

Bawtry Heritage Group

Notes of meeting on Tuesday 10th June 2025

1 Present/Apologies

Present - David Kirkham, Leslie Gilfedder, Kevin Gilfedder, Sherelle Hawes, Peter Holland, John Linsley, Rupert Atkinson, Mick Maguire, Mike White

2 Matters arising from 13th May meeting

Request from Little Bawtry's – JL has reminded owner of our offer.

History paper on the Great North Road – JL – needs more work.

History paper on Religion in Bawtry – PeterH – needs more work.

3 BCL Heritage Centre

Agreement with BCL – Post Office services in the HC room are discontinuing. BCL will retain 4 PCs there for public use. BCL has agreed that when the library opens in the morning, that the HC door will be wedged open, & the laptop & the TV will be started up to display the website & the looping timeline respectively, & to turn both off at the end of the day. BCL believe CDC's insurance which covers BCL items will also cover our items – this is being checked. We will have a growing storage need (unused display material, equipment etc) & BCL are agreeable for us to have a secure cupboard or cabinet in the HC. Our old display will be taken down. (TV used in that is available if anyone wants it.)

Fixtures & Fittings – HC now fitted out, including new TV on a wall bracket. May fit two more shelves. Looks very good - thanks to MW for his work.

Bawtry History Timeline – mode of presentation – Thanks to MM who has identified a technical solution to facilitate the presentation of the timeline in a way which he believes will be simple enough for BCL volunteers to deliver. BCL has agreed to the same. TV & bracket therefore purchased.

A laminated print of the timeline has also been prepared.

Anne Everard album – album to be displayed in HC cabinet, together with images of some of the contents.

Anne Everard family history – SH has completed same. Small display in the HC.

Anne Everard school & pupils – ditto.

Flowers from Nature – printed & laminated copy of book available in the HC.

4 BHG participation in Bawtry Festival

Anne Everard talk – SH – 10.30 at BCL on Tuesday 17th June. The talk will include material about the album, AE's family history, her school, & her book Flowers from Nature. After her talk, SH will unveil the HC display of the album etc. DK to provide hard copy of Flowers from Nature & BHG donations box.

Hunt for Roman Bawtry talk – MM – 19.00 at Phoenix Theatre on Tuesday 17th June. All ready.

Guided walks – MM & DK – two walks, both on Thursday 19th June starting at the Market Cross – 14.00 MM (MW back marker) & 19.00 DK (SH or PaulH back marker). Need BHG donations boxes & high vis vests. Discussion re MW-donated loudspeaker system – available if anyone wants to use it.

In the context of the guided walks, the meeting **reviewed the Health & Safety Risk Assessment appertaining to guided walks**, & the advice to be given to participants by the walk leaders at commencement. The main risk is traffic – crossing roads etc - & the back markers are of particular importance in this respect.

Essay competition – no entries. Air Cadets’ membership is significantly down. Bawtry Mayflower School didn’t respond to MM emails. JL to post on Facebook – deadline for submissions to be deferred. This prompted discussion re how to successfully engage with the public. In that context, MM said BCL had informed him their volunteers reported zero engagement with our website at BCL.

5 Battle of the Idle lecterns – update

CDC permission to install lecterns at BCL is still outstanding – but it is being actively progressed by them. Notts CC Highways has now issued a Licence for us to install the lectern on Gainsborough Rd. Both lecterns are currently being manufactured. If we don’t get CDC & planning permission for the BCL Battle of the Idle lectern we’ll have to find another home for it.

The Garfield Weston £1k grant should be spent by end August 2025. Given the need for planning permission the BCL lectern will not be installed by then. Hopefully Garfield Weston will accept it’s on its way.

MW kindly agreed he & the Mens’ Group will install the lecterns.

6 AOB

Donations – DK to improve appearance of our collection boxes – to be used at the talks & the guided walks, plus in the HC. Agreed we should investigate “scan to donate” technology for the latter.

BHC displays – agreed we would run Anne Everard display until September, then a different one until December.

7 Next meeting

Tuesday 8th July, 18.30, at the Town Hall.

Items for agenda:

- Review Bawtry Festival participation
- Donors
- Website metrics (DK to circulate some data in advance)