

Madeley Living History Project
Minutes of the meeting held on 28th July 2005, 7.30 pm at Madeley Library

Present: Jonathan Lloyd (in the Chair), Joan Beard, David Edwards,
Barbara Hardman, Marilyn Higson, John Powell, Derek Williams
In Attendance: Shelagh Lewis, Kath Petty
Apologies : Della Bailey, Dave Davies, Jan Doody, Gwen Groves, Gill Green,
Sue Laffin, Paul Wolfe

1. **Minutes of the meeting held on 7th April 2005:**
The minutes of the meeting were accepted and were signed as a true record.
 - 1.i. **Matters Arising:**
There were no Matters Arising.

2. **Treasurer's Report:**
In the absence of the Treasurer SL reported that the recorded balance at bank remained at £996. 23 but that two amounts of £1250.00 and £196.92 had been paid in during the past few days.

3. **Child Protection Policy Review:**
The existing Child Protection Policy was accepted and signed. To be reviewed in 2006.

4. **Update on Projects (carried out by MLHP and others):**
 - 4i: **Mosaic Tombstone (Local Studies Group)**
The memorial had been reinstated on Friday 6th May. About 30 people attended and it was agreed that the restoration was excellent. Some vandalism had taken place the following week but this had been sorted out and steps taken to try to prevent future problems. The LSG was preparing an exhibition for local display.
 - 4ii: **Beeches Project:**
The group still awaited a decision about listing from DCMS.
 - 4iii: **Brooke Memorials:**
The final proof had been received and the pack would be going to the printers during the first week in August.
 - 4iv: **Graveyard Survey and Graveyard Trail:**
The location survey was virtually complete and recording was continuing.
 - 4v: **Town Trail:**
The illustrator continued to work on the drawings and the leaflet copy should be ready by autumn. The possibility of placing permanent markers around the town was under consideration.
 - 4vi: **War Memorial (Jan Doody):**
The first volume was now ready to go to the printer and Jan was working on the second volume
 - 4vii: **Lee Dingle Bridge:**
JL and SL had held meetings with HLF and British Waterways and the response was encouraging. It was intended to put in for a project development grant to move the project forward.
 - 4viii: **Woodside Project:**
A small group had now come together to work on the story of Woodside under the leadership of the LHP manager. A history student from Wolverhampton University who is also a part-time library assistant will be helping throughout the course of the project.
 - 4ix: **Madeley Pubs:**

The work done by Kevin McLean was being taken forward by Kevin, Eric Green and the LHP manager with a view to publishing a short trail perhaps entitled *Madeley Pubs: Past & Present*.

4x: Schools Projects:

Several local schools were involved with various of the ongoing projects.

5. Events in 2005:

5i: National Archaeology Day:

This took place on Saturday 23rd July and was, again, very successful. Funding had been obtained (£1250.00) from the Local Network Fund and this had facilitated expansion. Nearly 500 people attended the event. Next year's event will take place on Saturday 22nd July 2006.

5ii: Heritage Open Days / World Heritage Festival

These will take place over the weekend of 10th – 11th September 2005. A programme of activities is being arranged in Ironbridge with a presence by the LHP. In Madeley there will be a 'Pub-style Heritage Quiz' at Jubilee House on Saturday evening 11th September and a guided walk around Madeley Court on the afternoon of Sunday 12th September. St. Michael's Church will be open to the public over the weekend.

5iii: World War II event:

The concert is scheduled for Saturday 8th October at 6.30 pm and will be called *The Spirit of '45*. Martin Brooke will be unable to comperere but several suggestions were made by committee members. We still await the outcome of our funding bid.

6. Friends of the Living History Project:

6i: Newsletter:

The March newsletter had been compiled and distributed on time with many thanks to Joan. The autumn newsletter is due to be distributed in the middle of August and the LHP manager asked for contributions from committee members.

6ii: Trips:

The trip to Jackfield Tile Museum had been very much appreciated although only 12 people attended. As the 2004 autumn trip had been cancelled because of lack of support it was agreed that a members' evening will be organised. The LHP manager will try to book Tracy Dix-Williams.

7. Management Committee visit to Blaenavon:

Several committee members had participated in a most enjoyable day and it was agreed that further exchanges would benefit both organisations. JL & SL to investigate further.

8. Information from Committee Members:

It was agreed that a newsletter should be sent to the T&W Senior Citizens Forum c/o Meeting Point House.

The WLSF is organising a 'Dawley Day' on Saturday 24th September at Burton House. The day will be dedicated to the memory of Gillian Weaver.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.00 pm.

**The next meeting will take place on Thursday 8th September,
7.30 pm at Madeley Library.**