

Notes of the 9th Meeting of the Stoneleigh History Society
Stoneleigh Village Hall, Tuesday 28th February 2012 at 7.30pm.

1. The Chairman (Sheila Woolf) opened the meeting by welcoming everyone to this first meeting of 2012, which also offered the new departure of meeting in the Village Hall. Several visitors were present, and two new members had joined that evening.
2. Apologies for absence had been received from Margaret Wallis, Roger Gilbert, Shirley Ball, Jenny Skidmore.
3. Matters arising from the meeting held on November 17th, 2011:
 - i. Sheila thanked those who attended the Christmas social, which was a very pleasant occasion, and Lisa for representing the society in reading at the Festival of Nine Lessons at the church.
 - ii. There had been discussion about creating a database of sources of information. Sheila reminded members of the email sent in January which invited those doing research to send her a list of where sources for their research might be found; she would then create a consolidated list, to avoid replication of effort and time.
 - iii. The Christmas Quiz: answers to Sheila as soon as possible please!
 - iv. Membership subscriptions: Lisa reported out of the 29 members, one of whom is an honorary member, 5 members have yet to pay. If you are unsure as to whether you have paid or not, please contact Lisa Reay by email lisareay@btinternet.com or on 024 76697037. Alternatively, your current membership card is dated 2012 and the expired one is dated 2011 – 2012. In the unlikely event you no longer wish to be a member please let Sheila know. As of 27 Feb 2012, there is £337.11 in the bank account.
4. Affiliation to the Warwickshire Local History Society. As members we are entitled to attend lectures at the Quaker Meeting House, Warwick, at no cost. A book for signing up was made available so that members could travel together if desired. Lisa had made copies of the WLHS's programme for information, as well as their forthcoming AGM.
5. Our own AGM (for members only) would be held on Tuesday March 27th at 7.30pm in the Hall, after which Patrick McIlroy who is supervising the work on restoring Repton's landscape at Stoneleigh Abbey would talk to us about the project. It was possible that a visit might later be made to see it.
6. The main event of the evening was a presentation by our guest David Clark, on the History of Ashow. David gave a fascinating illustrated talk – complete with handouts! – and answered several questions following refreshments provided by Rachel, Liz and Jean – many thanks to them. All agreed that it had been an informative and entertaining evening.