

**YCCART Committee Meeting
Thursday September 5th 2019 at Congresbury Tennis Club.**

Action points	
	Present: Peter Wright, Geoff Pearson, Janet Dickson, Vince Russett, Philippa Cormack, Chris Short, Peter English & Arthur Langley (Chair).
	Apologies: Chris Lufflum John Wilcox
	Minutes of last meeting Agreed
Action 1	<p>Matters arising from last meeting</p> <p>.New technology advances- 3D imagery and software which converts still images into 3D.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For future consideration. <i>Needs more research</i>
Action 2	<p>Mary Campbell tree at Bickley</p> <p>The plaque commemorating Mary Campbell should be ready</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AL to follow up
Action 3	<p>Chairman's report in full see attached</p> <p>In his report AL highlighted the following</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • YCCART's involvement in the Festival of Archaeology in July notably the display in Weston Museum and the test-pitting event in Congresbury. • Attendance at NSC's Heritage Forum. • Representation at Congresbury fete and a commitment to attend Yatton's in 2020 • The continued success of the newsletter, with its many contributions from the membership ensuring an eclectic mix of articles. • The regular attendance of sufficient volunteers to enable three surveying teams to go out most weeks. <p><i>The committee briefly discussed the issue of recruitment and retention. Suggested ideas to be discussed at an in day.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AL thanked Chris and Vince for all their work on producing the many reports and Unsal for keeping the website up to date. He also thanked Philippa & Janet for organising coffee each week.
Action 4	<p>Financial report</p> <p>PW presented a comprehensive financial report highlighting expenditure for the last six months. The largest outlay was the 601 repair which will necessitate funds being transferred from the reserve account to cover the cost. Concerns were raised as to just how much this was as the quotes received show conflicting amounts.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PW to follow this up with Bartington <p>PW also suggested that thought should be given to building up YCCART's reserves, especially as the equipment is aging and further repairs may be needed in the future.</p> <p><i>See also in day</i></p> <p>As donations from the coffee fund continue to make a substantial contribution to YCCART's funds the annual subscription can remain at £10.00</p> <p>AL thanked PW for his work on producing the financial report attached below</p>

Action 5	<p>A new laptop CS proposed that the very old laptop should be replaced. It runs on Windows 7, is very slow and the USB port does not work properly. Replacing the laptop however would also require purchasing an updated version of Surfer as doubts were raised as to the compatibility of the version currently being used.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CS & VR to investigate the cost of a new machine, extra memory and software
Actions 6-9	<p>Tree on Cadbury Hill YCCCART has been granted permission to plant a tree on the above providing it is a natural species. PW reported that the oak sapling is in good health and has grown substantially this summer. The following was agreed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JD to contact John Harris re the siting of the tree • AL CS to contact the Crossmans re the tree guard • PE has volunteered to refurbish the tree guard <p>It's hoped to plant the tree in October/November</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PE & VR are happy to carry out the planting
	Forward Planning see attached
Actions 10-12	<p>In day to review work in 2019 and discuss issues raised at this meeting It was agreed that YCCCART would have an in day on Thursday December 12th 10.00am for 10.30am followed by a fish & chip lunch. Besides reviewing work so far and possible future plans the meeting will also address how to recruit and retain volunteers and ideas for fund raising. Suggested was a link with Congresbury History Group to promote YCCCART's work and develop community engagement for the bridge project and possibly extending test pits. Ideas from members would be welcomed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JD to book Methodist Hall • PC to order lunch • JD to invite NSC Heritage inc John Crockford- Hawley
Action 11	<p>Social events 2020 The walk on Charterhouse to now take place second Thursday in January for members only; possible lunch at the Castle of Comfort. A spring walk around Axbridge to be arranged for later in March/ April for members and guests. Date tba.</p>
Action 12	<p>AGM 2020 It was agreed that Bev be approached to give a presentation at the above on Roman roads on the Mendips.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JD to contact Bev
Action 13	<p>Reports CS reported that more reports had been completed this year than ever before, thanks to the work of VR. Those still outstanding were Hayden Grange, Kingston Seymour plus church. GP mentioned the records of bone found at Iwood, Banwell & St Andrew's Church Congresbury. It was suggested that a miscellany tab be opened on the website.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GP to send data to CS for inclusion as part of item below
Actions 14-16	<p>Website AL reported that he had been approached by Unsal re the overall appearance of the website which he felt was in need of some up dating. Whilst there are no concerns regarding the functionality of the site and CS has already corrected some basic information the site would benefit from being given a more current look.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • VR & CS to revise the History of YCCCART article • AL to review the site & liaise with Unsal • Committee members to also review and send any suggestions to AL, CS, UH

<p>Action 17</p>	<p>Display material AL proposed increasing the number of display sheets to focus upon some of the more recent work. He felt that adding a couple of additional sheets each year would not be too demanding on time or too expensive and would promote the work of YCCCART. Suggestions made were Locking, Hayden Grange, Tynings & Gangwall. It was agreed that the first sheets should reflect the work done on defining the roman road. This would also tie in with the AGM.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relevant material to AL by the end of the year
<p>Action 18-19</p>	<p>Promoting YCCCART It was agreed that YCCCART ought to be included in the listings for organisations in the various magazines such as Dentons, which are distributed freely. The Mendip Times was also suggested as a possible publication for an article on the work which YCCCART has carried out for Bev's Roman road enthusiasts.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AL to make enquiries • Roman rd article to be discussed further
<p>Actions 20-21</p> <p>Action 22-25</p> <p>Action 26</p> <p>Action 27</p>	<p>AOB The following items were raised.</p> <p>Geoff drew the meeting's attention to the following</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The paper on the work of FRED at Wemberham Villa which he will now send to SANHS • Ian's bone- he will contact Wells Museum re having it carbon dated <p>Chris mentioned the problem of storing YCCCART's equipment.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Those who are currently storing equipment to create an inventory of items • Equipment to be rationalized and discarded if appropriate • JD to approach Allotment Assoc re temporary storage in the steel container • VR to approach Dave Ridley re using his outbuildings <p>Pete raised the issue of the Public Enquiry re the bridleway in King Wood.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CS & PW to attend <p>Peter (PE) suggested reinstating 'small reports' to SANHS. He's happy to do this.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PE to restart this initiative next year
	<p>Date of next meeting tba</p>

Meeting closed 4.29pm

Chairman's report

YCCCART has been very positive in the last few months fulfilling our research, education and community engagement remit. In July we participated in the Festival of Archaeology by exhibiting at Weston Museum at an open day for all local historical and archaeological groups. We also organised a test pit weekend which was open to the public. Two people came down from Bristol to help with the excavation. Nothing of major importance was unearthed! Unfortunately, we were unable to exhibit at Yatton fete, as it clashed with the test pitting weekend. I hope we attend Yatton Fete next year. However, we did exhibit yet again at the very well-attended Congresbury fete.

We continue to send members to the North Somerset Heritage Forum. At the last meeting Arthur Langley and Pete Wright attended. The next meeting is on the Thursday 26 October at Banwell.

The newsletter is becoming a regular quarterly feature and an expanding number of members are contributing articles. I think we need to encourage even more members to contribute articles.

Surveying

We have completed a successful survey of Towerhead, Banwell, confirming the location of the original Elizabethan house. This survey involved both the RM15 and the MARY teams.

Surveying on Burdge's land - Contact with Burdge's land agent (Fred) has given us a great opportunity to survey a large area of Yatton/Kenn moor linking Burdge's land with Crossman, Simmons etc. a whole landscape between Kennmoor Road and the main Yatton to Clevedon Road. Three of Burdge's fields have been surveyed in the last four months and we may have done more if the 601 kit had not needed repair. One problem we face is the lack of members able to walk with this kit. It has not halted progress, but we have relied on a limited number of people. The good news is that the Gradiometer has been repaired and serviced.

To add some variety to our surveying, a team led by Chris and Vince have surveyed Kingston Seymour Church. John has been involved in producing a detailed photographic record of the church, (including using Photoshop to remove cobwebs from the roof bosses). Archaeology is able to use a rich variety of skills and we are fortunate to have members with such skills.

Since surveying Kingston Seymour Church we have moved on to surveying Puxton church while we await suitable conditions for the RM15 to operate.

Another team led by Vince have walked a section of the Yeo and made an initial survey of some of the bridges.

We are indebted to Chris and Vince for continuing to write and edit the reports for publication so promptly and to Unsal for uploading them to the

Website. I believe we now have over 170 reports online. In addition to YCCCART survey reports, Vince has finalising and edited some reports from CHERT. Vince took part in these surveys and we have agreed to publish these important reports on our Websites as the CHERT Website is no longer operational.

Members

We were invited to Bickley to view the new house on the site of Mary Campbell's now demolished cottage and also the tree planted in her memory by YCCCART. We are awaiting delivery of plaque. The design work has been approved after some modifications.

We now have permission to have a native tree planted on Cadbury Hill in memory of Brian Bradbury and Shirley Everden, both founder members of YCCCART.

Thanks to Janet and Philippa for organising the coffee each week and organising the forthcoming social.

