

YCCCART Committee Meeting
Thursday February 2nd 2017 at Congresbury Tennis Club.

Action points	
	Present: Peter Wright, Geoff Pearson, Janet Dickson, Vince Russett, Brian Bradbury. Chris Short (Chair), Philippa Cormac, Chris Luffham John Wilcox,& Arthur Langley.
	Apologies: Peter English
	Minutes of last meeting Agreed
Action 1	<p>Matters outstanding from previous meetings</p> <p>Progressing the Pottery project.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • VR & CS have produced a specification for photographing pottery and have identified items to be photographed at Taunton. • A date now needs to be fixed for JW to go to Taunton. • <i>JW to contact Amal Kreisheh to confirm photographic arrangements.</i> • <i>CS to also contact above to arrange a date for visit and provide a list of items we require to view/photograph</i> • Pete English also still to arrange with JW to photograph pottery held by PE.
Action 2	<p>Matters arising from last meeting</p> <p>Mary Campbell's tree</p> <p>PW informed the committee that Mary's family intend to landscape the garden as part of the redevelopment of Bickley and will contact YCCCART when the ground is ready to be planted.</p> <p>Hillforts of Britain and Ireland- Oxford University</p> <p>GP drew the meeting's attention to this project which aims to create an atlas of hillforts suggesting that YCCCART's archive of information about Cadbury Hill should be shared. VR was asked if he could send the project the relevant links to the most useful reports on YCCCART's website</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • VR to contact Gary Lock <p>GP has produced a list of all the FRED reports.</p>
Action 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GP to check that the above is on the member's area of the website <p>FRED-</p> <p>GP reported that he had provided the US based Golden Software company with a case study on YCCCART's use of FRED, using the Wemberham villa results. <i>This has still to be published by Golden Software.</i></p>
	<p>Chairman's report</p> <p>In PE's absence CS gave a brief resume of 2016's work considering it to be yet another very successful and diverse year. He thanked VR for the level of support he has been able to give YCCCART in not only producing new reports but also enabling all outstanding reports to be completed. He noted that the more recent reports of work</p>

<p>Action 4</p>	<p>carried out especially on Kenn Moor were extremely complex with results which required more in depth interpretation due to the nature of the terrain. Highlights of the year were Congresbury Cross excavation Locking Castle- VR reported that Mel Barge, Historic England and the landowner were very pleased with the results. 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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • YCCCART to create above
<p>Actions 5-6</p>	<p>Financial report PW reported a small fall since the last financial statement which was due to the increased expenditure on a new laptop jointly owned by YCCCART & Congresbury History Group. PW did not feel that there was any need to increase membership subscriptions as YCCCART continues to have a healthy bank balance. CS asked the meeting to consider purchasing Office 365 before prices rise much further. It was agreed to do this.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CS to find the best deal on the software and purchase asap • PW to send a copy of the Financial Statement to JD for inclusion in the minutes. <p>CS thanked PW for all his work.</p>
<p>Action 7</p> <p>Action 8</p> <p>Action 9</p> <p>Actions 10-14</p>	<p>Plans and priorities for Spring 2017</p> <p>The following have been identified.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ham Lane enclosures- all teams 2. Complete Simmons fields- FRED & possible excavation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft report to landowner and arrange an appropriate time (August-September) 3. Dave Ridley Cleeve – FRED & test pits (April-May) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CS & VR to speak to Dave Ridley re a dig 4. Winscombe Moat 5. Pottery project 6. Continue recording the parish boundary and TW stones 7. Photograph the Quaker graves in Meeting House Lane Cleeve <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BB asked that this be made available to Yatton History Society 8. Railway and bridge projects 9. Gang Wall – CS reported that he had heard from YACWAG who have concerns above this area and are looking to create a local green space. VR felt that Gang Wall should be scheduled and volunteered to work on the submission. He also felt that it should be photographed and could become another area for further research. CS suggested that letters in support of the submission should come from YCCCART YACWAG & both Parish Councils. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • VR to begin the process for scheduling • JW to photograph its current condition • CS to contact Tony Moulin re above.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JD to speak to Liz Greaves re support from both councils • YCCCART letter in support to be drafted.
Action 15	<p>Fetes and Festival of Archaeology 2017</p> <p>It was agreed to have a stand at both fetes if sufficient volunteers could be found.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JD to email members to gauge level of support. Raise at AGM <p>PC reported that Clevedon Archaeology was currently experiencing problems and that their involvement in this year's festival of archaeology was doubtful. VR wondered if a walk/talk on Locking Castle might be a possible alternative so long as the landowner was agreeable and any parking difficulties could be resolved.</p>
Action 16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • VR to sound out the owner
Action 17	<p>Congresbury Village History Weekend 21st & 22nd October 2017</p> <p>CS detailed some of the possible activities which YCCCART might be able to offer in support of the Parish Council's latest initiative.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Cadbury Hill walk led by VR • TW & Boundary Stones walk led by VR <p><i>VR is happy to be involved</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A display in St Andrew's Church • Displays of artefacts, maps, photographs & PP presentations in OSRs. <p>JD to email members for their views re above plus include in AGM agenda.</p>
Action 18	<p>Newsletter</p> <p>JD felt that producing the newsletter every other month was too onerous and that four publications per annum was enough. The committee agreed. March's edition will feature an article about the history of YCCCART's use of FRED.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GP & VR agreed to have something ready within 2 weeks for March's edition
Action 19-20	<p>AGM</p> <p>It was agreed to hold this year's AGM in March to avoid Easter and school holidays. Date fixed as Thursday March 30th 10.00am -1.30pm Methodist Hall Congresbury AGM followed by a fish & chip lunch.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JD to book Methodist Hall • PC agreed to co-ordinate lunch orders
Actions 21-23	<p>It was felt appropriate to invite NSC's new County Archaeologist Cat Lodge as well as her two colleagues. It was agreed to highlight 10 years of YCCCART's achievements in a presentation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JD to contact NSC archaeology team • AL volunteered to create a map of the area identifying all the sites YCCCART has worked on over the years with thumbnail sketches of 10 of the most

	<p>important. See below.</p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;">Woodspring Priory</td> <td style="width: 50%;">Wemberham Roman Villa</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Congresbury Cross excavation</td> <td>Bickley enclosures/ Ridley</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Pottery project</td> <td>Claverham Court Farm</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Cadbury Hill</td> <td>Locking Castle</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Congresbury & Yatton Churches</td> <td>Tyntesfield</td> </tr> </table> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CS to find relevant images <p>This could feature later as the centre point for YCCCART's fete displays and the October History Weekend.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CS and VR to compile power point presentation featuring YCCCART highlights i.e the ten sites above, to show at AGM. 	Woodspring Priory	Wemberham Roman Villa	Congresbury Cross excavation	Bickley enclosures/ Ridley	Pottery project	Claverham Court Farm	Cadbury Hill	Locking Castle	Congresbury & Yatton Churches	Tyntesfield
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<p>Action 24</p> <p>Action 25</p> <p>Action 26</p>	<p>AOB</p> <p>JW wondered whether YCCCART should have a double plot at the summer fetes so that there was more room to display our artefacts and exhibits and people were able to move round more easily. It was felt that this might not be possible due to limited space and high demand.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PW to approach Unsal Hassan <p>JD suggested YCCCART purchase a tube banner.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JW to find out if the sweatshirt printers also produced signs. <p>Walabot</p> <p>CS drew the meeting's attention to this device which is capable of seeing through walls it's a form of radar connected to a mobile phone. VR explained how it worked but wasn't sure if it had the capability to penetrate the ground. It was a interesting proposition and worth finding out a little more about its potential use in archaeology.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CS to email the company 										
	<p>Date of next meeting tba</p>										