

Chairman's Report and News

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I am delighted this year to report a significant resurgence in the prospects for the Bath and Camerton Archaeological Society.



Firstly, we owe a great debt of gratitude to Oliver & Bernadette Stanley for their extraordinary generosity in providing the Society with a new base for our activities at Lilliput Farm. This would not have been possible without the considerable effort of our members, led by Les Hayes, who have refurbished and refitted the space to enable us to provide a space suitable for a number of future Society initiatives.

In addition, the development of a new major project for the Society, based on the Lansdown Plateau and Environs, the LEAP project, together with other Society and members' projects (for example the Archaeology of Roman Keynsham, ARK project) will ensure a continuing programme of a variety of activities for members.

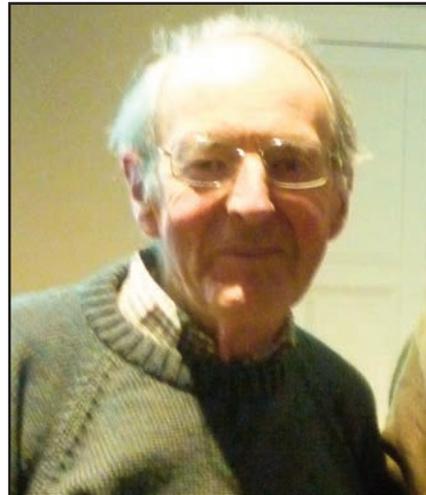
I am humbled and privileged to be the Chairman of this Society, in particular to be part of the now complete committee - some longstanding, some new, who on your behalf organise and manage the affairs of the Society brilliantly. Thank you to you all. (*For Committee Contacts see page 56*). Behind the scenes, Committee and other members also provide an invaluable service: the Lectures and Excursions group: Roger Wilkes, Tim Lunt, Alistair Maclean, Les Hayes, Henry Lowe and Jackie Thompson. The Geophysics team is led by John Oswin; Debbie Watkins is the website manager; and Jess Hawke is responsible for our Social Media (Twitter and Facebook). Margaret Nuth and Owen Dicker are updating the Camerton Archive, while this journal is the result of the hard work of the editors of Camerton and authors of the articles included.

The future of the society is now much more secure. We need to overcome our present

financial difficulties; increase our membership; continue and develop our lecture and excursion programmes; organise and deliver our projects programme. We will also develop ideas and strategies to improve income and the image of the Society. We must investigate the availability of grants and seek sponsorship for our future activities. Your committee is committed to these aims and objectives, I hope you will not only share in this vision, but actively participate.

Bob Whitaker MBE, MA. Chairman

Citation for the Peacock Award 2017 Alastair MacCleay



Alastair has been hidden in the BACAS Excursions and Lectures sub-committee for quite a number of years to which he has brought considerable experience and contacts from his sterling work with the Frome Society for Local Study. Not only organising, but leading excursions in North Somerset and Wiltshire as well as introducing a number of excellent and interesting speakers to BACAS over many years. Alastair always puts a considerable amount of effort into organising his outings and lectures. Reluctantly, he has decided to withdraw from the main work of the sub-committee, but typical of his generosity, he has offered to continue giving his support with his knowledge and contacts in the future. The sub-committee feels very strongly that he thoroughly deserves this award and will miss his company and his witty sense of humour – a difficult act to follow.

Roger Wilkes

