

**YCCCART AGM**  
**At Congresbury Methodist Hall on 25<sup>th</sup> April 2013**

**Present**

Mary Campbell, Christine Lufflum, Philippa Cormack, Janet Dickson, Judith Sacks, 'Ferdi' Ferdinando, Shirley Everden, Maggie Rosevink, Brian Bradbury, Pete Wright, Chris Short, Brian Wills, Peter English, Ian Morton, Unsal Hassan, David Long, John Haynes, Sue Farrell, Mike Fox, Robert Cleland, Janet Burge & Vince Russett.

**Guest**

Bob Smisson.

**Apologies**

Anne Dimmock, Marianne Pitman, Susan Degas, Colin Campbell, Geoff Pearson, John Wilcox.

**2012 AGM Minutes**

Agreed.

**Outstanding from 2012 Minutes**

**FIELD Walking /Yatton Digs:** Brian B said that this was on-going but that last year's wet weather had caused problems.

**Action with Ethnic Minorities**

Maggie reported that although a welcome to spend time with YCCCART had been extended it had yet to be taken up.

All other outstanding items cleared.

**Secretary's Report**

**Reports.** Chris S thanked all who have contributed to the compilation of reports this year. In particular he appreciated the action by Shirley, Colin, Ian, Peter English and particularly Vince who has taken a lot of time editing reports, often in his own time. Collins 2, 7 & 8 are in draft form.

**Photographs.** Chris S extended his thanks to John Wilcox for his photographs and the work done on producing the videos, Colin for keeping a seasonal record of Cadbury Hill, and Dave, Unsal & Geoff for their contributions.

**Web Site.** Chris S thanked Unsal for keeping the website up-to-date.

Chris S also thanked John Haynes for his help with the downloading of survey results, Dave Long for his work with the RM 15 & Janet Dickson for taking over some of the Secretary's administrative duties.

**Treasurer's Report**

A detailed breakdown of the current financial position was produced as per the file attached to these minutes. Pete Wright reported that finances were healthy and thanked

the coffee fund for its support especially towards the cost of hiring the Methodist Hall. He reported that insurance costs remain the same, a small fee was paid to the digger driver for his work on last year's dig at Iwood & that the YACWAG donation was towards a tree to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. Pete Wright was thanked for his work as Treasurer and complimented upon the immaculate presentation of the accounts.

### **Chairman's Report**

Peter E thanked all the officials /committee and especially Vince, Ian & Chris Short for their action during the year. Special thanks were reserved for Philippa & Judy who were presented with flowers as a mark of appreciation for all that they do in providing refreshments for the group.

Peter E reported that once again it had been a very successful and productive year thanks to the energy and enthusiasm of YCCCART members. He reminded the meeting that developing the work of the research team was vital to the work of the group, not only in identifying potential sites but also providing context for the work undertaken; he also highlighted the importance of FRED and the work of the manual team. Peter suggested that further digs in Collins's fields should be considered in the future. Finally he raised the issue of recruitment, with the hope that the work at Wemberham Villa and elsewhere in Yatton would encourage new members to consider joining YCCCART.

### **Election of Officers**

It was agreed that the following be re-elected

Chairman: Peter English  
Deputy Chairman: Brian Bradbury  
Secretary: Chris Short  
Treasurer: Pete Wright  
President: Mary Campbell

Committee Members: Vince Russett, Philippa Cormack, Brian Bradbury, Colin Campbell, Ian Morton, John Wilcox & Janet Dickson.

Peter English and Chris Short both indicated that they wish to stand down from office at the next AGM.

Marianne Pitman has stepped down from the committee; as a founder member of YCCCART she has been a stalwart committee member for many years and Peter E thanked her for all her work and support.

Peter reminded the meeting that YCCCART members are welcome to bring ideas for research or investigation to committee meetings.

### **AOB**

#### **Social event**

The meeting was unanimous in its support for some sort of social evening event. Janet D thanked John Wilcox for investigating potential venues & suggested some potential locations although the idea of a buffet style meal was suggested by Brian B. Janet D to email members to identify preferences and possible dates.

### **Outings**

Shirley reminded the meeting that in the past, outings had been popular and wondered if they could be reinstated. It was noted that the cost of hiring transport makes this an expensive option. Pete W said that there were still spaces available on Congresbury History group's visit to Stuart Peachey's Hidden Valley in July.

### **Woodspring Priory**

Vince drew people's attention to the article about Woodspring Priory in May's edition of LIFE.

### **Presentation on Venus Street kiln sites**

Shirley presented a short talk on her investigations into the spread and pattern of the kiln sites previously surveyed. She highlighted the importance of extending the work to build upon existing results and identified potential areas for further investigation. Vince concurred with her findings saying that it was supported by similar evidence from other sites. Chris S thanked Shirley for raising the issues of the kiln sites as it was time to 'push on' and complete the project especially as some areas should be re-surveyed now that YCCCART has GPS. Brian B was happy to help. Pete W added that Val Rossiter was keen for another dig to take place in her paddocks.

Vince felt that the kiln sites had the potential to be an important multi-agency project.

The meeting closed with a talk by Bob Smisson on his research into late Roman/ early Anglo-Saxon Somerset.