

Bawtry Heritage Group

Notes of meeting on Tuesday 23rd January 2024

1 Present/Apologies

Present – John Linsley, Peter Holland, Mick Maguire, David Kirkham, Tony Jones, Rupert Atkinson, Mike Davis, Leslie Gilfedder, Kevin Gilfedder

Apologies – Ivor Greer, Diana Kirby

2 Matters arising from 19th December meeting

Website

Bawtry Cemetery - DK has received the info about gravestone inscriptions at Bawtry Cemetery – but insufficient info for website. Survey from scratch will be required. MM's St Nicholas burials to go on.

Morton family paper - All are content that this paper goes onto the website – PH to check with author re permission.

BHG so far – JL's paper – to go on website

Tall Tales – JL – still pending completion - for website.

Finance

DK reported HMRC has paid us £694.98 re Gift Aid – more than expected – unclear why.

Bawtry Festival

Children's competitions - MM reported not possible to combine the two sets of info/rules. MM arranging publicity for the competitions.

Guided walks - KG advised he has knowledge & experience – may be able to help.

Children's Trail material - Not yet known if BCL has located this. (MM) To go on website when found.

Oral History project

TJ estimates he will finish this next week – agreed to go on next agenda.

3 History paper for approval – MM's "Bawtry & the Coaching Era"

Approved

4 Roman Bawtry project

Lengthy discussion; lots of points made including:

- A geo-physical survey of the Mayflower School playing fields could be very informative – but expensive. MM to ask Roman Roads Association why they believe 22a crossed the area as opposed to maintaining its alignment from east of the Idle

- Even if no evidence 22a crossed the school land, laying out the line of a Roman road across the land & presenting info on the characteristics of a Roman road & its method of construction could generate substantial interest amongst the children
- Limited opportunity for field walking – none of the areas of interest are ploughed
- Asking residents to investigate their gardens may be our best bet. A “finds table” could follow – although could include non-Roman artefacts – but concluded this would not be problematic
- Dating the timbers in the Idle near the shrine site could be informative – but expensive

Agreed to proceed as per MM’s presentation proposals. Actions:

- JL to compile list of contacts for Bawtry groups & organisations which we may tie in with to communicate with as many Bawtry residents as possible.
- DK to draft an email & project info sheet to send to these contacts.
- MM to research further availability of advice, including technical advice re gardens.
- MM to enquire of South Yorkshire Archaeological Services whether we can say they support our project.

5 Next meeting

Tuesday 20th February 2024; 18.30; New Hall – booking confirmed. Agenda to include oral history project.