

**Whittlesey
Mud Walls
Group**



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Minutes for 7th August

- 1 Present - Mesdames: McAndrew.
Messrs: Shearing, Whitwell, Gerstner, Boddington, Hancock, Lacey,
Green.
Apologies: Davies.
- 2 Minutes for 5th June - There was no meeting on 3rd July, so June's minutes were signed as a true record.
- 3 Thorney Park Farm update - Robert, Alan, David and I shared duties to set up, steward and pack up. Hardly anyone came to the event on Saturday because the weather was so bad, but Sunday was better and we had lots of people asking about our walls. I spoke to Dorothy Halfhide from Thorney museum. Rather than have our display in their museum for a period, she'd prefer it if we gave a talk. I said we'd be in touch later. I also met local artist Nick Tearle at his stall, (you may have seen an article about him in The Fens magazine). He hadn't heard of our mud walls, but he's very keen to come and investigate. It's possible that one or more of our mud walls will be captured on canvas. So another successful event, well done everyone.
- 4 Chatteris Cubs update - Robert, Alan and David went to a remote field in Chatteris to put on a mud activity organised by Katie for the cubs, so it was puddling, pizza oven and brick making. Katie tells us that they thoroughly enjoyed themselves, so another successful event, well done everyone.
- 5 Wall repairs - We've had confirmation that our grant application for the repair of the coping on the Grosvenor Rd wall has been successful. We've informed Neil Rickett, the contractor, who has booked the job in, but I've spoken to him recently and because of the changeable weather conditions, he's fallen behind on some other jobs. He's promised to get it done as soon as he can.
- 6 Previous grant - We were awarded £1700 from a Glassmoor application back in January. We haven't received any money yet as we had no requirement at that time. It's available to us over a 12month period, so we decided to secure the release of some of it to pay for our own display boards, so we don't have to keep borrowing the museum's boards. They've now arrived and they'll do the job nicely.

7 AGM update - At the AGM, Alan was elected as our new Chairman. Unfortunately, due to unforeseen circumstances, he's unable to take up the position. For the time being, Vice-Chairman Ray has agreed to stand-in as much as he's able, but ultimately we do need a new Chairman/Person. If we're able to keep the momentum going with wall repairs/foilage removal, displays, talks and practical activities, the Chairman could be quite busy. My work commitments mean that I'm able to spend less time on mud wall related business. So the Chairman needs to be able to cover for me if I'm unable to attend an event or meeting. So please, if you think you can help us, please contact me.

8 Whittlesey Festival - Sunday 8th September is the date for this year's Festival, and we're very happy that we'll be in the Black Bull car park again. I'm starting to recognise a few of our local visitors and their children, who have come to see us each year, which is very satisfying, and for which we'd like to say a big thank you. As usual, we'll have our information display and our range of activities. You'll be very welcome if you come and say hello. It's always good to see our supporters.

Next Meeting -
Wednesday 4th September at 10.30am
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