

**Sutton Artists become Pilgrims!  
Illuminate Pilgrims Festival 2017 – Art Exhibition**

Members of Sutton Art Group recently dressed up in period clothing from the 17<sup>th</sup> century as an inspiration for their work. The paintings mostly provided an obvious link to the history of the Mayflower Pilgrims, with some requiring the observer to also use their imagination to fully interpret them.

They exhibited their paintings at All Saints' Parish Church in Babworth last month as part of the Pilgrims Art Exhibition, which took place at Babworth and Worksop Priory this year. Members of the group, excited by the story, took a leaf out of the method actor's book, and absorbed the whole lifestyle! Pilgrims outfits were created by members and they wore them when they were painting.

"We found the story of the Mayflower Pilgrims fascinating" said Joan Reiter, Chair of Sutton Art Group "and making, and wearing, the costumes was great fun, as well as getting us inside the lives of the Pilgrims.....I would recommend it to everyone "

Rick Brand, Chair of Bassetlaw Christian Heritage and organiser of the Pilgrims Art Exhibition,

said "It's great that these artists have taken up the Mayflower Pilgrims story so enthusiastically – well done Sutton Art Group! We need people from all across the district to take on the story, and interpret it through their own initiatives, and we will help them to do this."



**Next year's Pilgrims Art Exhibition will be on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2018.** It is an open exhibition with painting, sculpture, pottery, installations etc, all welcome. Anyone wishing to exhibit their work and/or help with the organisation, please get in touch at [contact@bassetlawchristianheritage.com](mailto:contact@bassetlawchristianheritage.com)

Notes to editors

**Bassetlaw Christian Heritage (BCH)**

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

BCH works collaboratively with groups and individuals, and if anyone would like to help in any way, they can reach us at [contact@bassetlawchristianheritage.com](mailto:contact@bassetlawchristianheritage.com).

Website at: [www.bassetlawchristianheritage.com](http://www.bassetlawchristianheritage.com).

BCH, and Pilgrims and Prophets, our partner tour company, are looking for volunteers, and tour/church guides - full training will be given, and it's a lot of fun.

Photographs provided include members of Sutton Art Group dressed in their Pilgrims outfits. For further information please contact Rick Brand at [rickbrand@hotmail.com](mailto:rickbrand@hotmail.com) or 01427 891376