

**NOTES ON THE 7<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF THE STONELEIGH HISTORY SOCIETY  
VILLAGE CLUB OCTOBER 12<sup>TH</sup> 2011.**

1. **Present:** Sheila Woolf, Lisa Reay, David Vaughan, Jean Vaughan, Shirley Ball, David Brooks, Pam Baker, Eileen Burman, Anthony Bianco, Betty Craddock, Liz Sykes, Rachel Gill, Philip Gill, Julian Burditt, Richard Upton. *We welcomed in addition:* Nat Alcock, John Beeby, John Robson, Richard Harrow, Marian Murray, Marianne Puxley, Barbara Gee, Nora Blagburn and Mike and Jenny Morris.
2. **Apologies** had been received from Margaret Wallis, Jenny Skidmore and David and Eithne Sarginson.
3. **Welcome** was given by Sheila, in particular to our visitors and especially to Dr Alcock to whom we were delighted to award Honorary Membership. He will be publishing another book next year.
4. As the meeting was intended to be an informal one Sheila noted briefly the following points:
  - (i) Shirley will be giving a talk on Stoneleigh on Saturday October 29<sup>th</sup> in the Village Hall, to raise money for the church roof; she hopes SHS members will be supportive. Shirley has tickets costing £10, to include a ploughman's supper followed by sherry trifle.
  - (ii) The Stoneleigh School logbooks are now being transcribed by a lady from Bedworth whose hobby this is. It is a huge job, and she is refusing to accept payment/expenses. Sheila suggested that she be given honorary membership of the society and this was unanimously agreed. The logbooks, on CD, will provide an invaluable resource.
  - (iii) Will Blagburn has kindly donated to the society's archives a DVD of the Campaign against Coventry Airport; members are invited to borrow this.
  - (iv) The Stretton-on-Dunsmore History Society will be holding a meeting to illustrate their findings from their Census Project on the evening of Tuesday October 25<sup>th</sup> at their village hall; they are keen to hear from other villages about their own findings. Visitors will be welcome (£2 entrance)
5. **Business of Future Meetings:** offers of reports were requested but answer came there none! Please contact Sheila if you would like to discuss your ongoing research in a future meeting.
6. **Date of Next meeting:** Wednesday November 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7pm in the Club.
7. The main part of the meeting was a sharing of photographs and other memorabilia. After short presentations from David Vaughan (on the Rev. James Wentworth Leigh) and Nora Blagburn (on Stoneleigh Close) the rest of the evening was spent inspecting material, from pictures and newspaper cuttings to old parish magazines, brochures and – from Betty – a Friendly Society medallion! Census data, parish register details and maps were available to view on computer. Thanks to all who brought items.

**Members are respectfully reminded that 2012 subscriptions (£10) will be due on January 1<sup>st</sup>. and should be forwarded to Lisa Reay, the Treasurer, and that any outstanding 2011 subscriptions should be sent to her as soon as possible. ( Please note this also gives**

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affiliation to the Warwickshire Local History Society) Those visitors who have attended recent meetings and who wish to take out 2012 membership should contact Lisa in the first instance, [lisareay@btinternet.com](mailto:lisareay@btinternet.com) and might like to make a small interim donation towards the Society's costs(though this is not compulsory) .