

**MINUTES OF THE SECOND AGM OF THE STONELEIGH HISTORY SOCIETY,  
HELD ON 26 MARCH 2013**

Sheila Woolf, Chairman, welcomed members and guests to the second AGM.

**Apologies:** Margaret Wallis, Sarah Ballinger, June Burr, Jane Taylor & Patrick Sawdon.

**Committee elections:** In accordance with the Constitution two officers, Pam Baker and Philip Gill had stood down but they were happy to stand for re-election for another year. The meeting was invited to vote & they were duly re-elected.

**Thanks:** To Rachel and helpers for organising the Refreshments and to all committee members for the support over the last 12 months.

**Chairman's Report:**

Sheila presented her report, and copies were circulated to all at the meeting and a copy is attached.

Leaflets outlining the work of the Society and dates for future meetings were available at the back of the hall.

**Treasurer's Report:** Lisa referred to the printed report which included the accounts for the year ending 31 December 2012 at which point the bank balance was £305.04. The report was accepted. Lisa was thanked for her work on behalf of the Society and to Pam for her advice.

**AOB:**

The events planned so far for 2013 were announced, including the visit to Bagots Castle on 25 th June to which members were encouraged to sign up.

A visit to the Leigh family papers at the Stratford Archive is under consideration

In the future: 2014 – a village commemoration of the centenary of WW1 is anticipated

2015. A proposal to mark the Bi centenary of Sir Henry Parkes is in train.

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Sheila then welcomed Bruce Smith who spoke about Drovers Roads and the importance to national life and our area.

Bruce gave a fascinating insight into a timeless life gone by and we are much indebted to him for whetting our appetite for future research.

It was hoped after local visits by Sheila, David and Bruce we would have established our Swan as a Drovers pub this was not to be. The road may have been a little to the west perhaps closer to Kenilworth.

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But Bruce introduced us to the John Ogilby 17Ct. Coventry to Gloucester & Bristol wool carters route map. “Bagginton & Stonely” is en route. Too much for David “Poirot” Vaughan and others who with magnifying glass and OS pathfinder maps had within 24 hours “mapped” the route from Styvechale to Warwick with the jolly Ox carters (travelling at approx 1 mile an hour) passing within a pint of ale of the “Swan”. It is possible that Stonely its forge and pub may have hosted the important commercial traffic of the time.

The meeting ended at 9.15pm.

*(Minutes prepared by Anthony Bianco, in the absence of Margaret Wallis)*