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ABINGDON - Barton Court Farm

The current excavations at Barton Court Farm are almost complete but it is hoped to extend trenches to the south next week. Some of the post holes on the present site have been found to be Bronze Age and it is hoped that these further excavations will help to estimate the amount of Bronze Age activity at the Farm.

An Open Day at Barton Court Farm is being organised for 4th July.

Bob Wilson has been studying the animal bones taken from the site and notes that sheep economy is vastly different between Iron Age and the Romano-British periods.

CASSINGTON

The skeleton at Cassington mentioned in last month's Newsletter was reported by Richard Chambers to be a crouch burial, found at the bottom of a pit. It is difficult to state a date for this skeleton as it was found in an area which is known to have a mixture of Iron Age, Bronze Age and Anglo-Saxon material.

FARMOOR

The exhibition held last month was a great success. Bob Wilson continues to examine the animal bones from this site. It would seem that bones of red deer are more plentiful on the first terrace than on the flood-plain terrace. There is evidence of butchery. George Lambrick continues to write up the report for this site.

OXFORD - Greyfriars

The Oxford University Archaeological Society continue with the excavations at Greyfriars. Two phases of cloister and two phases of church building have so far been found. It is hoped to continue these excavations at the end of September.

OXFORD - All Saints

Maureen Mellor has been writing a report on the pottery found on this site. One of the more interesting features is the presence of coarse Shelly limestone which was also found to exist in the late eighth to late tenth century material taken from St. Aldate's site.

OXFORDSHIRE PARISH SURVEY

Richard Chambers continues his work on the Parish Survey but progress is fairly slow at the moment because of the holiday season.

OTHER NEWS ITEMS

There is an exhibition in the Ashmolean Museum of the finds taken from The Hamel, St. Thomas', Oxford.

CALENDAR FOR JULY AND AUGUST

28 July

Joint meeting of Rescue Archaeology in the north with the Society of Antiquaries of Newcastle upon Tyne. 6.00 pm in the Mining Institute.

27 July

Next staff meeting.