

Bawtry Heritage Group

Notes of a meeting on Wednesday 1st March 2023

1 Present & Apologies

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

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

3.2 Garfield Weston grant

Agreed to re-apply when we have a plan for the erection of say 3 or 4 way markers. To discuss the same at next meeting.

9 Digital projector

Agreed to defer purchase – we can use Phoenix equipment when we're at the Phoenix, or TJ's own when not. Both laptops we own work; they are not password protected & have some family history data loaded on them. DK has them.

3 Bawtry Arts Festival

17 to 24 June 2023. BHG committed to:

- Guided walks – MM unable to do one. Agreed we'd do two – PH & DK; SF & JL to be second persons if H & S requires same. Need to do risk assessment – DK & JL. May require yellow tabards or similar
- Talk – "In the footsteps of the Pilgrim Fathers" or similar. PH. JL/TJ confirmed this would be in the Phoenix auditorium.
- Children's heritage image hunt. TJ leading.
- Children's essay competition. MM has emailed Bawtry Mayflower, Hayfield, & Gainsborough schools. Will add Serlby Park school. Also emailed Scouts & Air Cadets.

MM to do notice for Bawtry Today refreshing the competition (BT deadline 10 March), & also summarising other BHG Arts Week contributions – Mayflower talk, guided walks & children's heritage image hunt.

4 Library partnership

MM in regular liaison with BCL. They appear to be happy with what we're doing. Large collection of books ewtc – 30-40? – said to have been donated to BHG. MM to provide list. Anything we don't want we can donate to BCL for them to sell or sell ourselves. MM has given the library flyers for the March talk & the essay competition.

5 Website

Meeting with Keith Hirst last week was very positive – "Dummy" site looks good. Keith has confirmed it is immaterial what font we submit material in – he will standardise. Jask Media has started invoicing us – 3 x £1000 over 3 months to create then £25 per month. We have now submitted text for the 5 pages; we now need to concentrate on the detailed content:

- Scrolling pics at head of page 1 – as per DK suggestions plus "Ainsleys" from SF.

- Page 2 – Bawtry history – buckets. Agreed to revise text already submitted – buckets will also contain non-BHG material. Add “Family History” as a new bucket – to contain the material presently on the laptops. (Will need referencing on Home page.) JL to invite Stewart to augment his brief RAF Bawtry article.
- Page 3 – Significant buildings/sites in Bawtry – “gazetteer”. TJ to do draft for 5 properties in High Street; DK 5 on Wharf Street. Circulate & use to create format for them all.
- Page 4 – Other Resources. Suggestions to DK asap.

6 Presentations

Programme agreed last month confirmed.

7 Treasurer

Dan Edwards likely to join us as treasurer. To present say quarterly finance update?

8 Just Giving

SF advised registration likely to be completed within a week. Just Giving will handle Gift Aid for us.

9 SYHL

Their feedback is confusing & appears contradictory. “Planted town” & Market Place rejected for assessment because they’re in the Conservation Area but Methodist Chapel, which is also in the Conservation Area, accepted for assessment. Agreed to see what happens to the chapel & wharf nominations then invite SYHL to talk to us – and/or CDC’s Conservation Officer, Malcolm Thomas.

10 Doncaster & District Family History Fair – Sat 14 October 2023; 10.00-16.00 at Old Art College, Doncaster

Agreed to take up the offer of a table for £5. (DK unavailable.)

11 AOB

Our wharf nomination to SYHL received positive publicity this week via Yorkshire Post digital edition. More to come in print edition Sat 4 March.

TJ advised Phoenix Theatre would like to put his Phoenix history on their website. Agreed.

12 Next meeting

Tuesday 4 April 2023, 18.30. Venue to be confirmed.