

## **Bawtry Heritage Group**

### **Notes of meeting on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2024**

#### **1 Present/Apologies**

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

Apologies – John Linsley, Diana Kirby, Rupert Atkinson

#### **2 Matters arising from 20<sup>th</sup> February meeting**

##### **Roman Bawtry project**

MM has obtained info re back garden archaeology & test pitting – he will circulate. Still awaiting response from SYAS & RRA. DK will produce email to send our contacts list when we have advice. Agreed we will not contemplate test pitting except with expert advice/supervision.

Our June Bawtry Festival talk will explain our project. Subject to advice, agreed we will aim to have a finds table at our Bawtry Festival June talk. We will welcome items of any date, although our target is Roman. Agreed finds needed to be accompanied by details of location. PH is in contact with an archaeologist – will ask him if he'd be willing to act as "expert" for finds. Alternatively, LG has a brother who is a metal detectorist & may be willing to act as expert.

June might be too early for much in the way of "finds" – agreed we could consider repeating the exercise later in the year.

#### **3 Oral History project**

Thanks to TJ who has edited more than 8 hours of material down to a 1-hour piece, & two 5-10 minutes pieces. These are in MP3 format, & the biggest is 36.2 MB. He will look at combining them into a single item, & also at providing an index description subject matter to maximise access/utility – e.g. "schools" at 5 mins 10 seconds; "shops" at 14 mins 50 seconds; "excursions" at 32 mins 30 seconds etc etc. TJ to ask Rachael Blake if she has names of participants as these will be of interest to listeners. DK to check how the material can be accessed on our website.

#### **4 Bawtry Festival arrangements – info for programme**

Guided walks – Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June - leaders MM & DK; KG, PH & MD all available if groups are so big they need splitting and/or as back markers. Meet at Town Trail map lectern at 14.00 & 19.00.

BH talk – "Roman Bawtry" – Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June, 19.00. Need data projector & space for a "finds table". Ideally Phoenix or New Hall. Time of 14.00 possible but 19.00 strongly preferred.

Children's competitions – MM has sent material to schools etc & prepared article for Bawtry News, & it's on the website. He has submitted info for Festival programme.

**5 Whiston Heritage Group request**

MM will make a presentation on 1<sup>st</sup> October. DK to send him Misson presentations.

**6 Bawtry wharf painting**

Now framed. MM will place in BCL.

**7 Website update**

New papers posted:

Bawtry & the Coaching Era

Robert de Morton

Bawtry – a Railway & Coal Town?

Tall Tales & Horrid Histories

BHG – The Story So Far inserted in Home Page. All above items referenced in “News & Events”; 2024 Bawtry Festival children’s competitions also referenced there.

**8 DDHA Business meeting & AGM**

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> Feb, 19.00, St Peter’s Church Hall, Chequer Rd, Doncaster

We will not attend.

**9 AOB**

- i Roman Bawtry. MM doing desktop research to capture & collate all available info re finds etc. DK to plot on map.
- ii) SYAS has advised Methodist Chapel & shrine site recommended for listing.
- iii) MM has written to Mayflower School re possibility of 22a crossing their playing fields.
- iv) MM & TJ to liaise re Children’s Trail leaflet.

**10 Next meeting**

Tuesday 26 March 18.30, New Hall