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DATES FOR THE DIARY – 2012

Saturday 12th - Saturday 26th May

Dates for the Members' Excavation at Peart Roman villa, which will be run by Robin Holley, the Society's Director of Archaeology. There is restricted parking and set numbers for each day so contact Robin to express your interest and to book a place. Geophysics will be taking place in advance of the dig between 8th to 11th May and volunteers are also welcome to help. Please book via Robin Holley (details on the contacts page).

Monday 13th - Friday 17th and Monday 20th - Friday 24th August

Dates for the two 5 day BACAS Archaeological Training Courses which will be run by Robin Holley the Society's Director of Archaeology, at a site just south of Frome. The courses will cover excavation techniques, geophysical surveying, finds processing and pottery and bone workshops. The cost is £150 for members or £150 plus membership (£10, £15 or £25) for non-members. Please book via Ceri Lambdin (details on the contacts page). See the website for more information.

CLIVE PEACOCK MEMORIAL AWARD 2012



This year the award was given to John Richards, who was nominated for his role as Project Leader of the joint BACAS/BaNES Stanton Drew Project. Along with John Oswin, John Richards wrote the acclaimed reports for the work in 2009 and last year

they completed the 2010 report. The Committee were delighted to give the award to John and at the AGM in February he was presented with the Aubrey Burl book *'From Carnac to Callanish: Prehistoric Stone Rows of Britain, Ireland and Brittany'* by Chairman Bob Whitaker.

BACAS THANKS OWEN DICKER

Owen Dicker has been a longstanding member of the Society and a Committee member for over 8 years, of which for 4 years he was Director of Operations.



Unfortunately due to ill health, which has resulted in him not being able to drive, Owen decided to stand down as a Committee member at the February AGM. Owen has worked tirelessly for the Society; he organises superbly and has been a key member of the BACAS excavations and geophysics team. This is not the end of Owen's archaeological career as a number of us on the Committee will collect Owen from his home and return him from any Society activity he wishes to attend. As a mark of the Committee's and the membership's admiration and appreciation of Owen's contribution over the years, at the AGM he was presented with a gift of wine.

BOB WHITAKER MBE MA

COMMITTEE UPDATE

At the AGM in February we made some changes to Committee responsibilities: Les Hayes has taken over the role of Director of Operations from Owen Dicker and has also formally become Excursions Co-ordinator.

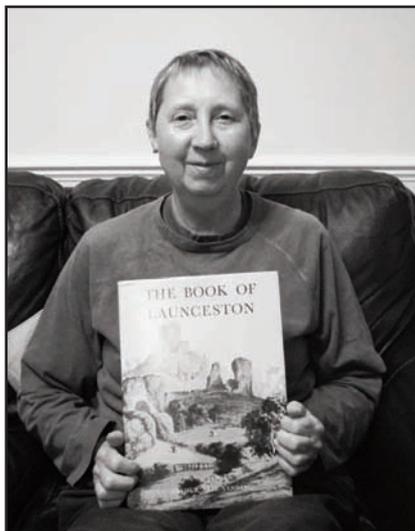
Garry Pratt has taken on the role of Lectures Co-ordinator in addition to his Treasurer and Website responsibilities.

Since the AGM we have been delighted to welcome co-opt **Clive Green** onto the Committee in the position of Collections Manager. This is a role key to our plan to



have a fully catalogued collection of finds from our recent excavations, for both display and handling and also for archives destined for Museums.

We are also sad to be losing our Membership Secretary, **Ann Martin**, at the end of June; she has been a great asset to the Society in this position for the last seven and a half years and we thank her for all her hard work and wish her well with her new life in Launceston, Cornwall. On behalf of the Society the Committee recently thanked Ann and presented her with a book to arm her with archaeological and historical information about her new town before she moves.



Teresa Marsh the Society's Assistant Secretary will handle memberships in the interim, but we are actively looking for a replacement Membership Secretary and also for a Publications Manager to help with Camerton. If you feel that you can spare some time to join the Committee and take on either of these roles, please get in touch with me (details on the contacts page).

CERI LAMB DIN

OBITUARY DR MALCOLM AYLETT



Society member Dr Malcolm Aylett died on the 14th January 2012 at the age of 79. Malcolm was a GP in Corsham for many years before moving to a new practice in Northumbria, where his research work in the medical field won him national recognition. He also became an active amateur archaeologist and was as proud of his certificate in archaeology as his medical qualifications.

When he retired and moved to Combe Down he became involved in the Combe Down Heritage Society but sadly did not live to see the completion of the Heritage Centre for which he worked so hard. He involved BACAS in several projects, the first was a geophysical survey to try to find the site of the Combe Down Roman villa, the second to excavate the entrance to the William Smith Quarry in Summer Lane and finally a geophysical survey of the Jewish Burial Ground in Bradford Road, Combe Down.

Malcolm was a charming man and he will be greatly missed. **BOB WHITAKER MBE MA**