

CAMBRIDGE ARCHAEOLOGY FIELD GROUP

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held
at 7.30 p.m. on 14th April 2010 at the
McDonald Institute of Archaeology, Downing Street, Cambridge

President - Dr J. Alexander, in the Chair

23 members and guests were present.

Apologies for absence were received from Graham Vincent.

1. MINUTES OF LAST AGM

Copies of the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on the 1st April 2009 had been circulated and were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the President.

2. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The chairman reported that the Group had achieved what it had set out to do in its 30th anniversary year, upping its profile and membership, especially among younger people, partly as a result of the Memorial Prize, for which there was a good number of applications this year. There was also interest in the Group within the McDonald Institute and the Department of Archaeology.

Good fieldwork had continued, for example at Wimpole, and he was pleased that the Group was moving in the right direction. This was due to lots of members, one example being in the development of the web site – Bill Hughes and Colin Coates were thanked in particular; and the chairman expressed his thanks for the support of all.

3. SECRETARY'S REPORT

The secretary's report on the business and activities of the Group during the past year had been circulated and was received. The President offered his thanks for the improved newsletter and asked whether volunteers had been found to make notes of and summarise lectures for the newsletters. One volunteer had come forward: Colin Coates, to whom thanks were given.

The report is appended to the minute book copy of these minutes.

4. FIELD OFFICER'S REPORT

The field officer's report on fieldwork during the year had been circulated and was received. He further reported that more work was continuing on the Childerley Hall estate, where another spot, even though small, had been added to the Roman map.

Excavations at Wimpole would take place from the 24th July to 1st August inclusive, near the Home Farm buildings. This would be different from recent excavations: a cable had gone through a building and the Group had been asked to discover the nature of the

building. Rheesearch had done geophysical survey and it was hoped that the results could be put on the Group's website.

Of work done in the past year, comment was made on the consolidation of the area at Oily Hall, Lode and at Reach, where much had been learnt about the recognition of flint. Also, 15 members of YAC had been taken out to Great Eversden, where the Group helped them learn about fieldwalking and they contributed to the Group's work.

Peter Edwards thanked Mike Coles on his splendid local work on the history of Haslingfield and the chairman thanked him for his professional work for the Group.

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5. **TREASURER'S REPORT**

The unexamined accounts had been circulated together with a general commentary from the treasurer: these had now been examined and certified correct. In the absence of the treasurer, the secretary outlined the reasons for the exceptional expenditure in 2009-10 and that, while ordinary expenditure on items such as insurance and affiliation fees could be expected to continue to rise, interest income had plummeted. It was therefore felt that the level of subscriptions needed to rise. The report and accounts were received.

The treasurer sent his thanks to Bill Hughes for examining the accounts.

The examined accounts are attached to the minute book copy of these minutes.

6. **SUBSCRIPTIONS**

On the recommendation of the committee, and the proposal of Mike Coles, seconded by Richard Cushing, it was **RESOLVED** that subscriptions be increased to:

£8 for individual membership

£11 family membership

Entrance to lectures for non-members retained at £1

7. **ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE**

All committee members were prepared to stand again. There being no other nominations, on the proposal of the President, it was **RESOLVED** that the following be elected to the offices indicated for 2010/11:

Chairman	Barrie Fuller
Secretary	Susan May, 94 High Street, Great Shelford, Cambridge, CB22 5EH
Treasurer	Graham Vincent
Field Officer	Mike Coles
Committee	Colin Coates
	Terry Dymott
	Stephen Reed
	Emma Smith
	John Waterhouse

8. **PRESENTATION OF PRIZES TO SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS FOR THE VAL WHITTAKER MEMORIAL PRIZE**

Nine applications had been received and again two were considered worthy of receiving the full prize: Laura Boxell from Hills Road Sixth Form College and Neville Robinson from the Cambridge University Institute of Continuing Education Diploma in Archaeology course.

Neville was unable to attend this meeting, but the chairman welcomed Laura and hoped that the winners would join in Group activities during the year. He commented with pleasure on the Group's ability to help younger people to follow archaeology, something Val was very keen on and which kept her with us.

The chairman outlined the work of each project: Laura's entitled "How far can archaeology help us to decide what the function of Wandlebury Hill Fort was?" and Neville's on "The Roman Saxon Shore: an approach to the logistics behind the campaign", and added his praise.

He welcomed Laura to the Group for a year and presented her with a cheque.

The chairman thanked the President and Vice-President, Dr John Alexander and Dr Paul Sperry, for their support.

The meeting closed at 7.55 p.m.

Chairman.....

Date.....