

Madeley Living History Project

Minutes of the meeting held on 3rd March 2005, 7.30 pm at Madeley Library

Present: Jonathan Lloyd (in the Chair), Della Bailey, Joan Beard, Jan Doody, David Davies, Gwen Groves, Marilyn Higson, Janice Jones, Derek Williams

In Attendance: Shelagh Lewis, Kath Petty

Apologies: Gill Green, Barbara Hardman, Sue Laflin, John Powell, Daphne Roberts,

1. **Minutes of the Meeting held on 13th January 2005:**

The minutes of the meeting were accepted, with one minor amendment, and were signed as a true record.

1.i: Matters Arising:
There were no matters arising not forming part of the agenda.
2. **Treasurer's Report:**

The treasurer reported that the balance at bank remained unchanged at £996.23.
3. **Projects Update:**
 - i. **Beeches Project:** An application to have the building listed had been submitted to DCMS and had been acknowledged. The result should be known within 3 months. The funding bid was in preparation but would not be submitted until the result of the listing application was known. The Gorge parish had been supportive. The group members were keen to talk in schools and MH suggested that Shropshire Reminiscences might be interested in the project.
 - ii. **Brooke Memorials:** The Education Pack was almost completed and would be submitted to the vicar on his return from study leave.
 - iii. **Mosaic Tombstone (Local Studies Group):** The tombstone was now restored and the necessary steps to restore it to its original position were being taken. The interpretative plaque would be ordered shortly. The Local Studies Group members hoped to make a group visit to Eura Conservation to view the restored tombstone. It had been agreed that the reinstatement of the monument would take place on Friday 6th May at 2.00pm. Mrs Bailey asked that it be recorded that the Mosaic Tombstone restoration project was a Local Studies Group project and was not being run by the Madeley Living History Project.
 - iv. **Graveyard Survey and Graveyard Trail:** Nothing to report as weather conditions had not been suitable.
 - v. **Town Trail:** The potential illustrator was working on one or two sketches to calculate the time involved. It was hoped that the Trail might be launched during HODs weekend in September 2005.
 - vi. **War Memorial (Jan Doody):** Jan & Shelagh had met twice and had agreed a format for the finished booklet. A possible source of funding had been identified. It was hoped that the booklet might be produced in time for the 60th anniversary celebration concert in October.

- vii. **Lee Dingle Bridge:** Shelagh had held preliminary discussions with Ironbridge Archaeology and would be meeting with Malcolm Morris to discuss possible ways forward.
- viii. **Schools Projects:** JL would speak to the head of Abraham Darby about the project in general. Several school groups would be involved in the 2005 WWII event. DW suggested putting the 9 Men education pack on the intranet. JL raised the possibility of a 'house style' for any leaflets etc produced by the LHP.

4. **Future Projects and Events in 2005:**
 - i. **National Archaeology Days:** These would take place on 23rd and 24th July in 2005. The LHP was working in conjunction with Ironbridge Archaeology and co-ordinated events would take place in Madeley on Saturday 23rd and in Ironbridge on Sunday 24th. Joint publicity would be organised.
 - ii. **Heritage Open Days:** These would take place over the weekend of 10th –11th September 2005. Suggested activities included the launch of the town trail and a ‘pub quiz’ style event with fish & chip supper. The HODs weekend would coincide with a World Heritage Site Weekend celebration and events would be co-ordinated.
 - iii. **World War II Event:** A concert of WWII music and sketches would take place on Saturday 8th October 2005 at 6.30 pm in the Abraham Darby School Hall. A WWII buffet would be served at the interval and it was hoped that free transport could be arranged for elderly residents. A funding bid was being prepared.
5. **Friends of the Living History Project:**
 - i. **Newsletter:** This was complete and about to go to the printer. It would be posted out on 17th March. The Friends now had 94 members.
 - ii. **Trips:** JB had organised a trip to the Jackfield Tile Factory for Wednesday 20th April. A form would go out with the newsletter.
6. **Proposed Visit to Blaenavon:**

JL reported that a visit was being arranged to coincide with the Blaenavon World Heritage Day on Saturday 25th June. It was agreed that this would be a suitable occasion for any interested / available committee members to visit. A letter would be sent to committee members with the next LHP newsletter and anyone interested should contact Shelagh who would pass on names & numbers to JL. JL would contact the Chair of the Blaenavon group to see if a brief meeting could be arranged for that day. Should enough people be interested it might be possible to arrange transport.
7. **Information from Committee Members:**
 - i. MH reported that the Wrekin Local Studies Forum summer leaflet (containing details of LHP events) would be available shortly and that the papers of the William Reynolds Bicentenary Conference had now been published. More resources were now available at the Central Library – information on the Libraries website.
 - ii. DW reported that new GIS software was being made available to secondary schools which might be of interest to the LHP. DW & SL to arrange a meeting to discuss.
 - iii. SL asked if any committee members might be available to take on the roles of Membership Secretary, Publicity Secretary or Archivist. None of the work would require much time. Anyone interested to contact her.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.45 pm. The next meeting will take place on 7th April, 7.30 pm at Madeley Library.

Signed:

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