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NEXT MEETING: April 10th at 7:30pm in The Free Church Hall, Goring
Speaker: Prof Ian Wootton (SOAG) to talk on 'Sundials'

General News

Your subscription for 2002 is due! If you did not pay at the AGM please bring your subs to the next meeting, or send them to Pieter Vorster, our new Treasurer (see below). Just to remind you, the subs for 2002 are £8 Individual, £10 Family and £1 Junior.

Future Events and Meetings

OXPAST 2002 - April 13th at Northcourt Centre, Northcourt Road, Abingdon.

The cost of the day will be £3, including coffee and tea. Lunch is not included so bring a packed lunch or repair to one of the several pubs. There is a large car park at the centre. Among the many speakers, Cyn will be giving an interim report on the dig in the morning and SOAG Member Dan Miles will be talking in the afternoon on Dendrochronology. SOAG info and Bulletins will be on display. Please let Cyn know immediately if you are going and remember to give her your £3 or she will be out of pocket!

At our Wednesday May 15th meeting Hazel Williams will be giving a general report to the members on the Gatehampton dig. All diggers please attend and non-diggers, this is your chance to find out what it's all about!

The Dig

The dig was re-opened at Easter – on the Sunday – it was wet and there were four of us to do the preliminaries. On Easter Monday we had eight and the whole site was tidied, debris was trowelled off and the *pillae* reappeared and were photographed. Details, like clipping the grass edges and replacing lost grid numbers, made it look workmanlike once more. We look forward to having the rest of our team next Sunday and every Sunday from now and sometimes during the week (by arrangement).

Date for your Diary:

July 6th – SOAG Annual Party at Joy Whitehead's

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