



Join us at our AGM, September 16th, Bernays Hall

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7:30-9:30pm



We're pleased to announce our 2026 Annual General Meeting, to be held in the historic landmark Bernays Hall. Mark your calendars for 7:30pm on Wednesday, September 16th.

First, we will welcome Bob Blackman, Harrow East MP since 2010. Bob will talk about various schemes and projects, past and future, pertaining to Stanmore residents and businesses with a focus on step-free access at the station.

We will then run through the usual formalities of reports and accounts. There should be ample time for Q&A, and opportunities for networking or casual chats with Bob and our committee over teas and coffees.

The Romans in Stanmore

Stanmore boasts an imposing piece of public sculpture in silver-grey metal. You will doubtless have walked past it in The Broadway – but have you actually noticed it? A small plaque embedded in the pavement at its foot reads:

"Vessels 2001"
Diane Maclean

A caption explains that *"The sculpture echoes storage jars made at an important Roman pottery on Brockley Hill, Stanmore"*, with an acknowledgement *"Commissioned by Sainsbury plc and Harrow Heritage Trail"*. Fittingly, it stands outside the main entrance to Sainsbury's.



The presumed site of the pottery is opposite the entrance to RNOH and is marked by a wooden board with a painted blue plaque:

**Site of the
Roman Pottery of Sulloniaca
65-160 AD**

Brockley Hill appears to follow the line of the old Roman road Watling Street connecting Londinium (London) with Verulamium (St Albans).

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In Conversation – Marilyn Raymond, Honorary President of The Stanmore Society



In 1968 Marilyn and her late husband, Tony, moved from Mill Hill to Stanmore, sharing an interest in their local area and in supporting local activities. Tony was elected Stanmore Society Chairman and completed 27 years of dedicated service before stepping down in 2008. Before handing over to the late John Williams, Tony said that *'the larger our membership, the greater our voice and this is vital in local affairs'*. That message remains as true today as ever it was.

In 2008 Marilyn took on the role of organiser of the Afternoon Socials – a role she has fulfilled with steadfastness and enthusiasm, but from which she finally took the decision to step down this summer.

Asked *"What is the single biggest change in Stanmore during your time here?"*, her wonderful response was: *"Stanmore feels the same as it always has!"*

We agreed that Stanmore feels more a *village* than a town and Marilyn emphasised that *"it is important to keep the village atmosphere"*.

Topping her "most-liked" list were the leafy green spaces and proximity to the Green Belt, along with the fast and convenient transport links: Marilyn particularly enjoys visiting the London art galleries. She reiterated what is a

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Romans in Stanmore ...

Sulloniacae is mentioned in the ancient Roman Road Atlas known as the Antonine Itinerary, a handbook for the official courier service of the Roman Empire.

Various archaeological excavations took place on Brockley Hill from 1937 onwards, notably in the late 1960s. These indicate that the site was not a town but could have been a posting station. This would have consisted of an inn or mansio (from where we get our word 'mansion') where travellers along Watling Street could water their horses and get rest and refreshment.

Large quantities of stamped potsherds were found in the kilns and clay pits, showing that a number of potters worked at Brockley Hill. Pots from here have been found on the Mediterranean coast!

We know some of the potters' names: Doinus, Bruccius, Doccas, Lallans, Marinus – our long-ago predecessors as residents of Stanmore.

Clement Attlee plaque



Off the London Road, on a modern red brick building, you'll find a Harrow Heritage Trust brown plaque marking the site of the former home of Clement Attlee, Prime Minister from 1945 to 1951.

He used to commute on the (then) Bakerloo line from Stanmore to work at No 10!

Images of Heywood Court are elusive, but we know it was a rather lovely Edwardian villa with a large garden where he and his family lived very happily, perhaps with a goat.



B&W image from Stanmore Tourist Board

Thank you ...

Sainsbury's Stanmore – for providing space for our meetings.

The Shaw Trust – for your support with flower boxes.

Carole & Gaby – for planting and watering the flower boxes.

Everyone else who helped with bottles and watering cans – for keeping Stanmore in bloom!



Conversation with Marilyn continued ...

wish for many of us: that TFL installs a lift or escalator at Stanmore tube station.

Marilyn developed her teaching career on the paediatric ward at **RNOH**. *"The gardeners would bring me lumps of clay [from Sulloniacae - ed] and the children would make pots from it, a lovely terracotta!"* With Tony, she created links with the Hindu and Muslim centres in Wood Lane; Tony planted a tree at the opening of the Hindu Temple.

Marilyn continues her volunteering with Bentley Priory. We come back to Marilyn's indefatigable support of the Stanmore Society. We owe her a debt of gratitude for her optimism, encouragement and inspiration.

Planning news

The screenshot shows a planning portal with a list of applications on the left and a map on the right. The list includes:

- PL/1533/26**: 3, PARK VIEW HOUSE, 29 Stanmore Hill, Stanmore, Harrow, HA7 3DT. Certificate of Lawful Development Existing: Establish use as two self-contained flats. Lawful development received: 2025-06-05.
- PL/169/26**: 1A Winscombe Way, Stanmore, Harrow, HA7 9AX. Certificate of Lawful Development (Proposed): Alterations and extension to roof to form and gables; windows in end gables. Lawful development received: 2025-06-19.
- PL/1519/26**: 8 Greyfriar Close, Stanmore, Harrow, HA7 8DQ. Lower ground and ground floor side to rear extensions; new external steps to ground floor; rooflight in roof; landscaping; external alterations. Other received: 2026-06-04.
- PL/1509/26**: 8 Marsh Lane, Stanmore, Harrow, HA7 4TF. Front porch; installation of side door; enlargement of window to side elevation. Householder received: 2026-06-04.
- PL/1691/26**: 67 Drummond Drive, Stanmore, Harrow, HA7 3PH. Details pursuant to conditions 3 (Construction and Logistics Plan), 4 (Noise and Vibration) and 6 (Installation) attached to planning.

The map on the right shows Stanmore Hill with various locations marked, including 'The Agra Tandoori', 'Sahara Lounge', and 'Stanmore Hill Conservation Area'.

You may have discovered the new service on our website that provides an overview of proposed developments in the HA7 postcode area (which is pretty much Stanmore).

We are monitoring the **Stanmore Gardens** situation, and will engage with the developers and the council to represent our members' views.

Thanks to plannexus.io for technical support & assistance.

September afternoon meeting

Join in a Physical Wellbeing Demonstration by Geraldine Gower

**Music the Spice,
Stretching the Signal,
even Falls Prevention**

Wednesday 9th September 2pm

Oakmead Court East Lounge,
Valencia Road HA7 4UZ

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