

MADELEY LIVING HISTORY PROJECT
Management Group Meeting 14th March 2002

Notes from the Meeting

Present: Cllr Dave Davies, Marilyn Higson, Jane Siddons, Francis Jones, Jonathon Lloyd, John Powell
Kath Petty, Fay Bailey

Apologies: Cllr Peter Taylor, Ben Whittle.

1. Last Meeting – Matters Arising

Cllr Davies suggested that the nominations from Telford and Wrekin Council should be more specific.

Agreed – that this be written into the constitution.

2. Open Day – Coalbrookdale Museum – 17th March

The purpose of the open day is to raise local awareness of the museum and of the World Heritage Site and to launch the WHS Management Plan. There will be a number of display including the Management Plan, The Value of Heritage, the Gorge Parish Council and Severn Gorge Countryside Trust. The Living History Project will also have a small display and information available, Fay will attend the event to explain the project to visitors.

The event has been widely publicised with a colour insert in the Dawley, Madeley and Broseley News. The museum will be free of charge and the Friends of the Museum will be available to give tours.

3. Local History Week

Will take place 4th to 12th May. The Living History Project will have an exhibition at the Town Centre on 11th May. There will be a conference at Shirehall on 4th May and the Shropshire Heritage Forum will be launched.

4. Public Meeting for the Adoption of the Constitution

As previously discussed, an event to celebrate the completion of the community quilt will be held on Wednesday 8th May, 7.30 at Jubilee House. All the groups who have contributed will be invited, there will be a buffet and a public thank you. It is proposed that this event could also be used to hold a short public meeting whereby the future of the project could be discussed with those present and to adopt the constitution. Kath and Fay to plan and co-ordinate.

5. Living History Project Managers Report

Presented at the meeting, further comment on some of the projects as follows: -

Nine Men of Madeley

Some discussion about an interpretation panel once the grave has been restored and the need for the panel to be durable. Fay will look at the possibility of a metal panel. Applications for funding will be made to 'Your Heritage'; this will not preclude future applications being made for other graves. The museum library has some photographic

material relating to a mosaic covered grave (the pieces of which are in the shed in the graveyard) this could be a future project.

Jane Siddons reported that the links between the church and the school were now much stronger, it would also be very useful at some time in the future to produce a 'Children's Guide' to the graveyard.

Old Town/New Town Teachers Pack

Jane commented that this would be a very useful teacher's resource, particularly the community aspects of the material.

Researching Family History

Following the 'Family History' evening there would appear to be some interest in a course in tracing family history. Telford and Wrekin Council have lap top computers that can be loaned to community groups for educational purposes. Eventually, the library will be able to provide access to all census material.

6. Other Business

Discussion about the Regeneration of Woodside and the part that The Living History Project could play. Francis suggested that the WEA may be interested in taking it on as a project and she would be happy to help. Sue Challis is the contact.

Agreed to introduce the membership aspect of the project on the 'quilt' evening.

Jonathon Lloyd informed the meeting of a World Heritage Site conference to be held at the Long Warehouse, Coalbrookdale. The event is aimed at teachers and how they can use the WHS as a resource.

The Church is having a John Fletcher weekend; memorabilia is available through the museum.

Next Meeting – Thursday 16th May – 7.30 at Madeley Library