

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.

Surveys

Parish Surveys. A briefing meeting was held at Lady Spencer Churchill College, Wheatley, at which Trevor Rowley and James Bond described the principles of field walking and surveying. Anyone wishing to take part in the Survey should contact Clive Hart: 2 Goddard Close, Shinfield, Reading, RG2 9DR.

Cumnor By-pass. George Lambrick, with the O.U.A.S., has begun field-walking. This is not an area of known sites.

Towns Survey. The buildings survey is nearly completed. Mrs. Kirsty Rodwell is working on the archaeological and topographical features. Publication of the survey has been discussed with the printers; it is planned to appear both as one complete volume and as individual off-prints of the towns. The Survey will be ready for the C.B.A./O.U.D.E.S. Medieval European Town's Conference, but the official launching will be one month later at a 'Small Towns' weekend conference at Rewley House. A series of lectures in most of the towns included in the Survey is planned.

Excavations/observations

Abingdon, Ashville Trading Estate, Marcham Lane. This excavation, directed by Michael Parrington, is due to be completed within the first two weeks of November. There will be an Open Day on Sunday, 10 November. Martin Jones is working on 150 samples of carbonised material from the Ashville site.

Farmoor. George Lambrick is continuing salvage work. The T.W.A. are stripping off top soil, but the gravel may not be reached before work stops for the winter. Mark Robinson is hoping to present an environmental picture of the site for the whole of the 4th century.

Oxford, St. Helen's Passage. The O.U.A.S. has been investigating a known double City wall line, under the supervision of Nick Palmer.

Oxford, Wadham College. The O.U.A.S. has surveyed a barn which lies on part of the site of the Augustinian Priory. The eastern wall appears to be part of a postern gate at the back of the priory.

Wendlebury. Richard Chambers investigated a late medieval wall that has been uncovered during building work.

Wendlebury, Alchester. Richard Chambers has been back-filling the trial trenches. This work has been hampered by the wet weather, but should be completed by mid November.

Future Excavations

Ducklington By-pass. Excavation will be starting here on 13 November, directed by Richard Chambers.

Publication

Work is continuing on the reports listed in the last Newsletter.

Other News Items

Oxford Friars' Exhibition. A number of items from the Greyfriars and Blackfriars excavations have been put on display in the Bodleian to commemorate the 750 anniversary of the coming of the Greyfriars to Oxford.

Unit Annual Report. An illustrated annual report for the county is proposed. It will form part of the C.B.A. IX Newsletter, but it will be separately offprinted.

Calendar for November, December and January

- Sunday, 10 November Abingdon, Ashville Trading Estate, Marcham Lane, Open Day. 10.00 am to 4.00 pm. Refreshments, exhibition. Admission free, ample car parking.
- Monday, 11 November Visit to the Unit by Peter Addyman and staff of York Unit.
Peter Addyman. 'Alas, poor Jorvik' or Rescue Archaeology in Viking York. 8.15 pm, Ashmolean Museum, O.U.A.S.
- Monday, 18 November James Allan. 'Medieval Persian Metalwork: Dealers versus Archaeologists'. 8.15 pm, Ashmolean Museum O.U.A.S.
- Thursday, 21 November B.J. O'Connor. 'The Interpretation of Settlement Types'. 5.00 pm, Institute of Archaeology.
- Monday, 25 November Stephen Mitchell. 'Celts in Anatolia'. 8.15 pm, Ashmolean Museum, O.U.A.S.
- Tuesday, 26 November Unit Staff Meeting.
David Miles. 'Excavations at Barton Court Farm, Abingdon'. 5.00 pm, Department for External Studies, Rewley House, 20p.
- Thursday, 28 November Michael A. Aston. 'The Stonesfield Slate Roofing Industry of Oxfordshire'. 8.15 pm, Ashmolean Museum, O.A.H.S.
- Monday, 2 December N. Palmer. 'The Hadrianic Frontier of Britain. 8.15 pm, Ashmolean Museum, O.U.A.S.
- Tuesday, 17 December Unit Staff Meeting.
- Friday, 3 - Sunday, 5 January 1975 Weekend conference on 'The Small Towns of Roman Britain', Rewley House. By ticket only.
- Thursday, 23 January Richard Foster. 'Vernacular Architecture in the Vale of the White Horse'. O.A.H.S.
- Tuesday, 28 January Staff Meeting.
George Lambrick and others. Excavations at Farmoor Reservoir and other Unit sites. 5.00 pm, Rewley House, Department for External Studies, 20p.

Please note that any local societies or groups can provide contributions for this section.