

Bawtry Heritage Group

Notes of meeting on Tuesday 13th May 2025

1 Present/Apologies

Present - David Kirkham, Leslie Gilfedder, Kevin Gilfedder, Sherelle Hawes, Paul Hawes, Peter Holland, John Linsley

Apologies – Rupert Atkinson, Mike White, Mick McGuire, Ross Jarvie

2 Matters arising from 8th April meeting

Request from Little Bawtry's – JL reported no recent contact with Andy Longworth. Agreed he may offer him content of the Wharf lectern for display as well as the window dressing posters & material from the coaching paper. Also a poster showing what BHG does & how to participate/join.

Heritage Open Days Festival 2025 – 12th to 21st Sep – the Masonic Lodge & St Helena's have now confirmed participation. Bawtry Hall will be open on Tuesday 16th Sep between 10.00 & 15.00. RJ has suggested we should have a presence & a display. Agreed we should do so; SH & PH available.

CDC Community Investment Fund Grant application – DK confirmed we had been granted £2k for our lectern programme.

Donors revisited – deferred until both JL & MM available.

3 BCL Heritage Centre

Bawtry History Timeline – mode of presentation

DK has revised the content of the timeline to reflect comments made last meeting.

No-one has identified a technical solution for the presentation yet. There is no appetite for BHG members committing themselves to daily start-up. Agreed that the following components for the solution are essential:

- Identification of the solution, including the equipment required to deliver the presentation. In this context, the possibility of acquiring a second lap-top was acknowledged if it would facilitate a simpler start-up procedure, probably in conjunction with a monitor rather than a TV. (Security of equipment would have to be addressed.)
- Identification of the procedure to start the presentation – i.e. all the individual steps set out
- Sharing this procedure with BCL management to seek their assurance BCL volunteers will implement it.

Time is very pressing!

As a contingency, agreed we should laminate the timeline & present it in a lever file. It would, in any case, be useful after the technical solution is identified. Substantial

number of sheets - we can't rely on the goodwill of one member to use his laminating machine so we need to buy one. DK to action.

Fixtures & Fittings

MW had advised the work should be completed by the end of this week.

Anne Everard display

SH advised her presentation would have two components:

- Anne Everard & Flowers from Nature & her album – the display will include the album itself, laminated extracts from it, & laminated images from Flowers from Nature
- The school, including research on the pupils listed in the 1841 census. In the future, SH is commissioning her family history group to research pupils listed in post 1841 census returns.

SH & MW & MM to meet to finalise details & do the laminating.

4 Battle of the Idle lecterns - update

Content agreed with interested parties & sent to supplier. Latter has quoted £2,670 for both lecterns – substantial savings. Commissioning manufacture should be risk-free – DK has been assured the Licence for the bridge lectern is to be issued imminently, & although CDC still hasn't responded to enquiry re permission to install lecterns at BCL (subject to planning permission), if the answer is "no" we can put it somewhere else. Ward Councillor is chasing CDC for response.

5 Hunt for Roman Bawtry – update

MM presenting desktop observations & conclusions at the Phoenix on 17th June, 19.00. We invited SYAS, CDC Conservation Officer & Portable Antiquities Scheme to attend. Latter will not but has requested MM to write an account, for their website, of the utility of PAS data in the desktop review.

6 Finance Report

Bank balance today is £11,157.58. CDC's grant of £2k should be added to that. The sum includes Garfield Weston's grant of £1k. Our deadline to spend that is 31st August 2025 – hopefully we will be able to show it contributed to the BCL Battle of the Idle lectern. The Sutton Hoo Society has promised us £2k for the bridge Battle of the Idle lectern.

Fitting out the BCL Heritage Centre has cost us £460.40 so far.

7 AOB

Request for guided walk by Hollies Bar – we have agreed to conduct one; they will contact us with a proposed date.

History paper on the Great North Road – JL writing same. Aim to submit after his workload associated with Bawtry Festival reduces.

History paper on Religion in Bawtry – PH writing same. Keeps getting longer! Awaiting info on Bawtry Community Church.

Opening of Bawtry Methodist Church in 1902 – SH liaising with MM re an individual who officiated at opening.

8 Next meeting

Tuesday 10th June, 18.30, at the Town Hall. Likely to be dominated by final arrangements for following week's Bawtry Festival.

Agreed aim to review website metrics at July meeting.