

Bawtry Heritage Group

Notes of meeting on Tuesday 19th December 2023

1 Present/Apologies

Present – John Linsley, Peter Holland, Mick Maguire, David Kirkham

Apologies – Tony Jones

2 Matters arising from 14th November meeting

Website

DK asked Keith to accept news items from any trustee.

DK confirmed MM's St Nicholas burials file opens OK but has not yet put it on the website. Still waiting for details of burials at the cemetery. MM/JL still to consider Morton family paper.

Bawtry Arts Festival

Agreed commitments for Bawtry Festival (previously Bawtry Arts Festival) – guided walks Thursday 20th June – MM a.m.; DK evening; PH back-up. Talk any evening, dependent upon availability of Phoenix, subject Romans project.

Presentations to other groups

Misson WI on Wednesday 24th Jan 2024; JL to present illustrated general account of the history of BHG & DK to present account of Bawtry's origins.

Children's Trail Material

TJ has advised all the material is at the library – MM to pursue.

Hunting for Bawtry's Roman past

Considered MM's "Project Feasibility" brief; broadly agreed but it's such an important issue we couldn't do it justice at this meeting. Agreed to devote most of next month's meeting to this subject.

Bawtry & coaching

MM has completed a draft which has been circulated.

Pilgrim Fathers in Bawtry

PH advises that good records of Nottinghamshire Presentations (where Nonconformists were summonsed to Church to explain their behaviour) exist; these may contain evidence relating to the Pilgrim Fathers in Bawtry. DK to assist PH.

Pilgrim Fathers in America

Rupert Atkinsons query relates to native Americans – agreed not a BHG priority!

Oral History project

Tony Jones continuing to work on this.

3 Finance report

Current bank balance £13,166, which includes Garfield Weston's £1k grant. DK has claimed Gift Aid on £2,111.48 of donations – this should raise £527.87. DK has taken back Treasurer role.

4 Bawtry Festival competitions

Agreed content of MM's draft document, but combine the two sets of rules (one for essays; the other for drawings/paintings) into one.

5 The Story of BHG So Far

Agreed JL's paper; to go into home page of website.

6 Tall Tales

Agreed JL's paper but ideally find at least one more (make one up from scratch!) and delete RAF Bawtry/Stewart Cresswell material because it doesn't fit there.

7 Window dressing

Reviewed x3 posters. The Romans one requires amending, but the other two are useable – but it appears current empty shops in Bawtry are about to be re-opened.

8 Next meeting

Tuesday 23rd January 2024; 18.30; New Hall – booking confirmed. Agenda of standing items & Roman Bawtry Project only.