

S.O.A.G. BULLETIN for May 1970

After our long winter hibernation we have come to life with vengeance and Peter's skeletons!

There was a good meeting in April, and seven members went to Grimm's Ditch (near the Carmel College) where Peter was able to rediscover the skeletons he found in 1947. Well done, Peter, and a Record Card has been sent to the Museum (Oxford).

This sensation was followed by a dig at the Well where a whole lot of bones, possibly a dog, were found, and some more pottery. Including children and visitors we had nearly 20 people that day! We were particularly pleased to welcome Mrs Marjory Henderson and Mr. David Titterton, of Lower Heyford.. This is N. of Oxford and it is very gratifying to have such keen members, who will come such a long way.

Further excitement awaited us on May-Day when we visited Hardwick House grounds to see the Maypole site, Dick the Fiddler's ground, a delightful tiny cottage called Straw Hill, an old statue, ice-house, and the Bear Pit. We think it probably is not a bear pit and hope to dig and see. (This is an Evening Expedition as it is not far to go - for some of us!). Our thanks to Derek for Cider and Crisps after it.

Our May meeting - our 1st Anniversary! - was held at Mrs. Graham Kerr's as usual, and quite well attended, with more new members.

We have had a wonderful influx of new members this year - at least ten and several more to come. We are both delighted and encouraged to find so much interest.

Areas

Who is your Area Warden? Contact them for all dates and information and to say if you will attend a date.

Whitchurch Hill	Cynthia Graham Kerr	Pang 2901
Pangbourne	Simon Jones	Pang.3170
Oxford	Marjory Henderson	Steeple Aston 694
Stoke Row +	(Madeleine Ford	Woodcote 333
environs	(Gunny Sheridan	Checkendon 224

And here are the fixtures

May 20	Hardwick House.	7.00 p.m. at Bear Pit. Contact Cynthia
May 31	Peter's Skeletons.	3.00 p.m. Contact Gunny.
June 5	General Meeting at the Thatched Cottage	

We would like to have contributions, serious or otherwise from you all. Please bring your latest limerick or song to the next meeting, also your learned Paper. Suggestions welcome. We are now having General Meetings every month to arrange the programme, so do support these, bribes of a Coffee and Chat are offered.

Promising to be careful of all crops, etc. we have been given a free hand to explore Bozodown Camp, Iron Age A. of which very little is known. Challenge!

We are beginning to make our mark but it depends on you all, and we would like to know what the ones who prefer not to dig would like to do - offers of help in the running of the Group, or arranging social occasions are your opportunity.

Anyhow, it's all great fun.

C. Graham Kerr