

**NOTES FROM THE MEETING OF THE STONELEIGH HISTORY SOCIETY HELD ON 26th
FEBRUARY 2013 IN STONELEIGH VILLAGE HALL**

Apologies were received from Nat Alcock, Anthony Bianco, David Brooks and Barbara Gee.

Sheila Woolf welcomed everyone to the meeting, especially guests. She thanked members who had attended the Christmas social gathering and those who had accompanied her to the opening of the chapel at Compton Verney (organised by Warwick History Society). Several queries were now being received via the village website.

There would be a Committee meeting on 6 March. The next full meeting would be on 26 March when the AGM would be followed by a talk on drover's roads. Members were encouraged to submit ideas for speakers/visits/projects. Those who wished to attend the visit to Bagot Castle on 25 June were asked to sign the black book.

Nora Blagburn then gave a fascinating talk (illustrated by Will's photographs) about the history of Stoneleigh Close; from the time the land was sold for development by the Leigh Estate in 1959 to the present day. The Blagburns were the second occupants (at No.7 whose land stretched down towards The Bank). The original owners could choose whether to buy off-plan or to choose their own designs - hence the variety of style in the Close. Nora reminisced about the occupants of the Close, and their village neighbours, and the various happenings in the village in subsequent years. This was a real trip down memory lane for SHS members, a reminder of how much had changed yet how much neighbourliness remained - no little due to the efforts of Nora and Will.