

BANBURY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Spring/Summer 2012 Programme

Thursday 24th May, 2.00 for 2.30 p.m.

Oxford Defences.

A walking tour led by **Julian Munby**, of Oxford Archaeology. Meet near Oxford Castle, next to the café at “Oxford Unlocked” (Castle Museum).

Access: Park-and-Ride bus from Peartree (Woodstock Road) (small parking charge) stops just by the Castle. That from Water Eaton (Banbury Road) has free parking, but runs only every twenty minutes and only goes as far as St Mary Magdalen (opposite Debenhams), but the walk (George Street - New Inn Hall Street or Cornmarket - Queen Street) offers a wider choice of eateries for lunch.

Thursday 21st June. 2.00 for 2.30 pm.

Stanford Hall.

Near the source of the River Avon (which flows through the Park), this is due north of Daventry, north-east of Rugby, on the Northamptonshire-Leicestershire border.

“The perfect William & Mary house”, built in the 1690s by Smith of Warwick, replacing the earlier Manor House. Home since 1430 of the Cave family, ancestors of the present owner. Family portraits, furniture, costumes. Walled rose garden. Fourteenth century church.

Guided tour including tea & biscuits. **£9.00.**

Route from Banbury: A423 to Southam, A476 through Rugby (lengthy built-up area), cross M6 to A5 (Shawell). At the junction there is rural road (Gibbet Lane) to Swinford and Stanford (use gazetteer).

Alternative: A361 to Daventry (lengthy bypass) continuing to Kilsby (just north of M45). Various rural routes (including perhaps A5) for the last six miles. Stanford-on-Avon (postcode LE17 6DH) is just north of A14 and east of M1 (but access from those uncertain – again, use gazetteer).

Wednesday 27th June. Annual General Meeting.

By kind invitation, at **Hook Norton Brewery** (last visited in 2000).

We have access from **4.00 p.m.** with opportunity to walk around with guides at key places. This can involve steep staircases, and those who prefer are welcome to arrive any time up to the usual **5.00 p.m. for 5.30pm.**

After the A.G.M. there will be an opportunity to view the visitor centre and sample beer-tasting. Non-alcoholic and light refreshments as usual.

Access: just past Bloxham (A361), right through Milcombe to Hook Norton.