



**TADS forthcoming meetings and other events**

June 15<sup>th</sup> - "Enclosures" - all about the enclosure acts ANOTHER PROGRAMME CHANGE !!  
 July 20<sup>th</sup> - The Coroner's Office service -David Richards  
 Sep 21<sup>st</sup> - Turnstiles and Milestones - Alan Roseware  
 Oct 19<sup>th</sup> - "2001 census, Hampshire Trends" - Robin Edwards  
 Nov 16<sup>th</sup> - "A policeman's lot...." - Caroline Edwards, HRO

**Talks and exhibitions at the Willis Museum.**

May 7<sup>th</sup> till June 18<sup>th</sup> Exhibition - "Spectacular Spectacles"

**Local History Month (May 1<sup>st</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> June 2005)**

**Book Sale** - Committee wish to thank all those members who gave help

**Between the Stacks** at Basingstoke Library - guided tour behind the scenes  
 This was well worth the hour or so - future of the library also explained

**Road Show** - Tadley Library - Thanks to Carol, Ian and Alan for arranging this

**TADS proposed Visits**

David Urquhart Travel still have seats for the 4 day/3night stay at the Quality Hotel Walsall visiting Black Country Museum at Dudley and the Coventry Transport Museum on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2005.

Seven TADS members have already booked. Please let Bob Bysouth know if you would like to join us. Cost £144 inclusive of coach travel, admissions and three nights Bed, Breakfast and Evening Meal.

Also if you wish to join our annual day out on September 24<sup>th</sup>, see Bob Bysouth, when we take in the New Forest with optional visits as listed in last month's newsletter. These include a ferry trip to Yarmouth on the Isle of Wight

Last month's meeting by Chris Rossitter was in two parts viz:

18th May 2005 "Nearly On Your Doorstep"

An illustrated talk about two Welsh castles by Chris Rossiter.

When you see glorious pictures of pink and grey-tinged stone castles (and ruins) 'nearly on your doorstep', from Tadley, you realise what a fantastic microcosm of the world we have in Britain.

We saw 9 feet thick walls, windows of every shape and size, staircases, doors, door pins of cast iron, chimney stacks, moats, keeps....

**Tadley and District History Society (TADS)**

The next meeting for 2005 will be on

*Wednesday June 15<sup>th</sup>*

Meet at St. Paul's Church Hall, Tadley - 8.00 to 9.30 pm

**"Enclosures"**

a talk by

**Mr O Jenks**

**(also inside: last month's meeting**

**Nearly on your doorstep**

**AND**

**Romania's Mina Una Mai Village )**

**(Everybody welcome - Visitors £1.50)**

When you hear the soft poetic voice of South Walesan, Chris, you realise how much pride people have in their very own part of Britain.

Wales apparently has 600 castles in various states of repair, to keep the English (and others) out, or the Welsh in, according to your point of view!

Mind you, the genteel ruins of once-fierce Caldicot Castle blend in beautifully and secretly with the River Severn, Bristol Channel, hills and valleys quite near the M4 and Magor and the second Severn Bridge. Not many have seen or even heard of this castle. Caldicot Castle was built by Humphrey de Bohun around 1221. He was known as the good Earl of Hereford. The castle had 4 storeys of 9 feet thick grey grit stone walls, with lots of styles, added to over the years---as you do, with extensions, changes, modifications, etc.

Spectacular views, including Brecon Beacons and the Black Mountains, are combined with beautiful living quarters. Life must have been good when not fighting the Near Neighbours!

Chris mentioned medieval meals on pewter platters, eaten with daggers and other astounding utensils. Obviously some windows were silted, so one could fire long or cross bows, or even pour hot oil down on the Near Neighbours, or others, if required....

Humphrey de Bohun's castle lost some of its bite over the years and added a granny-flat-type of extension and whorled staircases, even being inhabited until the 1970s.

Chris told us Caldicot Castle is open throughout the year and is wheelchair-accessible, --- and there are good eateries, with character, nearby.

Goodrich Castle was a bit further away and on the River Wye, 35 miles north of Newport, near the M50 and the A40. It's classed as 'English', and very near also the Forest of Dean over Kern Bridge. Goodrich has its own adjoining hamlet. The castle has a grey gristone keep but the rest of it is soft pinky-red sandstone, walls and bedrock, all glowing and showing, especially in the sunlight. It was built between 1160 and 1270. Apparently it is NOT easily seen from the road.

The rather humble Fitz-Bedrons built the castle, which has a separate garrison from the living quarters. You can see the original drawbridge and portcullis. The beautiful pink shallow steps are each 4 feet wide.

Naturally the Fitz-Bedrons poured boiling oil (and similar nasties) from various points. Also the latrines were obviously situated over the side of the moat....

Goodrich Castle's mellow pinkness can vary in mood, according to the Welsh weather of the hour: clouds, sun, snow, wind, or whatever. Chris' sensitive photographs showed this.

Indeed, it was good for us fifty or so T.A.D.S.' members to hear of these two lesser-known castles, and share in Chris' pride of them. Thank you Chris for your splendid maiden lecture.

Romania's Mina Una Mai Village

Chris is also involved with a very worthwhile charity, NNRT, doing building, renovation and electrical work in schools, hospitals, etc. The charity also has at least two other Baughurst members and was founded in 1991. You can join if you want to! For further information contact Chris on 0118-981-2889.....Rosemary Bond 0118-981-2114

Hampshire Heathland Week

Dexters on Tadley Common S.S.S.I. can be seen (or not!) during the Hampshire Heathland Week Walk on Sunday 10th July, 10.00-12.00, midday. Meet at the site of the old Jubilee Centre off Tadley Common Road. Map ref. SU 604623. Dogs on leads please. Sorry, not wheelchair accessible.

Leaders Rosemary Bond and Jim Coles.

### **Walking for Health**

The next walks will on July 1<sup>st</sup> September 2<sup>nd</sup> continuing on the first Friday of each month. Meet at St Paul's 1.30pm duration about 1 hour.

**A new innovation** will be the display at our monthly meetings of several books from our archives. Full members may borrow these at no charge.

### **Jane Austen Fayre**

August 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> 11.00am till 4.30pm at The Walled Garden, Down Grange, Pack Lane, Basingstoke. Admission is FREE for visitors in Regency costume.

There will soon be a vacancy for the **TADS Programme Organiser**. Bob Brown has done this job for the last 20 years or so and feels it time to hand it over to "new blood". See Bob or any committee member for details

**Mikron** (Waterways) **Theatre** have two new plays for the 2005 season  
**"Wheel of Fortune" and "Village Voices"**  
 Kennel and Avon Canal

Wed July 6<sup>th</sup> 8pm - The Rowbarge, Woolhampton - **Wof**

Thur July 7<sup>th</sup> 8pm - The Rowbarge - Woolhampton **WV**

Basingstoke Canal

Sun July 17<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm - Fox and Hounds, Crookhann Road, Fleet - **Wof**

If you miss these dates see Bob or Derek who have the full programme

These are well worth visiting !!

**Trelear's School** : Bob Bysouth has received a letter from Jon Colville thanking TADS members for their donations amounting to £260. If you want to donate further Bob will pass on any other contributions.

**Antiques Evening and Supper**: at Church Cottage Basingstoke  
**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June 7.30pm** Cost £7.50 to include a Lasagne Supper  
 (bring your own wine/beer.)

Drewett Neate are bringing antiques to discuss. Tickets from Margaret Porter on 01256 356012. Proceeds towards new book " **The Pulse of Basingstoke**".

**West Berkshire Local Societies Update**: Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2005 at **Newbury Town Hall** 7pm to 8.30pm. (All about the work of local history and archaeology societies in West Berkshire.) Tickets £2.50 from Newbury Museum

Richard and Lynda Tanner offer you a **Guided Tour of North Waltham**: followed by **Cream Tea** in their **C17** cottage. £3.50 pp (01256-397610)

### **60 years on from V J Day**

David Armstrong, History Coordinator at Burnham Copse Junior School is anxious to find anyone with memories of WW2 (evacuees, service folk, etc) to work with children of our present generation. This would involve 3 or 4 visits to the school to help the children make a CD-Rom. Period from mid to end of July to the beginning of September 2005. Contact number 0118-981-4656 or 07747-625523.

On the same subject, the Tadley British Legion are hosting **V J Celebrations on 13<sup>th</sup> August** at the Tadley Memorial Hall on the Green. It is hoped that TADS will have a display at this event. If you have any WW2 memorabilia please let Bob brown or Carol Stevens know.

**Their lives changed ours** : A family-friendly exhibition remembering the end of the **Second World War in Hampshire**.

16<sup>th</sup> June to 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2005 at **The Great Hall**, Winchester. 10.00am till 5.00pm Admission **FREE**

### **History in the making**

The Tadley Gazette will cease publication as a separate newspaper with effect from last Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2005. Tadley and District news will be incorporated in the Basingstoke Gazette. It still have an average of 120 pages and hopefully will still only cost 55p

The **TADS 2005 calendar** is no longer on sale, however all the Public House photographs are available as framed prints. Cost £1.00 per print.

**projectnews 8** is now available. If you didn't pick one up at the St Paul's Fete then they will be available at the forthcoming meeting.