

# Chairman's Report

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**Bob Whitaker receiving his lifetime achievement award at the 2014 AGM**

In the last two Chairman's Reports for Camertonia I expressed concern for the continuing success of the society. We had lost key members of the committee and the end of a decade of involvement at Upper Row Farm also meant we needed to positively search out opportunities for a new Society base and future projects.

Indeed Camertonia has not been published since 2013. However I can now, in the Spring of 2016, report with some excitement that I feel sure BACAS is on the road to recovery with several excellent people now taking responsibility for the running of the Society.

To start with, the new Camertonia team of Garry Pratt, Gill Vickery and Rick Buettner have picked up the baton and published this, the 2014 issue of Camertonia reporting on the work of the Society in that year, with plans to publish the 2015/16 edition soon. A great start to get us back on track.

Next I am very proud to report that we have a new Archaeological Advisor. Marek Lewcun has accepted the position and is busy working with the committee and society members on developing excavation projects at Lilliput Farm and other sites.

You will have noticed our splendid new BACAS website is now up and running and another big thank you to Jess Hawke who is managing our Facebook and Twitter accounts. Rick has already posted the first of what will be regular Society Newsletters. If you need a hardcopy of this, do get in touch with the membership Secretary, Laurence Chadd. The future is rosy.

During the year of 2014 the society has continued with well attended lecture and excursion programmes and ongoing geophysical surveys. The exciting new project based at Lilliput Farm is still in the early planning stage, and with many members volunteering, I am sure it will be a great success.

I should like to put on record my personal thanks to all my fellow committee members, new and old, who work so hard for the society on our behalf.

**Bob Whitaker MBE MA**