

**YCCCART Committee Meeting**  
**Thursday January 23rd at Congresbury Tennis Club.**

<b>Action points</b>	
	<b>Present:</b> Peter Wright, Geoff Pearson, Janet Dickson, Vince Russett, John Wilcox, Philippa Cormack, Chris Short, & Arthur Langley (Chair).
	<b>Apologies:</b> Peter English
	<b>Minutes of last meeting</b> Agreed
	<b>.Matter arising from previous meetings</b>  <b>New technology advances- 3D imagery and software which converts still images into 3D.</b> For future consideration. <i>Needs more research</i>
<b>Action 1</b>	<b>Matters arising from last meeting</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The issue of recruitment and retention. Suggested ideas to be discussed at the AGM</li> </ul> <p><b>Website</b></p>
<b>Action 2- 3</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• VR &amp; CS to revise the History of YCCCART article</li> <li>• AL to share notes re revising the website with the committee</li> </ul> <p><b>Display material    Gangwall.</b></p>
<b>Action 4</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• VR to provide AL with the relevant material</li> </ul> <p><b>Promoting YCCCART</b> It was agreed that YCCCART ought to be included in the listings for organisations in the various magazines such as Dentons, which are distributed freely.</p>
<b>Action 5-6</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AL to make enquiries</li> <li>• Roman Rd article to be discussed further after Bev's talk at the AGM</li> </ul> <p><b>Equipment</b></p>
<b>Action 7-8</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GP PW PE an inventory of items to be made and equipment to be rationalized and discarded if appropriate</li> <li>• VR to approach Dave Ridley re using his out buildings ‘</li> </ul> <p><b>SANHS.</b> ‘small’ reports.</p>
<b>Action 9</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PE to restart this initiative next year</li> </ul> <p><b>FRED update</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GP has submitted the paper on Wemberham Villa to SANHS</li> <li>• Ian's bone has been sent for carbon dated</li> </ul>

	<p><b>Chairman's report in full see attached</b></p> <p>AL began his report by highlighting the contribution founder member Christine Lufflum had made to the work of YCCCART.</p> <p>He gave a summary of the work done during the autumn and the frustrations felt by many due to the appalling weather which made surveying impossible for the whole of November.</p> <p>He mentioned his and Pete Wright's attendance at the North Somerset Heritage Forum and the visit by Jane Hill, Weston Museum, to the December review meeting.</p> <p>AL thanked PC and JD for all their efforts organising the October dinner and Ferdi for co-ordinating the entertainment.</p> <p>CS &amp; VR were thanked for all that they do writing up the reports; there are now 170 available on-line.</p> <p>He thanked PC for continuing to organise coffee each week. The coffee fund makes a substantial contribution to YCCCART's finances.</p> <p>And finally JD for her work on the newsletter.</p>
<p><b>Action 10</b></p>	<p><b>Financial report</b></p> <p>PW presented a comprehensive financial report highlighting the increased expenditure of the last few months. (see attached) This included the plaque for Mary Campbell's tree, the donation to the Ness of Brodgar and purchasing a new laptop. Due to a fault the latter has been return and YCCCART has received a full refund.</p> <p>PW also suggested that thought should be given to building up YCCCART's reserves, especially as the equipment is aging and further repairs or even replacement may be needed in the future.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Members to be asked for ideas re fund raising for discussion at the AGM</li> </ul> <p>As donations from the coffee fund continue to make a substantial contribution to YCCCART's funds the annual subscription can remain at £10.00 Subs due by March 31st</p> <p>AL thanked PW for his work on producing the financial report attached below</p>
<p><b>Action 11-13</b></p> <p><b>14-15</b></p>	<p><b>A new laptop</b></p> <p><b>Further to item above, CS up-dated the committee re finding a suitable laptop.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CS &amp; VR to continue investigate finding a new machine, extra memory and software with an increased budget. JW informed the meeting of a company called Novatech which builds computers to required specifications.</li> <li>• CS to contact as well as a local firm in Congresbury.</li> <li>• CS to report back to committee re cost.</li> </ul> <p><b>Disposal of old equipment</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Old laptop to become backup machine</li> <li>• V large laptop to be traded in ?? or wiped and scraped</li> </ul>
<p><b>Actions 16-17</b></p>	<p><b>Replacement of basic equipment (item submitted by Ian Morton)</b></p> <p>Ian raised concerns about the usability off the 601's 100m tapes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It was agreed that the faulty tapes should be removed and the old tapes restored</li> <li>• GP to check the condition of FRED/MARY tapes</li> </ul>
<p><b>Action 18-19</b></p>	<p><b>AGM</b></p> <p>Date fixed Thursday April 2<sup>nd</sup>. Format as before. Bev Knott to deliver a one hour presentation on the Roman Rod project. Fish &amp; chip lunch. AL JD &amp; PW are all happy to stand for e-election.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• JD to book Congresbury Methodist Hall and contact Bev.</li> <li>• PC to order lunches</li> </ul>

<b>Action 20-22</b>	<p><b>Contact details of members.</b> It was felt that YCCART would benefit by having more detailed contact information of its members including the introduction of an ICE. This information would be held by committee members and team leaders would hold a copy in their bag/folder.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• JD to request information via email and collate into lists.</li> <li>• Discussion about how this information is made available to all members to take place at the AGM.</li> <li>• To be included in review of GDPR policy</li> </ul>
<b>Action 23</b>	<p><b>Commemorative trees</b> As it is not possible to plant the trees within the scheduled area on Cadbury it was decided to abandon the idea; however Congresbury M Green has been given 30 saplings from the Woodland Trust.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• JD to approach the trustees re planting our trees in the Paddock</li> </ul>
<b>Action 24</b>	<p><b>Review planning</b> Work will continue at the following locations Woodspring Priory Fields on the North Marsh ie Burdge and Crossman Mendip- roman roads</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• JD to send VR CS GP AL the planning spreadsheet for amendment.</li> </ul>
<b>Action 25</b>	<p><b>Congresbury Cross</b> It was noted that the cross is in urgent need of attention. Cross cleaning work party to meet Saturday Feb 1<sup>st</sup> ( weather permitting) to clear weed and moss etc</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• JD to notify members</li> </ul>
<b>Action 26-27</b>	<p><b>Social events 2020</b> .A spring walk around Axbridge to be arranged for May. Due to the narrow streets in Axbridge a maximum of 20 has been set. Open to members on a first come basis. There may be the opportunity to include a few guests. It was suggested that small charge of £2.00 per member £3.00 for guests be made as a first step to raising additional funds</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Date to be fixed. Discuss charging.</li> <li>• JD to make enquiries re visiting King John Hunting Lodge</li> </ul> <p>Annual dinner at Congresbury OSRs October.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• JD &amp; PC to arrange</li> </ul>
<b>Action 28-30</b>	<p><b>Reports</b> CS reported that there is only one outstanding report. In response to an email from Ian Morton the following was agreed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AL will start each coffee time session with a review of the results. Initially he will print copies but members to bring their own print outs in future.</li> <li>• Members to be encouraged to identify results they'd like explaining.</li> <li>• It was felt that reintroducing regular in-days, especially in the winter, to discuss results would be beneficial.</li> </ul>



Attendance for coffee has been particularly popular, even amongst those who have not been able to come out surveying on Thursday mornings. This has helped with our finances. Our thanks go to Philippa and Janet.

We continue to send members to the North Somerset Heritage Forum. At the last meeting on the Thursday 26 October Arthur Langley and Pete Wright attended.

The in-day on the 12 December was well attended with guests from Weston Museum Service, Jane Hill (Museum Community Liaison Officer) and a volunteer, Fraser, who gave us an overview of the 'Know your Place' website. They both stayed until lunch to get a better overview of the archaeological survey work and research we carry out. Unfortunately, Cat Lodge, the local authority archaeologist was not able to attend and present her proposals for building on the interest in Yatton, following the discovery of the ancient cemetery, trackway and finds at Northend. However, Cat is coming to present her proposal on the 6 February. Many thanks to Philippa and Janet for organising the lunch and refreshments.

We continue to publish a quarterly newsletter with Janet kindly cajoling YCCART members to contribute articles and photographs. Vince's illustrated essays of his local walks surveying the history and archaeology of places have been a delight to read. Indeed, many of us look forward to the next installment being published.

In October we again held a successful social event in the Old School Rooms. The dinner was excellent and Ferdie kindly organized the after-dinner entertainment. We appear to have a range of 'showbiz' talents amongst our group. Again thanks to Janet and Philippa for organising this event.

We are indebted to Chris and Vince for continuing to write and edit the reports for publication so promptly and to Unsal for uploading them to the Website. According to Vince we now have over 170 reports online. A number of Mendip site publications have become 'guest' reports on the YCCART web site as Vince contributed to them. These reports are important, and it is better to have them published than 'lost'.

Arthur Langley

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