

**Madeley Living History Project
Minutes of Management Committee Meeting
Thursday 3rd September 2009, 7.30 p.m.
Jubilee House**

Present: Cllr. David Davies (in the Chair), Janet Doody, Marilyn Higson, Ben Whittle

In Attendance: Shelagh Lewis, Kath Petty

Apologies: Cllr. Sue Taylor, Sharon King, Sue Laflin, Jonathan Lloyd, John Powell

1. Minutes of the Meeting held on 11th June 2009:
The minutes were accepted and signed as a true record with one minor amendment.

1i: Matters Arising

There was one Matter Arising

6i: There has still been no response regarding a possible 'Reminiscences' activity at the WHS Festival so this has been cancelled.

2. Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurer reported that the accounts have been sent to the Charity Commission and that balance at bank stands at £7,651. 51 of which *ca.* £5,000 is an A4A grant dedicated to the Bartlam Photographic Project.

3. Update on Projects (carried out by MLHP and others)

3i: Existing booklets:

Still very popular. KP said it had been suggested that we put some out in selected shops.

3ii: Bartlam photographs:

Now fully digitised. Of the *ca.* 3,000 negs *ca.* 500 have been identified. Printer has been chosen. Book should be available in spring 2010.

3iii: 'Parish People – Parish Places' leaflets:

The second batch of leaflets should be available by Christmas. A proposed leaflet on Abraham Darby school has been shelved as the school has commissioned a booklet on its history and SL is in touch with its author.

It was agreed that a leaflet covering the High Street should be compiled for spring 2010.

3iv: Madeley Court volume:

Well received and selling surprisingly well through the hotel.

3v: John Randall:

The day school has been confirmed for Saturday 4th September 2010 at the John Randall School and other events are in hand. Steering committee meets again 14th September 2009.

3vi: School Projects:

SL now has the St. Mary's Primary School artwork and awaits an appropriate opportunity to display in Jubilee House. The project is also actively involved with the

John Randall Primary School and the Abraham Darby Academy.

3vii: General Enquiries:

These continue steadily. Most come through the website but some come as a result of articles in Madeley Matters and, occasionally, The Shropshire Star or a radio broadcast.

4. Friends of the Living History Project:

4i: Summer trip:

The summer trip to Wilderhope Manor had proved popular and attracted around 20 people despite poor weather. It is hoped that, next year, a visit to Harvington Hall (Kidderminster) will be arranged.

4ii: Newsletter:

The next newsletter is scheduled for the end of September 2009. All contributions will be received gratefully.

5. 2009 AGM – Thursday 29th October 2009, 7.30 p.m:

Richard Bifield will speak on *The World Heritage Site – Then and Now* and Pat Partridge has been booked to provide a buffet.

6. Information from Committee Members:

6i: MH distributed copies of the latest Wrekin Local Studies Leaflet. She advised the meeting that it had been decided to keep Madeley Library open during the continuing building work (a decision supported enthusiastically by the library staff). October 2009 will be celebrated as Local History month. Ancestry.com will be launched then as a free service at Telford Libraries. There will be local history displays in all libraries including Madeley, from the beginning of October for one month. The Madeley display will be provided by the LHP.

6ii: DD enquired about the Mitchell clock. The original has been missing since the late 1960s. The replacement supplied by TDC was rescued during the demolition and is in storage at the Anstice. There is some general interest in a public clock in the centre and Madeley Partnership may check the feasibility of such a project.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.25 p.m. The next meeting will be the AGM on Thursday 29th October 2009.