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The Bulletin has now been running for a year, and we are celebrating with the Society's heading.

Two expert Archaeologists have now joined us. Bill Fowler, who is the father of Peter Fowler the well-known Archaeologist, and Ian Mason. The Society will gain immeasurably from their experience and guidance.

The moated site at Lilleys Farm is now our main dig for the autumn, and is under the direction of Bill ^{Fowler} Mason. The box shows a substantial foundation of cemented flints and bricks, and in the trench opposite two mediaeval sherds were found. Digging will continue and as many hands as possible are required. Please contact Cynthia Graham-Kerr for details of times etc.

The Grimms Ditch dig is in temporary abeyance, but will remain a general project. A second skull was found on September 13th. Bill ^{Fowler} Mason has drawn the Society's attention to a 1938 Oxoniensis reference to the skeletons.

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At our meeting on October 9th Bill ^{Fowler} Mason outlined and recommended a general policy for the Society, involving a systematic and disciplined approach to projects. Further discussion indicated that a useful and in fact necessary activity could be provided by non-diggers in a programme of literature research and correlating records. It is therefore proposed to form a group for this purpose, and Cynthia Graham-Kerr would be glad to hear from members who would be willing to form this group.

John Shearer displayed a beautiful flint axe-head, which Reading Museum has much admired, and two Australian serrated flints.

Our sympathy goes to Peter Skinner, who has hurt his hand in a machine, and we hope that he will soon recover and be able to dig with us again.

The next General Meeting is NOVEMBER, FRIDAY 13th, PLEASE ATTEND if you can possibly do so, as there is much to discuss.

Please complete the attached Questionnaire, and return it with THREE STAMPED ADDRESSED ENVELOPES if possible, as this will greatly assist the Society's finances and also your Secretary's task.

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QUESTIONNAIRE

The South Oxfordshire Archaeological Society is now getting on its feet. Our membership includes experienced field workers, a good many diggers and a crowd of interested spectators. Now we would like to get everyone co-ordinated. So would you please answer the following and return to the address below with THREE STAMPED ADDRESSED ENVELOPES.

In which activity are you prepared to take part?

- a) Digging (in general).
- b) Coming to digs to make notes, sort out etc., but NOT dig.
- c) Visiting Museums etc., to look things up.
- d) Visiting local Libraries, Museums etc., for research.
- e) Sorting and washing pottery, bones etc., and labelling.
- f) Drawing the plans and graphs - mapwork.
- g) Photography - sites, finds etc., and so on.
- h) Are you interested in any particular age or aspect?
- i) What else would you like to do? Ideas please.

Please answer the last two in the space below, and tick the others as appropriate, and add your name.

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