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More artists – more art - Babworth Art Exhibition - Pilgrims Festival 2018

A steady flow of visitors was delighted by this year's Pilgrims Art Exhibition at Babworth Church on Saturday 17th and Sunday 18th November. This was the third year that Babworth Church has held the Pilgrims Art Exhibition, which is part of the Pilgrims Festival, commemorating the Mayflower Pilgrim Families' journey to the New World, as part of the countdown to 2020, the 400th anniversary. There were 60 items, from 28 artists, which had been inspired by the Separatist and Mayflower Pilgrims story, on display in Babworth Church.

Local author and historian, Adrian Gray, gave a fascinating and informative talk about the Separatists on Saturday 17th, during the Exhibition. The talk included information about Richard Bernard, Vicar of Worksop Priory, a co-collaborator with the Separatists, and his daughter, Mary, explaining Worksop's connection with New England's foundations.

New to the exhibition was the inclusion of working embroiderers and a working artist, which provided a real focus to the weekend. Jenny King led a group of embroiderers, who are working to create embroideries of the Pilgrim Churches which can be displayed in each church or brought together as a feature piece. They hope to complete this in time for Thanksgiving 2019 and are in need of funds to support their work:

(Contact@bassetlawchristianheritage.com). Local artist, Gerry Fruin, delighted visitors with his working process and his excellent finished pieces, especially his portraits. Polly Warren, who is an accomplished local artist, exhibited for the first time and showed a range of her speciality lino-cuts which proved very popular.

Bassetlaw Christian Heritage organised this year's Pilgrims Festival activities in Bassetlaw, North Nottinghamshire, working with partners in the Pilgrim Roots consortium.

Information is available at www.bassetlawchristianheritage.com.

Notes to editors

Bassetlaw Christian Heritage (BCH)

BCH focuses on the people and their stories, based on faith heritage, in the region centred on Retford, with a radius of around 30 miles, including Bassetlaw, North Nottinghamshire, and parts of Lincolnshire and South Yorkshire.

BCH works in partnership with groups and individuals, and if anyone would like to help in any way, please contact them at contact@bassetlawchristianheritage.com.

Website at: www.bassetlawchristianheritage.com.

BCH is grateful to the Diocese of Southwell & Nottingham, the Rotary Club of Retford, Retford Civic Society, Retford Lions, District Councillor Carolyn Troop and Retford Business Forum, for their support.

Photographs of this year's events by Rick Brand are included.

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