

YCCCART AGM

At Congresbury Methodist Hall on 11th April 2019

Present

Philippa Cormack, Janet Dickson, John Wilcox, Chris Short, Peter English, Ian Morton, David Long, John Evans, Vince Russett, Arthur Langley, Graham Bohanon, Marianne Pitman, 'Ferdie' Ferdinando, Brian Wills, Maureen Bews. John Haynes, Liz Hale, Colin Campbell

Apologies

Mike Fox, Pete Wright, Anne Dimmock, Christine Lufflum, Geoff Pearson, NSC Heritage team & Robert Cleland.

2018 AGM Minutes

Agreed

Proposed: Graham Bohanon

Seconded: Arthur Langley

Outstanding from 2018 Minutes

Nothing to report

Chairman's Report see attached

This was Peter English's final report as Chair of YCCCART although he will continue to be a committee member. His opening remarks reflected upon the contributions made by Brian Bradbury and Shirley Everden who both died earlier this year, noting that as founder members of the group they were instrumental in laying the firm foundations upon which YCCCART continues to build. Peter informed the group that he had written to the Joint Management Group of Cadbury Hill asking if it would be possible to plant a native tree, somewhere on the lower slope, in their honour.

Peter then announced to everyone that following Brian's death a new President would need to be appointed, he informed the meeting that at the latest committee meeting it was agreed to offer this as a joint position to Brian Wills and Christine Lufflum who will now be life long members. Both had been approached and were happy to accept.

Following his review of the year Peter closed by thanking the committee and YCCCART's members for their dedication and commitment to the cause of local archaeology. He also thanked Arthur & Janet for their work in producing the newsletter and Chris and Vince for the many reports they have produced over the years, 156 and counting! Finally he thanked Unsal for maintaining the website.

Treasurer's Report

The treasurer's report was read by JD in Pete's absence. See below

My apologies for not being able to attend the AGM today, whilst the AGM is taking place I am in the operating theatre at Southmead Hospital undergoing surgery on my spine. I hope to be home within 2-3 days.

I have submitted the audited accounts for acceptance at the AGM, details are as set out in the statements handed out.

Income and expenditure this year is very much on a par with last year, however this year's accounts show two payments for insurance and fete fees. These two items were received and paid late last year and early this year resulting in two payments in this financial year. Taking those payments into account the expenditure this year is within £10 of last years.

*Subscriptions have not been raised this year but may have to be increased next year.
I hope you all have a successful AGM and enjoy your fish and chip lunch.*

Pete Wright was thanked for his work as Treasurer.

The Financial Statement was accepted unanimously.

Proposed: Philippa Cormack

Seconded: Chris Short

Election of Officers

It was agreed that the following be re-elected.

Vice Chair Chris Short

Secretary: Janet Dickson

Treasurer: Pete Wright

Arthur Langley was unanimously elected as Chair, replacing Peter English.

Arthur's first action in his new role was to thank Peter for all that he had achieved during his time as Chair and to present him with a card and a small gift in appreciation.

Committee Members: Vince Russett, Philippa Cormack, Geoff Pearson, John Wilcox, Peter English & Christine Lufflum.

AOB

Summer events

YCCCART will be represented at this year's Congresbury fete on Saturday June 29th and at Yatton's fete on Saturday July 27th. JD asked for volunteers.

Evening social event in October

This is now an annula event for members and guests and will be held on Friday October 4th.

Cleaning Congresbury Cross

To coincide with the village spring clean on Saturday May 4th. Volunteers needed.

Festival of Archaeology July 13th- 28th

YCCCART will be mounting an exhibition at Weston Museum, this is a NSC initiative.

Test pits in Congresbury

YCCCART will once again be carrying out a weekend of test pitting in village gardens
More details to follow

Data Protection Legislation

YCCCART's GDPR policy was reviewed with no alterations needed.

Colin Campbell presented an over view of the photographic archive of the flora on Cadbury Hill which he has been compiling since 2009.

Dave Long gave a presentation on the work of Clevedon amateur archaeologist C M Sykes.

The meeting closed with thanks from the Chair at 12.00pm

Chairman's Report for April 11th 2019 Annual General Meeting

Since the last AGM we have had the sad news that two of our founder members had died. They, both in their different ways, helped set the model for what has become a very successful group. Should we be considering ways of recognising their contributions to the group?

Similarly as Brian was the President of the Group we need to decide whether we should fill the vacancy and how if so how it is to be done.

We continue to operate up to 3 teams a week with up to 20 people meeting for coffee. It is particularly encouraging that we have been able to employ the Mary kit with success.

I must offer my thanks to Janet and Arthur for the continued production of the Newsletter. It continues to grow in quality. We need to offer them all the assistance they need to help them with this task.

Although the programme of 1metre square excavations in Congresbury last August started with a whimper rather than a bang. I think we must continue with it this year. It is essential that we learn from the first excavations to ensure we can widen the process across the village.

Over the last year we have continued to field three teams a week with the added bonus of the ad hoc research groups beavering away as well. We have now published over 150 reports on our web site. Over the last year we have published reports on work on Yatton Moor, Woodspring Priory, Congresbury, Kingston Seymour, Wick St Lawrence and Goblin Coombe. Not bad !!

As some of you already know I have decided to resign as Chairman. This is because I think it is essential that we continually introduce new ideas for the Group's continued vitality. I will continue to be a member of the committee. I will take this opportunity to thank you all for your invaluable contributions over the last five years.

Finally, I reiterate that the main aim of the Group is to ensure that the results of all our work are properly recorded and made available to all. This we continue to do because of the dedication of our members, especially Chris, Vince and Unsal.

We have exciting projects ahead of us let's enjoy them!

Peter English