

Editorial

Another year has swept by and I am once again in front of the computer screen writing and collating the “Camertonian”. I was hoping that this task would have been taken on by someone else, who I am sure is much better qualified, and I am seriously looking for a volunteer for next year as I am increasingly busy with teaching and professional work, not forgetting a Research Degree!

The year has been one of increasing activity and much change. We have three new Committee Members and a Chairman (at last!). The new Committee is already coming up with new ideas and plans for the future.

In my editorial of last year we spoke of a partnership with Bristol University. I’m afraid the wheels of academia grind but slowly and, although we have made progress with our ideas, we are far from developing a truly joint project. The Society will be running a training excavation in June and July and more details are outlined below.

Again I have endeavoured to collect together articles written by members of the Society, based on their research and experiences. I am still happy to receive any future articles, as they can be included in future editions of the Camertonian. Next year I hope we will have some exciting news from Blacklands Field. We will also have some interesting articles on Paulton Villa and Southstoke, as Ceri Lambdin, our new secretary, is hard at work on these projects.

The Society is becoming well established in the BRLSI (Bath Royal Literary and Science Institute) and is now organising and helping with recording the archaeological material in their collection (see Terry’s article, page 19) and has organised an “Illustrating Finds” course for members with Nick Griffiths, a very experienced illustrator. This is providing an opportunity for a much wider experience for our membership. The Society is also trying to raise the funds to buy a magnetometer, to enable us to do our own geophysical investigations. If you haven’t contributed to the fund, please help us progress our active role in local archaeology by giving generously to this fund, (cheques should be sent to our Treasurer).

Congratulations

Congratulations to Bob Whitaker and Tanya Walls for successfully achieving an MA in Landscape Archaeology at the University of Bristol.

Also congratulations to all members of the Society who have recently taken and passed various qualifications, including, Diplomas, “A” Levels, “AS” Levels, Certificates and GCSE in Archaeology and related subjects.

It is extremely good to know that we are an active society, supporting individuals in their research. I know that many members are currently studying various qualifications and wish them every success.