ph.D. Thesis and described the key points to us on a fine evening in May

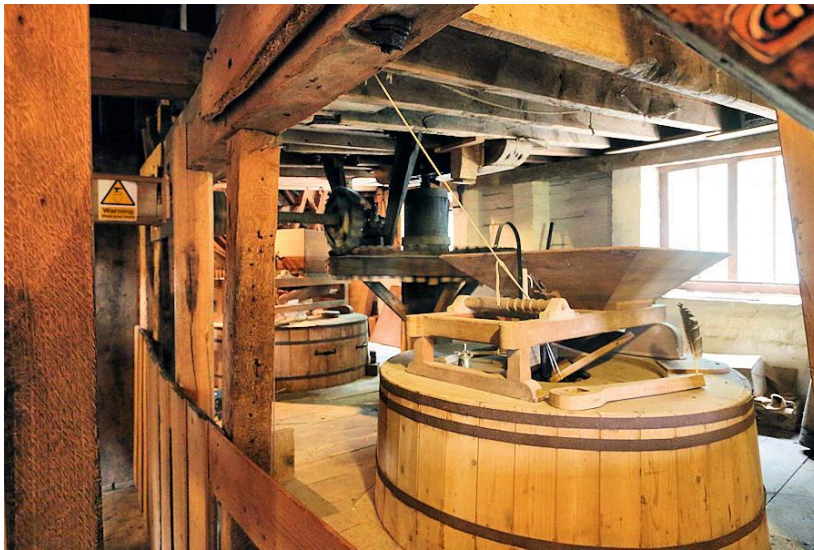
3. The weather was not so kind to us in East Hendred but our guide Norman could not have been more knowledgeable or entertaining. He also opened most of the key doors in the village through his contacts. The evening ended with an excellent pub supper.



We were shown Milton Manor early in 2016 by the lady of the manor. This include their well known Catholic Chapel. She proved an entertaining host and twisted most of our party's arms to enjoy the tearoom afterwards. We then met the manor's alpacas in the garden.

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At Mapledurham we were shown the house and the watermill by the miller. He was a fine guide to both but became noticeably more animated once back in his mill, and the anecdotes flowed. Most of us bought some of the produce too!





Malcolm Graham showed us around Victorian North Oxford, starting and finishing at the Rose and Crown, via the Gardeners Arms in Plantation Road and other architectural gems. Malcolm was an excellent guide to this fascinating suburb. We finally quenched our thirst in the garden at the Rose and Crown.





Stonor Park was our first visit in 2017. We arrived on a grey afternoon but the weather soon transformed itself and made the gardens an real pleasure to end our day.





The magnificent Buckland House formed the background to our visit in 2017 to the Catholic chapel and Anglican church that almost adjoin each other in Buckland. Our guide to this site was local historian Tony Hadland, who had previously spoken to us on the activities of recusants in the Vale.



We visited Clarks Mill in Wantage in 2016 and 2017, as they are only able to accommodate small parties. The picture shows our host, the head miller, explaining the methods used to obtain a perfect flour.



One of the welcoming
committee at Milton
Manor

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