

Madeley Living History Project
Minutes of the meeting held on 8th September 2005, 7.30pm at Madeley Library

Present: Cllr. David Davies (in the Chair), Joan Beard, Jan Doody, Cllr. Gill Green, Cllr. David Edwards, Barbara Hardman, Marilyn Higson, Sue Laflin.
In Attendance: Shelagh Lewis.
Apologies: Della Bailey, Gwen Groves, Jonathan Lloyd, Kath Petty.

1. **Minutes of the meeting held on 28th July 2005:**

The minutes were accepted and signed as a true record.

 - 1.i **Matters Arising (Minute 8):**

Cllr. Edwards reported that he had arranged for the newsletter of the T&W Senior Citizens Forum to be sent to the Living History Project.
2. **Treasurer's Report:**

The Treasurer reported that the balance at bank stood at £4,406. This included the amount remaining from the Local Network Fund grant (National Archaeology Days) and the grant from the Home Front Recall Fund (WWII event).
The Treasurer also reported that she would like to change the date when the project accounts were produced to tie in our financial year with that of the parish council. This was agreed by the meeting.
3. **Update on Projects (carried out by MLHP and others):**
 - 3.i: **Mosaic Tombstone (Local Studies Group):**

This project was now complete and the final paperwork sent to HLF. The balance of the HLF grant should be paid within the next few days. The LSG had prepared an exhibition for local display and SL will liaise with Madeley Library regarding a suitable date for it to be put in place. HLF had asked permission to use some of the project photographs in their national publicity.
 - 3.ii: **Beeches Project:**

We still await a decision about listing from DCMS. SL had telephoned them this morning but they had not yet had a recommendation from English Heritage. They think this is because of backlog problems.
 - 3.iii: **Brooke Memorials:**

This project was now complete and the pack had been published. A very favourable response had been received.
 - 3.iv: **Graveyard Survey and Graveyard Trail:**

Recording continued and there was the possibility of two additional volunteers.
 - 3.v: **Town Trail:**

This was now nearing completion and should be ready for printing shortly.
 - 3.vi: **War Memorial (Jan Doody):**

The first two volumes were now ready and Jan was working on the third.
 - 3.vii: **Lee Dingle Bridge:**

The next step is to discuss the project with the IGMT. JL has agreed to take it up with them but this will not be possible until after the WHS weekend (10th – 11th Sept).
 - 3.ix: **Madeley Pubs:**

Nothing to report – the work is ongoing.
 - 3.x: **Schools Projects:**

The schools have only just returned after the summer break but Sir Alexander Fleming had been in contact about possible LHP involvement in a Victorian project.
4. **Events in 2005:**

4i: HODS / World Heritage Weekend

It has been agreed that KP will set up a Living History Project stall in the square at Ironbridge on Saturday morning. SL will do the afternoon stint and the stall will be shared with the HERS project whose officer (Stella Jamieson will lend a hand). The evening quiz had attracted entries from six teams and over 20 people had pre-booked for the Sunday walk around Madeley Court.

4ii: World War II event:

The funding bit to the Home Front Recall fund had been successful and the LHP had been awarded a grant of £ . Tickets were selling well and the programme was now well in hand.

5. Friends of the Living History Project:

5i: Newsletter:

The autumn newsletter had gone out on time and included several contributions from people other than the LHP. The next newsletter will be the spring issue (for distribution in March) but contributions are welcome at any time.

6. 2005 AGM:

This will take place on Thursday 27th October, 7.30 pm at Madeley Library. Pat Partridge will be available to do the catering and Tracy Dix-Williams had agreed to give her popular talk on Victorian underwear for a fee of £30.00. She will also be bringing examples for people to handle and try on. All committee members present agreed to stand for re-election.

7. Information from Committee Members:

Marilyn Higson reported that the autumn programme of the Wrekin Local Studies Forum was now available. Copies available from the library.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.20 pm

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