

YCCCART AGM

At Congresbury Methodist Hall on 18th April 2018

Present

Christine Lufflum, Philippa Cormack, Janet Dickson, Geoff Pearson, John Wilcox, Pete Wright, Chris Short, Peter English, Ian Morton, David Long, John Evans, Vince Russett, Arthur Langley, Clive Nunn, Dan Smith, Graham Bohanon, Anne Dimmock, Marianne Pitman, 'Ferdie' Ferdinando, Brian Wills, Unsal Hassan, Robert Cleland & Maureen Bews.

Guest Emily Marsh

Apologies

Mike Fox, John Haynes, Liz Hale, Cat Lodge & Colin Campbell

2017 AGM Minutes

Agreed & signed

Proposed: Peter English

Seconded: Peter Wright

Outstanding from 2017 Minutes

Nothing to report

Chairman's Report see attached

In his annual report Peter highlighted the many successes of the year including the very interesting results coming from the Kenn Moor fields/Ham Lane. He mentioned that YCCCART continues to attract very positive comments from Historic England and other professionals not just for the accuracy of its surveying work but also for publishing of its reports. (VR input)

Other initiatives this past year were also highlighted including the digs at Cleeve, which although inconclusive did enable YCCCART members to develop new skills and techniques. A particular success was the work done by the Research Team on Congresbury Bridge (see below) which has created a model for future work of this type; possible the River Yeo.

Three teams regularly go out each week and thanks to a bequest from Mary Campbell we now have a new piece of surveying kit named after her. MARY will ultimately take over from FRED.

YCCCART continues to attract new members whilst former members have returned. PE thanked all YCCCART's members for their continued commitment to the work of the various teams but he also encouraged members to consider swapping between the groups to develop their skills and work with different people.

Peter thanked the committee members for their support and commitment to YCCCART. He thanked VR and CS for the quality of their reports remarking that they were what made YCCCART different to other community groups. He also thanked PC and JD for their work and UH for his continuing support of YCCCART's website. PE thanked AL and JD for their work on the newsletter, Colin for the photographic record he is compiling of Cadbury Hill and the Research group for their work on the bridge. He mentioned that it was still YCCCART's intention to carry out digs at Kenn Moor, possibly at Iwood and

maybe open up test pits at suitable sites in Congresbury. (This was done sometime ago in Yatton and generated a lot of local interest.)

Mary Campbell Ferdi read the following poem which he had written in her memory

MARY CAMPBELL
a tribute by Ferdi

Alas Mary Campbell has left this world
We were sad to see her go
But what rich memories we have of her
The lady we came to know.

Always hospitable on a Thursday morn
To those tramping muddy feet
Our president and founding member
Sitting in her fireside seat.

We know she loved to see us
And hear what we might have found
But she knew not how much we loved her
Or how we miss her not being around.

So goodbye Mary Campbell
You're held dearly in our hearts
And will always be remembered
By the members of YCCART.

And Mary didn't forget us
We were mentioned in her will
To enable us to buy new equipment
So Mary will walk with us still.

Our 'Mobile Altitude Recording Yardstick'
Is named so that Mary again
Will be out there surveying
And her memory will not wane.

So here's to you Mary Campbell
Wherever you now abide
You will still be out in the fields
Along with us side by side.

Treasurer's Report

A detailed breakdown of the current financial position was produced as per the document attached to these minutes. PW reported that the end of year balance was healthy and although expenditure had been higher than usual YCCCART remains financially sound so there would be no need to increase subscriptions in 2019. Pete Wright was thanked for his work as Treasurer.

The Financial Statement was accepted unanimously.

Proposed: Ian Morton

Seconded: Dave Long

Election of Officers

It was agreed that the following be re-elected.

Chairman: Peter English

Vice Chair Chris Short

Secretary: Janet Dickson

Treasurer: Pete Wright

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

AOB

Future plans

Summer events

YCCCART will be represented at this year's Congresbury fete on Saturday June 30th and at Yatton's fete on Saturday July 28th. PE asked for volunteers.

Following an issue raise by CL at committee it was agreed to look carefully at how the display was physically presented to the public within the gazebo to attract more interest.

Evening social event in September

Following the success of the YCCCART social for members and partners last September it was agreed that another event be held later this year at the same venue and with the same caterer.

Data Protection Legislation 2018

JD informed the meeting that YCCCART's officers are aware of the new legislation regarding the holding of personal data and will be meeting soon to formulate a policy document which will be shared with all members later. UH mentioned that the website does not hold any personal data for members.

Interpreting survey results

The committee recognizes that even the most experienced of us find the interpretation of RM15, 601 and FRED results challenging at times. Consequently it's planned to hold an

in day, when it's too wet to go out, to look at these results in more depth. Members will be informed and it's hoped will print out copies of the results at home to bring to the meeting. PE volunteered to write a simple guide based on the download from Historic England. VR said that the only simple way to learn to interpret results is through experience. UH queried if there were other ways of presenting results whilst CN wondered if filters could be used to distinguish between layers of archaeology. VR was doubtful.

Heritage Forum Friday June 15th 10.00am -12.00pm Nailsea

NSC's second meeting is to held as above. PE and PW volunteered to attend.

Ian Morton presented the work of the Research Team on Congresbury Bridge.

The meeting closed with thanks from the Chair at 11.55am