

YCCCART AGM

At Congresbury Methodist Hall on 21st April 2016

Present

Christine Lufflum, Philippa Cormack, Janet Dickson, Geoff Pearson, John Wilcox, 'Ferdie' Ferdinando, Brian Bradbury, Pete Wright, Chris Short, Brian Wills, Peter English, Ian Morton, David Long, David Walker, Mike Fox, John Haynes, Janet Burge, Vince Russett, Arthur Langley, Robert Cleland, Dan Smith, Shirley Everden, Graham Bohanon & Colin Campbell.

Apologies

Liz Hale, Anne Dimmock, Marianne & Richard Pitman,

2015 AGM Minutes

Agreed.

Proposed: Chris Short

Seconded: Mike Fox

Outstanding from 2015 Minutes

Now that the future of Bickley has been decided it was thought appropriate to approach Mary Campbell's family with the proposal of planting a tree in her memory. PW agreed to discuss the matter with them. As one of the cottages is to be demolished VR recommended YCCCART carry out a full photographic survey; PW to seek permission.

Chairman's Report

In his annual report Peter highlighted the many successes of the year including the Iwood dig. YCCCART continues to attract new members whilst the enthusiasm and commitment of its members ensures that most weeks 3-4 teams can be formed to carry out fieldwork or conduct research.

Peter thanked the committee members for their support and commitment to YCCCART. He also praised VR and CS for the quality of the reports remarking that they were one of YCCCART's strengths; only one report, Banwell, is still outstanding. He also thanked PC JD and UH for all their work.

Full report attached.

Treasurer's Report

A detailed breakdown of the current financial position was produced as per the document attached to these minutes. The end of year balance is healthy due to donations from PW, PE, (the sale of train ephemera) and a bequest of £1000 from Mary Campbell's estate. Pete Wright was thanked for his work as Treasurer. Thanks were also extended to Brian Wills who audited the accounts.

The Financial Statement was accepted unanimously.

Proposed: Philippa Cormack

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.

It was agreed to elect Brian Bradbury to the position of Life President.

AOB

- **Update on recent work**

FRED- micro-archaeology

Geoff Pearson presented a guide on how to carry out a FRED survey. This PowerPoint Presentation will be made available on the website. VR mentioned that there were devices which would assist the downloading of the data. It was agreed to discuss investigating data loggers at the next committee meeting.

GP highlighted the 3 main uses of FRED:

To identify landscape features.

To confirm RM15 results.

To check for possible correlations between FRED and the manual surveys.

GP felt that the latter had great potential for future use which he illustrated by sharing the results from Bickley 2 and how they complimented the original manual survey.

Research team

JD updated the meeting on the indexing of the Research Team's archive. This is an attempt to identify the range of resources gathered together over the years by Judy Sacks, Janet Burdge, Chris Luffham and Brian Bradbury.

CS mentioned that YCCCART also had an extensive online archive which was held on 2 external drives.

RM15 and 601

See attached.

PE explained the differences between Gradiometry, (601) and Resistivity, (RM15); what these machines can identify and their limitations.

CS presented the recent 601 results from Collins 15, which indicates the presence of even more Roman kiln sites. The 601 has also shown some remarkable results on the Kenn Moor fields. VR remarked that these clearly show an area of major Roman domestic or industrial activity. He felt permission should be sought to carry out a small dig later this summer.

The results of the RM15 on the same site are less clear due to the waterlogged conditions. However there are some interesting anomalies which it would be worth putting FRED over. PW suggested that both sets of results should be entered using '*surfer*'.

CS drew attention to the value of using LIDAR to identify interesting features. He mentioned how, using *houseprices.io/lab/lidar/map*, he had spotted an unusual feature in a field close to Ham Lane, Yatton. Janet Burdge agreed to find out who owns the field.

Future plans

Locking Castle

Ham Lane dig

Congresbury Cross- clean up and possible investigation of additional steps.(small trench)

Romano-British kiln project

Summer events

YCCCART will be represented at this year's Congresbury and Yatton fetes. PE asked for volunteers.

Website

CS praised the work of Unsal Hassan in keeping the website up-to-date and relevant. He asked for volunteers to assist UH with this mentioning that it would benefit YCCCART enormously to have more than one person capable of working not only on the website but also in the downloading of data etc. CS also highlighted the member's area and the most recent publications.

Presentation to Vince Russett on his retirement as NSC County Archaeologist

Brian Bradbury presented Vince Russett with a small token of appreciation for all the help and support he has given YCCCART over the years. From its earliest days when it might have struggled to survive until now BB felt that YCCCART's successful development was due to VR's involvement in the group.

In reply Vince informed the meeting that setting up community archaeology groups such as YCCCART had been one of his proudest achievements, commenting that without the help of YCCCART or CHERT his job would have been considerably harder. VR highlighted the pressure heritage services were under and how important it was that local groups actively protected their local environment.

Iwood dig

John Wilcox presented a short film on last summer's iwood dig.

The meeting closed with thanks from the Chair.