

Bawtry Heritage Group

Notes of a meeting on Tuesday 17th January 2023

1. Present & Apologies

Present - John Linsley, David Kirkham, Mick Maguire, Tony Jones, Steve Fish, Peter Holland

Apologies – Diana Kirby

2. Matters arising from 6th December meeting (i.e. those not covered by the agenda)

3.2 Garfield Weston grant

Contrary to their previous advice, they now require us to submit a full new application, which also references the original. They give between 10 & 20% of the cost of a project, which must be new – i.e. we can't claim for website which will be underway by the time they consider the grant. We concluded best bet would be to describe a project consisting of Town Trail waymarkers totalling several thousand £ but not committing us to any particular order or specific prices. JL to lead.

6 Presentation on 11 January – History of the Phoenix Theatre.

Excellent presentation by TJ. About 25 people attended. Phoenix auditorium ideal venue. Availability of the bar & tea/coffee also excellent. Raised £35.70 in donations.

7 Refunds update

Two refunds were "at risk" DMBC £4243 & BTC £2000. We can keep both. As far as latter is concerned, no expectation we will help Bawtry Air Cadets to move the RAF plaque. However IF they agree to relocate it to a public place rather than their own private premises – ideally Market Place or adjacent to the war memorial – I committed to us giving priority to a Town Trail waymarker describing RAF history adjacent to the plaque. We therefore have all our current bank balance available to spend – c £15.5k.

8 World Wars & Bawtry

In the apparent absence of any interest from the community agreed to defer.

9 AOB re digital projector

TJ advised likely to cost c £600, plus c £30 for a laser pointer. Agreed. TJ to purchase. We presume at least one of our two laptops will be usable with the projector – MM has them & will check.

3. Bawtry Arts Festival

17 to 24 June 2023. BHG committed to:

- 2 or 3 guided walks – MM, DK & PH. Monday 19th June 19.00; Tuesday 20th June 14.00; Wednesday 21st June 19.00. MM one of the evening ones.
- Children's essay competition. MM paper – agreed some amendments:
 - Point 1 - "subject" to include fiction so long as referencing Bawtry's history

- Point 2 - age groups primary, 12-15 & 16-18
- Point 8 – best entries to be identified 2 weeks after end of Festival
- Point 11 – provide cash prize

Sell to schools (Mayflower & Hayfield & 6th form College) by emphasising the competition can tick Key Stage boxes. Advertise in Bawtry Today March edition & Bawtry News. MM leading.

- Children’s Bawtry trail picture quiz. Should attract more participants if the Festival is advertised better. TJ leading.
- A talk/presentation. PH to present illustrated talk “In the footsteps of the Pilgrim Fathers” or similar. Emphasis on illustrations. AN Other to give tech assistance. Flexible re “when” but venue of Phoenix auditorium strongly preferred. Projector required.

4. Library partnership

Agreed content MM email correspondence with Anne Gray. Discussion re banner/logo/sign on “our” bookcase. Re public copying BHG papers – agreed papers to be marked “Please feel free to copy” or similar and invite public to contact us via email on business card.

5. Website

Meeting with Keith Hirst of Jask Media Thursday 19th January at 10.00 – all welcome. We own bawtryheritagegroup.co.uk domain. Need to start work on content, including Bawtry history overview – base on Town Trail leaflet text? DK lead. Include existing Town Trail map. Papers prioritised for content: Phoenix history, wharf, planted town, scouts, Battle of the Idle, Ida’s View, Methodist Chapel, Market Place, Pilgrim Fathers, columbarium. All need some work – those prepared for SYHL site need re-organising to remove content from their “criteria for listing format”. Existing paper owners to work them up. Agreed quality control measure - nothing goes on the site until approved by the trustees.

Oral history project which TJ led should also go on the site – or at least a link to it in youtube if it’s too big.

Future papers – coaching, more on the Idle (MM), Bawtry “connections” – river, road, rail, religion in Bawtry, education in Bawtry (TJ) St Nicholas Church, Mary Magdelene Church, Roman Bawtry (MM & DK), RAF in Bawtry (SC?), Bawtry oral history (TJ).

6. Logo

Discussion re logo version in black & white & version in a dark green on white. Website developer may make new proposals. In the meantime use DK jpeg.

7. Next presentation/talk

Agreed regular presentations were key to raising our profile. Agreed programme:

January – History of the Phoenix (TJ)

- March – Bawtry a Norman planted town - DK
- June – Pilgrim Fathers - PH (during Bawtry Arts Festival)
- August/September – Battle of the Idle - MM
- December – Bawtry oral history – TJ
- February 2024 – Roman Bawtry - MM & DK

Advertise March presentation in Bawtry Today March edition & Bawtry News. (MM) Tuesday 14th March, Phoenix auditorium, 19.00 for 19.00; bar open, free admission but donations welcome.

8. AOB

Treasurer - JL may have found a volunteer to take over.

9. Next meetings

Business mtg - Wednesday 1 March, 18.30, New Hall
Presentation – Tuesday 14 March, 19.00, Phoenix