

NOTES OF THE INAUGURAL MEETING* OF THE STONELEIGH HISTORY GROUP, 26 January 2011

Present: David Vaughan (in the chair), Sheila Woolf, Lisa Reay, Rachel and Philip Gill, Dick James, Pam Baker, Anthony Bianco, Shirley Ball, Jayne Brooks, David and Eithne Sarginson, Margaret Wallis, Beverley Mills, Jenny Skidmore, Betty Craddock

Apologies: David Brooks, Liz Sykes, Chris Hadfield

Introductions

David welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the Group and then invited everyone to introduce themselves and to indicate any interests. Several members had already undertaken some local historical research, and some were familiar with existing information sources e.g. The Leigh Collection, Stoneleigh at the Shakespeare Trust Record Office, school records at the Warwick Record Office and Nat Alcock's books about Stoneleigh. Some members (Anthony) were interested in ancient and some (Beverley) medieval records, others with more modern sources (e.g. census records, Rachel), and the value of oral history was emphasised (Betty and Shirley having a particular interest/expertise).

Ways Forward

It was agreed that a small committee be formed to move the project forward, including devising a constitution and deciding on issues such as an annual subscription. This would be convened by Philip Gill and comprise Lisa Reay (Treasurer), Margaret Wallis (Secretary), Sheila Woolf and Anthony Bianco and would meet at Sheila's home (9 The Bank) at 2.30 pm on 7 February, following which recommendations would be put to the whole Group on 2 March at 7 pm in the Village Club.

Sheila reported that the Warwick Records Office offered a range of lectures to groups, and it was agreed that such a lecture be arranged as soon as possible.

*** This was held at Pam Baker's house, the Village Club having forgotten the booking**