

YCCCART Committee Meeting
Thursday October 19th 2017 at Congresbury Tennis Club.

Action points	
	Present: Peter Wright, Geoff Pearson, Janet Dickson, Vince Russett, Brian Bradbury. Chris Short, Peter English (Chair), Chris Luffham & Arthur Langley.
	Apologies: Philippa Cormac, John Wilcox
	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><i>PW to contact Mary Campbell's daughter as the building work is well under way.</i></p> <p>Hillforts of Britain and Ireland- Oxford University</p> <p><i>GP expressed his disappointment with this website as it lacks information about the identified sites.</i></p> <p>FRED- Golden Software. <i>GP reported that the person who had shown interest in this idea no longer works for the company.</i></p> <p>Locking Castle- <i>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.</i></p>
Action 3	<p><i>VR to approach AL re creating a suitable framed poster</i></p> <p>Walabot- <i>VR reported that on more careful consideration this piece of equipment would have no value for archaeological investigation as it was designed to identify pipes and wires on internal walls.</i></p>
	<p>Chairman's report</p> <p>PE's short report highlighted the work undertaken this Spring and Summer, especially the trenches and test pit investigations carried out at Goblin Combe. He expressed concerns about recruitment and was disappointed that no new members had joined even though YCCCART had been involved in local village fetes and events. VR felt that the Weston Castle project would generate a lot of interest once it gets underway. VR mentioned his talk to SELRC which, he felt would keep the work of YCCCART in the public eye. He also wondered whether carrying out a series of test pits in local gardens</p>

	<p>might engender more interest in history and archaeology. JD volunteered to put up regular displays in the library. PE asked JD to update the meeting on the latest initiatives on Cadbury Hill. JD mentioned that she and John Harris were carrying out an inspection on the hill re winter/spring management and drew attention to some unfortunate vandalism which will be expensive to rectify. PE also highlighted the successful social event held in Congresbury's Old School Rooms and thanked JD & PC for organising it. In closing PE thanked all members of the committee for their time and expertise and Unsal Hassan for his work on the website.</p>
<p>Action 4</p> <p>Action 5</p> <p>Action 6</p>	<p>Financial report PW report noted that the largest area of expenditure had been the printing costs for the display boards. AL informed the committee that he was experiencing problems finding a company able and prepared to laminate A2 sheets.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AL to continue to investigate laminating the boards. <p>JD wondered whether strengthening the backs of the boards might be sufficient if laminating couldn't be done. GP & CS thought that purchasing a hard drive solely for FRED should be considered. CS has found one for £49.00</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CS to purchase <p>GP mentioned that Clive Nunn had done some investigation into obtaining a data logger for FRED. VR felt that this was something which would be very useful for the Castles Project adding that grants would need to be applied for if this project was to succeed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CS, PE & VR to action this once the project gets the green light. <p>PE thanked PW for his work on producing the financial report attached below</p>
<p>Action 7</p> <p>Action 8</p> <p>Action 9</p> <p>Action 10</p>	<p>Plans and priorities for Winter- Summer 2018</p> <p>The following have been identified.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ham Lane enclosure Crossman 6 + others 601 FRED <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JD to ask Liz to find out from above his plans for the field 2. Dave Ridley Cleeve – enclosures, earthworks and a beacon site 3. Winscombe Moat Nye Farm- RM15 FRED <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • VR to contact the landowner • Obtain the necessary license 4. Pottery project 5. King Wood 3 & 4 6. Kingston Seymour- 601 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CL to contact Jane Bell 7. Photograph the Quaker graves in Meeting House Lane Cleeve <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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

<p>Action 11</p> <p>Action 12</p>	<p>10. Roman Roads</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • VR to re-establish contact with Bev <p>11. Woodspring Priory- Orchard, moat, paddock RM 15 & FRED. Farmhouse 601</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need to contact Landmark Trust, Historic England & NSC County Archaeologist <p>12. Additional fields owned by Crossman, Collins and Mike Chapman</p> <p>13. Banwell Roman Villa</p>
<p>Action 13</p>	<p>Weston Castles Project</p> <p>VR gave a lengthy and detailed report on the progress of this project describing it as highly complex. He highlighted an arc of three castles, one possible and a further potential castle which fell within the scope of the project but emphasised how little, reliable documentary evidence there was. He felt that the best way to approach the issue was to treat it as a pre-historic survey. He has nearly completed his part of the scheme for the investigation which will then be passed to Mel and Kat for their input. So far there are five documents; historical overview, environment, communication & transport, recording of evidence, outputs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • VR to provide YCCCART members with a summary of these documents. <p>Funding and commitment from the local authority were essential for the success of the project as well as funding from other agencies.</p>
<p>Action 14-15</p>	<p>Christmas Social</p> <p>Following the success of last year's walk and meal in Wrington it was agreed to hold a similar occasion this year. JD reminded the meeting that VR had suggested Cheddar as a possible location. VR was happy to lead a walk but wondered if we could gain access to the archaeology on King's of Wessex School grounds.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JD to contact school • Investigate menus and availability at the Bath Arms & Riverside pubs. <p>Date December 14th / 7th</p>
	<p>Newsletter</p> <p>The newsletter has been well received with more members contributing copy. JD hoped that this could be the pattern for future editions. PE thanked her and AL for all their work. Theme for January's issue Roads and Tracks.</p>
	<p>AOB</p> <p>NSC Forum</p> <p>CS raised the issue of questions from YCCCART for PE & PW to raise at this event being held by NSC. CS has compiled some questions but wondered if there were any others. The meeting was happy with CS's suggestions and no further questions were forthcoming.</p> <p>FRED update</p> <p>GP reported that the list of surveys completed by FRED continues to grow although it is still a work in progress. He drew attention to the Community Archaeology Radio Carbon-dating Fund and wondered if it would be appropriate for YCCCART to ask for any of the bone discovered at iwood or Banwell to be dated. As these pieces had no specific context it was felt that bone excavated at St Andrew's Church, Congresbury would be the better option.</p>

Action 16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GP to contact fund <p>GP also mentioned a contact with someone who could carry our 3D drone surveying</p>
Action 17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GP to make contact <p>Presentations by YCCCART at fetes and shows.</p> <p>CL raised her concerns regarding the way YCCCART presented itself at the local fetes suggesting that people were reluctant to view our displays as they were too far back inside the gazebo. She also felt that we expect everyone to know what archaeology is all about and a simple explanatory statement should be displayed alongside brief descriptions of the various machines we use. AL pointed out that the issue of the machines had already been addressed with the latest boards. However the meeting took on board CL's concerns and will consider how best to display our findings in the future. CL had drafted a brief statement "Archaeology is the study of the human past from the pre-historic to yesterday, through material remains."</p> <p>Podcasts</p> <p>JD wondered if the podcasts mentioned by VR in an email were accessible by a link on the website.</p>
Action 18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JD to check with UH what external links are available via the YCCCART website • members should send details of podcasts which could be of interest to the Group to PE
Date of next meeting tba	