

YCCCART AGM

At Congresbury Methodist Hall on 30th April 2015

Present

Christine Lufflum, Philippa Cormack, Janet Dickson, Geoff Pearson, John Wilcox, Judith Sacks, 'Ferdie' Ferdinando, Brian Bradbury, Pete Wright, Chris Short, Brian Wills, Peter English, Ian Morton, David Long, David Walker, John Haynes, Janet Burge, Vince Russett, Arthur Langley, Liz Hale & Colin Campbell.

Apologies

Mike Fox, Unsal Hassan, Anne Dimmock, Marianne & Richard Pitman,

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Agreed.

Proposed: Chris Short

Seconded: Pete Wright

Outstanding from 2014 Minutes

None.

Chairman's Report

In his resume´ of the past year Peter English began by paying tribute to Mary Campbell and all that she did for YCCCART; she will be greatly missed. He wondered if the group wished to celebrate her life with a permanent reminder by possibly planting a tree. Mary's family have suggested that YCCCART hold one last coffee meeting at Bickley; Marianne Pitman is liaising with Mary's daughter to organize a suitable date. Peter thanked the secretary for finding a suitable venue for coffee, Congresbury's tennis club, which has proved really successful although everyone misses Mary's biscuits. He stressed the importance of maintaining these weekly get-togethers as they were ideal opportunities for the teams to review their work and discuss future plans.

The Chairman felt that it had once again been a successful year with many interesting and intriguing finds. He praised the support and enthusiasm of YCCCART's members whose commitment to the group meant that 3 or 4 teams were able to carry out field work or research most weeks. He mentioned that although the work of the RM15 and 601 teams had been, in recent months, developer led there were plans to widen their focus this year. The Research team's findings were leading future surveying at Kenn Moor whilst the use of FRED continues to develop. Peter also mentioned the work which YCCCART had successfully carried out for other groups at Banwell and Lympsham. A series of small digs, to discover more about the mill and mill leat, have been planned for later this summer at Iwood; Vince Russett mentioned that he has some aerial photographs of crop marks from 2013, which also show up areas of possible interest at the same site.

Peter closed his report by thanking all the committee members for their work with special thanks extended to Philippa and Judy for providing refreshments and to Ian Morton who is standing down from the committee this year.

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 although the finances showed a small loss on the year the books would be balanced by the donations received from Banwell and Lympsham (see above) and the increased income from the coffee fund. 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: Chris Short

Seconded: Peter English

Election of Officers

It was agreed that the following be re-elected.

Chairman: Peter English

Secretary: Janet Dickson

Treasurer: Pete Wright

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

Election of President

Peter English reminded the meeting that following Mary Campbell's death YCCCART no longer had an Honorary President. He proposed that Brian Bradbury, who was one of the founder members of YCCCART, should be appointed.

Proposed: Peter English

Seconded: Janet Dickson

Agreed unanimously.

Brian thanked the meeting saying he was honoured to accept. He also paid tribute to Mary and the part she had played in making YCCCART so successful.

AOB

- **Summer events**

YCCCART will be represented at this year's Congresbury and Yatton fetes, July and respectively. Peter English asked for volunteers.

- **Update on recent work**

Research team

Judy Sacks updated the meeting on the work currently being carried out by the Research Team and the introduction of a series of diaries to record the various aspects of their work.

FRED- micro-archaeology

Geoff Pearson reported that there were now three FRED reports on the website. He mentioned that the results of the recent work carried out on the Homefield site in Congresbury looked interesting.

RM15 and 601

See above.

800 years of St Andrew's Church- Chris Short

The final item on the agenda was Chris Short's extremely interesting presentation on St Andrew's Church, Congresbury. Chris thanked John Wilcox for his stunning photographs of the building and for Vince Russett's support and help in editing the book published to mark the 800 years anniversary.

Peter English thanked Chris and John Wilcox for all their work and for the very moving tribute to Mary Campbell.

Peter English closed the meeting by thanking everyone for attending.