

Anyone wishing to send contributions to the Newsletter should send copy to 3 Luther Terrace, Oxford (Tel. 43888) before the last Tuesday in each month.

Survey

County Survey. An inaugural meeting to launch the County Survey will be held at 2.30 p.m. on Sunday, 12 May at Rewley House, Wellington Square, Oxford. It is hoped that as many active field workers and Unit staff as possible will attend. The meeting will be addressed by Professor Charles Thomas, Don Benson and Trevor Rowley. There will be a small fee of 15p. to help towards expenses and applications together with the fee, should be sent to the Director, Oxford University Department for External Studies, Rewley House by 29 April.

Excavations

Abingdon: Ashville Trading Estate. Members of the Abingdon and District Archaeological Society assisted by the newly formed Wallingford and District Society have continued to trench the site. They have found a series of Iron Age and Roman ditches. Volunteers for week-end work are still required and they should contact John Carter at Abingdon 1102.

Hanwell: Charlie Chambers excavation has begun of the supposed house platforms at Hanwell. Some of the hollows on the site appear to be natural geological features, but there are some rubble spreads which are presumably the remains of medieval buildings.

Mongewell: Grim's ditch. John Hinchliffe's excavations have been completed. The discovery of an Iron Age storage pit under the bank have thrown the dating into confusion. However all is not lost since the preserved crystalline plates of slugs may provide the clue to the date with the aid of thermoluminescent dating.

Publication

Abingdon: Broad Street. Mike Parrington hopes to have the excavations written up by the end of April.

Barton Court Farm: David Miles is continuing writing up.

Banbury: Kirsty Rodwell is working on the drawings for publication.

The Banbury Charities have kindly donated £250 towards the excavations.

Oxford: Brian Durham and Humphrey Woods have prepared interim reports on All Saints and Blackfriars respectively. The radio carbon dates for All Saints now suggest that the stratified sequence begins at the end of the ninth century.

Staff News

Peter Crane and Sue Stallybrass have moved on to excavations conducted on behalf of the Norfolk Archaeological Unit. Humphrey Woods has migrated for the Spring to the Blackfriars at Guildford where he is directing excavations for the D.o.E.

Maureen Mellor will be giving up her post as administrative assistant at the end of the month, but hopefully she will be returning in another capacity later in the year. Maureen will be replaced by Mrs. Veronica Ashworth.

Calendar for April and May

23 April	Staff Meeting
23 April	'Monasteries and Friaries of Oxford'. T.G. Hassall O.C.C.M. 'Oxford in the past', lecture series at 7.30 at Cherwell School, Summertown.

Calendar for April and May continued

- 30 April 'St. Thomas's, the parish and its waterways'.
Mary Prior, Cherwell School lecture.
- 3 - 5 May 'The Archaeology of religion in Towns'. Details
and application forms from Rewley House, Wellington
Square, Oxford.
- 7 May Oxfordshire Archaeological Committee meeting.
- 7 May 'Student life in the medieval University'.
Malcolm Underwood. Cherwell School lecture.
- 12 May Oxfordshire County Survey meeting.
- 14 May 'Famine and riot in fourteenth century Oxford'.
Andrew Butcher. Cherwell School lecture.
- 18 May C.B.A. Group IX A.G.M.
- 21 May Oxford Archaeological Excavation Committee meeting.
- 21 May 'An unusual side light on shopping in nineteenth
century Oxford' David Vaisey. Cherwell School
lecture.
- 22 May Staff Meeting. Mr. K. Chamberlain Chief Safety
Officer of Oxfordshire Building Safety Association
will talk on site and excavation safety.
- 28 May Dr. Helen Keeley will speak on 'Soils for the
Archaeologist' at 5.00 p.m. at the Institute of
Archaeology. Admission 20p.
- 28 May 'Museum in the making: the new Oxford City Museum'.
Crispin Payne. Cherwell School lecture.