### YCCCART Committee Meeting Thursday February 22<sup>nd</sup> 2018 at Congresbury Tennis Club.

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	Present: Peter Wright, Geoff Pearson, Janet Dickson, Vince Russett, Philippa Cormac,
	John Wilcox, Chris Short, Peter English (Chair), & Arthur Langley.
	Apologies:
	Brian Bradbury. Chris Luffham
	Minutes of last meeting Agreed
	Matters outstanding from previous meetings
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	Progressing the Pottery project.
Action	<ul> <li>This is an on-going project with further visits to Taunton Museum planned.</li> </ul>
1	JW has pottery to photograph
	Matters arising from last meeting
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	Mary Campbell's tree
Action 2	PW to contact Mary Campbell's daughter once all the building work is complete
	<b>Locking Castle-</b> VR thought it would a nice gesture to present the landowner with a poster detailing the history and archaeology of Locking Castle for display in his B&B.
Action 3	VR and AL to create a framed poster
Action 4	GP & CS thought that purchasing a <b>hard drive solely for FRED</b> should be considered. CS has found one for £49.00  CS to purchase
	GP previously mentioned his contact with someone who could carry our <b>3D drone</b> surveying
Action 5	GP to make contact
	<b>Weston Castles Project -</b> VR reported that the focus of the project has slightly altered becoming a joint castles/landscape of 11 <sup>th</sup> century. The submission written by VR was now with North Somerset and Historic England for consideration.
	<b>Presentations by YCCCART at fetes and shows.</b> If was agreed to form a small subcommittee to look at this issue. (see also AOB.)
Action 6	JD to contact members willing to look into this
A a 4 ! =	<b>Display boards</b> . AL informed the committee that he was experiencing problems finding a company able and prepared to laminate A2 sheets.
Action 7	AL to continue to investigate laminating the boards.
	Chairman's report PE began his report by commenting that YCCCART continues to be able to run three

teams most weeks. He also mentioned the good work being done by the research team, ably led by Ian Morton; he felt that this could become the model for future work of this type. The research group will be presenting their findings on Congresbury Bridge at a forthcoming History group meeting.

Whilst the survey and excavations at Cleeve were inconclusive, those involved in the work had had the opportunity to develop new skills. The 601 survey on Kenn Moor was throwing up some 'quite extraordinary' results which were well worth following up.

PE raised his concerns regarding the demands that the Weston Castle's project was sure to have upon YCCCART. He felt that it was important to establish a programme of work as soon as the project was agreed.

PE wondered if YCCCART should also instigate a programme of 1x1 metre test pits around Congresbury.

PE felt that the introduction of MARY was an exciting innovation which should possibly be shared with a wider audience.

In conclusion he praised the time, effort and expertise of CS and VR in the production and publication of all survey reports and findings.

(See below for further details regarding some of the issues raised by PE.)

#### Financial report

PW presented a comprehensive financial report highlighting the increased expenditure on MARY although the cost of this was offset by Mary Campbell's legacy. Donations from the coffee fund more than cover the cost of hiring the Tennis Club.

As YCCCART's finances are still in a healthy state it was not felt necessary to increase subscriptions this year.

PW reminded the meeting that subs are due in March

PE thanked PW for his work on producing the financial report attached below

### Plans and priorities for Spring- Summer 2018

The following have been identified.

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- 2. Dave Ridley Cleeve enclosures, earthworks and a beacon site
- 3. Winscombe Moat Nye Farm- RM15 FRED

1. Ham Lane enclosure Crossman 6 9 10 601 FRED

### -9 • VR to contact the landowner

- Obtain the necessary license
- 4. Pottery project
- 5. King Wood 3 & 4
- 6. Kingston Seymour- 601

#### • CL/VR to contact Jane Bell

### 7. Photograph the Quaker graves in Meeting House Lane Cleeve

- JD to return to re-do the oldest graves which did not photograph well due to poor light
- BB asked that this be made available to Yatton History Society
- 8. Railway and bridge projects
- 9. Trench in Alan Collins field near Iwood
- Woodspring Priory- Orchard, moat, paddock RM 15 & MARY & FRED.
   Farmhouse 601

### Action 8-9

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### Action Need to contact Landmark Trust, Historic England & NSC County Archaeologist 13 11. Additional fields owned by Crossman, Collins and Mike Chapman (Silver Street) 12. Banwell Roman Villa Issues raised by committee members in response to Chairman's report. **Weston castles-** VR needs to gauge support for the project from other groups. **Trial pits** – PE floated the idea of initially carrying out trial pits in three locations in Congresbury, in his garden and possibly in Chris and Unsal's gardens. It was suggested that this could be a feature of Local History or Archaeology focussed weeks later this Action summer. It was felt that this could then become a springboard for Congresbury resident's carrying out their own test pits having first been given advice and guidance on 14 how to proceed. Trial pit investigations to be promoted via local groups and advertised in the Congresbury Chronicle etc Trial pits were also suggested for the Kenn Moor fields. The meeting agreed that it would be appropriate to present the findings from these enclosures etc to the local landowners ie Crossman, Simmons and Burge. How to do this was discussed with an **Actions** informal chat over a drink at the Bridge Inn to a more formal evening meeting being 15-16 mooted. Liz Hale to approach the above later this spring when we should have a fuller picture of the results. Arrangements to be made once LH has spoken to them **Action** MARY - GP wondered if YCCCART's use of FRED and MARY should be presented to 17 a wider audience through either SAHNS, CBA or national archaeology publications as there are now many examples of its effectiveness in survey work. He is happy to develop this work in a format suitable for publication. VR and GP to progress this idea Interpretation of survey results. – GP also raised the issue of interpreting the weekly results suggesting that more needs to be done in helping members understand fully what they're looking at. It was thought appropriate for this to be an in-day activity using the data from Kenn Moor. How to do this was discussed at some length but eventually it was agreed to ask members to print out their own copies to bring along to an in-day. **Action** CS VR GP & AL to select an example of the surveying results for the 601, RM15, 18-19 FRED and MARY in readiness Item for the AGM agenda **AGM** - The date of the 2018 AGM will be Thursday April 19<sup>th</sup> 10.00am for 10.30am and will follow the usual format. All existing officers are willing to stand for another year. **Actions** JD to book the Methodist Hall 20-22 JD to ask the research group to share their Bridge Presentation Lunch set at £7.50

#### **AOB**

Further to the discussion re how YCCCART presents itself at fetes etc. The issue of a banner or promotional flag was raised by JD. Although it was felt that the cost outweighed its usefulness in attracting new members or interest in YCCCART's work the following points were raised.

- 1. PC reminded the meeting of one of YCCCART's original aims which was to educate the community.
- 2. AL thought that a banner indicating where a trial pit was being carried out would attract attention.

PW mentioned that YCCCART could have access to an A frame sign. No agreement was reached as to the purchase of a banner.

### Action 22

 However AL offered to design a poster based on CL's suggested vision statement "Archaeology is the study of the human past from the pre-historic to yesterday, through material remains."

#### **Liaison with Yatton History Society**

### Action 23

AL agreed to do this

### Safe transportation of FRED and MARY

### Action 24

PW has a frame which could be adapted for this however VR will investigate a
possible solution in Marcuse, Bristol.

#### Brian Bradbury's Parish Survey has been passed to CS.

### Action 25

CS, VR and PE volunteered to sort it

### Cleaning the Cross Saturday March 24th am.

### Action 26

• JD to email members re volunteers to help. VR requested the kneelers.

#### Data protection, new rules YCCCART needs to be aware of.

### Action 27

PC to forward email to CS and JD

### New technology advances- 3D imagery and software which converts still images into 3D.

## Action 28

• For future consideration.

### Date of next meeting tba