

## **Bawtry Heritage Group**

### **Notes of meeting on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

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

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

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

**Bawtry Festival** – all BHG corections to programme made. Distributed. MW donated a voice amplifier to BHG, for possible use on guided walks.

**Whiston Heritage Group presentation request** – not yet possible to agree a mutually convenient date.

**SYHL** – Malcolm Thomas, CDC's Design & Conservation Officer, appears to have retired – may account for delays. MM advised Methodist Chapel & shrine site approved for listing.

#### **3 The Hunt for Roman Bawtry project**

- **Publicity for project – emails, journals, posters** - Email to residents & cover for same completed – for sending within next week. SYAS are happy with advice/info we are offering residents.

**Posters** - avoid printing costs by doing our own on A4, which are in any case easier to display. PH can print in colour. JL advised if we provide text for inclusion he will ask Lorna (Community Connector) to design. Need about 20? – shops & notice boards.

**Journals** – MM notice in current Bawtry Today; publication Bawtry News pending.

**Facebook** – none of us are competent to upload info. JL to ask Lorna if she would be able to – our site & others such as Bawtry Residents' Group.

- **Consideration of geographic scope for desk top** - MM distributed Google maps image with three options – consider sites/artefacts within 1.7 km, 3.7 km or 6.1 km from Bawtry. Agreed 3.7 km which will include Scaftworth & Martin & several ancient field boundaries & enclosures east of the Idle, & go as far as Rossington fort. For context, agreed to also reference Danum, Cantley potteries, site of the “camp” enclosure at Finningley, & Roman finds at Bircotes. MM is collating info; DK to review.

- **Experts for finds table** - Our objective is to identify artefacts in three groups – Roman, not Roman but of other interest, & of no interest.

PH “nomination” – a medieval historian from Southampton University who has archaeological experience. He is confident he could identify artefacts. Fee required.

LG “nomination” – her brother, an experienced detectorist. Could identify most artefacts except pottery – but has a friend who could do that. Concluded we should seek to engage all three, with a fee of up to £100 to each party – i.e. PH's party & LG's duo party. PH & LG to propose same to them; to be available at the Phoenix between 16.00 & 19.00 on 17 June subject to our judgement ( by 1 June) that finds received justify a finds table & subject to the Phoenix agreeing they will host the same.

#### **4 Oral history project**

Thanks to TH who has edited the material, reduced it to 1 file of 65 minutes, & put it on a data stick. He has made a "contents list" in the order the subjects are featured. Keith (website) will put it on Youtube, & link it from our website. DK to provide descriptive text, to include acknowledgements to TJ, Rachael Blake & the late Margaret Byrne for hosting the sessions, & the late Paul Gray for most of the content; also Margaret Clapham, Pearl Holdsworth, Sylvia Johnson, Eve & Patrick Harrison & June Merrick for content.

#### **5 Documents relating to the sale of Bawtry Hall in 1905**

MM given the same. Most (all? – MM to check) are on the Lenovo laptop. Eventually to go onto the website but no further action at present.

#### **6 Bawtry wharf lectern**

DK advised re diocese demands – agreed we could not meet them. PH to accompany DK to identify alternative site for lectern.

JL reminded us we had £1k grant at stake if we didn't achieve Town Trail waymarker(s) soon. The problem is the workload involved.

#### **7 Info relating to Bawtry men killed in WW1**

MM given the same. MW to make digital images & write a descriptive text for website.

#### **8 Photographs depicting festival times in Bawtry from Margaret Clapham**

MM given the same. TJ to make digital copies for website.

#### **9 Children's picture trail**

Agreed questions sheet. JL to provide descriptive text & send answers.

#### **10 AOB**

**Columbarium** – Bawtry Mens' Group contemplating making some repairs. St Nicholas Church is responsible for the building. Rumour that they are to demolish it. SYHL listing may provide some protection. MW (Mens' Group) to draft listing proposal with assistance from MM.

**TJ** – now moving away from Bawtry. Will retain an interest in BHG & for time being will remain a trustee.

**Pics of Austerfield Manor** – DK to make digital copies for website.

**Historical BTC minutes** – in response to MM, DK advised that BTC did not have same bar last 20 years. Presumed lost or destroyed.

**Bawtry pram race** – JL reported that Paul Muxlow very keen on resurrecting same & putting video on website. Concerns about availability of prams" & road safety - although could use Memorial Sports Ground - & re video itself which is clearly of Bawtry but also appears to include another location – Scaftworth? JL to invite PM to write descriptive text.

#### **11 Next meetings**

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May 18.30 (MM apologies) & Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June 18.30. Both New Hall subject to confirmation.