

Bawtry Heritage Group

Notes of meeting on 7th May 2024

1 Present/Apologies

Present – Leslie Gilfedder, Kevin Gilfedder, Peter Holland, David Kirkham, John Linsley, Mike White

Apologies – Mick Maguire, Rupert Atkinson

2 Matters arising from 26th March meeting

Oral history project – now accessible through the website.

Bawtry Wharf lectern – PH & DK identified potential alternative site on the bridleway leading from the end of Wharf Street to the railway viaduct, at the entrance to the recreation ground, in triangle of land between the fence/gate and the bridleway. The land is owned by BTC – permission sought from them at BTC meeting on 13th May. Permission also sought to make planning application in name of BTC, which will halve the fee. DK has identified a new lectern supplier with lower costs than the Market Hill town trail lectern.

JL reminded us Garfield Weston's grant of £1k could be at risk if we don't progress trail waymarkers in time. See AOB.

Info related to Bawtry men killed in WW1 – MW gave DK a data drive containing the info. To go on website.

Photographs depicting festival times in Bawtry from Margaret Clapham – latter has given permission for these to go on website.

Children's picture trail – awaiting correction of answer sheet.

Columbarium – MW advised Men's Group not proceeding with project because of diocese faculty fee & cost of materials.

Pics of Austerfield Manor – to go on website as part of a new Austerfield section of the Significant Buildings & Sites gazetteer.

Bawtry pram race video - MW advised Paul Muxlow will not write description/explanation of the video for the website. DK to do the same.

3 The Hunt for Roman Bawtry project

DK's emails to Bawtry groups contacts went out on 1st April; posters displayed from c 15th April; notices in Bawtry News & Bawtry Today. Response to date is from a single Church St resident saying he had been digging his garden & had never found anything. If this disappointing response doesn't change agreed we will use the 17th June event to give a generic account of Roman Bawtry (MW/DK) & to re-launch the project, persuading people who attend the talk to participate & to spread the word. Therefore no experts/finds table – although LG thought her brother may be interested in displaying his metal finds of Roman date at the event – we thought this might generate interest. Final decision date 1st June.

PH advised his expert available only during the evening of 17th June. Also that he offers his Roche Abbey talk as a BHG event. This would incur a fee. It was felt this would be of interest, but DK preferred to offer “in-house” talks – Bawtry related, develop our expertise, & free.

DK to provide to JL text for a poster specifically advertising 17th June talk – he will ask Lorna to design poster.

4 Community Wealth Builder Heritage Microgrant

CDC initiative. Grant of £500 available. We appear to be eligible. Possible items to be detailed in application – finds table experts’ fees; data projector; finds bags/boxes etc. Closing date 12th May. DK/JL to progress.

5 AOB

Protecting Garfield Weston grant

We need to show as much progress as possible re town trail waymarkers by 13th October 2024. Hopefully the wharf lectern will be up by then. Need to progress others. Wall mounted A0 boards are only a third the price of lecterns – therefore to be preferred. Need permission from owners of sites. Market Hill is the easiest place to erect lecterns, in terms of space & likelihood of getting landowners’ permission – but ideally they will be around the town, with a location map attached in some way to the town trail map lectern.

Detail as follows:

RAF Bawtry – ideal locations north facing wall of Dower House Restaurant or west facing wall of Yasmine shop. DK is writing a paper – to give PH a summary of what the board will contain. PH to progress.

Coaching – the Swan Inn was one of Bawtry’s most important coaching inns, & the surviving remnants include a lot of wall space we could use. JL to progress, checking MM’s paper for likely display content.

Pilgrim Fathers – no single site relevant – therefore lectern in Market Hill? Or near St Nicholas? – but not on their property because of faculty fee & diocese problems. PH to progress.

Planted town – no single site relevant – possibly near St Nicholas as the original settlement was probably there? DK to progress.

Roman Bawtry – no single site (close enough to town) relevant – therefore probably lectern in Market Hill. Not allocated.

Hospital of St Mary Magdalene – locate close to chapel – either a board on the Masons’ property visible over the wall or a lectern on the grassed area on the opposite side of Pemberton Grove. Paper not yet written. Unallocated.

Battle of the idle – waymarker not viable?

6 Next meeting

Tuesday 4th June 2024; 18.30 at New Hall.