

Project to preserve marsh memories

Memories of cray fishing and sailing at Doxey marshes will all be preserved for future generations thanks to an innovative history project.

Young people in Doxey have been interviewing and recording local older people about their memories of the marshes.

Some of the residents played there as children, caught crayfish and newts, hired boats to sail up the River Sow and remembered learning how to collect wild food from Polish prisoners of war.

The results of their findings can be seen and heard this Saturday (May 27), when Staffordshire Wildlife Trust and the Staffordshire County Councils Youth Service will be hosting a history day at St Thomas Church, Doxey between 11am and 4pm.

The recordings will later be used as part of a BBC Radio Stoke Inside Lives community storytelling project, and the edited recordings will be showcased at the History Day at 2pm.

The Memories of the Marshes project has been made possible by funding from the

Heritage Lottery Fund.

Project co-ordinator, April Lewis, said: "This has been a really interesting community project to work on.

"Both age groups have learned a lot from each other and the staff on the project.

"Radio Stoke' James Finlayson provided technical expertise and Rachel Wheatcroft from the Staffordshire Wildlife Trust has shared her knowledge and love of local wildlife with the group."

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