

## October 2015

Dear Members,

This Newsletter is in lieu of a new Programme Card as the meetings for the next six months have not been finalised. Since the last Newsletter we have been to Cirencester and Chedworth. This all went well: the only problem was that road works prevented the coach from parking as close to the Museum as I had hoped - some ladies were smart enough to hire a taxi back to the coach after lunch! As usual there was not enough time to

do everything. We had an excellent tour of the old town with a guide from the Civic Trust, but then it was the difficult choice of lunch or a proper look at the Museum.



After lunch we went on to Chedworth Roman Villa. Despite using their designated coach route, our driver was rather apprehensive about tackling some of the lanes where the hedgerows scraped both sides of the vehicle. At the villa Julian our guide gave us a

### *Walking around Cirencester*

comprehensive tour of this lovely site. Little of the Roman villa remains above ground, but it has been comprehensively excavated over the years and there are some good mosaics.

#### **HAZEL COOMBES**

It is with great regret that I report the death of Hazel. She has been a member of the Society for many years and served on the Committee for many of those years. Despite her recent illnesses she has attended meetings regularly and her enthusiasm, humour and pluck have been an inspiration to us all. She will be sadly missed.

## **FORTHCOMING MEETINGS**

*I will send out a programme card as soon as possible.*

**Thursday, October 15<sup>th</sup>**

7.30 p.m. at the Blake Museum

**The Saxon burial ground at Hinkley Point.**

Richard Young, Cotswold Archaeology

After extensive archaeological investigations, work started on the site of the C-Station. Fortunately one of the bulldozer drivers working on the western extremities of the site realised that he was digging up bones. Cotswold Archaeology returned to excavate this area and are going to tell us about it.

**Thursday, November 19<sup>th</sup>(???)**

7.30 p.m. at the Blake Museum

**Vince Russett** retires as Archaeologist with North Somerset Council and I hope that he will give us a farewell talk. He has yet to be pinned down!

**Thursday, December 17<sup>th</sup>.**

Christmas meeting at Wembdon Community Centre

Bob Croft will be our guest.