



September 2012

Dear Members and Friends,

The time is going fast, the nights are drawing in and it won't be long before our meetings of 2012/13 start. Our new season begins on **Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30 at Northbourne Centre**, Church Street in Didcot. We hope to see you again. Liz Woolley from Oxford will be talking to us about the Parish of St Thomas the Martyr, West Oxford, including Oxford Castle.

This year we are keeping charges the same as last year,

- Individuals £15 pa
- Families (2 or more at the same address) £28 pa
- Visitors £4 per meeting

*Note: Visitors attending 2 or more meetings before Christmas 2012 can deduct the amounts paid for individual meetings from membership fees.*

The programme for this year is

<b>11 Oct 2012</b>	<b>Liz Woolley</b>	<b>'A Tough but full-blooded area': The parish of St Thomas the Martyr, West Oxford</b> An Illustrated talk on one of the most ancient and historic areas of the city. St Thomas' was among Oxford's earliest suburbs, first inhabited in Saxon times. In the twelfth century it stood on the direct route between the castle at the west gate of the city and the great Augustinian Abbey of Osney. In later centuries St Thomas' was home to Oxford's brewing industry, to its boating and barge communities and to those who built the railways. It had a reputation as one of the most lively – some might say disreputable – parishes of the city
<b>8 Nov 2012</b>	<b>AGM followed by Gordon Dawson</b>	<b>Didcot Railway Centre</b>
<b>13 Dec 2012</b>	<b>Graham Keevil</b>	<b>Excavations at the Haslar Hospital Portsmouth</b>
<b>10 Jan 2013</b>	<b>Steve Lawrence</b>	<b>Archaeology of Great Western Park, Didcot</b>
<b>14 Feb 2013</b>	<b>Margaret Appleton</b>	<b>The end of the Raj – Simla</b>
<b>14 Mar 2013</b>	<b>Judith Dewey</b>	<b>5 Years of Excavations at Wallingford</b>
<b>11 Apr 2013</b>	<b>Martin Way</b>	<b>'A Glimmer in the Dark': The art and Craftsmanship of Anglo-Saxons</b>
<b>9 May 2013</b>	<b>Ray Goff</b>	<b>Bletchley Park in the 1940s</b>
<b>June 2013</b>	<b>Field Trip to Bletchley Park for Members and Guests (further details later)</b>	

Yours sincerely,

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Enclosure: form to accompany Membership Fees

Membership Fees should be paid

- at the first meeting or

- sent to:

The Treasurer, Maria Simpson, 118a Bradstocks Way, Sutton Courtney, Abingdon, OX14 4DB.

Cheques should be made payable to Didcot & District Archaeological and Historical Society

Fees for 2012-13 are:

Individual: £15

Joint/Family: £28

Fees should be accompanied by the details listed below

Name(s) .....

Address .....

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Telephone ..... E-mail .....