

Madeley Living History Project

Minutes of the meeting held on 27th April 2006, 7.30 pm at Madeley Library

- Present:** Shelagh Lewis (in the chair), Cllr. Mike Swift, Della Bailey, Joan Beard, Barbara Hardman, Doug Hardman, Marilyn Higson, Sue Laffin, Derek Williams.
- Apologies:** Cllr David Davies, Cllr. David Edwards, Cllr. Gill Green, Jan Doody, Jonathan Lloyd, Kath Petty, John Powell.

1. **Minutes of the meeting held on 2nd March 2006:**

The minutes were accepted and signed as a true record.

 - 1.i: **Matters Arising:**

SLe reported that the information about the Turner Memorial had been passed on to Jan Doody.
The WHS newsletter had been published.
Mr & Mrs Hardman will be collecting the Local Studies Group computer on 28th April.
2. **Treasurer's Report:**

In the absence of the Treasurer SLe reported that balance at bank stood at £1328.88 and that the Treasurer awaited a form R85 from the IR so that interest will not have tax deducted. She also awaited information regarding the payment of cash direct into the account.
3. **Update on Projects (carried out by MLHP and others):**
 - 3.i **The Beeches:**

David Wright had written to DCMS in March but there had been no further developments. It was agreed that the LHP manager should write to Sir Neil Cossons in person.
 - 3.ii **Graveyard Survey and Trail:**

Little action during poor weather.
 - 3.iii **Town Trail:**

Now complete and due to go to printer first week in May. To be launched at the Annual Parish Meeting on 1st June.
 - 3.iv **War memorial (Jan Doody):**

No report but Mrs Hardman had been advised of a further omission from the memorial. She would be informing JD and the Parish Clerk.
 - 3.v **Lee Dingle Bridge:**

All costings apart from two from BTW had now been received. The application should be submitted in the next week.
 - 3.vi **Woodside Project:**

There had been an excellent response and the group will be putting on an exhibition at the official opening of the Park Lane Centre in late May / June (date to be confirmed).
 - 3.vii **Madeley Pub Trail:**

This was going well and it was hoped that it could be launched during Heritage Open Days weekend. The Royal Oak or the All Nations are possible venues.
 - 3.viii **Medieval Project (Sue Laffin):**

The group had not met during the Easter break but would be reconvening shortly.
 - 3.ix **Schools Projects:**

Nothing to report but DW advised that the Alexander Fleming School now had a new head teacher.
 - 3.x **General Queries:**

One off queries had increased in number enormously since the February broadcast. It was necessary to divert most to SFHS or Shropshire Archives.
4. **2006 Events:**
 - 4.i **WHS Walking Festival:**

Starting Saturday 29th April. SLe will lead a walk around Madeley Court on Friday 5th May. Some bookings already received.
 - 4.ii **Wrekin Local Studies Forum Display:**

Saturday 20th May in the Town Centre outside Primark. The event had been organised this year by the LHP manager and the group will be represented.
 - 4.iii **National Archaeology Day:**

Saturday 22nd July on the Russell Square Green. This year a number of new activities will be available and a barrel organ will provide background music.
 - 4.iv **Heritage Open Days:**

- Saturday 9th September. The pub trail will be launched. MS suggested discussions with Jim Birtwhistle about the possibility of tours of the All Nations brewery.
- 4.v **WHS Festival:**
Saturday 23rd September will see an event in Ironbridge and Sunday 24th will be devoted to 'walks and talks'.
5. **Friends of the Living History Project:**
- 5.i **Newsletter:**
This had been distributed and there had been an excellent response to the front page 'mystery photograph'. Membership now stood at about 105.
- 5.ii **Trip**
The trip to Shipton Hall had attracted over 30 people and will be going ahead on Friday 16th June.
- 5.iii **Work Experience Placement:**
The yr 12 work experience assistance will be in place from 12th -16th May inclusive.
6. **Information from Committee Members:**
- 6.i MS reported that he was involved in a project to investigate and map industrial sites on Severn Gorge Countryside Trust land.
- 6.ii SLa reported that Shropshire Archives had now published their programme of summer walks
- 6.iii MH reported that Telford Libraries will be celebrating the Queen's 80th birthday with a series of events.
She also reported that September will be this year's Local History Month
Telford libraries will be part of the 'Culture Zone'. Alexander Fleming school will be involved.
- 6.iv Alan Heighway had been in touch with SLe & BH about his photographic collection. It was hoped that it might be possible to obtain funding to conserve, preserve and publish the collection.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.30 pm
The next meeting will take place on Thursday 8th June 2006
7.30 pm at Madeley Library