

Madeley Living History Project

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Madeley Living History Project held on Thursday, October 29th 2015 at St Michaels Church, Madeley, and commencing at 6.30 p.m.

PRESENT: Management Committee members: Jonathan Lloyd (chairman), Councillor Sue Taylor, Councillor Gill Green, Councillor Robin Coates, Sue Beech, Rob Pooler.
Others: John Corrock, Marlene Corrock, Jane Baker, Janet Doody, Fran Jones, Peter Branson, Sara Skinner, Janet Edwards, H. Rainford, Marilyn Higson, Rae Evans, Daniel Jones.
Andy Rose Regeneration Officer (Madeley Town Council).
Rev Alan Walden, Rev Rosemary Freeman, Hazel Shipman.
Doctor Peter Forsaith

14/01. Apologies for Absence
Veronica Jubb, Grant Foden.

14/02. Minutes of the Previous Meeting
Resolved
 That the minutes of the 2014 Annual General Meeting held on Thursday, September 11th, 2014 be confirmed and approved.

14/03. Matters Arising
 None.

14/04. Chairman's report

- Madeley History Group continues to meet on a Tuesday morning. It has been involved in two major projects this year.
- Following the success of the HLF funded project entitled "**Telford Our New Town: A Digital Archive**" led by Telford & Wrekin Council, discussions have been held with Shropshire Archives to digitise more photographs of the Madeley area, held in their TDC Archive collection. The intention is to train up members of the group to use the digitising camera at Shrewsbury and catalogue the images. Another HLF bid is being prepared to cover the training and other expenses.
- During the year, members of the Group has worked with other local organisations to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the death of Thomas Parker, a local man who rose from humble beginnings to take a leading role in Britain's electrical industry.

- In July, there was an excellent Thomas Parker art exhibition by pupils from John Fletcher school at Jackfield Tile Works. Thanks to teachers Dawn Burrows and Lynsey Gladwin together with Martin Phillips from Historic England.
- In October, the Thomas Parker day took place at the Valley Hotel, which was a former residence of the Parker family. There were four excellent speakers and displays as well as the unveiling of a plaque by Gail Tudor and Peter Parker who are descendants of Thomas Parker and have supported the project. Special thanks to John Freeman and staff from the Ironbridge Gorge Museum Trust for all their support, including the manufacture of the plaque at Blists Hill foundry.
- Members of the Group have also been working on a project to refurbish the Parker family grave at St Michael's. Unfortunately, a bid to HLF was unsuccessful.
- New Thomas Parker pages have been added to national websites http://www.engineering-timelines.com/who/Parker_T/parkerThomas.asp and also <http://www.erih.net/biographies.html>
- Finally special thanks to Bev Parker who has provided tremendous support for the project. If you want to find out more about Thomas Parker, he manages the excellent website <http://www.historywebsite.co.uk/genealogy/Parker>
- The Town Council acquired the Anstice Memorial club in April 2015 and the Anstice Community Trust has been set up as a registered charity in July. It will take over the running of the building once it is refurbished. Consultants have been appointed to carry out an Options Appraisal. Group members have provided support for exhibitions and fund raising activities.
- Unfortunately, bids to Veolia and the War Memorials Trust for grant monies to refurbish Russell square & the war memorial were unsuccessful. A decision is currently awaited from Telford & Wrekin Council from their Pride in the Community Programme.
- In June, the Madeley Wood Company banner which has been restored by the Town Council was put on display in Jubilee House reception.
- Thank you to all committee members and to members of the Tuesday History Group, Madeley Town Council and all other supporters who work so hard to make the project a success. Best wishes to Janet Doody, Veronica Jubb and Steve Leggett who have decided to stand down as Management Committee reps.

14/05

Treasurer's report

The Treasurer reported an end of year balance at bank of **£2,680.56**. John Corrock was thanked for his efforts in producing the dvds of old photographs.

The bulk of the expenditure was in connection with the Nine Men of Madeley project on which the Living History Project acted as the accountable body. A HLF grant had been secured by Alison Vermee who had coordinated the project, which ended with the community play at St Michaels.

14/06 **Election of Management Committee**

The Chair read out the list of those committee members who are the nominated representatives of partner organisations: -

- Madeley Town Council – **Cllrs Gill Green, Robin Coates & Sue Taylor**
- Madeley History Group – **Rob Pooler & Sue Beech**
- Telford & Wrekin – vacancy
- IGMT – vacancy.

There is provision for nine community representatives on the management committee. Three nominations had been received before the meeting. No further nomination was put forward at the meeting.

Resolved:

The following community representatives were elected.

- Jonathan Lloyd**
- Rev. Keith Osmund Smith**
- Grant Foden**

14/07 **Any other business**

None raised

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 6.30 pm

Signed.....

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