

**Madeley Living History Project
Minutes of Management Committee Meeting
Thursday 14th July 2011, 6.30pm
Jubilee House**

Present: Jonathan Lloyd (in the Chair), Janet Doody, Marilyn Higson,
Ben Whittle

In Attendance: Shelagh Hampton, Kath Petty

Apologies: Cllr. Sue Taylor, Sharon King, Sue Laflin

SH informed the meeting that, sadly, both Gwen Groves and ‘Jock’ Finney had died during June. She had sent letters to both families and will include short appreciations in the next newsletter.

1. **Minutes of the Meeting held on 3rd September 2009:**
The minutes were accepted and signed as a true record
 - 1i: **Matters Arising**
There were no Matters Arising

2. **Treasurer’s Report:**
He Treasurer reported that the year-end balance at bank was £4358.41 and this had risen to £4584.02 on the most recent statement.

3. **Update on Projects:**
 - 3i: **Existing booklets:**
SH distributed a list of available publications which are still very popular.
 - 3ii: **Bartlam photographs:**
Volume available from Jubilee House at price of £10.00. Sales now slowed down.
 - 3iii: **New publications:**
A number of new publications are in the pipeline and should be available in two batches in early autumn and around Christmas. One of these will be a short, glossy booklet on *Madeley Court* which will replace the large volume, edited by SH, and which has now sold out. It is planned to charge for this booklet.
 - 3iv: **John Randall:**
The day school was very successful and attracted around 100 people. The proceedings are now available from Jubilee House at price of £5.00.
 - 3v: **Walking Festival:**
The MLHP had participated successfully in the 2011 Festival.
 - 3vi: **WHS Festival 2011:**
The MLHP will put on a small display at St. Michael’s Church which will be opened specially on the morning of the main Festival event day (Saturday 24th September).
 - 3vii: **School projects:**
SH has been involved in a number of recent school projects including one at William Reynolds School and one at the Woodlands School. The latter has resulted in an excellent booklet available shortly at a cost of £9.95.

3viii: General Enquiries:

These continue steadily.

4. **Randall Project proposal:**
SH reported that she had been approached regarding possible fieldwork to try to ascertain the exact site of Thomas Martin Randall's Madeley Chinaworks. She was considering possible sources of funding. JL suggested the T&W *Grassroots* fund.
5. **10th Anniversary of LHP (September 2011):**
The project will be ten years old in September and the occasion will be marked by a display and 'drop-in' at Jubilee House on Thursday 1st September between 11.00 am and 3.00pm. JL suggested inviting a representative of HLF and this was agreed.
6. **Future of Living History Project**
The Project Officer will be retiring after Christmas but will continue to lead the History Group on a Tuesday morning for as long as required. The overall future of the project will be decided by Councillors over the summer months.
7. **Friends of the LHP:**
Friends now numbered over 140 and had enjoyed a number of successful events over the past year. The next newsletter will be out in August. It was agreed that steps to put the Friends on a more formal footing should be explored.
8. **Information from Committee Members:**
MH reported that her rôle has changed and that she will be retiring in 2012.
MH reported that the new Wellington library will be opening on 21st September and the Local Studies collection will be housed there. The new library will be open longer hours as it will be housed in the Leisure Centre. She suggested that the History Group might enjoy a guided tour and SH agreed to explore this.

**There being no further business
the meeting closed at 7.30pm.**

**The next meeting has been arranged for
Thursday 27th October, 6.30pm at Jubilee House.**